

## Route World Heritage Cities

Salamanca

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**Salamanca**, university town for excellence, is wrapped in an air of culture and greatness, power and majesty, airs of a noble, cultured and wise city. A proud city that can boast having seen strolling through the streets and illustrious people such as Miguel de Unamuno, Fernando de Rojas, Christopher Columbus or the very Miguel de Cervantes.

University has the oldest active in Spain and one of the oldest five in Europe, has its city center World Heritage Site since 1988.

Alcalá de Henares distance: 2:30 h

### ITINERARY

**Mayor Square:** It is one of the largest and most beautiful squares in Spain, with its baroque style has been featured in major historical events, was built in 1755 and has been bullring, market, theater center, concert hall, walking area and meeting place for visitors and locals. The lower part of the buildings surrounding the Mayor Square is full of arcades where artisans, local merchants and restaurateurs have located their family businesses, some more than a century old. One of the most peculiar features of the square are the medallions sculpted facades, 57 in all, some of the Monarchy or coats of arms, but mostly medallions of famous people as our beloved Cervantes.

**Salamanca University:** The University in Spain's oldest active, the first university in Europe with public library, a benchmark of European education between the fifteenth and sixteenth centuries, founded in 1218 by King Alfonso IX and along its history it has collaborated in the formation of Spanish personages as illustrious as Cervantes, Nebrija, Fray Luis de Leon and Unamuno.

**Cathedral, Old and New:** Nine centuries of history and religious art are the treasure of the cathedral complex declared a World Heritage Site. Salamanca Cathedral is a key part of the city; no matter if you are a believer or not, it is an imposing architectural masterpiece with numerous details in its facade, its romantic terraces or interior spaces.

**The Conchas House:** It is a stately building from the time of the Catholic Monarchs with a peculiar ornaments on its exterior walls, over 300 shells decorate the facade in a Moorish style approach to Renaissance.

**Calixto and Melibea Gardens:** It is a bucolic and romantic corner, a garden area with a small garden and a water well and where, they say, the literary Fernando de Rojas was inspired to describe the setting of the famous novel *La Celestina*.

**OPTIONALS** Advance booking can be visited the Roman Bridge or the Cave of Salamanca.

\* Specialized visits shall be made as the creation of groups of 15 / pax minimum

\* The visit lasts 2:30 hours