

# "UT PLACEAT DEO ET HOMINIBUS"

## CITY TOURS: PLASENCIA

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### INTRODUCTION

This *pearl of the valley* was founded by Alfonso VIII of Castile in 1186; its name derived from the motto that this king added to his coat of arms "*Ut placeat deo et hominibus*" (For the pleasure of God and man), which we shall surely find out by visiting its walled monumental ensemble, churches and convents, renaissance palaces, ancestral homes, aqueduct, Jewish quarter... and of course the Jerte river.

### NOTES

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**Tourism office**  
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Plaza de Torre Lucía  
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### DID YOU KNOW THAT...?

The Cathedral of Plasencia has the particularity to host two buildings joined architecturally and differentiated in time and style: The Old or Santa María cathedral is of Romanesque style (13th-century) and houses the cathedral museum and a beautiful cloister. The New cathedral of Gothic-Renaissance style (16th-century) is characterized by its beautiful plateresque facade, main altarpiece and choir stalls.

Cathedral



Mirabel Palace



Wall

We will begin our tour at the **plaza Mayor**, backbone of the walled city and the nerve centre of social life of Plasencia. The Town Hall building presides over the square and a controller known as Grandfather Mayorga is placed on its tower which rings the bell every half hour. Moving along on **Calle San Esteban**, we will reach the tourism office of Claras cultural centre.

### Heritage

The historic town of Plasencia has an impressive heritage: to see its religious architecture its worth visiting the Santa María cathedral; Santo Domingo convent and the churches of El Salvador, San Nicolás and San Martín. Civil and palatial architecture is extensive, but must see places include the wall, aqueduct, Mirabel palace, Casa del Dean and Casa de las Argollas, Episcopal Palace... and the Jewish quarter near to San Vicente Ferrer convent which is currently a Parador de Turismo hotel.

After a compulsory visit to the **Santa María cathedral** and the nearby Romanesque church of San Nicolas, we will continue our tour through the walled enclosure to see the Berrozona gate and the San Martín church.

"*Ut placeat deo et hominibus*": Plasencia

## Culture

Plasencia has a multicultural past: Celts, Romans, Arabs, Jews and Castilians forged its history with the Via de la Plata playing the central role. It also belongs to the Network of Jewish Quarters in Spain and offers some essential visits such as the Torre Lucía Centre of Medieval interpretation, Perez Enciso ethnographic and textile museum or the hunting museum of the Duke of Arión at the Mirabel palace.



Torre Lucía

## DID YOU KNOW THAT...?

Plasencia has two festivals of Regional Tourist Interest: Easter, where 11 brotherhoods and more than 6000 brethren go out in a procession through the streets of the monumental city and Martes Mayor, a medieval tradition that is held on the first Tuesday in August with an open-air market of local products and handicrafts in the Plaza Mayor.

## MAIN SIGHTS...

Los Pinos Park: 53,900 m<sup>2</sup> of zoo area with numerous species of trees, bushes and birds such as storks, herons, geese, swans, cranes, birds of prey and ducks. A green space in the centre of the city.



Los Pinos Park

## Nature

A gateway to the Jerte valley and bordering the Monfrague national park, Alagón valley and La Vera valley, Plasencia offers a varied natural heritage for the practice of multiple activities such as hiking, biking, canoeing or swimming. In addition, there are two large parks integrated in the city: La Isla and Los Pinos. And on the outskirts in the nearby Sierra del Gordo is Monte Valcorchero, the only Protected Landscape of Extremadura.

## Seasonality

### Autumn

- ▶ **Tapa Fair:** In October, food establishments compete for the best tapa.
- ▶ **European Day of Jewish Culture:** At the end of September. Handicraft market, performances, music, etc.

### Winter

- ▶ **San Fulgencio:** 16th January. Patron festivities with crumbs, perrunillas (pastries) and wine in the Plaza Mayor. On the eve of *noche de antrujejos*.
- ▶ **Plasencia Encorto:** In mid-March. Short film festival with screenings and awards gala.

### Spring

- ▶ **Easter:** Processions through the monumental city. Festival of Regional Tourist Interest.
- ▶ **Fairs and festivals of Plasencia:** Second weekend in June. Charangas (musical groups walking through the streets), bull fighting and fair.

### Summer

- ▶ **Martes Mayor:** the first Tuesday in August. Festival of Regional Tourist Interest.
- ▶ **International Folk Music Festival:** The best folk music groups gather in August in the Torre Lucía esplanade.




# STREET MAP

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## Keys

- Calle: Street
- Plaza: Square
- Torre: Tower
- Iglesia: Church
- Palacio: Palace
- Casa: House
- Ermita: Chapel
- Arco: Arch
- Puerta: Gate
- Convento: Convent
- Ayuntamiento: Town Hall

## Caption

-  Tour
-  Points of interest
-  Monumental ensemble
-  Wall
-  Tourism office
-  Parking



## Points of interest



- 1 Plaza Mayor
- 2 Iglesia de San Esteban
- 3 Monasterio de la Encarnación
- 4 Centro cultural Las Claras
- 5 Catedral Nueva
- 6 Catedral Vieja y Museo Catedralicio
- 7 Palacio Episcopal
- 8 Complejo Cultural Santa María
- 9 Casa del Deán o de los Paniagua Loaisa
- 10 Casa del Doctor o Arcediano de Trujillo
- 11 Museo Etnográfico y Textil "Pérez Enciso"
- 12 Puerta de Trujillo Ermita de la Salud
- 13 Casa de las Dos Torres
- 14 Casa de los Carvajal Girón
- 15 Casa del Cardenal Don Bernardino de Carvajal
- 16 Iglesia de San Nicolás
- 17 Palacio del Marqués de Mirabel
- 18 Museo de caza del Duque de Arión
- 19 Convento de San Vicente Ferrer
- 20 Parador de Turismo
- 21 Iglesia de la Magdalena
- 22 Iglesia de San Martín
- 23 Casa de los Toledo Cadena
- 24 Convento de las Capuchinas
- 25 Casa de los Almaraz
- 26 Casa de las Infantas
- 27 Convento de San Ildefonso
- 28 Convento de las Carmelitas Descalzas
- 29 Iglesia del Salvador
- 30 Casa de las Argollas
- 31 Casa de los Quijada Almaraz
- 32 Auditorio de Santa Ana
- 33 Colegio de la compañía de Jesús
- 34 Plaza de Torre Lucía
- 35 Torre Lucía
- 36 Iglesia de San Pedro
- 37 Ayuntamiento
- 38 Cárcel Pública