



Salamanca, Segovia and Avila

**3 Days with AVE train and bus for pensioners (+ 60)
15th – 17th Nov. 2011**

15 Nov. Malaga – Madrid – Segovia - Salamanca

We take the AVE train at 11:00 to Madrid. After arriving, we will have 1 hour to have lunch on our own. Lunch can be taken at any of the many restaurants available at the Atocha train station. At 15:00 we will meet again to continue by bus. This takes us out of Madrid by the city's finest neighbourhoods and on to Segovia. Upon arrival, we have a panoramic tour, where we see the Roman aqueduct, the Cathedral and Queen Isabel's historic castle, "El Alcazar". From here we will continue the trip to Salamanca. Dinner and overnight.

16 Nov. Salamanca

Breakfast at the hotel. During the morning we will have a city tour where we will see the impressive Plaza Mayor, and Spain's oldest university, from the 12th century. We will also visit the two cathedrals side by side, and "Casa de las Conchas", a house from the XV century, which is nicely decorated with St. Jacobs shells. Free time in the afternoon to explore more of the city. Dinner at the hotel.

17 Nov. Salamanca – Avila – Madrid - Malaga

Breakfast at the hotel. In the morning we will visit Avila, during the visit of the city we will see the city walls, the cathedral and Saint Teresa's house. Time for lunch on your own. In the afternoon we will take the bus back to Madrid and then continue with the AVE train to Malaga.



Price per person: 330.00€ (min. 25 pers.)

Single supplement: 55.00€

Includes: AVE Malaga – Madrid – Malaga in tourist class.
2 nights at 3-star hotel, half board. Panoramic tour of Segovia. City tour of Salamanca and Avila with local English speaking guides.
Entrances to the University of Salamanca. City Wall and the Cathedral of Avila. English speaking tour guide throughout the trip

Segovia's history is old. At the place where now El Alcázar is located was formerly a Celtic fort. And is also the place where Isabel's was proclaimed Queen of Castilian.

End of the Middle Ages was a brilliant era for the city, with a growing Jewish population and the creation of a foundation for a powerful cloth industry. In 1985 the old city of Segovia and its Aqueduct were declared World Heritage by UNESCO.

Salamanca was founded about 2,400 years ago by the Celts. Salamanca has historically been ruled by various empires including the Roman. Like the rest of Spain has a history of war and the city was very much influenced by the Spanish Civil War, when Franco placed his government in the city during the war. Salamanca has despite its small size lots to offer, a natural meeting place in town is La Plaza Mayor, the main square in the middle of the city which was built during the 1700s. But perhaps the most famous of the city is still Salamanca's University, and the two cathedrals, which were built in 1400 and 1500's.

Avila city is considered an "historic monument and national art treasure" since 1884 and in 1985 became part of the UNESCO list of World Heritage Sites.

The city's most important monument is the dominant complete medieval wall, which has a stretch of more than 2500 meters, nine city gates and 88 towers constructions.

For those interested, it is possible to purchase a cancellation insurance for the price of 10€