

XXXIV IPPA Advanced Course in Paediatric Pathology



15 – 21 September, 2012
Parador de La Granja, Segovia, Spain

SOCIAL PROGRAM FOR ATTENDEES

○ **Sunday, September 16th, 14.30-16.00 Afternoon.**

ROYAL PALACE & GARDENS OF LA GRANJA Tour



Royal Palace of La Granja de San Ildefonso is an amazing baroque palace complex that was once a summer royal residence and an excellent example of a European palace architecture. The palace was built on the northern slopes of the Sierra de Guadarrama, which is famous for its dense trees. Due to its location deep in the natural area, Castle La Granja became a favorite hunting ground of many Castilian kings.

The history of the Royal Palace of La Granja de San Ildefonso began in 1450 when Henry IV rises in the mountainous region of Sierra de Guadarama a hunting lodge. However, later Isabella I of Castile gave La Granja to the monks from the monastery - Parral monastery. It is they who built the farm where the name actually comes La Granja, which in Spanish translates to farm. Along with La Granja the monks built a shelter for homeless people.

The gardens of the Royal Palace of La Granja are something worth seeing. They are incredibly beautiful and perfectly arranged and are made entirely on the model of Versailles and around them remain a dense mountain forest. There are twenty-six amazing sculptural fountains that adorn the park.



- **Duration of the tour aprox:** 3 hour 30 minutes
- **English Tourist Guide included**

○ **Monday, September 17th, 14.30-18.00Afternoon.**

SEGOVIA Tour



The city of Segovia is rich in historical monuments. Old Roman city, still preserves the magnificent Roman Aqueduct from the time of Emperor Augustus. The elegant Cathedral, and its Alcazar fortress, the most spectacular castle in Spain, are the most representative.

Meeting point: Roman Aqueduct, where we will start our tour through the city. Aqueduct, Main Streetl, where we will stop in different places such as Casa de los Picos, the Palace of Count Alpuente, Plaza de Juan Bravo, the Church of S. Martin (outside), the Royal Prison (outside), the ancient synagogue (outside), and finally, the Plaza Mayor.

Once again we will visit the Alcazar and we will back to the Plaza Mayor walking through the Jewish Quarter including Jewish Cemetery.

- **Duration of the tour aprox: 3 hours 30 minutes**
- **Bus, English Tourist Guide, Cathedral & Alcazar tickets included**

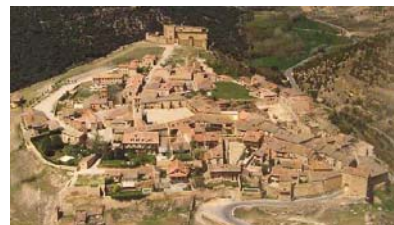
○ **Wednesday, September 19th, 14.30-18.00 Afternoon.**

PEDRAZA Tour



Declared to be a Historic-Artistic Site in 1951, the village of Pedraza has one of the most beautiful main squares in Castilla y León.

We will take a walk through this medieval town, entering its only entrance arch, which was also the prison. After reaching the Plaza Mayor with its typical arcaded square we will walk to the castle. With free time to wander through its cobbled streets."



- **Duration of the tour aprox: 3 hours 30 minutes**
- **Bus and English Tourist Guide included**