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More Delights from Salamanca by Frederick Pollard

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The highlight of Salamanca is its old University which brings life to the town with its young student population. These are the ones who upkeep the townâ€™s vibrancy during the day and night. They throng the university lecture halls during the day on their quest for knowledge and the pubs and bars at night for quenching their thirst and letting their hair down.

However, besides the university lifestyle, there are many interesting places of interest in Salamanca which one would enjoy although mixing with this group of youngsters does have a youthful impact on all.

Ancient Attractions

there are several delightful historical attractions in Salamanca such as the Palacio Anaya which showcases a splendid Renaissance style. Similarly with Casa de las Conchas which has become a distinctive landmark of Salamanca. This 15th century castle has a most impressive Renaissance faÃ§ade that is decorated with Saint Jacobâ€™s shells.

La Clerecia is a 18th century baroque Jesuit monasteryÂ with a large cupola and a golden altar.

The Poeta IglesiasÂ Plaza is actually the 12th century San Martin church with an outstanding portal in Romanesque style. More structures were added on in later years in baroque and other styles.

Monasteries are common in Salamanca with Renaissance and plateresque styles.

Modern attractions

One of the more modern attractions in Salamanca is the town plaza called Plaza Mayor. This is a large 18th century square designed by Churriguera. Â It is deemed to be the most beautiful plaza in the whole of Spain as the town center in every way.

Historical monuments throng its streets such as the Purisima church and Saint Ursula Monastery on Calle Bordadore. There are more churches and monasteries with outstanding Renaissance style architecture in the monuments around the plaza.

Town Statues

Statues are important and significant in Salamanca as they are a great reminder of important historical event and legendary figures who are deemed the heroes of their times. They have contributed to the colorful and impactful history of Salamanca as well as establish its culture and traditions.

There are Calixto and Melibea who are medieval literature figures posed in theÂ famous â€œthe Matchmaker Garden of Celestinaâ€•.

Another famous statue in town is Saint Teresa of Avila in the square named after her; a famous jurist statue of Padre Vitoria stands at his residence, the Convento de San Esteban. Christopher Columbusâ€™ statue is placed at Plaza de ColÃ³n.

Other statues in Salamanca include famous authors such as Nebrija, Gabriely GalÃ¡n and Migul de

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