

FORMER MAIN SYNAGOGUE (Corpus Christi Convent)

This is the best preserved of the five synagogues which existed in the Jewish Quarter of Segovia. This is due to its conversion into a Catholic church in 1410, following the events of Corpus Christi, to whom the new faith of the temple was dedicated.

The shape of the synagogue was rectangular, divided into three naves, separated by horseshoe arches and octagonal pillars finished with large capitals with vegetal decoration. Upon each lateral nave was an arcade with horseshoe arches interspersed with pentalobular arches whose inner curves are decorated with palm leaves.

The first records of the temple date back to 14th Century but the structure is believed to be from the 13th Century. It currently belongs to the Sisters of the Order of St. Clare, who oversee its opening to the public.

JEWISH QUARTER VISITOR CENTRE (House of Abraham Seneor)

The aim of the centre is to display, show and divulge to visitors the history of the Sephardic Jews of Segovia, through information panels, displayed artefacts and the latest digital technology. In this way, documents from the city archives can be viewed which speak of the Jewish presence; a virtual Sephardic Shabat ceremony can be observed or an audio recreation of the history of the former Main Synagogue can be enjoyed.

It aims to be the focal point for the understanding and visualisation of the spirit of the neighbourhood, which housed one of the most numerous Jewish communities in the Kingdom of Castile, through an immersion in Sephardic Jewish culture. By offering a cultural as well as human dimension, one can become immersed in Medieval Sephardic Segovia.

It should be noted that this was the house of Abraham Seneor, the most distinguished Jew in Segovia during the reign of the Catholic Monarchs. It was later the home of Andrés Laguna. Belonging to a family of converted Jews, this eminent Segovian was the personal doctor to King Carlos I of Spain and V of Germany as well as a humanist and philosopher.

The Jewish Quarter Visitor Centre houses a shop in which handicrafts, books and products related to Jewish culture may be purchased.

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CITY WALL INFORMATION CENTRE

Located in San Andrés Gate, the Punto de Información Turística La Muralla [City Wall Information Centre] offers information about the walls surrounding the historic part of Segovia. Although it has undergone numerous transformations throughout its long existence, its original layout from the end of the 11th century has been maintained. It was listed in 1941.

This new tourist information point is a must for those wishing to rediscover the Wall with its gates and wickets as well as other nearby monuments.

This centre was made possible owing to the Recuperación del Patrimonio Histórico de Segovia Project [Recovery of Historical Heritage in Segovia] for the promotion of tourism and was co-financed by Segovia City Hall and EEA Grants.

The centre offers:

- Tourist information
- Tour organisation
- Exhibition space about the walls
- Audioguides about the wall
- Ticket sales for access to the ramparts of the San Andrés Gate
- Guided group tours of the Wall by reservation
- A range of publications
- Gift shop
- Gastronomy vouchers
- Sale of tourist card "Friends of Segovia"

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JEWISH CEMETERY

The Jewish Cemetery is situated on the western bank of the Clamores River. It has not been possible to date due to the absence of gravestones which would offer certain information.

Two types of grave are to be found, natural caves, which were hollows used as burial niches and anthropomorphic tombs, were dug into the rock, leaving a hollow for the head and shoulders, though in the majority the cavity is simply trapezoidal.

Access to the cemetery is unrestricted and it is signposted from the Jewish Quarter through San Andrés Gate. Today it is an open space known as El Pinarillo.