



Unique and magnificent, the Aqueduct of Segovia is one of the most amazing masterpieces that Romans spread all along their vast empire. It was built to carry the water from the mountains to the city. Symbol in the crest of the city, it was legendarily said to be built by the Devil.

The hypothesis of its construction point to the first century, on the Flavian era, and also to the eras of Nerva or Trajano. But the lack of the exact data of its construction does not prevent the Aqueduct to be in the head of the classification of the best civil engineering works in Spain.

Extraordinary piece of work, where usefulness coexists with harmony and beauty, has worked for the city until just recent times. Through the ages, it has barely suffered any modification.

Only during the attack of Al-Mamun from Toledo, in 1072, 36 arches were damaged. They were restored in the 15th century by Fray Juan de Escobedo, monk from the monastery of El Parral.

From the ancient times, we can find two vaulted niches in the higher point, which probably contained pagan god's images. In the era of the Catholic Kings, they were replaced by the images of Saint Sebastian and the Holy Virgin. Under the niches, could be found an inscription in brass letters, relative to the foundation of the aqueduct. Nowadays, only the holes where the

characters were attached remain.

SOME FACTS:

Its total length, from its origin in the Sierra de Guadarrama mountains, is 14.965 meters long. Its arches: 958 meters long. Its highest point: 28.10 meters. Total number of arches: 166.

Masterpiece of modern hydraulic engineering, it was built with huge blocks of granite stone from Guadarrama, and the method used is called "a hueso", which means that there are no concrete or mortar between the stones. They maintain its equilibrium by using an ingenious weight balance. Water ran on the channel at its top, and crossed the city underground until it reached the Alcazar. It was named Monumento Nacional (National Monument) in 1884 and World Heritage monument in 1985.

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