

Monastery of El Escorial

Located in the heart of the Guadarrama Sierra (on one side of Mount Abantos), just 50 kilometres from Madrid, San Lorenzo de El Escorial is one of the municipalities of the greatest tourist and cultural interest in the region. Its main attraction is the San Lorenzo de El Escorial Monastery and Royal Site, which was declared to be a UNESCO Heritage Site in 1984.

Affected by the death of his father, Carlos V, in 1558 and in order to consolidate the House of Austria in Spain, it was Felipe II who ordered the construction of the Monastery, to ensure the eternal memory of his family, create a family Pantheon and offset the destruction of a church devoted to San Lorenzo during the battle of San Quintín, in France.

On 23rd April 1563, the first stone was laid under the orders of Juan Bautista de Toledo. On his death in 1567, Juan de Herrera was responsible for the work, marking his own architectural stamp in the "herreriano" style, characterised by the importance of the lines rather than the abuse of decorative elements that distract attention from the building.





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Interest data

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Cercanías (Local train)

El Escorial

Type

Edificios y monumentos

Tourist area

Cerca de Madrid

Email

secretaria.escorial@patrimoniacional.es

Bus

661, 664

Price

Basic Entrance Fee: €12

Discounted Entrance Fee: €6

Opening times

Winter (October - March): Tues – Sun: 10am – 6pm

Summer (April - September): Tues – Sun: 10am – 8pm

Official tourism website

