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The origins of Martín Muñoz de las Posadas can be traced to the end of the eleventh century, when Martín Muñoz, a noble from Burgos, was granted, among others, this modest settlement, which still contained many mozarabs and berbers, in return for having taken part as one of the captains of the army of Rodrigo Díaz de Vivar, "El Cid", in helping King Alfonso the Eleventh recover Toledo from the Arabs. In this way Alfonso succeeded in repopulating recovered land while rewarding his followers' participation in the reconquest itself.

This particular town was one of the so-called "Sexmo de las Posaderas", an administrative category to which certain tax advantages accrued. As to the particulars of these villages we learn details of them when King Alfonso the Tenth donated them to Segovia in 1256, although it was not until 1399 that they were officially classed as a "Sexmo", along with Aldeanueva del Codonal, Domingo García, La Cuesta and Muñozeros.

The location was granted the status of "town" by Philip II at the request of Cardenal Diego de Espinosa, whose birthplace it was, when the latter was member and chairman of the Council of Castile. It was also granted the right to hold an open fair; as stated in the Royal decree of 7 August 1569 (Simancas Archive), to be held each year beginning on 21 September and continuing for nine days. Also due to the influence of this influential townsman were the restoration of the parish church and the construction of the palace that bears his name.

What to see?

Church of Our Lady of the Assumption

The oldest part of the building dates from the 13th century. It was raised on the north side of the main square of the town on the site of the old Romanesque church.



This magnificent Gothic construction was built in the mid sixteenth century. It is clear from the manner of construction that Gil de Hontañón and Juan Bautista de Toledo were the architects. The floor plan is the

Latin Cross. It has a single nave, a marked transept and a polygonal altar. Of particular note are the two small side chapels, in each of which can be seen a painting of the Crucifixion by El Greco in his initial phase. For some years the church was the prayer house of different cultures on different days of the week.



Worthy of special mention is the main chapel, commissioned by Cardinal Espinosa as the resting place for himself and his family. In it we see a sculpture of the Cardinal, the work of Pompeo Leoni; the magnificent main altar, comprising the predella, three

bodies and three spaces, plus attic and culmination, constructed according to the model proposed by the school of Francisco Giralte at the end of the sixteenth century.



In the course of the most recent restoration of the church a number of tempora wall paintings were found. Another feature is the church's three doors, one of them at the west end of the church executed in flamenco style. Doors of this kind and quality are very rare in the province.

Palace of Cardenal Espinosa

This is a magnificent example of the School of Toledo, built on a rectangular ground plan in stone, brick and slate. It was finished in 1572. It has two turrets



completing the ends of the main façade. It is built entirely in brick, save the facade, which is in stone and boasts four Doric columns supporting the coat of arms of Philip II. Inside we highlight the renaissance style central court with two rows of columns; the lower gallery built in the ionic style; and the upper gallery in Tuscan style. The capitals of the pillars are decorated and a simple banister adorns the upper gallery. The lower gallery is in the ionic style and the upper in Tuscan. The galleries communicate by way of an elegant staircase.



Let's party!

Carnival Time

Carnival time was never abandoned in this town, whatever the pressure. The young people are the main protagonists of the age-old fiesta activities, lasting several days.

Festival in honour of the Virgin of Disdain

This is held on Pentecost Sunday and the two days following. The high point is the traditional procession of the Virgin Mary, during which the young people dance the typical Segovia folkdance, the "jota". The celebrations continue long into the night. There are also bullfights and bull runs, when the bulls have to be rounded up ready to perform.

Festival in honour of Saint Mary of the Head

This takes place in the first week of August, following the preceding "cultural week". Most of the activities take place in front of the palace. They culminate on Sunday when many people walk to the hermitage and the area known as "El Navego" to picnic.



Surroundings

The town fiestas have two patron saints, the so called "Virgin of Disdain" and Saint Sebastian.

Festival of the Águeda Nuns

Saint Águeda is commemorated by nuns who, wearing typical regional dresses, celebrate the feast day with great verve and enthusiasm.

The town is surrounded by countryside suited to walking, hiking, bike riding and horse riding. Nearby are extensive pine forests and other tree species, along with ponds and lakes. The Voltoya river crosses the municipal district, creating a number of favourite walking destinations. As an indication here we give

just two of the routes that allow visitors to take full advantage of the natural surroundings:

Bridge over the Voltoya river

Close by the old mill. The walk starts from the municipal swimming pools, taking us through the vegetable patches of El Salmoral, along the so-called "Cuesta de San Blas" and the meadow.

The walk to the hermitage and the source of the Fresneda River

Leaving via the road to Aldeanueva and visiting the

local reservoirs, the continuing along the path of the Arévalo Arrieros, crossing the orchards of El Navego with their small country wellings. This takes us to the so-called "Blacksmith's Spring", after which we come to the source itself, set among the pine trees.

On most of these walks we pass farmland devoted to growing vegetables, one the main earners for the town's people and much in demand by people in all parts of the province of Segovia and beyond.



Gastronomy

Aside from the region's vegetable produce, we strongly recommend visitors to try local dishes. You can also purchase here the typical foodstuffs that result from the sacrifice of a pig. Traditional cakes and sweetmeats are also worth trying.

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Area: 45,59 Km².

Altitude: 899 m.

Population: 356 inhabitants.

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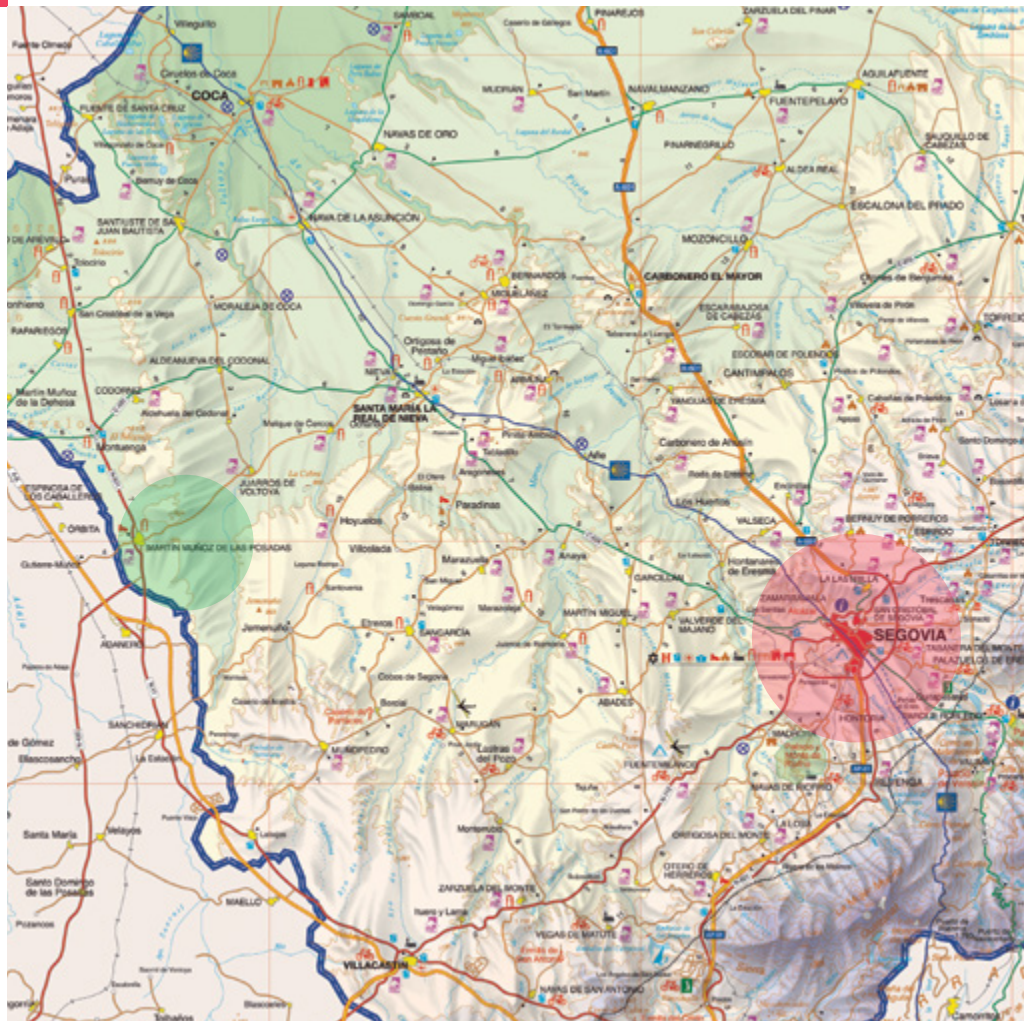


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
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