

The Mirador del Barrio de San José

Easy Reading

Where is it?

The viewpoint is in the Barrio de San José, one of the oldest neighbourhoods in Salamanca. From here you can see the River Tormes at its most peaceful stretch within the city.

Which bridges can you see?

From the viewpoint you can see four bridges, from right to left:

- Puente del Pradillo: an iron railway bridge. It connects Salamanca with Extremadura and Portugal.
- Puente Felipe VI: the most modern bridge. It is made of concrete and steel, with a clean, simple profile.
- Puente Enrique Estevan: a metal bridge from the early twentieth century. It is known for its play of light and shadow. It is a popular spot to watch sunsets.
- Puente Romano — the Roman Bridge: the oldest. It appears in the background. It has been part of the city for over 2,000 years.

What else can you see on the horizon?

In the background you can see the city skyline. From right to left you can make out:

- The Fundación Sánchez Fabrés and the San Esteban complex.
- The towers, dome and bell gables of the Cathedrals of Salamanca.
- The stained-glass windows of the Casa Lis and the old flour mill.
- Some university faculties, the Cerro de San Vicente hill and the University Hospital.

On clear, calm days the river mirrors the cathedrals in its waters. It is a truly special sight.

The river and nature

Along both banks of the Tormes there is a riverside path.

The riverside vegetation has grown considerably in recent years. You can see willows, poplars, ash trees and reeds.

There is also a cycle lane running along both banks. It is a peaceful route, away from traffic.

In summer, swifts fly low over the water. You can hear the river and the sound of trains crossing the Puente del Pradillo.

Why visit?

It is a peaceful viewpoint with a great deal of history. From here you see Salamanca in a different way.

At sunset, the light falls on the stone of the cathedrals. At night, artistic lighting turns the city skyline into something unique.

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