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The Route of Monasteries con't

the majestic 15th Century palace-castle, declared a National Monument,

Day 3: Olite, Sos

Located to the north of the Cinco Villas (Five Towns) region, Sos has preserved its entirely medieval atmosphere in the steep streets of the center. Its proximity to Navarre made it an important military town, and Fernando the Catholic was born here. Of interest to visitors is the 11th-century San Esteban Parish Church, near the ruins of the castle. The walls, which were built later, surround the village, mixing with the houses built right up against them. The key spot is La Fuente Alta Tower, also known as La Reina. Not to be missed is a visit to the Benedictine Monastery of San Salvador de Leyre, near Sos, where you can hear the singing of the monks, and Javier Castle, birthplace of Saint Francis Xavier. Other highlights in the area are Sanguesa and Uncastillo. The Parador building conserves the monumental, historical and artistic atmosphere of Sos del Rey Católico. The town, declared a Historical-Artistic area, was the birthplace of influential nobles and of the Catholic King.

Day 4: Sos, Madrid

Buffet breakfast and departure to Madrid