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# ABOUT THIS GUIDE

6 Reasons To Visit Zaragoza is written by travel blogger, Ellie Quinn.

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# 6 REASONS TO VISIT ZARAGOZA

An aerial photograph of Zaragoza, Spain, showing the Ebro River, the Goya Bridge, and the spire of the Basilica of Our Lady of the Pillar. The text '6 REASONS TO VISIT ZARAGOZA' is overlaid in large, pink, serif font.



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# ZARAGOZA GUIDE

*Zaragoza is a city located in the Aragon region of Spain and is the fifth largest Spanish City.*

*I visited for a long summer weekend and I found it to be a complete cultural gem and a really authentic Spanish city.*

Zaragoza is filled with museums, religious sites, beautiful Renaissance buildings, gorgeous Spanish streets and a range of amazing restaurants offering tapas and local food.

# 6 REASONS TO VISIT ZARAGOZA

## 1. Zaragoza's iconic Basilica del Pilar

Basilica del Pilar is Zaragoza's most iconic building and main landmark, and its not hard to see why. The Basilica is huge and extremely impressive from the outside, inside and from above!

It's possible to take a lift up the Basilica del Pilar Tower, sixty metres high, to see a stunning view across the City, River and over the beautifully tiled Basilica Roof.

I would definitely suggest using the Basilica del Pilar as a starting point when you arrive in Zaragoza and to admire the Basilica from the outside, inside and from above!



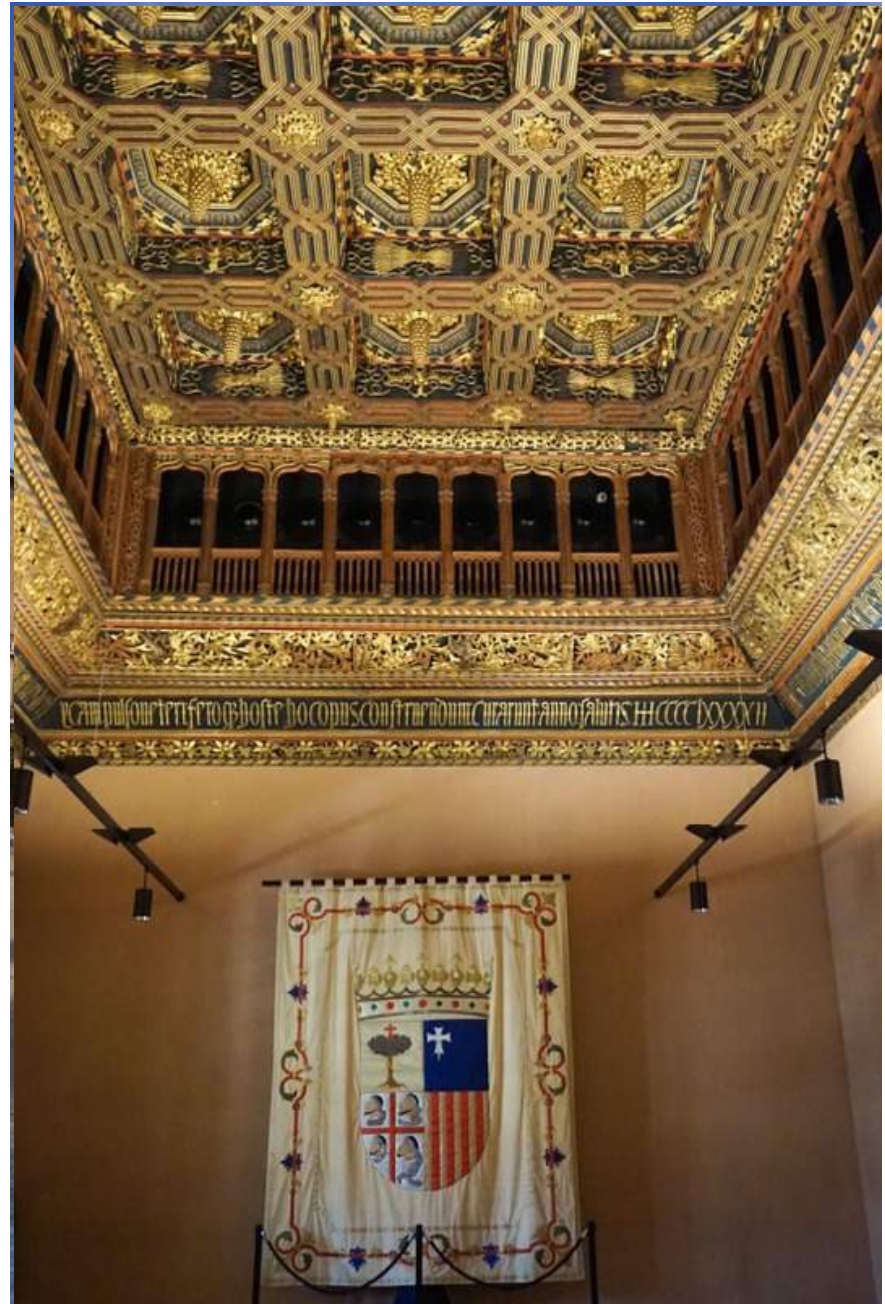
## 2. Aljaferia Palace

Aljaferia Palace was one of my favourite places that I visited whilst in Zaragoza, due to its incredible history.

The origin of the Palace is Muslim. The original tower was built in the 9th Century and the Palace followed in the 11th Century. It has been passed through quite a few hands and in the 18th Century, it was even used as a Military Base!

Now it's open to the public to stroll around, there's a gorgeous courtyard filled with orange trees, evidence of a mosque and the rooms inside the Palace have been preserved in all their glory featuring a lot of gold!

Aljaferia Palace is just a short walk or taxi ride out of the historical centre of Zaragoza and well worth a visit.





### 3. Zaragoza has great museums

If you like a good museum, Zaragoza is the City for you! It's home to many museums including a Tapestry museum, a Roman Archeological museum, an Origami museum and lots more which evolve around art and Goya in particular.

Goya is one of the most famous and important painters in the world, it is said he is the father of the modern Movement and Zaragoza is home to a lot of his work in its museums, churches and even statues on the street because, Goya was from the Aragon region of Spain.

Zaragoza is very proud to have this connection and if you don't know much about Goya or his work before you go, you will when you leave.

### 4. Zaragoza fiestas

It's not just historic buildings and informative museums that make Zaragoza a cultural gem though. Zaragoza's calendar is full of festivals which range from its main annual festival- Fiestas del Pilar held in October, to dance festivals, music festivals and an Urban street art festival called Festival Asalto which is held every year in September.

Artists from all over the world have one week to complete their street art designs in the El Gancho neighbourhood and afterwards, the art is there to stay. It's really easy to spend a few hours getting lost in the back streets of El Gancho finding all of these beautiful pieces.

## 5. Amazing food and you can even get a special Tapas Card

Let's touch on the amazing food in Zaragoza. As I said Tapas are very popular in Zaragoza. The tourist board has even brought out a Tapas Card for tourists, which enables you to try out a range of recommended restaurants and tapas dishes to ensure you get the most out of your stay!

The tourist board created the Tapas Card to help tourists around the city, however one thing I noticed and loved about Zaragoza is that there are no tourist areas of the city or specifically tourist restaurants.

Two restaurants I loved and would recommend going to are Casa Lac and Montal, both in the historical centre of Zaragoza.

## 6. Zaragoza is full of friendly local people

Finally, one of the really special things about Zaragoza is its local people.

I found them to be extremely friendly both whilst I was in Zaragoza, but also afterwards when I was posting about my trip online.

They are very hospitable especially when eating in their establishments and visiting the icons of the city.

They seem to really love their city and are very proud of it and it really shows!



## ZARAGOZA RECOMMENDED HOTEL

**Hotel Sauce - 2-star**

**Average price: £43 per night**

Website: <https://www.hotelsauce.com/en/>

Although Hotel Sauce is only currently a 2-star, it is recommended by Lonely Planet and the British Times newspaper.

## HOTEL SAUCE ZARAGOZA

Located in the artistic historical, and commercial centre of the city, only 100 metres from the Plaza del Pilar, Hotel Sauce is stylish and contemporary.

The family hotel is notable for its outstanding friendly staff.





**Thank you for reading Ellie's  
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