

THE VENUES

PAMPLONA, CAPITAL OF THE KINGDOM OF NAVARRRE

Pamplona, capital of the ancient Kingdom of Navarre, is a modern and friendly city, packed with history and culture. As one of the greenest cities in Europe, Pamplona offers visitors a spacious setting with numerous gardens and parks; corners to lose yourself in and a well-preserved city centre.

Internationally famous for its Sanfermines bull-running fiestas, the city stands in the centre of the map of Navarre, making it the ideal starting point for trips to the rest of the province.



For more information:

www.pamplona.es/en

www.turismo.navarra.es/eng/home

CONFERENCE CENTRE AND AUDITORIUM OF NAVARRRE “BALUARTE “

Opened in 2003, the Baluarte offers a singular space for holding any kind of event.

Standing in the centre of Pamplona, the building occupies a surface of 63,000m², with 4 underground storeys, two of which are used for public parking, and has a pedestrian square of 10,000m². Its key location connects the Old Part of the city to the walled area of the Citadel, a 16th century fortress with one of the city's most extensive green areas.

www.baluarte.com



WELCOME COCKTAIL “PAMPLONA CITADEL ARMOURY” / SALA DE ARMAS CIUDADELA

May 27th at 19:00
Avenida del Ejército, n.º 1. 31002 Pamplona

The Citadel of Pamplona, and the surrounding “Vuelta del Castillo” constitutes the great Green lung of Pamplona. A space of 280,000 square meters, in which pavilions, moats, bastions, ravelins, fortifications, other buildings and gentle slopes are places where the city’s inhabitants can relax or enjoy sport or culture.

The **Citadel**, urban reference of Pamplona, is also considered the best example of military architecture of the Spanish Renaissance and one of the most prominent defensive groups in **Europe**.

The Citadel was built to protect Pamplona from the enemy, at the request of King Philip II, who had it built in 1571 in order to deal with the constant incursions of the French army. Its original structure was in the form of a regular pentagon with five bulwarks at the angles, but the construction of the first enlargement of the city forced the demolition of two of them.

The remains of the San Anton bulwark came to light with the construction of “**Baluarto-Congress Centre and Auditorium of Navarre**” and were integrated into the design of the building.

In the twentieth century, in 1964, the citadel of Pamplona was delivered to the municipality of Pamplona that was responsible for its remodelling by granting it a public use. It is the scene of mass events such as the launch of fireworks every night in “San Fermin” festival. In addition, it combines its recreational use with that of a cultural site, since the conservation and remodelling of old military buildings has allowed its current use as a venue for exhibitions and cultural exhibitions, especially contemporary art.

The “Pamplona Citadel Armoury”, where the Welcome Cocktail will take place, is located in one of these old military buildings.

The mayor of Pamplona, Mr. Enrique Maya, will welcome the attendees of the “45th GRELL Ascension meeting”.

Pavilions, moats, bastions, ravelins, fortifications, other buildings and gentle slopes, they dot the walled enclosure within a pleasant public park, only open to pedestrians, where there are no shortage of paths, a central square with a fountain, about thirty different tree species, various works of famous sculptors (Jorge Oteiza- visits his house museum in the town of Alzuza, 8 Km from Pamplona, and also Néstor Basterretxea, Vicente Larrea, Alberto Eslava ...) and a children’s leisure area.

To enter the Citadel, there are five doors. The most important are “Puerta del Socorro”, and the main entrance on Avenida del Ejército. The first one is accessed by the “Vuelta del Castillo”, crossing a bridge over the moats that was once a drawbridge. The second one stands out for its Renaissance sobriety, and after crossing the wall, you reach the “Cuerpo de Guardia”, a building that is used today as municipal offices.

The Citadel is open only during the day and it is forbidden to circulate all types of vehicles, including bicycles. The access to the moats is always open, but it is not recommended to go in at night.



The Citadel of Pamplona (Photo: Navarra Government)



The Citadel of Pamplona (Photo: Fortius Pamplona Bayonne)

SOCIAL DINNER “HOTEL TRES REYES”

May 28th at 20:00
Jardines de la Taconera s/n, 31001 Pamplona

Wonderful Basque and Navarran Cuisine. We will enjoy a varied menu with a selection of starters and main dishes based on premium-quality seasonal produce. Dinner will be served at “Salón Navarra”, close to the hotel garden pool.



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