

Castillo de la Alameda

Welcome!

You are now in the entrance area of the facility established by the Madrid City Council to allow public visits to Alameda Castle and its surroundings. This initiative aims to highlight the significance and value of the archaeological remnants within the Alameda de Osuna Historical-Cultural Axis. The mission is to promote direct and enriching contact between the community and this valuable cultural heritage asset through excavation, partial restoration and museumisation of the castle.

This facility comprises the meeting point we are currently at, which includes a room with general information about the castle and toilets. There are also pedestrian walkways with viewpoints, a bridge over the moat leading into the castle and a new enclosure around the site.

The viewpoints are strategically placed to offer the best views of the archaeological site. The panels above these viewpoints provide information on the main architectural elements of the castle and their functions, reconstructions of the original appearance of the buildings and how they have changed over time, as well as details about their history.

The new enclosure has been designed to expand the excavation area and the ‘buffer zone’ around the castle, providing a more comprehensive view of its appearance, even from the outside.

As explained in the introduction room, the castle has been partially restored following a thorough archaeological study. The walls and volumes of the moat have been rebuilt to preserve and return it to its original shape. The plan of the outer wall (curtain wall) and the keep have been reconstructed to recover the complete layout of the defensive complex, and the crowns and openings of the preserved parts of the central building have been protected.

The original paving inside the castle and the list, as well as the remnants of the landscaping in the towers and moat, have been protected while awaiting more detailed restoration work in a future phase of the project.

In addition to the castle, the historical complex includes the remains of a prehistoric settlement with various phases of occupation, the Casa del Guarda (Estate Keeper’s House), a machine gun nest from the Civil War and the pantheon of the Fernán Núñez family. In total, nearly four millennia of history have left their mark on this corner of the Alameda de Osuna neighbourhood.

This historic site is silent no longer and has been given new life. Enjoy your visit!

