



## **IBCW Conference - Saturday Afternoon Free Time**

Our conference will take place to the northwest of Madrid in the beautiful and historic village of El Escorial, centre of the Spanish empire of monarch Felipe II in the late 1500s. Check out this website for detailed information:

[sanlorenzoturismo.org](http://sanlorenzoturismo.org). You may choose one of the following options:

- ***Guided Tour of Spain's Emblematic El Escorial Monastery and Basilica***

This is within walking distance of our conference center. Well worth the visit!!!

Cost: 10 €.

Duration: 2 hours.

San Lorenzo de El Escorial, 49 Km from Madrid by road and 1,000 metres above sea level, is one of the former royal residences and in this case owes its universal fame to the famous monastery which was built there by King Felipe II. The renowned Monastery of San Lorenzo el Real gives an overall impression of grandeur and austerity that has never been equalled. Its granite is the work of architects Juan Bautista from Toledo and of Juan de Herrera. On the façade of the Basilica, there are statues of six kings of Judah (Josaphat, Hezequah, David, Solomon, Josiah and Manasseh) which were created by a sculptor from Toledo, Juan Bautista Monegro. Monegro also built the main entrance to San Lorenzo.



- ***A Visit to the Casita del Principe (The Prince's Playhouse)***

Stroll through the gardens to visit this lovely site!

Cost: 3,60 €.

Not content with building the "eighth wonder of the world", the King took over large tracts of land surrounding the monastery to build the Royal Woods of San Lorenzo, in the clearings of which magnificent buildings were constructed. Afterwards, during the reign of Carlos III, the "Casita del Principe" was built, which is a marvelous casino-cum-museum, as well as the House of the "Infante", which lies in a splendid location.



- ***A Hike in the Mountains to the “Chair of Phillip II”***

This is a seat carved in the rocks from which the monarch watched the building of the monastery.



- ***Stroll Through the Village of El Escorial***

Get a map at the registration table in the lobby.