



The Old Palace

Monument not open to the public.

Located outside the walls of the medieval Pastrana, it used to be a hostel for Calatravo knights. In 1184 Alfonso VIII had donated Zorita de los Canes and all the surrounding territory to the Military Order of Calatrava to repopulate and bring wealth to the area. Later, in the 16th century, Doña Ana de la Cerda, Countess of Melito and First Lady of Pastrana, lived in the building while the Ducal Palace was being built a few meters away.

On its façade, the arches or archivolts that are preserved from its original Gothic façade stand out. They are very similar to those found on the front of the collegiate church and it would not be surprising if they were from the same period and made by the same stonemasons.

Currently the palace is divided into two houses whose interior, although renovated, maintains the essence of a great noble and stately home. At the back, there is a beautiful Moorish garden that was added to the building in the 17th century.