WHAT TO DO, WHAT TO SEE, AND WHERE TO EAT IN VALLADOLID

1.- Plaza Mayor

It is the main square of the town. The big building is the Town Hall. If the day is sunny, you can drink something in one of the terraces, or you can buy one of the best ice creams in Iborra (Lencería street, next to Plaza Mayor) See in Trip Advisor:


Next to the Plaza Mayor there are many bars where you can try the typical “tapas”. Go, for example, to El Corcho and try its famous “croquetas”, see in Trip Advisor:

Or any or the original tapas in Jero, see in Trip Advisor:

We also recommend you La Tasquita and its “solomillo al Roquefort”, see in Trip Advisor:
https://www.tripadvisor.es/Restaurant_Review-g187495-d986191-Reviews-La_Tasquita-Valladolid_Province_of_Valladolid_Castile_and_Leon.html

Behind the Town Hall there is a place called La Sepia. Go and try its “sepia”, see in Trip Advisor:
https://www.tripadvisor.es/Restaurant_Review-g187495-d2658784-Reviews-Bar_La_Sepia-Valladolid_Province_of_Valladolid_Castile_and_Leon.html
2.- Area of San Pablo

San Pablo’s church is perhaps the most beautiful building in Valladolid. Next to it there is the museum of San Gregorio, the most important museum of wooden sculptures in Europe, with a nice façade too. And near here there is one of the secrets of the town: La plaza del Viejo Coso. It is worth to take a look. This is the old fight bull square, now restored with nice buildings.

Near here you can try a “chocolate con churros” in the bar “Erchus 2”, see in Google maps:

https://www.google.es/maps/@41.6572899,-4.7288254,17z

A nice place for tapas is Don Bacalao (bar and restaurant). Do not miss its “lechazo Taj Mahal”:

https://www.tripadvisor.es/Restaurant_Review-g187495-d1738278-Reviews-Don_Bacalao-Valladolid_Province_of_Valladolid_Castile_and_Leon.html

And also you can go to Martin Quiroga (bar and restaurant):


Or you can drink or eat something while you enjoy the view of San Gregorio in Coco Café, you can take a look in:

https://es.foursquare.com/v/coco-caf%C3%A9/4ba54a4bf964a520c4f638e3

However, if the day is sunny you can go walking to the river by San Quirce street, all straight ahead. Cross the park Las Moreras, and there you can find “La Playa”, a kind of “chiringuitio” where you can drink something while you enjoy the sun. Near the beach you can see a ship, “La leyenda del Pisuerga”. You can enjoy a ride along the river Pisuerga, it is a nice experience:

http://leyendadelpisuerga.com/
3.- La Antigua

The real name of this church is Santa María de la Antigua, also one of the nicest buildings of Valladolid. The very big and unfinished building in this area is the cathedral. The architect, Juan de Herrera, moved to Madrid to build El Escorial and the work remained unfinished. Anyway, you can go to the top of the tower and enjoy a nice view of the town. See in Trip Advisor:

https://www.tripadvisor.es/ShowUserReviews-g187495-d244185-r270610851-
Catedral_de_Nuestra_Senora_de_la_Asuncion-Valladolid_Province_of_Valladolid_Casti.html

Near La Antigua you can find Calderón Theatre, where the International Festival of Cinema of Valladolid takes place (in October it will be the 62nd edition).

And if you want to try a wonderful Spanish omelet, go to El Minuto, close to Calderón Theatre (in this bar, there is omelet only in the morning). See it in Google Maps:

https://www.google.es/maps/place/El+Minuto/@41.6533456,-4.7271829,17z/data=!3m1!4b1!4m2!3m1!1s0xd4712b27bea882d:0x158e1e25b74cbea5

Or you can eat original and delicious tapas in La Cárcava:

https://www.tripadvisor.es/Restaurant_Review-g187495-d7129179-Reviews-La_Carcava-
Valladolid_Province_of_Valladolid_Castile_and_Leon.html
4.- El Campo Grande

The traditional park in Valladolid is the Campo Grande, a romantic style park with a small lake and animals like peacocks, hens, birds... there is also a terrace inside the park.

One of the best restaurants to try “lechazo” (typical lamb from Valladolid) is El figón de Recoleto, near this park. But remember, this place is for “lechazo”, there are not many other options in the menu. See it in Trip Advisor:


We also recommend you to go to Estación Gourmet, next to the train station (also a nice building) and near El Campo Grande. See it in Trip Advisor:


Or, if you like rice and “paellas”, you can try them in restaurant Sabores, next to Campo Grande. See it in Trip Advisor:

https://www.tripadvisor.es/ShowUserReviews-g187495-d1774291-r65592369-Sabores-Valladolid_Province_of_Valladolid_Castile_and_Leon.html
5.- The University

In the Plaza de la Universidad you can find the old building of the University of Valladolid (now the Law School of the University). Take a look inside: the stairs and the tiles of the wall are beautiful. But remember: do not count the columns in the façade. The tradition says that if you count them, you will not end your studies!

Go to Plaza de Santa Cruz, there is another building of the University: el Colegio Santa Cruz (now people say “Palace” instead of “College” but it has never been a palace)

If you want to buy Spanish wine, we recommend you to go to La boutique del vino, in Nuñez de Arce street, 34.

Another secret of the town is in this area. Go to Fray Luis de León Street, 22. This building was a palace, a school, and currently there are apartments. But it is worth to take a look to the stairs and the court. In the ground floor there is a nice restaurant in the former cave of the palace, Suite 22. See it in Trip Advisor:

6.- Santiago street

This pedestrian street and its surroundings are one of the shopping areas of Valladolid. Santiago street starts in Plaza mayor and ends in Plaza Zorrilla. The latter is a nice place with a fountain and the beautiful building of the Cavalry Academy. If you continue walking by Miguel Iscar Street you can see the house where Cervantes lived (the famous writer of El Quijote).

You can also walk along the pedestrian streets crossing Santiago Street, for example Santa María Street, Montero Calvo Street, Atrio de Santiago, Héroes del Alcázar Street and take a look in the stores.

If you want to drink or eat something, you can go to the bars and restaurants recommended in the area of Plaza Mayor.

You can also go to the restaurant La Garrocha, near Santiago Street, see in Trip Advisor:


Or, if you want to try “chocolate con churros”, a typical place is Chocolatería El Castillo, see in Trip Advisor:

7.- The nightlife

In the Pasaje Gutiérrez you can find some nice bars to drink something. Take a look to the “Pasaje”, with its modernist style. Go, for example, to the bar Pigiama, see:

https://es.foursquare.com/v/caf%C3%A9-pigiama-bar/4c1f752efcf8c9b689a6ae0b

Plaza San Miguel and its surrounding is also a good option for the night.
And, of course, Plaza del Poniente and surrounding is another nice area for the night.
The days when you can enjoy of the nightlife are Fridays and specially Saturdays.

If you wish more information, please, do not hesitate to ask the local organizing committee.

We wish you a nice time in Valladolid!