

LEGEND OF THE SEGOVIA'S AQUEDUCT

Today we want to talk about the Segovia's aqueduct, the most important monument of our city.

The aqueduct was built by the Romans about 2000 years ago to bring water from the mountains to the city.

It has a system of gates to regulate and take water from the river, there are two huts for depositing sand and cleaning water.

The beginning of the Aqueduct is in Guadarrama Mountains and For 13 km the aqueduct runs underground from the mountain to the city of Segovia

Segovia's aqueduct has 166 arches on 120 columns using granite blocks, joined without mortar. It was very hard work.

As I said the aqueduct was built by the Romans, although there is a legend that says that the aqueduct was built by the devil ..

There is a legend that says that a very long time ago, there were a servant girl who worked for a very rich man in the highest part of the city.

She had lot of work, she had to clean the house, cooke for the rich man and she had to go and take fresh water from the river every morning and take it up the hills and there were many of them, to take it home.

One day, she was so tired and angried that she promised the devil that she would give him her soul if he freed her from this difficult work.

The devil was there and he listened everything and thought he could build an aqueduct and keep her soul.

The devil told the girl that he would build an aqueduct to take water to the door of her house. In exchange, she would have to give him her soul.

The girl agreed, but on the condition that the aqueduct was completed before dawn.

They signed the pact.

That night a band of small devils appeared and The Devil told them his plan.

Small devils started to organize everything and planned the construction.

They started to build the aqueduct foundation, after they built the arches and they were very fast and the aqueduct was almost finished.

The poor girl was very scared, she did not know what to do and she started to pray to the Virgin Mary.

The sun was beginning to rise. However, when the first ray of daylight appeared, there was still one stone left to lay.

The girl looked and understood that the virgin had helped her and was very happy.

She told the whole city and they all celebrated the news together.

And so they placed an image of the Virgin Mary to show their gratitude.

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