



Welcome to the Museum of Covadonga. We are about to embark on a unique journey through the history, art and spirituality of one of the most iconic locations in Spain. The museum is located in the heart of the **Sanctuary of Covadonga**, a place where nature, worship and history come together. Surrounded by the breathtaking landscapes of the **Picos de Europa** mountain range, since the Middle Ages this sanctuary has been a destination for pilgrims and a symbol of both Spanish and Asturian identity.

However, Covadonga is much more than a place of worship; it is also the place where, according to tradition, Pelagius and his men defeated the Muslim forces in the eighth century: a victory that marked the beginning of the historical process known as the **Reconquista**, or re-conquest, and laid the foundations of the Spanish monarchy. Thus, the **Santa Cueva**, or Holy Cave, and the image of the **Santina**, the affectionate nickname for **Our Lady of Covadonga**, became symbols of national emancipation and legitimacy, and the sanctuary itself became a spiritual and political touchstone for generations of Spaniards.

The museum is located in the former **Hostal Favila**, a structure that dates back to 1931 and was originally built to house the many pilgrims and visitors who came to Covadonga. Following the comprehensive renovation of the Museum carried out in 2023 thanks to the patronage of the María Cristina Masaveu Peterson Foundation, its galleries now offer a cosy and accessible ambience, where a carefully curated selection of pieces is displayed to help visitors understand the evolution of the sanctuary, popular religious practices and the role played by Covadonga in Spanish history and culture.

Through this audio tour, we invite you to discover works that reveal the genesis of the sanctuary, the presence of the faithful and the close relationship that exists between **history, art and faith**. Get ready to embark on a journey where artistic beauty and spiritual expression go hand in hand, within a setting that is truly exceptional.

We hope you enjoy your visit.