

TERUEL, SHELTER FOR LOVERS

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Legend says that in the 13th century, Diego de Marcilla couldn't bear that his beloved Isabel de Segura marries in his absence and deny him a kiss when he returned from the war. He repeated to her again and again: 'Kiss me or I will die,' but she, though she wanted to give it to him, refused. Then, Diego fell dead of love. Isabel couldn't bear the sorrow and agreed to go to see him before he was buried in the Church of San Pedro. Arriving the day, she walked directly to where he lay, caressed his face and kissed him so hard that she died of love there too.

This is the story of lovers of Teruel, who are still buried with their hands intertwined in the Mausoleo de los Amantes and it makes this city in a perfect destination for lovers in the world. In fact, in view of the near future, it is sought that Chinese couples can travel to the city to marry dressed in medieval clothes during the festivity of this romance's recreation which takes place every February. But, this time, everyone wishes that love triumphs.

The four days it lasts, the city is dressed in medieval times and its streets overflow with joy. The spirit of the 13th century takes over the alleys of the historic center with flea markets, jugglers, dances, medieval tournaments with the presence of the king and the knights with their horses and, of course, with the famous Amantes de Teruel representation interpreted by two local people. The traveler moves centuries ago, appreciates the Mudejar constructions like the towers or the cathedral and he is immersed in that great "theater" where all the inhabitants participate dressed in the medieval costumes which have been sewing during months. No spectator will be able to avoid getting excited by the refusal of a kiss which has been awaited all life.