Wall murals of the old town

San Vicente de la Sonsierra has three large wall murals in the old town aiming at showing the visitors the hidden treasures of the village.

Two of these can be found when descending from the Castle’s walls in Zumalacarregui street. Both murals were funded through a Leader fund by the Association for the Development of the Rioja Alta (ADRA) and show the visitors the paintings of the “Disciplinantes of San Vicente de la Sonsierra” and the “Archaeological Site of Santa María de la Piscina”. Opposite the latter, we can find the third wall mural, which depicts the “Guardaviñas de Larra”.

The three murals were painted in 2017 by the local artist José Uríszar de Alcada Leiva, a great expert in La Rioja’s landscape and history. Born in Briñas in 1960, he studied painting techniques and specialised in mural painting (fresco) and image procedures at L'Escola Massana in Barcelona (1978-1983). In 2013 he was awarded the Prize of Arts of La Rioja by the Rioja Center of Madrid and has extensive expertise in this type of work.

The paintings were made using ecological acrylic paints, after priming the façade. The sketch was transferred directly to the façade by means of a grid without projection of the element. The result of this completely handcrafted work is an authentic open-air art gallery that allows everybody to enjoy these beautiful wall murals.

The murals have QR codes with information and links to San Vicente de la Sonsierra’s Council website, where more details on the topics depicted in the murals are available. They are part of the old town route called “Walk of the Disciplinantes”, which allows to enjoy their viewing while walking down Zumalacarregui street from the Castle. The exact location of the murals is as follows:

The three murals have night illumination, which makes them be a must when visiting San Vicente de la Sonsierra at any time of the day and of the year.