

Barcelona

Ignatius visited Barcelona many times. He came before his conversion with the Duke of Najera who was awarded a royal honour by the King in the Cathedral (right). He came after Manresa and met Isabel Roser (a great benefactor and one-time Jesuit) in the church Sants Pastor y Juste (below)



Isabel lived in the square (below) in the pink house on left.



Ignatius begged for biscuits in the church of Santa Maria del Mar. His statue is by the place where he begged – (right) Ignatius studied Latin in Barcelona. His teacher went on to be part of a group who created Barcelona University.

His sword is now in the Jesuit Church in Barcelona.



Pamplona

The current walls of Pamplona were rebuilt after the French sacked the town when Iñigo was part of its defence in 1521.



There is a monument to the fallen Ignatius on one of the city roads.

Montserrat

On his way to take ship for the Holy Land, Ignatius decided to spend a night of vigil of arms before the Black Madonna of Montserrat which he did in March 1522.

He gave the monks his mule and a beggar his fine clothes.

With a copy of Abott Ciscneros' Spiritual Exercises he walked down to Manresa with Inés Pascual.





Manresa

Ignatius entered Manresa over the old bridge, and doubtless prayed by the riverside cross.

He spent a few months of prayer here. Much of the time tormented by the evil spirit.

But he learned much of the ways of the spirits and wrote much of this in his Spiritual Exercises.

Written perhaps to help others avoid his mistakes.



The Holy Cave, where Ignatius is reputed to have prayed, is now a shrine with a church attached run by the Jesuits.

Above the church towers the massive Spirituality Centre complex, newly refurbished.

Above the river Cardoner is the Gothic Church 'Seu' or Seo. The church has foundations dating back to 890 but most of the present Gothic church dates from 1328 – 1450's. The windows were extensively damaged during the Civil War.



There are many fine altarpieces from different Manresa churches which were kept during the Civil War in the Holy Cave.

St Ignatius used to sit by the convent of Santa Clara and listen to the sisters singing office.

The Convent is now the home for a few Dominican Sister.



In the old town is the hospital of Amigant family where Ignatius both helped out and was helped by. It was restored in 2014.



Many churches were destroyed in the war, so their altarpieces now adorn the Seo.



Overlooking the River is a circle with the names of world mystics etched into it. This was installed during the millennium on the spot where Ignatius was believed to have had a vision.

