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CASA PALACIO CONDE DE GARCINARRO  
HUETE, SPAIN

On the journey between Spain’s capital, Madrid, and the world-patrimonial city of Cuenca lies the **Casa Palacio Conde de Garcinarro**, a charm hotel built from a 16<sup>th</sup> century house.

Owners Antonio Reneses and Encarna Sacristán carried out the renovation of the property, which began in 1995 and continued until July 2001, when the hotel opened to guests.

In the process, Antonio and Encarna managed to preserve much of the old structure, including a pleasant central patio surrounded by a gallery with wooden balustrades.

While somewhat simpler than the other Rusticae-affiliated properties visited by **Cognoscenti Magazine** editors, staying in this house is a charming experience—like being transported back through history.

The 1-meter thick stone walls, the recessed stone seating areas, tile floors, and high ceilings account for this pleasant sensation.

The house itself is heavy with history: Charles IV stayed there in 1604, and one previous owner, Alfonso Méndez de Parada, was known by the rather sinister title of “Consultant to the Inquisition”!

Our room, one of 9 at this rural casa, was spacious and clean. The *Casa* also has 3 upstairs sitting rooms and a lovely garden framed by a picturesque stone wall. Recommended, to those willing to eschew some modern amenities for the authentic “return to history” experience.

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Original Patio

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