

Axarquía's routes, Andalusia Tourist Interest Declared

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Mudejar Route

ARENAS · ÁRCHEZ · CANILLAS DE ACEITUNO · SALARES · SEDELLA

Arab Roots of Axarquía are evident in these five small inland villages dotted with minarets, arcades and other details that give this route a charming spell.

Travelers, visiting the mere 40 km that make up this path, will come across with five small towns that still retain the most representative examples of Mudejar architecture in the area. Arenas, Árchez, Salares, Sedella and Canillas de Aceituno are authentic Mudejar villages that leave the visitor the feeling of having gone back in time.

The Christian conquest of the Axarquía did not occur until 1487. The term "Mudejar", which comes from the word "mudayya" applies to the Hispanic non-Muslims who remained under the new Castilian state preserving their religion, language and legal organizations after the Christian conquest.

The use of brick, glazed ceramics, ornate plasterwork and coated exteriors are considered Mudejar features. The materials that were used in their construction were poor but quite useful, as they can be built up quickly and cheaply.

The Muslim influence in Mudejar art is not only found in ornamentation but also in architectural structures, such as "La Casa Rena Mora o del Diezmo" in Canillas de Aceituno and "La Casa Torreón" in Sedella, being a part of the civil Mudejar patrimony. As well as the bell towers, overhead fixtures and wooden roofs used to cover the top of the churches. Highlights on the route are Alminar y el Puente de Salares, la Torre de Árchez, Daimalos (Arenas) y Sedella. The culture in the area is so important that that Salares has a party called Festival Árabe Andalusi.

This is an area of great environmental importance because of its proximity to a Natural Park. Here we highlight the routes from Canillas de Aceituno to Maroma, which reach the 2,069 m. altitude.



The Sun and Avocado Route

MACHARAVIAYA · IZNATE · BENAMOCARRA · BENAMARGOSA · RINCÓN DE LA VICTORIA · VÉLEZ · MÁLAGA

The light of this magical route full of wealth and illustrious history surrounds us during the tour as you travel through its beautiful villages, long shores and fertile inland fields.

From the beaches of Rincon de la Victoria, Axarquía's door, to the subtropical fields Benamargosa, there are 75 kilometers inviting one to meet the six municipalities that compose the closest route to Málaga. The area is comprised of the towns Rincon de la Victoria, Macharaviaya, Vélez-Málaga, Benamocarra, Iznate and Benamargosa.

The subtropical fruits, along with the magnificent sun can be enjoyed on its shores, the thread of a path that leaves no one indifferent. Mangos, papayas, custard apples and especially avocados, live in perfect harmony with the traditional crops of the Axarquía. This agricultural diversity is due to the exceptional microclimate that the Natural Park Sierras de Tejeda, Alhama and Almijara can develop. History has a prominent role on this route, especially for the one that stands in the town of Vélez-Málaga, the capital of the Axarquía. Not only does it manifest itself its history and people, but also it does so also in its geography, which is highlighted by its splendid central meadow. This is the starting point for most of the roads and paths that invites one to feel the given experience provided by the variety of places in the Axarquía.

Highlight in the area around Triana is the Buddhist Centre and the Kalachakra Stupa which according to tradition is a symbol for peace, prosperity and protection.

Illustrious personalities left their mark on the people of the Ruta del Sol and Avocado. The poet Salvador Rueda, musician Eduardo Ocon and philosopher essayist Maria Zambrano were born in this land that also was home to the family of the Gálvez, the true patrons of Macharaviaya. Important heritage that Cueva del Tesoro offers in Rincon de la Victoria: the unique and only cave of marine origin that can be visited in Europe, the murals by Evaristo Guerra at the Hermitage of El Cerro in Vélez - Málaga, land of great artists.

The most important festivals are the "Día de la Música" in Benamocarra, "Día del Campo" in Benamargosa, the "Fiesta del Boquerón Victoriano" in Rincon de la Victoria and the "Feria Iznate. De la Uva Moscatel" of Iznate. As well as the festival "Paso de Cajiz", the "Belén Viviente" in Almayate and the "procession Marítima Terrestre de la Virgen del Carmen" in Vélez-Málaga.



The Route of Sun and Wine

ALGARROBO · SAYALONGA · CÓMPETA · CANILLAS DE ALBAIDA · FRIGILIANA · NERJA · TORROX

Along with a beautiful coastline of beaches dotted with cliffs and coves vineyards hills appear with white Andalusia farmhouses where muscatel has been made since Roman times.

This route combines the best of the coast and the interior, mixing busy tourism and peaceful rural areas.

This proximity to the beach captures the qualities of Sun and Wine Route. Both show the duality that expresses in all its cultural aspects by itself. Along the coast and up to the border with Granada, in the eastern part of the Axarquía, are the municipalities of Algarrobo, Sayalonga, Cómpeeta, Canillas de Albaída, Torrox, Nerja and Frigiliana.

The winemaking process, despite years of advancement in technology, is still traditional. Grapes are left under the sun before crushed. Then the chosen juices are stored in barrels. Wine production, despite being characteristic of all the Axarquía and especially of this route, stands out in the village of Cómpeeta. The people who dedicate these wines the famous Noche del Vino do not do it in vain. Another typical fruit in this area is the loquat. Sayalonga each year dedicates a festival to this precious product, which can be served in various ways.

On the other hand is "Algarrobo", an inland and coastal place. It not only has Phoenician (Necropolis de Trayamar) and Arabic ruins (Torres vígias de Algarrobo Costa) but also the famous "Torta del Algarrobo", which identifies the town that gives its name to this unique route

Nerja deserve a special mention its famous caves "Paleolithic Cathedral," which offer a unique show, and the views of the Mediterranean from the so-called "Balcon de Europa". Close to them we can enjoy a dreamy landscape in the cliffs of Maro- Cerro Gordo, a nature reserve.

Honey Reed Factory at Frigiliana, unique cemeteries in Sayalonga, restaurants and bars with "espetos" along the coast, Roman ruins in Torrox and the amazing mountains trails in Albaída Canillas and Nerja complete this varied route that offers a broad representation of what Axarquía has to offer.



Oil and Mountains Route

COLMENAR · RIOGORDO · ALFARNATEJO · ALFARNATE PERIANA · ALCAUCÍN · LA VIÑUELA

Spectacular changes of scenery, a lake surrounded by mountains and beautiful mountain villages hanging over the Mediterranean.

Among the lush beauty of the mountains that crown the Axarquía Riogordo, Colmenar, Alfarnate, Viñuela, Periana, Viñuela Alcaucin towns make up a route with a strong identity. This offers a unique landscape of mountains, dominated by the green of the olive trees and pastures, villages easily accessible from Málaga by the A-45 road, as in the Axarquía A-356.

Remains of large wheels and huge jar are testimony to the antiquity of olive oil cultivation, the protagonist of the traditional, delicious and healthy Mediterranean cuisine. Olive Trees "Nevadillo and Verdial" are the origin of the best oil in the world and are produced in traditional mill in a totally natural way. Having a fruity flavor and being very sweet and palatable characterize this oil.

To enjoy all the culture that surrounds this liquid gold, this route offers a possibility: you can attend the olive harvest, which begins in December.

Gastronomy is one of the strengths of this route. Along with olive oil, you can taste the sausages and cured meats and homemade goat cheese in Colmenar, the famous peaches from Periana; roman bread in Alcaucin, snails and oil bread in Riogordo, the "gazpacho" in Alfarnatejo and the cherries and "roscos carreros" in Alfarnate.

But gastronomy is not the only interesting thing on the route of the oil and the mountains. The Viñuela reservoir is developing an increasingly popular activity in rural and active tourism, being the camp area of Alcazar, near Alcaucin, in the Sierra Tejeda one of the most popular and demanded zone for those who are looking for direct contact with the countryside and nature. During Easter, we can enjoy "El Paso Riogordo" in Riogordo: a festival declared of national tourist interest. Archaeological remains, legends of bandits, folk traditions and a deep calm and tranquility complete the romantic setting, which this route offers.



The Route of the Raisins

TOTALÁN · COMARES · CÚTAR · EL BORGE · ALMÁCHAR · MOCLINEJO

There are legends of bandits, splendid views and charming small towns where as far back as from the time of the Arab presence a raisin from the Muscatel grape, considered the best of the world.

Totalán, Comares, Cútar, El Borge, Almáchar and Moclinejo are among the localities inside the 62 mile route where the special weather conditions allow vineyards to flourish later on become raisins. The drying of raisins, which are always facing southeast, develops this ancestral craft, whose lord is the sun. Settled on the hills and craggy landscape of Axarquía, the artisan of this fruit is noteworthy. To honor it there are several festivities such as the "Festival Almáchar Ajoblanco", the "Viñeros en Moclinejo" or "Pasa de El Borge y la Viñuela".

From this area comes the famous and well-appreciated handcrafted sweet wine "Muscatel". This wine has a distinctive floral scent, which this grape variety has, due to the organoleptic characteristics of the area where it comes from (Moscatel de Alejandria). Thanks to the climate and soil characteristics it has been adapted perfectly to this area and the wine can be tasted at wineries such as Almáchar and Moclinejo.

Within the local folklore it is necessary to refer to "verdiales de Comares", which differ from the other two styles (Montes and Almogía) by bringing a faster pace of execution. The "Verdiales de Comares" performers boast of a more than the standard quality in each of its performances and is a benchmark for the Axarquía region.

There are also festivals that take us back to another era as "Fiesta de Monf en Cútar" where Andalusia culture takes center stage inviting the audience to participate by wearing the clothes of that time. Another important date is in Totalán with the "fiesta de la chanfaina", which celebrates a typical product of the town.

The geographical features that surround these villages provided shelter for bandits as "El bizco del Borge", one of the most famous outliers of the area. Just he did, visitors are encouraged to travel along this route, with a supply of raisins in hand, to discover the picturesque and charming villages of Arab origin, which make it up.

On the other hand, in the town of Comares, climbing enthusiasts have the opportunity to do this sport through the numerous routes and via ferrata put to us. There is also a 436-meter zip line that allows you to enjoy the wonderful views of the area.



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