

A natural corridor between The Vegas of Antequera and Granada, historically a route between the Guadalquivir region and the steppes and mountains area of Andalucía. The northeastern region of Málaga is located in a central position, in a crossroad of routes and cultures.

We can divide this territory into three very differentiated zones: the northern zone formed by the villages of Cuevas Bajas, Cuevas de San Marcos, Villanueva de Tapia and Villanueva de Algaidas; Archidona situated in the centre of the region; and Villanueva del Rosario and Villanueva del Trabuco, located in the southern zone where the landscape has great importance with a chain of mountains that cross the province of Málaga.



Promueven:



Archidona is declared to be of historical and artistic interest. A town located on the lower slopes of the Sierra de Gracia, and surrounded by the Conjuro and Grajas Hills. From a distance, looking up, you will see the remains of the walls of the Old Arabic Castle and the white hermitage of the patroness saint, the Virgen de Gracia, who gives her name to this mountain.

Tourists will find steep streets and white houses within this village, also great religious buildings, houses with coats of arms and squares. The Ochavada Square is considered to be an important example of the baroque style of architecture.

### Places to See

Santa Ana Parochial Church (c. XVI – XIX)

La Victoria Church (c. XVII – XVIII)

Las Mínimas Convent (c. XVIII)

Santo Domingo Monastery (now a Hotel – School) (c. XVI – XX)

Castle and Water deposit

Virgen de Gracia Hermitage – Mosque (c. IX – XVIII)

The Nazareno Church (c. XVII)

Santo Cristo Hermitage (c. XVIII)

San Antonio Hermitage (c. XVIII – XX)

Cilla House or Pósito (c. XVI – XVIII)

Ochavada Square (c. XVIII)

Pías Schools ('Luis Barahona de Soto' Secondary School) (c. XVIII)

Nature Reserve of Archidona Lagoons.

Hoz Arroyo Marín Nature space

Sierra de la Virgen de Gracia Outlying Park

Municipal Museum



### Gastronomy

Archidona's Porra (cold thick tomato soup)

Pimentón (cold vegetables soup) and Ajo Blanco (cold soup made with garlic and almonds)

Migas con chocolate (breadcrumbs with hot chocolate) and Mollete of Archidona

Bollos de manteca (bread rolls made with lard), empanadillas and aceitados (buns)

Mostachones de las monjas Mínimas. (Typical cakes)

### Festivals

Carnival, full of colour and happiness, music and typical songs

Easter, a popular and ancient festival, declared to be of national and touristic interest

San Isidro, where the small villages of Salinas and Huertas del Rio are full of joy, food, music and dance (May 15th)

The Dog Fair, declared to be of national and touristic interest (at the beginning of May)

August Fair, in Virgen de Gracia's honour, with its traditional procession to the sanctuary

Archidona Cinema, Andalussian and Mediterranean Film Festival (around October 12th)

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