

COMARES

UNIQUE PROVINCIAL TOURIST FEAST

Saint Hilary of Poitiers

13 January

The program of events starts at 11 a.m. with a mass in honor of Saint Hilary of Poitiers, patron saint of the town. Following this there is a procession of the saint's statue through the streets of the town.

Dancing and singing by folk groups, so popular in Comares and in the Axarquía, accompanies the patron saint from the church of Our Lady of Encarnacion to the Balcón de Europa square.

As from 2 p.m. there is a large paella on offer, with music provided by folk groups from the town. In the afternoon, the statue of the patron saint returns to the church.

The festivities end with a lively open air dance until the early hours of the morning.

OTHER FEASTS OF INTEREST TO TOURISTS

Verdiales Feast

Second-last weekend in July

In July, the Balcon of Axarquía is the ideal place for the meeting of groups of verdiales (folk groups), a day when invited groups representing the three styles (Montes, Almogía and Comares), meet for a display of their art and to evoke traditional encounters.

This meeting of folk groups is the ideal opportunity to experience a true Malaga rural festivity.

Fair of the Inns

Weekend before the second-last weekend in July

The fair starts on the Friday with a fireworks display. In the evening, the Youth Pavilion opens with performances by music groups. There are also performances by dance groups, folk groups and activities like racing on bikes and horseback.

The fair ends early on Sunday morning with a huge fireworks display.

Comares Fair

Last weekend in August

It is considered one of the most significant fairs in the area, due to its cultural and folk importance. Comares fair delights visitors with folk music played by bands that roam the streets.

The festivities start on Thursday with a fireworks display. In the evening, there is a grand folk show in the Municipal Pavilion; there are performances by groups from the town and from neighboring villages.

Games and sport are also present in these festivities; there are races on bicycles, on bikes and on horseback as well as 7-a-side football matches.

On Saturday there is a daytime fair which includes musical performances, folk groups and comedy, as

well as tapas.

On Sunday, last day of the fair, there is the procession of the statue of the patron saint, Saint Hilary of Poitiers.

Finally, in the evening, a large fireworks display ends the festivities.

Fair of the Caves

Second weekend in August

Festivities start on Friday with a fireworks display that announces the start of the fair. In the evening, there are performances by folk groups, choirs and music groups. There are also activities like races on bikes and horseback. Lastly, in the early hours of Sunday morning, there is a grand fireworks display. ■



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