

# MOCLINEJO

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## UNIQUE PROVINCIAL TOURIST FEAST

### **Feast of the Winegrowers**

*First Sunday in September*

With this traditional Feast of the winegrowers, Moclinejo pays tribute to its roots and to the men and women who work on the vineyards and who make the muscatel wine which is so characteristic of the town.

Anyone who goes to this feast can walk around the streets of the town, decorated to remind people of the wine-making tradition.

The day starts with a traditional breakfast: oil, bread and grapes. There is also a folk group that entertains those present. A visit to the Muscatel Museum (Museo del Moscatel) is a must, as it takes the visitor back to distant times in its displays of traditional objects used in vineyards and in the wine-production process. During the feast, visitors can taste typical products

such as grapes, gazpacho, cakes and muscatel wine. These aperitifs are followed by paella.

## OTHER FEASTS OF INTEREST TO TOURISTS

### **Holy Week**

*End of March or beginning of April*

Good Friday is particularly important with the performance by the town's inhabitants of Christ's life and death. The statues of Dolorosa and the Holy Sepulcher are taken out in procession.

On Easter Sunday, a hut is set up in Plaza de España with the Resurrected Christ inside, waiting for the arrival of the statue of the Virgin Mary.

### **Saint Mark**

*25 April*

It is traditional on the feast of Saint Mark to bake a pie, with an egg in the middle; in the town it is called 'palomita', or dove, due to the shape of the dough. The

local inhabitants usually go out to the countryside on this day to have an open air lunch.

### **Cattle Fair**

#### **Beginning of May**

The Cattle Fair began in 1999 and since then it has been growing in importance among the general public and the professionals. It is held next to the river El Valdes, where an area is set up for exhibition and business, leisure and entertainment.

### **Cultural Weeks of Moclinejo and El Valdés**

#### **May and June**

The Cultural Weeks of El Valdes and Moclinejo, respectively, are held during the months of May and June. There are all sorts of cultural activities during these weeks. The most important are music, theatre, exhibitions and whatever else can be organized to encourage participation by the local inhabitants and by visitors who come to the cultural event.

### **Midsummer Night**

#### **24 June**

This is a feast where the people go to the town square to witness the bonfire. It is still customary to go to the fountain of El Chorrillo to wash the face.

### **Moclinejo and El Valdés Fairs**

#### **End of July and end of August**

El Valdes fair is held during the second-last week in July, in honor of the patron saint Our Lady of Lourdes, and the Moclinejo one during the last week in August in honor of Saint Bartholomew.

These are traditional feasts where the whole town participates. There are numerous musical and folk performances as well as fireworks displays.

A large number of local inhabitants and visitors gather during these two weekends to enjoy the fantastic food so typical of the Axarquía. These are ideal moments to visit Moclinejo and El Valdes.



### **Feast of Saint Bartholomew**

24 August

The feast starts at 8 a.m. on the Thursday with fireworks. The procession in honor of Saint Bartholomew takes place in the evening through the streets of the town. The next day, during the morning there are activities for children and then, at midnight the Flamenco Night starts. On Sunday there is an open air mass. The festivities end in the early hours of the morning with a dance and a fireworks display.

### **Christmas Choir Meetings**

First weekend in December

The traditional meetings of choirs and cribs which take place every year in Moclinejo and El Valdes are attended by the greatest number of groups from the province; a large number of visitors enjoy the seasonal sounds and the tasting of ring-shaped cakes made from wine accompanied by aniseed liqueur. ■

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