

# BENAMARGOSA

## UNIQUE PROVINCIAL TOURIST FEAST

### The Country Feast 🍴

Second or third Sunday in April

Nowadays, the main agricultural products of this town are lemons and avocado pears; the town is situated on the flood plain of the river Cueva, minutes from Vélez-Málaga and surrounded by tropical plantations.

The Country Feast, supported by local producers, is held in April and takes in all the fresh produce of the Axarquía.

The folk music and dancing start at mid morning on a stage erected next to the river, next to the picturesque bridge, while visitors walk around the streets of the town along a route where they are offered local products, some of which are totally traditional like 'baty cate', an avocado smoothie with cinnamon.

Apart from products from the land, people can also try



### BATY CATE

#### Ingredients:

1 kilo avocado pears, 125 to 150 g. sugar, ground cinnamon, 1 liter of milk, 1 or 2 bananas (optional).

#### METHOD OF PREPARATION:

Blend all the ingredients. It should not be too sweet.

Serve cold with a sprinkle of cinnamon.

typical products from the area. The food festival ends with an enormous paella, washed down with beer and local wine. The feast carries on until the evening.

#### OTHER FEASTS OF INTEREST TO TOURISTS

##### Feast in honor of Saint Sebastián

20 January

Events start at 8 a.m. with a fireworks display and reveille by the municipal band. People are offered aniseed liqueur and cakes. At 11 a.m. there is a mass in honor of the patron saint and at around 7:30 p.m. he is taken in procession accompanied by fireworks.

##### Holy Week

End of March or beginning of April

The outstanding day is Good Friday when Our Lady of Encarnación is taken in solemn procession through the principal streets of the town, accompanying the statue of Jesus amidst the devotion and silence of the onlookers.

##### Pilgrimage of the Virgin Most Pure

End of May

During these last few days of May, the people of the town gather on the banks of the river Benamargosa, where they start to prepare to spend the night there, in a pleasant and cordial atmosphere.

On Friday, after the mass at 6:30 p.m., people make their way to the camping site. Events are organized on Saturday for young and old and during the evening there is a musical performance. Those present offer a traditional prayer in honor of the Most Pure.

Finally, on Sunday there is paella on offer for those present and the return takes place at around 9 p.m.

##### August Fair

First week in August

The August Fair is one of the most important feasts in the town where people can enjoy all the typical aspects of a fair in the Axarquía: music, dancing, good



food and drink, all enjoyed during the lovely climate of August evenings, cooled by the agricultural area that surrounds the town. ■

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