

IZNATE

UNIQUE PROVINCIAL TOURIST FEAST

Day of the Muscatel Grape 🍷

First Saturday in August

This feast was declared a Unique Provincial Tourist Feast by the Malaga Provincial Government in 2004.

It is a feast celebrating the grape harvest, a feast for meeting up with friends and family.

During the week, there are numerous cultural and artistic activities such as exhibitions, craft and art workshops, a flamenco night and performances by folk singing and dancing groups. The evening sees the start of the famous tapas route through the town.

Every district or street prepares the most typical of the local dishes. During the event there is a folk group playing, as well as other acts, to provide entertainment.

It is a gastronomic feast in which all the inhabitants of Iznate participate altruistically with the aim of entertaining visitors. At around 10 p.m., in a marquee in front of the Town Hall, the official speech is delivered and this is followed by a band concert.





FRIED PUMPKIN

Ingredients:

300 grams of peeled pumpkin, 100 grams of stale whole meal bread, 3 cloves of garlic, 2 tablespoons of extra virgin olive oil, oregano, parsley, salt.

METHOD OF PREPARATION:

1.- Crush the garlic with salt using a mortar and pestle. Add the bread and vinegar and continue to pound. Add the chopped parsley and oregano. Continue to pound the mixture.

2.- Cut up the pumpkin and slowly sauté in oil. As it begins to brown, lower the heat and add the mixture from the previous step. Cook

on a moderate heat for 10 minutes, stirring constantly.

3.- Toast a slice of bread and spread the fried pumpkin on top and serve (hot or cold).

OTHER FEASTS OF INTEREST TO TOURISTS

Feast of Saint Anthony of Padua

Weekend nearest to 13 June

Saint Anthony's Day is a local feast in Iznate, although the feast is celebrated on the weekend nearest to 13 June. The feast includes races, an open air dance with an orchestra and a procession of the statue of Saint Anthony.

Fair of the Virgin of Dolores

Friday before Holy Week

This feast is celebrated on the Friday before Holy Week with street music, a mass, a procession in honor of the patron saint, races on horse back, motorbikes and bicycles, fireworks and a dance until the early hours of the morning.

Easter Sunday

End of March or beginning of April

Holy Week ends with all its solemn processions on

Maundy Thursday and Good Friday, and Easter Sunday becomes important; this is the day when there is a mass and then the colorful procession of the Virgin of Dolores. Once the statue is back in the shrine of Santo Cristo, there is a small representation of the search for the risen Christ.

The highlight of the day is a free paella and local wine, plus folk dances to entertain inhabitants and visitors alike.

Cross of May

First Saturday in May

This feast has special significance in Iznate. This day is also the one set aside for the 'Día del Hornazo', a typical cake from Iznate which is a tart decorated in the centre with an egg. The main ingredients are olive oil, flour, aniseed and aniseed liqueur.

All the inhabitants of Iznate meet up by the river Iznate to share this tart along with other delicacies,

and spend the day with friends and family.

Candlemas

8 September

This feast is celebrated with bonfires in the countryside and in the town, where there is singing, eating, drinking and dancing. These bonfires are meant to kill the bad spirits so the grape harvest will be better the following year. ■

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