

# LA VIÑUELA

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## FEASTS OF INTEREST TO TOURISTS

### **Pilgrimage**

#### **First weekend in May**

This pilgrimage is celebrated in conjunction with Los Romanes and Los Gómez, in the area around Lake La Viñuela, in honor of Saint Joseph, the Virgin Milagrosa and the Virgin of Carmen.

It originates in the days when there was a procession of the statue of Saint Joseph to call for rain. It is a very popular pilgrimage for local inhabitants and visitors, especially due to the beauty of the surroundings; the beautiful lake.

### **Feast of the Raisin**

#### **Mid-September**

The town of La Viñuela, which gives its name to the lake and the dam which supply most of the region, surrounded by villages the most important of which is Los Romanes (for its quality virgin olive oil), is a

town whose economy for centuries was based on the production of raisins. The whole area became world famous as a result of this; every year, thousands of tons of this product would be shipped from the port of Malaga.

Despite changes, the tradition continues and the traditional drying areas can be seen in the vineyards scattered around the countryside. La Viñuela dedicates two days every year to the product which is part of its people's identity.

The feast is celebrated in mid-September; it consists of activities that link tradition to present-day entertainment. Apart from enjoying the events, visitors are offered mementos of the feast and can taste other delicacies from the region. ■



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