

ALCAUCÍN

FEASTS OF INTEREST TO TOURISTS

Pilgrimage of Saint Sebastián

20 January

On the day of the feat of the patron saint of Alcaucin, Saint Sebastian, it is traditional to hold a mid-day dance and a lunch which is based on typical products of the region such as sausages and wine. After the meal the statue of the saint is taken in procession through the town centre.

Holy Week

At the end of March or beginning of April

On Maundy Thursday there is the typical procession of 'the Jews', who are people wearing Roman clothes and old masks with unpleasant features and looks.

Pilgrimage of Saint Isidro

15 of May

People go to the countryside on this day to celebrate with the family and friends.

Feat of Los Cortijos

Last weekend in May

In Los Cortijos, a district of Alcaucín, people celebrate this charming and endearing feat where they meet up with family and friends to enjoy music, dancing and a good atmosphere.

Feasts in August:

Fair, Flamenco Festival and Feast of the Water

The beginning of August

The August Fair is usually held over the first weekend in August in honor of Saint Sebastian, patron saint of the town. It gets better every year with more and more functions. During the day there are passacaglia and numerous other activities as part of this summer feast.

The Flamenco Festival is a very important day in the calendar of feast days in this town. It has grown in importance over the years and now attracts important artists.

The Feast of the Water also takes place during these days; this is a unique celebration for local inhabitants and visitors. The town sets up bubble and foam machines but what is really indispensable to have are buckets with which those participating will throw water at each other in the square while an orchestra entertains those present.

Feria de la Virgen del Rosario

7 October

Alcaucín celebrates this minor feast in honor of its patron saint, the Virgin of the Rosary, with a series of events which take place over a weekend. There are games, dances, music and a gathering of choirs from different towns around the district; all this forms part of a very attractive program during those days.

A large paella is cooked on the Sunday for all to enjoy. The religious events take place during the evening when there is a mass and a procession in honor of the patron saint.





CHESTNUT AND BEAN CASSEROLE

Ingredients:

1/4 kg. dried chestnuts, 1 kg. haricot beans, 1 onion, 1 bay leaf, aniseed, garlic, saffron, oil, sugar, salt.

METHOD OF PREPARATION:

- 1.- Soak the dried and peeled chestnuts overnight along with the beans.
2. - Boil these with saffron and a bay leaf.
- 3.- Meanwhile, fry the finely-chopped onion and then add the aniseed without keeping this on the cooker for too long..
- 4.- Crush the garlic in a mortar and pestle with salt and a little sugar and add to the casserole

with the chestnuts and beans. Then add the oil along with the onions and aniseed.

- 5.- Cook until the chestnuts and beans are tender.

Feast of the Chestnut 🍴

31 October

On the last night in October, Alcaucin celebrates the ancestral Feast of the Chestnut. People come from all over the district and the province of Malaga to try this fruit in the beautiful setting of the Sierra de Tejeda.

Hundreds of kilos of this delicious fruit, announcing the arrival of winter, are shared out and eaten by local inhabitants and visitors, along with another specialty of the day: baked sweet potato. There are also aniseed liqueur and cinnamon cakes on offer. At the same time the Town Hall organizes other ludic events. ■

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