

CANILLAS DE ALBAIDA

FEASTS OF INTEREST TO TOURISTS

Pilgrimage of Saint Anton

17 January

The feast starts on the Saturday with the town band parading through the streets. There follows the procession of the patron saint from its shrine and a fireworks display. In the evening there is an open air dance in the town square.

Sunday festivities start with a reveille by the town band and a mass in honor of Saint Anton. At the end of the mass there is the traditional pilgrimage with the blessing of animals in Llano de la Fuente, from where the statue of the saint is taken back to the shrine. At midday, the pilgrims are invited to a tasting of fried meat, chorizo, black pudding and drinks.

The festivities end with a fireworks display in the town Square at 11 p.m.

Holy Week

End of March or beginning of April

It starts on Palm Sunday with the procession of the statue of the 'borriquita', or little donkey. Processions continue on Holy Wednesday, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter Sunday which sees the end of Holy week processions.

August Fair

First weekend in August

The fair is held in honor of the Virgin of the Rosary, patron saint of the town and is organized by a Fair Committee composed of town people known as 'mayordomos' or stewards, who are in charge of collecting money for it.

Meeting of pensioners

18 September

The aim of the day is for pensioners to get together and compare experiences. Those attending walk around the town and can try the typical products of the area such

as ajoblanco, black pudding, migas, wine and gazpacho which the town people offer them.

Entertainment is provided by various folk groups and a student music group from the town.

Fair of Our Lady of the Rosary and Cultural Week

From the 7 to the 11 October

Canillas de Albaida celebrates its Cultural Week at the time of the Feast in honor of its patron saint, Our Lady of the Rosary. During the week, there are various sporting activities, children's theatre in Plaza del Ayuntamiento, regional dancing groups and musical performances so that local inhabitants and visitors can enjoy an open air dance.

There is a mass on Saturday which is followed by the procession of Our Lady of Rosary through the streets, accompanied by a band. Festivities end with a musical performance in the evening. ■



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