

# PERIANA

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## UNIQUE PROVINCIAL TOURIST FEAST

### Day of the Verdial Oil 🍷

First Sunday in April

The olive groves in Periana, of the verdial variety, and the extra virgin oil production are the pillars of the economy of this town which is situated half-way between Lower and Upper Axarquia. This is more than enough reason to celebrate this gastronomic feast which also represents an excellent opportunity for thousands of visitors to go to the beautiful town and its surroundings.

The day begins with the traditional breakfast of bread and oil. There are tastings, craft and painting shows, demonstrations of local culture, while folk groups play in the streets. Performances are held on a stage in Plaza de la Iglesia where the 'Aceite Verdial' award is presented to dignitaries who contribute to the town's development and promotion.

## OTHER FEASTS OF INTEREST TO TOURISTS

### Fair of Saint Isidro the Laborer

End of May

The festivities in honor of Saint Isidro, patron saint of the town, are special in this town which devotes five days to it towards the end of May; there is an intense activity, including sport competitions, folk events, bullfights, open air dances, fireworks, street bands... but above all the Flamenco Festival of the Upper Axarquia.





### CACHORREÑA SOUP

#### Ingredients:

400 grams unsalted cod, the peel of a cachorreña orange, 5 tablespoons of extra virgin olive oil, 3 cloves of garlic, a teaspoon of cumin, a teaspoon of sweet paprika, a thick slice of stale country bread, salt, vinegar.

#### METHOD OF PREPARATION:

- 1.- In a saucepan, boil water with the peel and the cod for 20 minutes.
- 2.- Soak the bread in some of the stock. Put the garlic, salt, cumin and paprika in a mortar.
- 3.- Crush it until it becomes a paste. Add the drained bread and pound it again.
- 4.- Add this mixture to the stock in the pan with

the cod and bring to the boil.

- 5.- At the end pour some vinegar and serve with two slices of coast.

The procession of the statue of the saint is the religious aspect of the feast. This takes place on the 15 May. During the procession, the carriers take the statue up to the balconies of the houses; this is when the inhabitants, using a sort of nozzle, pour wheat on San Isidro in thanksgiving for the past harvest.

### **Fair of the Peach**

#### **End of July**

This is a feast which aims to promote the peach which is grown around the municipality. Visitors and local inhabitants are offered not just peaches but also other typical products from around the region. Naturally, there is the refreshing sangria and musical performances during the night.

### **Cultural Week**

#### **Second weekend in November**

This is a cultural event that starts on Friday evening. There is a great variety of cultural activities this week, such as that organized by the Town Hall with a painting

exhibition by local artists. The International Food Festival is another of the events along with musical performances. On Saturday there is an open air dance, and on Sunday morning, in Parque Bellavista, there is a folk show with choirs, dance groups and street musicians. In the afternoon, there is a choir concert and finally the local band performs; there is also a tasting of roast chestnuts and potatoes. ■



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