

La Janda

FESTIVITIES IN LA JANDA



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Festivities in La Janda

IT'S NOT ALL WORK AND NO PLAY

Festivities, a break from the routine and a chance for worldly relaxation; that transcendent space in which we take refuge from daily work. That collective spirit that decides to stop time to break the routine, change the everyday and even gives us the chance to break free from the rules.

Festivities to celebrate the harvest, fertility, existence ... or to escape from sorrows. Feast for collection of crops, planting, harvest. In La Janda, festivities are marked for all kinds of reasons.

Parties unite diverse groups of people. Make us part of your memory. Come and join the party!





Multicoloured festivities

Some go back millenia, others hundreds of years, others are more recent. There are solemn ones and there are lively ones.

The magic can be felt in a party on the beach dotted with bonfires or by eating festive sardines or pork rind chicharrones, local delicacies..

Popular festivities and traditional ones... song, music playing and the traditional dance;flamenco, with its deep and enchanting nature. Horses and riders galloping through the countryside on the Ruta del Toro. Flower-filled spring time and the rearing of cattle.

Pilgrimage and flowers. Solemn masses and baptisms for newborns. Doughnuts and chocolate. Countryside festivities, Around the campfire and in harmony with the land. Breaking bread together and enjoying the company of others.. Faralaes festivities. .

Religious imagery; Easter incense and flames. Virgins of the sea who bless tunas.

Devotion in abundance. Living nativity scenes at Epiphany.

The imperious carnival, the eblessed pagan festival. TheAire brings us papers and streamers for the silver plate. Laughs and joy. The street filled with flags and excitement. Secular festivities at their most thrulling!

HOLIDAY CALENDAR

We recommend confirming festive dates on official pages. Many of them move on the calendar due to proximity with weekends or other events.

JANUARY

Conil de la Frontera

*PILGRIMAGE OF SAN SEBASTIÁN. January 20.
Party with strong popular roots. Pilgrimage where the patron saint is passed from the town to the pinar del Colorado. Fantastic day of gatherings and good vibes.*

Medina Sidonia

*VIRGIN OF PEACE. January 24.
Religious holiday in honour of the patron saint of Medina.
The faithful come to present newborns to the Virgin.*

Paterna de Rivera

*PATRONAL FESTIVALS IN HONOR OF SAN SEBASTIAN. January 20.
Popular games, cucaña, doughnuts and chocolate in honour to the patron saint. Pilgrimage to Finca Cortegana mass, church choir songs and a delicious picnic.*

San José del Valle

*SAN ANTON, PATRON SAINT OF ANIMALS. January 27.
A day dedicated to animals. Exhibition is held
On the Spanish Water Dog, a local breed.*



FEBRUARY



CARNIVALS. February March.

Carnival, I love everything about you. The feast of the metaphorical transgression of established social norms. The party designed to let us forget about worldly worries. A truly freeing and liberating party.

Groups parading in costume, comedians telling jokes, quartets in the Municipal Tent of Alcalá de los Gazules, "Listen up everyone, let's hear the music ..." Do you know how the traditional music sounds at the Barbate? Contests held by local groups, children's parades and food and good songs as part of the carnival atmosphere. Benalup-Casas Viejas for the cry of proclamation, local groups showing their creativity, horseback riding and much more ...

Out with the shyness and modesty in Conil de la Frontera! People take to the streets; group parades, dances and costume contests. In Medina Sidonia, eight days of intense celebration. Carnival performances, parades, piñatas, costumes, battles of couplets and as the final culmination "Burning of the Piti witch". Awards in Paterna de Rivera, Gold Mask to carnival groups and Gold and Silver Needle for the best costumes. And if you fancy more, orchestras, costume contests and children's parades in San José del Valle ... Come and enjoy Carnival!



MARCH

Benalup-Casas Viejas

INDEPENDENCE PARTY. One week long.

The independence of the town is celebrated in the year 1991 from its previous municipality, Medina Sidonia. A cultural week to enjoy to the full. Includes a fishing contest, sports competitions, exhibitions, children's activities, release of bulls and live music.

Conil de la Frontera

GASTRONOMIC DAYS FOR CONIL'S LOCAL PRODUCE. CONIL. March 28 to April 8.

Traditional cuisine and surprising proposals.

Enjoy Conil's local produce, famous in La Janda and in the province of Cádiz, at your fingertips.

San José del Valle

PARTIES IN HONOUR OF PATRON SAINT SAN JOSÉ. March 19.

Release of cows and procession of the patron. A good time to get to know the party from a local perspective!

Zahara de los Atunes

PILGRIMAGE FOR SAN JOSE. 2nd Sunday of Easter. Neighbours wait up for the saint from the night before, camped around bonfires.

Popular local party in Montecotillo, about 2 km from the town.

San José del Valle

WOMEN'S DAY. March 8.

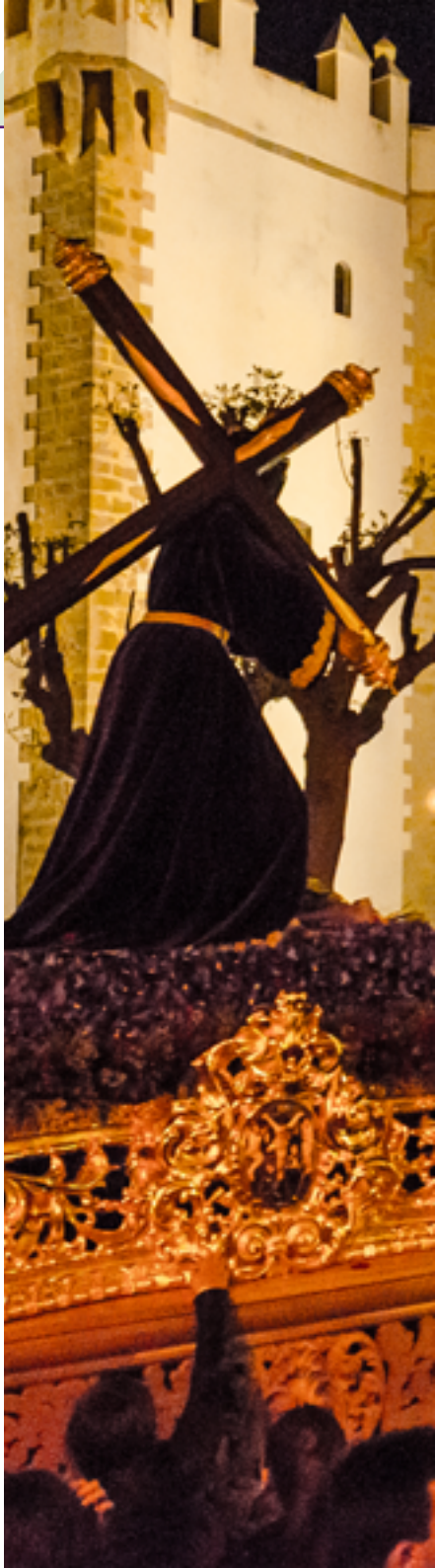
Around this date different events are organised that emphasise marking gender inequality and discrimination.

HOLY WEEK March / April.

The Christian commemoration of the Passion of Christ. Magnificent symbiosis of baroque and ascetics; the marching bands and observance. Holy Week is unmissable; to the believer wrapped in the intimate ritual, or those who love to delight in this enraptured spectacle of silence, incense and drops of wax.

Religious brotherhoods come together in Alcalá de los Gazules, a living procession on Palm Sunday, children dressed in Hebrew clothing, clapping and olive trees, recreating the entry of Jesus into Jerusalem. In Barbate, daily processions, chargers, penitents, nazarenes ... From balconies and windows in Benalup- Casas Viejas the neighbors deposit wreaths of flowers as Jesus Christ's representation passes.

In Conil de la Frontera, solemnity and sacred music at a magnificent festivity. Stunning images pass through Medina Sidonia's labyrinth of narrow and steep streets. In Paterna de Rivera, land of singers, the number of saetas that are sung and their traditional "Bull of Hallelujah". Passion, emotion and dedication can be seen in San José del Valle, accompanied by the sound of footsteps on the cobblestones...



APRIL

Alcalá de los Gazules

FESTIVAL OF SAN JORGE. April 23.

The town's biggest party. Every day there is a release of heifers. Typical alcalaína gastronomy is tasted; ranch, fillet and hot gazpachot. A great atmosphere, music, workshops and games for children.

San José del Valle

CULTURAL MONTH. April.

In addition to commemorating the town's independence from Jerez de la Frontera, the whole month is packed with cultural events including a Book Fair, painting exhibitions, Ruta de la Tapa, music band contest and much more ...

Conil de la Frontera

CONIL LOCAL DECORATION CONTEST.

April 27 to May 6. Celebrating the beauty and identity of local architecture in this local contest.





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Barbate

*THE TUNA FAIR
End of May.*

A week dedicated to the excellence of Almadraba tuna both in the town and in all the districts of the municipality. Chefs carry out culinary demonstrations for traditional local recipes and innovative dishes. There are cooking competitions and the best tapas competition is held. Do you want to visit an almadrabeto tuna fishing boat?

Zahara de los Atunes

*TUNA ROUTE.
From May 14 to 19.*

Savour the wonder. Surprise yourself with the delicious tasting sessions on offer. Enjoy the traditional preparation of locally caught tuna.

Conil de la Fria

*TUNA ROUTE.
May/June.*

A deeply rooted gastronomic route synonymous with surprise and creativity.





Festivities in La Janda

MAY

Barbate

PILGRIMAGE IN HONOR OF OUR LADY OF FATIMA. May 13.

Decorated carts transport the Virgin to the El Jarillo recreational area. The day of this popular festival begins with a mass and a floral offering, where there are different dance and horse dressage competitions.

Benalup-Casas Viejas

PILGRIMAGE OF LAS LAGUNETAS. First weekend.

In honor of the patron saint Nuestra Señora del Socorro, she is accompanied on foot or on horseback by locals to the small Ermita de las Lagunetas Hermitage, about 10 km from the town. An authentic countryside party not be missed!

Conil de la Frontera

MAY CROSSES. April 27.

A contest of great tradition, the neighbours create their May Crosses, which you can later visit in an exhibition.



Medina Sidonia

CATTLE AND HORSE FAIR. End of May / June.

One of the most authentic cultural festivals to witness here and one of the oldest cattle fairs in Andalusia. Its origin dates back to the 13th century. You will be able to appreciate the best specimens of the retinta breed and of purebred Spanish horses showcased in the contest. The local fair runs alongside the event. Medina is filled with beautiful decorations for this local fair. Come enjoy the atmosphere!

PILGRIMAGE OF SAN ISIDRO. May 15.

The district of San José de Malcocinado celebrates the feast of its patron saint. 3 days of festivities with an authentic flavour of the land and its produce.

San José del Valle

FAIR AND PARTIES IN HONOR OF MARÍA AUXILIADORA. May 29.

In honor of the patron saint you can enjoy several days of fair attractions, bullfighting festival, flamenco dance, musical performances, tribute to the thirdage. Great animation!





Barbate y Conil de la Ftra.

BONFIRES OF SAN JUAN June 23.

"With the burning of the Juanillo BONFIRES, we start the summer "tradition. A tradition inherited from pagan times that commemorated the change of season. A night full of rituals around the fire and a nighttime swim in the sea cannot be missed.

Barbate

ENTREALMADRABAS FESTIVAL. May 29 to June 1.

A celebration of all that pertains to the Tuna Route, a festival that connects the Cadiz coast with countries that have an economic and social relationship with us through fishing. Art, music, cinema, literature, exhibitions and a lot of culture to soak up and enjoy...

Paterna de Rivera

SPRING FAIR. June 13-17.

One of the oldest traditions at this fair is the famous street running of the bulls. The cattle are brought to the village by horseback riders to a bull pen and returned once the cattle have rested. Release of fighting bulls in fenced enclosure in the village. Festive days filled with parties and a bustling atmosphere.

San José del Valle

SAN ANTONIO FLAMENCO FESTIVAL. June 14-16.

Local and invited flamenco siners. Dance and traditional local dishes.

Conil de la Frontera

EL COLORADO SPRING FAIR. June 6-9.

Before summer kicks in, the fair is held in a stunning green enclave. Its origin can be drawn back to settlers and farmers along with the innkeepers of the area as far back as the 1920s. The horse is the protagonist in this festival; which includes an animal contest, dressage contest, and traditional carriage contest. You will also find a fruit and vegetable contest and exhibition. Activities for children and even a plowing contest with motor-cultivators. Don't forget comfortable clothes and shoes!



JULIO



Alcalá de los Gazules

AL-KALAT INTERNATIONAL MUSIC FESTIVAL
. End of July / August.

Flamenco, classical and acoustic music. Impressive Night of the candles, with 2000 lights on the stage.

Barbate

CARMEN FAIR AND FESTIVITIES. July 16.

Festivities for the Patron Saint of sailors. Fairground, proclamation and coronation of the queen. Traditional boat regattas. The Virgin arrives at the fish market and after praying the Rosary, she goes through the bahía barbateña,, as a culmination; fireworks, cucañas, fishing contests, sandcastles...

Benalup-Casas Viejas

SANTIAGO AND SANTA ANA FESTIVITIES.
End of July.

The fair of a lifetime. Lighting, fireworks, traditional food, attractions for the kids to enjoy...

Conil de la Frontera

VIRGEN DEL CARMEN. July 16.

The celebration in honor of the patron saint of sailors and fishermen is a deeply rooted festival on the coast. The marine Virgin in the fishing port offers a tribute to the fisherman, then, on board, she blesses the sea. Award for the best decked boat. Night walk before the Virgin is collected.

Medina Sidonia

SAN FERMIN'S PARTY. July 7.

In the district of Los Badalejos, in honor of San Fermín, another pilgrimage with earthy flavor.

Zahara de los atunes

VENING OF CARMEN. July 16.

The day dawns with the Rosary of Dawn and a floral offering. In the afternoon, on a boat from Playa del Carmen, the Virgin enters the waters. Evening musical at dusk.

Paterna de Rivera

NATIONAL CONTEST
Paterna de Rivera
Last Saturday in July

Since 1972 the city hosts this unique contest. In June the preliminaries are held at the Peña Cultural Flamenca "La Petenera". The final is held at IES Paterna. It culminates with the end of the festival where artists like Lola Flores, Miguel Poveda, Island Shrimp and El Cabrero have visited..



AUGUST

Alcalá de los Gazules

FAIR AND FESTIVALS OF OUR LADY OF THE SAINTS. End of August.

In honor of the patron saint, an unmissable festival.

PILGRIMAGE OF NUESTRA SEÑORA DE LOS SANTOS. September 12.

On the Sunday before the set date, the pilgrimage walks 5 km to the Sanctuary, after mass, the horsemen salute the Virgin. It is so popular that the entire ritual, mass and pilgrimage, is repeated the following Sunday after the feast of the patron saint.

Benalup-Casas Viejas

PROCESSION OF OUR LADY OF HELP. August 15.

Procession of the Virgin through the streets of the town center accompanied by the Municipal Band.

Barbate

THE SARDINATE. August 31.

Gastronomic festivities in honor of travellers. Tasting of sardines and mackerels in the fishing port.

Activities related to knowledge of fishing techniques.



San José del Valle

EL PUENTE CULTURAL EVENT. August 29 to 31.

In the Alcomocalejos neighborhood, cultural events that have become rich traditions.

VIRGIN OF THE ASSUMPTION PILGRIMAGE. August 15.

In the Descansadero de la Arenosa, a place where the shepherds stopped for the rest of the cattle, the chance to see a beautiful pilgrimage.



SEPTEMBER



Conil de la Frontera

**FAIR AND FESTIVALS OF OUR LADY
OF THE VIRTUES. September 8.**

Several days of the fair in honor of the patron saint with a festive, colourful and bustling atmosphere. Booths with contests and dances, children's booth, live concerts. Lighting and fireworks.

Conil is adorned with flamenco dancers and musicians!



OCTOBER/ NOVEMBER

Conil de la Frontera

GASTRONOMIC PARTY
ROUTE OF THE RETINTO. 30
November to December
9. Tasty local meats in
the town's restaurants.
Try amazing tapas in the
Mercado de Abastos.

San José del Valle

OUTE OF THE TAPA.
November 4 to 24.
Great way to discover the
delicious gastronomy found
in the town and region.

Paterna de Rivera

RABBIT AND SMALL HUNT FESTIVAL. October 5-7.
Gastronomic exhibition accompanied by flamenco, guided tours and
even an open finch singing contest ... those little birds.



DECEMBER

Benalup-Casas Viejas

MYCOLOGICAL DAYS AND THE MUSHROOM ROUTE.

La immaculada bank holiday weekend..

Since 2011, this event has gained more popularity. The Mycological Association "Los Alcornocales" organizes, with the collaboration of the city council, a multitude of activities for fans of mycology: lectures, exhibitions, collection routes, recreation of a mycological and botanical garden, exhibition of natural mushrooms, workshops for children to learn more ... Local restaurants and eateries participate in the Gastronomic Route of the Mushroom. Delicious!

Paterna de Rivera

FESTIVAL OF SHREDDED BEEF AND CHICHARRONES (PORK RIND).

December 8. Tasting of exquisite local food with musical entertainment.

CHRISTMAS AND THREE KINGS DAY. December/ January.

Christmas comes from the Latin "Nativitas", birth.

The historic celebration of the birth of Jesus of Nazareth.

The feast of goodwill. Family gatherings, trees illuminated by Christmas lights, shoes on the balcony and make sure you don't get "the bean", in your traditional bread, you'll have to pay for the whole roscón, a local bread served for Three King's Day.

You'll feel at home in any of our towns. Flamenco zambombá in Paterna de Rivera, Conilde la Frontera or Barbate. Do you want to see the living nativity scene in Medina Sidonia? More than 500 locals give life to the Nativity scene in the Santa María neighborhood.

Buñuelos and anise in San José del Valle, savour local dishes like chickpeas with tagarninas and poleá from Benalup-Casas Viejas and deliver your letter to the Three Kings to the Royal Postman in Alcalá de los Gazules. What else could you ask for?



