





Discover the inland paradise of Andalusia

The green heart of Andalusia, with the largest protected natural spaces in Spain, is now offering the longest round-trip hiking route in Southern Europe.

The province of Jaén is a quality tourism destination, with the rich Mediterranean culinary tradition of its extra virgin olive oil, and UNESCO World Heritage cities. You can relive episodes which changed the course of Spain's history, with recreations and dramatised tours in the territory with more castles than any other in Europe.

Prepare to be surprised in a province with much more to offer than you expected, because Jaén is an **exclusive destination** with an exceptional combination of attractions and activities, where you can enjoy unique experiences.

An ideal destination for culturally-oriented visitors who enjoy the art of living well. Our tourist attractions are set in a world of rural

authenticity with something to offer every age and taste. A very special and exclusive range of options, from highly specialised nature tourism (for example, visiting ornithologists can see 253 different species) to dramatised tours and historical recreations in castles not to be found anywhere else in the world, without forgetting a stroll through Úbeda and Baeza, the jewels of the Andalusian Renaissance, or the exquisite dishes made with extra virgin olive oil.

Jaén is nearer than you think. With direct motorway links from central Spain and from Andalusia's traditional coastal and city tourist destinations.

Further information at:
www.jaenparaisointerior.es

Four great reasons to visit Jaén

1. The longest hiking trail in the largest nature reserve in Spain, the Natural Park of Cazorla, Segura y Las Villas

Jaén is Spain's green lung, the largest area of protected natural spaces in Spain with four Natural Parks, including the second largest in Europe: the Natural Park of Cazorla, Segura y Las Villas. In the heart of Southern Europe's largest forest is the longest round-trip walking trail on the continent. The **GR 247 Southern Woodlands footpath** offers 478 kilometres of signed trails to experience the Natural Park of Sierras de Cazorla, Segura y Las Villas, a paradise for adventure and nature tourism.

The trail explores the entire nature reserve in 21 main stages, with 11 forks leading to places of interest and 3 variants to help you divide the path and plan a route to suit your interests, depending

on where you join the path and how much time you have. The itinerary includes the sources of the Guadalquivir and the Segura, and will lead you into a mosaic of landscapes: high mountain peaks, castles, forests, rivers and waterfalls, traditional lanes, plateaus, thriving villages, historic sites, olive groves and vegetable gardens. A wonderful way to see the flight of the bearded vulture, drink the clearest water, enjoy a conversation with travelling shepherds, see the way of life of mountain villages... unique experiences and the largest and most unspoiled natural landscapes of Andalusia await you along the path. Before starting your hike, download practical information from <http://www.sierrasdecazorlaseguraylasvillas.es/gr247>





2. Úbeda and Baeza, the Southern Renaissance in a World Heritage site

These two cities are the supreme examples of the Renaissance architecture to be found throughout the province, along with the city of Jaén and its cathedral, another of the masterworks of Andrés de Vandelvira. The streets of Úbeda and Baeza conserve their original layout from the remote past and the magic of 500 years of history, surrounded by olive groves with the River Guadalquivir at their feet. Úbeda represents private architecture and civil power, and Baeza public architecture and religious power. The nearby castle of Sabiote is also well worth visiting.

More information at www.renacimientohorsur.com





3. Olive oil tourism, unforgettable experiences in the heart of olive country

The only landscape of its kind in the world, a cultivated forest of more than 60 million olive trees in a region which produces more high quality oil than any other, is the best possible destination for olive tourism. At www.oleotourjaen.es you can find out more about our many tourism attractions relating to the olive groves and their oil: museums, visits to oil mills, specialist restaurants, rural accommodation, *cortijos*, festivals, tastings, and olive oil spas. A journey to the heart of olive oil culture which only Jaén can offer. An experience which will delight you, in the region which has attracted more international awards than any other.







4. The historic heritage of a decisive crossroads in European history

The province of Jaén was the scene of three legendary battles which changed the course of history (Baécula, Navas de Tolosa and Bailén). It was also the first settling place of the Iberians, that early and enigmatic culture, and has 18 historic sites and a group of caves with prehistoric art, declared a World Heritage Site. To relive events which changed the history of Spain, we offer the **Route of Castles and Battles** (www.castillosybatallas.com), with re-enactments and dramatised tours in the territory with the most castles in Europe.

The **Journey to the Time of the Iberians** (www.viajealtiemposdelosiberos.com) guides you to seven places in the province where you can see at first hand the extraordinary archaeological heritage of this culture, such as the Cupids Mosaic or the Lion recently discovered in Cástulo (Linares).

