

# # Casarabonela



Casarabonela, a cultural crossbreed, is one of the villages within the province of Malaga that has best known how to mix its Arabic/Christian past and has gone to great lengths to preserve the ancient layout of the Cars-Bonaire Arab settlement.

Its streets are narrow, maze-like and steep with many dead ends. The majority of living quarters rise high above street level and offer fine views of all around. There are an almost limitless number of drinking fountains and crystal-clear water from which any passers-by can refresh themselves.

This Roman Castra Vinaria, is an oasis of peace and quiet today and from its elevated position, provides some precious postcard-like views of the green blankets of fertile lands covered in crops, dotted with irregular shaped small white stone storage huts.

To go for a walk in Casarabonela is like going on a journey, as the mountains blend in with the streets below them and the many mountain streams flow down to it in the form of water fountains. A rest at one of the many street altarpieces that used to separate the Arab and Christian parts of the village almost takes the visitor back in time and the echoes of many past battles can almost be heard in the air.



## # WALKS

CAMINO LLAND ROUTE  
SANTO CRISTO HERMITAGE  
CENTRO HISTÓRICO Y EL ARRABAL  
LA FUENTE QUEBRÁ

## PLACES OF INTEREST

The Santiago Apóstol Church  
The Sacred Art Museum  
Museo del Cactus y Plantas  
Suculentas  
Vera Cruz Hermitage  
Calvario Hermitage  
Viewing-point of the Castle  
The Mizos Mill  
Niche  
Fountains  
Raja de la Vieja  
Tower Chimney  
Mudéjar garden

## WHERE TO EAT

Bar Nuevo  
Pza. Buenavista  
Tel. 952 45 65 72

Mesón Bandera  
Avda. Juan XXIII, 27  
Tel. 952 45 69 70

Mesón La Parada  
C/ José Hidalgo, 41  
Tel. 952 45 69 70

Rest. Complejo Rural Caicune  
Ctra. Coín – Ronda, Km 52,5  
Tel. 952 45 65 42

Restaurante La Piscina  
Santo Cristo, s/n  
Tel. 696 575 003  
www.sinatur.es

Venta del Carmen  
Puerto Martínez ( Ctra.  
Casarabonela – El Burgo)  
Tel. 636 133 786

Antigua Venta de San Antonio  
Ctra. A- 357, Km 32,5  
(Málaga – Ronda por Ardales)  
Tel. 952 11 98 60

## WHERE TO SLEEP

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Ctra. A- 357, Km 32,5  
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Tel. 952 11 98 60  
www.ventasananantonio.com

H\*\*\* Complejo Rural Caicune  
Ctra. Alozaina – Casarabonela, Km 6,5  
Tel. 952 45 65 42  
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Partido Martina (Los Cerrillos )  
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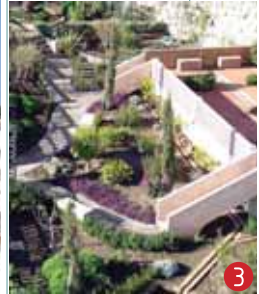
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## CAMINO LLANO ROUTE

This is an ancient Roman Way that was also used to transport both animals and agricultural crops. The [Camino Llano](#) has always been a landmark as far as the inhabitants of the village are concerned, especially for those who have been able to appreciate the advantages of a quick, well-built route that combines some wonderful panoramic views and lovely landscapes that have been created by man over time.

The impressive views of [El Naranjal](#), together with [Fuensanta](#), the area surrounding the spots named [La Quinta](#) and the [Huerta Larga](#), are examples of the wonderful way the locals have irrigated the whole area with the mountain water using a system passed down from the Syrians who occupied this very same land during the VIII th century.



#### OBSERVATIONS

50% of the walk goes through the urban part of the village while the other 50% goes out into the countryside.

There is fresh drinking places on the walk.

Can be done all year round.

Best done during the day.

**DIFFICULTY** : Easy

**SURROUNDINGS** : Biosphere Reserve.





## THE SANTO CRISTO HERMITAGE

This walk offers the visitor the added extra of being able to visit the [Mirador \(viewpoint\)](#) which today, is set on top of the ancient [Arab defence Castle \(Al Qasar o Al Gotat\)](#) of [Qasr Bunaira](#) inside which the [Alcazaba \(Qalat Al Qasaba\)](#) can also be found. This was the city that was built to defend the medina.

Visitors are treated to some spectacular views of the village, zigzagging along the different [Carrasco Pine Tree Mountains](#) that surround it and the whole [Malaga Basin](#), from this [Mirador](#). It is a great place to watch the sunsets and sunrises as the mixture of oranges and blues are truly delightful.

A little further along the walk the visitor will come across a wonderful group of farmsteads that are surrounded by some high-quality agricultural land which fortunately is irrigated by the many irrigation ditches which are full of the crystal clear mountain water that runs off the mountains. There are also a lot of the special [Spanish Firs](#) along route. These trees are especially emblematic in the [Natural Park](#) of the [Sierra de las Nieves](#). These along with the odd Holm Oak provide a lot of welcome shade to the pathway on hot summer days.

As the visitor passes through the streets looking for the beginning of the walk he or she will be able to see the main village arteries where the majority of the Moorish businesses are to be found.



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#### OBSERVATIONS

50% of the walk goes through the urban part of the village while the other 50% goes out into the countryside. There is fresh drinking places on the walk. Can be done all year round. Best done during the day.

**DIPICULTY** : Easy

**SURROUNDINGS** : Biosphere Reserve.



- 1 The Santiago Apostel Church
  - 2 The Sacred Art Museum
  - 3 Mujicar Garden
  - 4 Venancio Hermitage
  - 5 Calviano Hermitage
  - 6 Viewing-point of the Castle
  - 7 The Mize Mill
  - 8 Niche
  - 9 Fontana de la Cruz
  - 10 Cemetery
  - 11 Sewer Channey
- Beginning of the walk

ENTRY - EXIT  
El Burgo

ENTRY - EXIT  
Málaga



CIRCULAR

45 min.





## A WALK THROUGH THE ARRABAL AND THE HISTORIC CENTRE

This walk is completely within the ancient urban centre of the village and helps visitors understand how the past settlers arranged the layout of their urban enclaves. It takes the visitor from the relatively open plan street design which is typical of the Christian era to the more narrow, enclosed type more common to the Arab period. The street was seen by the Arabs as simply a place to move through whereas the Christians included it as part of the living space of their villages. Water, one of the village's essential resources, is to be seen throughout the walk, in the form of drinking fountains, or as a water supply for flowery corners and even as a power source moving grinding stones in the mills. A special mention should be given to the many altarpieces, [las cruces](#), found along the whole journey through the village streets. The stories that try to explain the true meaning and significance of these religious shrines are almost as numerous as the pieces themselves.





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#### OBSERVATIONS

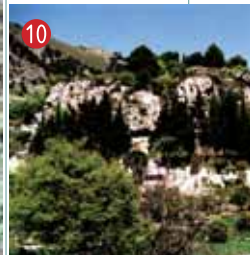
100% of the walk goes through the urban part of the village.  
 There are fresh water drinking places on the walk.  
 Can be done all year round.  
 Can be done during the day or at night.

**DIPICULTY** : Easy

**SURROUNDINGS** : Biosphere Reserve.

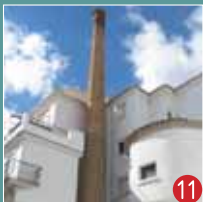






## LA FUENTE QUEBRÁ

This walk combines some of the urban parts of the village and the surrounding countryside and takes the visitor to several of the natural “monuments” that are most representative of the area. First is [La Fuente Quebrá](#). A very strange phenomenon that happens only once a year after the rainfall in autumn has fallen, and secondly, [the Raja Vieja](#), a rocky outcrop that has always grabbed visitors’ attention and which has been the source of numerous tales and legends over the years. It is a place that has also been inspirational for many writers, poets and artists. Last, but not least is [El Chorrerón](#), which is a kind of natural waterfall that gives freshness and vegetation to the area and provides a much-needed cool air during the hot summer months.



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### OBSERVATIONS

50% of the walk goes through the urban part of the village while the other 50% goes out into the countryside.

There are fresh drinking water places on the walk.

Can be done all year round.

Best done during the day.

Very good panoramic views.

**DIFCULTY** : Easy

**SURROUNDINGS** : Biosphere Reserve.



CIRCULAR



90 min.



- 1 The Santiago Apostol Church
- 2 The Sacred Art Museum
- 3 Mulajal Garden
- 4 Menaccor Hermitage
- 5 Calvario Hermitage
- 6 Viewing point of the Castle
- 7 The Millas Mill
- 8 Nube
- 9 Quattri Fountain
- 10 Plaza de la Viga
- 11 Tower Chimney
- 12 El Chamarón
- 13 Beginning of the walk