

#Guaro



Guaro is exceptionally attractive to all the five senses, without being excessive to any yet combining an enchanting mixture of smells and colours. The almond groves are responsible for the timeless spectacle, that happens each spring, when the trees bloom and cover the surrounding fields with white and pink blankets of flowers and the intense perfume unique to this flower warns the distracted visitor that he or she is getting close to Guaro. There are places and rivers of great environmental interest together with some very emblematic examples of animals and vegetation that make visitors desire to linger as long as possible before abandoning the valley.

Guaro is traditionally a crossroads situated at the foot of a mountain range that, in turn, connects it to the life-giving Sierra de las Nieves, which is located close by and which has been awarded the distinguished title of Biosphere Reserve by the UNESCO. This itself makes it different from almost all the other surrounding municipalities. It is a spot where the first men who came across it as nomads decided to stay and settle down given its beauty and possibilities. Men have since carefully worked the agricultural land and developed the urban section in deep respect for the environment and the surrounding area, and it is today a true example of sustainable development.



WALKS

CENTRO HISTÓRICO
SANTUARIO CRUZ DEL PUERTO
LOS MIRADORES
LA LUNA MORA

PLACES OF INTEREST

The San Miguel Arcangel Church
Municipal cultural centre
Al-Andalus
Marmolejo windmill
Panoramic Vantage points
The San-Isidro Hermitage
(off the walking routes)

WHERE TO EAT

Bar Restaurante El Arao
Avda. de Andalucía, 52

Bar Restaurante El Refugio
Avda. San Sebastián, 2
Tel. 952 45 79 19

Venta El Abuelo
Ctra. Coín- Ronda, Km. 52,5
Tel. 952 11 20 95

Venta Gallardo
Ctra. Coín - Ronda, Km. 52
Tel. 95245 07 87

Bar Restaurante Los Gardu
Avda. Andalucía, 63

Bar La Bodeguita
Avda. Andalucía, 63

Bar Restaurante Gallardo
Avda. Andalucía, 62

WHERE TO SLEEP

P* El Molino de Santisteban
Ctra. Coín-Tolox (A-366) Km 52-53.
Tel. 952 45 37 48

CR La Viña
Urb. La Viña, 48
Tel. 952 45 77 76

Complejo Rural La Molineta de Guaro
A-366 Km 50 Ctra. Coín-Ronda,
Tel. 637227490/ 952602406.
www.lamolinetadeguaro.com/





THE OLD QUARTER

This walk takes the visitor to the [San Isidro](#) (the patron saint of the village) Fountain, which is located in front of one of the most beautiful corners of the village, and in turn is covered by a lovely cloak of flowers and green plants finished off with a ceramic mosaic and well looked after by the inhabitants of [Guaro](#).

The walk follows on to the next stop, which is at the [San Miguel Arcángel Church](#), dating back to the XVI century and restored in 1605. It was almost totally rebuilt after the Civil War in a Latin Cross form with side naves.

The final leg of this stroll is through the narrow village streets which offer the visitor a chance to get an idea as to what life is really like in these Andalusian villages, with their people, harmony, and spontaneous songs coming from the windows along with the accompanying smells of all kinds of delicious potato stews.

The walk ends at the same place as it set off.



OBSERVATIONS

100% of this walk is within the urban limits of the village.
There is water to drink along the walk.
Can be done all year round.
Best done during the daytime.

DIFFICULTY : Easy

SURROUNDINGS : Biosphere Reserve.



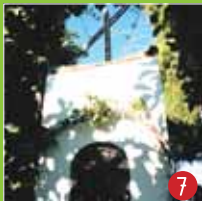


THE SANCTUARY THE CROSS OF THE PORT

Most of this walk takes place in [la Cañada Real de Guaro a Rio Grande](#) (the ravine of the Rio Grande in Guaro). Between working country and whitewashed houses, you can visit [the Cementerio del pueblo \(the village Cemetery\)](#), natural viewpoints and the [Santuario de la Cruz del Puerto](#), which was built at the [cross roads for the Guareños](#) (people of Guaro) when they left Guaro to work abroad.

This little 18th century hermitage houses an image of [Cristo de Limpias](#), with flowers and surrounded by cypress trees offering the visitor a spectacular panoramic view of the countryside of Guaro, la Sierra de las Nieves, la Vega del rio Grande and el Valle del Guadalhorce.

Every 3rd of May, they celebrate [día de la Cruz \(day of the Cross\)](#) with a procession from the Church of [San Miguel to la Ermita \(the Hermitage\)](#) carrying a cross of flowers.



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Can be done during the daytime.
Excellent views.

DIFFICULTY : Easy

SURROUNDINGS : Biosphere Reserve.

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60 min.





THE VIEWPOINTS

This walk takes the visitor outside the urban limits of the village along the road to Marbella towards a spot famous for its special vantage points on the higher side of Guaro. These Miradores (viewpoints) with their flowers and trees make these already beautiful surroundings even more impressive.

Each one has a different size and shape and harmoniously combines old stone and brick. The panoramic views of the fields around Guaro include the Mediterranean style field with its olive trees and almonds, against the background of the bleached-white houses which are covered in the original ceramic Arabic roof tiles.

The end is once again the starting point, all the time enjoying the wonderful views.



OBSERVATIONS

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There is water to drink along the walk.
Can be done all year round.
Can be done during the daytime and at night.

DIFFICULTY : Easy

SURROUNDINGS : Biosphere Reserve.



CIRCULAR

30 min.





THE MOORISH MOON

This walk takes the visitor through the narrow streets which were common in Arab days and so typical of these villages today. The reason that they were so narrow was to keep the sun's rays and, therefore, the blazing heat out and also to provide a clear passageway for the breezes that would be able to run down them and cool down even the hottest of summer days. Steep streets that make many of the throne-carrying men sweat in Easter week. Lined with flower-potted white-washed walls with barred windows these same streets take the visitor on to the [Olive Oil Museum](#), home to the [Fiesta de la Luna Mora \(The Fiesta in Honour of The Moorish Moon\)](#), which is a cultural and social highlight in [Guaro's](#) calendar.

Once lost amongst the windy labyrinth-like streets, the visitor will come across [Tower Street](#), so called after the [Watchtower of Guaro](#) that once stood high there during the important bygone days and before it was almost completely destroyed during the Reconquista.

Finally this walk ends at the [San Miguel Arcángel Parish Church](#), which is the central place full of beliefs, faith, prayers and wax from the hundreds of candles during the Easter Week celebrations.



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