



The awarding of the unique title Paraje Pintoresco (Place of Special beauty) in 1971 is a sign as to how remarkably beautiful this town is. Its magic and unique attractiveness delight visitors from all around and take them back in time as they walk around each street corner and square.

Perched halfway up a hillside between the valley and the mountains, it is surrounded by terraces full of all different kinds of vegetables and fruit, and also large plots of agricultural land that make the whiteness of the village itself stand out even more.

The castle is also perched high up above the valley like an eagle ready at any moment to attack and its walls have been witness to many centuries of history. Its strategic position has great views of the whole of the Guadalhorce Valley right as far as the Bay of Malaga and even the Sierra Nevada near Granada. There are a limitless number of drinking fountains and watering places within the urban limits of the village where visitors can quench their thirst abundantly.



WALKS

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PLACES OF INTEREST

The Roman Way
The Santiago Apóstol Church
The Marigloria Museum
El Calvario
The Villeta Castle
Calzada Romana
Drinking Fountains



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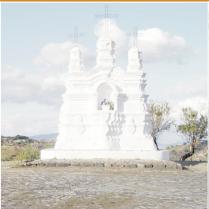
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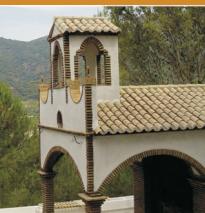


SAN ROQUE HERMITAGE-ALPUJATA

Walkers are invited to enjoy this stroll around the natural landscape that is also the heritage of the village of Monda with the vibrant green background and the fresh smell of the pine trees. Surrounded by the Alcazarain River and the mountains known locally as Cerro Gordo, which is an almost impregnable massive block of stone covered with pine forests. The spot known as Hollancas is on the right and cuts into the greenness of the rest of the countryside. This is where the dried fruit crops are grown such as almonds, olives, and figs.

From here the walk continues on to the San Roque Hermitage which is also well integrated into the beautiful landscape around Monda. The next stop is a small plain named the Apujata which is a little past the football field. Here the visitor can stay a while to contemplate the number of special locally grown vegetables that are being grown in this area.

To end, the way now goes back up towards the village along a track that is richly decorated on both sides with a wide selection of flowers of different sizes and colours.



OBSERVATIONS

20% of this walk is within the urban limits, and the other 80% is on the outskirts.
There is drinking water at the outset of this route.
Can be done all year round.
Best done during daytime.

DIFFICULTY : Easy

SURROUNDINGS: Natural Park and Biosphere Reserve



LINEAL



90 min





HISTORIC CENTRE

This walk starts off at the Iglesia de Santiago Apóstol, (The Church of the Apostle James) and takes the visitor on a tour of the core of the old centre of Monda, which is full of numerous interesting details, especially those that are engraved on the walls of the houses, or above doors, windows or even on ceramic plaques all around the village.

There are several old drinking fountains along the walk and some of them used to be ancient washing places where the local women used to hand wash their clothes. These hand-made and hand-carved stone watering places can be seen to be deteriorating today due to the constant stream of watering jars that used to be placed on the surface and filled before being carried back home for domestic use.

The visitor is invited to be especially observant on this route as there are lots of small details to look for and we are sure that he or she will be pleasantly surprised.



OBSERVATIONS

100% of this walk is within the urban limits.
There is drinking water on route
Can be done all year round.
Can be done during daytime or at night.

DIFFICULTY:

Easy

SURROUNDINGS: Natural Park and Biosphere Reserve



- ① The Santiago Apóstol Church
- ② The Al-Mundil Castle
- ③ The Threshing floor and Calvary
- ④ The Roman Way
- ⑤ The Villa Fountain
- ⑥ The Jaula Fountain
- ⑦ The Vía Crucis Station
- ⑧ The Margolioria Museum
- ⑨ The Mea Mea Fountain
- ⑩ The Corner Fountain
- ⑪ The Caravaca Cross
- Yellow circle: Beginning of the walk



25 min.





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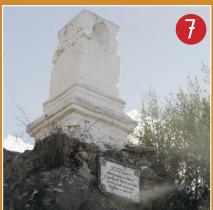


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THE ROMAN WAY CALVARY WALK

This walk takes the visitor along a road by the side of which there are Roman, Medieval and even Modern-day remains, while shade is offered, a rest is taken to contemplate the monument by an impenetrable **Kermes Oak**. Our steps take us to the start of one of the most characteristic monuments in Monda; **El Calvario**, an altar built in the XVIIIth century. It is made of special hardened clay which has been totally white-washed and finished off with three crosses. The many different openings in the structure allow for all kinds of different shapes and colours to form depending on the time and day and the light that hits it. It is the last station in the **Vía Crucis**, that this village so passionately follows in Easter week. At the foot of the structure, there is a large threshing floor for cereals, while nearby there are other similar kinds of threshing floors of a more Arabic style or maybe even from the time of the Nazari dynasty, which demonstrates just how far back the village's agricultural roots go.

Another small XVIII century structure is the next item on the walk and is also another of the **Vía Crucis** stations. Once over the **El Puente de la Sierra**, which offers the visitor some beautiful views of the urban part of the village, the walk then comes to its end at the point of departure.



OBSERVATIONS

50% of this walk is within the urban limits and the other 50% is on the outskirts.
There is drinking water on route.
Can be done all year round.
Best done during daytime.

DIFFICULTY: Easy

SURROUNDINGS: Natural Park and Biosphere Reserve



CIRCULAR



45 min.





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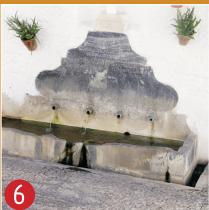
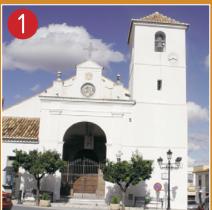
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THE MOORISH WALK

This walk takes the visitor to places where he or she can visit some prehistoric and Roman remains that lie within the village limits, which are said to have been strategic during the famous [Battle of Monda](#). The village of [Monda](#) itself cannot be said to have become a stable inhabited settlement until well into the Islamic Medieval period, which was perhaps the time that the Castle, the urban layout, the streets on the walk are dated back to.

On the stroll through the typically steep, narrow labyrinth-like streets the visitor will visit the [Incarnation Church](#), which used to be the site of the ancient mosque. From here the walk goes on to the [Al-Mundat Castle](#), which is today a luxurious hotel. From here the next stop is necessarily upwards towards the [Cruz de Caravaca](#) which offers the visitor some wonderful views of the village and its surrounding land. On the downward part the first stop is at one of the village's most emblematic and important houses, which is the [Casa Museo de Marigloria](#), looked after by Gloria who takes exquisite care of both the museum and the visitors who stop there.

Then to finish off the walk, the itinerary goes past some water fountains, one of the most outstanding of which is named the [Fuente de la Jaula](#) as this was an ancient washing place used back in the [Nazari](#) dynasty. A quick drink of the fresh water here gives the visitor strength to carry on towards the [Puente de la Sierra](#), and as such is back at the starting point.



OBSERVATIONS
The entire walk is within the urban limits.
There is drinking water on route.
Can be done all year round.
Can be done during daytime or at night.

DIFFICULTY: Easy

SURROUNDINGS: Natural Park and Biosphere Reserve



- ❶ The Santiago Apóstol Church
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100 min.

