

What to do

Due to its urban fabric Cadiz is the perfect city to walk around. We suggest you take a walk along its streets and squares, its historic centre, where you will discover amazing architecture that has remained unaltered for two centuries; it is marked by a unique romantic atmosphere different from any other city in the world.

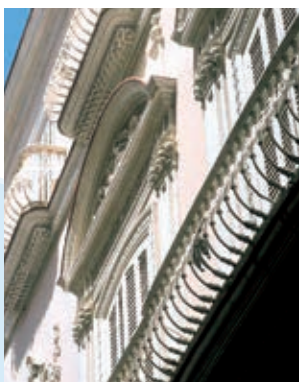
We invite you to get to know Cadiz through different routes: medieval district, castles and bastions, history of the cargadores de Indias (freighters to the Indies) and the origins of Spanish Constitutionalism.



Route 1. Medieval District and Puerta de Tierra (Land Gate)



Route 2. Castles and Bastions



Route 3. "Cargadores a Indias"



Route 4. Constitution of Cadiz

What to see



San Antonio Square



Cathedral



Cathedral Museum

In Cadiz you will be able to admire a large and rich cultural heritage. You will not be able to resist entering its churches and convents, or other especially interesting places such as the camera obscura of the Tavira Tower, the 1st century Roman Theatre, the Phoenician-Roman archaeological site at Bishop's House or a virtual visit to 18th century Cadiz.

And if you want to enjoy beautiful landscapes we recommend you a daylight walk along the city walls or an evening walk to enjoy the magnificent sunset at La Caleta beach.



San Sebastian Castle



How to get there

Cadiz is a Spanish city located close to the southern tip of Europe. It lies on the Atlantic Ocean, close to the Strait of Gibraltar. The city has excellent land, sea and air communications and it can be visited at any time of the year, since it enjoys more than three hundred days of sunshine and very little rainfall.



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City Guide



History

The famous Gadir founded by the Phoenicians around 1100 BC, the wealthy Roman Gades, visited by Julius Caesar, the port city of Cadiz from which Columbus departed on his second trip to the Americas, the heroic Cadiz that in 1797 successfully resisted the siege of Lord Nelson's fleet or the Liberal Cadiz of the 19th century are just a few of the many different periods in the history of the city; without them it would be impossible to know the full history of the commercial developments of ancient civilisations or of colonial trade with America.

Its rich history has left behind a remarkable imprint reflected in its streets, squares, monuments, bastions, museums, etc. However, if there is something that stays unaltered it is its natural beauty, arising from its peculiar location, which turns it into a beautiful city, praised by poets and artists, and a climate that makes it perfect to visit at any time of the year.



Roman Theatre



Candelaria Bastion

Museums

If you want to gain an in-depth knowledge of Cadiz, your best option is to visit its museums: The Museum of Cadiz, the Museum of the Cadiz Parliament, the Cathedral Museum and the Museum of Lithography.

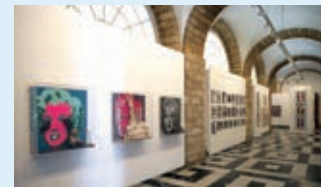
The Museum of Cadiz hosts an important archaeological collection, including Phoenician sarcophagi, and an important painting gallery showing the evolution of Spanish painting since the 16th century. The Museum of the Cadiz Parliament displays pieces from the Spanish War of Independence (Peninsular War), archaeological remains from older times and above all, a wonderful scale model of the city built in wood between 1777 and 1779.



Phoenician sarcophagi



Scale model of the city



Exhibitions Provincial Government of Cadiz



"The Holy Supper" by Goya



"Ecstasy of Saint Francis" by El Greco

Holidays

Holidays and Festivals

February: **Cadiz Carnival**. April: **Holy Week**. June: **Corpus Christi**. June 23rd: **Saint John's Night**. August: **Carranza Football Tournament**. September: **Alcances, Cinema Festival of the Atlantic**. October: **FIT. Ibero-American Theatre Festival of Cadiz**. November: **Tosantos, Spanish Music Festival of Cadiz**. December: **International Puppet Festival**.



Cadiz Carnival



Holy Week



Burning of God Momo

Cadiz has a calendar full of attractive events, but two of them stand out; Carnival and Holy Week. Corpus Christi and Saint John's celebrations are exceptionally beautiful too.

The Cadiz carnival takes place in February and its most significant features are the originality and imagination of the costumes worn by locals and visitors, the choirs singing and moving around the Central Food Market, the spectacular parade that attracts thousands of people and the imaginative repertoires of the different groups performing in streets and squares.

Beaches

For those who love sun and beaches, Cadiz is the ideal city, with more than eight kilometres of beaches.

Victoria Beach is considered to be the best urban beach in Southern Europe; it is approximately 3 km long and has got fine golden sand and a promenade with different restaurants and food stands to enjoy summer evenings. It is close to the main hotels, bars and restaurants of the modern section of the city. Santa Maria Beach is the northernmost of all and has magnificent views onto the Cathedral and the historic city centre, Cortadura Beach is the longest one, with some 4 km. It is the one that preserves best its natural structure, since it is made up by a string of small dunes. We could say that it is a true "virgin beach" right next to the city.

Finally, we invite you to discover La Caleta Beach, located in the historic city centre. Although it is the smallest one, some 450 metres long, there is no question that it is the most beautiful one because of its location between two old military fortresses and its sunsets.



Cortadura Beach



La Victoria Beach