



Tubba II

GUIDE TO ÚBEDA AND BAEZA

Discover Úbeda and Baeza in 72 hours

72 hour guide in Úbeda and Baeza.

The route that we present to you is distributed a day and a half in Úbeda, and another day and a half in Baeza. We have started the tour of Úbeda, but you can start wherever you want.

First day

We start the morning in Úbeda

You will probably arrive in Úbeda by private vehicle, if so, we recommend that you park it around the Wall, in this area there is usually parking and this is free. You can also leave your vehicle parked there for several days. If you come by another means of transport, read the section "How to get there" to find more information about it.

From there, head to Plaza Vázquez de Molina, where you can visit the Sacra Capilla del Salvador and the Collegiate Church of Santa María de los Reales Alcázares. The entrance to these buildings is not free (for more information go to the section of each place), for this reason, perhaps, it is worth hiring a tourist tour that includes visits to the interior of the monuments. Here you can find the different companies that are dedicated to offering tourist services in Úbeda and Baeza.

Although the Palacio del Deán Ortega, current National Tourism Parador, and the Palacio Juan Vázquez de Molina or popularly known as Palacio de las Cadenas, current City Hall of Úbeda, are not monuments that can be visited, you will be able to peek into their beautiful Renaissance courtyards.

You can end the morning by taking a walk along the extensive Walls, where you can be fascinated by the "sea of olive trees" that Antonio Machado wrote so much about, as well as by the beautiful landscape of Sierra Mágina. Here you can visit some of the most important border gates such as La Puerta de Granada or Losal.

You can also go to Calle Valencia where you will find numerous places to buy typical pottery from Úbeda.

The best option to eat is to go for tapas. There are numerous bars where they serve a small portion for free with each drink, if they don't give it to you, ask. In general, the tapas are usually of great quality and size. Also, if you opt for a menu or portion, these are not usually very expensive. Here we propose a list of bars and restaurants where you can do it.

Afternoon in Úbeda

In the afternoon, visit the Hospital de Santiago, another of the jewels of the Spanish Civil Renaissance. As there are numerous shops on the street where this monument is located, you can take the opportunity to make the odd purchase. In addition, if you feel like it, you can have a coffee with an exquisite sweet, since there are many cafes around.

Then visit the Church of the Trinity. If you want to see its interior, you have to bear in mind that this church usually opens from 7 in the afternoon. Then stop by Plaza de Andalucía and look at the Clock Tower, where you can see a commemorative plaque that recalls one of King Carlos V's visits to the city.

To the left of the tower, you will find Calle de Gradass, this will take you to the Church of San Isidoro. You can end the afternoon by visiting the Palacio Vela de los Cobos. Remember that to see the palace you have to make an appointment before (more information in the monument section). To go to this building we recommend that you do them following Obispo Cobos street and Sagasta street, where you will find the Plaza de Toros or Coso de San Nicasio, one of the oldest in Spain. Continue along Sacramento and Ancha Street, one of the first streets built in the 19th century to expand the city, which preserves the typical architecture of the time in perfect condition. Continue along Juan Pasquau Street, where you can see several palaces that have been converted into hotels such as the Palacio de la Rambla or the Palacio de Ordóñez Sandoval, the latter already closed. At the end of the road you will find Calle Real, a pedestrian street characterized by the many bars that there are, and at the end of this street you will find the Palacio Vela de los Cobos.

Then you can go to the Casa de las Torres. You have to bear in mind that this building is not usually open on weekends, but its ornamental façade is worth seeing.

As the safest thing that it is time to have a drink, or if you want to have dinner, we leave you here a list of bars and restaurants where you can do it. Also, if after dinner you still have the strength to continue discovering Úbeda, here we have selected some places for drinks where you can enjoy a good atmosphere and good music.

Second day

We start the morning in Úbeda

Start the morning with a good breakfast based on toast with olive oil and tomato, this can be taken in the many cafes that we propose. You can start your tour at the Church of San Nicolás, although it is not a very visited church, since it is located outside the historic center, it is one of the best examples of Andalusian Gothic. Then you can visit the Archaeological Museum, in it you can see remains found in Úbeda and its surroundings corresponding to the Prehistoric Age to the Modern Age and that are

attributed to the different peoples that have settled in the area. Next you can visit the Synagogue of Water, one of the few examples that are preserved today in Spain of how Jewish communities lived.

From there, go to the Plaza Primero de Mayo, here you can visit the Church of San Pablo, whose entrance is free. You have to bear in mind that this building is only open in the morning on weekends or holidays. In addition, it is worth observing the beautiful facade of the Conservatory, which is located in a corner of the square, since it was the old Town Hall, and the statue of San Juan de la Cruz that is in the center of it.

The tour of Úbeda ends at the Museum of San Juan de la Cruz, it is open from Tuesday to Sunday from 5 to 7 in the afternoon, on Mondays it is closed. The visit also includes the interior of the Church of San Miguel and its oratory.

Afternoon in Baeza

To go to Baeza take the A-316 road, here you can park in Julio Burell or del Carmen streets, if you cannot find parking, park around the Wall.

As it is already time to eat, we recommend that you make a stop on the way to have some tapas, or if you feel like eating, eat. Here we propose a list of bars and restaurants where you can do it. As in Úbeda, in Baeza you can eat tapas or portions or menus, the latter, in general, are not usually very expensive.

After lunch you can take a walk through Plaza Santa María, which houses a very large and peculiar stone fountain. Here you can visit the Cathedral, within it there is a Processional Monstrance dating from 1714, a piece of goldsmithing that will surprise you with its great beauty. Do not leave the square without first having looked at the Renaissance courtyard of the Seminario de San Felipe Neri. Here you can also visit the Jabalquinto Palace, current headquarters of the International University of Andalusia (UNIA). Although it is generally closed in the afternoons, it is worth observing the extensive decoration of its façade.

Get lost in the narrow streets behind the Cathedral and reach the Wall, from which you can have a complete view of the surroundings of Baeza.

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Third day

We start the morning in Baeza

Start the morning touring the Paseo de la Constitución. To start the day right, we recommend that you have a toast with olive oil and tomato, or if you prefer, a typical sweet of the area such as virolos. Along the Paseo de la Constitución there are numerous cafes where you can do it.

Go to the Plaza del Pópulo where you can see the Fountain of the Lions. Here are the Old Butchery (current seat of the Courts) and the Civil Court and Public Notaries (current Tourist Office), although they are not visitable monuments, it is worth, at least, that you pay attention to their beautiful facades.

Next, you can go to the Old University where you can see the Antonio Machado Classroom, which is preserved in perfect condition and is decorated with period furniture. You can end your tour by visiting the Town Hall, current Baeza City Council. Remember that this building is usually open only on weekdays.

As I suppose it will be time for tapas or lunch, you can do it in one of the bars or restaurants that we present here.

We are still in Baeza

You can start your tour in the Church of Santa Cruz, one of the few that you will find in Baeza in the Romanesque style. Then, go to the Parroquia de San Andrés. This church is very dear to the people of Baezan, since it contains the image of the Virgen del Alcázar, patron saint of the city.

You can end the afternoon shopping. In Calle San Pablo and in the surroundings of Paseo de la Constitución you can find clothing stores, accessories or typical products of Baeza. We recommend that to go to Calle San Pablo you do so through Calle del Rojo, Matilla, Jurado de la Parra, Concepción, Corvera and de las Minas, as this will allow you to contemplate the typical architecture of the city.