

Baeza

Andalusia · Spain

TRAVEL GUIDE

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Overview

Baeza is a small town in the province of Jaén, in eastern Andalusia, set among olive groves. With nearby Úbeda, it is a UNESCO World Heritage Site for its Renaissance buildings. It is a peaceful place of golden stone, small squares and a university tradition.

The poet Antonio Machado lived and taught here from 1912 to 1919, and the town appears in his writings.

When to visit

Spring and autumn are the most comfortable. Summers are hot, and winters can be cold. Semana Santa and the festivals of late summer are the main events.

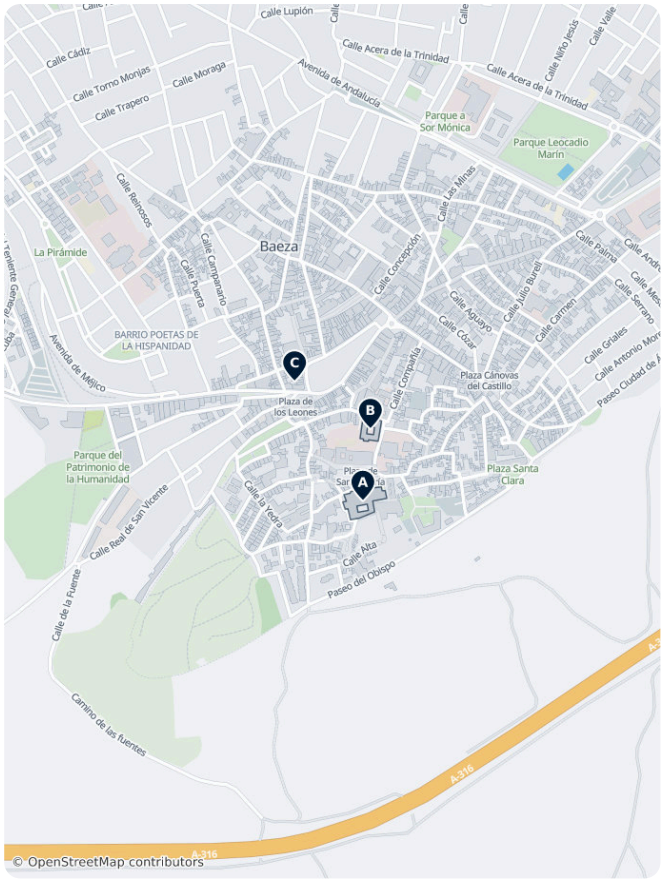
MONTH	CONDITIONS	DAY °C avg / max	NIGHT °C avg / min	
January	Poor Poor for sightseeing	12° / 17° Feels like 8°	1° / -4°	Dry air · Calm winds
February	Fair Fair for sightseeing	14° / 20° Feels like 10°	2° / -4°	Dry air · Calm winds
March	Good Good for sightseeing	17° / 24° Feels like 13°	4° / -2°	Dry air
April	Great Great for sightseeing	20° / 27° Feels like 17°	7° / 2°	Dry air · Calm winds
May	Great Great for sightseeing	25° / 33°	10° / 5°	21 sunny days · Dry air · Calm winds
June	Good Good for sightseeing	31° / 38°	15° / 10°	25 sunny days · Dry air · Calm winds · UV 9 (Very high) · Up to 7 days above 35°
July	Poor Poor for sightseeing	35° / 40°	19° / 14°	29 sunny days · Dry air · Calm winds · UV 9 (Very high) · Up to 18 days above 35°
August	Poor Poor for sightseeing	35° / 40°	19° / 15°	27 sunny days · Dry air · Calm winds · UV 8 (Very high) · Up to 16 days above 35°
September	Great Great for sightseeing	29° / 35°	15° / 11°	21 sunny days · Dry air · Calm winds
October	Great Great for sightseeing	23° / 30°	11° / 5°	Dry air · Calm winds
November	Good Good for sightseeing	16° / 22° Feels like 13°	5° / -1°	Dry air · Calm winds
December	Fair Fair for sightseeing	13° / 18° Feels like 9°	2° / -3°	Dry air · Calm winds

Best months: April, May, September, October

Climate data: NASA POWER (MERRA-2) · 1996–2025

Top sights

- A Catedral de Baeza is a cathedral combining Gothic, Renaissance and Moorish elements, built on the site of a mosque.
- B Palacio de Jabalquinto is a 15th-century palace with a flamboyant Gothic façade and a Renaissance courtyard.
- C Plaza del Pópulo is a picturesque square with a fountain, the Casa del Pópulo and old gates.
- The Puerta de Jaén and the Arco de Villalar are gates of the old walls.
- The Aula de Antonio Machado is a classroom kept as it was when the poet taught here.
- The Torre de los Aliatares is a medieval tower in the old town.
- The Iglesia de Santa Cruz is a Romanesque church.



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What to experience

- Walk through the Plaza del Pópulo and the cathedral square.
- Visit the Antonio Machado classroom.
- Taste the olive oil at a local mill.
- Combine Baeza and Úbeda in a day.

Day trips

- A Úbeda (about 9 km): the sister town in the UNESCO listing.
- **Sierra de Cazorla** (about 60 km): a large natural park with forests and rivers.
- B Granada (about 110 km): the Alhambra.
- C Córdoba (about 140 km): a mosque-cathedral.



Where to explore

Other places nearby:

- **Jaén province**: Úbeda.
- **Andalusia**: Granada, Córdoba and Antequera.

Getting there

- **By train**: The Linares-Baeza station is about 15 km away, with trains to Madrid, Córdoba and Seville. Book on Renfe.
- **By bus**: Buses run from Jaén, Úbeda, Granada and Madrid.
- **By car**: The A-316 road links Baeza with Úbeda and Jaén.

Getting around

- **On foot**: The old town is compact and flat, and everything is close.
- **Taxi and bus**: For Úbeda and the station.

Getting around on foot & by bike

WALKABILITY

High

The old town is compact and flat.

CYCLING INFRASTRUCTURE

Moderate

The roads are quiet, with some slopes.

Driving

- **Is a car worth it?**: Not for the town. It helps for Cazorla.
- **Parking**: Paid and free car parks near the old town.
- **Roads**: Roads are in good condition and traffic is light.

Food & drink

The food is that of Jaén: olive oil, *andrajos*, *pipirrana*, *ochíos* (small bread rolls), *remojón* (a salad with orange and cod) and local cheeses. Olive oil tasting is a speciality.

What to eat & drink

BREAKFAST

Churros · Churros con Chocolate
Fried dough sticks served with a thick, dark hot chocolate for dipping — a classic Spanish breakfast or late-night snack.

LUNCH

Paella Valenciana
A saffron-scented rice dish cooked in a wide, shallow pan. The traditional Valencian version uses chicken, rabbit, and green beans — best eaten at midday.

Gazpacho
A cold, blended soup of raw tomatoes, cucumber, pepper, garlic, olive oil, and vinegar, originally from Andalusia. Served as a drink or a starter, especially in summer.

DINNER

Pulpo a la Gallega
Boiled octopus sliced onto a wooden board and dressed with olive oil, coarse salt, and smoked paprika — a signature dish of Galicia.

SNACKS & STREET FOOD

Jamón Ibérico
Dry-cured ham from acorn-fed Iberian pigs, sliced paper-thin and eaten on its own or with bread. The finest grade, jamón ibérico de bellota, is one of Spain's most prized products.

Tortilla Española
A thick potato and egg omelette, served warm or at room temperature, found in virtually every bar in Spain. Often eaten as a tapa or a quick meal.

Patatas Bravas
Fried potato chunks served with a spicy tomato sauce or aioli — one of the most common tapas across the country.

Pintxos
Small snacks anchored to slices of bread with a toothpick, the Basque Country's answer to tapas. Found in bar counters across San Sebastián and Bilbao, often with elaborate toppings.

Croquetas
Crispy breaded cylinders with a creamy béchamel filling, typically made with jamón, bacalà (salt cod), or mushrooms.

DRINKS

Rioja Wine · Vino de Rioja

Spain's best-known wine region produces full-bodied reds from Tempranillo grapes, aged in oak. The crianza, reserva, and gran reserva labels indicate increasing age and complexity.

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Safety & health

Baeza is a safe town. Summer heat is strong, and the stone streets are slippery when wet.

History

Baeza was an important frontier town in the Reconquista, taken by Ferdinand III of Castile in 1227. It flourished in the 16th century, when the university was founded. The Renaissance buildings were designed with the influence of Andrés de Vandelvira.

Antonio Machado lived in Baeza as a French teacher in the early 20th century. In 2003 the town was inscribed with Úbeda on the UNESCO list.

Country facts

Quick practical facts for Spain at a glance:

CURRENCY

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EMERGENCY

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ELECTRICITY



Type C / Type F
230 V · 50 Hz

LANGUAGES

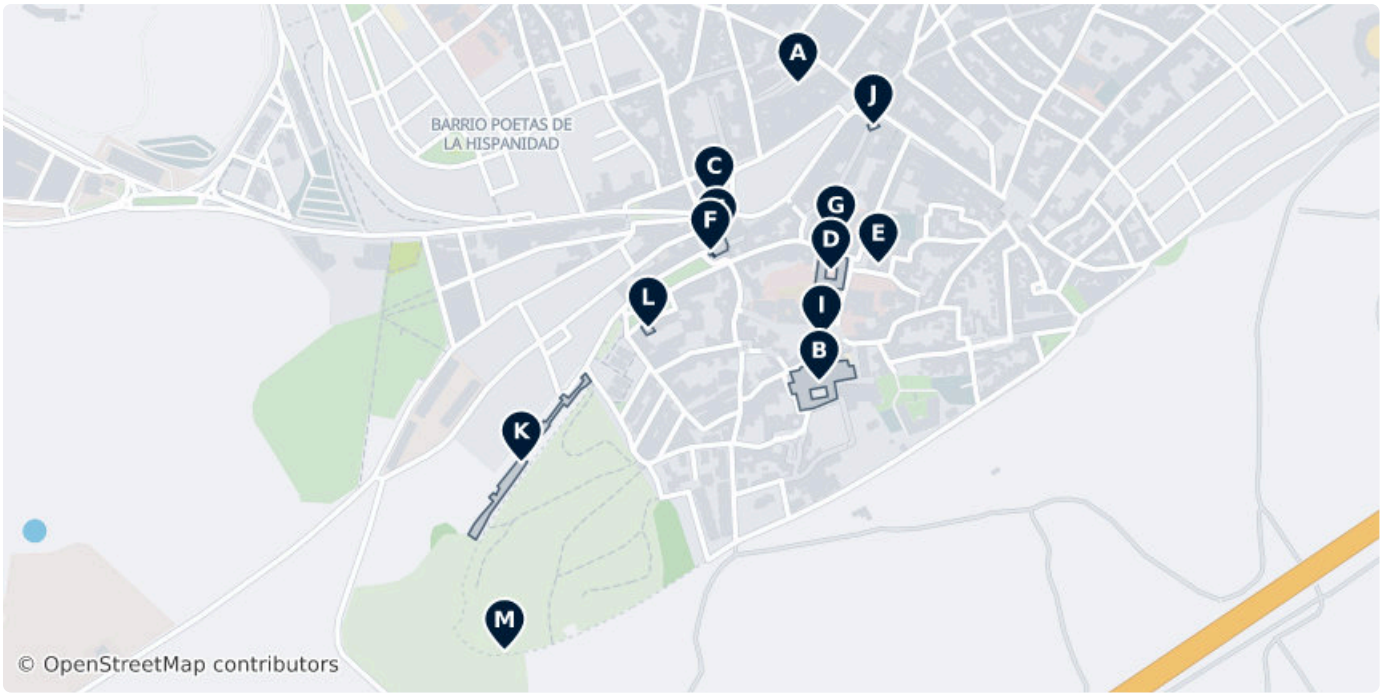
Spanish

TAP WATER

Safe to drink

Baeza's Renaissance Treasures

Baeza is a UNESCO World Heritage site showcasing one of the most complete ensembles of Renaissance architecture in Europe. This list highlights the city's urban transformation during the 16th century, featuring the Isabelline Gothic Palacio de Jabalquinto and the rare Romanesque Iglesia de Santa Cruz. The selection includes the historic Old University where Antonio Machado taught, defensive Almohad towers, and monumental public works like the Fuente de Santa María, reflecting Baeza's legacy as a major Andalusian ecclesiastical and educational center.





A Baeza Old Town

Baeza may refer to:

5 Pasaje del Cardenal Benavides, Baeza 23440, Spain (37.99343, -3.46924)

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B Baeza Cathedral

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C Plaza del Pópulo

Prominent Renaissance square dominated by fountain guarded by lion statues. Part of the historical core listed as UNESCO World Heritage.

6 Paseo de los Portales Zapatería, Baeza 23440, Spain (37.99212, -3.47046)

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D Palacio de Jabalquinto

Isabelline Gothic palace featuring a facade decorated with diamond-point stones and a grand Baroque courtyard. It currently serves as a campus for the International University of Andalusia.

Calle San Juan de Ávila, 23440 Baeza, Spain (37.99128, -3.46876)



E Iglesia de Santa Cruz

A rare 13th-century Romanesque church in Andalusia, featuring a simple stone structure and a semi-circular apse. It survived the city's extensive Renaissance-era urban remodeling.

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F Puerta de Jaén

A historic gateway rebuilt in the 16th century to commemorate the visit of Emperor Charles V. It stands alongside the Arco de Villalar as part of the old defensive perimeter.

Plaza de los Leones, 23440 Baeza (37.99150, -3.47052)



G Aula de Antonio Machado

Preserved 19th-century classroom inside the Old University where the renowned Spanish poet taught French between 1912 and 1919. The room retains its original period furniture and atmosphere.

23440 Baeza (37.99167, -3.46868)



H Plaza de los Leones

Historic square featuring the Fuente de los Leones, which incorporates Roman sculptures salvaged from the ruins of Cástulo. It is flanked by the Casa del Pópulo and the Old Butchers' Building.

2 Plaza de José León, Baeza 23440, Spain (37.99164, -3.47042)

I Fuente de Santa María

Renaissance fountain designed by Ginés de Martínez in 1564. Located in the Plaza de Santa María, it features a triumphal arch design and was the city's first major public water source.

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J Torre de los Aliatares

A 12th-century Almohad defensive tower standing 25 meters tall. It is one of the most significant surviving fragments of the medieval Muslim fortifications that once protected the city.

Plaza de España 2, 23440 Baeza (37.99295, -3.46813)

K Muralla de Baeza

Remnants of the medieval defensive walls. The adjacent Paseo de las Murallas provides panoramic views of the Guadalquivir valley and the vast olive groves of the Jaén province.

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L Museo Baeza

Local museum documenting the city's history and architectural development. It is often housed within significant historic buildings like the former Justice House.

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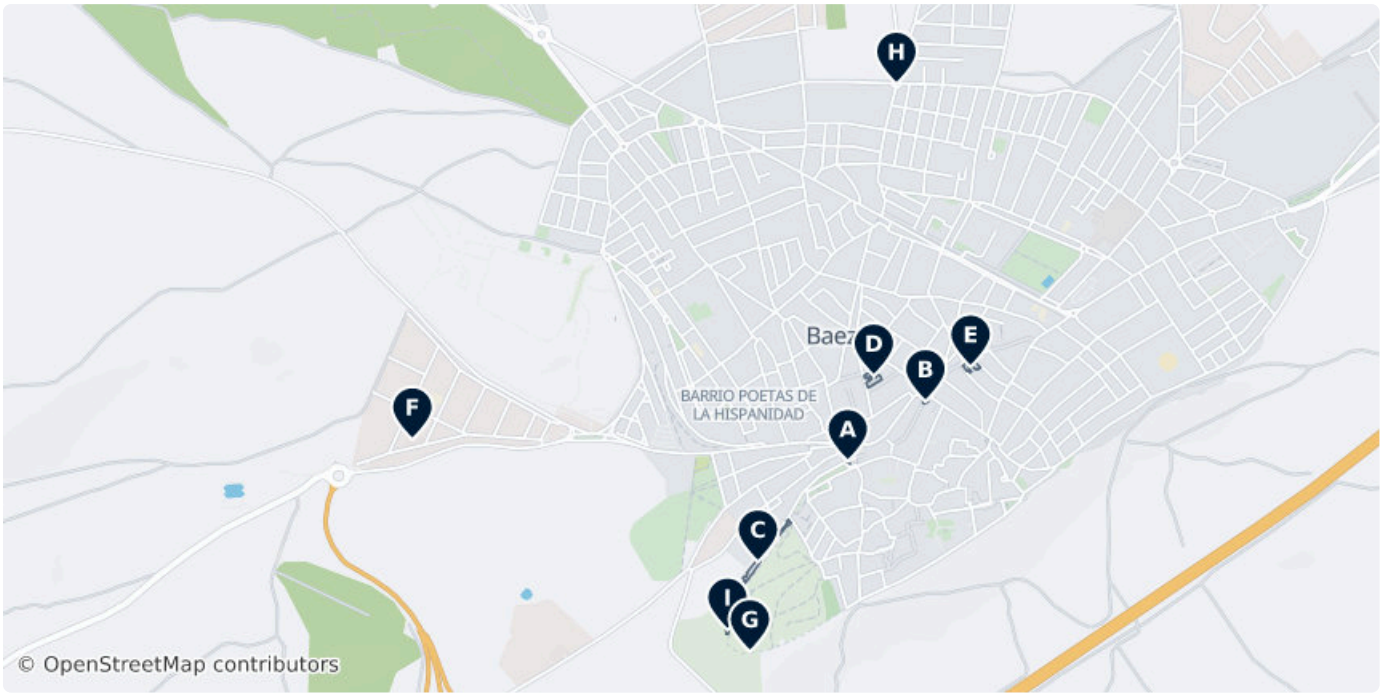
M CXXIX. Antonio Machado.

A memorial dedicated to the Spanish poet Antonio Machado, commemorating the seven years he lived and worked in Baeza.

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Historic Baeza

Baeza's historic center, a UNESCO World Heritage site, preserves a dense concentration of Renaissance architecture and medieval fortifications. This selection features defensive structures like the 12th-century Torre de los Aliatares and the Puerta de Jaén, alongside civil monuments such as the Plateresque Casas Consistoriales. The list also highlights the city's cultural landscape, including a memorial to poet Antonio Machado and traditional olive oil mills that define the heritage of the Jaén region.





A Puerta de Jaén

A 16th-century reconstruction of a former medieval gate, decorated with the coat of arms of Emperor Charles V. It stands adjacent to the Arco de Villalar.

Plaza de los Leones, 23440 Baeza (37.99150, -3.47052)

B Torre de los Aliatares

A 25-meter high defensive tower from the 12th century. It formed part of the city's Muslim fortifications and features a 19th-century clock.

Plaza de España 2, 23440 Baeza (37.99295, -3.46813)

C Muralla de Baeza

Remains of the medieval defensive walls that once protected the city, showcasing various stages of construction from the Almohad and Christian periods.

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D Casas Consistoriales de Baeza

A 16th-century Plateresque palace that formerly served as the High Court and Town Hall. It features an ornate facade with intricate stone carvings.

Pasaje Cardenal Benavides, 23440 Baeza
(37.99357, -3.46972)

E Nuevo Casino

A 19th-century social and cultural club located in a historic building on the central Paseo de la Constitución.

Calle San Pablo 24, 23440 Baeza (37.99379, -3.46674)

F Castillo de Biatía

A restaurant specializing in regional cuisine, located within a building designed with medieval architectural elements.

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G CXXIX. Antonio Machado.

A memorial dedicated to the Spanish poet Antonio Machado, who lived and taught French at the local grammar school between 1912 and 1919.

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H Antiguo Molino de aceite

A preserved historic olive oil mill representing the traditional industrial and agricultural heritage of the Jaén province.

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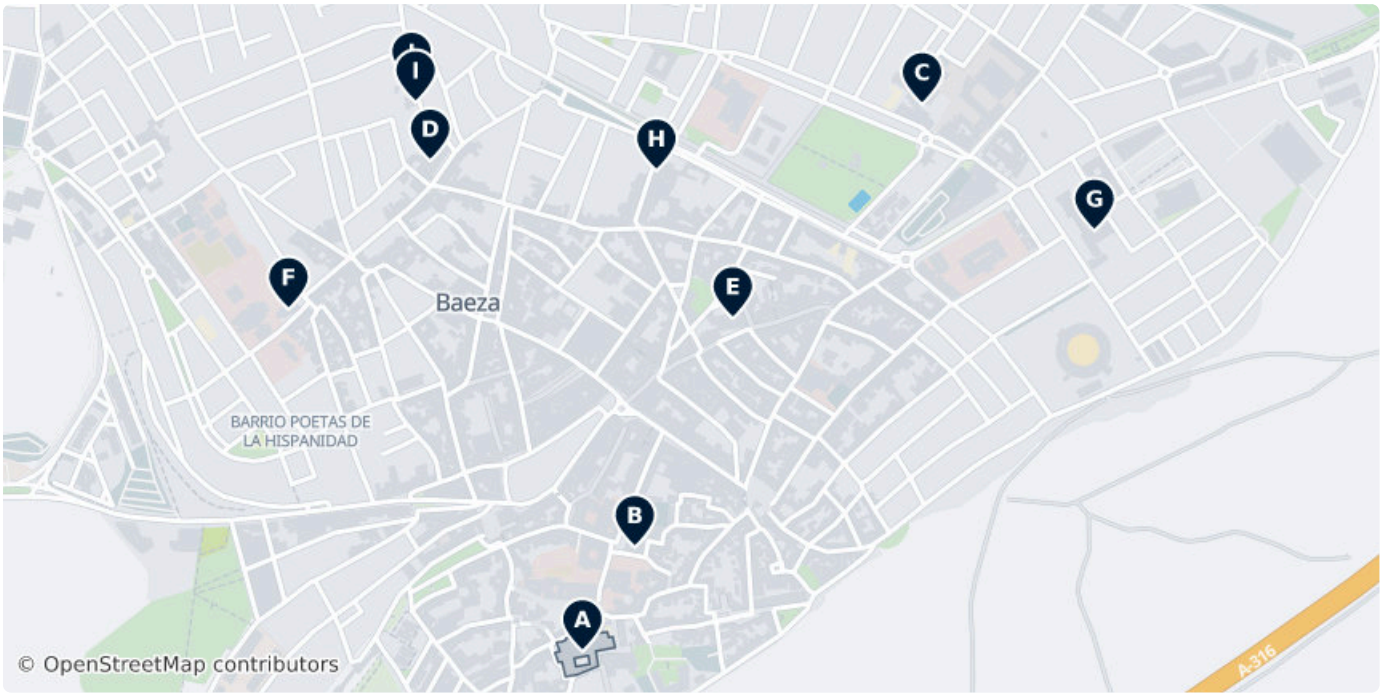
I Muralla de Baeza

Ruined sections of the historic city wall, illustrating the medieval defensive perimeter of the old town.

Calle de Antonio Machado, Baeza 23440, Spain
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Historic Religious Sites

Baeza's UNESCO-listed historic center features a dense concentration of religious architecture spanning the Romanesque, Gothic, and Renaissance periods. This list highlights the Cathedral of the Nativity of Our Lady, built over a former mosque, and the 13th-century Church of Santa Cruz, a rare example of Late Romanesque style in Andalusia. These sites, along with active monasteries and parish churches like San Andrés and San Pablo, showcase the city's ecclesiastical importance and artistic evolution during Spain's Golden Age.





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B Iglesia de Santa Cruz

A 13th-century Late Romanesque church, a rare architectural style in eastern Andalusia. It features a semicircular apse and a simple portal with a triple archivolt.

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C Convento de San Antonio

A Franciscan monastery established in the 15th century. It features a Renaissance facade and a single-nave church with a notable Baroque main altarpiece.

7 Acera de Trinidad, Baeza 23440, Spain
(37.99711, -3.46332)

D Iglesia de San Andrés

A 16th-century church blending Gothic and Renaissance elements. It is distinguished by its Plateresque south portal and its role as the seat of several historic brotherhoods.

36 Calle de San Andrés, Baeza 23440, Spain
(37.99637, -3.47143)

E Iglesia de San Pablo

A Late Gothic and Renaissance church built between the 15th and 16th centuries. It houses several private chapels belonging to local noble families and features a Renaissance facade.

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F Iglesia de los Trinitarios Descalzos

A 17th-century Baroque church originally belonging to the Discalced Trinitarians. The building follows a Latin cross plan and features a sober, classicist exterior.

2 Calle de San Miguel de los Santos, Baeza 23440, Spain
(37.99444, -3.47377)

G Iglesia de San Ignacio

A 17th-century Baroque church founded by the Jesuits. It follows the typical Society of Jesus architectural model with a single nave and interconnected lateral chapels.

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H Iglesia de la Magdalena

A historic church with Romanesque origins, featuring a simple stone structure. It is one of the city's oldest religious sites, reflecting early Christian architecture in the region.

19 Calle de la Magdalena, Baeza 23440, Spain
(37.99624, -3.46770)

I Hermandad del "Cristo de la Salud, La Sangre"

A religious brotherhood based at the Church of San Juan de Dios. It preserves historic 17th-century sculptures and manages traditional Holy Week processions.

16 Calle de la Capilla, Baeza 23440, Spain
(37.99713, -3.47168)

J Hermandad de "Sta. Mª del Alcázar y S. Andrés"

A religious association based in the Church of San Andrés. It is dedicated to the Virgin of the Alcázar, the patron saint of Baeza, and Saint Andrew.

20 Calle de la Capilla, Baeza 23440, Spain
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