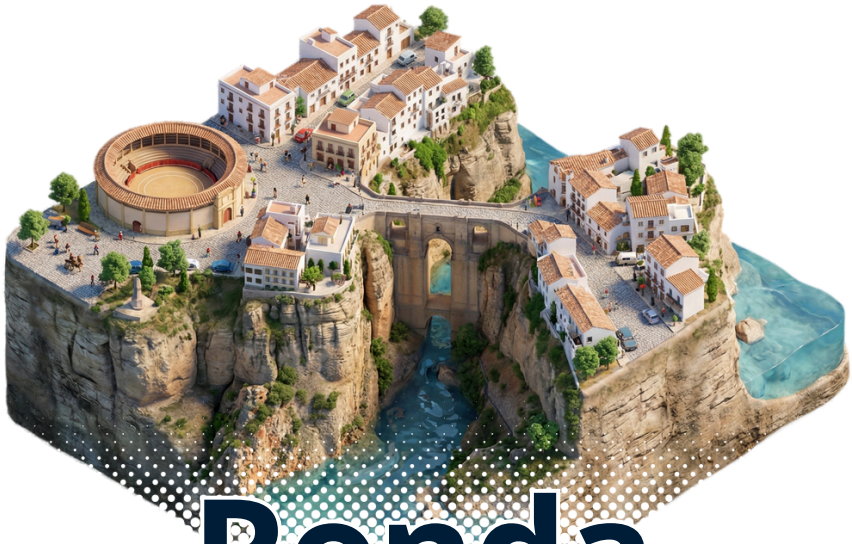


Ronda

Andalusia · Spain

TRAVEL GUIDE

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Overview

Ronda is a small town in the mountains of Andalusia, about 100 km from Málaga. It is built on both sides of a deep gorge, and a famous stone bridge joins the old and new parts of town.

Ronda suits one or two nights of views, history and quiet streets. Most day visitors leave in the afternoon, so the evening and early morning are calm.

When to visit

Spring and autumn are the best seasons, with mild days and clear light. Summer is hot in the day. Winter is cool and can be wet.

The biggest event is the Feria de Pedro Romero in early September. It includes a traditional bullfight in 18th-century costume.

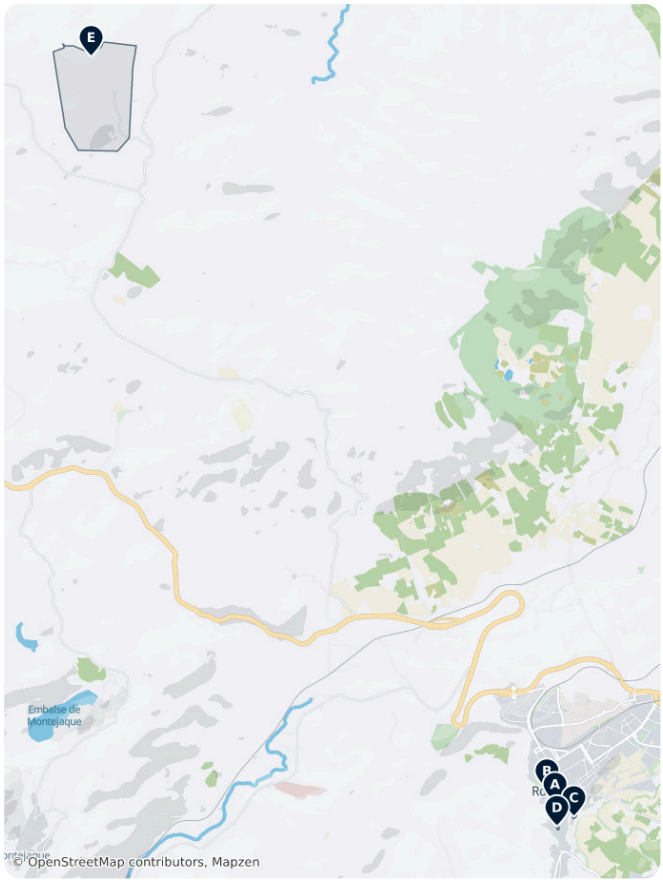
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January	Good Good for hiking	12° / 15° Feels like 7°	6° / 2°	Dry air
February	Great Great for hiking	12° / 17° Feels like 8°	6° / 2°	Dry air
March	Great Great for hiking	14° / 19° Feels like 10°	7° / 3°	Dry air
April	Great Great for hiking	16° / 21° Feels like 12°	9° / 5°	Dry air
May	Great Great for hiking	19° / 25° Feels like 16°	11° / 7°	☀ 21 sunny days · Dry air
June	Great Great for sightseeing	23° / 28°	14° / 11°	☀ 25 sunny days · Dry air · UV 9 (Very high)
July	Great Great for sightseeing	26° / 32°	17° / 14°	☀ 29 sunny days · Dry air · UV 9 (Very high)
August	Great Great for sightseeing	26° / 32°	18° / 15°	☀ 28 sunny days · UV 8 (Very high)
September	Great Great for sightseeing	23° / 28°	15° / 12°	☀ 20 sunny days
October	Great Great for sightseeing	19° / 24°	13° / 9°	Dry air
November	Great Great for hiking	15° / 19° Feels like 11°	9° / 4°	Dry air
December	Good Good for hiking	12° / 16° Feels like 8°	7° / 3°	Dry air

Best months: May, June, July, August, September, October

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

Top sights

- A New Bridge is the stone bridge that crosses the El Tajo gorge. It was finished in 1793 and is nearly 100 m high. The best views are from the paths below the town.
- B Plaza de Toros de Ronda is one of the oldest bullrings in Spain, built in 1785. You can visit the arena and a small museum.
- C Baños Árabes are medieval Moorish baths in the lower part of town, near the river.
- D Iglesia de Santa María la Mayor is a church built on the site of an old mosque. It has a Moorish arch and a Gothic and Baroque interior.
- E Ciudad romana de Acinipo is a Roman town about 20 km from Ronda, with a well-preserved theatre.
- The Casa del Rey Moro and its garden stand above the gorge and have steps down to the water.



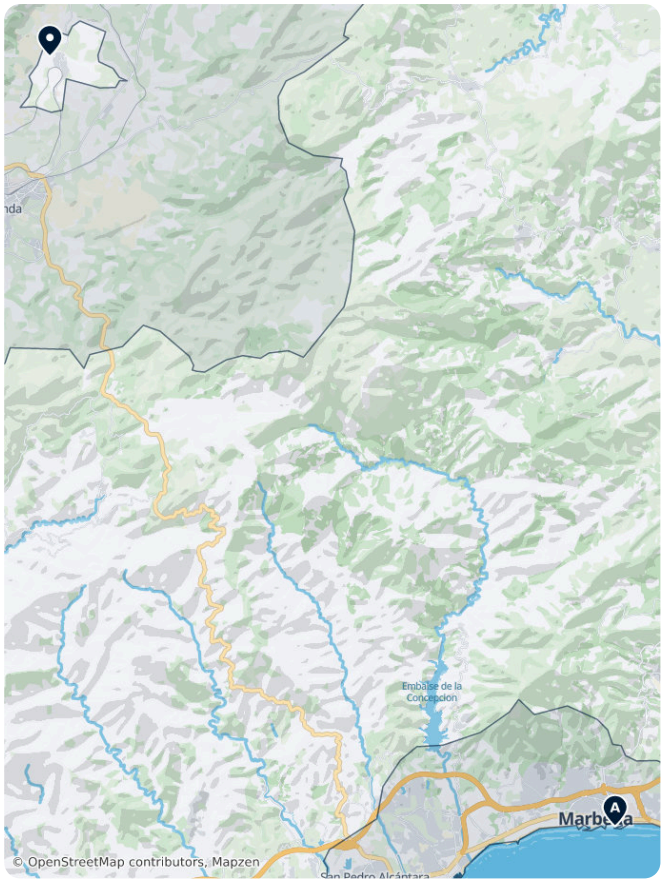
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What to experience

- Walk along the cliff-edge viewpoints of the new town at sunset. The gorge turns gold in the evening light.

Day trips

- **Setenil de las Bodegas** (about 20 km, 25 minutes by car): a village with houses built under huge rock overhangs.
- **Grazalema** (about 40 km, 45 minutes by car): a white village in a natural park with hiking trails.
- A Marbella (about 60 km, 1 hour 15 minutes by car): a coastal resort. The road is winding.



Where to explore

Other places in Andalusia:

- **On the coast**: Marbella and Algeciras.
- **Inland**: Antequera and Carmona are old towns with many historic buildings.

Getting there

- **By air**: The nearest airport is Málaga (AGP), about 100 km away. Seville (SVQ) is also an option.
- **By bus**: Direct buses link Ronda with Málaga, Seville and coastal towns.
- **By train**: Slower regional trains arrive from Algeciras and Granada. Book on Renfe.
- A car makes day trips from Ronda easier.

Getting around

- **On foot**: The old town and the new town are both small. The streets between them cross the bridge.
- **Cycling**: Hills and cobbles make cycling hard for most visitors.

Getting around on foot & by bike

WALKABILITY

Moderate

The town is small, but streets are steep and cobbled.

CYCLING INFRASTRUCTURE

Low

Hills and cobbles make cycling hard for most visitors.

Driving

- **Is a car worth it?**: A car is useful for villages and mountain roads, but not needed in town.
- **Parking**: Park in the new town and walk to the old town.
- **Restrictions**: The streets of the old town are narrow, and some are closed to visitors' cars.

Food & drink

Ronda is known for *rabo de toro*, a slow-cooked oxtail stew, and for game and lamb dishes from the mountains. Small vineyards around Ronda make local wines.

The best places to eat are in the streets near the Plaza del Socorro and the bullring.

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

Ronda is very safe. Walk carefully near the edge of the gorge, where fences are low in places. Summer sun is strong, so carry water.

History

Ronda was a Roman and then a Moorish town. The baths and the old town walls date from the Moorish period. Christian forces took the town in 1485.

The old bridge and the new bridge show two periods. The new bridge, New Bridge, was built in the 18th century, and the bullring, Plaza de Toros de Ronda, is from the same period. Ronda is known as the home of modern bullfighting.

Country facts

Quick practical facts for Spain at a glance:

CURRENCY

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EMERGENCY

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ELECTRICITY



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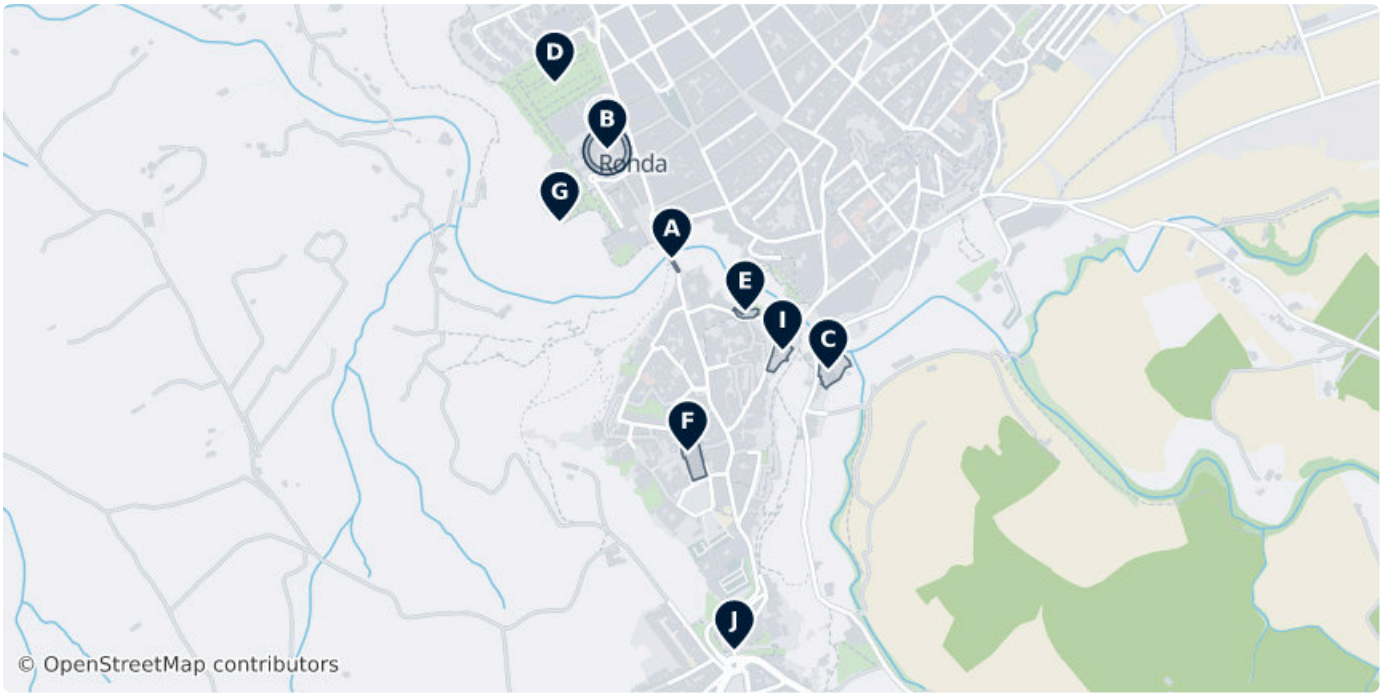
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TAP WATER

Safe to drink

Ronda's Absolute Essentials

Ronda is defined by its dramatic position atop the El Tajo gorge. This selection features the 18th-century Puente Nuevo, the historic Plaza de Toros—one of Spain's oldest bullrings—and the well-preserved 13th-century Arab Baths. The list covers architectural highlights ranging from the Moorish Almocábar Gate to the Baroque Salvatierra Palace, alongside cliffside parks and viewpoints offering panoramic vistas of the Serranía de Ronda landscape.





A New Bridge

18th-century arch bridge known for its impressive engineering and scenic views over a deep gorge.

4 Puente Nuevo, Ronda 29400, Spain (36.74066, -5.16584)



B Ronda Bullring

One of the oldest bullrings dates back to the 18th century and today it is also one of the most symbolic places of bullfighting.

Calle Virgen de la Paz 15, 29400 Ronda, Spain (36.74235, -5.16709)

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C Arab Public Baths, Ronda

Visit the richly ornate spa complex that is really extraordinarily well preserved. Situated in a charming old quarter, too.

Calle Molino de Alarcón s/n 11, 29400 Ronda, Spain (36.73894, -5.16281)

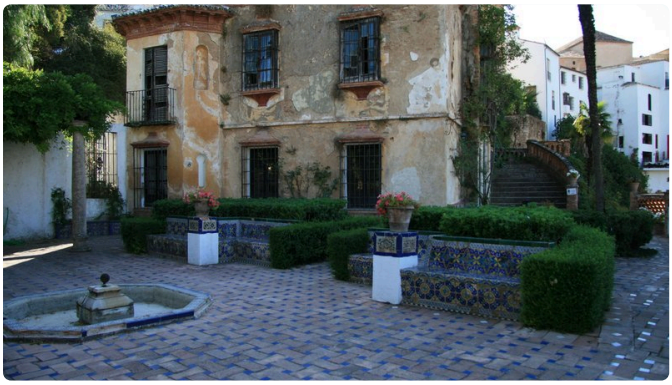
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D Parque Alameda del Tajo

19th-century botanical garden featuring five tree-lined avenues and cliffside balconies overlooking the Guadalevín River valley.

Paseo de los Ingleses, Ronda 29400, Spain (36.74338, -5.16810)



E Casa del Rey Moro

18th-century mansion featuring terraced gardens and a 14th-century "Water Mine" with nearly 300 steps carved into the rock leading to the river.

Calle Santo Domingo 9 (36.73984, -5.16442)



F Santa María de la Encarnación Church

This church is actually a rebuilt mosque - hence the distinctive architectural medley. Admire the building and look for traces of the mosque.

Plaza de la Duquesa de Parcent (36.73767, -5.16553)



G Mirador de Coño

Cliffside balcony offering panoramic views of the Tajo gorge. It is locally known for the steep, dramatic drop into the valley below.

Ronda 29400, Spain (36.74123, -5.16800)



H Plaza de Toros de Ronda

The Plaza de Toros de Ronda is a Bullring in Ronda, it has a diameter of 66 metres, surrounded by a passage formed by two rings of stone.

2 Calle de Pedro Romero, Ronda 29400, Spain (36.74239, -5.16711)

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I Palacio del Marqués de Salvatierra

18th-century palace featuring a notable Baroque facade with four colonial-style figures supporting the pediment. Located near the old city walls.

14 Calle Marqués de Salvatierra, Ronda 29400, Spain (36.73924, -5.16369)

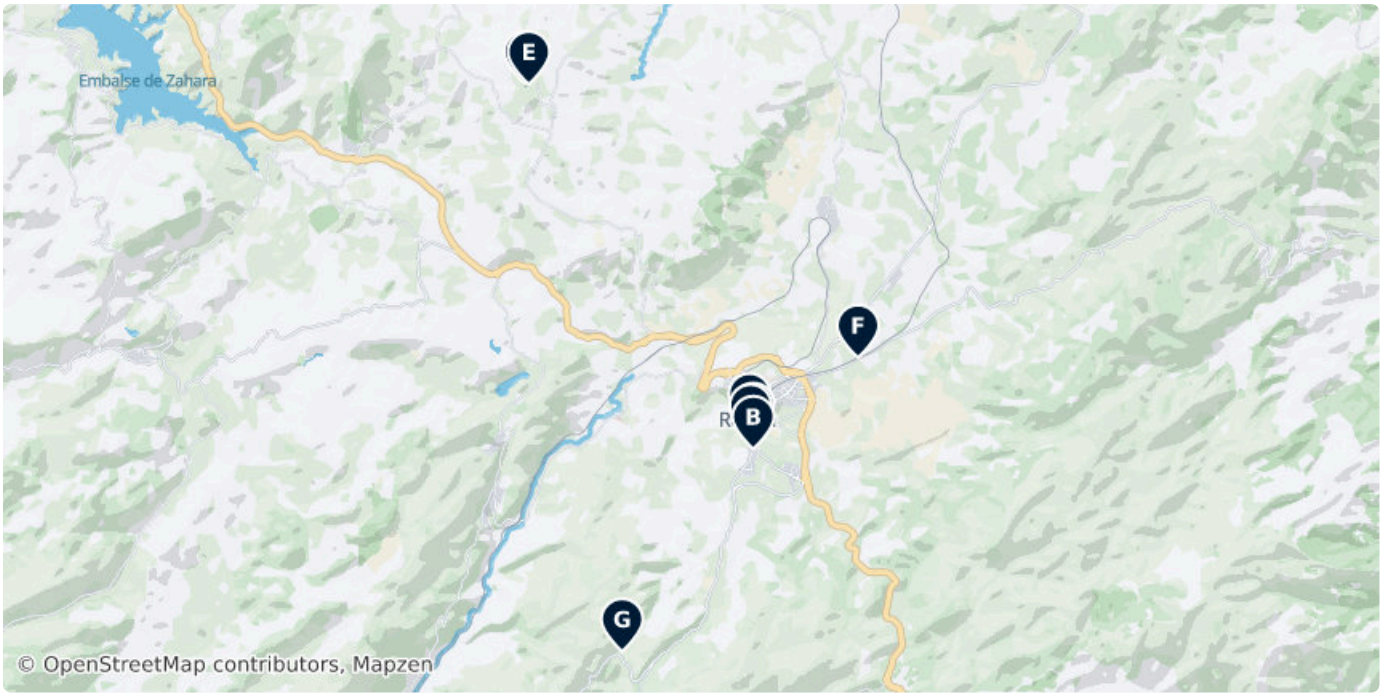
J Puerta de Carlos V

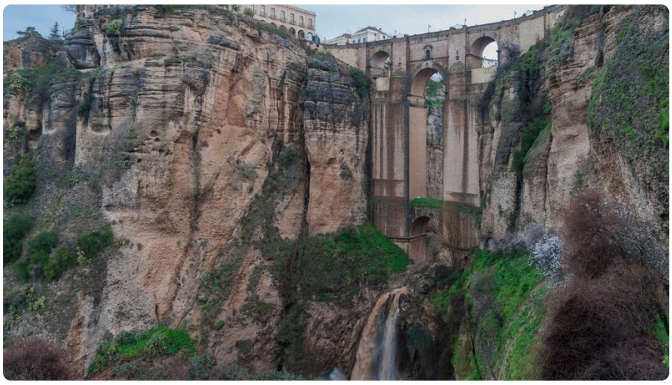
13th-century Moorish gate that served as the primary entrance to the fortified city. It features semi-circular towers and horseshoe arches.

Calle del Espiritu Santo, 29400 Ronda, Spain (36.73459, -5.16463)

Historic Sites & Ancient Ruins

This collection traces Ronda's architectural evolution from the prehistoric Dolmen de Encinas Borrachas to the iconic 18th-century Puente Nuevo. Explore the Roman ruins of Acinipo, featuring a well-preserved theater, and the medieval Puerta de Almocábar. The city's Islamic heritage is visible in the Minaret of San Sebastián and the Church of Santa María la Mayor, which retains elements of its original mosque structure, highlighting the diverse cultural layers of this high-altitude settlement.





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4 Puente Nuevo, Ronda 29400, Spain (36.74066, -5.16584)

B Puerta de Carlos V

A 13th-century Moorish gate that served as the main entrance to the city. Its horseshoe arches and defensive towers are key examples of Ronda's medieval Islamic fortifications.

Calle del Espiritu Santo, 29400 Ronda, Spain (36.73459, -5.16463)



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Plaza de la Duquesa de Parcent (36.73767, -5.16553)



D Roman theater

The ruins of a theater are the only remnants left from the ancient town. Wonderful monument set in a dramatic landscape.

(Unnamed Road), 29400, Spain (36.83184, -5.24065)

+34 951 04 14 52



E Ciudad romana de Acinipo

Acinipo was a city about 20 kilometers from Ronda, in the Spanish province of Málaga, believed to have been founded by retired soldiers...

(Unnamed Road), 29400, Spain (36.83178, -5.23936)

F Acueducto de La Hidalga y Coca

The ruins of a historic water transport system that once supplied the city, showcasing traditional masonry engineering.

(36.75887, -5.12973)

G Dolmen de Encinas Borrachas

A prehistoric megalithic burial site dating back to the Bronze Age, consisting of a stone passage grave situated in the surrounding mountain landscape.

Carretera de Ronda a Gaucín, 29494 Alpandeire, Spain (36.68055, -5.20828)

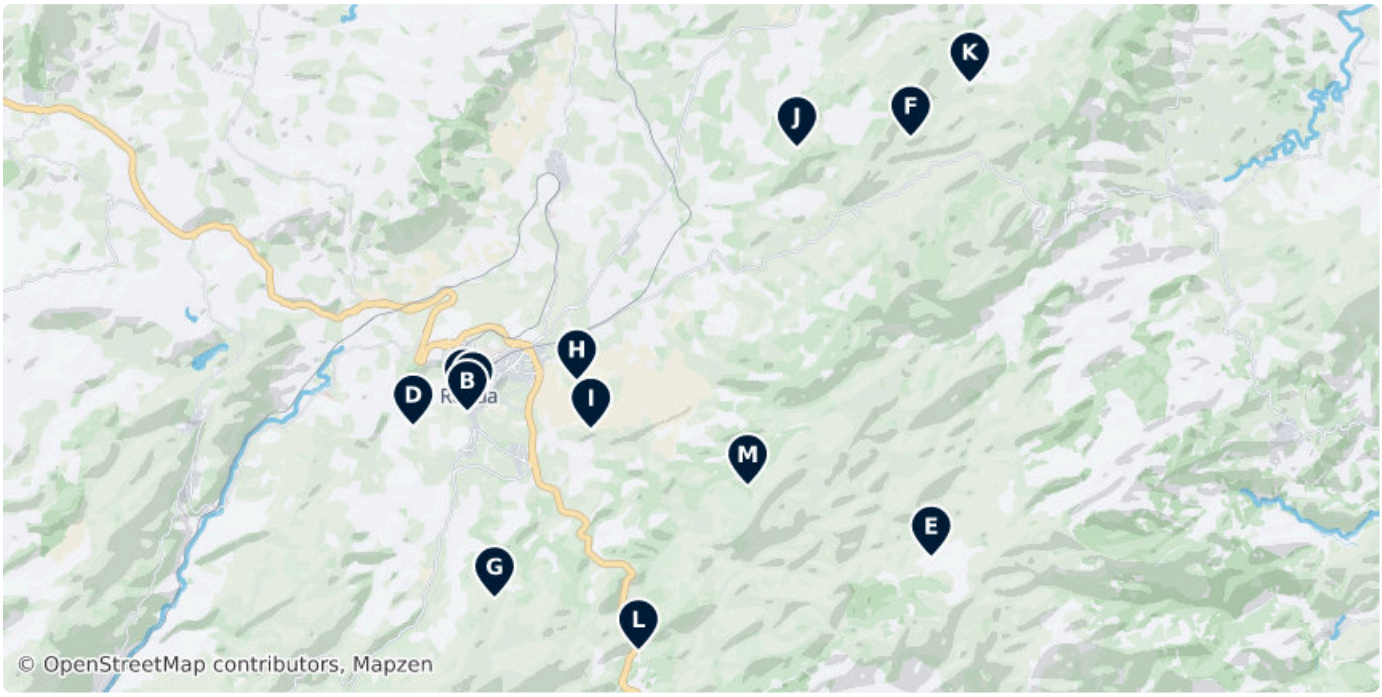
H Torre alminar de la Iglesia de San Sebastián

A 14th-century Nasrid minaret, the only surviving part of a former mosque. It features decorative brickwork and small horseshoe arches characteristic of regional Islamic architecture.

1 Plaza del Poeta Abul-Beca, Ronda 29400, Spain (36.73806, -5.16460)

Spectacular Viewpoints and Peaks

Ronda's unique geography is defined by the Tajo gorge, a 120-meter deep limestone chasm carved by the Guadalevín River. This collection features the town's iconic balconies, such as the Mirador de Aldehuela and the Alameda del Tajo viewpoints, which offer direct views of the 18th-century Puente Nuevo. Beyond the urban center, the list extends into the Sierra de las Nieves, encompassing prominent peaks like Cancho de Blanquilla and Cerro de las Monjas, known for their rugged karst landscapes and panoramic vistas across the Serranía de Ronda.





A Mirador de Coño

Overhanging balcony in the Alameda del Tajo park. It is colloquially named for the common exclamation made by visitors when encountering the steep vertical drop into the valley.

Ronda 29400, Spain (36.74123, -5.16800)

B Mirador

Viewpoint overlooking the Guadalevín River valley and the agricultural plains of the Serranía de Ronda.

(36.73833, -5.16703)

C Mirador de Aldehuela

Named for the architect of the Puente Nuevo, this viewpoint offers a direct perspective of the bridge and the 120-meter deep gorge.

(36.74055, -5.16527)

D Mirador Tajo de Ronda

Cliffside viewpoint offering a perspective of the limestone gorge carved by the Guadalevín River.

Camino de la Ermita de la Virgen de la Cabeza, 29400 Ronda, Spain (36.73492, -5.18341)

E Mirador los Coloraíllos

Viewpoint located on the eastern slopes of Ronda, overlooking the Sierra de las Nieves.

(36.70311, -5.02665)

F Cerro del Nogal

Mountain peak situated within the Sierra de las Nieves mountain range.

29400, Spain (36.80490, -5.03287)

G Cancho de Blanquilla

Limestone peak in the Sierra de las Nieves reaching an elevation of 1,428 meters.

29400, Spain (36.69324, -5.15880)

H Cerro de la Pastora

Hill located east of the Ronda town center.

29400, Spain (36.74586, -5.13388)

I Cerro de la Cancha

Mountain peak south of Ronda offering views over the surrounding karst landscape.

29400, Spain (36.73414, -5.12965)

J Cerro de las Navetas

Peak in the northern section of the Sierra de las Nieves.

29400, Spain (36.80233, -5.06727)

K Cerro de las Monjas

Prominent peak in the Sierra de las Nieves, accessible via trails from the Lifa valley.

Camino al Cerro de las Monjas, 29471, Spain (36.81794, -5.01499)

L Cerro Alcántara

High point located in the rugged terrain south of Ronda.

Carretera de Ronda, 29451, Spain (36.68039, -5.11522)

M Tajo de la Gotera

Limestone cliff formation in the Serranía de Ronda.

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