

Antequera **"Crossroads of Andalucia"**



Antequera is a fascinating town, both architecturally and historically, yet it has somehow avoided being on the coach-tour circuit – which only adds to its charms. The three major influences in the region, Roman, Moorish and Spanish, have left the town with a rich tapestry of architectural gems. The highlight is the opulent Spanish-baroque style that gives the town its character and which the civic authorities have worked hard to restore and maintain. There is also an astonishing number of churches here – more than 30, many with wonderfully ornate interiors. Little wonder that the town is often referred to as the 'Florence of Andalucía'.

Alcazaba (Fortress)



Favoured by the Granada emirs of Islamic times, Antequera's hilltop Moorish fortress has a fascinating history and covers a massive 62,000 sq metres. The main approach to the hilltop is from Plaza de San Sebastián, up the stepped Cuesta de San Judas and then through an impressive archway, the Arco de los Gigantes, built in 1585 and formerly bearing huge sculptures of Hercules. All that is left today are the Roman inscriptions on the stones.

The admission price includes a multilingual audioguide, which sets the historical scene as you meander along tidy pathways, flanked by shrubs and some archaeological remains of a Gothic church and Roman dwellings from the 6th century AD. Climb the 50 steps of the Torre del Homenaje for great views, especially towards the northeast and of the Peña de los Enamorados (Rock of the Lovers), about which there are many legends.

Admission to the Colegiata de Santa María la Mayor is included in the price. Don't miss the ruins of Roman Baths dating from the 3rd century AD, which can be viewed from Plaza Santa María, outside the church entrance. Although a tad overgrown, you can clearly see the layout, aided by an explanatory plaque. Price - adult/child incl Colegiata de Santa María la Mayor €6/3
Hrs -10am-7pm Mon-Sat, 10.30am-3pm Sun

Museo de la Ciudad de Antequera



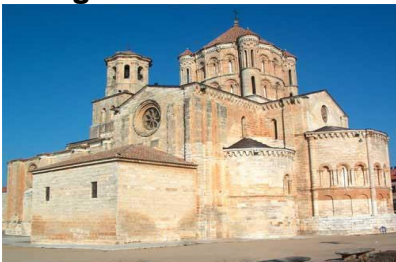
Located in the town centre, the pride of the Museo Municipal is the elegant and athletic 1.4m bronze statue of a boy, Efebo. Discovered on a local farm in the 1950s, it is possibly the finest example of Roman sculpture found in Spain. The museum also displays some pieces from a Roman villa in Antequera, where a superb group of mosaics was discovered in 1998. The collection includes a treasure trove of religious items, containing so much silver that you can only visit by guided tour on the half-hour. Price - compulsory guided tour €3
Hrs 9.30am-2pm & 4.30-6.30pm Tue-Fri, 9.30am-2pm Sat, 10am-2pm Sun

Museo Conventual de las Descalzas (Barefoot Carmelites)



The Barefoot Carmelites of Santa Teresa founded a house and convent in Antequera in 1632, although the present church was built between 1707 and 1734. Of the exterior set of the Conventual Museum of the Descalzas they emphasize the portadita of rule of the time of the foundation and the wonderful one Baroque façade of the church. The facade responds to the compositional scheme of the Carmelites, although it results from a notable paganism in its iconography, which is inconsistent with the spirit of the Order. It is made of magnificently carved and carved brick, with numerous applications of baked clay representing a confused Greco-Roman decorative program of sirens, newts, pegasos and mascarones. The plant of the church is of Latin cross, of a single ship and with the arms of the cruiser shallow. Prices - General: € 3.30 Hours - Tuesday to Friday, from 9:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. And from 5:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Sunday and public holidays, from 9:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Duration : 30 minutes

Colegiata de Santa María la Mayor



Just below the Alcazaba is the large 16th-century Colegiata de Santa María la Mayor. This church-cum-college played an important part in Andalucía's 16th-century humanist movement, and boasts a beautiful Renaissance facade, lovely fluted stone columns inside and a Mudéjar artesonado (a ceiling of interlaced beams with decorative insertions). It also plays host to some excellent musical events and exhibitions.

Price- adult/child incl Alcazaba €6/3 Hours - 10am-7pm Mon-Fri, 10.30am-3pm Sun

Bodega Gross Hermanos : Wine Tasting, Vineyard/Winery Tour - Antequera



“Where a passion for producing wine and a flare for hospitality are complimented by the outstanding natural beauty”

Bodega Gross Hermanos was born in 2007 as a family project in which tradition, innovation and modernity are combined. It is the fruit of a long family tradition of winemakers and exporters from the nineteenth and twentieth centuries (Federico Gross y Cía., Gross Hermanos and Bodegas Scholtz) who made the typical Málaga products known internationally (highlighting the raisin and wine from Málaga) and monopolized a good number of international awards. This new generation takes up the project of its predecessors with the renewed illusion of a job well done.

The process of making our wines is carried out in our facilities following procedures that guarantee maximum quality and control from the treatment of the grapes to the obtaining of the wine. Aging and aging are carried out in French oak barrels of the best quality, using different toasts depending on the need of each wine to be made. In our winery, we have a tasting room where you can taste our products while admiring a natural landscape of extraordinary beauty.

Certified as ecological, the vineyard is treated in a sustainable manner creating a symbiosis with the natural environment, which favors the optimal development of the vine and therefore, a grape of the highest quality.

The harvest is done manually in small boxes and in the most appropriate conditions so that the optimum characteristics of the fruit are maintained. Likewise, the proximity to our winery, allows the grapes to reach it immediately and in the best conditions for the production of our wines.

Journey through vineyards; A Selection of Guided Tours are available at the Vineyards in English. Example: Vineyards & Winery tour, wine tasting & Lunch. The Tour at the Vineyard and winery will be complemented with a tasting of two of our wines and lunch/tapas meal at our winery. Typical food of Antequera and in some cases, cultivated in our organic garden.

Price; 35€ Person, A minimum of 3 people. Duration; Approximately 3 hours and 30 minutes.

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