



## EXCURSIONS IN ANDALUCIA

### To the town of Sherry and the School of Equestrian

The town dates back to Moorish times and possesses a charming old town, *casco antiguo*, with beautiful palm lined squares. The 11th century Moorish fortress, or Alcazaba, has been partially restored. Of special interest is its church, originally built by the Arabs as a mosque. The Sacristy of the Cathedral del Salvador is home to a lovely painting by Zurbarán, La Virgen Niña. Today the city of Jerez has a remarkably aristocratic air with wide streets, squares and magnificent rows of jacaranda trees during spring.

#### SHERRY

The sherry production houses are located, surprisingly, in the centre of the town of Jerez and are generally associated with an element of snobbery and aristocratic pride even to this day.

The Spanish word *bodega* means "cellar", but its generic meaning is "wine manufacturer". Visitors take guided tours of the many Jerez *bodegas*, such as Gonzalez Byass, Pedro Domecq and Sandeman. British winemakers have been active here for centuries, which is why many of the names have an Anglo-Saxon ring to them. Tours of the cellars take place on week days, followed by sampling of the various types of wine produced.

## FLAMENCO

Jerez is famous for its long - standing Flamenco tradition, making it an excellent place to watch this great art. The Flamenco festival of Jerez (traditionally last week in Feb and first week in March) is one of the most important in the world, with two weeks of phenomenal music and dance from internationally renowned performers

Flamenco dancing is centred around the Barrio de Santiago which faces the cathedral. On the Plaza de San Juan, the Andalucian Flamenco Foundation can be found within a stylish eighteenth-century mansion, the Palacio de Pemartín. Here you can learn something of this Andalucian dance form and visit the museum with audiovisual presentations. Flamenco can also be seen at Bar Arco de Santiago, Calle Barreras, 3 or La Taberna Flamenca, Angostillo de Santiago, 3, Jerez de la Frontera.

Jerez Tourist Information Office is located at Alameda Cristina - Edificio Los Claustros - 11403 Jerez. Tel. 956 324 47. The office is open from Monday to Friday, from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm and from 5:00 pm.



## REAL ESCUELA DE ARTE EQUESTRE

For a real performance of the most noble and classical kind, no one should miss the magnificent stallions of the Real Escuela Andaluza del Arte Equestre, the Royal Andalusian School of Equestrian Art, whose spirited performances take place on Thursdays (and some other days, depending on the month) at the riding school, adjacent to the historic 19th century Palacio de las Cadenas, in the sherry town of Jerez de la Frontera. There are tours of the 60 stables arced round a cobbled courtyard and a wonderful tack room, with harnesses and tack worn by all the performing stallions, some of it dating back to the 18th century.

The school also has a practical role in training horses and horsemen in *doma va quera* and *doma classica* - dressage, coach-driving,

blacksmithy and the manufacture and care of harness.

Visitors may watch a show on these days:

**Jan and February:** Thursday

**March to July:** Tuesday and Thursday

**August and September:** Tuesday, Thursday and Friday

**October to December:** Tuesday and Thursday

The show starts at 12.00. Alternatively, you can watch **training taking place** on other days of the week. Tickets for the show cost between 21 and 27 euros each.

**The Carriage Museum** is open Mon to Fri from 10.00 to 16.00 (Saturdays when there's a show 10.00 to 15.00) and admission is 4.50 euros. A "half tour" of the establishment is available on days when the show is taking place and costs 6.50 euros and a "themed visit" on days when the

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show is not taking place and costs 11 euro.



Tickets may be purchased at the ticket office at the school which is open from 09.30 to 11.45. Vouchers may be purchased on line below and exchanged for a ticket at the ticket office up to one hour before the show saving time and ensuring entry for this popular show.  
Avda. Duque de Abrantes s/n (tel. 956 319 635)

### ANDALUCIAN DANCING HORSES SHOW

Unique show, "How the Andalusian Horses Dance", is an equestrian ballet accompanied by quintessential Spanish music and 18th century styled costumes. Based upon Classical Dressage, Doma Vaquera (country-style riding) and traditional equestrian chores. At Fundación Real Escuela Andaluza del Arte Ecuestre. **Tuesdays and Thursdays 12.00 hrs 90 min show. Tickets from 21 Euro.**



### Tapas and Sherry



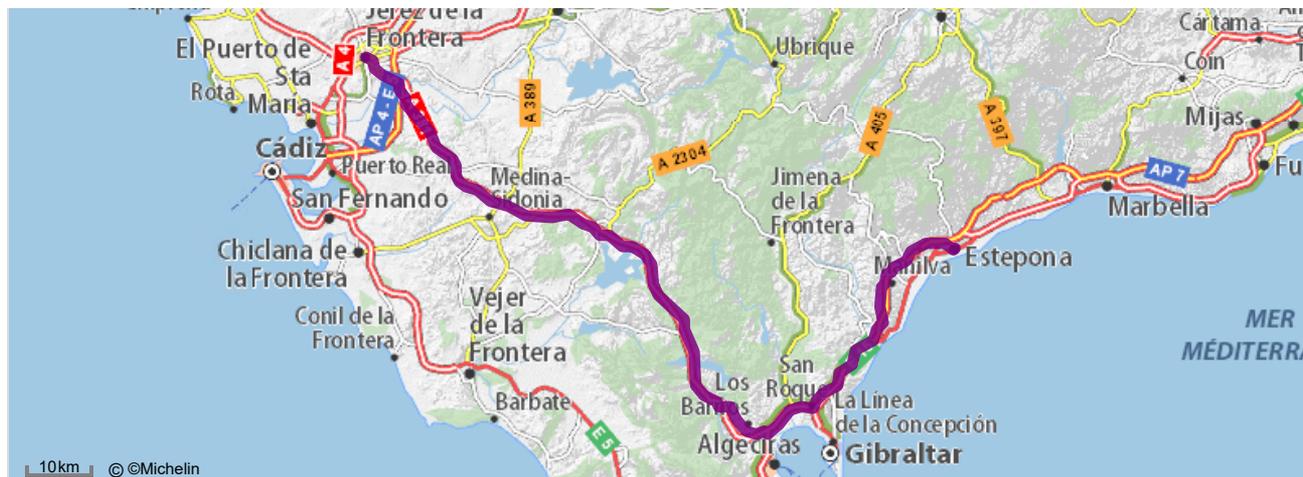
Of course you should taste tapas and Sherry in one of the tapas bars. Look for this sign.

 Estepona > Jerez de la Frontera via A-7

 **Time:**  
**01h42**  
including 01h18 on motorways  
No traffic impact for departure at 13h43

 **Distance:**  
**142 km**  
including 132 km on motorways

 **Costs:**  
**€12.22**  
including Consumption €12.22



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**Departure: Estepona, Calle Santa Ana**

**Leave Estepona**

Continue along: **Avenida de España**

0.3 km 00h00

 At the roundabout, take the 1st exit: **Avenida de Juan Carlos I**

0.7 km 00h02

 At the roundabout, Avenida de Juan Carlos I, take the 2nd exit: **Avenida de Juan Carlos I**

1.3 km 00h03

 At the roundabout, Avenida de la Puerta del Mar, take the 2nd exit towards:

**ALGECIRAS  
CÁDIZ**

Exit Estepona

2 km 00h06



At the roundabout, take the 3rd exit: **A-7 / E-15** towards:





**ALGECIRAS  
CÁDIZ**

3 km 00h06



Continue along: **AP-7 / E-15**



24 km 00h19





Continue along: **A-7 / E-15**



47 km 00h34



 Take the exit towards:



  
**LOS BARRIOS  
JEREZ  
E-5 - AP-4 - SEVILLA**

135 km 01h25



Continue along: **A-2004**

136 km 01h26

**Pass Los Alvarizones**

137 km 01h28

 At the roundabout, take the 1st exit: **A-2004 / Avenida Medina Sidonia**

Exit Los Alvarizones

138 km 01h31

		<b>Arrive in Jerez de la Frontera</b>
138 km	01h31	Continue along: <b>A-2004 / Avenida Medina Sidonia</b>
140 km	01h34	 At the roundabout, take the 2nd exit: <b>Avenida Medina Sidonia</b>
141 km	01h37	 At the roundabout, Paseo de las Delicias, take the 3rd exit: <b>Calle Cartuja</b>
141 km	01h38	 At the roundabout, Plaza del Minotauro, take the 2nd exit
141 km	01h38	 Then immediately , turn right : <b>Calle Cartuja</b>
141 km	01h38	Continue along: <b>Calle Medina</b>
142 km	01h40	 Turn right
142 km	01h40	 Then immediately , turn left : <b>Calle Doctrina</b>
142 km	01h41	 Turn left : <b>Calle Bizcocheros</b>
142 km	01h42	Continue along: <b>Calle Larga</b>
142 km	01h42	 Turn right : <b>Alameda del Marqués de Casa-Domecq / Calle Alameda</b>
142 km	01h42	

**B Destination: Jerez de la Frontera, Calle Porvera**

Check your tyre pressure at least once a month and particularly before a high-speed journey.