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Úbeda

*A timeless journey through
its cultural calendar*



An intoxicating chronicle of cultural pleasures for souls thirsting for eternal beauty

Úbeda, a UNESCO World Heritage City, is a place where culture never sleeps but dances endlessly between ageworn stones and modern hearts. Its Renaissance grandeur isn't just a backdrop, it's a living stage for a cultural calendar that renews itself with every dawn, a fulfilled promise to the senses.

Palaces, churches and plazas become theatres for international festivals, ageold festivities and events that invite you to live history as if it were forever present. We invite you to journey through the four seasons, discovering Úbeda's cultural heartbeat in each, because here every day is a chance to celebrate life at its most extraordinary.



Winter:

Timeless Traditions and Sublime Cuisine

Far from any cultural hibernation, Úbeda's winter is a time of deeprooted celebration and delights that nourish body and spirit. **The Hogueras de San Antón** in January and Carnival in February set the rhythm for popular festivities, proving that social life and folklore are just as vibrant as the city's immortal monuments.

Tolón Tolón Festival:

A comedy season to kick off the year with a smile

Winter in Úbeda begins with laughter. **The Tolón Tolón Festival** brings together some of Spain's finest comedy talents, turning the city's theatres and cultural venues into lively stages of wit, satire and pure entertainment.

Stand-up shows, comedy performances and contemporary stage acts fill the cultural calendar in the opening months of the year, offering a vibrant alternative for both locals and visitors seeking a different kind of getaway—where stunning heritage meets top-tier Spanish humour.

It's the perfect time to experience Úbeda at a gentler pace: savour its rich gastronomy, wander through its UNESCO-listed old town, and round off your day with applause, laughter and unforgettable moments.



Gastronomic Days in the Renaissance:

Temporary Banquet

The highlight of the winter season arrives with the **Renaissance Gastronomic Days**, an event that transforms dining into a journey back to the 16th century. Some of Úbeda's finest restaurants take part, offering specially curated menus that blend contemporary haute cuisine with historic flavours, creating an experience that is both a feast and a step back in time.

Each participating restaurant is paired with one or more local **extra virgin olive oils (EVOOs)**, carefully selected to complement the dishes. These oils not only enhance every recipe but also play a central role in the overall gastronomic experience, showcasing the richness and character of the region's olive-growing heritage.

The experience is further enriched by the **Renaissance Afternoon Teas**, held in charming cafés throughout the historic centre, inviting visitors to savour the past as if unfolding a deliciously written manuscript.

Spring:

The Bloom of Art and Deep Devotion

With the arrival of spring, Úbeda blossoms with art and tradition, like a garden awakening from its winter slumber. Úbeda's **Holy Week**, officially recognised as a Festival of Tourist Interest, is one of the most important in Andalusia and stands out for the strict chronological order of its processions, which recount the Passion with solemnity, devotion and a carefully crafted staging.

With the participation of 19 brotherhoods, it becomes a powerful expression of faith and heritage, drawing thousands of devotees and admirers of religious art, as the streets are transformed into a deeply moving and sacred setting.

The season is further enriched by events that bring diversity and energy to the city: the **European Comic Festival** turns Úbeda into a meeting point for the ninth art, while the **Romería Grande of the Virgen de Guadalupe** sees decorated floats and pilgrims accompanying the city's patron saint into Úbeda, in a celebration that blends tradition, community spirit and local pride.

Music Festivals

Symphonies Among Stone

As the season progresses, the city becomes a venue for elite international music. **The Flamencos y Mestizos Festival** cements Úbeda as a meeting point for flamenco and hybrid sounds, where every palo and every rhythm finds its perfect echo against walls that have heard centuries of music.

Alongside it, **the International Music and Dance Festival "Ciudad de Úbeda"** brings world class soloists and orchestras to grand historic stages, where every note resonates with deep heritage.

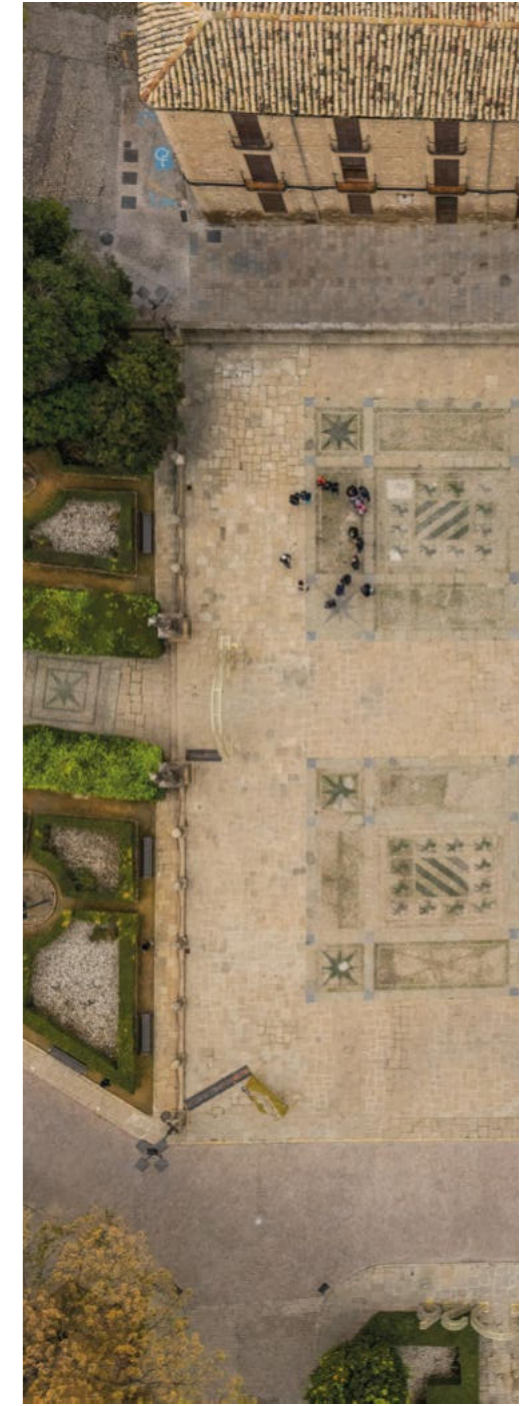
Outdoor Performing Arts

Street theatre springs to life at the **Cucha de Primavera Circus Festival**, a free event that turns public squares into fleeting stages of magic and wonder.

The Úbeda World Heritage Plein Air Painting Competition turns the city into a vast openair studio each spring. Dozens of artists, from rising talents to established painters, set up easels in squares, viewpoints and historic corners to reinterpret landscapes and everyday scenes in every imaginable medium.

The "In Úbeda Tales Are Told..." Storytelling Festival

Celebrates the legend of tía Tragantía, bringing oral narratives to unexpected city corners, where every story finds its perfect place among architecture that itself tells tales.



Summer:

Grand Festivals and Echoes of the Past

Summer is a season of grand celebrations, when Úbeda reveals its full cultural splendour, filling its streets and squares with life, art and tradition.

Renaissance Festivals:

Total Period Theatre

The Renaissance Festival, celebrating Úbeda's designation as a UNESCO World Heritage Site, transforms the entire city with parades, dance performances, period banquets and a Renaissance Market in Plaza Vázquez de Molina, turning the space into a vast open-air stage where visitors and locals become part of the same historical spectacle.

Every summer, the **Cinefan Festival** turns Úbeda into a hub for film and television, particularly in the genres of fantasy, adventure and science fiction.

Over several days, the city comes alive with screenings, talks, panel discussions, meet-and-greets with actors, directors and industry experts, cosplay parades and film music concerts, transforming its squares and historic settings into authentic open-air film sets.

Year after year, this themed festival strengthens Úbeda's position as a must-visit destination for film

enthusiasts, enhancing the city's international appeal and offering a unique cultural experience within a UNESCO-listed setting.

Adding to this vibrant summer energy is **Level Up**, an event dedicated to gaming culture and creative leisure, featuring board games, role-playing, manga, video game tournaments, interactive activities and spaces specially designed for younger audiences and families.

Summer Music:

Concerts Under the Stars

La música es protagonista indiscutible del estío. El **FestMUVE (Festival de Música de Verano)** se ha consolidado como una de las citas más seductoras del sur peninsular, atrayendo figuras de talla internacional que convierten cada concierto en comunión entre arte y arquitectura.

Hacia el final de la estación, las **Jornadas "Sabina por aquí"** rinden homenaje al cantautor ubetense con el prestigioso **Certamen Internacional de Canción de Autor (CINCA)**, patrocinado por el propio maestro Sabina, convirtiendo la ciudad en peregrinaje musical para trovadores contemporáneos.

Heritage Night:

Nocturnal Revelation

Summer culminates with **La Noche del Patrimonio** (Heritage Night), a national celebration when Úbeda opens its monuments free of charge, offering guided tours, historical reenactments (including Roman legion displays) and artistic shows in iconic sites that under the moonlight take on an almost mystical air.



Autumn:

The Realm of Letters and the Performing Arts

Autumn in Úbeda is a time for reflection and the performing arts, when the city turns intimate and contemplative — perfect for deeper cultural experiences.

Quality Theatre:

A Season of Excellence

La Muestra de Teatro de Otoño " Ciudad de Úbeda" marca el inicio de temporada teatral, atrayendo compañías de excelencia y ofreciendo espectáculos en diversos recintos.

Literature and Living History

Literature takes centre stage in October with the **Úbeda International Historical Novel Award**, bringing together renowned authors for talks and conferences, showcasing new releases and hosting prestigious award ceremonies. As a distinctive highlight, spectacular **historical**



reenactment camps fill the streets with characters and scenes from bygone eras, turning the historic centre into a living novel, where every square and corner becomes a page brought to life.

Autumn is also enriched by a series of celebrations that reflect Úbeda's cultural identity:

The **San Miguel Fair** (28 September to 4 October) fills the city with colour, activities and events, standing as a vibrant expression of local life and popular tradition.

The **Semana Sanjuanista** pays tribute to the poet and mystic **St John of the Cross**, who lived in Úbeda, through literary and cultural events that honour his legacy and enduring connection to the city.

And the **¡Cucha de Otoño! Clown Festival**, held every Sunday in October and November, delights younger audiences with circus performances and humour, creating joyful family moments in the heart of the city.

Year End:

Early Music and Christmas Magic

The year draws to a close with the **Úbeda and Baeza Early Music Festival**, bringing back the sounds of centuries past and filling unique historic settings with timeless music.

It is followed by the enchanting **Christmas Programme**, featuring the traditional **Three Kings Parade** and the **Municipal Nativity Scene Competition**, which light up the streets and squares with music, wonder and festive cheer, turning the city into a true Christmas dreamscape.

And as the perfect finale to this cultural calendar, the **Puppet Festival** offers a must-see event for children and families, where imagination takes centre stage and puppets come to life to tell stories full of magic, colour and fantasy in some of Úbeda's most emblematic settings.



Cultural Calendar

Úbeda's Grand Stages

Where Heritage Takes Centre Stage

Úbeda's monuments are not only to be admired, but to be truly experienced. Every event takes on a unique dimension when set against these extraordinary historic backdrops:

Hospital de Santiago

A major venue for concerts and exhibitions, hosting festivals such as **FestMuve, the Music and Dance Festival, and the "Flamencos y Mestizos" Festival – Ciudad de Úbeda.**

Plaza Vázquez de Molina

An open-air setting that becomes the main stage for large-scale events such as the **Renaissance Festival** and circus performances, where the architecture itself becomes part of the spectacle.

Teatro Ideal Cinema

A municipal venue hosting film seasons as well as classical, contemporary and comedy theatre performances.

Iglesia de San Lorenzo

A restored cultural space that stages select events, including the grand finale of the **"Sabina por aquí" Festival.**

Museo Arqueológico de Úbeda

A vibrant venue for workshops, historical reenactments and temporary exhibitions, alongside other landmark spaces such as the **Salvador Chapel, FAUB, Santa María, and the Museum and Oratory of St John of the Cross**, all of which reflect the unique character of Úbeda as a **World Heritage City.**



Úbeda Awaits You:

A Perpetual Invitation to Beauty

Úbeda's cultural calendar is a golden thread that connects visitors with the city's history, art and deepest soul. If you seek an authentic, vibrant experience any time of year, Úbeda is a destination that never disappoints, because here every day is a celebration of beauty and culture, the most noble of human pleasures.

Come when you will: Úbeda always has a feast ready for the spirit.

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