

WHAT DO YOU KNOW ABOUT ANDALUCIA?



Andalusia is an autonomous community at the South of Spain and it's only separated by 14 kilometres from Africa at the Strait of Gibraltar. The Atlantic Ocean and the Mediterranean Sea are part of its coastline and it's got beautiful beaches. The longest river of Andalusia is The Guadalquivir River.

The territory of Andalusia is divided into eight provinces: Cádiz, Sevilla, Huelva, Málaga, Granada, Almería, Córdoba and Jaén. The capital of Andalusia is the city of Sevilla.

The main symbols of Andalusia are: **The flag, coat of arms and the anthem.** The andalusian flag is green, white and green, with a coat of arms in the center of the flag. The green colour of the flag symbolizes hope and union, and the white symbolizes peace and dialogue.

The coat of arms has got two lions on it and an image of the mythical Greek hero Heracles between two columns. The columns represent the Pillars of Heracles (the mountains on either side of the Strait of Gibraltar).

The anthem is called "la bandera blanca y verde" in honour of Blas Infante considered "the father of Andalusia"

The Day of Andalusia is the 28th of February

The weather in Andalusia is sunny in Spring and Summer, rainy in Autumn and not very cold in Winter. Sevilla and Córdoba have got high temperatures in the summer sometimes above 40° centigrades.

Food

Andalusia is famous for its excellent food. You can eat fried fish, prawns and shrimps in the coast provinces and the famous “Pata Negra” ham in Huelva. Andalusia has got very good fruit and the finest vegetables to make gazpacho and salmorejo. Virgin Olive oil is one of the most famous andalusian products. Sherry wines are world famous too.

Tradition

Andalusia has got famous festivals and traditions like April Fair in Sevilla, where you can sing and dance “sevillanas”, the surprising Carnival in Cádiz, The May Cross in Granada, the Rocio Pilgrimage in Huelva, The Patios in Córdoba or the Málaga Feria.

Flamenco singing and Easter Holly Week are very important too.

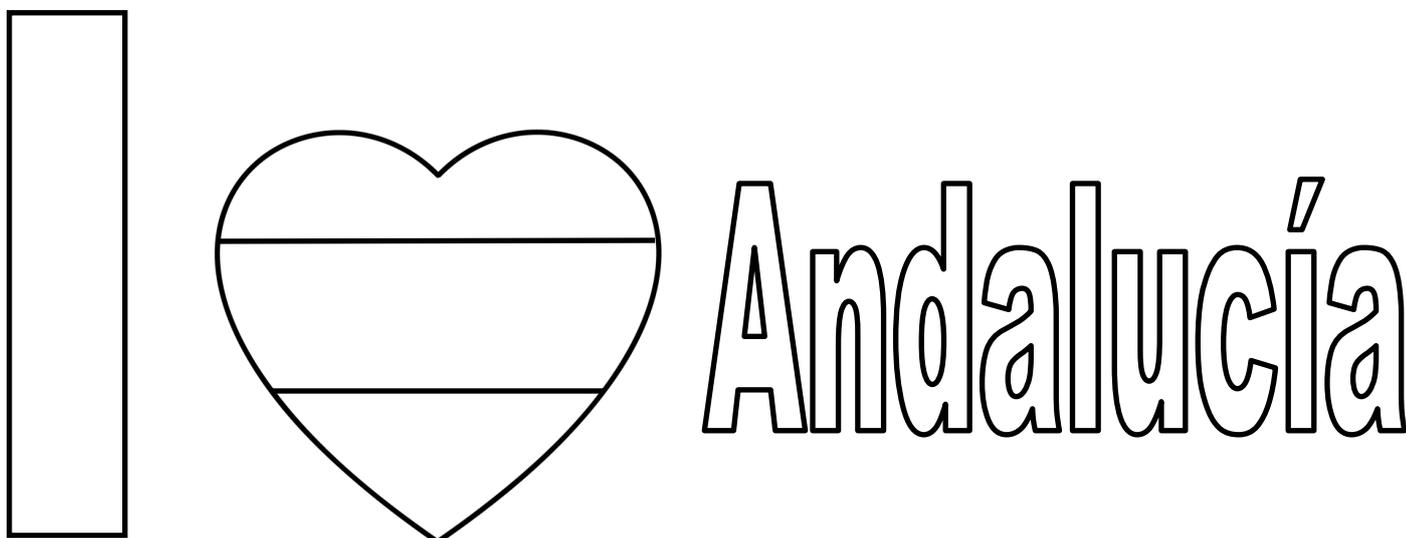
Monuments

You can see very beautiful monuments in all of the andalusian provinces. In Cádiz you can see The Great Falla Theatre and the Sand Gates, in Sevilla La Giralda and the Golden Tower, Córdoba is famous for its Mosque Cathedral and the Roman Bridge, Huelva for The Colón’s Monument, Jaén has a very nice Cathedral, Málaga has got The Alcazaba and the Tajo de Ronda, Almería has the only european desert, the Tabernas Desert and Granada’s Alhambra Castle and Generalife Gardens are famous all over the world.

Culture

Andalusia is well known for his history, tradition and culture. Flamenco dance and singing are famous in the whole world with celebrities like Cristina Hoyos, Camarón de la Isla or the guitarist Paco de Lucía.

Celebrated painters like Murillo, Velázquez or Julio Romero de Torres were born in Andalusia and writers like Federico García Lorca, Antonio Machado, Gustavo Adolfo Bécquer, Luís de Góngora, Luís Cernuda, Rafael Alberti, Séneca, María Zambrano, Antonio Gala are very important for Spain’s Literature. Two of them, Juan Ramón Jiménez and Vicente Aleixandre were awarded with the prestigious Nobel Prize.



ANDALUSIA QUIZ

- 1.- Where is Andalusia located?
- 2.- Which are the andalusian provinces near the sea?
- 3.- What's the name of the longest andalusian river?
- 4.- How many provinces has Andalusia got? Write their names.
- 5.- Where is the capital of Andalusia?
- 6.- Which are the symbols of Andalusia?
- 7.- What does the andalusian flag colours symbolize?
- 8.- Who is in the andalusian coat of arms? Are there any animals on it?
- 9.- What's the name of the anthem?
- 10.- How is Blas Infante considered?
- 11.- What's the weather like in Spring and Summer in Andalucía?
- 12.- Can you tell me the name of three famous andalusian food?
- 13.- In which of the festivals and traditions have you been?
- 14.- Complete the chart with the main monuments of these provinces:

CADIZ	HUELVA	SEVILLA	CORDOBA	JAEN	MALAGA	GRANADA	ALMERIA

- 15.- What' s the name of a famous flamenco guitarist?
- 16.- Who are the most famous andalusian painters?
- 17.- Which of the writers was born in Cádiz?
- 18 .- Who were the winners of the Nobel Prize?
- 19.- When do we celebrate the Day of Andalusia?
- 20.- Draw the flag and coat of arms of Andalusia.