

SPAIN: CÁDIZ & HUELVA

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GEOGRAPHIC LOCATION

- Country: Spain — Region: Andalusia (Andalucía)
- Cádiz: a historic port city on a narrow peninsula at the southwestern tip of Spain (Gulf of Cádiz).
- Huelva: city and port at the mouth of the Odiel and Tinto rivers, north of the Gulf of Cádiz.
- Maps: Cádiz and Huelva are both in the southwestern part of Andalusia — close to the Atlantic coast.



POPULATION & CLIMATE

- Cádiz population (latest estimates ~2024): ~111,000 (city). Source: Spain national statistics/CityPopulation.
- Huelva population (latest estimates ~2023–2024): ~143,500 (city). Source: CityPopulation.
- Climate (both cities): Mediterranean with Atlantic influence — mild winters, warm summers, sea breezes.
- Typical temperatures: Cádiz ~ January 12–13°C, August ~25°C; Huelva similar with slightly warmer summers.



HISTORY (BRIEF)

- Cádiz: one of the oldest continuously inhabited cities in Western Europe — founded by the Phoenicians (~1100 BC).
- Important role as a trading and naval port; central during the Age of Exploration and the Spanish Golden Age.
- Huelva: ancient origins (Tartessos and Phoenician influences), grew as a mining and commercial port — close ties to Columbus-era history (near Palos de la Frontera).



CULTURE & TRADITIONS

- Strong Andalusian identity: flamenco, lively street life, and strong seafood culture.
- Traditional crafts, religious processions (Semana Santa), and close community festivals.
- Music & dance: flamenco (cante, baile, toque) is important regionally; Cádiz is also known for satirical carnival songs.





FESTIVALS, FOOD & MUSIC

- Carnival of Cádiz: world-famous for satirical groups, costumes and street performances (about two weeks each year).
- Colombinas & Feria: Huelva celebrates the Colombinas (late July/early August) with fairs and concerts.
- Typical dishes: 'pescaito frito' (fried fish) in Cádiz; abundant seafood, shellfish, and tapas across the region.
- Music: flamenco, local choirs, and Cádiz' distinctive carnival choirs (comparsa, chirigota).

EDUCATION & PARTNER SCHOOLS

- Spanish education in these cities includes public and private schools, ESO, Bachillerato, and vocational training.
- Partner schools (Erasmus & cooperation):
 - - Viersen (Germany): Erasmus-von-Rotterdam-Gymnasium (partner city: Viersen)
 - - Tours (France): Saint Gatien La Salle (partner)
 - - Cádiz (Spain): Fundación Educación Alternativa 1826 (schools integrated under Vedruna/Vedruna Education foundations)
 - - Huelva (Spain): IES Alonso Sánchez (public secondary school offering ESO, Bachillerato, FP).



INTERESTING FACTS

- Cádiz is often called 'the oldest city in Western Europe' because of its Phoenician origins.
- The narrow geography of Cádiz (on a peninsula) gives it long waterfronts and many historic watchtowers.
- Huelva province is famous for its mines (Rio Tinto area) and for being the place where Columbus' voyages were prepared.
- Both provinces are strong in seafood production and have vibrant maritime economies.



SOURCES / REFERENCES

- CityPopulation — Cádiz & Huelva population estimates (INE-derived).
- Wikipedia — Carnival of Cádiz (summary).
- Spain.info — official tourist info on Cádiz festivals.
- Weatherspark / ClimatesToTravel — climate summaries for Cádiz & Huelva.
- Andalucia.com & OliveOilsFromSpain — info on 'pescaito frito' and regional gastronomy.
- IES Alonso Sánchez official site — information about educational offerings.
- Local news & Cádiz local sites — info on Fundación Educación Alternativa 1826 / Vedruna integration.
- Google Network - for pictures.

THANKS FOR LISTENING!

