



Jaén Province

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Why Go?

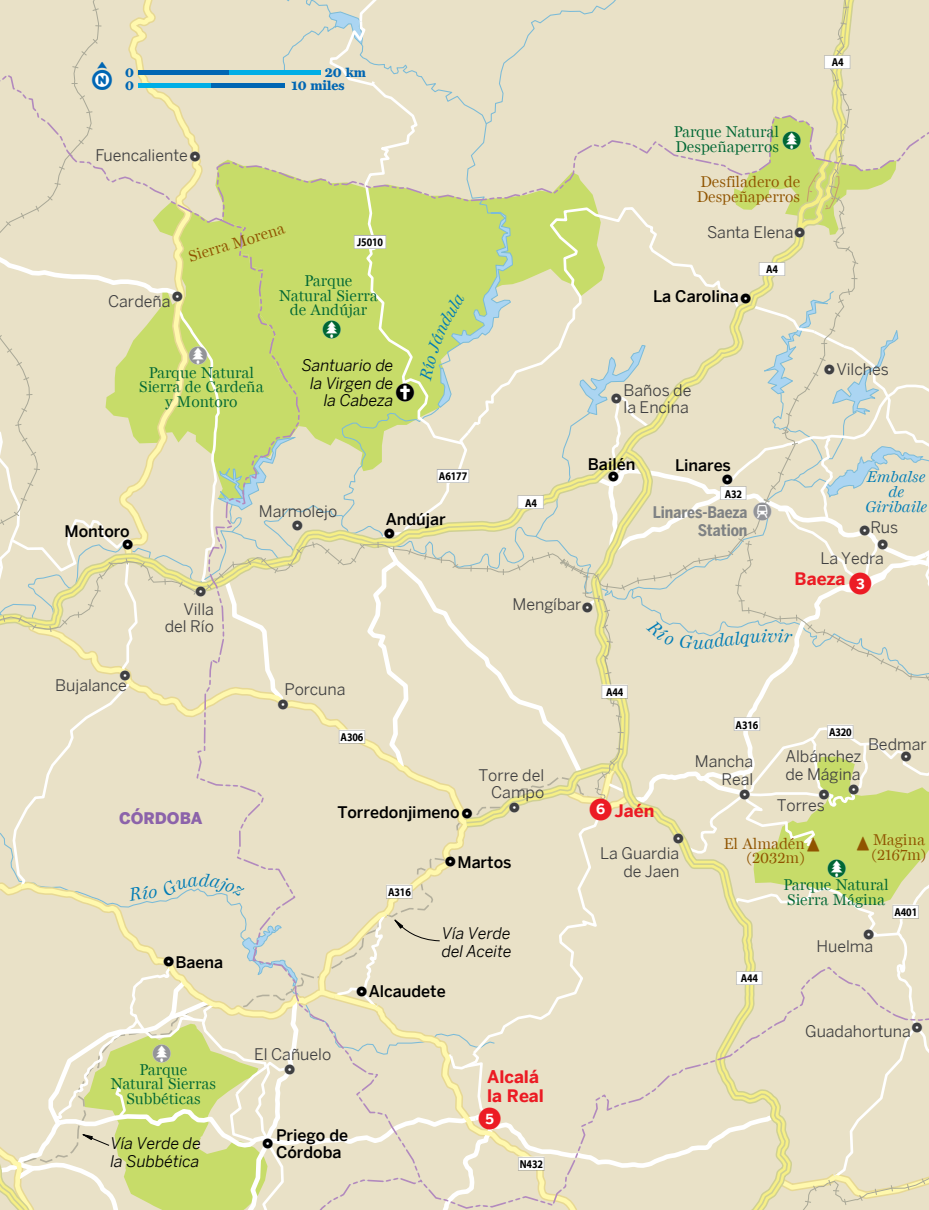
For anyone who loves culture, nature, history or good food, this relatively little-visited province turns out to be one magical combination. Endless lines of pale-green olive trees – producing one-sixth of all the world's olive oil – carpet much of the landscape. Castle-crowned hills are a reminder that this was once a frontier zone between Christians and Muslims, while the gorgeous Renaissance architecture of Unesco World Heritage sites Úbeda and Baeza displays the wealth amassed by the Reconquista nobility.

Beyond the towns and olive groves, Jaén has wonderful mountain country. The Parque Natural Sierras de Cazorla, Segura y Las Villas is a highlight of Andalucía for nature lovers, with rugged landscapes, prolific wildlife, and good hotels, roads and trails to help you make the most of it.

Products of the forests and hills such as venison, partridge and wild mushrooms feature strongly in Jaén cuisine, and in the recipes of a surprising number of wonderfully creative chefs, especially in Úbeda.

Driving Distances

Jaén	60			
Baeza	16	50		
Cazorla	44	102	58	
Santa Elena	72	79	65	116
	Úbeda	Jaén	Baeza	Cazorla



Jaén Province Highlights

1 Indulging the senses with the inspired architecture and food of **Úbeda** (p231)

2 Walking the green valleys and craggy mountains of the **Parque Natural Sierras de Cazorla, Segura y Las Villas** (p239)

3 Investigating the tangle of stone lanes lined with beautiful buildings in old **Baeza** (p227)