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# Antequera

AN EXCEPTIONAL  
WORLD HERITAGE  
RIGHT IN THE CORE  
OF ANDALUSIA

The Antequera town is located in the main crossroad of Andalusia. Thanks to this strategic location, Antequera is known as the “heart” of Andalusia; that is, the link among the main roads with excellent dual carriageways and motorways and between the railway axis of Córdoba-Málaga and Seville-Granada plus two stations of the High Velocity Train (AVE) within the municipal area. The Pablo Picasso International Airport is less than half an hour by car.



Its magnificent monumental complex is the result of more than 6.000 years of continuous history expressed in more than fifty outstanding civil and religious buildings dated between the Bronze Age and the 20th century. Just a few examples of the Antequera architecture are the Dolmens of Menga, Viera and El Romeral, many Romans villas and remains such as the unique El Efebo

the beautiful Arabian Citadel, the Santa María La Mayor Royal Collegiate (the first example of the Andalusian Renaissance style), the Arch of the Giants (the first known open-air museum), the El Carmen Church (maximum expression of Baroque Art), many Palace-Houses and the renewed Museum of the Antequera Town. Also, visitors will enjoy amazing landscapes such as the fertile Vega (lowland), the Peña de los Enamorados

(Lovers' Rock), the Caminito del Rey (the King's pathway) and the striking and sculptural El Torcal karst landscape.

To round all of that out, Antequera offer singular traditions such as the Holy Week with the peculiar Correr La Vega where people run behind the thrones up to the hills of the town, also the August Royal Fair should not be missed. Of course, it is not possible coming to Antequera and not

enjoying the typical and well-known gastronomy: the olive oil, the Arabian style bread, Mollete, (Protected Designation of Origin) the typical porra made of bread and tomato and the sweet bienmesabe.

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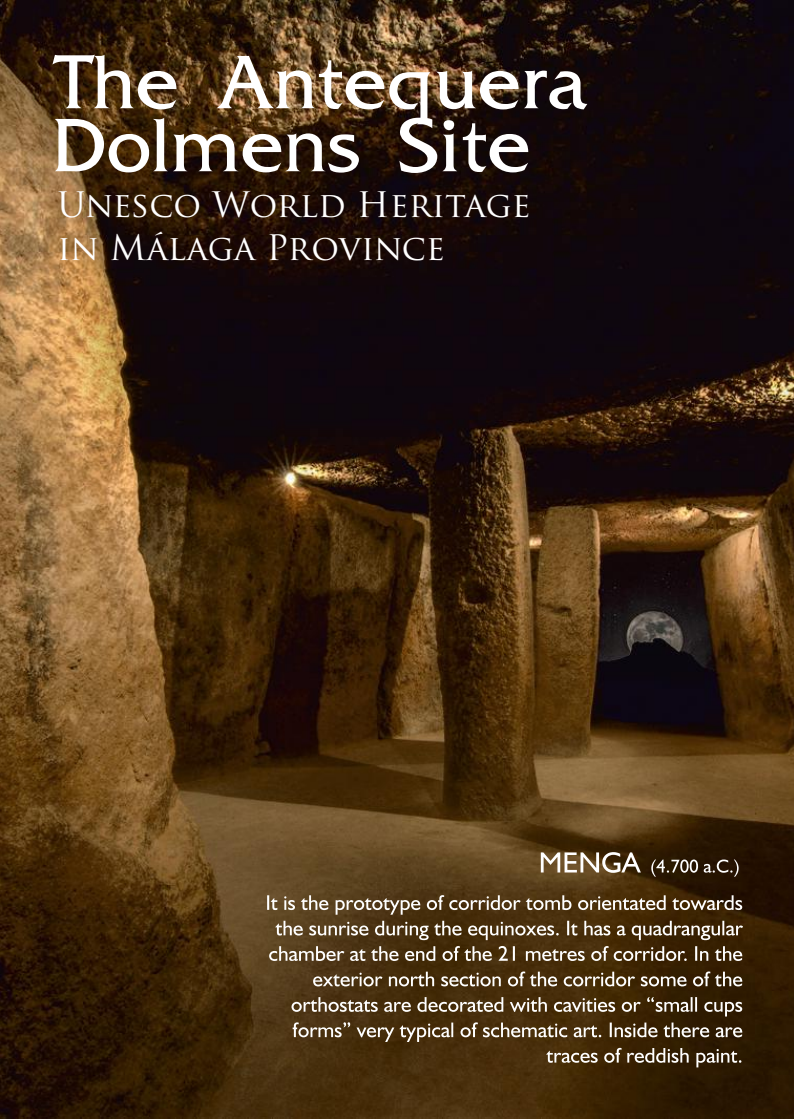
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# The Antequera Dolmens Site

UNESCO WORLD HERITAGE  
IN MÁLAGA PROVINCE



## MENGA (4.700 a.C.)

It is the prototype of corridor tomb orientated towards the sunrise during the equinoxes. It has a quadrangular chamber at the end of the 21 metres of corridor. In the exterior north section of the corridor some of the orthostats are decorated with cavities or "small cups forms" very typical of schematic art. Inside there are traces of reddish paint.

The Antequera Dolmens Site was declared by UNESCO as World Heritage last 15th of July 2016. This is an outstanding recognition of the anthropologic, historical and monumental significance of a complex made up of three prehistoric megalithic burial monuments (Menga, Viera and El Romeral) and two natural ones (El Torcal and the Peña de los Enamorados). All of them with the peculiarity of being connected among them since the Menga Dolmen is exceptionally orientated towards the Peña de los Enamorados, the El Romeral towards the El Torcal and the Viera Dolmen is orientated toward the sun.

## VIERA (4.000 a.C.)

It is a corridor tomb constructed with large vertical stones (orthostats) and horizontal ones (capstones) of huge dimensions taking into account that the total length of the monument is 27.5 metres, with blocks of stones weighing up to 80 tonnes. On the first orthostat there are several anthropomorphous engravings in the shape of crosses and stars.

## ALF ANTEQUERA LIGHT FEST

Each year around 15th July, Antequera commemorates with pride, its UNESCO's recognition as a World Heritage Site by holding a series of spectacular sound and light shows in a number of important monuments across the city.



## EL ROMERAL (3.800 a.C.)

This is a very singular megalithic monument due to the typology of the dome constructed with the dry stone technique (masonry). It is also very atypical because its double orientation: towards the El Torcal mountain range (geographical connection) and towards the sunrise during the noon in the winter solstice (astronomic connection). It is made up of a linteled corridor of trapezoidal section constructed with large slabs and small stones. At the end there are two circular chambers for offerings with an altar stone. The chambers are constructed with small stones projected in each row with respect of the lower row what forms a domed section.

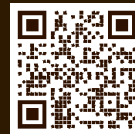
## THE MYSTICAL AND ROMANTIC PEÑA DE LOS ENAMORADOS (LOVER`S ROCK)

It is a limestone rock 874 metres high over the sea level with a very peculiar morphology as it looks like the head of a lying Indian. The name comes from a legend of late Middle Age where a couple of lovers (he was Christian and she was a Moorish Princess) who were running away from the Princess's father army were trapped in the slope of this rock. As the lovers did not want to be separated, they climbed to the top and threw themselves into the unknown to be eternally together. There are traces of prehistoric remains and of cave paintings in one of the hillside what is related to the fact that the Menga Dolmen is orientated towards this Lovers' Rock.

DÓLMENES DE VIERA  
AND MENGÁ  
Ctra. de Málaga, 5

THOLOS DE EL ROMERAL  
Ctra. A - 7283

Closed days: All Mondays; the 1st and the 6th January; the 1st May; the 24th, 25th and 31st December.  
From Tuesday to Saturday/Sundays/Banks Holidays:  
Please, consult the season opening times in  
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# The El Torcal of Antequera

ANDALUSIAN PROTECTED NATURAL AREA OF NATIONAL INTEREST  
DECLARED WORLD HERITAGE SITE BY UNESCO



The El Torcal of Antequera is a natural landscape formed by former sea land extending on 20 square kilometres which emerged due to the Alpine Folding during the Tertiary Period. Now, it is the highest point in the Malaga province. Since that time, the complex has been suffering an erosion process, the karst shaping. When the water absorbed by the rock gets frozen causes a wedge action and breaks the rock. This, together with the dissolution of the limestone due to the rain, shapes dozens of curious and surprising forms on the rocks such as El Tornillo, (the screw), El Sombrerillo (the little hat) and El Cáliz (the chalice) among many others. As all the limestone mountain ranges, El Torcal is very rich in chasms, caves and other subterranean digs, being

some of them of great historical significance, such as the Cueva del Toro (the Bull Cave).

**"EL TORCAL DE ANTEQUERA"**  
**NATURAL LANDSCAPE**  
Ctra. A7075, s/n

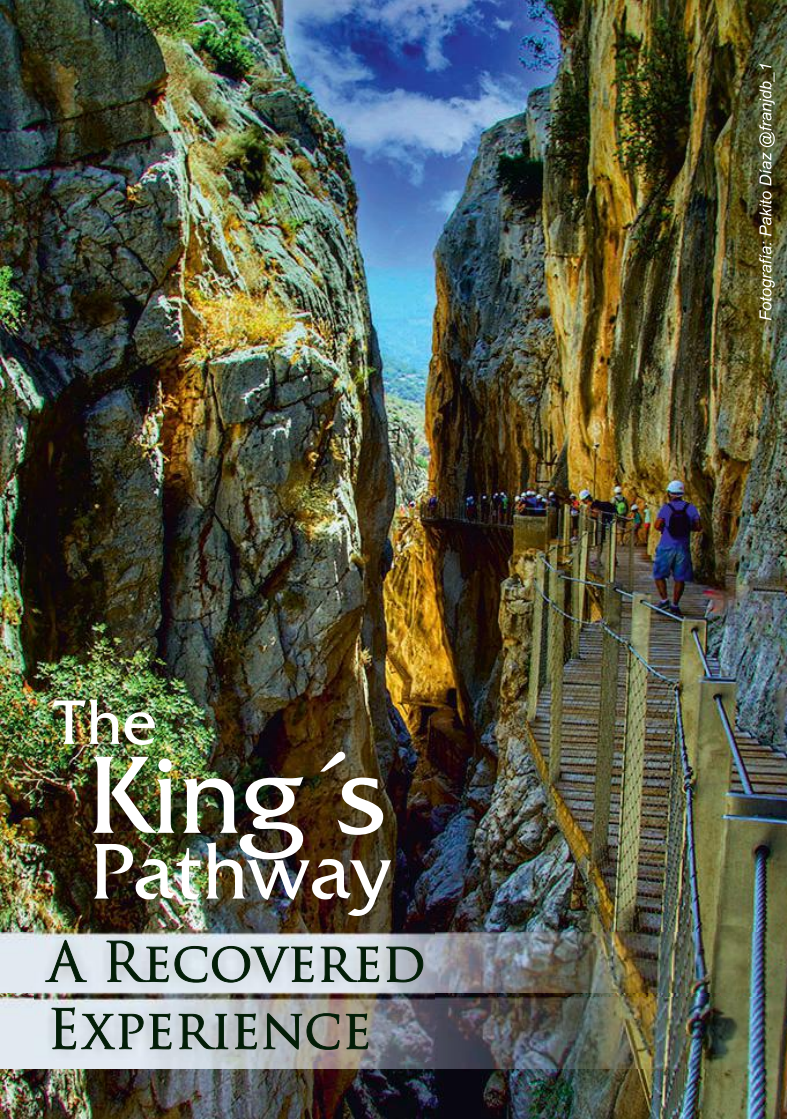
Natural Landscape: All day opened.

Visitors Centre:

Closed: 1st and 6th January, 25th december

From Monday to Sunday: Consult season opening times in [turismo.antequera.es/en/horarios/](http://turismo.antequera.es/en/horarios/)  
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# The King's Pathway

## A RECOVERED EXPERIENCE

The Caminito del Rey is a passage constructed on the hillsides of the Gaitanes Gorge, between the municipal areas of Ardales, Álora and Antequera, in the Malaga province. It presents now a completely renovated appearance due to the rehabilitation works started in 2014. It is a pedestrian passage attached to the rock inside a canyon. Some parts of this walkway are only 1 metre width while hanging 105 metres over the river on nearly vertical slopes. The total tour is 7.7 km from which 4.8 km are of accesses and 2.9 km are for the several sections of the the walkway (walkway-Valle del Hoyo-walkway). In short, a milestone of nature which thanks to human intervention is possible to go cross and admire in an unimaginable way.

### THE CAMINITO DEL REY

Opened all year from Tuesday to Sunday. Closed on the 24th, 25th, 31st December and 1st January.

Compulsory booking previous visiting through:  
<https://reservas.caminitodelrey.info>

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