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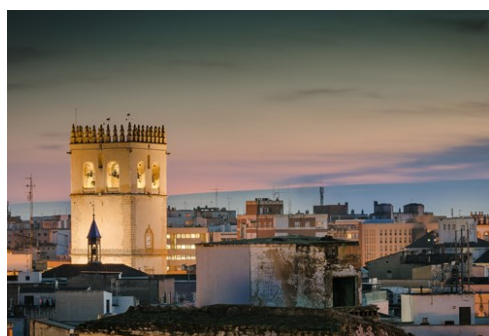
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A gateway between the two nations of the Iberian peninsula, Badajoz lies as close to Lisbon as it does to Madrid or Seville, and the city draws on influences from both sides of the border, as well as from centuries of tumultuous history, to form its distinctive character. Winding medieval alleys and a skyline dotted with palace towers make the historic town a sight to behold, while the remnants of the majestic Alcazaba watch over the city as they have for centuries, once an impenetrable fortress that protected the area from countless invasions.

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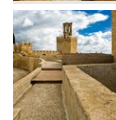
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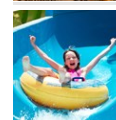
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## THE CITY



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With its historically strategic location, so close to the Portuguese border, Badajoz was an important line of defence for Spain for centuries. Battled over by the Spanish, Portuguese, Moorish, and even the French and Spanish, the city is the result of the meeting of different peoples, cultures and eras. Badajoz and its surroundings hide numerous archaeological treasures dating back centuries, from Roman ruins to Moorish palaces to empire era forts.

The river Guadiana crosses the city, dividing the more modern northern area from the historic centre to the south, which emanates from the impressive Plaza Alta square and is surrounded by remnants of the old city walls (as well as towers and the Alcazaba, an ancient palace and fort). To the west, Badajoz reaches all the way to Portugal, making it an ideal home base for those who wish to explore both sides of the border.

## DO & SEE



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Badajoz proudly displays its history throughout the city's centuries-old buildings and monuments. The Alcazaba, Espantaperros Tower and Plaza Alta (the old town's main square) all showcase the city's Moorish influences, and great museums exhibit the prodigious contemporary artistic output of the region. The city also boasts fantastic modern attractions and activities for visitors of all ages.

### **Espantaperros Tower**



Dating back to the 12th century, the imposing Espantaperros Tower was once the Alcazaba's most important watchtower, and today looms over the city from a height of 30 metres and offers some of the best panoramic views of the city.

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Phone: +34 924 22 49 81

Internet: [www.turismobadajoz.es/torre-de-espantaperros/](http://www.turismobadajoz.es/torre-de-espantaperros/)

## Alcazaba of Badajoz



The Alcazaba of Badajoz is the city's historic fortress that once served as the home of the Taifa kings. As the city's former defensive structure, it is

surrounded by several towers, as well as the Guadiana River, much to the visual delight of visitors.

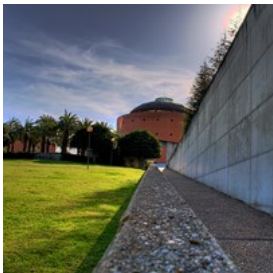
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Phone: +34 924 20 13 69

Email: [casasmudejares@aytobadajoz.es](mailto:casasmudejares@aytobadajoz.es)

## Museo Extremeño e Iberoamericano de Arte Contemporáneo (MEIAC)



The Museo Extremeño e Iberoamericano de Arte Contemporáneo (MEIAC) is a fantastic museum and cultural space that transcends borders,

connecting Spanish, Portuguese and Latin American artists, highlighting those from the Extremadura region.

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Address: C/ Museo, Badajoz

Opening hours: Tue-Sat 10am-1:30pm and 5pm-8pm. Sun 10am-1:30pm

Phone: +34 924 013 060

Internet: [www.meiac.es](http://www.meiac.es)

Email: [meiac@gobex.es](mailto:meiac@gobex.es)

## Plaza Alta



Plaza Alta is the beautiful main square in Badajoz's old town, an open public space surrounded by lovely buildings that showcase the city's

Moorish architectural influence. The surrounding area is also home to numerous cafes and restaurants, making it a great place to stop for a meal or coffee.

Photo: Alexandre Arocas / Shutterstock.com

Address: Plaza Alta, Badajoz

## AQUA Badajoz



A great place to escape the oppressive summer heat is the wonderful AQUA Badajoz. Pools, slides, snacks and other fun aquatic activities for

children and adults alike await at this fantastic water park.

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Phone: +34 924 28 60 98

Internet: [www.aquabadajoz.com](http://www.aquabadajoz.com)

Email: [aquabadajoz@aquabadajoz.com](mailto:aquabadajoz@aquabadajoz.com)

## Centro de Ocio Contemporáneo



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## DINING



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Badajoz boasts an impressive variety of restaurants that offer traditional and regional specialities with modern twists, as well as a choice of international cuisines. Though it may be most convenient to eat in the old town, many of the Badajoz's best eateries are located outside of the city centre, which gives visitors a great excuse to venture a bit further out and explore more of the city.

### Marchivirito



Located just north of Badajoz, across the Guadiana River, lies Marchivirito, a fine restaurant serving typical Spanish delicacies with a modern twist. Every option is top-notch in terms of flavour and quality.

Photo: Sergey Mironov / Shutterstock.com

Address: Carretera San Vicente 37, Badajoz

Opening hours: Tue-Sat 2pm-4:30pm and 9:30pm-12am. Sun 2pm-4:30pm

Phone: +34 924 27 66 28

Email: [marchivirito@gmail.com](mailto:marchivirito@gmail.com)

### El Mirador del Guadiana



Part of the NH Gran Casino Extremadura Hotel, El Mirador del Guadiana offers fine local dining in a classy and cosy setting. They serve breakfast buffets daily, as well as fresh regional cuisine and wonderful views over the Guadiana River.

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Address: Avenida Adolfo Diaz Ambrona 11, Badajoz

Opening hours: Daily 1pm-4pm and 9pm-11:30pm

Phone: +34 924 28 44 02

Email: [comercial.extremadura@nh-hotels.com](mailto:comercial.extremadura@nh-hotels.com)

### La Medina



Serving a wide array of Moroccan specialities, La Medina is one of the premier Middle Eastern restaurants in the Extremadura region, offering traditional dishes such as cous cous and tajine, as well as soups, desserts and mint teas.

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Address: Local 4 Plaza Americas, Badajoz

Opening hours: Thu-Tue 12:30pm-4pm and 8:30pm-12am

Phone: +34 924 26 39 07

Internet: [lamedinabadajoz.blogspot.se](http://lamedinabadajoz.blogspot.se)

Email: [lamedinabadajoz@gmail.com](mailto:lamedinabadajoz@gmail.com)

### Bar-Tapería Ajonegro



Bar-Tapería Ajonegro is an innovative tapas bar that serves unique and creative bites to eat (and desserts, as well), accompanied by a great selection of local craft beers. It is a great place for a light meal and a few evening drinks.

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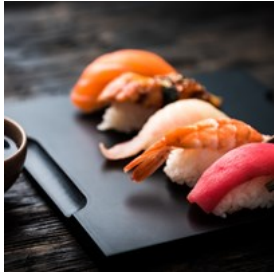
Address: c/ De Gabriel 6, Badajoz

Opening hours: Mon-Sat 12:30pm-4:30pm and 8:30pm-12am

Phone: +34 647 07 32 58

Email: ajonegrobadaajoz@gmail.com

### Restaurante Japones Tanuki San



Tanuki San is a fantastic Japanese restaurant located right in the centre of Badajoz that serves high-quality traditional dishes. Head chef Aihara

Magoto boasts impressive credentials, having earned a degree in gastronomy from the University of Tokyo.

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Address: Ronda del Pilar, Badajoz

Opening hours: Daily 2pm-4pm and 9pm-12am

Phone: +34 924 24 10 32

Internet: [www.tanukisan.telemw.com](http://www.tanukisan.telemw.com)

### CAFES



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Take a load off after a day of walking and sightseeing, and kick back with a hot coffee and some people watching. The streets and squares of Badajoz hide lovely cafes, ice cream shops and bakeries at every corner.

### Cafe La Galeria



Cafe La Galeria is all about cake. The incredibly skilled bakers serve creations that are as beautiful as they are delicious. They range in both styles and flavours, but all of them go equally well with a hot cup of coffee.

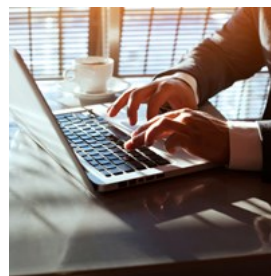
Photo: Christian-Fischer / Shutterstock.com

Address: Calle Arias Montano 8, Badajoz

Phone: +34 676 21 70 54

Email: [lagaleria2009@hotmail.es](mailto:lagaleria2009@hotmail.es)

### Workshop Café



Workshop Café is an innovative concept cafe and "nomadic coworking space" where professionals can gather to collaborate on projects at shared or individual work spaces over a fantastic cup of coffee, produced in the finest coffee countries from around the world.

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Address: Fernando Sánchez Sampedro, 29, Badajoz

Opening hours: Mon-Sat 8:30am-9:30pm, Sun 8:30am-4pm

Phone: +34 606 11 82 34

Internet: [www.tallercafe.com](http://www.tallercafe.com)

### JARA Helados & Café



JARA Helados & Café is a lovely family-run establishment that offers excellent pastries, cakes, ice cream and other desserts, but perhaps most popular are the hearty and delicious breakfasts, served from Monday to Friday.

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Address: Plaza Soledad, 4, Badajoz

Opening hours: Mon-Fri 7:30am-1:30pm and 3pm-9pm, Sat 3pm-9pm

Phone: +34 635 52 82 73

Email: kortapiyas@hotmail.com

### Café Neo Dadá



Café Neo Dadá is a place for any occasion, be it an early morning coffee, a midday snack or a late night drink, offering everything from

breakfast, cake and speciality coffee to fresh sushi and a a great selection of creative gin and tonics.

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Address: Plaza de la Soledad, Badajoz

Phone: +34 924 24 16 84

### Aroma Café



With numerous locations around the city, this successful chain of cafes has garnered a loyal clientele by maintaining an unwavering dedication

to high-quality coffee, as well as delectable pastries, desserts and waffles, among other treats.

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Address: Plaza Conquistadores, Badajoz

Opening hours: Daily 8am-12am

Phone: +34 659 453 020

Internet: [www.aromacafe.es](http://www.aromacafe.es)

Email: [centro@aromacafe.es](mailto:centro@aromacafe.es)

## BARS & NIGHTLIFE



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Nights in Badajoz are well spent surrounded by delicious food, refreshing drinks and a crowd of lively locals. Visit a tappería for an authentic experience, or check out some of the city's cultural offerings at a theatre.

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Address: c/ De Gabriel 6, Badajoz

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### Rincón Nazari



Rincón Nazari is a cosy and intricately designed bar that evokes the Arab world with its attention to detail in the interior decor. Sit in one of the nooks and corners fitted with cushions to enjoy a hot mint tea or some of their tasty cocktails.

Photo: Ekaterina Pokrovsky / Shutterstock.com  
 Address: Calle Manuel Cancho Moreno, 10, Badajoz  
 Opening hours: Daily 3:30am-3:30pm  
 Phone: +34 924 24 33 16  
 Internet: [www.rinconnazari.com](http://www.rinconnazari.com)  
 Email: [info@rinconnazari.com](mailto:info@rinconnazari.com)

### The Irish Tavern



The Irish Tavern is an animated Irish pub that attracts a lively crowd almost every night of the week. They host live music performances and screen the most important sporting events, and of course, serve a great variety of beer.

Photo: Nejron Photo / Shutterstock.com  
 Address: Sinfiorano Madroñero 16, Badajoz  
 Opening hours: Sun-Thu 3:30pm-2:30am, Fri-Sat 3:30pm-3:30am  
 Phone: +34 924 20 75 21

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### SHOPPING



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Shopping in Badajoz really shines when it comes to local food and drink specialities. Regional wines, cheeses, hams and oils are all well worth taking home, while pastries and traditional sweets are best enjoyed right away. Additionally, a few shopping centres provide for all of the modern shoppers and travelers needs.

### Centro Comercial Abierto Menacho



Centro Comercial Abierto Menacho is a sort of open-air shopping centre, a conglomeration of businesses, made up of over 120 different shops,

banks, restaurants, markets and more packed into just a few city blocks.

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Address: C/ Menacho, 2, Badajoz

Opening hours: Mon-Sat 9am-10pm

Phone: +34 924 22 09 65

Internet: [www.menacho.org](http://www.menacho.org)

Email: [fjavier@menacho.org](mailto:fjavier@menacho.org)

### Centro Comercial El Faro



Clothes and accessories, sporting goods, home items, restaurants, and anything else you can think of can be found at Centro Comercial El

Faro, a sleek shopping centre just outside the downtown area, close to the Portuguese border.

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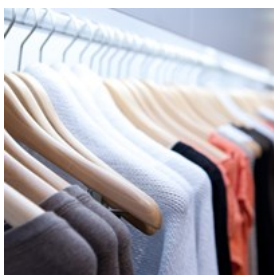
Address: Av. de Elvas, s/n, Badajoz

Opening hours: Daily 10am-7pm

Phone: +34 924 26 68 88

Internet: [www.ccelfaro.com](http://www.ccelfaro.com)

### Atelier Badajoz



Atelier is a stylish fashion outlet with exclusive items for both casual and hippie styles. They promote local and national designers, as

well as offering pieces by international fashionistas from around the globe.

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Address: Calle Enrique Segura Otaño, 1-C, Badajoz

Phone: +34 924 26 33 35

Internet: [www.atelierbadajoz.com](http://www.atelierbadajoz.com)

### El Corte Inglés



Spain's department store colossus successfully performs the main task of the department store, which is to offer most things to most people. On

offer you will find designer fashion, their own low and medium-priced lines, enormous perfumery and make-up departments, leather goods in all price ranges, toys, children's clothes, art materials, food and delicatessen, home furnishing devices, garden furniture, a tobacco department with humidors, etc.

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Address: Plaza Conquistadores, Badajoz

Opening hours: Mon-Sat 10am-10pm

Phone: +34 924 21 33 00

Internet: [www.elcorteingles.es/centroscomerciales/es/eci/centros/centro-comercial-conquistadores](http://www.elcorteingles.es/centroscomerciales/es/eci/centros/centro-comercial-conquistadores)

### Semilla y Grano



The best speciality food shop and delicatessen in Badajoz, Semilla y Grano showcases some of the region's finest delicacies, such as oil, cheese, wine

and beer, herbs and spices, jams, pates and honey.

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Address: C/ Virgen de la Soledad 17A, Badajoz

Phone: +34 924 954 351

Internet: [www.semillaygrano.com](http://www.semillaygrano.com)

Email: [semillaygrano@gmail.com](mailto:semillaygrano@gmail.com)



## ESSENTIAL INFORMATION



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### Airport



The Badajoz Airport is located about 13 kilometres from the city. Iberia has regular flights to Barcelona and Madrid, and there are seasonal

flights to Ibiza and Palma de Mallorca.

For transport to the city, there are taxis available outside the terminal (the ride to Badajoz should cost about 20 Euros), and it is also possible to rent a car, but there is no public transport.

Photo: Juan Garces

Address: Carretera Badajoz - Balboa, Badajoz

Phone: +34 924 21 04 00

Internet: [www.aena.es/en/badajoz-airport/index.html](http://www.aena.es/en/badajoz-airport/index.html)

### Public Transport



The main railway station is located just north of the river. There are regular connections to Madrid and other destinations in the

country, as well as to Lisbon.

The main bus terminal is located south of the city

centre, and also offers connections to various locations in Spain and Portugal through companies like Alsa and Avanza.

Badajoz Railway Station:

Argüello Carvajal Teologo Siglo XVII, 10, Badajoz

Badajoz Bus Station

Calle José Rebollo López, 2, Badajoz

+34 924 22 36 69

[www.autobuses-badajoz.es](http://www.autobuses-badajoz.es)

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### Taxi



Radiotaxi Badajoz +34  
924 24 31 01 Reservas de  
Taxi, Badajoz +34 610 29  
41 51

### Post



Oficina de Correos:

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Address: Paseo San Francisco, Badajoz

Opening hours: Mon-Fri 8:30am-8:30pm, Sat 9:30am-1pm

Phone: +34 902 19 71 97

Internet: [www.correos.es](http://www.correos.es)

## Pharmacy

Farmacia Gallardo Godoy:



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Address: Plaza Soledad, 12, Badajoz  
Phone: +34 924 22 12 52  
Internet: [www.farmaciasoledad.es](http://www.farmaciasoledad.es)  
Email: [info@farmaciasoledad.es](mailto:info@farmaciasoledad.es)

## Telephone

Country code: +34 Area  
code: 924



Photo: Jardson Almeida

## Electricity

220-240 Volts 50 Hz Plug  
type F, standard  
European, 2-round-prong  
plugs



Photo: Stirling Tschan

## Population

152,000

## Currency

1 Euro = 100 cents

## Opening hours

Stores are usually open Mon-Sat 9am-1:30pm and 4:30pm-8pm. The large department stores usually stay open a few hours later, especially during the summer months.

## Newspapers

El Pais  
El Mundo  
ABC

La Vanguardia  
Hoy  
La Crónica Badajoz

## Emergency numbers

112

## Tourist information

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