

# CÁCERES

*Cáceres, the second largest city in Extremadura, is a historical wonder. Named a UNESCO World Heritage City in 1986, Cáceres' barrio antiguo combines Celtic, Roman, Arabic, Gothic, Renaissance influences.*



**Location:** Cáceres is located in northern Extremadura, equidistant from the Portuguese border and the province of Castilla la Mancha.

**Population:** 90,000

**History:** Like Mérida, Cáceres was founded in by Romans in the 1st century BC. Control of the city later passed to the Arabs, and finally to the Spaniards in the 13th century AD.

**Climate:** The climate in Cáceres is considered to be a continental Mediterranean climate. The winters are colder than in other parts of Extremadura, and the summers, while still hot, are less extreme than further south.

**Geography:** The city of Cáceres is quite dry, although the river Tajo and the Monfrague Natural Park are located to the north of Cáceres, where the land is more fertile.

**Local Industries:** Tourism, Agriculture, Livestock

**Famous Monuments:** Museo de Cáceres, *barrio antiguo*, House and Tower of the Storks.

**Local Highlights:** Feria de Cáceres jin May and June, World of Music and Dance Festival in May.

**Cultural Insight:** The area surrounding Cáceres is an important breeding ground for black storks and the Spanish imperial eagle.

## More Information:

- [http://goeurope.about.com/cs/spain/a/merida\\_guide.htm](http://goeurope.about.com/cs/spain/a/merida_guide.htm)
- [http://www.spainexchange.com/travel\\_spain/cities\\_spain.php?cityname=M%C3%A9rida](http://www.spainexchange.com/travel_spain/cities_spain.php?cityname=M%C3%A9rida)
- <http://www.merida.es/> (Spanish)

