

TRUJILLO

A walk through Trujillo is a visit back in time to the era of the Conquistadores. Called the “gem of Extremadura” and “one of the most perfect little towns in Spain” by guidebooks, Trujillo is the birthplace of Francisco Pizarro, the conqueror of the Incan empire.



from Spain to the Americas.

Location: Trujillo is located in mid-eastern Extremadura, about 50 km (31 miles) from Cáceres.

Population: 10,000

History: Throughout the centuries, Trujillo has been controlled by the Celts, Romans, and Moors. The town was incorporated into the Spanish empire during the *Reconquista* in the 13th century. Trujillo is the birthplace of more than 600 explorers that sailed

Climate: The weather in Trujillo is similar to that of Mérida and Cáceres: there is little rain, summers are very hot, and winters are quite cold.

Geography: Trujillo is located on a hill, which makes for impressive views of the surrounding plains. The town is located to the Sierra de Guadalupe, a small mountain range in eastern Extremadura.

Local Industries: Agriculture, Tourism.

Famous Monuments: Plaza Mayor, Arab castle, Church of Santa María

Local Highlights: There is a local feria every year in early June with bullfights and various celebrations.

Cultural Insight: Legend has it that the statue of Pizarro in the *Plaza Mayor* is actually a statue of another explorer, Hernán Cortés, and was designated for Mexico. Mexico refused the statue, and it was sent to Trujillo as Pizarro.



More Information:

- <http://www.idealspain.com/Pages/Places/trujillo.htm>
- <http://www.trujillo.es/idioma0.html> (Spanish)