

GROUP RETREATS & PILGRIMAGES



UBEDA and Baeza



View of Ubeda's historic centre.

The *Casa de Espiritualidad San Juan de la Cruz* (St John of the Cross Spirituality House) is within the Carmelite monastery in Ubeda, where John of the Cross spent the latter part of his life. The gardens of the monastery, by the old city walls, now house the John of the Cross sculpture that was once at the centre of the Los Olivos courtyard. Your group will stay in this beautiful monastery, in the historic city centre. All accommodation is en-suite and we will enjoy dedicated group spaces (meeting room, chapel and refectory).



St John of the Cross Retreat Centre in Ubeda.



View of one of Baeza's palaces and city gates.

From Ubeda we will be able to visit the city of Baeza, also a stunning UNESCO World Heritage site. In the 16th century, Baeza had a thriving university, and John of the Cross moved there in his thirties to look after the Carmelite novices who studied at the prestigious institution. John was both Prior to the Carmelite community in the city, and chaplain (spiritual director) to the university academic staff. In Baeza we will visit its cathedral, where John of the Cross preached, and the old university buildings. Retreat-pilgrimages in Ubeda and Baeza will typically include time in the monastery (including input sessions and free time) and guided walks in both cities.