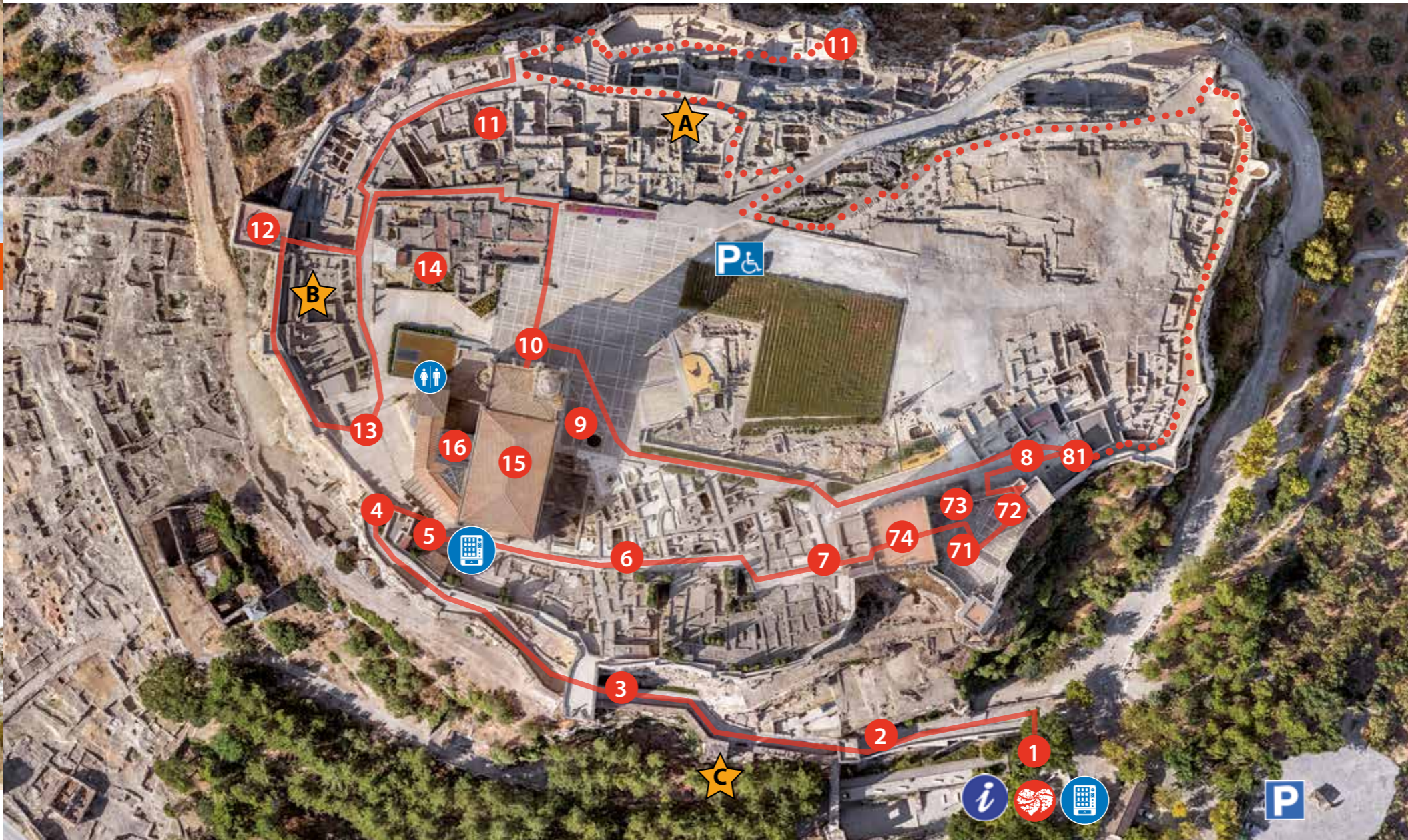


LA MOTA FORTRESS

Abbey and Border City

Alcalá la Real · Jaén



- 1 La Mota Fortress
- 7 71 72 73 74 The Citadel
- 13 High Square
- 2 Spear Gate
- 8 81 House/Cellar
- 14 Wineries
- 3 Gate of Image / Butchers'
- 9 Wells and Cisterns
- 16 Town Hall
- 4 Flour Weighing Gate
- 10 15 The Abbey Church
- ★ Ice-house
- 5 Lower Square / Chemist
- 11 Bahondillo
- ★ Palatial Houses 14th-16th c.
- 6 Urban Layout
- 12 Prison Tower
- ★ The Hidden City
- Vending machines
- WC
- Free parking space
- Disabled parking facilities
- Information Point, shop and office
- Ticket counter

OPENING HOURS

WINTER (October 15 - March 31)
Monday to Sunday:
from 10 am to 6 pm.

SUMMER (April 1 - October 14):
Monday to Sunday:
from 10.30 am to 7.30 pm.

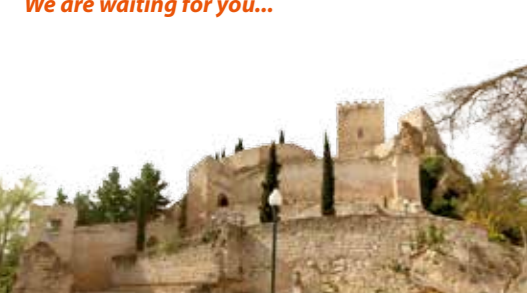
SPECIAL OPENING HOURS:
December 24 & 31, January 5:
from 10 am to 2 pm.
December 25 and January 1 & 6:
CLOSED.

INFORMATION OF INTEREST

La Mota Fortress	953 10 27 17
Palacio Abacial	953 10 28 68
Tourist Information	953 58 20 77
City Council of Alcalá la Real	953 58 00 00
Taxis	953 58 05 07
Bus Station	953 58 27 32
Local Police	953 58 42 20
Emergencies	902 50 50 60
Civil Guard	953 58 71 20

The fortress of La Mota is the most important monument in Alcalá la Real, an outstanding example of a medieval fortified town, which currently houses the Life on the Frontier Interpretation Centre. Visitors will discover streets, squares, parapet walks, cellars and religious and military buildings which, in the Middle Ages, were the last frontier with al-Andalus. Amid the Alhambra of Granada and the Great Mosque of Cordoba, the Fortress of La Mota in Alcalá la Real will be a unique and remarkable discovery.

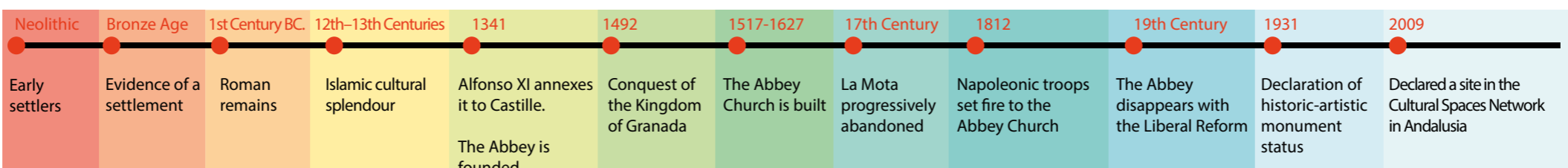
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HISTORY OF THE FORTRESS





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LA MOTA FORTRESS

At an altitude of 1033 metres, what was once the main guardian and defensive point of the kingdoms of Castile will awaken new sensations in you.



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CITY GATES AND MARKET

City gates and market. Main Access to the citadel where trading activities took place. The remains of the Albayzin neighbourhood.



3

BUTCHERS'

This was a trading area in the 16th century. Vestiges of the city's sewers still remain.



4 5

FLOUR WEIGHING GATE LOWER SQUARE / CHEMIST

Herbs, potions, cures and medical curiosities of the era.



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URBAN LAYOUT

Built on the site of the Islamic town, today's layout is based on the streets and houses built after the 15th century.



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THE CITADEL

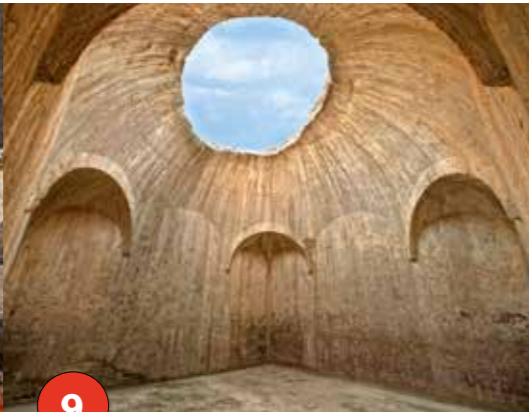
Solid military fortification with a courtyard flanked by three towers. This walled enclosure inside the city walls is characterized by its double cornered entry. On the walls, the Mason marks facilitated the calculation of payment due for work completed.



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HOUSE / CELLAR

One of the most important houses in the Fortress due to its size, portico, mangers and trough.



9

WELLS AND CISTERNS

Cisterns used in the upper area of the town to guarantee water in times of scarcity or enemy siege.



10 15

THE ABBEY CHURCH

An elegant, solid, Renaissance building. Outstanding for its gargoyles and pinnacles.



11

BAHONDILLO

The western neighbourhood of Mota in a rocky depression. It features homes and caves that were used as wineries.



12

PRISON TOWER

Its sober, robust stonework protected the south side of the city. It was the main water tank and Royal Prison. From the terrace, the watchtowers which marked the boundary with the Kingdom of Granada can be seen.



13

HIGH SQUARE

Between the Prison Tower and the Flour Weighing Gate, this was the marketplace and setting for performances and public events.



14

WINERIES

Wine culture was extremely important in the territory as can be seen by the remains of many wineries, presses and jars.



16

TOWN HALL

Former Town Council building administered by the alderman.

DON'T FORGET TO VISIT



A

ICE-HOUSE



B

PALATIAL HOUSES 14TH-16TH C.



C

THE HIDDEN CITY ON REQUEST

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