

PIER Guadalquivir River

Century: XIII BC Celtic culture

There are indications of Celtic settlements. They cultivated the lands on the banks of the Guadalquivir river, called by the Celtiberians as OBA (river of gold). Mengibar was one of the most important cities in Iberian times.

Century: VII AD Arab Invasion

There is documentary evidence that Tarik's army crossed the Guadalquivir through this area in its invasion of the Iberian Peninsula in the 8th century. Later, the capital of The Cora was established in Jaén and the Mengíbar fortress was built for its defense.





Century: XX AD Napoleon's invasion

The first Division of General Reding of the Spanish army arrived at Mengíbar in the early morning of July 14th, 1908, starting a shootout against the Napoleonic side that controlled the entrance to the town. There were several deaths on the French side, therefore, fearing a new Spanish attack, about 1500 men ran away from the town crossing the Guadalquivir river by boat, settling on the other shore. A few days later happened the famous Battle of Bailén, the first open field defeat in the history of the Napoleonic army.



