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VRBS IVLIA GADITANA. DUSTING OFF ITS PAST

Cádiz is a city with three millennia of history and three golden ages: its foundation in Phoenician times, its glorious past under Roman rule, and the prosperous era of vibrant trade with the Americas (18th century).

This exhibition sheds light on the flourishing Roman period, when Gades stood at the heart of the Mediterranean, the main commercial port of the West and a privileged city, internationally renowned for its cosmopolitan character, the skill of its sailors, the shrewdness of its merchants, and the abundance of its fisheries and famed *garum*.

For around 250 years, between the mid-1st century BC and the late 2nd century AD, the *Municipium Gaditanum* was a mirror of success, prosperity and enterprise — the New York of its time, one might say.

A selection of around 400 artefacts from the Museum of Cádiz, most of which have never been displayed before, aims to help us navigate the intricacies of this seafaring city of Phoenician origin, whose mark on Rome and the societies of Classical Antiquity was indelible...

