

BAELO CLAUDIA

It's an Ancient Roman city situated in Baelo Claudia, to approximately 22km to the Northwest of the city of Tarifa, in the province of Cádiz. It's inside of the current Natural Park of the Straits.

The city was born at the end of the 2nd century B.C, being the settlement more Ancient Bástulo-Punic(Bailo, Baekolon) and his existence is related to the trade with the North of Africa(it was the principal maritime port that was connecting with the city of Tangier in Morocco). Sources of wealth: fishing,garum and salting.

The life of these populations reached full brilliance between the centuries: 1st century B.C and 2nd century A.D, beginning his decadence from the second half of the 2nd century when a great tsunami devastated more parts of the city. To his horrible effects there added the crisis of the 3rd century and incursions of pirates 'hordes, fundamentally Mauritanian and German. From ends of the 1st century A.D, his prosperity comes gradually to less coinciding with the crisis with the production of his factories, the invasions of North Africa, the plunders of the Germanic hordes and specially, an earthquake that ruins the buildings raised during the Imperial time.