

ROMAN ROADS IN HISPANIA

“All roads lead to Rome”

As the Roman Empire was very big and they needed to move many troops and goods, the Roman built many roads for transportation. Have a look at this map. It shows the Roman Roads (calzadas) of Hispania.



The **Via Augusta** was the longest and busiest of the major roads built by the Romans in Hispania. Approximately 1,500 km long, the Via Augusta was built to link Spain with Italy, running from the interior city of *Gades* (Cádiz) to the Pyrenees Mountains along inland valleys parallel to the coast of the Mediterranean Sea.

Another important road was **Via de la Plata**. It ran from Emerita Augusta (Mérida) to Asturica Augusta (Astorga) in the west of the Iberian Peninsula.

Read the information about the Roman roads and look at the map. Then read these sentences and decide if they are T (True) or F (False):

1. Via de la Plata was the longest of the major roads built by the Romans in Hispania. _____
2. Via de la Plata ran in the west of the Iberian Peninsula. _____
3. Via Augusta ran parallel to the Mediterranean coast. _____
4. Via de la Plata passed through Tarraco. _____
5. Via Augusta passed through Barcino. _____

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Look at the map and write down the names of the cities joined by these roads. Pay attention to the lines. The lines that show these important roads are thicker.

| Roman Roads | Towns in order |
|-----------------|------------------|
| Via Augusta | Gades- |
| Via de la Plata | Emerita Augusta- |