A GUIDE TO ENJOY THE NASRID CITY



GRANADA

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GRANADA

Granada is a city where the past and the present are in continuous dialogue. Its roots go deep into Iberian and Roman antiquity, but its true splendour came during the Muslim era, when it became the capital of the Nasrid Kingdom. During that period the **Alhambra was built**, an architectural jewel that today is a World Heritage Site and a universal symbol of the city. With the Christian conquest in 1492, Granada was transformed into a space where cultures lived, side-by-side, enriching its artistic and religious heritage with temples, palaces and monasteries.
The province offers a unique diversity of landscape: from the high peaks of the Sierra Nevada to the sunny beaches of the Costa Tropical, passing through white villages in the Alpujarras that preserve centuries-old traditions.
Today, with more than 230,000 inhabitants, one of the oldest and most prestigious universities in Spain and an ever-active cultural life, Granada is a modern city that keeps its historical heritage alive. Its streets offer visitors a mixture of legacy, gastronomy, hospitality and vitality that make it an essential destination.

PRACTICAL TIPS

Visiting Granada is an unforgettable experience if you know some practical details that make your stay easier.
The historic centre has traffic restrictions, so it is advisable to walk around it and enjoy its narrow streets or use public transport, with city buses and minibuses that reach neighbourhoods such as the Albaicín or the Sacromonte.
Enjoying tapas is a deep-rooted tradition: in most bars each drink is accompanied by a free tapa, which makes dining out an economical and varied experience.
As for the climate, spring and autumn are the best seasons to visit, since in summer the heat can be intense and in winter the proximity of Sierra Nevada brings cold and snow. It is advisable to wear comfortable shoes, as many streets are cobbled steep.
Finally, booking tickets for the Alhambra in advance is essential, as it is one of the most visited monuments in the country and tickets sell out quickly.

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SHOPPING AND CRAFTS

Shopping in Granada is like stepping into a universe of tradition and creativity. The heart of this world is the **Alcaicería**, an old Arab souk that preserves its layout of narrow streets where spices, lamps, fabrics and typical souvenirs are sold today.
Among the most emblematic products is the **Fajalauza ceramics**, recognized for their designs in blue and green, present in family workshops that keep a centuries-old tradition alive.
Taracea**,** a delicate handicraft in wood inlaid with ivory, mother-of-pearl or metals, is another symbol of Granada's art. Also noteworthy is the leatherwork, jewellery inspired by Nasrid motifs and artisanal fabrics that evoke the Arab legacy. For those looking for a more modern atmosphere, shopping streets such as Recogidas or Gran Vía offer contemporary fashion boutiques and international brands.
In Granada, shopping is not only about consumption, but also about the opportunity to take home a tangible piece of local history and identity.

NATURE AND SPORT

Granada's natural environment is as diverse as it is surprising. Just thirty minutes from the centre is **Sierra Nevada**, the southernmost ski resort in Europe, which in winter offers quality slopes and in summer becomes a paradise for hikers, cyclists and nature lovers. At its feet, the **Alpujarras** offer a landscape of ravines, fountains and whitewashed villages where you can breathe tranquility and authenticity.
Further south, the **Costa Tropical** has beaches and coves bathed by a mild climate all year-round, perfect for water sports or enjoying relaxed days by the sea. In the province also has natural areas of great value, such as the Sierra de Huétor or the Sierra de Baza Natural Park, where you can hike mountain trails, observe native fauna and discover unique ecosystems.







This combination of sea, mountains and plains makes Granada a privileged destination for those looking to combine culture with active tourism.

PUBLIC TRANSPORT IN THE CITY

Getting around Granada is easy thanks to an efficient public transport system adapted to the needs of the traveller. The **urban bus network** connects the main neighbourhoods, including areas with narrow streets such as the Albaicín or the Sacromonte, through specific minibuses.

Since 2017, the **Metropolitano de Granada** has connects the city centre with the metropolitan area.

There are **rechargeable transport cards** and passes that allow you to travel affordably, recommended for stays of several days. Although the historic centre can be easily explored on foot, public transport is useful for longer journeys or neighbourhoods that are difficult to access.

SECURITY IN GRANADA

Granada is a safe and welcoming city, where visitors can enjoy its streets and monuments at any time of the day. The presence of students and tourists creates a lively and generally risk-free atmosphere. However, as in any tourist destination, it is advisable to take basic precautions: keep an eye on belongings in crowded places such as the historic centre, the Alhambra or during the holidays, avoid leaving visible objects in vehicles and be cautious in crowded areas at night.

With these simple measures, the experience in Granada is comfortable and safe, allowing you to fully enjoy its cultural richness and hospitality.

USEFUL TELEPHONE NUMBERS IN GRANADA

- General emergencies (Police, Fire, Ambulances): 112
- Local Police: 092
- National Police: 091
- Virgen de las Nieves University Hospital: +34 958 020 000
- San Cecilio Clinical University Hospital (PTS): +34 958 020 200
- Federico García Lorca Granada-Jaén Airport: +34 913 211 000
- Train station (RENFE, Avda. Andaluces): +34 912 320 320
- Bus station: +34 958 185 010
- Radio Taxi Granada: +34 958 280 654

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MANDATORY VISITS

- **Alhambra and Generalife** – This World Heritage site dazzles with Nasrid palaces, military fortress and gardens that evoke centuries of Islamic splendour. If you want to visit this monument, we recommend buying tickets well in advance and only through its official channel https://www.alhambra-patronato.es/

- **Cathedral** – Built after the Reconquest, it is a majestic Renaissance temple that combines imposing dimensions with a bright interior full of symbolism. https://catedraldegranada.com/

- **Royal Chapel** – On one side of the cathedral lie the Catholic Monarchs under a Renaissance mausoleum; its collection of sacred art is essential to understanding Spanish history. https://capillarealgranada.com/

- **Albaicín** – A World Heritage neighbourhood, with narrow streets, viewpoints, cisterns and whitewashed houses that convey the Moorish spirit of Granada.

- **Mirador de San Nicolás** – The most famous viewpoint in the city, with a perfect view of the Alhambra silhouetted against the backdrop of the Sierra Nevada.

- **Monasterio de la Cartuja** – An impressive Baroque work of art that surprises with its gilded altarpieces, detailed frescoes and the intense spirituality that permeates each room. https://cartujadegranada.com/

- **Sacromonte** – A neighbourhood of caves carved into the rock, the cradle of gypsy flamenco, which offers vibrant shows and unforgettable panoramic views of the city.

- **Museum of Fine Arts** – Located in the Palace of Charles V, it houses a large collection of Granada painting and sculpture from different periods. https://www.museosdeandalucia.es/web/museodebellasartesdegranada

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OPTIONAL VISITS

- **El Bañuelo Arab Baths** – One of the best-preserved medieval hammams in Spain, an example of daily life in Islamic Granada.
- **Carmen de los Mártires** – Historic gardens with ponds, sculptures and romantic corners that combine French, English and Arabic influences.
- **Science Park** – An interactive museum of international renown, with scientific exhibitions, a planetarium and educational areas for the whole family. https://www.parqueciencias.com/
- **Basilica of San Juan de Dios** – A baroque temple of unique exuberance, where its golden altars, frescoes and popular devotion stand out.
- **Sacromonte Abbey** – A religious complex with relics, catacombs and magnificent views, which explains the spiritual tradition of Granada.
- **Sacromonte Caves Museum** – An ethnographic space that recreates life in the caves and promotes gypsy and peasant popular culture.
- **Palacio de los Córdova** – A renaissance palace surrounded by gardens next to the Darro River, a space to stroll and discover noble architecture.
- **Federico García Lorca Centre** – A modern building that houses exhibitions, archives and tributes to the universal poet born in the province of Granada.

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WHERE TO EAT

TAPAS BARS

- **Bodegas Castañeda – C/ Almireceros 1-3** – A traditional tavern that maintains the essence of tapas, offering sausages, cheeses and local wines.
- **Los Diamantes – C/ Navas 28** – Famous for its lively atmosphere and its impeccable fried fresh fish, which makes it a mandatory stop.
- **Beauty and the Beast – C/ Cárcel Baja 14** – A bar known for its generous tapas, its striking decoration and an ideal atmosphere for groups.
- **Bar Poë – C/ Verónica de la Magdalena 40** – A place that surprises with African, Asian and Latin American-inspired tapas in each drink.
- **El Minotauro – C/ Imprenta 6** – Small and cozy, famous among university students for offering traditional tapas in a close and familiar atmosphere.
- **La Antigualla – C/ Navas 27** – Very popular for its huge tapas, which include full sandwiches, ideal for those looking for quantity and flavour.
- **El Rincón de Cristóbal – Plaza Nueva 3** – A Granada classic in the city centre, with homemade tapas and close treatment, very frequented by locals and tourists.

FIRST-CLASS RESTAURANTS

- **Las Tomasas – C/ Carril de San Agustín 4** – a restaurant with signature dishes and a privileged terrace in front of the Alhambra, ideal for special dinners.
- **Saffron Route – Paseo de los Tristes 47** – Fusion between Arab and Andalusian tradition, in an incomparable setting next to the Darro River.
- **Arriaga Restaurant – Av. Constitución 21** – Contemporary haute cuisine located in a skyscraper, with panoramic views of the entire city.
- **Damasqueros – C/ Damasqueros 3** – An intimate space offering a tasting menu, based on local products reinterpreted with imagination.
- **Atelier Casa de Comidas – C/ San Juan de Dios 3** – A modern restaurant that combines tradition and avant-garde in a refined and elegant atmosphere.
- **Carmen Mirador de Aixa – C/ Carril de San Agustín 2** – Quality Mediterranean cuisine with a location that offers unforgettable views.
- **Kiki – C/ Agua del Albayzín 12** – A classic restaurant of Andalusian tradition, famous for its proximity and picturesque setting in the Albaicín.
- **Stall 43 – San Agustín Market** – A specialist in seafood and fish, fresh and direct from the market to the table.

VEGAN RESTAURANTS

- **El Ojú – C/ General Narváez 4** – A cozy place with homemade and affordable vegan options, much loved by the alternative community.
- **Wild Food – C/ San Jerónimo 5** – A organic, creative and modern vegan restaurant, with fresh dishes made with locally-sourced products.
- **Paprika – C/ Colcha 4** – Vegan Mediterranean cuisine with an international twist, ideal for relaxed dinners near the centre.

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- **Hicuri – Plaza de los Girones 4** – A colourful space that offers a varied vegan menu and a young and artistic atmosphere.

- **Raíces – Av. Constitución 20** – Vegan and healthy cuisine that combines modern dishes with a very careful presentation.

- **Mummo – C/ Moras 5** – A vegan cafe specializing in homemade pastries, ideal for breakfast or snacks.

- **Pizzeria La Nonna – C/ Molinos 2** – Artisan pizzas with fresh ingredients and totally vegan options that are surprisingly flavourful.

ROMANTIC RESTAURANTS

- **Mirador de Morayma – C/ Pianista García Carrillo 2** – A Carmen with intimate gardens and traditional cuisine, perfect for dinners with your partner.

- **El Trillo – C/ Cuesta de Alhacaba 8** – A restaurant with a terrace tucked away among vines and privileged views of the illuminated Alhambra.

- **Carmen de Aben Humeya – Cuesta de las Tomasas 12** – A romantic atmosphere with one of the most beautiful panoramic views of Granada.

- **Saffron Route – Paseo de los Tristes 47** – Fusion cuisine in an enclave by the river, ideal for special occasions.

- **Las Tomasas – C/ Carril de San Agustín 4** – An elegant dinner with an incomparable setting in front of the Alhambra.

- **La Fontana – Paseo de los Tristes 12** – A romantic terrace next to the Darro, with traditional Andalusian cuisine.

- **Carmen El Agua – C/ Placeta del Aljibe Trillo 7** – An intimate restaurant with a relaxed atmosphere and a select menu.

- **Estrellas de San Nicolás – C/ Atarazana Vieja 6** – Haute cuisine in an exclusive setting with night views of the Alhambra.

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THEMED RESTAURANTS

- **Om-Kalsum – C/ Jardines 17** – A restaurant with an Arabic atmosphere, with exotic decoration and dishes rich with spices.

- **La Sitarilla – C/ San Miguel Alta 7** – A tavern with Andalusian charm, very popular for its traditional and lively atmosphere.

- **El Peruano – C/ San Juan de Dios 40** – Authentic Peruvian cuisine with ceviches and Andean specialties.

- **Meknes – C/ Palencia 20** – A moroccan restaurant decorated in Arabic style, perfect for a themed dinner.

- **La Finca Coffee – C/ Marqués de Falces 1** – A modern space ideal for brunches and themed pastries.

- **Burbu – C/ Buensuceso 23** – A modern Korean restaurant that brings authentic East Asian flavours.

- **Sushimore – C/ Acera del Darro 40** – A Japanese fusion venue offering creative and contemporary sushi.

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EVENTS AGENDA

Granada is a city that beats to the rhythm of its festive and cultural calendar. **Holy Week**, declared of International Tourist Interest, is one of the most intense times of the year, with solemn processions that run through the historic streets to the sound of marches and aromas of incense. Shortly after, **Corpus Christi** takes over the city with parades, fairs and popular traditions that fill squares and neighbourhoods with colour. In summer, the **International Festival of Music and Dance** turns the Alhambra and other historical venues into spaces where opera, contemporary dance and flamenco coexist. In addition, the city hosts events during the year such as the **Granada Jazz Festival**, of great international prestige, the **Retroback Classic Film Festival**, literary meetings and gastronomic fairs that celebrate the products of the province. These events not only attract visitors from all over the world, but also reinforce the identity of a city that has made culture its calling card.

FLAMENCO TABLAOS AND SHOWS

- **Zambra María la Canastera – Camino del Sacromonte 89**. A historic tablao in an authentic cave in Sacromonte, where the original gypsy zambras are preserved with music, singing and dancing of great purity.

- **Los Tarantos Cave – Sacromonte Road 9.** One of the oldest tablaos in the neighbourhood, with nightly shows that recreate the gypsy tradition of flamenco in an intimate and authentic atmosphere.

- **Venta El Gallo – Camino del Sacromonte 122.** It offers a high-level flamenco show in traditional caves, accompanied by Andalusian cuisine and privileged views of the illuminated Alhambra.

- **Jardines de Zoraya – C/ Panaderos 32 (Albaicín).** A tablao with restaurant in the heart of Albaicín, which combines outdoor dining with flamenco performances by artists of national and international recognition.

- **La Alboreá – Plaza Nueva 36.** A central and accessible space, with daily shows that showcase different styles of flamenco, from the most energetic dance to deep songs.

- **Casa del Arte Flamenco – C/ Cuesta de Gomérez 11.** A avenue specialized in pure flamenco shows, with top-level artists in an intimate format that enhances every detail of the art.

- **Tablao Flamenco Albayzín – Camino del Sacromonte 70.** It offers a complete program of music, singing and dancing in a unique setting, with views of the city's most emblematic neighbourhood.

- **Peña La Platería – Placeta de Toqueros 7.** Founded in 1949, it is the oldest flamenco club in Spain. It hosts recitals and authentic shows in a Granada atmosphere full of tradition.

BARS AND PUBS

- **Mae West – C.C. Neptuno** – The most iconic nightclub in Granada, with multiple atmospheres, shows and a varied audience that fills every night.

- **Ground Floor – C/ Horno de Abad 11** – a legendary concert hall that combines live music with drinks in an alternative atmosphere.

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- **Vogue – C/ Ángel Ganivet 13** – A select venue with an elegant atmosphere, modern music and cosmopolitan clientele.

- **Boom Boom Room – C/ Cárcel Baja 13** – A top nightclub for electronic music, with national and international DJs.

- **Aliatar – C/ Recogidas 2** – A historic club of Granada, with several floors and a festive atmosphere until the early hours.

- **Babel Pub – C/ Elvira 40** – A meeting point for students and foreign visitors, with well-priced drinks and a lively atmosphere.

- **Hannigan & Sons – C/ Cetti Meriem 7** – A classic Irish pub, with a wide selection of beers and a cozy atmosphere.

- **Lemon Rock – C/ Montalbán 6** – A modern hostel with live music, cocktails and patio.

- **Camborio – Camino del Sacromonte 31** – A disco in caves with a terrace from which you can see the illuminated Alhambra.

TRIPS FROM GRANADA

1. **Sierra Nevada** – A 40-minute drive away, it offers skiing in winter and hiking in summer, with spectacular high-mountain scenery.

2. **La Alpujarra** – A region of white villages, trails and traditional gastronomy, ideal for day trips from Granada.

3. **Guadix** – A unique city famous for its inhabited cave houses, its cathedral and a fascinating historical environment.

4. **Montefrío** – Monumental town with views listed by National Geographic as some of the most beautiful in the world.

5. **Loja** – Known as "the city of water", it combines springs, Arab monuments and nearby nature.

6. **Costa Tropical (Salobreña, Almuñécar)** – Beaches, warm weather all year round and castles that rise above the Mediterranean. Enjoy **the best area for diving lovers in Spain.**

7. **Jaén** – An hour and a half away, with its imposing Renaissance cathedral and a sea of olive trees.

8. **Cordoba** – Two hours away, the Mosque-Cathedral and its historic centre are a must-see for any traveller.

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TRANSPORT



TRAVELLING TO GRANADA WITHOUT A CAR

Granada is well connected to the rest of Spain by different options. Federico **García Lorca Granada-Jaén Airport**, located 20 km from the centre, has regular domestic flights and some international connections; shuttle buses and taxis depart from there to take the traveller directly to the city. The **train station**, on Avenida de Andaluces, offers high-speed connections to Madrid, Seville and Malaga, as well as regional links. By road, the **bus station**, located on Carretera de Jaén, connects with numerous Spanish and European destinations. These alternatives allow you to get there comfortably without the need for your own vehicle. The best way to get to our apartment from any of the 3 options is by taxi or Uber, given the low cost.

DRIVING A VEHICLE IN THE CITY

The centre of Granada is included in the **Low Emission Zone (LEZ),** which limits access to the city to certain vehicles depending on their environmental label. **Only vehicles with B, C, Zero** or **ECO labels can** circulate. If you have a vehicle with this label, whether your own or rented, you will be able to circulate around the city, as long as you do not access the totally restricted areas. You can see the fully restricted area at the following link:

http://www.movilidadgranada.com/zon_accesos.php

Vehicles without an environmental label cannot circulate in the LEZ and must park in the outdoor areas designated for this purpose this way, visitors can leave their car on the outskirts and travel comfortably on foot, by taxi or by public transport to the heart of the city. Here you can see all the information regarding these car parks and the restricted area

http://www.movilidadgranada.com/zbe-parking.php

There is another option, which is to park **for free** at the Nevada Shopping Centre and travel by metro to the city centre.

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We invite you to get to know Granada and its corners

Don't hesitate to contact us with any questions.

We will be happy to help you