



Granada



Location

Autonomous region: Andalusia

Province: Granada



At the foot of the Sierra Nevada mountains, between the rivers Darro and Genil, lies one of the most interesting cities in Eastern Andalusia. As well as its impressive Al-Andalus heritage, there are Renaissance architectural gems and the most modern facilities, fit for the 21st century. Granada has an unmistakable Moorish essence, due to the fact that it was the last city to be reconquered by the Catholic Monarchs in 1492. The gastronomy, craftwork and urban planning are influenced by its glorious past. Fountains, viewpoints and "Cármenes", houses surrounded by typical gardens of this city, create unforgettable corners in the city. It is no surprise that one of its old neighbourhoods, the Albaicín, has been awarded the World Heritage designation, together with the Alhambra and Generalife. It was an important cultural centre for many centuries, under the Moors and the Christians too, and nowadays it boasts a broad cultural and leisure programme. Film, music or theatre festivals are complemented with permanent or travelling exhibitions on all fields of knowledge. Old Renaissance palaces hold seminars, conferences and discussions, while the most innovative infrastructures are prepared for great events.

Granada has a vast network of accommodation, including historic buildings, such as the old convent of Santa Paula (AC Hotel) and the convent of San Francisco (Parador de Turismo located inside the Alhambra), "cármenes" (traditional villas with gardens) in the Albaicín, and cave houses in Sacromonte. Because of its great communications, its marvellous climate, its beaches, and its snowy mountains, Granada is a unique destination for cultural, adventure and business travel.

How to get there

By Car

Road access is on the A-44. This national route links Granada in the south with Motril and the coast. The A-92 runs westwards to Malaga. These roads are also used by **bus companies**, that offer services between Granada and other Spanish and international destinations.

Travel time taken: 2 hours

Get on A-7 from MA-3201 from Santillan (5.1 km)
Turn left onto the ramp to Vélez-Málaga/Motril
Follow A-7 and E-902/A-44 to Av. Santa María de la Alhambra
in Granada
Merge onto A-7 (70.0 km)
Take the A-44/E-902 exit (1.0 km)
Continue onto E-902/A-44 (50.8 km)
Take exit 132 toward Ronda Sur (750 m)

By Bus

The company called Alsa has numerous buses that make this route.

Place of departur: bus station in Malaga Center

Adress: Paseo de los Tilos s/n, Malaga Tlf 952 350 061

Travel time taken: 2 hours. Price: aroud 12 €

The Alhambra



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Adress: Calle Real de la Alhambra s/n
Granada (Andalusia)

Reservations:

Tel 902 888 001 , 958 926 031



The splendour of the Nasrid era

The Alhambra is a beautiful complex of buildings and gardens. Its leafy tree-lined walkways provide pleasant shade and coolness, enhanced by the abundance of water that flows in its streams.

It was the largest political and aristocratic centre of the Moslem West. The Palace premises comprise beautiful rectangular courtyards and numerous fountains, as well as the Nasrid buildings that served as living quarters for the monarchs and their servants. The oldest building is the Alcazaba citadel. One of the most important structures is the La Vela tower, which offers one of the loveliest views of the Alhambra. The courtyard of the Lions with its fountains is one of the most beautiful in the compound.

Construction: Palace

Artistic period: Arab

Historic period: 14th century

Setting: The Generalife.

Schedule

- From Mar 15 to Oct 14
- From Monday to Sunday From 08:30 to 20:00
- From Oct 15 to Mar 14
- From Monday to Sunday From 08:30 to 18:00

Closed: 25 December and 1 January.

Prices: General: €15,40

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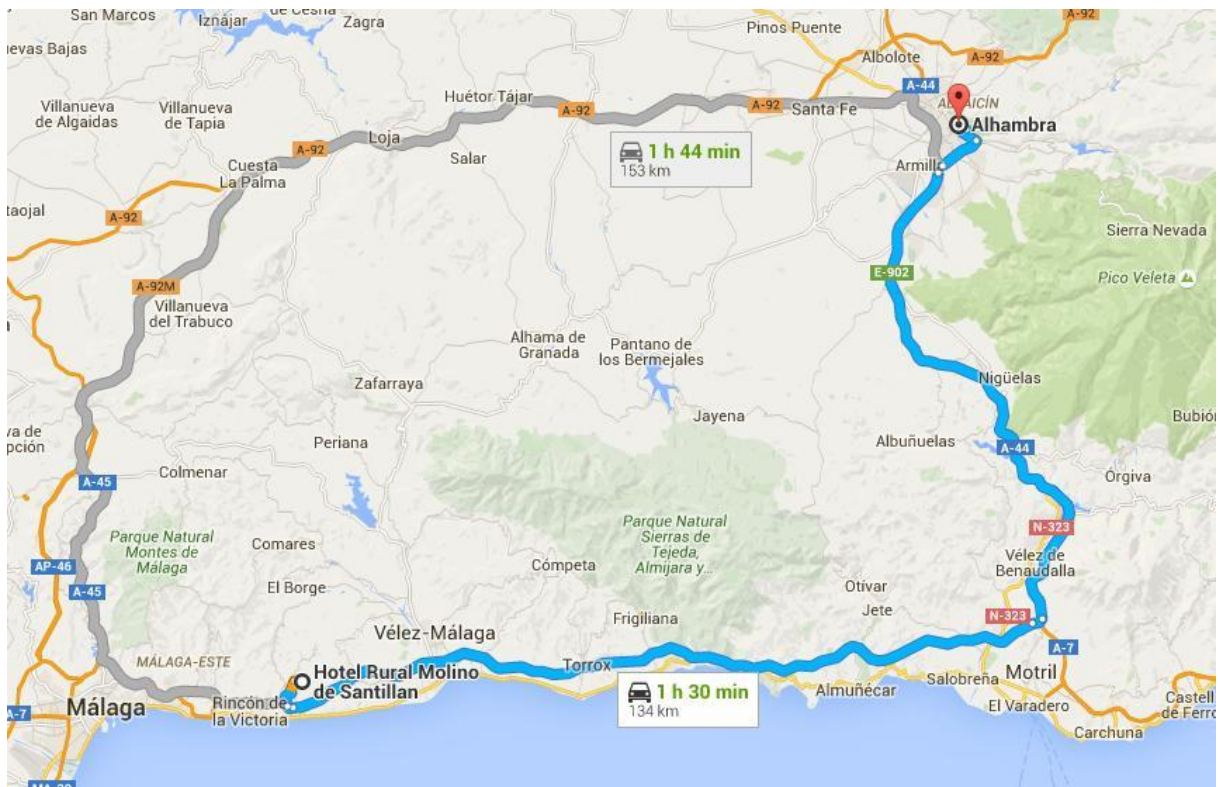
Continue onto A-395

Continue on Av. Santa María de la Alhambra to your destination

At the roundabout, take the 2nd exit onto Av. Santa María de la Alhambra (2.1 km)

At the roundabout, take the 3rd exit onto Paseo de la Sabica (550 m)

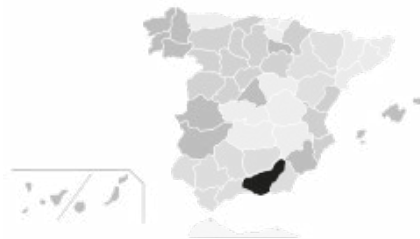
Turn right (13 m)



The Generalife



Paseo del Generalife s/n
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This was the country residence of the sultan, the orchard which provided the palaces with food supplies, and a recreational area for the nobility.

This vast fertile terrain was created by diverting the course of the river Darro with huge canals that reached up to the Generalife. The colourful and outstandingly beautiful Acequia Courtyard serves as the entry point into the premises. The building consists of two structures located at each end of a large courtyard, with a pool in the middle. The recreational area of the Generalife, built between the 13th and 14th centuries, lies on the slopes of the Cerro del Sol, and offers breathtaking views.

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Sierra Nevada



Located in the heart of the Penibético system in the municipality of Monachil (Granada), the Sierra Nevada is the southernmost ski resort in Europe and home to the highest peaks in the Iberian Peninsula (Veleta at 3,394 m and Mulhacén at 3,478 m), all just 100 Km from the Mediterranean sea and the Costa Tropical.

Its 115,6 skiable kilometres on 120 marked pistes, the quality of the snow, the exceptional treatment of the slopes and the complementary leisure offer make the Sierra Nevada an international reference point and a must for the modern skier and tourists of the 21st century.

Sun and Snow are assured in this emblematic environmental paradise which was declared a Biosphere Reserve by UNESCO in 1986 and which acquired National Park status in 1989.

Snow and Sun, Sport and Leisure, Art and Gastronomy, Shopping and Relax in a Spa. Sierra Nevada offers you the perfect match. Sierra Nevada is a paradise for snow lovers.

The main Ski Resort in southern Europe, where more sunny days per year can be enjoyed, is the perfect place to practice all winter sports. The quality of its facilities and services, together with its lively atmosphere, make the resort a first rate meeting point for all snow lovers.

Don't miss out the wide offer of snow sports and activities to practice during the day, while at night fun is also guaranteed: night-skiing, tapas and drinks alongside the slopes, restaurants, discos, etc. Light, warmth. Feel the South. Enjoy snow and much more...

Sierra Nevada focuses its developments for the new winter season in a line similar to that of the previous year, supporting the family skiing, and strengthening the youth sports scene (Superparque Sulayr) and new disciplines of snow (snowboarding and freestyle). Sierra Nevada this winter season opens with news in all areas of both snow and in hotels.