

Top sights

• Nobody can forget the first time they saw the **Alhambra (1)**, a place that is unique in the world: the fantasy of sultans who wished to recreate paradise in Granada. Close your eyes in the **Patio de los Arrayanes (2)** [Courtyard of the Myrtles] or in the **Patio de los Leones (3)** [Courtyard of the Lions] and you will feel how it was made with light, water and perfume, along with marble, plaster and ceramic tiles. This inspiring walk ends in the gardens of the **Generalife (4)**, lavish in its vegetation and freshness.

The Catholic Monarchs also wished to create something grand in this city and they commissioned the most beautiful **Cathedral (5)** of their reign, as a symbol of Christianity and in an attempt to be on a par with the spectacular Moorish monuments, as well as the **Capilla Real (6)** [Royal Chapel] where the two monarchs are laid to rest... although they are certainly surrounded by a hive of activity: just a stone's throw away you will find the café terraces of the **Plaza Bib-Rambla**, the busy market area of the **Alcaicería (8)** and the **Corral del Carbón (7)**, another example of Moorish architectural splendour and of how Granada fills its monuments and historic legacy with life.

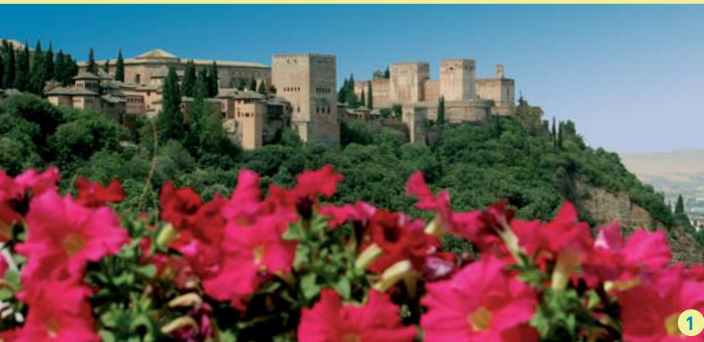


ALHAMBRA AND GENERALIFE
Access by bus: "Alhambra bus" minibus, departure from Plaza Nueva: lines 30 and 32.

It is a good idea to book in advance due to the large numbers of visitors all year round.
Telephone Bookings: 902 224 460.
Calling from abroad: 00 34 915 379 178.

This visit is included in the Granada City Pass.

In the grounds of the Alhambra, you may visit the Museum of Fine Arts and the Museum of the Alhambra (free admission for EU citizens).



CATHEDRAL
Tel: 958 222 959

CAPILLA REAL
Tel: 958 227 848
Must see: the admirable collection of Flemish tableaux.

MONASTERY OF LA CARTUJA
Access by bus: line 8.
Tel: 958 161 932

MONASTERY OF SAN JERÓNIMO
Access by bus: line 5.
Tel: 958 279 337

PARQUE DE LAS CIENCIAS [SCIENCE MUSEUM]
Access by bus: line 5.
Tel: 958 131 900
A 21st century museum, where everything may be touched: over 200 amazing, educational and fun experiences.

All included in the Granada City Pass.



EL BAÑUELO [THE ARAB BATHS]
Tel: 958 229 738



ARCHAEOLOGICAL MUSEUM
Tel: 958 225 640

ALBAICÍN
Access by bus: "Alhambra bus" minibus, departure from Plaza Nueva: lines 31 and 32.
It is worth bearing in mind that bus number 32 links the Alhambra and Generalife with the Albaicín quarter and it covers two different routes: the bus from the stop situated before the Cuesta takes you straight to the Alhambra. If you take the bus after the Cuesta de Gómez, it first goes to the Albaicín (about twenty minutes) and then it continues on to the Alhambra.

SACROMONTE
Access by bus: "Alhambra bus" minibus, departure from Plaza Nueva: line 34.



CARMEN DE LOS MÁRTIRES
Tel: 958 227 953

FUNDACIÓN RODRÍGUEZ ACOSTA
Tel: 958 227 497
Apart from its wonderful gardens, it is well worth visiting the inside, particularly the library.



INSTITUTO GÓMEZ MORENO
Tel: 958 227 497
Situated in a building alongside the Fundación Rodríguez Acosta. It houses an interesting art collection.



Top routes

• Granada is best discovered if you visit on foot, wandering and enjoying the light, the views and the constant surprises. Start at **Plaza Nueva (1)** and go the length of the **Carrera del Darro (3)** and the **Paseo de los Tristes (4)**, alongside the River Darro, in a charming succession of bridges, convents and palatial houses, at the foot of the Alhambra hill. The **Real Chancillería** [Royal Chancellery], the **Church of Santa Ana (2)**, the **Bañuelo** [Arab Baths], the **Cadí Bridge** or the **Archaeological Museum** are well worth stopping at.

For a genuine ramble, nothing beats the labyrinth of the **Albaicín (5)**, and you will immediately see why it is a World Heritage Site. There is magic in every corner, and you can easily lose yourself amid its small squares, "carmens" (typical Andalusian houses with a garden) and astounding views. The most usual place to admire the Alhambra is from the **Mirador de San Nicolás (6)** [one of the best viewpoints], but you can also choose your own personal spot.

And another stroll, which in itself is a destination, will take you to the **Sacromonte (7)**, an area filled with pathways, prickly pear bushes and spectacular viewpoints, replete with true flavour and a flamenco feel. You will just love its cave-homes and its curious landscape.



Treat yourself to an afternoon in the **Realejo** district: you will come across the **Carmen de los Mártires** and the **Carmen de la Fundación Rodríguez Acosta**, among other treasures, both harbouring two of the prettiest and delightful gardens in the whole city. As you stroll downhill and towards the centre, you are within reach of many other interesting places: the small square of the **Puerta del Sol**, the **Campo del Príncipe**, or **Santo Domingo** (the church and square).

