

granada

CITY GUIDE

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things to do ###



Granada is amazing! A city full of vibrant student life and a rich history, Granada is the soul of Southern Spain.

Welcome to the Oasis' most original.

It all started here in 2003, tucked away amongst the cobblestone of Granadas most storied neighborhood. In the heart of the historic Albaicín. quarter, your Oasis, loved by travellers for its location and travellers atmosphere, it's waiting to be discovered by you. With our friendly and multi-lingual staff we will welcome you with our world famous hospitality, answer any questions you might have about the city and send you off to your dorm with a smile on your face and a welcome drink ticket in your hand.

Alhambra

C/ Real de la Alhambra,
S/N, 18009 Granada



The beauty of the Alhambra is world renowned. Strategically situated on top of a hill overlooking the city of Granada, the design's functional purpose as the last Moorish stronghold in Spain is overshadowed by its incredible splendour and its intermingled fountains, gardens, and ornate stone work. It is said to be the most visited monument in all of Spain. That said, book early. At Oasis, the receptionist will be happy to handle your booking details for a small fee. Go early to have a more intimate visit and avoid the several massive tour groups that cluster through the place all day long.

October 15th to March 14th:
08:30h to 18h,
March 15th to Oct. 14th:
08h30 to 20h.

Entry fee: 12€

www.alhambra.org

Walk through the Albayzín



The Albaicín is the old Arabic quarter located on the hill opposite the Alhambra. It is characterised by cobblestoned streets with white washed houses. There are many squares with terraces and places to laze about or grab a bite to eat. Get lost in its small, windy streets and get an idea of how life was in the past centuries. Mirador San Nicolas is right in the centre of the Albaicín. Go there to have a brilliant view of the Alhambra, and the snow of the Sierra Nevada Mountains. Maybe you'll get lucky and find some gypsies playing Flamenco and singing. Start by walking up from the hostel, leaving the Church of San Gregorio on your right.

See a Flamenco Show



Granada, or better said the caves of the Sacromonte are one of the cradles of Flamenco. Try Venta a El Gallo or La Chien Andalou for some true Flamenco. The flamenco dance will be performed by artists who are direct descendants of many famous names in the flamenco world. A number of clubs in the city also have flamenco shows throughout the week.

Eat Tapas



Surely you don't need to be told to eat tapas. They're free after all. At any tapas bar, all you need to order is a drink – be it beer, sangria, cola, or whatever – after a few sips, you will be surprised by generous servings of tapas. The most classic tapas are generally located around Pedro Antonio and the touristy Plaza Nueva. It's unclear how they can afford to give away so much food, but who cares? Enjoy!

The Caves of Sacromonte



Walk to the Caves on Sacromonte from "San Miguel alto" and enjoy one of the most beautiful and impressive views of Granada. More than 1,000 people live in caves in Granada. The gypsies arrived about 600 years ago and many of them congregated in these caves of the Sacromonte. The mixture of Arabic influence combined with the particular lifestyle and temperament of the gypsies created Flamenco.

Cathedral of Granada

Gran Vía de Colon



One of the most beautiful buildings in Granada. As is the case of most Christian buildings in Granada, the Cathedral was built on the site of the former Mosque. Work on the cathedral began on 15th March 1523 and it was not completed until 1704, as construction came to a halt during the plague.

Hamam Arabic Baths

Calle Santa Ana, 16



You will find baths with different temperatures, like in the Al-Andalus times, hopping from one pool to another. Massages are optional and a great way to take a break from stressful travelling.

From 21€ with special offers for students.

Call for info & reservation:
tel.: (+34) 958 229 978

Monachil



Go to Monachil via the "Los Cahoros" mountain route to see the beautiful nature of Andalusia. You can enjoy beautiful views, waterfalls and a babbling mountain river there.

Calle de las Teterias

Calderia Nueva



Along Calderia Vieja and Calderia Nueva, twisting antique lanes climb the hill into the heart of the old Muslim district of the Albaicin, where Arab shops offer handmade crafts from Morocco, sweets from Jerusalem and pungent Arabian spices. Softly lit tea houses promise mint tea and water pipes, evoking the hospitality of ancient Persia.

Segway Tours around the Granada Hills

Calle Santa Ana 2, Bajo 3



Tired of walking up and down Granada? Get on a Segway and choose one of 4 fun tours exploring the city and its surroundings. Oasis guests take these tours at a special rate. Lucky you!

tel.: (+34) 958 163 684

restaurants



For the most part, eating in Granada is a tapas event and

more formal restaurants

are not frequented so often, but if you're howling for a full meal and want to get off the tapas trail for a while, these places are well worth checking out.

Hicuri
Calle Santa Escolastica,
Esquina Plaza Girones 4



In the heart of the Realejo, this charming little place specializes in vegetarian cuisine, with an outstanding veggie lasagne not to be missed. Vegetarian tapas come for free when you buy a drink.

Arrayanes (Moroccan)
Cuesta Maranas, 4



Just behind our hostel, you will find one of the finest Moroccan dining places in town. The succulent chicken tangine is phenomenal and served with lemon and olives. It should, however, be noted that, in congruence with Moroccan custom, they do not serve alcohol.

Muglia (Indian)
Calle Casillas de Prats, 6
Calle Joaquin Costa, 4



Very nice Indian food, swiftly served and at a good price. This restaurant has two locations and they are the only places in Granada where you'll find curry dishes, so if that's your thing, then this place is for you.

El Pakistani (Kebab)
Calle Elvira



Kebabs are all over Granada. Probably everybody has a favourite but ours is El Pakistani! Let them know you're from the Oasis Hostel, and you'll get some special attention.

Cafe Lisboa
Plaza Nueva, on the corner
with Calle Elvira



Granada's true classic to have a coffee and watch people passing by. With plenty of outdoor seating on their street-front patio, this café tends to hold on to its patrons for some time. Lots of snacks with great coffee and good beers.

Cafe Futbol
Plaza Mariana Pineda, 6



A Granada classic for Sunday afternoons. Churros and chocolate in a place that has been around for three generations, serving big portions of greasy deliciousness in a warm and inviting atmosphere.

www.cafefutbol.com

tapas



Granada is the capital of tapas!

Granada is one of the only cities left in Spain that still serves tapas for free with each drink purchased, making it a favourite not just for budget travellers with a thirst, but for foodies of all levels of sophistication.

La Riviera
Calle Cetti Meriém, 7



Big tapas, fast service and a location close to the hostel. You can choose your tapas from the list provided. Why not start your tapas tour in here?

El Nido del Buho
C/ Doctor Pareja Yébenes



This is not your average tapas bar. For what many claim to be the best tapas in all of Granada, this is the spot, though it is a bit out of the way. Alhambra Especial and classic Grenadines are served standard and are considered a luxury over other more common beverages served in most tapas bars. Each drink is served with olives and then generous tapas like stuffed avocado and homemade paella follow suit. And while other restaurants close for siesta, this place stays open all day serving gourmet tapas at just 2€ per round.

Reina Mónica
Calle Panaderos, 20



Free tapas buffet! For only 2€, you can choose four different tapas from the variety provided. Perfect for the budget traveller who wants to save a few more Euros without betraying their appetite for great tapas.

Yamato
Gran Vía, 29



It must be acknowledged that going for sushi in southern Spain may not be the first thing on your list, but Yamato's well-priced sushi tapas make for a refreshing change of pace. Order an Alhambra Especial in the bottle for 3.50€ along with two sushi rolls or for maki rolls. Located near the well-travelled Plaza Nueva, yet this place manages to avoid being over-run by tourists.

Babel World Fusion
Calle Elvira, 40



Very popular with the younger crowd, this place can get quite animated, so if you're looking for a quiet place, maybe you want to move on. But this is regarded as a great stop for delightful, low-priced tapas. They have tapas from all over the world and serve satisfying international dishes as well.

clubs and nightlife



Where to begin?

Granada's nightlife has everything to keep the throngs of international students living here distracted from their studies. Pulsating discos, cool lounges, bars dug out of caves, and a vibrant bohemian viewpoint. This is where all that money saved from free tapas inevitably goes to.

Afrodisia
C/ Almona Boquerón, 10



This place closes around 03h, so it cannot really be labelled a 'club,' but the soulful mix of reggae, funk, and hip-hop makes this place a must-visit. Small with a very nice, come-as-you-are atmosphere. They have hip-hop parties on Tuesday night and Reggae on Wednesday.

Pata Palo
Calle Naranjos, 2



Small bar, where they play salsa, reggae and more. The place opens late and people really don't fill the place until 24:30h or 01h. If you get there a little early the table football can keep you entertained while you start off with drinks. Check the many posters on the wall promoting live shows in the Elvira area for something happening while you're in town.

Granada 10
Calle de Carcel Baja, 10



This is the biggest club in Granada, and just 2 minutes from Oasis, in the Albaicin. Within the super posh interior, like something out of The Great Gatsby, you'll find an attractive crowd gyrating to popular contemporary music as well as some techno, R&B and Reggae. Wednesday is Ladies' Night, and the farer sex will have free entrance as well as an open bar until midnight.

El Camborio
Camino Sacromonte, 47



Can't stress it enough – this place is amazing. Located in Sacramonte, with amazing panoramic views of the Alhambra from its terrace and garden on the top floor just outside the dance floor. For the normal entrance fee of 4€, you'll have access to all the dance floors and a free drink from any of the bars. Head downstairs where a myriad of caves and dance floors are waiting to be plundered. Vale Music, a popular record label in Spain, has entrusted your DJ, Jose, to provide you with an array of danceable beats, covering all genres.

Kapital
Plaza de Gracia, next to the Multicines



This popular club has 3 dance floors, each one with a different feel. Music ranges from disco, to reggae, electronic beats, and more. Very fashionable among students and young locals.

www.kapitalgranada.es

Entresuelo
Plaza de San Agustín, 2



This decidedly bohemian location is a great alternative venue that hosts live music, DJ's, exhibitions, and film presentations. With a relaxed environment, it's a great place just to chill with friends over great drinks and danceable music – mostly rock, reggae and ska.

Sunday to Thursday: 21h - 03h
Fridays, Saturdays: 22h - 04h

live music & flamenco



Don't just sit there !

Flamenco in Granada is regarded as some of the best in all of Spain, so dance, clap, and tap your feet. The city also has a flair for flamenco-jazz fusion, making it a dynamic and progressive scene. Rock, reggae, jazz, hip-hop, and funk round out the experience in this cultural capitol of Andalucía.

Sacromonte
Camino Sacromonte, 70



Enjoy the “gypsy flamenco” at the caves in Sacromonte everyday starting at 22h. These shows are set in an interesting setting, for sure, and the caves seem like an off-the-beaten-path sort of place, but this is definitely not the case. Sacromonte’s flamenco shows are specifically for tourists, but that doesn’t necessarily mean that they’re no good. The shows are famous for a reason, but just be aware that, because it is so tourist oriented, prices will be a bit higher.

www.guiasgranada.com

Booga Club
Calle Santa Barbara, 3



This small nightclub is an absolute local favourite. The music is mostly funk and jazz, with a lot of concerts and jam sessions with flamenco a couple times a week. The entry fee depends on the show, but it’s usually around 5€, with a free drink.

www.boogaclub.com

Planta Baja
Calle Horno de Abad, 11



Popular with students, this two tiered club organizes live concerts occasionally, but always has DJ sets the rest of the time. On the top floor, a quiet bar provides a warm ambience to relax and chat, while the downstairs bar and dance floor have people dancing to contemporary hits by DJ Toner and Sergio Bastida. The cover charge varies, but usually includes one free drink.

www.plantabaja.net

Mirador San Nicolas



This is a popular bohemian hang-out with a youthful crowd that can be found jamming on guitars, horns, and hand-drums while people chat, drink, socialize, and generally have a good old time. Always spontaneous and offering a perfect view of the city and the Alhambra, there’s also a beautiful church nearby and lots of tapas bars as well.

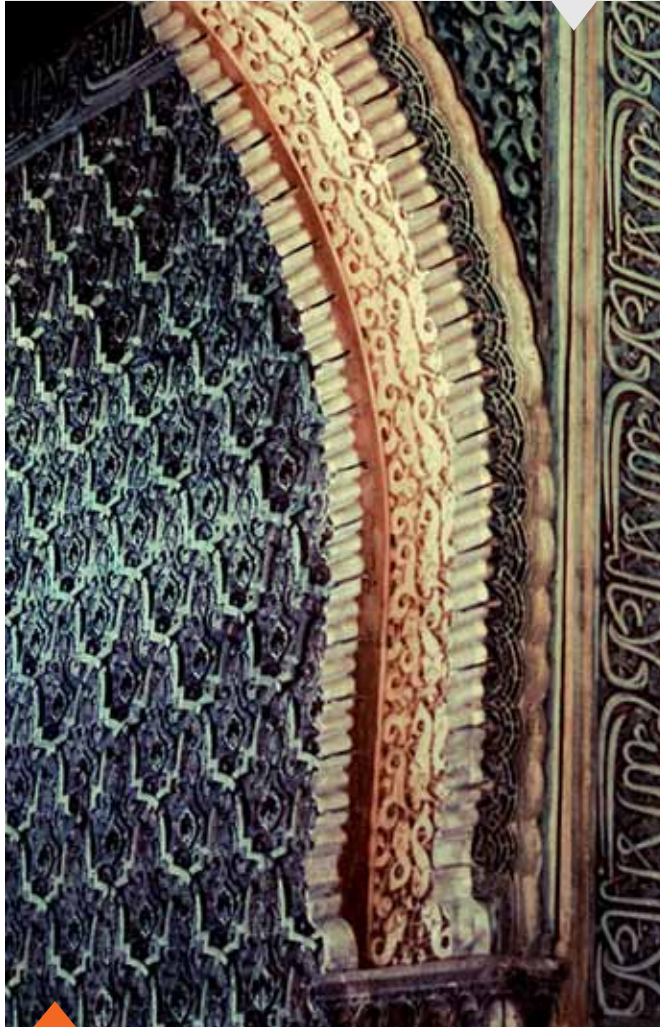
La Chien Andalou
Carrera Darro, 7



This small cave hosts flamenco shows every night. And in addition to being much cheaper, it’s also much less touristy than most of the caves in Sacromonte. Go if you want to enjoy beautiful show for only 6€.

www.lechienandalou.com

museums



Granada is rich with history going back centuries, with contributions from several diverse cultures and periods. Learn all you can from the city's many free museums and don't hesitate to shell out the super cheap entry fees to see

what else you can discover.

Casa de los Tiros Pavaneras, 19



This cool museum is free for EU citizens and cheap for everyone else interested in getting a history fix while in Granada. The 16th century fortress is now a library and museum with lots of fascinating sites. A favourite is the Cuadra Dorada, where you can see swords carved into the stone walls and ceiling beams, along with images of Spanish kings and local heroes.

www.juntadeandalucia.es/cultura/museos

Exhibitions in the Carlos V Palace C/ Real de la Alhambra, S/N



Free entry for EU citizens. Right in the middle of Alhambra, in the palace of Carlos V you can enjoy exhibitions displaying the work of Spanish artists. Make you sure to check to website of Alhambra to find one, as they are not happening everyday.

www.alhambra.org

Parque de las Ciencias Avda. de la Ciencia



Visit the science park to have some fun and to learn something new. The entrance is only 6€. Embrace your inner nerd and have some hands-on fun with science. The place is very kid friendly, but caters to all.

www.parqueciencias.com

Museo de Abadía del Sacromonte Camino Sacromonte, 4



The Museo de la Abadía del Sacromonte on the sacred mountain presents works by Spanish artists, manuscripts from the period of Arab rule and miniature books which give an insight into the history of print art in Andalusia.

www.degranada.net/zona/abadia-del-sacromonte

Cathedral Gran Vía de Colon



As is the case of most Christian buildings in Granada, the Cathedral was built on the site of the former Mosque. Work on the cathedral began on 15th March 1523 and it was not completed until 180 years later, in 1704, as building stopped during the plague.

en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Granada_Cathedral

Monasterio La Cartuja Cartuja Montery, Paseo de Cartuja



You won't find a more lavish baroque interior in the whole of Spain. The church belonging to this Carthusian monastery abounds with coloured marble, jasper and porphyry as well as displaying paintings by Juan Sanchez de Cotan. Construction began in 1516 and only finished 300 years later.

www.lovegranada.com/monuments/cartuja-monastery

day trips



Granada is situated in one of the most beautiful and fertile parts of Andalucía, so get your walking shoes and your camera and hit the trails to really see all the region has to offer. You'll soon understand why the land has been so sought-after by its

long list of past settlers.

Alpujarra Sierra Nevada



La Alpujarra is a spectacularly beautiful region within the Sierra Nevada National Park. The region's natural beauty and that of its villages attract walkers, hikers and trekkers from all over the world, even in winter.

Cahorros de Monachil



For nature lovers, hikers and climbers this is a perfect destination. Full of wildlife, rivers, valleys, caves and beautiful views, there are endless routes to explore and discover.

Mountain Guejar Sierra



During summer, Oasis staff will take you to explore this beautiful location just a short bus ride outside of Granada. Take a swim in the river, relax in the sun and enjoy a picnic. A great way to relax and renew after the hardships of a long travel...or a long night.

La Herradura Beach



The beautiful bay of La Herradura is the envy of Almuñecar and one of the prettiest bays along the south coast of Spain. The 2 kms long sand beach is one of the principal attractions to the area. Unlike almost anywhere along the coast, development has been restricted in height and you can still enjoy the contours of the natural setting.

Nerja Beach



Here you find 16 kms of beaches with powdery sand and sparkling clear water. All major water sports are available including water skiing, scuba diving and sailing. However the most spectacular historic monument is the Nerja caves. Located 3 km from the centre of town is an archaeological cave containing the world's widest column.

The Sierra Nevada Mountains



Sierra Nevada is Europe's most southern ski resort. The resort is located 32 km from the centre of Granada and is only a 50-minute drive. The highest summit of the Sierra Nevada range is Mulhacen at 3,481 metres, the highest ski lift goes to just below Veleta which is at 3,398 metres. The ski season normally lasts from the beginning of December until the end of April or beginning of May. Andalusia has a very high proportion of sunny days even in the winter and usually it is possible to ski with beautiful blue skies and warm temperatures.

survival guide



Everyone could use a little help sometimes.
We've compiled a list of important phone numbers and
useful information to make sure your time in Granada is not
just beautiful and grand, but safe and memorable –

for all the right reasons.

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**Touristic
Information Centre**
Plaza Isabel la Católica

tel.: (+34) 958 22 75 14

www.sierranevada.es

Police



**Local Police
(Policía Municipal)**

Plaza Campos, 3

tel.: (+34) 092

www.policiaidegranada.com

**National Police
(Policía Nacional)**

tel.: (+34) 091

Fire Service +
Medical



**Fire Service
(Bomberos)**

tel.: (+34) 080

Medical (Ambulancia)

tel.: (+34) 061

Pharmacies



There are a lot of pharmacies in Granada that stay open for 24hrs. Here's a couple of them; they all have info on other pharmacies as well that may be more suited to you.

Farmacia Tallón Padial

Recogidas, 48

tel.: (+34) 958 251 290

Farmacia Zarco Ríos

Puerta Real de España, 2

tel.: (+34) 958 263 113

Transportation Services



GRX Airport

Ctra. De Malaga, S/N
Santa Fé, 18329, Granada

tel.: (+34) 958 245 200

www.aena-aeropuertos.es

RENFE Train Service

These trains will get you all over Spain and into France as well as Portugal. Granada is not a high-speed line, but the station is centrally located.

Avenida de Andaluces,
off of Avenida de la Constitución

tel.: (+34) 958 271 272

www.renfe.es

ALSA Bus Service

These busses service a number of major cities in Spain. Most buses are air-conditioned and very cheap, making busses a favourite for travellers, even over trains.

Carretera de Jaén, S/N

tel.: (+34) 913 270 540

www.alsa.es