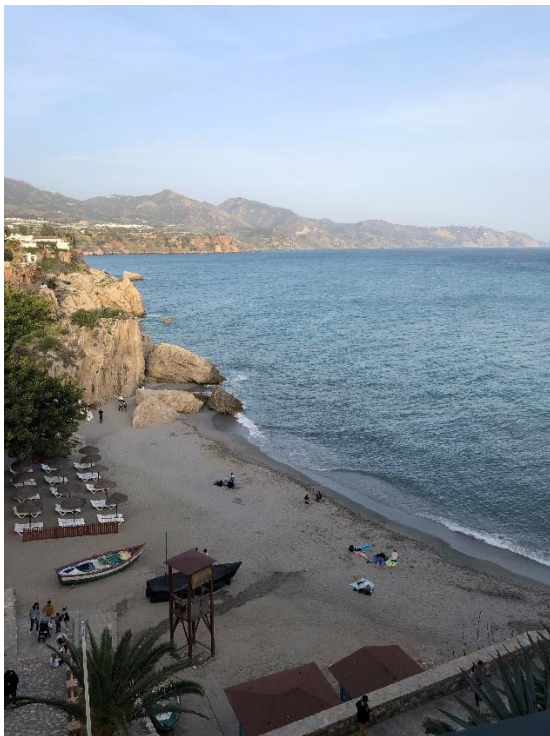




What to do in the area



Beaches

Beaches in La Herradura

The beaches stand out for their natural environment and with a treasure of corals and protected species under its waters. They are usually quiet places where you can spend a great day at the beach or snorkelling.

Cantarriján beach

Surrounded by the cliffs of Maro / Cerro Gordo we find the beach of Cantarriján. A popular nudist beach that is among the best rated in the country. It is a family beach and the nudist only area is at one end.

Cantarriján beach in La Herradura

Calaiza beach

Within the Cerro Gordo Nature Reserve we find Calaiza Beach. Its access is not visible so it is one of the quietest and least busy beaches in the area, ideal for those looking for a place to rest.

La Herradura beach

Many consider La Herradura Beach to be the best in the whole province. Both for the natural environment that surrounds it and for the amount of services it offers, although if you are looking for a quiet beach during the summer, there are many other options that may be of interest to you, but with a more complicated access.

It is 40 metres wide and its sand is a mixture of gravel and dark sand; with a promenade and is very busy during the summer. It can be accessed on foot, by car or by boat.

La Herradura beach

This beach is one of the most populars in the area.

La Playilla

Visitors describe it as a paradisiacal beach with a wide variety of underwater fauna. It is easy to access and its crystalline waters are just next to La Herradura beach.

Marina del Este beach

One of the favourite beaches for divers, who can be seen at the car park with all their equipment. It is a popular beach in summer and is very close to the marina, where there is a diving equipment rental service and instructors.



Las Palomas Cave

Do you like the beach and water sports? Then you should visit the Cueva de las Palomas, accessible by kayak as you have to reach it by water. Located south of the cliffs of the Natural Park of Cerro Gordo we find this opening of about 15 metres high and 4 metres wide in which you can enter up to 8 metres above the sea level.

It is undoubtedly a spectacle in turquoise waters that you should not miss. If you need to rent a kayak or want to take part in adventure activities, you can visit Nimo Aventura.

Location: <https://goo.gl/maps/Pa5ph2r4vC8GAovLA>



Watchtower and Cerro Gordo Viewpoint

The Cerro Gordo Watchtower is located in a natural setting with beautiful views of the unspoiled beaches that surround it. Built during the 16th century to defend the local population from possible attacks, it forms part of a group of towers that can be found all along the coast and which communicated with each other by means of the smoke produced by bonfires that they lit when they detected invaders.

It is recommended to visit it at sunset, for the breathtaking views from the site.

Location: <https://goo.gl/maps/RK4rcUkGKtvTn5iD7> ,
<https://goo.gl/maps/tMc74pAydQmr85C67> and
<https://goo.gl/maps/JooMp41URqV4SEwv7>.



La Herradura Castle

This fortification is in a good state of preservation and is also a museum. In the past it was used as a barracks and defensive fortress against invasions by sea, and its cannons still remain pointing towards the coast, waiting for a pirate incursion that will never come again.

It was built during the 18th century because of constant pirate raids and housed about 27 people, including the chaplain. It was in use from its construction around 1765 until 2003. Finally it was decided to restore it while maintaining its original spirit.

Opening hours: From 9:30 am to 1:30 pm and from 5:30 pm to 8:30 pm. Closed on Tuesdays.

Location: <https://goo.gl/maps/JpyVyUvpmqLf3bjz7>



Lighthouse of La Herradura

Just 2 kilometres from the castle of La Herradura we find this lighthouse, also known as Faro de Punta de Mona, due to its location. Although if we visit it we will notice that the construction is not very old, it is based on a historical base of great historical value. In this same place there was a Muslim defensive tower on top of which the current one was built, dating from the 18th century.

Location: <https://goo.gl/maps/T5w8bqZeDuK7Xt6U6>



The Hermitage of Punta de la Mona

Very close to the lighthouse, in case you visit it, is the Hermitage, from where you can see the lighthouse of La Herradura. From here we have wonderful panoramic views of Almuñecar and we can see as far as Nerja to the west and Motril or Salobreña to the east.

Location: <https://goo.gl/maps/xdzshoKjjmrZDYTE8>



Marina Del Este Yacht Harbour

The marina is a quiet place during the low season and is one of the starting points for many looking for adventures under the sea. From here you can rent diving equipment or a boat to sail along the coast of Granada.

It is a charming place with restaurants that are open late into the night, in case you feel like having dinner in front of the sea in Almuñecar. At weekends it is often difficult to park in the area, so if you like we can give you a lift.

Location: <https://g.page/marinadleste?share>



Peñon del Lobo viewpoint

From this viewpoint you can enjoy stunning views of Puerto de la Herradura, both during the day and at night. If you want to take a great photograph, visit this place during the full moon. It forms part of a hiking route, of which there are many in this area of Almuñecar.

Location: <https://goo.gl/maps/8AoN9s1eCEUNQfVdZ>



Kayak & Snorkel

Experience the natural beauty of La Herradura while getting a good snorkeling and kayaking workout. There are a number of different tours that can be organised which are advertised at the beach or you can just hire Kyaaks or pedal boats at the there and do it yourselves. If you go on a tour, whether you're new to kayaking or a seasoned pro, you'll be looked after, thanks to experienced instructors who can show you the ropes. You'll then make your way out to sea by kayak, with the chance to stop to jump in for some underwater snorkelling.



Boat Hire

If you fancy something different, make your way down to the Marina Del Este in La Herradura. In the Marina, there are a number of boats that can be hired and additionally there are some companies with shop fronts who organise boat hire along with a number of different water activities.



Scubba Diving

Diving in la Herradura

As we have already mentioned, La Herradura is a paradise for diving. There are numerous places that offer all the necessary equipment to spend a day under its turquoise waters and discover its seabed.

Snorkelling

Snorkelling in turquoise waters while enjoying the seabed and natural surroundings. Sound good?

Among the most outstanding places to dive we find:

Piedra del Hombre: <https://goo.gl/maps/kw8UNNxgZ6RtwqPa7El>
Salto: <https://goo.gl/maps/FTs5vmFD5hNoKQaP6La>
Calita: <https://goo.gl/maps/2CWAB6w5qS5y8s8j9Cueva>
de los Gigantes: <https://goo.gl/maps/GRr8b2bio2CsWAiX9>

If you need diving equipment or you want to go with instructors to the main dive sites in La Herradura, you can take a look at the following resources:

<https://g.page/Buceonatura> – Buceonatura in La Herradura Granada

<https://goo.gl/maps/HTpfWLe4XtDKPTkk6> – In the Marina.

<https://g.page/OpenwaterLaHerradura> – Near campsite in la Herradura.



Parasending

If you are looking for adventure, look no further. The towns of La Herradura and Almuñécar are amongst the most popular places along the Spanish coast for paragliding or paramotoring. You will often see clusters of beautiful, multi-colored parachutes gliding slowly down from the mountains over the palms and restaurants towards the Playa La Herradura.

La Herradura is the most popular landing site in the area. Its location by the coast, protected by the surrounding mountains, allows for perfect glides that set off from high cliffs and descend onto its quiet horseshoe-shaped bay.

The warm winds that come from Malaga (to the west) or Almeria (to the east) help make the Costa Tropical perfect for all sorts of gliding activities. Numerous gliding zones can also be found in Almuñécar, Salobreña, Otivar, and the surrounding mountains.

<https://www.costatropical.net/adventure-sports/paragliding.php>



Climbing

A number of different routes for all different levels within the surrounding areas of La Herradura. A qualified guide will arrange a course to best suit your needs. All equipment supplied and Insurance included in the price. Fabulous day out with friends and family. If you are interested, then we will organise everything in advance and join you on your day with your guide to translate and make your excursion a day not to forget. (Subject to guide's availability).



Canyoning

A number of different routes for all different levels within the surrounding areas of Gor. A qualified guide will arrange a course to best suit your needs. All equipment supplied and Insurance included in the price. Fabulous day out with friends and family. If you are interested, then we will organise everything in advance and join you on your day with your guide to translate and make your excursion a day not to forget. (Subject to guide's availability).



Trekking

Hiking in La Herradura

There is no doubt that this natural environment has a lot to offer for the hiking enthusiast. You will find numerous trails that offer spectacular views of the entire area, both from the west and the east.

Promenade: With a length of 6.42 km, it is an easy walk with no gradient for everyone. Along this route we will get to know the coast of La Herradura. We can eat in any of the restaurants and beach bars that we will find along it. The estimated time is just over 1 hour at a good pace, with children it can take up to 2 hours.

Cerro Gordo Watchtower Trail: In the places to visit we have recommended the Cerro Gordo Tower. We can start the route where the Mirador de Cerro Gordo Restaurant is located and continue on foot until we reach the tower 1 kilometre away. <https://goo.gl/maps/SLvYgFN2qKN6mzJh8>

Hermitage, Mona Lighthouse and Punta de la Mona: We can start this route from the hermitage, pass by the lighthouse and reach Punta de la Mona. An easy route that takes just under an hour.. <https://goo.gl/maps/xdzshoKjjmrZDYTE8>

There are many more hiking routes that we encourage you to discover, from the Peñón del Lobo viewpoint to the cliffs of Cerro Gordo.



Cycling

A popular area for professional cyclists as well as people wanting to enjoy the spectacular scenery. David Valero, Spain's Bronze Olympic medallist for mountain biking is from the neighbouring town and uses all the local routes, so we get Olympic approval.

We are in collaboration with a local cycling tour company who will organise a complete tour to suit your needs. There are several different routes for all different levels within the surrounding areas of Andalucia. People normally bring their own bikes and equipment for preference, however, we could look into the hire of bikes if given notice.

If you just want a day out with friends and family, we have 3 adult bikes in the garage to borrow, we provide another if we are given advance notice as to whether and additional adult bike or child's bike is required.



Nerja Caves

For an exciting day out that the entire family can enjoy a visit to the Cuevas de Nerja has to be on everyone must see and do list while holidaying on the Costa del Sol.

Stretching for almost 5-kilometres the Nerja Caves are a series of underground caverns that contain the largest stalagmite in the world, a towering 32-metre high column with a 13 by 7-metre base. The caverns are one of Spain's major tourist attractions. Concerts are regularly held in one of the chambers, which forms a natural amphitheatre.

Address: Carr. de Bajada a Playa de Maro, 29787, Málaga

Hours:

Open · Closes 6 PM

Updated by this business 2 weeks ago

Phone: 952 52 95 20

Province: Málaga



Paddle / Windsurfing

Do you want to learn to sail? There are initiation courses from 8 years old in windsurfing, light sailing and catamaran. After one of our 5-hour courses you will have the necessary notions to navigate autonomously in moderate conditions. The courses can be done individually, as a group or as a family and distribute the hours over different days depending on the weather conditions or the availability of each student.

If you want to try a single class or if you want to refresh your knowledge, we also do one-hour private classes.

Paddle Surf and Paddle Yoga

Now we also teach paddle surf and paddle yoga classes.

Contact us for more information and schedules.

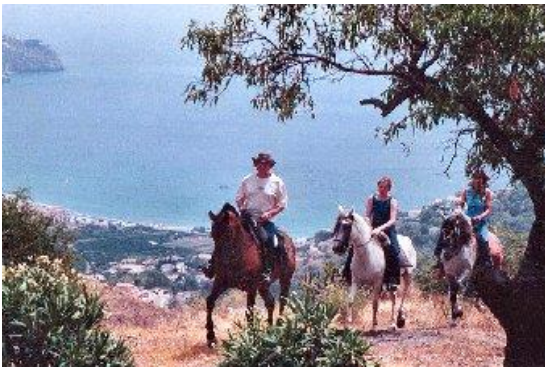
La Herradura is an ideal place to take your first steps in nautical activities, what are you waiting for?

For more information do not hesitate to send us an email or call us:

School (+34) 675 982 324

Shop (+34) 958 640 143

<https://windsurflaherradura.com/escuela/cursos-clases/>



Horse Riding

Animal lovers and horse whisperers, this is the activity for you.

The Herradura Riding Centre is a private, family run riding school in the tranquil setting of the Spanish countryside.

They are located only

5 mins from Almunecar, 10 mins from La Herradura - Just off the N340 on the Costa Tropical. They offer an enjoyable riding experience in safe hands.

Their staff are trained in the UK and are British Horse Society qualified instructors (B.H.S.I.I. Lessons and rides are offered to all ages and all levels.

Email today for reservations

<http://www.herraduraridingcentre.com>



Aquatropic Water Park

Family-oriented leisure center with tube & toboggan rides into splash pools & casual outdoor eats.
Address: Paseo Reina Sofía, S/N, 18690 Almuñécar, Granada
Hours:
Open · Closes 7 PM
Confirmed by phone call 7 days ago
Phone: 958 63 20 81
Province: Granada
<https://www.aqua-tropic.com/>



Bungee Jumping

We've not actually tried this one out. Although I love adventures, if I'm honest, I'm not sure I will ever give it a go. However, for all you adrenaline seekers, I know it can be done so I've found this website which have some details about Bungee Jumping.

<https://en.yumping.com/bungee-jumping/granada>



Bird Watching

There is a wide range of birds which inhabit the surrounding areas. You often hear the woodpeckers pecking on the trees, the Golden Oriole out hunting and even the vultures circling overhead. Here are some of the birds you might see:

- Águila Culebrera (*Circaetus gallicus*).short-toed eagle.
- Águila calzada (*Hieraaetus pennatus*). Booted eagle
- Águila real (*Aquila chrysaetos*) Golden eagle
- Oropéndola (*oriolus oriolus*). Golden oriole
- Abubilla(*Upupa epops*)Hoopoe
- Abejaruco(*merops apiaster*). Bee-ater
- Gorrión chillón (*petronia petronia*) Rock sparrow
- gorrión común(*passer domesticus*) house sparrow
- Curruca capirotada (*Sylvia atricapilla*) Blackcap
- Pinzón vulgar (*Fringillia coelebs*) Chaffinch
- Verdecillo (*Serinus serinus*) Serin
- Verderón (*Chloris chloris*) Greenfinch
- Estornino (*Sturnus unicolor*) Spotless starling
- Urraca(*Pica pica*) Magpie
- Vencejo pálido (*Apus pallidus*) Palid swift
- Avión común(*Delichon urbicum*) House martin
- Golondrina común(*Hirundo rustica*) Barn swallow
- Pico Picapinos (*Dendrocopos major*) Great Spotted woodpecker
- Jilguero (*Carduelis carduelis*) Gold finch
- Ruiseñor bastardo(*Cettia cetti*)Cetti's warbler
- Pito real (*Picus viridis*)European green woodpecker
- Autillo europeo (*Otus scops*) Scops owl
- Tórtola turca (*Streptopelia decaocto*)Collared dove
- Paloma Torcaz (*Columba palumbus*) Woodpigeon
- Martín pescador (*Alcedo atthis*) Kingfisher
- Mirlo común (*Turdus merula*) Blackbird
- Carbonero común (*Parus major*) Great tit
- Herrerillo común(*Cyanistes caeruleus*) Blue tit
- Buitres (vulture)

A guide to birds: <https://seo.org/guia-de-aves>



Hot Air Ballooning

Experience one of the most beautiful regions of the Iberian Peninsula from the air, with this wonderful hot air balloon flight in Guadix, a 75 minute drive from La Heradura. The adventure begins bright and early: first the experts inflate the balloon together with you, then they check the wind and prepare the basket. Once everything is ready, they'll ignite the burner and let the warm air lift us gently heavenwards. The direction of our journey will depend on the wind, but whether floating in silence over the magnificent Guadix Cathedral, or admiring the ancient iron-ore mines of Alquife, or the white chimneys of Guadix's iconic cave dwellings, this is a flight where excitement and stunning views are guaranteed, with the white peaks of the Sierra Nevada as a spectacular, ever-present back-drop. Upon landing, you can celebrate the flight with a traditional breakfast - the perfect climax to a magical experience.



Alpine Skiing

Sierra Nevada in Granada is the most southernly ski resort in Europe. It has a variety of slopes for all levels of skiing with designated areas with beginner tracks, a snowpark, ski mountaineering and cross-country skiing. It even has a family park with other winter activities such as iceskating, sledging and a Russian sleigh etc. You can also use their Equipment rental services and there are plenty of places to eat and rest.

<https://sierranevada.es/en/>



Flamenco Shows

EXPERIENCE THE ART OF FLAMENCO

There are a number of restaurants which offer this experience, however, the following, based in Granada can offer our guest some discount depending on numbers.

There's no better place than Granada to enjoy the great art of flamenco, and **there's no better cave in Granada than the 'Templo del Flamenco' !**

Great flamenco dancers that overflow with art, showing the essence of flamenco in each of their performances, giving it all on the 'tablaó', 70 minutes filled with **the magic of flamenco**.

100% TRADITIONAL DISHES FROM GRANADA

To really feel the art of flamenco, not only must we enjoy a **great flamenco show**, but we must also enjoy the gastronomy of Granada.

In the 'Templo del Flamenco' we want you to **really enjoy the experience**, and the typical Andalusian gastronomy is one of **the most important things to complete a great flamenco show**.

THE TYPICAL ALBAICIN CAVE

The Cave of 'El Templo del Flamenco' is an imposing Grenadian cave divided into three main caves, creating the shape of a cross, which are unified in a central area where the 'tablaó' is located, raised one meter above the ground, to favour visibility from any point in the caves.

Thanks to its latest renovation, the flamenco cave 'Templo del Flamenco' is considered to be one of the best in Granada. Therefore, our show and our typical Andalusian restaurant, is the best combination to enjoy the art of flamenco in Granada.

<https://eltemplodelflamenco.com/en/el-templo-del-flamenco/>



Wine Tasting

There are a number of vineyards which offer this experience, however, the following, based in Granada can offer our guest some discount depending on numbers.

Visits to the Winery

A guided tour from the vine to the bottle through the places and processes of making our wines. It includes the tasting of the result of all this care: our wine.

The visits take place on Saturdays and Sundays at 11:00 a.m. in English and at 12:30 a.m. in Spanish, always with prior registration, either by phone (958 777 092) or at the email address: reservas@senoriode Nevada.es.

Available in English and Spanish (subject to availability). Price: €12 per person (VAT included) with a wine tasting, or €16 (VAT included) if you prefer to taste three of our varieties. Please check for up-to-date prices on directly.

Villamena (España)
Tel.: (+34) 958 777 092
Email: reservas@senoriode Nevada.es



Exploring Granada: Albacin,
Moorish area with bazar shops
and souvenirs

The Albaicín is the medieval Moorish quarter, now a bohemian hub of writers and artists, where crooked, cobbled streets lead to Mirador de San Nicolás for sweeping views of the Alhambra. Tapas bars and cafes are nestled amid whitewashed houses, and lively market stalls and restaurant terraces fringe main square Plaza Larga. The former homes of painter Max Moreau and composer Manuel de Falla are now popular museums.



Exploring Granada: Alhambra

Granada is one of the most charming cities in Spain. Thousands of tourists come to it every year to get to know it through the streets of its traditional neighbourhoods. The main enclaves and monuments create a fascinating halo which captivates anyone who comes to visit it.

One of the most important must sees is The Alhambra. Often referred to as the Eighth Wonder of the world (and voted eighth wonder in a recent worldwide poll), the Alhambra is a palace and fortress complex of the Moorish monarchs of Granada, in southern Spain (known as Al-Andalus when the fortress was constructed), occupying a hill on the south-eastern border of the city ...

We recommend you book to make sure you are able to enter the palaces as to not disappoint. That being said, the gardens are also amazing.

Here is the link below, to tell you more, however, we have an agreement with a tour guide who will take Molino Felix's guest on a tour with very thorough explanations at a slightly discounted price. Please ask for prices and availability if you are interested in this.

<https://www.alhambradegranada.org/en>



Exploring Granada: Science Park

Parque de las Ciencias is a science centre and museum, part of the European Network of Science Centers and Museums, located in the city of Granada, Andalusia, Spain. Under the motto "A new kind of Museum", Parque de las Ciencias was founded in 1990 and opened in 1995.

It's a great place to entertain all ages as there are many interactive activities along with a butterfly enclosure and a birds of prey display too. Not only is it a great place to have fun with the family, but also you get to learn so much about all it has to display.

Watch out for the giant ants!

<https://www.parqueciencias.com>



Exploring Granada: Cathedral

The cathedral's construction was started in 1501 by order of the Catholic royal couple, after Granada had been retaken from the Arabs by the Christians in 1492. The cathedral was built on the former site of a mosque and the burial chapel for the kings was completed first. For a time, the old mosque served as a cathedral. The following decades, the cathedral was built in Renaissance style and finally put to use in 1561. Afterwards, the necessary changes and additions have occurred, such as the Baroque dome church Iglesia del Sagrario in the place of the planned second tower. For nearly 200 years, various architects laboured on the build of this cathedral, making the *cathedral of Granada* a mix of Renaissance and Gothic styles.

The most original and important part of the cathedral of Granada is the round presbytery in Renaissance style, which is surrounded by a series of chapels. The cathedral's nave is a combination of Renaissance and Gothic style, in which the two large gilded 18th century organs stand out.

<https://www.andalucia.org/en/granada-cultural-tourism-catedral-de-granada>



Exploring Granada: Culture music concerts

Spaniards love their music and concerts and there are normally many free venues going on throughout the fiestas for each individual village, town or city. They are packed full of entertainment and the following website organised events / concerts, which are no exception to this. An amazing experience not to miss if you are into music, especially classical in the following case. The stage is just jaw dropping and the music spectacular.

<https://feverup.com/en/minneapolis/search?q=granada>



Golf

As neither ourselves or friends play golf, we are not the best to advise you on which of the Golf Clubs are good or not. Therefore, I have included a Trip Advisors link to the best Golf Clubs in the Granada Province, and you can be the judge as to how go the clubs are. Please let us know you feedback, so I can confidently pass it on to any other curious guests.

https://www.tripadvisor.com/Attractions-g1044828-Activities-c61-t60-Province_of_Granada_Andalucia.html

Here are some of the golf courses nearby;

Golf in La Herradura

There are two 18 hole golf courses. Although none of these are championship courses they are in beautiful surroundings and considerably cheaper and less crowded than some of the more popular ones around Malaga.

CAMPO DE GOLF LOS MORISCOS
Motril – 27.0 km / 34 mins
Website | Directions

30 minute drive east along the coast near Salobrena. This is a 18 hole course by the sea. Tee times can be booked with their English speaking staff and clubs can be hired.

BAVIERA GOLF
Caleta de Vélez – 44.0 km / 41 mins
Website | Directions

40 minute drive west of La Herradura. The Baviera golf course is a flat 18 hole course with tight fairways. The variety of holes and the unsurpassable views both to the Mediterranean sea and the mountains contribute to make you enjoy and share an unforgettable day.

SANTA CLARA GOLF GRANADA
Otura – 78.0 km / 56 mins
Website | Directions

1 hour drive north of La Herradura. An 18 hole course designed by Don Enrique Canales Bosquet and opened in 2007. Beautiful view towards the Sierra Nevada mountains. Helpful staff and good value for money.