

YES

OVERNIGHT EXCURSION

GRANADA

Location:

Granada, Spain

Duration: 2 days

Dates:

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What to bring?

- Camera
- Money
- Jacket/Sweater
- Comfortable Shoes
- Overnight items



ANDALUSIA, SPAIN

One of the must-see places when traveling to Andalusia is Granada. The charming city is located roughly 3 hours southeast of Seville and attracts over 2 million visitors every year from all around the world. Granada is one of the few places with both mountains for skiing and a beach along the Mediterranean Sea. The city also boasts one of the most important Universities in Spain, the University of Granada.

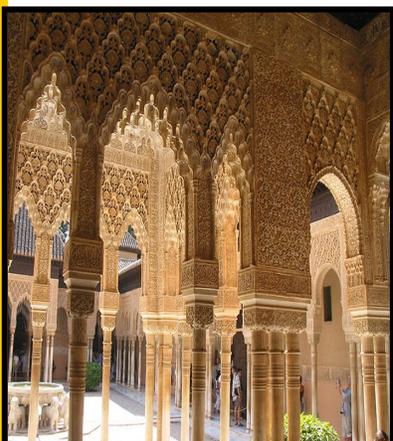
People flock to this beautiful and unique city to witness firsthand the exquisite and historic Alhambra and the Generalife. In this hundreds year old site, the beauty, skill and character can still be seen in the Moorish influenced Architecture. Before the Alhambra was surrendered to the Spanish monarchs Ferdinand and Isabella in 1492, it was controlled by Mus-

lim leaders whose influences can be seen throughout the landscape and buildings. This *mudejar* architecture remains intact and maintained today. The Generalife is a palace and gardens that are a part of the Alhambra. The gardens were built in 1303, and redecorated in 1313. The modern-day gardens were rebuilt in 1931 finished in 1951.

YES guides are knowledgeable about Granada and have given many tours around the Alhambra and Generalife. Even after numerous visits, there is always more left to discover. From personal experience, many have commented that pictures rarely capture the detailed walls and beautiful setting, nor do they capture the feel of standing in an ancient palace that remains preserved hundreds of years later. Visitors often bring lunch

and can sit in the gardens of the Alhambra to look out onto the fantastic landscape and city down below. The complex includes palaces, royal residences and gardens. The most famous patio is called Patio de los Leones, or patio of the Lions.

After spending a few hours touring the Alhambra there is still more to be seen in the city that lies below. Granada is known for its tapas, and with every drink or soda, a small portion food, called a “tapa” comes with it. Tapas are a tradition in Spain, and Granada has its own local varieties. The city has a unique and intriguing character, the locals are very friendly, the food is excellent, and the Alhambra provides an experience to be remembered for a lifetime.



GRANADA EXCURSION ITINERARY

Day One



Depart Seville: Train leaves at 11:50am from the Santa Justa Station. The trip is approximately 3 1/2 hours.

Bocadillo lunch on the train: 2:00pm

Arrive: Granada just after 3:00pm.

Check into the hotel:

Granada Centro, phone number: 958278824

www.hotelgranadacentro.com

There will be 2-3 students assigned to a room.

Catedral/ Corral del Carbón: We will first go to the *Catedral* and the *Capilla Real de Granada* where the Catholic King and Queen, Ferdinand and Isabella are buried. We will then take a visit to the *Corral del Carbón* where we will find the small Jewish neighborhoods in Granada.

Dinner: The group will dine in the hotel restaurant at 9:00pm.

Students are encouraged to go to bed early because Day 2 is just as busy!



Day Two

Breakfast: We will eat breakfast at a café near the hotel at 9:00am

Albaicín: We will walk through the streets of Granada and make our way up to the top of the city. There are many religious monuments and the traditional Muslim architecture is seen in most of the buildings. The walking tour of the city will also showcase the many different restaurants that offer a variety of local tapas. The view is of the Alhambra from afar. Students will see the enormous structure and grounds of the ancient palace.

Lunch: 1:00 Quick tapas lunch before visiting the Alhambra.

The Alhambra and Generalife: 2:00. Because so many people visit the Alhambra every year there is a very strict time schedule when entering the grounds. If students do not arrive at the designated time, the grounds people will not let them in! Students will spend a few hours touring the Alhambra and gardens while taking in the extraordinary views.

Comida para llevar: Return to hotel for luggage. Afterwards, we will order *bocadillos* or other travel-friendly food for the trip back.

Depart Granada: 8:00am Head to the train station. Train departs Granada at 20:52.

Return to Seville: We will arrive in Seville around midnight.

