



8 days from £599

February to November 2019, February & March 2020

Andalucia's Eastern Coast, Granada & Almeria

Granada was the last city to be re-conquered by the Catholic Kings in 1492 and Spain's Moorish legacy is nowhere more evident than in Granada and its province. On this holiday, not only will you visit the Alhambra complex in Granada, but also the city of Almeria. Your base is the coastal city of Almunecar. This is a city whose Phoenician, Roman and Moorish past is still much in evidence. The wonderful sub-tropical climate will help you enjoy the city's rich artistic and cultural heritage as well as the pretty historic centre. In and around Almunecar the sierras plunge spectacularly into the sea and you will find no less than 25 beaches and coves within the boundary of the municipality.

- 7 nights hb in Almunecar • Visit to Granada and the Alhambra • Tour along the Costa Tropical to Almeria
- 1 entrance free of charge to the hotel's spa centre

PROGRAMME

DAY ONE: Flight to Malaga and transfer to your hotel (55 miles) in Almunecar on the beach east of the city for seven nights half board accommodation.

DAYS TWO TO SEVEN: During your stay there are two included full day excursions. The first is to the wonderful city of Granada just 45 miles away. There is surely no more spectacular setting than Granada whose extraordinary Alhambra complex is dominated by the snow-capped peaks of the Sierra Nevada. A local guide will ensure you make the most of your visit of the Alhambra and the Generalife Gardens. (Please note that, due to restrictions on group visits, the Nasrid Palaces part of the complex may not be included in the visit.) As well as visiting the complex, you will also have plenty of time to see some of the city's other attractions such as the cathedral and the old Moorish quarter of Albaicin, now a UNESCO World Heritage Site together with the Alhambra and the Generalife. The second excursion is a trip along the east coast to see the ancient city of Almeria and (80 miles away by motorway). Almeria also has Phoenician and Roman origins and one of the greatest citadels ever built by the Moors as well as an unusual fortified cathedral constructed as defence against pirate attacks. The whitewashed walls of the old town have the unmistakable Al-Andalus atmosphere. The rest of your time is free to enjoy Almunecar. You can visit the Arab fortress built on top of a Roman castle or stroll through the delightful botanical gardens of Majuelo Park where there is a huge collection of tropical and subtropical plants, bushes and trees as well as the remains of the Roman fish-salting pits. Other attractions include the exotic bird park and the network of defensive towers built by the Moors and later strengthened in the 18th century as defence against British raids. Or just stroll through the busy commercial district in the old centre where you can admire the city's monuments – look out for the plaque dedicated to Laurie Lee who spent time here during and after the Civil War. There will also be the chance to join an optional excursion to Nerja with its magnificent Balcon de Europa and its nearby famous caves - an enormous cavern reminiscent of an underground cathedral featuring stalactites, stalagmites and wonderful rock formations and the white-painted, hill-top village of Frigiliana.

DAY EIGHT: Free time until your transfer to the airport and your return flight.

YOUR HOTEL

HOTEL BAHIA TROPICAL ★★★★★, Taramay, Almunecar (seven nights)

The hotel is situated on the small Pozuelo beach in Taramay on the eastern edge of Almunecar, 3 km from the city centre. There is a frequent, cheap bus service to town if you do not want to take the extremely pleasant walk along the seafront. Its spacious rooms all have bath and wc, minibar, satellite tv, safe (chargeable) and hairdryer - most have balcony or terrace. The restaurant serves buffet style food and there is a bar with entertainment on some nights. The hotel has a large outdoor pool and a spa. One entrance to the spa is included during your stay (one hour use to include active pool with water massages, sauna, Turkish bath, pediluvium and sensation shower). Health and body treatments are also available at extra cost. (www.hotelbahiatropical.es)

Extend your holiday – extra week available in Taramay.

A WALKING HOLIDAY is also available from this hotel. Please ask for a copy of our Walking Holidays brochure or visit preferredts.com.

