



Granada & South Coast Andalucía

Includes →

Granada	656
Málaga	684
Costa del Sol	692
Antequera	696
Tarifa	700
Gibraltar	703
Almería	717
Cabo de Gata-Níjar	722

Best Places to Eat

- La Fábula Restaurante (p672)
- Cantina de la Estación (p713)
- Casa Antonio (p709)
- La Consula (p693)
- Taberna Restaurante La Tapa (p681)

Best Places to Sleep

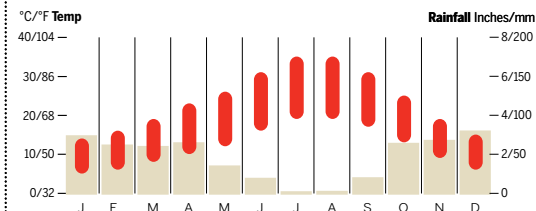
- Los Arcos (p680)
- Hotel Hospes Palacio de los Patos (p670)
- Carmen de la Alcubilla del Caracol (p668)
- Hotel Real de Poqueira (p681)
- Hotel Misiana (p702)

Why Go?

From sprawling coastal condo complexes where Spanish is the second or third language, to mountain villages barely changed since Federico Lorca penned his rural trilogy, eastern and southern Andalucía harbour microcosms of Spain, both antediluvian and super-modern. There's the Afro-European cross-fertilisation of Moorish Granada, the fiercely traditional port city of Málaga, sun-kissed tomato-growing Almería, and the shamelessly unsubtle resorts of the Costa del Sol. Incorporating the four provinces of Málaga, Granada, Jaén and Almería, this region leaves no one uncatered for. Golf fanatics: pack your clubs. Nightclub-loving beach bums: commandeer the sun lounger. Solitude-seeking outdoor types: pack a day bag and find a natural park to get lost in. Attracting all types, half of this part of Andalucía is worryingly overdeveloped; the other half remains innately Spanish and largely ignored by unknowing outsiders. Weave carefully between the two and find your own Spanish spirit.

When to Go

Granada



Mar–Apr A time of festivals and processions, but prices go up. Book ahead.

May–Jun The weather's bearable; there are plenty of activities if you don't mind the crowds.

Nov–Feb Mild winter weather. Accommodation prices fall. Go skiing in the Sierra Nevada.



Granada & South Coast Andalucía Highlights

1 Alhambra (p657)

Following the masses and making a pilgrimage to the Alhambra in Granada, then joining 300 others in the Plaza Bib-Rambla for churros dipped in hot chocolate.

2 Cabo de Gata (p722)

Going long-distance hiking along Andalucía's most beautiful stretch of coast.

3 Málaga (p684)

Sifting through the fine array of art

galleries and museums in this vibrant southern city.

4 Gibraltar (p703)

Climbing the Mediterranean Steps in Gibraltar and gazing out at Africa, the jaws of the