The Alhambra in Granada: Basic Information For Your Visit

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The Alhambra, one of the masterpieces of the Arabic art and one of the most visited places in Spain and in the world. Our Parador de Granada is waiting for you to host you and give you the chance to discover this jewel located in the city of Granada. Check out the basic information you need to know before your visit. And guess what? You can find a unique hotel in the center of that marvellous monument. Can you imagine the feeling of waking up in the Alhambra? Stop dreaming, you can do it in Parador de Granada.
The Alhambra

The Alhambra complex started to be built in the IX century, when Muhammad I formed the Nasrid dynasty ordered the construction of the AlHamra fortress. His grandson Muhammad III was the one who presided the construction of the great mosque of the Alhambra. Then, it was Yusuf I, with the creation of the Comares Palace and the last constructions came in the XIV century with Muhammad V. The whole complex was given to the Catholic Kings in the year 1492 when the Arabic domain of the Iberian Peninsula finally came to its end.

Alhambra areas

The whole complex is divided into three main areas you cannot miss, plus the Museum of the Alhambra and some photography galleries. Those three main areas are:

* Alcazaba Fortress

This fortress is one of the oldest constructions and belongs to the military area of the Alhambra. You cannot miss its beautiful towers and green gardens. A perfect space to walk around and transport yourself to Arabic times in the Iberian Peninsula.

* Nasrid Palaces

The Nasrid Palaces are divided into three palaces. They are the most famous and visited buildings of the whole complex because of their historic and artistic importance. The Palacio de Mexuar is the oldest one; then it comes the Palacio de Comares, which was built so as to be the official residence of the Sultan and where the throne room was too; The last palace being built was the Palacio de los Leones, one of the most emblematic ones because of the Patio de los Leones and the Mirador de Daraxa.

Apart from the three palaces, there are also two other areas that deserve a visit: the Emperor Room, which belonged to the king Charles V when he was in Granada; and the Partal, a complex that is formed by a beautiful portico, green gardens and the Paseo de las Torres.

* Generalife

The area of the Generalife was associated to the sultans’ and kings’ leisure time. It was the place to relax and escape from the life going on inside the palaces. It includes the Palacio del Generalife and the High and Low Gardens.
Timetables, prices and day and night visits

The Alhambra opens at 8.30 and closes at 18.00 from the 15th of October to the 14th of March, and at 20.00 the resto of the year. This is the information for the Day visit. You can divide your visit as you want, but it will be determined by the entrance time of your ticket to visit the Nasrid Palaces. The entrance ticket costs 14€ if you want to visit all. Children under 12 have free access. If you do not want to visit the Nasrid Palaces then the price is of 7€. (*)

If you prefer to visit the Alhambra at night, you can do it to. It is recommended not to use flash on the photos during this visit because it can damage the scenery. You will love the different perspective of the Alhambra at night, with the illuminations and its own charm. If you go on a night visit, you will have to decide whether you visit the Nasrid Palaces or the Gardens of the Generalife, as both visits take place at the same time. The entrance ticket costs 8€. (*)

We recommend you to book your tickets in advance, either online or by phone. This way you will avoid having to wait long queues or taking the risk of not having tickets.

What can be better to enjoy this magical monument than just visiting it? We have the answer: Staying at the Parador de Granada. This luxury hotel is located inside the complex of the Alhambra. It has an enchanting décor and a wonderful interior that combined with the idyllic location will let you go through an amazing experience in Granada. Who can say no to it?

Book now at the Parador de Granada

(*) All the prices and timetables may be modified depending on the Patronato de La Alhambra and Generalife.