

## Granada

Granada with its world famous **Alhambra** Palace and **Generalife Gardens** is considered to be the most beautiful city in Spain. It has an old Moorish quarter, the **Albaicín** with cobbled streets, souk-like shops, numerous tapas bars and wonderful views of the High Sierras. It is one hour's drive away through the Lecrin Valley. Here there is culture, history, museums, concerts, flamenco and **Lorca** heritage sites.



Beyond Granada is the **Sierra Nevada Ski resort**, Pradollano, 1¼ hours drive from Bayacas. You can get ½ day and day passes and hire all the gear. There are 61 km of ski slopes, 45 pistes, 6 off-pistes, 12 chair lifts and 5 ski lifts. Besides snowboarding, telemark and cross country skiing and free parking in the summer months for hill walkers. Golf courses can be found 40 minutes away on the coast or on the way to Granada. **Almería** and **the Spaghetti Western** film sets are about 1½ hrs drive away.



This is the place to be if you want a peaceful holiday in tranquil mountains, with walking, skiing, riding, sightseeing, the beach, reading and eating, all from an exceptionally beautiful little house.

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## Surrounding Area

The Rio Chico runs through the village from the often snow-capped high sierras. On a clear day you can see the Mediterranean in the distance. In the village is one of the oldest churches in La Alpujarra. There are lovely walks down ancient mule tracks in all directions, through olives, almonds, avocado, orange and lemon groves. There are **riding stables** and a **beautiful yoga space** down the valley. As the crow flies we are not far from Chris Stewart's "Driving over Lemons" house. The nearest bar is in the next village, **Carataunas**, a steep climb up through a ruined village, or a short drive.



The area is irrigated by the old Moorish system of acequias which channel snow melt into the land making the agriculture relatively lush and fertile. The **highest mountain in Spain, Mulhacén**, and its neighbour **Valeta** are visible as you drive up the steep hairpin bends that lead to the picturesque white villages of **Pampaneira, Bubion, Capileira and Trevélez** where you will find beautiful local crafts and bodegas selling delicious home-made produce such as local hams and wines. Capileira is the gateway to extreme sports and mountain trekking. Further east along the mountain road is **Trevélez**, the highest inhabited village in Europe.



## Further afield - Granada Skiing, and the Costa Tropical

The coast is 40 minutes drive through a picturesque gorge. At **Salobreña**, La Guardia beach is the nearest, where there are good beach restaurants (chiringuitas). It is 60 minutes drive to **La Herradura** and 70 minutes to **Nerja**. In between Salobreña and Nerja there are **National Park beaches** and coves which are unspoilt with no, or limited facilities.

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