

# **DISCOVER GRANADA**

Granada is a city where two worlds meet – its Moorish past and Christian heritage blend to create a unique atmosphere. From grand palaces to tapas bars, it is a place full of life, colour and history.

Its most iconic monument is the Alhambra, a former Moorish palace and fortress that stands above the city on Sabika Hill. With its peaceful courtyards, intricate architecture and beautiful gardens, it offers unforgettable views over the rooftops of Granada. Just a short walk away, the Cathedral and Royal Chapel reflect the power of the Catholic Monarchs, who made Granada the final jewel of their kingdom.

# Neighbourhoods



### Albaicín

One of the oldest and most picturesque parts of Granada. This historic Arab quarter is filled with maze-like streets, whitewashed houses and small hidden squares. Walking through Albaicín feels like stepping back in time. The famous Mirador de San Nicolás offers one of the best panoramic views of the Alhambra, especially at sunset. Small craft shops, tea houses and quiet viewpoints make it perfect for exploring with student groups.

### City Centre

The centre of Granada is always buzzing with life. Students can wander through lively streets like Calle Reyes Católicos, visit Plaza Nueva and Plaza Bib-Rambla, and stop for churros, ice cream or traditional tapas. This area is flat, easy to walk around and full of small shops, souvenir stalls and street performers. It's ideal for supervised free time and small group discovery.



## Landmarks



## Alhambra (exterior)

The Alhambra is one of the most important monuments in Spain and a symbol of Granada's Moorish past. Built between the 13th and 15th centuries by the Nasrid dynasty, it served as a fortified palace city, home to sultans, soldiers and craftsmen.

Set on Sabika Hill, the Alhambra rises above the city and can be viewed from its surrounding paths and nearby viewpoints such as Paseo de los Tristes, offering impressive perspectives of the palace and fortifications from the outside.

#### Granada Cathedral

Standing in the heart of the city, Granada Cathedral is one of the finest examples of Spanish Renaissance architecture. Construction began in the early 16th century on the site of the former Great Mosque, soon after the Christian conquest of Granada. Its grand façade, high ceilings and vast interior reflect the ambition and religious authority of the Catholic Monarchs.

The cathedral and chapel are surrounded by lively streets filled with shops, traditional cafés, ice-cream parlours and market stalls selling crafts, jewellery and local souvenirs, making this one of the busiest and most atmospheric areas of Granada.

# Why Visit Granada?

- ✓ UNESCO World Heritage Sites and world-famous landmarks
- ✓ Safe, walkable city with lots of student-friendly areas
- Rich mix of cultures, perfect for history and language learning
- ✓ Flamenco, local crafts, markets and delicious tapas culture
- ✓ Beautiful viewpoints and photo spots around every corner