



## Castillo de Locubin



### Places to visit



#### **Nacimiento del río San Juan:**

Cold Water springs less than 15 minutes drive from the casa definitely worth a visit. Drive down the hill past the olive factory and take a right turn, till you come to the C-3221 that links Castillo and neighbouring Valdepeñas de Jaén town. Two kilometres away heading up the hill you will find a little road to the right heading down a steep narrow road, slowing drive along for around 1/2 kilometre. You will see the springs on your right. The bubbling springs are ice cold, a great for a dip on a hot summers day. In the summer the cafe and wine baris open from lunch time till late evening.

#### **Granada:**

Drawn by the allure of the Alhambra, many visitors head to Granada unsure what to expect. What you will find is an energy it's a gritty, compelling city where serene Islamic architecture Arab-flavoured street. It full of colour from the counterculture graffiti art to more traditional sights, exotic medina, wonderful tapas bars, bohemian cafes and intimate flamenco clubs that leaves a lasting impression, that will make you feel that you want to return. It an easy 50 minute drive from Cherry Blossom casa.

#### **Priego de Cordoba:**

At the foot of fertile plains and under the shelter of the mountains of the Nature Reserve of the Sierras Subbéticas. This prosperous olive-farming town stands on a plateau overlooking the rolling hills of the Subbética Mountain Range, is famous for its baroque churches and stunning views and quaint old town. Its well worth a visit and only 25 minutes drive from the casa .

#### **Cordoba:**

Cordoba is the third largest city in Spain it charms visitors with cultural celebrations such as the Fiesta of de Cordobese Patios. Its a easy city to walk round with its old quarter, you will discover a beautiful network of alleyways, squares and white-washed courtyards surrounding the Great Mosque-Cathedral a must visit attraction. It's a 1 hour 20 minute drive from the casa.

#### **Montefrio:**

Located off the tourist trail in the north western corner of Granada province near the Cordoba border, it has great walking and bike trails. This friendly village enjoys one of the region's most striking settings, with one of its churches perched on top of a bare, rocky pinnacle, overlooking the town and its surrounding hillsides clothed in olive groves and fields of cereal crops. Its a 60 minute drive from the casa.



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### Iznajar:

This pretty hill top town of some six thousand inhabitants was transformed some years ago by the creation of an 'embalse', or reservoir, below the promontory on which Iznajar sits in the River Genil valley. Today, to all intents and purposes, Iznajar now has a waterfront, overlooking an inland sea some thirty kilometres long, and containing an estimated 900 million cubic metres of water. Its a 1 hour 15 minutes drive from the casa



### Our favourite bar, restaurant, museum and railway Nicol's:

Carretera CO-6203 km 341 (carretera de Badajoz - Granada, estación de Luque) (1,272.35 mi) Luque, Andalucía, Spain 14880



On the site of an old railway station at Luque on the N432 , main road heading to Cordoba You can't miss it as it is on the main road just before the turn off to Luque. You can still dine in the old restaurant carriages (air conditioned in the summer) and there is an interesting collection of historic machinery etc. Entrance is free. A fascinating shop selling traditional Spanish foods. We visit each time we come have lunch and then purchase our olive oils, nuts and wonderful cava. A 25 minute drive from the casa, this is also the starting point of the Green Olive Oil Bike trail (bike hire available across the road from Nicols)

### Cycling tour and trails Green Olive Oil Way

A cycle tour in the heart of Andalusia, among age-old olive trees, experiencing traditions, visiting pretty towns and villages, and feeling the fusion of the different cultures that have shaped this area of Andalusia.

A three-day trip following the former route of the **Olive Oil Train**, a now abandoned railway line which once ran between **Jaen** and **Puente Genil** and has now been developed for cycle tourism.

The route it threaded through the biggest olive groves in the world, with age-old old trees which over the years have witnessed the different cultures that have shaped the landscape of this region of



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the central **Andalusia**. You are in the heart of Andalusia, on the edge of the *Sierras Subbicas mountains*, in the land where Christians, Arabs and Jews once walked during the middle ages.

For those who would like to explore the local area by bike, our **local bike touring guide Tony Harvey** lives in our village and can offer a series of different options mostly 4 hours biking. Contact details on request.



### **Nearest towns to Castillo de Locubin**

Alcala la Real well worth a visit with its stunning fortress on the hill open every day - Large town 10 minutes drive towards Granada

Alcaudete with a castle and church on the hill- town 15 minutes' drive towards Cordoba

### **Some of our favourite places to visit besides Granada and Cordoba:**

Lucena 50 minutes drive

Antequera 1 hour 25 minutes drive

Baeza and Ubeda 1 hour 20 minutes drive

Ronda 2 hours 30 minutes drive

### **Grocery Shopping**

All Shops are closed at 2pm and open at 5pm Monday to Saturday for siesta and Sunday shops are closed all day.

Dia is our closest grocery shop, which is down the hill from where you will park.

Lidl in Alcala la real does not close during siesta, therefore easier to shop at. it's not far off the main road from Castillo de locubin to Granada you can see it from the main highway.

Each morning at around 8am you will hear the bakery van toot its horn to let you know he's there to sell his locally made fresh bread and baked goods. He will be parked just up the road from the Casa.

### **Local Market days around our area**

Ventas del Carrizal - Sunday

Castillo de Locubin - Monday

Alcala la Real - Tuesday

Alcaudete – Saturday