








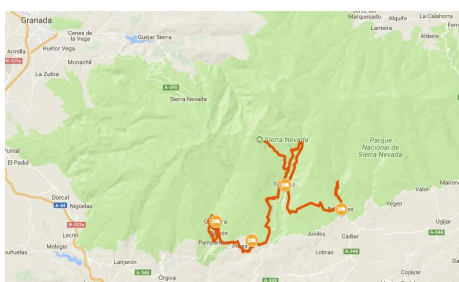
#### MOUNTAIN WALKING

type :	Self-Guided Hiking Tours
level :	    
duration :	8 days
period:	Jan Feb Mar Apr May Jun Aug Sep Oct Nov Dec
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## Alpujarras: Wild Andalusia - Spain

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8 days, price from € 650



On the south-western slopes of the Sierra Nevada, a mountainous area called the **Alpujarras** still recalls its Moorish origins.

**The charm of this Arabic legacy remains**, here at the perfect elevation for a true alpine experience.

At the foot of the **Sierra Nevada**, all sorts of Mediterranean crops thrive: olive orchards, orange and lemon groves, almonds, figs and grapes, against a backdrop of snowy peaks.

**Dramatic views from enchanting white-washed villages**, where terraced fields and authentic irrigation channels survive, remnants of an era gone by.

## Route

### Day 1 Arrival in Capileira

Arrival in **Capileira**, situated at an elevation of 1436m. This, the main village of the Alpujarras, still displays its charming history as a former **Moorish settlement**: white-washed houses clinging to the hillside, tiny squares with fountains, and a mysterious network of steep, narrow lanes.

### Day 2 Through Río Poqueira Valley, 7 km/9 km

Circular walk in the **Río Poqueira Valley**, from Capileira via Bubion to Pampaneira, passing ancient threshing circles as you walk among fields. Some steep ascents and descents.

Distance: 7 or 9 Km

Ascent/Descent: +560/-560 m

### Day 3 From Capileira to Mecina Fondales, 8 km

Today you Follow old paths that connect the Poqueira valley with the **small villages** of the lower Alpujarras. Walking from one white-washed village to the next enjoying the varied scenery. **Landscape changes gradually** from an **ancient Mediterranean holm oak forest**, then pine tree plantations and finally irrigated fields approaching the "Taha" de Pitres, an ancient water council centre which dates back to Moorish times.

Distance: 8 Km

Ascent/Descent: +200/-520 m

### Day 4 Circular walks from Mecina, 12 km

South of Mecina, the Trevélez River has carved **a deep gorge** in the landscape, which you will cross twice today if you opt for the long circular walk. First you descend 200 m to **a medieval bridge** spanning the gorge, then climb 400 m up to a wooded plateau where the remote cortijo de Panjulia is located. Then you descend via an old main footpath (the so-called escarihuelas) back into the gorge and walk back to the hotel via the village of Ferreïrola.

Distance: 12 Km

Ascent/Descent: +850/-850 m

### Day 5 From Mecina to Trevélez, 18 km/12 km

A pleasant route through a **shady wood** along narrow paths. The last section with sweeping views. In clear weather, **the African continent is visible** from the highest point, **El Portichuelo**.

Distance: 18 or 12 Km

Ascent/Descent: +1200/-580 m

### Day 6 Choice of walks from Trevélez, 14 km/17 km/18 km

**3 walks to choose** from, including a spectacular longer walk high into the **Sierra Nevada**, a circular route in the beautiful area around **Trevélez** and a shorter walk along the **Camino de Granada**.

Distance: 14, 17 or 18 Km

Ascent/Descent: +1400/-1400 m

### Day 7 Ascent to El Portichuelo, 16 km

Optional walk today in the Río Grande Valley north of Bérchules, following an **irrigation channel or "acequia"** past the ruins of a 13th century Moorish silk-washing house. This afternoon you catch an afternoon bus to Granada.

Distance: 16 Km

Ascent/Descent: +620/-880 m

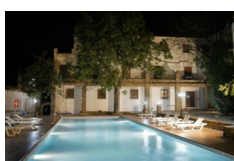
### Day 8 Goodbye Alpujarras / or Acequia walk in Río Grande Valley, 9,5 km

Last day is included. Service ends after breakfast.

## Accommodation

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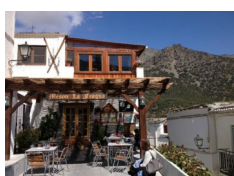
6 nights in hotel on a half-board basis



Hotel Poqueira - Capileira  
[www.hotelespoqueira.com](http://www.hotelespoqueira.com)



Hotel de Mecina Fondales - Mecina Fondales  
<http://hoteldemecina.com/>



La Fragua - Trevélez  
[hotellafragua.com](http://hotellafragua.com)



Hotel Los Berchules - Berchules  
[www.hotelberchules.com](http://www.hotelberchules.com)

## Practical info

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#### *Flying to Málaga airport (AGP)*

Direct bus from Málaga Airport(AGP) to Granada: There are a few direct bus services from Málaga Airport to Granada. Check timetables at [www.alsa.es](http://www.alsa.es).

Málaga airport – Málaga (city centre) – Granada: You take a bus, train or taxi from Málaga airport to Málaga (city centre). From there, you get a bus to Granada. Travel time is 2hrs.

By bus from Granada to Capileira: ALSA offers 3 services a day. Travel time 2h30min.

Note: the bus station in Granada is located on the outskirts of town, so plan your travel time accordingly!

#### *Flying to Granada airport (GRX)*

Bus or taxi from Granada airport(GRX) to Granada (city centre).

By bus from Granada to Capileira.

If you are arriving in Granada late in the afternoon, you can take a bus to Orgiva and then get a taxi to Capileira. It's also possible to book an extra night in Granada.

Check timetables at [www.alsa.es](http://www.alsa.es) (Regional Bus Services) before departure for Spain. Summer schedules are often not made available until late spring. You can book your tickets in advance on-line through the ALSA website or through your agent, S-cape Travel.

#### **Departure from Bérchules**

From Bérchules, there are direct buses to Granada twice a day. The journey takes 3,5 hrs.

There is also a bus to Granada from Pitres, but you will first need a taxi to Pitres. Another option is to travel from Bérchules to Cadiar and then take a bus to Granada.

If you're *flying out of Granada airport (GRX)* you can use public transport to get from Granada city centre to the airport.

If you're *flying out of Málaga airport (AGP)* there direct services from Granada to Málaga airport (also via Málaga city centre). Travel time is about 2h15.



GPS tracks are available on request.

## **Included**

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### **What is included**

- 7 Nights in double room in \*\*/\*\* hotels with breakfast
- 3 dinners
- luggage transportation from hotel to hotel on day 3, 5 and 7
- maps and detailed description of the itinerary
- Pilgrim Passport
- Medical and luggage travel insurance
- 24h phone assistance

### **What is not included**

- Transfers to the starting location and from the arriving location of the tour
- lunches and dinners, if not otherwise stated
- visits and entrance fees - tips
- personal expense
- possible sojourn taxes
- everything that is not mentioned in the "What is included" section.

### **Optional Services**

These services can be added to the ones included in the base price of the tour:

- Single room supplement
- cancellation insurance
- Transfers to reach the starting location or to leave the arriving location of the tour, which will be quoted on request.