

## *Places to Go & Things to See & Do*

Our local town of Lanjaron is few minutes away by car and 30min walk. Lanjaron is a quite and friendly SPA town which is famous all over Spain for its water.

On the main street you would find **Banks with cash points** as well as few **Pharmacies**.

### Places to eat

- **El Frenazo:** Towards the exit from Lanjaron direction Granada, on the right. Offers a variety of local dishes, very tasty!
- **Ambianza:** In the entrance of Lanjaron (coming from our centre). Owned by a young and dynamic couple; Oren and ....they offer Middle Eastern menu as well as drinks.
- **The main square** is located towards the exit of town, direction Granada. There you will find great **Ice Cream shop, Pizzeria, Pancakes place and a nice Kebab restaurant**.

### Shopping

**Coviran Supermarket:** located on the main street in front of La Caixa Bank.

**Fruits and Vegetables:** Just before Coviran on the same side. The sign outside is **Cruz Campo**. They have a nice variety to choose from.

**In the entrance to Lanjaron** (coming from Granada) you can find many **Tourists Shops** that sell typical items of the region.

Órgiva is the central town of the Alpujarras and is famous for its double towered church as well as its multi national residents.

### Places to Eat

- **El Limonero:** Good international fare with quirky touches & beautifully eccentric chef/owner at medium prices.
- **Pizzeria Almazara:** Spanish and Italian food. Tables outside in an orange grove (closed Mondays). Turn right at the traffic lights in Órgiva, over the small bridge, it's about 20 meters on the left.  
Open: Tues-Sun 11am-3.30pm and 8pm-midnight. Tel: (+34) 958 784 628
- **Baraka:** nice Moroccan café with Falafel and other light Middle Eastern foods as well as mint tea, chai tea, and baklava.
- **Galindo's Café & Panadería (bakery):** 60 meters along from the church, on the left.

**Banks:** Open 0900 - 1400 (Mon to Fri) Closed afternoons and weekends. Cash points can be found in the high street: La Caixa, Banco de Andalucía, and Telebanco

**Tobacconists:** also sell stamps. Approx. 60m past the church on a corner.

**Post Office:** (Correos) Open 0900-1400 Mon to Fri, 0900 - 1300 Sat (they sell stamps!)

**Órgiva Market:** Every Thursday, located at the top of town just past the town hall, ends 2pm. Specialises in big underwear, terrible Spanish music and bead jewelry. There can be some lovely one off stalls. A great place for people

watching!

***Farmacia*** (pharmacy) The main one is on the square at the top end of town. There is also an alternative one called *La Parafarmacia*. The knowledgeable owner, Fran, is also a licensed homeopath.

### ***Shopping***

*Shops are open 09:00 - 14:00 and 17:00 - 20:30 (closed on Saturday afternoon).*

***Supermercado Alpujarra:*** The 'Tesco' of the Alpujarras (with a strong imagination!), Avenida Gonzales Robles 6

***Begonia's Herbolario Health Foods:*** local health food & snacks.

***Tara:*** Hippy gifts & goods from India. (opposite Supermercado Alpujarra on the main road).

***Amira*** - some ethical clothes and gifts - an eclectic mix to choose from

***Ecoloco:*** owned by Sam 'n' Danny, located in the indoor market - their range of eco produce has extended from just fruit & veg to all sorts of spices, herbs & superfoods. On a Thursday Sam has her own delicious home made raw cake for sale.

### Sightseeing in Granada

Granada is a lovely city to explore, with a cathedral, the Albaicin and Sacromonte gypsy quarters and lots of great shopping and eating.

**The Alhambra Palace** is about 45 min by car. Book 2 days ahead or more, as tickets sell out quickly. The Booking line is Tel: (+34) 902 441 221 (English spoken). Have your credit card ready (Visa/Mastercard only). There are three sections to the Alhambra: Alcazaba, Mesquita Palacio and Generalife Gardens. The most interesting part is the Mesquita Palacio and your ticket has a timed entry, so organise your visit to the other two sections around this allotted time. Collect pre-booked tickets from the Advance Booking window at least ONE hour before your allocated time. Opening hours: 8.30 am till 8.00 pm year round.

**Aljibe Hammam (Arabic Spa Baths):** a gorgeous place to spend a few hours relaxing, bathing & receiving massage. Remember to take a swimming costume. San Miguel Alta, 41 (joined to Calle Obispo Hurtado), Granada. Open everyday (including weekends & holidays) sessions every 2 hours from 10am to 10pm.  
Tel: (+34) 958 522 867

### Mountain Villages

Drive towards Órgiva and turn left just after the big BP garage, following signs to Trevelez. Three villages worth visiting at the top of the Poqueira Valley are: **Pampaneira, Bubion and Capileira**. They're all very pretty with good cafes, bars and shops. The mayor of Bubion owns a tasty restaurant called **L'Artesan** (not vegetarian). There is also a funky bar in Bubion called **Bar Morisco**. Continue up past Capileira and you'll find a left turning towards a wonderful flamenco bar called **Al Catifa** that hosts flamenco on Thursdays (get there by 9pm) and a nightclub on Saturdays that gets going at around midnight. Al Catifa is about 45 mins drive from Órgiva. Beyond Capileira in the **Parque Nacional** there is a lovely mountain spring with pools where you can swim. Or you can follow the road to **Pitres, Ferreirola and Mecina Fondales** for gorgeous mountain walks. Eat at **L'Atelier** a French/Spanish vegetarian restaurant in Mecina Fondales. If you stop off at the nearby village of Ferrierola (after Mecina F.) you can have a heavenly walk before dinner, drink mineral water from a babbling brook and admire the view from an ancient stone threshing circle.

### Outdoors Activities

Our friend Hiday is a qualified outdoors activities guide. Together with his wife Nicky they offer variety of activities: Rock Climbing, Guided Mountain Walks, Beach and Water activities.  
They are great with kids as well as adults.

### Mountain Walks

Organized treks or gentle strolls in the beautiful mountains of the Alpujarras. **Martin (The Life of Riley)** is a qualified mountain guide, with a deep knowledge & experience of the Sierra & it's foothills, so is able to tailor an outing according to your desires & ability.  
**Fiona** leads a lovely walk of a minimum of 2 hours which takes in the Buddhist Monastery and a stop in one of the mountain villages.

### **Beaches**

*We are fortunate to have a whole range of beaches from 30 - 45 minutes drive. Choose from the beaches of Salobrena, La Herradura, or our favourite, Playa Cantajirran on the N-340 before the town of Nerja (just past the Cerro Gordo tunnel) on the left hand side.*

*This beach is half clothed, half nude and has two lovely tavernas where the fish/meat starved amongst you can sate yourselves. There is also a vegetarian menu.*

### **Horse Riding at Caballo Blanco**

*1 hr €25; 2 hrs €35; 3 hrs €45*

*Sarah offers gentle scenic rides through the mountains from 1 to 3 hours.*

*Beginners are more than welcome. She will collect and then drive you back for a small fee. Tel: (+34) 958 347 175 / 627 794 891*