

Traveling in Southern Spain by Leah Kuhlmann

If you are looking to study abroad, Spain has everything you dream of. You'll find culture, history, natural beauty, architecture, and friendly people. You can lounge at the beach all day and then dance the night away. In addition, you'll perfect your Spanish skills. It is a different kind of life in Spain, full of relaxation, festivals, and people living life to its fullest. Life moves a little slower in Spain, and spending a semester there was the experience of a lifetime. If you are trying to decide where to study abroad, or where to travel while in Europe, I encourage you open your eyes to Southern Spain and experience all it has to offer. I spent one semester in Granada, Spain. Spain is rather small and it is very easy to travel throughout the country. So whether you find yourself in Granada, Valencia, Seville, Malaga, or Barcelona, I encourage you to visit the surrounding areas. It is easy, cheap, and safe to travel throughout Spain. Be ready to step outside of your comfort zone, see the world, and feel completely free.

From Granada you can easily visit many other towns throughout Southern Spain. No matter where you start out at, it is very easy to get around via the buses. Every city has a centrally located bus station with busses interconnecting every city. The most useful website for travelling through Spain is www.alsa.es. You can buy bus tickets, reserve the seat you want, and check out the travel schedules. If you buy your bus ticket online, you can just show up at the bus station, find your bus, and go wherever you please. It is possible to buy "open return" tickets; therefore you buy a ticket for the departure of your choice and you can show up at any bus departure you please. When you get to your destination, be sure to check out the schedule of departures and communicate with the bus station your choice so that they can reserve your return seat. Busses are the main form of transportation in Southern Spain. Once you become comfortable with bus stations, you can go anywhere you please.

Granada

Granada is one of the most historic cities in Spain. It is Granada where the Moorish civilization lost its power and was overrun by King Ferdinand and Isabel. The Moorish influence is still very apparent. The historic part of Granada, called the Albayzin, lies in the foothills of the Sierra Nevada Mountains. The houses are literally caves within the side of the hills. The narrow winding streets, white washed buildings, fountains, and plazas, make the Albayzin something to experience. Below the Albayzin lies the rest of the city, which is much more modern. You'll find many places to shop, many parks, tapas bars, restaurants, and plazas. Granada has a large university so the town is adapted to entertain a young crowd. If you are not studying abroad in Spain, I would plan on spending a weekend there. There is a lot to see and experience – from the historic monuments to the vivacious nightlife. Things you can't miss in Granada include the Alhambra, Albayzin, Cathedral, flamenco, and tapas bars!

The Alhambra:

The Alhambra was the last Moorish palace in Spain. The Moors ruled from the Alhambra until 1492. I didn't realize how big of an influence the Moors had on Spain until I was there. The Alhambra is like a giant castle overlooking Granada. Many people visit Granada just to see the Alhambra, attracting up to 8,000 visitors a day. If you are studying abroad in Granada, you will likely be taken on at least one guided, free tour of the Alhambra. If you are visiting, you will want to buy a ticket as far in advance as possible. A ticket for students costs 10 Euros. You can order online at www.alhambra-tickets.es, by phone at 934-923-750 (if calling within Spain), or through your hostel. You will have to pick your tickets up at the ticket office of the Alhambra, so leave plenty of time to wake up, find your way up the hill, and pick up your tickets before your allotted time of entrance. Because there are so many people who visit the Alhambra, your ticket is kind of like a reservation and you can only enter within a certain window of time. If you are not going with a group, I encourage you to take a taxi or bus to get to the Alhambra. A taxi will cost about 5 Euros. There is also a bus which leaves from Plaza Isabel La Catolica every 15 minutes marked *Alhambra*. It is a little red bus, costs only a euro, and leaves every 15 minutes. It's very easy to catch, and very easy to get lost if you try to hike up to the Alhambra on your own.

The Albayzin

From the centrally located Plaza Isabel La Catolica, the Albayzin is a short trek up the hill. As you head up the hill, keep your eyes open for Plaza Nueva. It is full of hippies, or the so called *pies negros*, located here and into El Albayzin. Walking through Granada and up into the Albayzin can be a bit confusing, so I encourage you to buy a map and do it during the day before doing the trek at night. The Albayzin is Spain's old Moorish community. It is well worth a wander. Don't miss **Mirador de San Nicolas**. From there you will get an awesome view of the Alhambra and all of Granada. I recommend a sun setting here, overlooking the Alhambra. It is an open plaza full of hippies, locals, and tourists. Even President Clinton has taken his family here from when he was a student. It is one of my favorite places in the world...I encourage you to experience the beauty for yourself. While in the Albayzin, catch a local Flamenco show. It is a traditional dance, especially important to the history of Granada. There are many local shows held every night and you will likely see many advertisements throughout your tour of

Granada. Don't miss it, it is a very unique experience, and likely to be well worth your money no matter where the location.

Cathedral

You must visit the Cathedral while in Granada. Here lie the bodies of King Ferdinand and Isabelle, quite possibly the most famous king and queen ever. The Cathedral is very beautiful, but you must enter a different entrance to see the chapel of Queen Isabella and King Ferdinand. The entrance to the Royal Chapel (Capilla Real) is on the south side of the Cathedral. It costs about 3 Euros to enter Capilla Real, which includes viewing the coffins and a small museum. Don't miss this as it's a big part of the Spanish history.

Eating

Granada is famous for its tapas bars. When you order a drink, you get a little bit of food for free. About tapas make a meal, costing around 1.50 to 2 Euros each. Calle Elvira has many options, especially if it is an evening and you want to go out afterwards as there are many bars in the area. Bodegas Castaneda is a well known tapas bar. It is located close to Plaza Nueva, on Calle Almireceros. There is also a restaurant called Castanada, that's not what you are looking for. There are also a lot of little places in the plaza behind the Cathedral. Another option is Plaza de Principe, a little farther away from central Granada but popular with the university crowd. It is within walking distance, but taxis are cheap and the cities bus system is clean, cheap, and easy to figure out.

Sleeping

It is very easy to find a good place to stay in Granada. There are a ton of hostels on the street Gran Via de Colon and also on the street called Cuesta Gomez. I recommend staying on Gran Via. It is one of the busiest streets in Granada, which means you can easily hop on a bus or taxi. The Cathedral is on Gran Via and the Albaicin is right up the road. In addition, Calle Elvira is just a block away. There are many hotels if you are looking for something nice, but there are also cheap hostels.

Once in Granada, you can visit anywhere in Spain by bus. Granada also has a small airport, but with few flights. It is still easy to travel around Europe, just take a bus to Malaga and fly from there. Allow ample time to get to the bus station, as traffic gets busy at unexpected times (2pm?). Don't forget about the website www.alsa.es to book your bus tickets. It is also very easy to rent a car, but if you hope to do so learn how to drive a stick shift before you go to Spain

Nerja

You have to visit Nerja if you like the beach. It is 2.5 hours from Granada by bus, which will cost around 20 Euros for a round trip bus ticket. Nerja is a small, quiet town with many private little beaches surrounded by rocky cliffs. The main beach is called Burriana Beach. It is on the east side of town is bigger beach than any of the others. IT also has the most restaurants and entertainment options if you want to rent a kayak or anything like that. But don't stay at Burriana Beach all day. My favorite beach is Carabeo Beach. To get to it from the street, you have to take the stairs down. It is very small, private, and relaxing. Great place to spend the day and get a tan.

Balcony of Europe

The Balcony of Europe (or Balcon de Europa) is a bluff located in the middle of the town with amazing views of the Mediterranean. It is full of street performers, horse and buggies, palm trees, musicians, and people. There are a lot of souvenir shops in the area, and a lot of ice cream stores as well. Needless to say, it is one of my favorite places in Spain.

Caves of Nerja

A lot of people take time to visit the Caves of Nerja. I did too, and I wasn't too impressed. If you've ever been to a cave before, it isn't much different. There are a ton of tourists there too. However, if that's your kind of thing, it is a very popular cave to see. You can take a bus from the bus station to the caves for 1 euro and they leave every 10 minutes.

Hiking

There is a lot of good hiking around Nerja. It's not something I did, but if you are interested Tourist Information can help you. It is located off of the Balcony of Europe at Puerta del Mar 2, www.nerja.org.

Eating

If you want to eat cheap try to venture away from the Balcony of Europe. I recommend eating on Burriana Beach. It may not be as cheap as somewhere inside of the town, but the view and atmosphere is well worth it. At **Ayo's** you can have all you can eat paella for only 5 Euros. It is not open in the evenings so get there for breakfast or lunch. It's located on the east end of Burriana Beach, look for an orange rooftop.

Sleeping

There are a lot of tourists in Nerja, so I recommend getting away from the beach to get the most out of your visit to Nerja. I recommend staying at Hostal Lorca in the residential area of Nerja. It is also very close to the bus station, which is good for leaving your suitcases behind. It is a yellow house at Mendez Nunez 20 and the website is www.hostallorca.com. Beware, Nerja can be very busy during the summer and during Holy Week, and prices will be higher during that time.³

Sevilla

Sevilla is like Granada in that it is a university city. However, I found it very different in many other ways. There are a lot more tourists in Sevilla, as well as a lot more international students. The weather in Sevilla is very hot so be prepared if you are going in the summer, few places have air-conditioning in Spain. Sevilla is also very big, so get a good map and be ready to take the taxi. The city transportation was hard to figure out and the city is very big compared to Granada. It takes 3 hours to get to Sevilla from Granada by bus.

Sights to see include the Cathedral, the Alcazar, and the Guadalquivir River.

Cathedral

Sevilla's cathedral is the largest Gothic church in the world and the 3rd largest church in all of Europe. It was first a mosque until the Christians converted it into a cathedral during the Reconquista. The Tomb of Columbus is located in the cathedral, but it is unknown if his remains are actually there. You'll have to hear the story for yourself. Make sure you take the trek up to the top of the bell tower to see amazing views of Sevilla. It costs 7.50 Euros to get into the cathedral then 3 more if you want an audio guide.

Alcazar

The Alcazar is a historic Moorish palace. It is still used as a royal palace when the king is in town. It dates to the 10th century but was rebuilt in the 14th century. It costs 7 Euros to enter and 3 more for an audio guide, which is necessary for the tour. The Alcazar is a lot like the Alhambra in Granada, but with a Christian flare. This is where King Ferdinand and Isabella met with Christopher Columbus before he discovered America. Pretty darn cool.

Guadalquivir River

This is the river where Christopher Columbus sailed from, along with many others. From Isabel II Bridge you will see amazing views. On one side of the river you have Calle del Betis, a street full of bars and popular among the university crowd. On the other side of the river is Paseo de Cristobal Colon, which is also a popular street for an evening stroll. The bullring is located on this street as is the Torre del Oro, an old lighthouse type of building that was used for controlling access to the river in the days of Columbus.

Sleeping

If you're looking to have a good time stay at Oasis Backpackers Hostel. It is located north of Plaza Nueva, between Plaza de la Encarnacion and Plaza de la Alfalfa. It is very cheap and popular with young travelers. See www.hostelsoasis.com or call 954-293-777 for more information. Sevilla is a large city and there are many options as far as hotels and hostels go. Have a good map before leaving your hotel, because the streets of Sevilla are very confusing. Check out www.hostelworld.com for more options.

Sierra Nevada Mountains

Part of the reason I chose to study abroad in Granada is because I love to ski. Granada is located in the foothills of the Sierra Nevada Mountains. This is the largest mountain range in Spain. The highest peak "Mulhacén" is 3478 meters (11,000ft). The ski resort is called "Sol y Nieve". Here is an English website to check it out: <http://www.sierranevada.co.uk/>. I made the mistake of going there on one of my first weekend in Spain, when my Spanish was sub-par. Things you need to be careful about:

1. Rent your skis in Granada and buy anything you think you might need in Granada. Everything is very expensive at the ski resort.
2. Keep an eye on your skis at all times. One of my friends had her skis stolen while buying lift tickets. She then had to file a police report and ended up having to pay for them as well. I heard of the same thing happening to other students.
3. When you rent your skis, make sure they are fitted. We rented skis from a cheap shop in the bottom of the bus station in Granada. I DO NOT recommend doing that. When we finally figured out the Spanish skiing system and went to put on our skis, I discovered they didn't fit mine to my boots. Trying to plead for help with my poor Spanish was rather difficult. The website above has the location of an English speaking equipment store on the slopes. Might be helpful.
4. Take goggles, gloves, and maybe even ski pants with you from home if this is something you want to do. Trying to rent them in Granada was hard. We looked like we were straight out of the 70's and not too comfortable.

Transportation

www.alsa.es

Getting to the ski resort is very easy and very cheap (~5 Euros). Just take the bus as with everything else! I definitely recommend buying tickets online and also showing up a little early for your bus because a lot of people flock to the slopes in the mornings. You can get an open return and the bus rides home were pretty open. If you like to take in the views and enjoy a little drink after a long day of skiing, there are some nice restaurants with amazing views, where you can relax before catching the final bus home. The resort itself is very small, so finding a place to do so won't be hard.

Lift tickets

As far as I know, you cannot order lift tickets online. Here is the Spanish ski website: www.sierranevadaski.com. Lift ticket prices vary depending on the time of year, ranging from 20-41 Euros. Try to get there early; the lines are very long late in the morning.

Lockers

We had a very hard time finding the lockers. Just before you get to the main gondola at the bottom of the slopes, go inside the building on the right and down the stairs. There are also stairs one the outside

of the building. In the basement you will find the lockers. Make sure to take change so you can use them!

I really enjoyed the skiing. If you ski in Colorado, don't expect anything up to that level. Remember, everything is very expensive and your skis may get stolen if you don't keep an eye on them. Don't rent your skis at the bus station, but do rent them somewhere in Granada. There are many stores on Calle Recogidas and along the river. You will probably want to take some bocadillos or other food with you as well. Have fun!

Barcelona

My favorite city in all of Europe. You MUST visit Barcelona!! Also, take a good map and guidebook because there is so much to see. We were only there for 2 days and it wasn't near long enough. I could have stayed there a week and enjoyed myself. It has sights to see, the beach, Las Ramblas (a very popular hangout/ shopping street), tons of street performers, art, architecture, nightlife, museums, and friendly people. There are people from all over the world visiting Barcelona and if you stay in a hostel it will be the time of your life. I met people from Canada, South America, Croatia, Ireland, the U.S...and more.

Transportation

If you are flying on a cheap airline like Ryan Air, you will not fly directly into Barcelona. Instead you will fly into a little airport about an hour away (Girona). But don't worry, there are busses waiting for you outside the airport to take you to Barcelona. Expect to spend 20 Euros for the bus ticket. Once in the Barcelona bus station, you will be quite a ways away from the Old City center, which includes such things as Las Ramblas, the Picasso Museum, the harbor, and the beach. You will probably want to take a taxi to get to and from the bus station, but other than that you can use the subway. Barcelona has a very clean and efficient subway system that can take you to all the sites. The only bad thing is that it is a little expensive, but this is a major city so don't expect it to be the only thing that is expensive.

Sleeping

If you don't mind sleeping in a room with many strangers, you have to stay at Kabul Backpackers Hostel. <http://www.hostelworld.com/availability.php/Kabul-Backpackers-Hostel/Barcelona/722>

It is 18-22 Euros per night. Located in a plaza right off of Las Ramblas, it is the perfect location. The main level of the hostel turns into a bar at night, which was very fun to meet people from all over the world. The hostel has free breakfast, and also serves lunch and supper, but you have to get in line early because they run out of food. If you are very sensitive to noise at night, this is not the place for you. But try to stay somewhere close to Las Ramblas!

Eating

Because everything is expensive in Barcelona, finding a good place to eat was kind of hard. Plaza Real off of Las Ramblas has a lot of good options. I recommend starting there. This is also the plaza where Kabul Backpackers Hostel is located.

The Sights

Barcelona is so extensive and has so much to see you really need to have a guide book with a map so that you don't miss anything. These are things must see:

1. Las Ramblas – a pedestrian street loaded with shops, street performers, art, restaurants, and more.
2. Sagrada Familia – an unfinished cathedral by Spain's famous artist Gaudi.

3. Picasso Museum – the home of many of Picasso’s artwork. One of Spain’s most popular and well known artists.
4. Catalan Concert Hall - very modern and very cool.
5. Cathedral of Barcelona – aren’t Cathedrals always impressive?
6. Casa Mila- a famous Barcelona site. An amazing piece of artistic architecture by the famous Gaudi.
7. Parc Guell – another one of Gaudi’s projects. This is an extensive park with a very colorful and artistic touch. So much to see in this park alone.
8. Magic Fountains – lively fountains near Plaza d’Espanya.
9. Barcelona Beach – quite small but with nice sand. Good for an afternoon siesta (or a full beach day). Beware, there are solicitors on the beach trying to see anything from massages to beer to tattoos, but just ignore them. They won’t harm you but may get annoying.

Toledo

“Holy Toledo!” It is a little difficult to get to Toledo, but well worth your time. Toledo is an historic town and the entire city has been declared a national monument. It is Spain’s former capital and has Roman, Jewish, Moorish, Christian, and Visigothic influences. It is perched at the top of a rocky hill, surrounded by the Tajo River. The sight of the city from the opposite side of the river is absolutely breathtaking. Seeing the town and also learning the history is a must for appreciating the culture of Spain. Once in Toledo it is very small and you can walk to see everything, except for the view from the Tajo River Gorge. To get to this viewpoint, you can use the city bus #7.1, which leaves Plaza de Zocodover hourly (7:50-21:50). There is also a tourist tram which takes you on a 50 minute tour for 4.50 Euros. You can buy tickets from the convenience store at Calle de la Silleria 14. This tram leaves hourly from Plaza de Zocodover on the hour. For the best views sit on the right side of the bus.

Transportation

Getting to Toledo is a little difficult, but well worth your time. If starting in Madrid, it is easy. Just a quick 30 minute trip on the AVE train (www.renfe.es/ave). That is what I recommend. When visiting Madrid, just plan an extra day to jot down to Toledo. You can also go from Madrid to Toledo by bus, which will last 1.5 hours and cost about 10 Euros (www.alsa.es). If going from Granada to Toledo it will be a 5 hour bus ride. Do-able, but not ideal. Try to pair the trip to Toledo with a trip to Madrid.

Sights

In addition to the Tajo River Gorge, see these places:

1. The Cathedral. Make sure you go inside, even though you have to pay to do so. The entrance is on Calle Chapineria. Beware that it may be more difficult to get inside on Sundays.
2. You will also want to visit the Santa Cruz Museum (from Plaza de Zocodover, go through the arch to Calle Miguel de Cervantes 3). There is a lot to see in this museum, including the intricate architectural design.
3. The Alcazar is a huge historic imperial residence but it was closed for restoration when I was there. The Alcazar is what dominates the skyline and you will want to see it. It was scheduled to reopen in 2009 so check it out. It was built and rebuilt by the Romans, Visigods, Moors, and finally the Christians under Franco. It is located at Cueasta de Carlos V 2.
4. Santo Tome. This houses El Greco’s painting entitled *The Burial of the Count of Orgaz*. It is one of the most famous Spanish painting of all time- so study it and get an audio guide. Go early or late as it’s a major tourist attraction. It is located in southwest Toledo, and may be a bit of a walk. For a quicker trip, take city bus #12.
5. Sinagoga de Santa Maria la Blanca. It was once a synagogue then turned into a church. It is unique because it shows how the two cultures once lived in harmony in Toledo. Located at Calle de los Reyes Catolicos 2/4.

Sleeping

Not very many people stay the night in Toledo, but if you have taken a 5 hour bus from Granada you may want to do so. Toledo has a few hostels that are cheap, including Hostal Centro (www.hostalcentro.com), Hotel Santa Isabel (www.santa-isabel.com), and Hostal Nuevo Labrador (www.nuevolabrador.com). Those are all good options.

Eating

There are many affordable options in Plaza de Zocodover. It is also a good place to people watch. I suggest Taverna de Amboades, a wine and tapas bar near the Bisagra Gate. If you like pizza, there is a good place near the Cathedral called Pizzeria Pastucci (Calle de la Sinagoga 10). If you are hungry for authentic Spanish food, like ham and bean soup, try Restaurante-Meson Palacios (located near Plaza de San Vicente at Alfonso X El Sabio 3).

Marbella

Marbella is the destination for the high class jet setting crowd of Europe. It has lavish landscaping, ritzy shops, and polished streets. Along the beach you will find fancy high rises and nice restaurants. The beach is the city's main attraction; along with it you get a little taste of the posh lifestyle of the city.

Transportation

Go by bus! It is about 2.5 hours from Granada and costs around 30 Euros. There is really no other option, unless you decide to rent a car and travel along Costa de Sol (which is relatively easy to do if you know how to drive a stick shift).

Sleeping

The middle of Marbella is where you want to be. Try Hostal de Pilar. It is located in the middle of Casco Antiguo, the beautiful old town of Marbella. It is a short walk from the beach and is surrounded by good restaurants. (<http://www.hostelworld.com/hosteldetails.php/Hostal-del-Pilar/Marbella/10485>)

Eating

I would take a trip to Marbella just to eat the calamari. So good! Marbella has a lot of restaurants, and a website devoted to them (<http://www.marbellanet.com/RESTAURANTS.htm>). If you like to eat near the beach with lively Mediterranean atmospheres, try somewhere along Nikki Beach. There are also many options in Casco Antiguo. If you try those two places, I promise you will find a good option.

Gibraltar

Gibraltar is along the southern coast of Spain but is actually owned by England. Therefore, you will need your passport to cross the border. It is a very touristy town, but an interesting place to visit. Gibraltar is like a giant rock jutting into the Mediterranean. From Gibraltar, the coast of Africa is only 15 miles. Known for its apes, cheap booze, and views, Gibraltar is worth a stop if you're heading to Africa, Tarifa, or Marbella.

Transportation

Since Gibraltar is not located within Spain's borders, getting there can be a little difficult. As with all else, take a bus to La Linea bus station on the border of Gibraltar. Walk across the border, and then catch bus #3 to get into the city. It is only 1 Euro and runs every 15 minutes. Don't forget your passport! Gibraltar is about an hour and a half from Marbella, 3 hours from Malaga, and 5 from Granada. It probably isn't worth the trip on its own, but definitely worth a stop if you are going to Africa.

Sleeping

I wouldn't recommend staying in Gibraltar. It is more expensive than Spain and it is also a very quiet city as far as nightlife goes. But if you really like this English speaking town and need to get away from Spain for a few nights, you can stay at Emile Hostel for 15 pounds, including breakfast.

www.emilehostel.com

Sights

The summit of the Rock of Gibraltar is the main reason for visiting Gibraltar. It has an awesome view and is also the home to many friendly apes. There are two options to see the Rock, either a cable car or a 90 minute taxi tour. Both cost 8 pounds. I recommend going by cable car. It takes you a little farther up and the view is spectacular. There is also a restaurant at the top if you want to linger a little longer. The Gibraltar Museum located on Bomb House Lane near the cathedral is also worth your time. King Fahd Mosque is a new expensive mosque in Gibraltar. Seeing it reminds you of the unique culture of the surrounding countries.

Eating

The food in Gibraltar is a nice break from Spain. Spanish food isn't bad, but there's only so much ham a person can eat. There are a lot of English Pubs scattered throughout the town if you're hungry for fish and chips. I recommend eating at The Clipper. It is located on Irish Town Lane and is pretty cheap. If you want to stay closer to Main Street try The Star Bar, located just off Main on Parliament Lane, across from Corner House Restaurant.

Tarifa

Tarifa is the city many people cross through to Morocco. A lot of people just pass through, but I encourage you to take a little bit of time to look around in Tarifa. It has no real sights but it's a good place to visit if you are interested in windsurfing and whale watching.

Transportation

There are no direct busses to Tarifa. You will want to take a bus to Algeciras (a 4 hour bus trip from Granada, ~40 Euros) then take a short bus ride to Tarifa. The busses leave every 10 minutes and are cheap. (www.tgcomes.es)

Eating

You can either sit down in a restaurant to get a good, big meal or opt for the smaller portioned tapas. At Tarifa, I would definitely eat some fish. It can't get any fresher than here. Try Restaurante Morilla, located on Calle Sancho IV El Bravo across from the church. Not only do they have good fish at a reasonable price, it is also a good place for people watching. If tapas are more of your style you have to go to Café Central. Tapas are cheap and it is open all day. They also have breakfast and salads. It is located near the church off Plaza San Mateo.

Sleeping

The cheapest options are Hostal Villanueva and Pension Correo (~25 Euros). Hostal Villanueva is located on a busy street west of the old-town gate at Avenida de Andalucía 11. You will have to make reservations by phone at 956-684-149. Pension Correo is located at Coronel Moscardo 8 (www.pensioncorreo.com).

Windsurfing

Tarifa's beach is about 5 miles long. You can walk or drive by car along Cadiz Road. The beach is lined with resorts, beachwear shops, and rental gear. It will be very busy in the summer but the water is freezing cold anytime before then.

Whale-watching

Reserve your whale-watching excursion in advance, especially during the summer months. The best option is FIRMM (www.firrm.org). It costs 30 Euros and is located at Pedro Cortes 4. There are 1-5 trips per day and if you don't see any whales or dolphins you can join another trip for free. Another option is Whale Watch Espana, www.whalewatchtarifa.net, located at Avenida de la Constitucion.

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