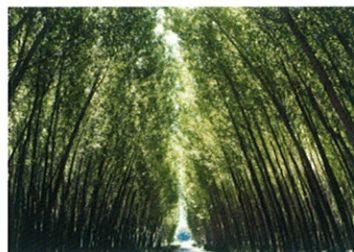


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Un Paraíso Natural

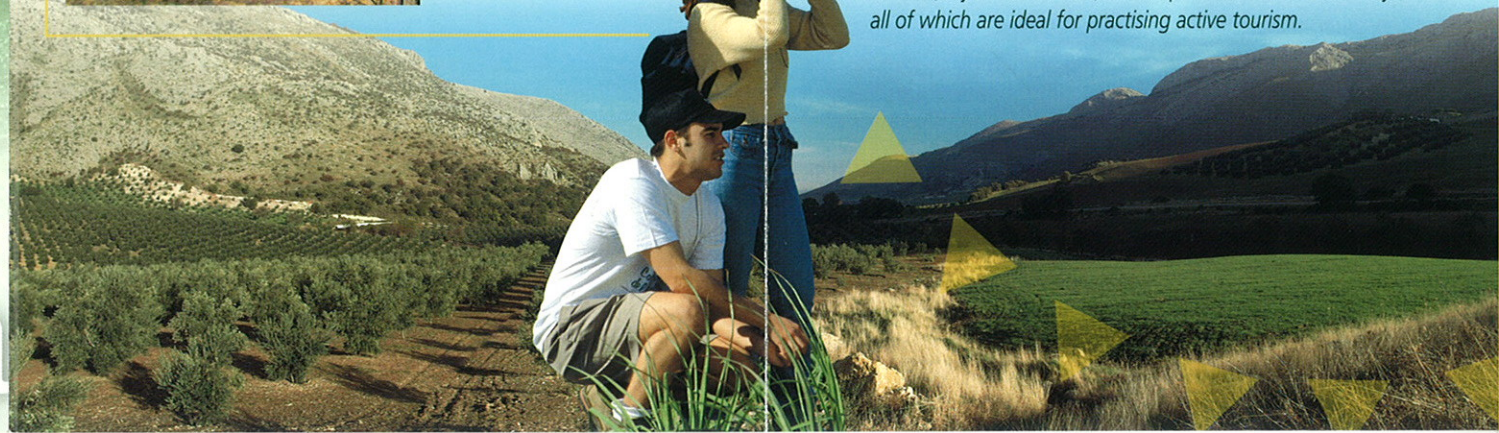


Al Suroeste de la provincia granadina se enclava la **Mancomunidad de municipios de la Comarca Alhama de Granada**, conformada por nueve poblaciones de sabor andaluz que además de compartir una historia común gozan de unas comunicaciones privilegiadas. Este lugar estratégico, conectado gracias a la **A-92** con la **Costa Tropical y Málaga**, puede presumir de una **riqueza natural** y paisajística, si cabe, equiparable a su enorme **patrimonio**. El Parque Natural Sierras de Tejeda, Almijara y Alhama, el Pantano de los Bermejales, el Paraje Natural de los Tajos de Alhama, los Tajos del Río Cacín y el Boquete de Ventas de Zafarraya, escenarios idóneos para el turismo activo, son alguna de sus joyas más valiosas.



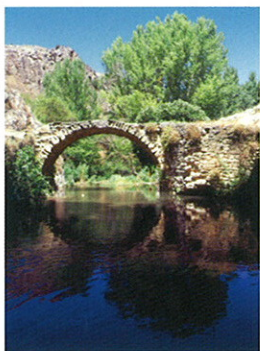
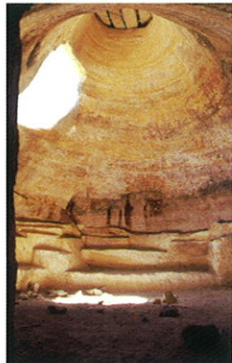
A Natural Paradise

The county council municipality of Alhama de Granada lies to the south-west of the province of Granada. It comprises nine towns with a distinctive Andalusian flavour which share a common history and excellent communications. This is an area of strategic importance and is linked via the **A-92** dual carriageway to both the **Costa Tropical and Málaga**. It boasts beautiful countryside and **natural landscapes** whose value matches that of its impressive **historic heritage**. Amongst its most valuable natural jewels are the Sierras de Tejeda, Almijara y Alhama Natural Park, the Los Bermejales Reservoir, and natural areas such as Tajos de Alhama, Tajos del Río Cacán, and Boquete de Ventas de Zafarraya, all of which are ideal for practising active tourism.



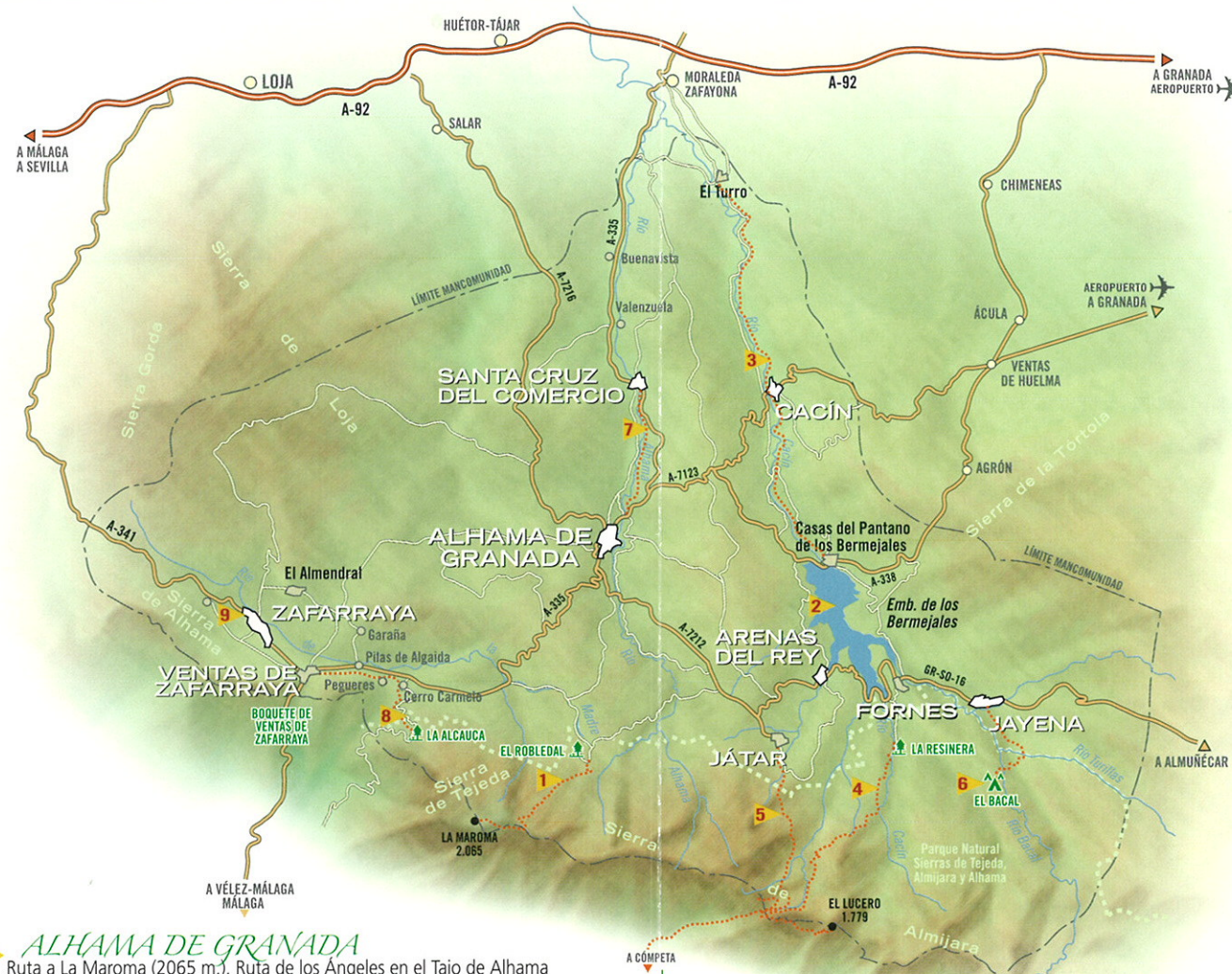
The Legacy of the Past

Valleys, mountains, and karst landscapes are a sign that we are approaching **Alhama de Granada**, the district where the last episodes of the fall of the Nasrid Kingdom of Granada took place. Almost eight centuries of Muslim presence have left a deep imprint in the area. This is particularly evident in the urban layout of places like **Jayena**, a



town with narrow lanes which is near to **Arenas del Rey**, and has interesting archaeological remains. The tour through the area continues to **Cacín**, which is situated to the north of the Los Bermejales Reservoir, and **Santa Cruz del Comercio**, where the banks of the River Alhama, which passes through the town, are lined with old black poplars. The river shares the name of **Alhama de Granada**, which since ancient times has been renowned for the thermal waters which can be

enjoyed today in its modern spa. The town also has historic monuments and places of great value such as the Castle, the Church of La Encarnación, and the Arab Quarter. On the border between Granada and Malaga, the town of **Zafarraya** sits over the largest polje (a deep narrow valley with karstic formations) in Europe, and is surrounded by picturesque landscapes.



- 1 **ALHAMA DE GRANADA**
Ruta a La Maroma (2065 m.). Ruta de los Ángeles en el Tajo de Alhama.
• Route to La Maroma (2,065 m.). Los Angeles route in el Tajo de Alhama.

- 2 **ARENAS DEL REY**
Deportes acuáticos en el Pantano de los Bermejales. • Water sports in the Los Bermejales Reservoir.

- 3 **CACÍN**
Ruta El Turro-Cacín-Pantano de los Bermejales (siguiendo el curso del río Cacín). Destacan sus productos ecológicos. • El Turro-Cacín- Los Bermejales Reservoir Route (following the course of the River Cacín). This route is noted for its ecological products.

- 4 **FORNÉS**
Ruta La Resinera (antigua fábrica de resina)- El Lucero (1779 m.) • La Resinera (old resin factory) - El Lucero (1,779 m.) Route.

- 5 **JÁTAR**
Ruta Játar-Cómpeta. Atravesando la Sierra de Almijara en dirección a la Costa, sobre una antigua Vía Romana. Calidad de sus aguas. • Játar-Cómpeta Route. Crossing the Sierra de Almijara in the direction of the coast, this route follows an old Roman Road. The excellent quality of its water is of special note.

- 6 **JAYENA**
Área Recreativa del Río Bacal. Destacan las masas forestales. • Recreational Area on the River Bacal. Its wooded areas are of special interest.

- 7 **SANTA CRUZ DEL COMERCIO**
Ruta Santa Cruz-Alhama (siguiendo el curso del río Alhama). • Santa Cruz-Alhama Route (following the course of the River Alhama).

- 8 **VENTAS DE ZAFARRAYA**
Ruta Ventas-La Alcauca. Espléndidas vistas al mar. Destaca el Boquete de Ventas de Zafarraya, peculiar entrada de Málaga a Granada. • Ventas-La Alcauca Route. Magnificent sea views. The Boquete de Ventas de Zafarraya, a natural pass between Malaga and Granada, is one of the outstanding features on this route.

- 9 **ZAFARRAYA**
Ruta Vélez Málaga-Zafarraya-Loja (Ruta de los Pescaderos). Destaca el Polje. • Vélez Málaga-Zafarraya-Loja Route (Los Pescaderos Route). The highlight of this route is the karstic valley or Polje.