

ACTIVITIES

Golf

In our area there are 5 golf courses where you can play to your heart's content.

Cortijo Grande Turre

This 9-holes golf course is located near Mojácar. It was designed by Paul J. Polansky and opened in 1976. There are many almond, olive, lemon, and orange trees on the golf course, in contrast with the stark surroundings. The golf course is situated in a valley at the foot of the Sierra Cabrera at a height of 1000 meters. Golf buggies are available. It has most of the facilities other golf courses have, such as a bar, restaurant, pro-shop, putting green, and a simple navigation around the course.

http://www.vivaandalucia.com/golf_courses/cortijo_grande.php

Marina Golf Mojácar

A standard par 72 golf course, which is always in a good condition. It is located somewhat up-country from the beach with rolling hills and carefully groomed fairways. Green fees are € 35.00 or higher, depending on the time of the year and the number of players in the group. The golf course has a driving range, bar, restaurant, and pro-shop.

http://www.vivaandalucia.com/golf_courses/marina_golf_almeria.php

Valle del Este in Vera

Well maintained golf course with championship facilities and it recently hosted the final of the European Father & Son. An enormous golf course with many different challenges. Definitely worth the try. The current fee is € 30.00 per round. The golf course has an excellent driving range, putting, and chipping greens. It also has an excellent bar, restaurant (although it is a little expensive), and pro-shop. Situated opposite of the golf course is the Hole In One Bar, which offers good food and drinks at a reasonable price. It is a cozy bar to relax after a round of golf.

http://www.vivaandalucia.com/golf_courses/valle_del_este_golf_resort.php

Desert Springs Golf Club in Palomares-Cuevas del Almanzora

A first class golf course with first class greens and fairways. It has lakes and watercourses. Around the golf course are statues and castings which, at first glance, seem out of place. But

you will appreciate the natural beauty of this golf course. There is an excellent driving range and a putting green. It has a pro-shop and good bar and restaurant facilities. All the facilities are available for very reasonable prices. http://www.vivaandalucia.com/golf_courses/desert_springs_golf_club_almeria.php

Mini-Hollywood in Tabernas

The province is famous for being the location for the recording of many of the Spaghetti Western films. The dry and arid landscapes of the Taberna Desert – the only desert in Europe, which is part of the National Park of the Sierra Nevada – were perfect set locations for the films of Sergio Leone. David Lean has also filmed some scenes in Tabernas, including the Oscar-winning film Lawrence of Arabia. In the village of Tabernas, you can visit the film locations. A nice idea for a day out is to visit the **Mini-Hollywood theme park Oasys Parque** where many of the old “Spaghetti Western” films were filmed. There are daily shows, a swimming pool, and a zoo. Mini-Hollywood is an area located in the desert of Tabernas. The unique, beautiful, and mysterious landscapes are the background of many historical legendary films. Near Oasys Parque is Fort Bravo, where several films are still being recorded. **Fort Bravo** is definitely worth a visit.

Mountain bike hire

Do you want to explore the area on a mountain bike? You can! **Bike Almanzora** rents bicycles. You can also take guided tours or take a course.

Horse riding in Partalao

Going for a nice ride on horseback. You can do that at **Rancho Luz del Sol**.

Quad treks in Mojácar

For an unforgettable experience why not try one of the **guided treks on quads** exploring areas that you may never have discovered.

Karting in Garrucha

Various arrangements for karting <http://www.kartinggarrucha.es/index.php>.

Parque Acuático (water park) in Vera

An “oasis for fun” for all ages. This water park is close to Vera Playa and located between Garrucha and Puerto Rey. The water park is open daily, from the beginning of May until the end of September <http://www.ociovera.com/>.

Caves of Sorbas

Cuevas de Sorbas is the commercial name of Natur-Sport Sorbas SL. They offer various tours. You can visit the caves in different ways, depending on your physical condition.

Cabo de Gata – Nijar

East of the city of Almería is the natural and protected marine park, Cabo de Gata – Nijar, with its beautiful and rugged coastline. A large part of this coast has restricted access by car, so it is advisable to get there by foot. But it is definitely worth the experience, as the marine park is absolutely gorgeous. You can enjoy the crystal clear waters and the ideal remote coves, which are ideal for swimming and diving. Cabo de Gata is an area of volcanic origin. It is also a protected National Park and the largest protected coastal area of Andalusia. The rugged mountain and rocky landscape of this area is isolated and is, geologically speaking, one of Europe's most extraordinary landscapes. The mountain range Sierra de Gata is the largest volcanic rock formation in Spain, with sharp peaks and ocher colored cliffs (shell sand formations). On the coast, cliffs rise steeply from the sea. The sea has created some 100 meters high, angular, and jagged cliffs, which are split by ravines and gullies leading to remote coves with white sandy beaches. Off the coast are also numerous small, rocky islands and large coral reefs with a rich marine life. You can book several tours [here](#).

Skiing in Granada

The beautiful **Sierra Nevada National Park** extends into the Alpujarras of the province of Almería. It has a landscape full of white villages, protected and pristine forests, valleys, and snow-capped mountain peaks. This is an area that the Arabs (during their leadership) were greatly attached to. That is understandable, because the Almerian Alpujarras is a beautiful and compelling part of southern Spain. It is not to be compared to the bustle of the coastal areas, even though it is only a couple of hours away by car. The area is also an excellent place for outdoor activities: skiing, cross country skiing, mountain biking, horse riding, hiking, and plenty more. The Sierra Nevada mountains of Granada is an approximately 2 hours' drive away from Casa Maydell and the mountains offer excellent skiing opportunities from December up to and including April .