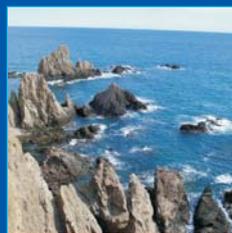
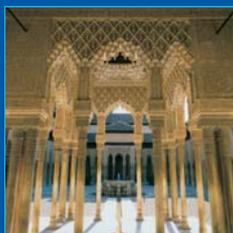
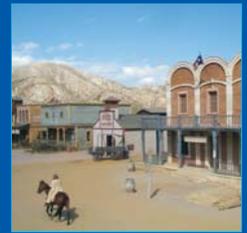
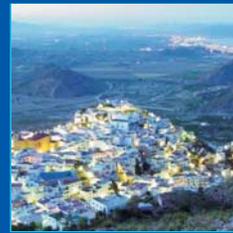


ALMERÍA

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WALKING ROUTE THROUGH MUSLIM ALMERÍA AND HISTORIC OLD TOWN



The origin of Almería was the need to a better defence system, to protect the Xth century new arab settlements. It was Abd-al-Rahman III who founded the Alcazaba (the Citadel), which gave this city its name: **Al-Mariy-yat** (the Watchtower). It is the biggest fortress ever built by the Arabs in Spain and it housed —within its triple wall— palaces and mosques. During this time (10th century), Almería was the main commercial port in the Caliphate of Cordoba, with more than 10,000 textile mills in its medina.

Visit the main monuments left by the eight centuries of Muslim occupation.

You will pass by the **Old Mosque** (now Church of San Juan SXVI-XVII) which was built on S.X by the arabs.

Then your guide will take you into the **La Alcazaba** (SX) Built by Abderrahman III. It has two different areas, one Muslim and one Christian, this one from 1489 (after the recapture of the Catholic Monarchs)

Come down from the fortress by the c /Almanzor to charming “Plaza Vieja”, where you can have a break in **Hammam**: Aires de Almería where are the Arab baths or hammam where. You can enjoy the water and have a relaxing massage on the marble tempered. Finally we can visit the **Arab Aljibes**, built by Jairan (S.XI) to supply water to the population. We can continue the trip into the city centre. Then will have free time to browse around the shops and cafes in this area.



*Times and special remarks

DEPARTURE	ARRIVAL	PLACE VISITED
09:00		Departure from the pier d. Walk through the old city
	09:30	Visit to San Juan Church
09:45		Walk into the Alcazaba
	11:00	Visit the Alcazaba
11:10		Plaza Vieja. Visit the Haman
		Free Time or
12:00	12:15	Visit the Arab Aljibes
12:15		Free Time
13:00		Departure to the port
	13:30	Arrival at the port.



Remarks

- Optional tours could be considered.
- This is just an example of one of the excursions that you can request from your tour-operator



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Walking Tour Almeria: Religious art in the City

Almeria is a paradise for those who love of architecture and religious art, our cathedrals, churches, monasteries, shrines and chapels are part of our historical past.

You will begin walking the “Paseo San Luis” to go to **Hospital de Santa María Magdalena**: The complex of buildings that shows the Hospital dominant architectural styles, mainly old Mudejar style, and also Neoclassicism from the last quarter of the eighteenth century in the home and yard, while eclecticism that defines the Chapel and Hospice are dated in the nineteenth century.

Then we can visit the **Casa de los Puche** (XVII) and old building currently home of Medinaceli Brotherhood of Christ, La Merced and San Pedro. It is also the museum of the Brotherhood.

Cathedral de la Encarnación of Almería: unique Cathedral/Fortress of the Iberian Peninsula (S. XVI). Built to avoid the pirates raids, it shows a great contrast between inside and outside. The Episcopal Diocese of Almería. The building has an architectural transition between the late Gothic, Renaissance and baroque and has also late neoclassical features.

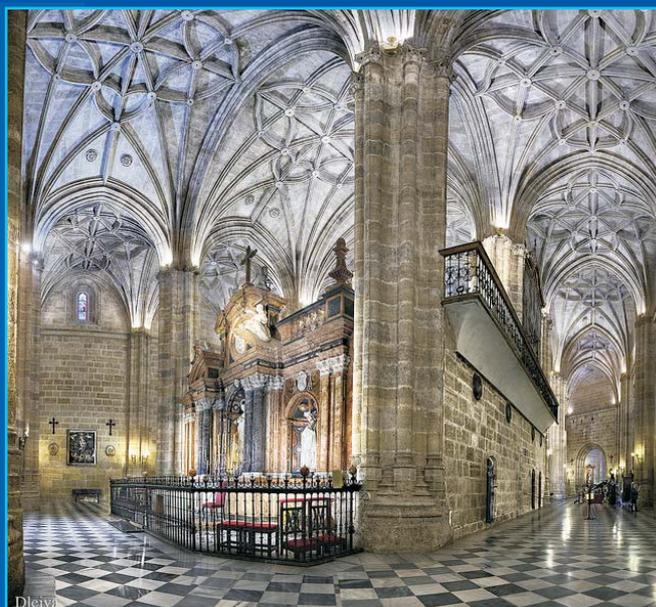
Continue the visit to the **Plaza de San Pedro, The Church of San Pedro** S.XIX neoclassical façade. Go on to the Plaza **Virgen del Mar**, shrine of the Patron's statue S. XIII-SXIV that was found on the beach more than 500 years ago. Close to this church is the **Almería Arts school**, with a nice cloister.

* Time and special remarks

DEPARTURE	ARRIVAL	PLACE VISITED
09:00		Departure from the Port Walk through the old city
	09:15	Visit Hospital St. San Juan Church
09:30	10:00	Casa de los Puche
10:00	10:30	Cathedral
10:30	10:45	Plaza de San Pedro Church
10:45	11:30	Virgen del Mar Church
11:30		Free Time
12:30		Departure to the Port
	12:45	Arrival at the pier.

Remarks

- Optional tours could be considered
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ALMERIA AND ITS BEACHES THE NATURAL PARK



On this visit we will get to know El Toyo, Olympic Village for the Mediterranean Games Almería 2005 and the natural Park of Cabo de Gata - Las Salinas.

The natural park Cabo de Gata was created in 1989 and in 1991 was declared a biosphere reserve.

Departure from the port by bus. On the motorway we will have a panoramic view of the city. Panoramic landscape of Cabo de Gata with stops at scenic emblematic sites.

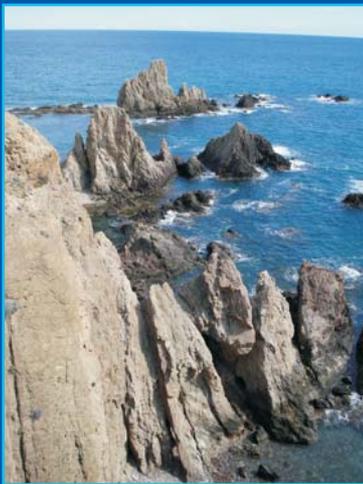
At the Toyo, we visit the Plaza del Mar, bar terraces, nice walk at the seaside. On the road to Cabo de Gata we stop at Torre García a small chapel where the Virgin appeared on December 21, 1502. Tower restored on the XVIII century.

Arrival to Cabo de Gata - Las Salinas, with the vigilance, tower of San Miguel, an old XVII century defensive tower.

Stop to visit the church of Las Salinas, the hallmark of the Cabo de Gata and bird watching observatory.

Continuing the bus to visit: tunny fishing of Monteleva and The Fabriquilla terraces, typical bars.

Breathtaking scenery from top of the hill.



DEPARTURE

09:00

ARRIVAL

09:30

PLACES VISITED

Bus departure from the port of Almería

Arrival to El Toyo

Departure to Cabo de Gata

Visit of the Natural Park Cabo de Gata-Níjar (Almería)

Return to the port of Almería

Bus arrival to the ship.

10:00

10:30

12:00

12:30

DURATION OF THE VISIT:

3:30 hours

Distance: 50 Km.

REMARKS:

Companies to contact:

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info@cabodegata-nijar.com

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aventura@malcaminos.com

GEOGATA



MOJÁCAR TOUR

Bus pickup at Ship side, panoramic view of Almería, and departure to Mojácar.

- Nicolas Salmeron Park. Emblematic "Fountain of the fish".
- Port of Almería. Fish market, visiting the fishing harbour and the traditional neighborhood of La Chanca, with the church of San Roque which dominates the Alcazaba fortress (Xth Century).
- Round Ctra. Almadrabillas beach. The English Cable, key example of iron architecture (early twentieth century) and the railway station, whose facade is also a living example of the iron architecture of the late nineteenth century.
- Motorway. Mediterranean Games Stadium Almería 2005.
- Arrival to the village of Mojácar.

Cultural Tourism. Visit the picturesque village of Moorish heritage with its typical white houses and gazebos. Magical place where we go back to the Muslim era with its narrow streets and beautiful features. Every corner captivates us and shows us his ancestral past in addition to a panoramic dream. We find bars and establishments that offer local handcraft. Traditional products are a gift the most discerning palate.

Their souvenir shops give a great atmosphere and festivities of Moros y Cristianos in June, offer a historical recreation of great beauty and color of a typical Mediterranean old tradition.

* Time and special remarks

DEPARTURE ARRIVAL

09:00	
09:15	10:15
12:30	
13:45	14:45

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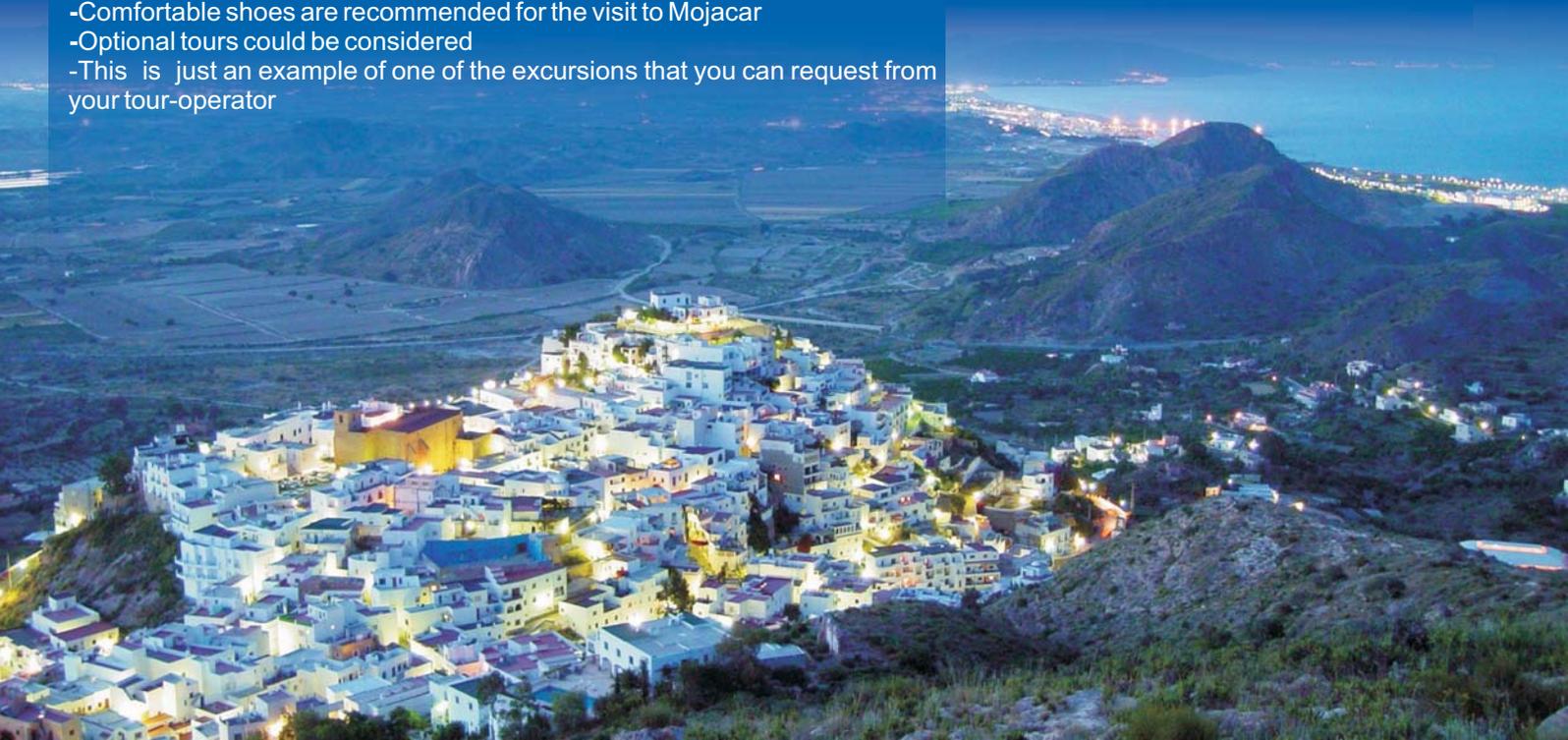
Departure from the Port
By bus
Departure to Mojácar
Arrival to Mojácar (Visit de village)
Departure to have lunch
Lunch
Departure to Almería
Arrival to Almería, arrival to the port

Duration of the tour

Duration	Places visited
05:45 h	Total time of the tour
02:25 h	Time Spent on bus
02:30 h	Time spent on visit
01:15 h	Free Time for lunch

Remarks

- Comfortable shoes are recommended for the visit to Mojácar
- Optional tours could be considered
- This is just an example of one of the excursions that you can request from your tour-operator



ALMERÍA FLAMENCA ... THE DUENDE



The flamenco club EL MORATO, it's located in a cave, unique attraction for its natural conditions. There you can enjoy a flamenco show, singing and dancing that makes it imperative to visit on a tour around Almeria. And it is also a great place for a souvenir photograph.

It offers:

- Live an unforgettable moment enjoying the aesthetics of flamenco dancing and sounds of one of the most attractive in the world musics, monument of humanity.
- Tasting of products Almeria in a snack, consisting of a glass of manzanilla, or beer, a cover of ham, cheese, olives and tomatoes.
- Flamenco: A dancer, a singer and guitarist up the stage without breaking the canons of pure flamenco, make a very striking spectacle for all audiences, bringing in their repertoire of songs and dances by Bulerías, Alegrías (joys), flamenco Tangos , Fandangos, etc..



DEPARTURE	ARRIVAL	PLACES VISITED
10:00		Bus departure from the port of Almeria
	10:15	Arrival at the Peña Flamenca
10:30		Show
	11:00	Appetizer of tasting products Almería
11:30		Return to the port of Almeria
	11:45	Bus arrives back to the Ship.

DURATION OF THE VISIT:

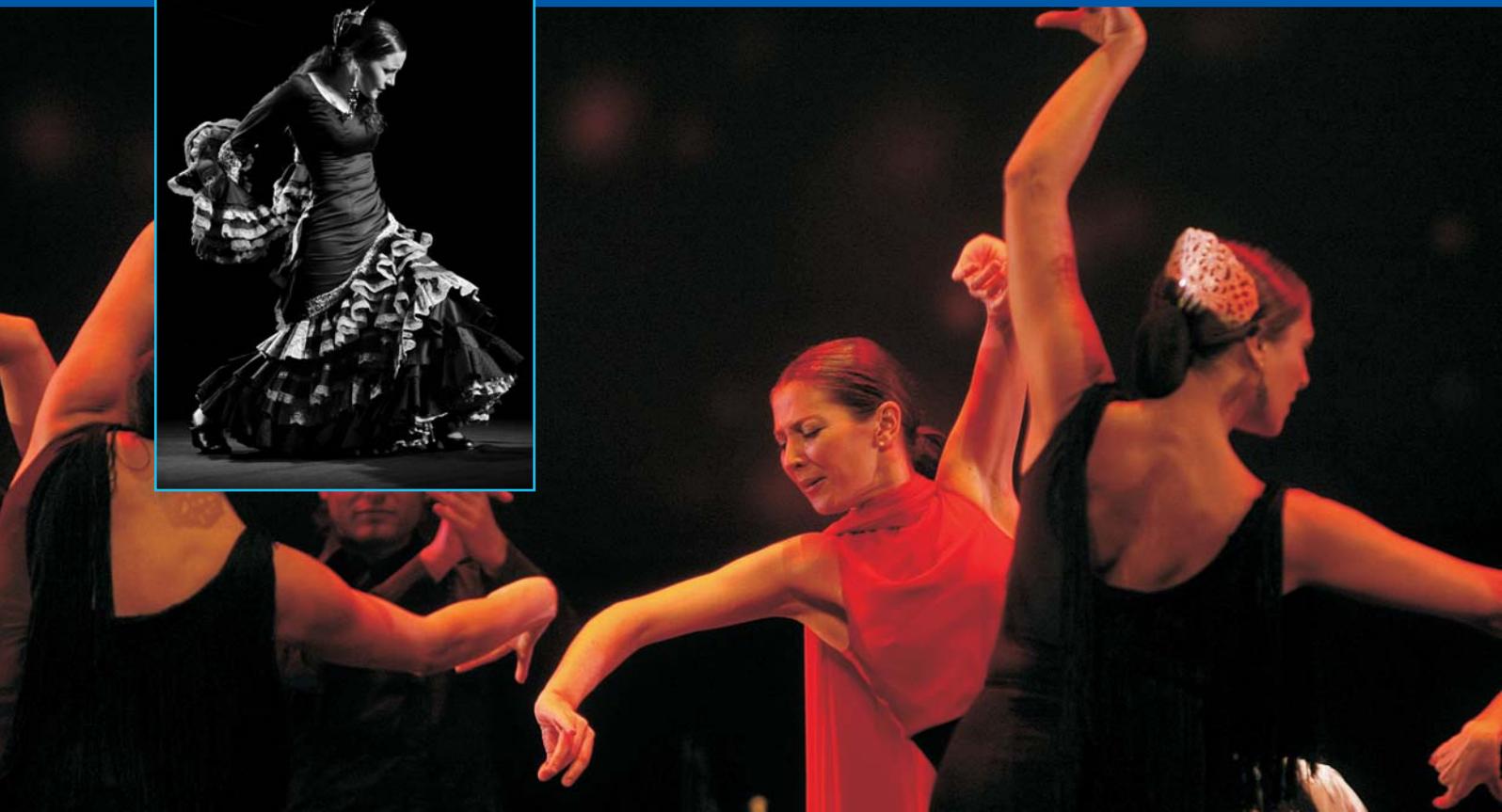
1 hour 45 minutes, including the transfer.

REMARKS:

Flexible hours, Monday to Sunday (except Friday night)

Minimum group of 35.

Contact: 675 525 460 (Lola)



ALMERIA AND ITS WINES... WINERIES

Wineries Pagos de Indalia is the old winery of Paco Jimenez and Antonio Ferre, precursor of what is now Vt. Ribera del Andarax, a quality distinction that hosts 21 municipalities of Rio since early 2003. La Andarax winery started life when Paco Ferre, professor of biochemistry in Madrid and CEO of American multinational, abandons his work put in by his passion in Madrid produce wine wine tierra. Los first steps were in Padules when a group of partners and fans of the wines from this winery Paco land Ferre created.

Although in 1983, Paco Ferre dared to plant in the basin including Gador saw, joints of Sierra Nevada and the Sierra de los Filabres at an average altitude of 780m. Different varieties, tempranillo, calvenet, Sauvignm, Merlot, Macabeo and Viognier.

The landscape: a thousand-year-old, people traditions, wine cellars, surprising flavors. And a variety gourmet, the best guarded secret.



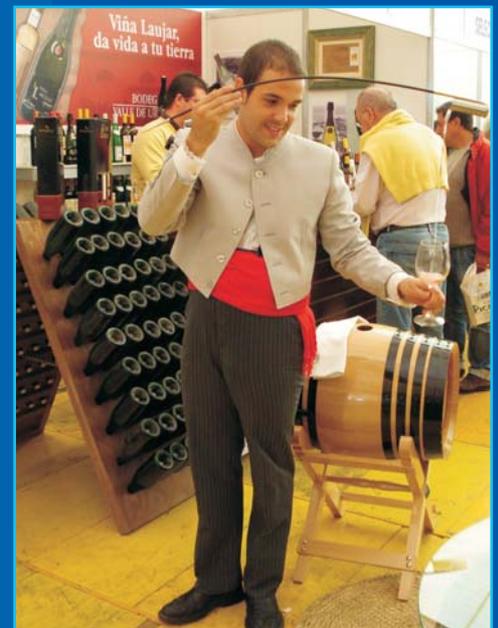
ARRIVAL	DEPARTURE	PLACES VISITED
10:00	09:00	Departure by bus walk to boat from the port of Almeria Guided tour of the winery with wine tasting at the end of the Chamber of Costa with spectacular ravine "Los Baños".
12:00	11:00	Visit the village of Padules Lunch in a restaurant of the place
15:00	14:00	Return to the port of Almeria Bus arrives walk to boat.

DURATION OF THE VISIT:

6 hours
Distance: 50 Kms.

REMARKS:

Sale of wines from winery
Price of the visit: consult
Responsible for wineries: Juanma 648469502
Responsible Visits with tasting: Diego 636490898

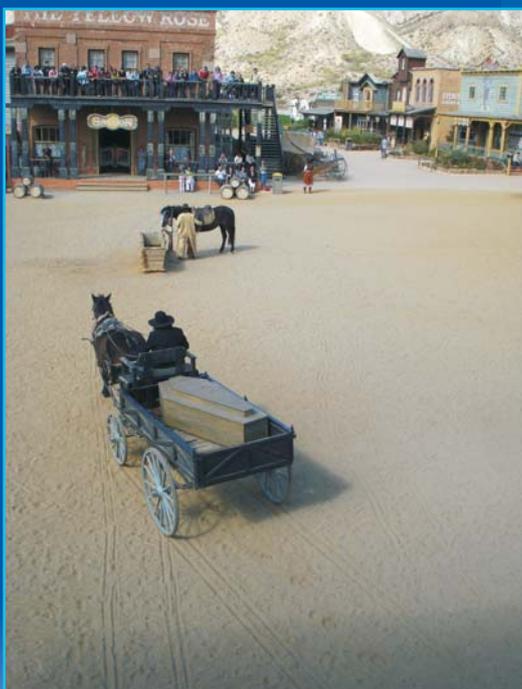


MINIHOLLYWOOD - OASYS PARK THEME PARK OF THE DESERT OF TABERNAS



In the Desert of Tabernas, the former cinematographic scenes of the historical American westerns movies have turned into a thematic park. You can enjoy the golden years of the Western films and also a Zoological Reserve with more than 150 species of animals.

This set was the film paradise of Hollywood in the 60 and 70. Famous actors, such as Clint Eastwood, Brigitte Bardot, Anthony Quinn, Claudia Cardinale, Alain Delon, Sean Connery, Raquel Welch, Orson Welles... The Tabernas desert is unique, beautiful and enigmatic landscapes which recreated scenes from legendary films in the history of cinema, such as: "Lawrence of Arabia", "Cleopatra", "the good, the ugly and the bad", "For a few dollars more" or "Indiana Jones and the last crusade".



To commemorate that cinematic splendor is the Show of the West by a few specialists, who for approx. 20 minutes recreate an authentic "western scene". You can also enjoy the Cancan dance in the Saloon.

Distance to the capital: 25 km
Duration of the visit: 4 hours

* Time and special remarks

DEPARTURE ARRIVAL

09:00

09:35

13:30

14:00

Duration
05:00 h
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Places visited
Duration of the tour
Time Spend on bus
Time spend on visit
Free Time for lunch

PLACE VISITED

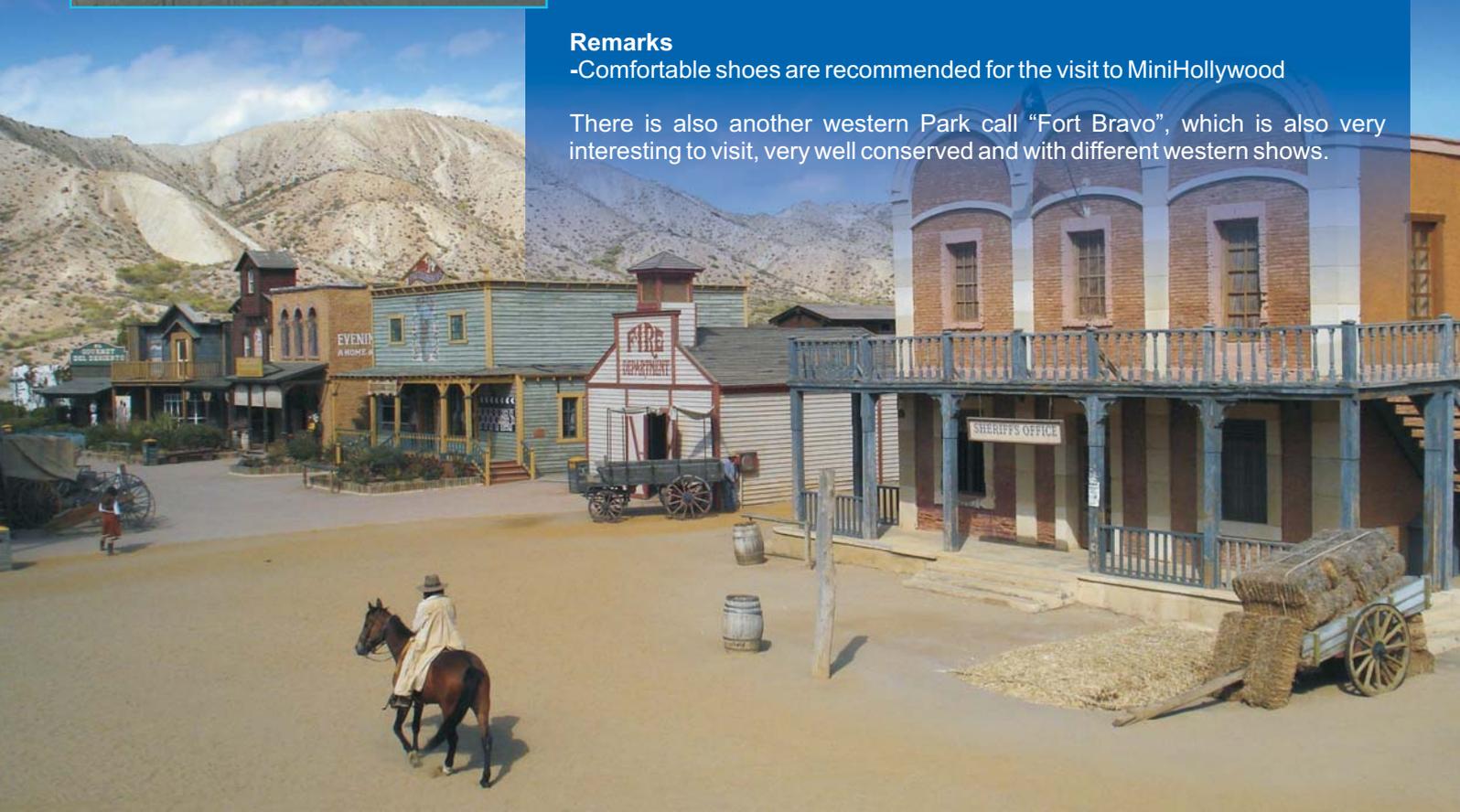
Departure from the port
Bus to MiniHollywood
Arrival to MiniHollywood (Visit the park)

Departure to Almería
Arrival to Almería, arrival to the port

Remarks

-Comfortable shoes are recommended for the visit to MiniHollywood

There is also another western Park call "Fort Bravo", which is also very interesting to visit, very well conserved and with different western shows.



THE ALHAMBRA ... SO NEAR



The Alhambra in Granada is considered the monument number one in Europe. It has been declared a World Heritage Site. The works of Nasrid era monument began in 1234 under Sultan Muhammad al-Andalus. Being original color vermillion red, reddish, farmers in the plains of Granada called it Al-Hamra Kalat.al (the castle built of red earth) and taking the name of the Alhambra. The Alhambra was a palace, citadel and fortress. It was the residence of the Nasrid sultans, of senior officials, servants of the court and elite soldiers of the thirteenth and fourteenth century. Currently 4 zones are distinguished: the Nasrid Palaces, the military zone or Alcazaba, the city or medina and agricultural estate of the Generalife, all set in a wooded environment, gardens and orchards.



DEPARTURE	ARRIVAL	PLACES VISITED
10:00		Bus departure from the port of Almería
	10:15	Arrival at the Peña Flamenca Show
10:30		Appetizer of tasting products Almería
11:30		Return to the port of Almería
	11:45	Bus arrives back to the Ship.

DURATION OF THE VISIT:
All the day.

