



Steph's Quick Budget Fact Sheet

Spain - Granada

Quick Facts

- ✓ **Capital:** Madrid
- ✓ **Language:** Spanish
- ✓ **Population:** ± 232,200
- ✓ **Sq km:** ± 88.02
- ✓ **Currency:** Euro (€)
- ✓ **Country code:** +34 (958)
- ✓ **Visa:** Schengen visa, [check here!](#)
- ✓ **Emergency phone:** 112 (general), 061 (ambulance), 080 (fire), 091 (police)
- ✓ **Vaccinations:** Hep-A / Hep-B / Rabies



History Recap Over 1 Drink

1492: Christians → end 800 years of Muslim rule. Columbus in Americas → conquest most of Latin America. Jews/Muslims expelled during Inquisition. 16th/17th centuries: Spain predominant Euro power. Decline: Rise Protestant states & Ottoman Empire. '07-'14: Napoleon (Fr). 19th century: Spain weak – Latin-Am. colonies independent – war with US: Cuba/Puerto Rico/ Philippines lost too. 1910s: Colonies in Africa. '20s: Neutrality in WWI → trade boom. Primo de Rivera dictatorship. '31: Democratic government → votes against monarchy → republic declared: Positive socialist reforms. '36: Left wins elections → coup military (*right*) → 3 years civil war. '39: Franco leads nationalists to victory (*supported by Nazis / fascist Italy*). Neutral in WWII. '50s: Cold War US → extends Spain loans for military bases. '55: Admitted to UN. El Milagro Español: ec boom. '59: Violent Eta separatist group: Basque region. '73: Eta kills PM Blanco as retaliation execution Basque fighters. '75: Franco dies → King Juan Carlos → democracy. End colonial empire. '78: Parliam. Monarchy, Eta political wing. '86: EEC. '97: Protests Eta killings. '02: €. '04: 191 killed "Al-Qaida" attacks. '04: Troops out Iraq. '05: Gay marriage legal. '06: Start independence movement Catalonia (*blocked by gov*). '09: Ec recession → unemployment highest Eur. '17: Attacks IS. Gov. oppression Catalonia, violating civil rights.

Travel Seasons

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Spring												
Summer												
Autumn												
Winter												
Budget												

Altitude: 738m. Climate: Dry-summer subtropical / Mediterranean climate (Csa).

Bucket List For Free

☺ **Sights:** Mirador de San Nicolas / San Cristóbal / San Miguel Alto, Plaza Nueva, Monasterio St Jerome, Monasterio Cartuja, Calle Teterias, Carrera del Darro, [Mezquita Mayor](#), Paseo de los Tristes, Calle Navas, [La Ermita de San Miguel Alto](#), Puerta de Elvira, [Free City Tour](#), [Museo Sefardi](#) (free Sat from 2PM+Sun), & 1001 churches.

☺ **Hikes:** [Generalife](#), [Sierra Nevada](#) (check hikes [here](#)), [Alpujarras](#), [Camino de Santiago Mozárabe](#)... [Wikiloc](#).

Full list [here](#).

Worth The Extra \$€¥

👍 **Sights / Museums:** [Alhambra](#) (incl. Museo Arqueologico, Museo de Bellas Artes / Palacio Carlos V, Museo Alhambra), [Catedral](#), [Royal Chapel](#), [Museo Memoria de Andalucía](#), [Casa de los Tiros](#), [Museo Lorca](#), [Palacio de los Olvidados](#)

👍 **Flamenco:** [Casa del Arte](#), [El Templo de Flamenco](#), [Carmen de las Cuevas](#), [Venta El Gallo](#), [Jardines de Zoraya](#), La Luna de Lorca etc.

👍 **Outdoor sports:** [Skiing at Sierra Nevada](#).

Budget Bites

⌘ **Big supermarkets:** Carrefour, Lidl, Coviran, Mercadona. Get cheap food via [Too Good To Go](#).

⌘ **Markets:** Mercado San Agustin, Plaza Larga, Mercado Zaidin (Sat), La Chana (wed), Cartuja (Sun).

⌘ **Local food:** Paella (*seafood & rice*), Tapas (*small bites*), Patatas Bravas (*fries*), Gazpacho / Salmorejo (*cold soup*), Empanadas (*pastries*), Gambas (*shrimp*), Patatas a lo Pobre (*potato chorizo dish*), Ajo Blanco (*cold soup*), Jamón Ibérico (*ham*), Tortilla (*thick omelet*), Albondigas (*meat balls*), Bocadillos (*sandwiches*), Habas con Jamon (*pork with ham*), Olla de San Anton (*pig*), Pulpo (*octopus*), Fabada (*stew*), Tigres (*seafood*), Chicharrón (*beef fat*), Escabeche (*oven dish*), Polvorón (*shortbread*), Alfajores (*dessert*), Piononos de Santa Fe (*cake*), Turrón (*nougat*), Pisto (vegetarian ratatouille), Sangria / Tinto de Verano / Rebutito (*alcoholic drinks*).

⌘ **Go vegan:** Being vegan is ridiculously easy in Europe and also in Granada. Every supermarket has vegan products and there are many vegetarian and vegan restaurants... check [Happy Cow - Granada](#).

Mama Said

☠ European cities like Granada are generally safe, but use your common sense like everywhere. Don't walk anywhere alone after sunset, don't take valuables along or take expensive cameras or phones out on the street and follow your instinct when entering certain neighbourhoods. The northern and La Chana area are most problematic.

☠ Boycott zoos like Biodomo, where animals are held in captivity.

☠ Tap water is drinkable.

☠ Siesta is a thing here and in the afternoon all businesses are closed for several hours.

Next?

➔ In Spain: Motril, Málaga, Córdoba, Huelva, Jaen, Mérida, Cádiz, Sevilla, Almería.

➔ International destinations close by: Portugal, Gibraltar, Morocco, Algeria, France.

Sleep Cheap

❖ Hostels and alternative accommodation are relatively cheap in Granada. Air BnB can contain good deals, especially longer-term. Select one of the Sacromonte caves for a truly unique experience.

❖ Go [Couchsurfing](#) or [house-sitting](#)! Also check [WorkAway](#).

Festivals

☼ Semana Santa: Religious, Apr.

☼ Festival de Albaicin: Religious, June.

☼ Reyes Magos: Religious, Dec.

Nights Best Spent

◆ **Nightlife areas:** Albaicin (historical center), El Realejo, Plaza Nueva, Calle Elvira, Calle Pedro Antonio, Plaza de Toro, Prince Field.

◆ **Theatres:** Teatro Isabel La Católica de Granada, Teatro Alhambra, Generalife Theatre, Teatro Municipal.

Free-Riding?

■ Granada has a rather compact city center, it's walkable.

■ Granada has good roads and biking is a pleasurable way to get around, but it might be too hot in summer season. There is no public bicycle share system.

■ City buses bring you everywhere within the center and to the surrounding villages. They stop only at designated bus stops are at the area terminals. You can use a public transport pass to be bought at kiosks or vending machines, or pay cash (machines often don't work and change will be lost). Google Maps is pretty accurate on routes, or download the helpful Moovit app. The bus terminal for long-distance buses is located at Avenida Juan Pablo II, 3KM outside of town. Buses are rather expensive in Spain, except of Flixbus. Trains leave from the station at Avenida de Andaluces 20.

■ Airport: Malaga Airport (AGP).

■ Hitch-hiking is relatively safe in Spain, but it's not very common. You can also use apps like [Blablacar](#) to get a cheap(er) ride, which is widely used with many rides available on most routes.

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