

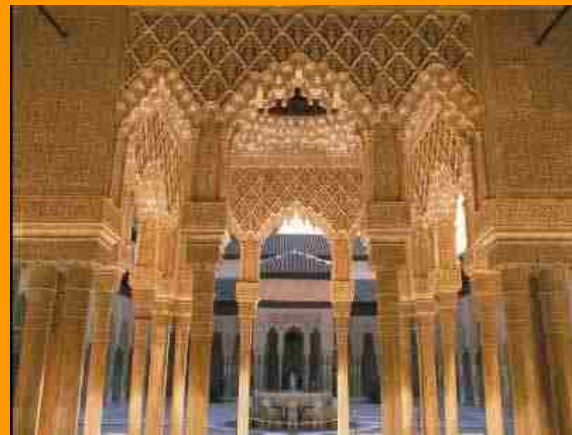
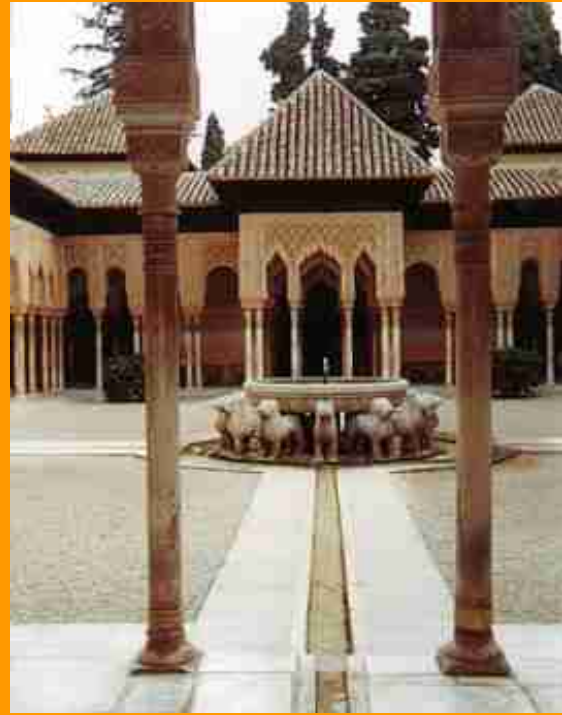
EXCURSION TO GRANADA & ALHAMBRA

Granada was first settled by native tribes in the prehistoric period, and was known as Ilbyr. When the Romans colonised southern Spain, they built their own city here and called it Illibris. The Arabs, invading the peninsula in the 8th century, gave it its current name of Granada. It was the last Muslim city to fall to the Christians in 1492, at the hands of Queen Isabel of Castile and her husband Ferdinand of Aragon.

Granada is one of the pearls of Spain, most visited by tourists from all over the world. This long term capital of Moorish Andaluci'eda occupies many buildings and monuments built during this period in Spanish history, with the world-famous "Alhambra" at the top of the list.

Walk through beautiful gardens, charming narrow streets filled with flowers, sit down in one of those typical taverns to have some of that famous "Trevé'elez" ham and local wine, and breathe the centuries of history around you anywhere. There are gypsies singing "Flamenco", and don't miss to visit their famous "Cuevas" - caves - in the mountain of the monastery of Sacromonte where some of them really live still nowadays making magnificent artisans. Granada's popular festivals, based as well on Moorish as Christian tradition, are most attractive.

We will visit Granada city and Alhambra.



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