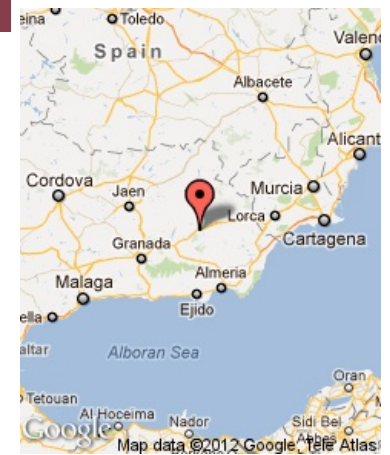


# Luxury Camping in Andalucia



## Highlights

**Spend your holiday luxury camping in Andalucia! Based near the market town of Baza in the Granada province of Spain, the site offers accommodation of both the tipi variety as well as a room in a cave, which isn't nearly as scary as it might sound.**

Andalucia in South Spain is a dream come true for lovers of the outdoors. All of your leisure activities are taken care of by your surroundings - hiking, cycling, climbing, market shopping, culture touring, sight-seeing, cuisine sampling, history exploring - heck, all of the tourism 'ing's you can think of are covered thanks to the expansiveness of the region. What's more, you can do it all underneath a Mediterranean sun, which makes it a very attractive offer to anyone looking for a holiday in Europe.

Since there's no real reason not to visit the south of Spain, the next question naturally follows - where to stay? There are a million and one hotels, since Andalucia is a popular tourist region. Alternatively, if you want to make your outdoor holiday a little more outdoorsy, why not camp in a tipi or stay in a rock-carved apartment?

This is a camping trip beyond the soggy tent in the lake district. The area you're staying in is almost guaranteed to be glorious weather-wise, with a great climate from May - October.

And you can leave the Scrabble and cards at home, too - the Granada province is a land of natural beauty and offers up a whole host of activities for the outdoor nut. The nearby market town of Baza is a great way to experience the more authentic side of Spain not necessarily shown by package holidays and a great place to pick up some traditional craftwork, art or sample the delicious cuisine.

The local communities are very welcoming to tourists, leading a relaxed way of life and inviting you to do the same, if only for a week or so before returning to the hustle of everyday life in ol' Blighty!

## Is it for me?

This is an excellent spring-board for exploration of the Granada region of southern Spain and beyond, and there's a lot to do while you're here. Staying in a tipi is definitely a different experience, and for your money it hands-down beats a drab hotel in the city.

## Accommodation

At the site you'll have the option to stay in either a comfortable North American tipi or a studio apartment cave, carved right out of the rock surrounding the camp. The tipis are much sturdier and far more cosy than you might think, and are furnished with a a luxury double camp bed or alternatively two single camp beds, a feather duvet, locally produced thick rugs and wicker baskets to stash your belongings. All of your washing needs are provided by private shower rooms at the nearby cave lodging. The water is heated by solar panels and eco friendly shampoos and soaps are provided, or you can bring your own.

Many of the caves in the region were dug out 100 years ago or more by farmers and gypsies. The one on site is light and airy, owing to the high ceilings, and decked out with traditional Spanish furnishings. The layout comprises of an en-suite central living area and bedroom, with all kitchen and BBQ facilities located in the courtyard outside (where there's also a fresh water pool for your relaxation.(not heated))

Prices from

**39** GBP (1 night) per tipi

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With both options you'll get a continental breakfast (or fully cooked for a small fee) delivered to your door as well as some basic food to make up a packed lunch, which is ideal to take on the move.

## Itinerary

The site is based 4km from the market town of Baza in the stunning countryside where one can enjoy peace and tranquility for a relaxing holiday.

Baza itself boasts a rich and historical past, where you can spend a pleasant day strolling around the numerous shops and cafes, a museum, a theatre, cinemas, and view the abundant historical buildings.

Every Wednesday there is a large market, one of the biggest in the area. Here you can find small market stalls where the locals come to sell their freshly grown produce.

Granada is only an hour's drive away, and the famous Alhambra Palace as a tourist destination is not too far for a day's visit.

Baza is surrounded by unique villages with plenty to offer. Zujar for its hot baths, Orce with its cobbled streets and nearby archaeological site, the quaint town of Caniles with its beautiful square where you can savour Spanish culinary delights at the small cafe on the square. Only half an hour's drive away is the troglodyte market town of Gaudix with its stunning Cathedral. Nearby is the village of Purrellena famous for its pottery, where you can pick up a bargain.

For water lovers, just 20 minutes drive away is the beautiful Lake Negratin. You can hire a kayak boat for a day on the lake. At Lake Negratin you can enjoy a variety of water sports, swim at the beach, or just relax at the beach side cafe and take in the stunning views across the lake and mountains.

The area has several national parks, where there is abundant flora and fauna. The outstanding Sierra de Castril, with its rugged limestone mountainous region, is situated above the white washed village of Castril. There is a visitors centre 200 metres from the town and signposted walks. After a hard day's stroll, no better than to return and sit outside one of the local the bars with a cool drink and tapas.

Sierra de Baza national park is mostly pine clad with rugged mountainous terrain. The highest point is Santa Barbara 2,271m above sea level. There are many abandoned villages and farms scattered throughout the park. Inhabitants of the park include eagle owls, Egyptian vultures, hoopoes, kestrels, wild cats, badgers, and plenty of roe deer and boar.

From the site you can take a walk along the various tracks, across the countryside and explore the many derelict caves that surround us. You can walk to the outlying hamlets where many of the caves have been reformed. Stroll through the shaded paths of the Alamo trees, where the sound of bird song and the rustling of the trees are mesmerising. Bikes are available to hire and are a great way to see the countryside along the quiet roads and tracks. Take a picnic lunch and make a day out!

A short stroll away is Al Jatib, a traditional cave hotel, where you can enjoy a meal, either Andalucian, Arabic or French, a tapas or just a drink. The cave hotel has an Arabic Tea Room to sample a variety of the finest teas. The hotel also offers Arabic baths, constructed within the cave itself, a natural solarium and massage room.

## Details

### Getting there

International flights service the two nearest airports, Granada (one hour's drive) and Almeria (one and a half hour's drive). Transfers can be arranged.

### Price includes

All prices are based on self catering with continental breakfast included, for up to two people sharing. An additional child per Tipi can be accommodated.

### Comfort level

Reasonably comfortable (Inns, B&Bs, luxury camping etc.)

### Experience required

A reasonable interest is all that is needed

## Reviews (1)

### Reviews of this experience

“ We would highly recommend the site & have done very many times to our friends & family. May & Ron were more than accomadating, in fact they were perfect hosts. ”

Sarah Thomas reviewing Luxury Camping in Andalucia