



Castles & Concerts Chronicle

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Corto de luces

2.8 Euros



The City of Granada

Photo by Juan Ton

Greetings Granada!

By Chip Mallari

The exquisite area that we get to call "Home" has been populated by humans as far back as 5500 BC. And even though many different groups have left their mark on Granada's surroundings (namely, the Romans, the Visigoths and, most recently, the Renaissance and Baroque-era Catholics), Granada's greatest artistic legacy comes from the

longest ruling Moorish Family (1238-1492) in Spain: the Nasrid Dynasty. The Moorish Architecture present all over Andalusia was, by and large, built by the Nasrids; and their residence and government was based in the iconic Alhambra palace, which we will, of course, visit. (Cont'd on Page 2) *(Group tours for today see below)*

GROUP

ANDALUSIANS

9:15 am meet in the Hotel lobby for **Alhambra**

GROUP

BAILAORAS

9:30 am meet in the Hotel lobby for **Ronda**

GROUP

CANTANTES

9:00 am meet in the Hotel lobby for **Córdoba**



73.631°F

Hard to Tell

83°/57°

Sangria



This spiked punch usually mixes in red wine, simple syrup, a few drops of brandy and chopped fruit.

Paella



The Spanish rice dish 'Paella' takes its name from the pan it is cooked in which in turn comes from the Latin word for 'pan' or dish.

Flamenco



The traditional **flamenco guitar** is made of **Spanish cypress**, sycamore, or rosewood for the back and sides, and spruce for the top.

Looking For...

Meeting of the Procrastinators Club - date not yet set. Call in a few days. P-234

For sale- Dramamine and Cialis - includes ice pack- Don't tell spouse, ask for Seasick Sam. C-907

Hypnosis treatments - Individual or group work. Must bring own pocket-watch (no digital). Ask for Tarnnac. H-563

Man seeking women seeking men - SWM attractive, biker type in search of preppy gal who is into Viking memorabilia. Friendship first, then possibly more... V-924

For sale. Small pool table (must shoot the ball really fast) has some leveling issues. Could be used for something else. B-895

Lifetime supply of mini-bar products - \$1000 OBO ask for Bernard. M-987

Spanish Hotel worker seeks marriage of American woman - speaks broken english but is a good dancer. D-984

Affordable hauling. Fast, fair, efficient, semi-ecological. Call for specials. H-963

Euro conversion specialist - really good with numbers, modest fees. best at US to Euro - no Yen to Euro please. Ask for Albert E-721

Caregiver - With limited experience, will do live-ins. Has some temper issues. No references yet, just needs a chance. C-731



Generalife Palace, Alhambra

Photo by Co Dack

Greetings

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In its Medieval Heyday, Granada was a city where Muslims, Christians, Jews and Berbers lived in relative harmony (albeit in distinctly separate and segregated residential districts). The last Nasrid Monarch, Boabdil, was also the last Muslim Ruler in Western Europe. When he surrendered in 1492, the Reconquista, started hundreds of years earlier, was complete.

Today, Granada has retained the cosmopolitan and relatively diverse make-up of its varied past. Within the City Limits you will see artists, students, musicians and businesspeople mixing within its many cafes and *teterias* (atmospheric Moorish-style teahouses) discussing a new exhibition of street art, a recent football match (the European kind) or a poem by Granada's own Federico Garcia Lorca, Spain's greatest poet and playwright. What will inspire you while we are here?

PLAZA DE TOROS- THE BULLRING

Francisco Romero, born in Ronda in 1695, is credited with giving bullfighting its modern-day rules with the introduction of the cape and the muleta. His grandson, Pedro Romero (1754-1839) became one of Spain's greatest bullfighters. He founded the Ronda School for Bullfighting, which is still known today for its classicism and strict adherence to the rules. There's a museum and guided audio tours around the bullfighting ring.

