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Touristic Routes of the Region of Níjar



P.R. Cabo de Gata-Níjar



The Pirate Route

For those who prefer to fight



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Route map

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20km.



40 min. without stops 3-4 hours with stops.



Level: Easy. Suitable for all kind of tourism. Mixt. Asphalt/tracks.



Starting point: Los Escullos



Interesting Points

- Los Escullos
- Tower of Las Alumbres
- The Playazo and the San Ramón fortress
- Las Negras
- Cove and the fortress of San Pedro



Introduction

To remember the battles at open sea is synonym for powder, hand to hand and juicy plunders. Apart from its goodness and aims, the pirates had sea skills, so they knew how to assess (apart from natural treasures) the strategic advantages that these lands gave them. As exceptional spectator, the Mediterranean Sea lived epic battles as we can know through the History.



Route

This route goes through the most important places of the coast of Nijar, where they built defensive fortresses and surveillance towers to protect the peninsula from the pirates and Muslims' attack.



Los Escullos

The route starts at the fortress of Los Escullos, in the San Felipe Fortress, of the XVIIIth century, recently restored. This is one of the most important fortified remains and better preserved than other ones. We recommend enjoying the beauty of this area, with a fossilized dune and its beach.



While we continue the trip we can see, on the left, the remains of the old wind mill.

We will arrive to the crossroads of the entrance to La Isleta del Moro and we will turn to the right.

La Isleta del Moro

We will arrive to the breakwater of La Isleta del Moro, where we can enjoy a quiet and rural enclave where we can see the traditional fishing arts. It is recommended a stop in this fishing village, today the majority of them are dedicated to the fishing factory and the tourism. We can also enjoy the gastronomy, old washing and the beaches.

In La Isleta del Moro we can visit the rock, through a route perfectly signed and to enjoy its viewpoint.

We will come back through the same path of La Isleta del Moro, and we will turn to the right to Rodalquilar. We will climb a winding road that will allow us to enjoy, on the right, of the coves placed among volcanic mountains. At the end of this steep slope we will turn to the right towards a little path.

Mirador de La Amatista

El Mirador de la Amatista is an exceptional information point and from here we can enjoy an incredible sight of



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the Pirates coast. From the information and parking points we will continue along a little path that it will take us to the viewpoint.

After enjoying sights and the calm we can feel at this viewpoint, we continue towards Rodalquilar direction. At the end of the road, we will go down a steep slope to the Valley of Rodalquilar, one beautiful area among mountains where the miner village of Rodalquilar is located.

It is recommended a visit to Rodalquilar for its beauty, calm and miner rests.

Our route leaves behind at the left hand side this important enclave of Nijar, to continue along the main way in direction to El Playazo, in the second crossroads to the right after Rodalquilar.

We will go through a little way for the Aldeila de la Ermita, where we will find old country houses which are nowadays rebuilt. Approximately one kilometer and a half away of the crossroad we will arrive to Torre de Las Alumbres.

Tower of Las Alumbres
It is a 1510 renaissance fortress; it was built to defend the mining population settled on the area. It was along with San Pedro castle, the last guarding place that remained

until the XVIIIth century, and it is considered the oldest fortification in the Natural Park. As well, the tower was used in two of Sergio Leone's films: "For a few dollars more" (1965) and "A fistful of dynamite" (1971).

We continue to the Playazo, leaving behind old waterwheels and restored buildings on the left and on the right hand side.

We will arrive to the Playazo parking and we will continue walking.



The Playazo and San Ramón fortress
The Playazo is a fantastic fine sand beach. Its surroundings reflect all of Almeria's beauty: mountains, palm trees and dust. Near this beach it was placed in the XVIIIth century a battery of 14 canyons that guarded the coastline between Cerrico Romero and the Cove of San Pedro. It is called San Ramon Fortress, now belonging to a private owner.

From this point there is sign that shows the starting point of a new route that will take us to the Cuervo's Cove along the coast.

The route will continue returning from the parking the same way. Once we arrive to the crossroad we will turn right.

Following the same way we will get to another crossroads and we will turn right to Las Negras.

Las Negras
Las Negras is a little village placed between La Molatilla and El Cerro Negro. Similar to the other villages of this area, it comes from the fishing tradition and the water richness. Its name comes from one dark mass formed by andesites, it can be seen from the same beach as a monument of the volcanic past of the country. It is a very quiet town.



From here we can access the old mill, turning right at the village's entrance, at the top of the hill of La Molatilla. If we continue along this path we gain access to the cove of El Cuervo.

Cove and the fortress of San Pedro



8km.

3 hours.

Starting point: Las Negras.

Level: Medium.
Some parts have difficulty especially for children.

To reach San Pedro's cove walking, there is a path that starts from the neighborhood of Las Negras. The route starts from the street of Las Aguilas, parallel to the beach. We will continue to El Ventorrillo-San Pedro direction. After going through a watercourse, we will arrive to a little parking area where we will follow the signals, at the beginning of the sand road.

Along the path we will enjoy fantastic natural viewpoints that offer marvelous sights over the steep volcanic coast of this area.

Three kilometers away from the path's starting point, we will arrive to a small detour where we will continue to the right enjoying other beautiful

viewpoints. From here we can already see the San Pedro Cove.

We will arrive to the top to the cove, where we will find a natural water spring and the San Pedro reinforcement. This castle was built in the XVIIIth century, and it had a 12 soldier's garrison. In the XVIIIth century it was increased and it had a 26 men regiment. After visiting the little castle we recommend to go down to the sand and enjoy this fantastic beach.

It is possible also to go to the San Pedro cove by boat, from Las Negras.





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