

Routes for people of your kind

Touristic Routes of the Region of Níjar



*The Volcanoes and
Flower Route*
For Passionate people



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Route map

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The Volcanoes and Flowers Route



35km.



Stretch A: 1 hour without stops. 3-4 hours with stops.
Stretch B: 1 y 15 min. 3-4 hours with stops.



Stretch A level: Easy.
Suitable for all kinds of tourism.



Starting point:
Villa de Níjar (Town hall's square).



Interesting points

Common Stretches.

- **Villa de Nijar**
(Church, town hall, gastronomy, shops, etc.)
- **Stretch A.**
- **San José**
(Beaches, gastronomy, shops, etc.)
- **Genoveses beach**
- **Mónsul beach**

Stretch B.

- **Escullos dune**
- **Peñón Blanco's cove**
- **Amatista's viewpoint**
- **House of the volcanoes**
- **Botanical garden**
"El Arbardinal"

Villa de Nijar's Street Map



Introduction

It's a pleasure to be ready to mistake Villa de Nijar with a garden full of flowers; an authentic urban oasis where each corner shows its best petal. To disconcert the feeling by mistaking the sand of our volcanic beaches with the sea's tones that invade them and sensing the courtship that the cliffs exert over them, turning them in full and lonely paradises.



- Route starting point
- Church
- Town hall
- Stage
- Information point

The journey continues in the same direction, reaching after five kilometers approximately to Cortijo del Nazareno.

Cortijo el Nazareno

We access the roundabout and we continue to San José.



La Boca de los Frailes

Once passed the slum of La Boca de los Frailes we will find a junction which showed the direction San José/ Rodalquilar. Here the route divides in two.

Route

We access the roundabout and we continue to San José.

We start the "Route for Passionate" in Villa de Nijar town hall's square. From the square we go down the Andalucía Street that reaches the Avenue of Federico García Lorca.

La Granatilla

(See walking route)

At the end of the Avenue of Federico García Lorca, we will take the direction to Almería until we reach the roundabout at the exit of the Villa, where we will take San Isidro-San José direction.

About 13 kms away from Nijar, we will find a sign of "El Hornillo" at the left hand side of the road. From there, we can observe a panoramic view of "El Hornillo" and see the village of "Los Albaricoques".



The Volcanoes and Flower Route



Stretch A

Níjar - Carbón's cove

We will continue our trip going to San José going through the neighborhood of El Pozo de los Frailes.



San José

Small fishing town with a tourist tradition, located by the coast. We suggest a visit to taste the typical food or to enjoy the services they offer.



From San José, we will continue along the asphalted road in direction to Mórnsul-Genoveses, until we reach the entrance to Los Genoveses and there a sand track begins as well as a beautiful route through the beaches and coves of volcanic origin of the Natural Park.

Los Genoveses' beach

We will stop at Los Genoveses' Beach, a large dimension beach (1180 meters), the park's second largest beach and famous for the disembarkation that gave it its name. The sand's dark color comes from its volcanic nature. The fossilized dune present in the beach has in between 180.000 and 250.000 years old.

It is recommended to visit the Coves of La Media Luna and Cala Carbón, also realize a path by foot to the beacon of Cabo de Gata (look at path by foot).



We continue along the sand track until we reach Mórnsul Beach, where we will finish this part of the route.

Mórnsul's beach

Its cliffs are made of volcanic rocks. It's a thin sand beach and of approximately 300 meters long. In its eastern side, we find the Mórnsul Dune, a sloped dune where the sand, with the wind's help, rises over a volcanic mound.

You must not forget to see the famous Petrified "Wave", sited in the middle of the beach.



It is recommended to visit the Coves which are between Genoveses and Mórnsul: Amarilla cove, Grande cove, chica cove and Barronal cove. The last one is the most important of its volcanic interest (look at path by foot).



The Volcanic and Marine Route



Stretch B

Nijar – House of the volcanoes

We will continue our trip in direction to Rodalquilar, where the road AL-4200 begins. It's a panoramic road which path takes us through an area of great geological value.

We recommend you visit Las Presillas Bajas and the Caldera Redonda (Round Caldera) de Majada Redonda (See walking paths)



We will make our first car stop at Los Escullos, at the right hand side of the road. In this neighborhood we will take a look at "Los Dos Frailes" an ancient emerged volcano made of two formations 8 million years old.



Los Escullos

Entering Los Escullos road we will turn left in the parking area. From there, we can do different activities and see different points of interest.

Los Escullos' volcanic dune formation, a colitic fossil dune, from where we will have a panoramic view of Los Frailes, two ancient volcanoes.

To do underwater activities, in El Embarcadero Cove (Posidonia fields). To get there, we will continue walking along Los Escullos road, turning left as we leave the parking area. After a few minutes, we will get to a sand track that will take us to the cove.



At this point, we find Fortress of San Felipe, a defensive fortress of great value.



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A walking route that starts here will take us to Peñón Blanco's Cove at La Isleta del Moro where we can see volcanic formations.





We will leave Los Escullos and we will continue in direction to Rodalquilar – La Isleta Del Moro. Further on, we reach the crossroads that takes us to La Isleta Del Moro, at the right hand side of the road.

La Isleta del Moro

Peñon Blanco's Cove, where we can see disjunctive column-shaped of volcanic interest. We will access it by turning left immediately before the viewpoint sign at the village's entrance.



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La Isleta Del Moro Viewpoint. It is an important observation place for the volcanic formations of this part of the Natural Park, because it allows us to see Los Escullos and Los Frailes from a privileged place.

Leaving La Isleta Del Moro and once again turning right at the crossroads, we will continue our trip to Rodalquilar.



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Amatista's Viewpoint: Fantastic contemplation from a bird's-eye view of the volcanic coastline.



Rodalquilar.

We recommend you visit the mining installations that are close by the House of Volcanoes. It is also interesting to see the old town, the mining employees' old houses, which nowadays is a ghost town.



House of the Volcanoes, Botanical Garden: "El Arbardinal".



The Volcanoes and Museum Route





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