



Information about the town and its neighbourhood

Churriana de la Vega (also popularly called Churriana) is a Spanish municipality, belonging to the province of Granada, in Andalusia. It is located in the central part of the Vega de Granada, just about 6 km from the provincial capital.

<https://rinconesdegranada.com/tag/que-ver-en-churriana-de-la-vega>

You will love Churriana! But although it is a very nice, hospitable village, it is not very big, and being so near Granada capital city, most of our assistants choose to live there and come to school everyday.

Below there are **some short tourist videos to show a little bit of Granada:**

<https://youtu.be/n2T-6ssvAU>

https://www.granadahoy.com/granada/Video-promocional-Granada-Fitur-video_0_1575743404.html

These are some of the many activities you can do while you are in Granada:

- Cinema clubs: cineclub UGR Tuesday/Friday evenings, La Madraza, Espacio V Centenario <https://lamadraza.ugr.es/info-organizadores/aula-de-cine-cineclub/actividades/>
- The *filmoteca* does projections every Wednesday/Friday evening <http://www.filmotecadeandalucia.es/programacion/granada>
- Arts courses at Casa de Porras, UGR (ceramics, watercolours, basket making etc.) <https://casadeporras.ugr.es/actividades/>
- This is a great website for hiking trails: <https://treksierranevada.com/>

This website will show maps of the trail, instructions, and bus routes to get there. Sierra Nevada is a great place to go skiing. It is very inexpensive compared to the US. You can rent skis, boots, poles, and a helmet for little money. It is only a 30-45 minute drive from the city.



Getting to school

Some of our assistants in previous years used to bike from Granada to our school. Others prefer to use the public transport, which is quite convenient and will leave you at the school gates.

You will need **bus numbers** 156 or 150 to get to Churriana. Both buses **leave from Palacio de Congresos**:

<https://www.google.com/maps/place/Palacio+de+Congresos+de+Granada/@37.16605,-3.5984717,15z/data=!4m5!3m4!1s0x0:0xde24e4346346018!8m2!3d37.16605!4d-3.5984717>

Bus rides are cheaper if you have the green bus card. You can check the prices here: <https://ctagr.es/sistema-tarifario/tarjeta-de-transporte/tarjeta-de-0-saltos>. If you do not have this bus card it will cost a bit more. This card can be purchased and reloaded at book shops, tobacco shops and some other shops or shopping centres. The card is valid for buses and metro. It can also be reloaded at metro stops with a ticket machine.

The app “Moovit” explains how to get from one stop to another using different bus lines.

Visit this link for general information about transport in and around Granada:

<https://ctagr.es/>

This is the timetable for the bus (it should be checked for updates):

https://siu.ctagr.es/movil/horarios_lineas_tabla.php?linea=1044

The bus ride is about 15 minutes from Palacio de Congresos to the front gate of the school. Compared to most other language assistants, the commute to Churriana de la Vega is one of the shortest and easiest!



Accommodation

Churriana de la Vega is a small town, so all our assistants usually choose to live in Granada city center. The bus will leave from Palacio de Congresos, so an apartment within walking distance to there is advisable, so you don't need to pay for two buses.

Finding a place to live:

- Helpful Facebook pages
 - Pisos en Granada
 - ERASMUS groups (European study abroad students)
- Apartment search websites
 - Idealista
 - Fotocasa
 - Milanuncios
 - Badi
- If searching for housing proves very difficult, look into getting a housing agent to help you! The normal cost of an agent is one month's rent, but it can be worth it.
 - [Grupo Torres](#)
 - [LIVE4LIFE](#)
- Neighborhoods/Areas to live:
 - Realejo – Mediaeval Jewish quarter. Many students and young professionals like the area.
 - El centro – between Elvira street and Camino de Ronda.
 - Albaicín – old town, beautiful area, though it involves lots of stairs and walking uphill.
 - Gran Vía- it can be a bit more expensive.
 - Zaidín
 - Plaza Nueva
 - Recogidas



Contact with other Language Assistants

Main Facebook Group

- Auxiliares de Conversación en España
 - Under topics, they have info about everything you need to know – regions, visa stuff, teaching resources, TIE, etc
- Andalucía Specific Facebook Groups
 - The REAL Auxiliares de Conversación en Andalucía
 - Auxiliares de Conversación en Andalucía 2021-2022 (They usually make a new group for every school year)
- Granada Facebook Groups
 - Auxiliares de Conversación en Granada
 - Life in Granada / La Vida en Granada
- Granada Whatsapp Groups
 - Info Chat: <https://chat.whatsapp.com/Kq8DxWQrTcNCYUrbI3nbDT>
 - There is also a social chat, but a new group chat will most likely be made for the new school year