

Rural walks



Alozaina

Casarabonela

El Burgo

Guaro

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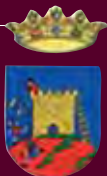
Alozaina



For the Arabs, Alozaina, means small fortress or good and healthy place; good because of its mild climate, being sheltered from the icy chills by the mountain range known locally as Sierra Prieta, and healthy for its gastronomy which is always bathed in the highest quality of olive oils. The local festivities and religious pilgrimages are interwoven with the village's history from time immemorial. Its rather proud and beautiful silhouette sits at the meeting point between the Hoya de Malaga (The Malaga Basin) and the Sierras (mountain ranges). Its land, which has an abundant supply of archaeological remains, is rich in all kinds of cereal, olive and fruit crops. All this lives harmoniously in the shelter of the Sierra Prieta, the massive majestic mountain that stands guard to the village

This mountain village, with its many squares and little places that are reminders of its Muslim occupation, was the birthplace of María Sagrado, who was, and is, one of the village's most celebrated heroines, due to her exploits when she defended the village against the Moors, by over turning beehives, releasing swarms of angry bees onto the invaders, thereby forcing them to flee.

Thanks to the villagers' overwhelming hospitality, visitors to Alozaina can feel as though they are part of the village almost immediately, especially at Easter, which is lived with special passion and feeling here.



WALKS

OLD TOWN
BETWEEN OLIVE GROVES
MARÍA SAGREDO
THE OLD LAUNDRY &
"EL ALBAR" FOUNTAIN

PLACES OF INTEREST

Santa Ana Church
Viewpoint and The Castle
The María Sagredo Tower
The Albar Fountain and
the Aquaduct
The Peñones Basin
The Jorox Valley
The Ardite Place

WHERE TO EAT

Restaurante El Mirador
de la Sierra de las Nieves
Ctra. a Yunquera, km. 42
Tel. 607 88 08 01
www.sinatur.es

La Pasadilla
Ctra. a Yunquera, Km. 42

La Jaca
Vista Hermosa
(cruce de la gasolinera)
Tel. 952 48 01 90 / 00 89

El Cazador
Avda. Andalucía 20
Tel. 952 48 11 51

El Canario
C/ Calvario 7

Ortuño
C/ Calvario 2
Tel. 637 70 97 74

WHERE TO SLEEP

Hs** Posada del Río
C/ Málaga, nº 4.
Tel. 952 48 11 27 / 616 515 776
www.hotelposadadelrio.com

P** Sango
C/ Calvario s/n
Tel. 952 48 02 84

Rural House Mulera
Paraje Mulera
Tel. 952 48 03 51 / 667 33 76 28
www.sinatur.es

Rural House Cortijo Los Valles,
Paraje Los Valles.
Tel. 952 480 351/617 254 752.
www.sierranieves.com

Rural House Villa Vista Hermosa
Paraje Tapezuela
Tel. 617 340 448/ 952 48 03 90
www.casalozaina.com

Rural House Cortijo Buenavista
Paraje Tapezuela
Tel. 617 340 448/ 952 48 03 90
www.casalozaina.com

Rural House LA Tahona
C/ Iglesia,4
Tel. 952 48 00 22
www.sierranieves.com

Rural House Los Pinos de Mulera,
Paraje Pinos de Mulera.
Tel. 952 480 351/617 254 752.
www.sierranieves.com

Rural House Alean Rural
Paraje Loma Bellido
Tel. 951 165 043 / 636 062 137
www.aleanrural.es

Rural House Villa Manito
C/ Málaga, 68
Tel. 607603969
www.sierranieves.com





THE OLD QUARTER

At the beginning of this delightful walk, the visitor will find an old olive oil mill, which is located in Calle Molino (Mill Street). The enticing smell of freshly baked bread and the wonderful aroma of fresh coffee invades every corner of these streets in the fresh morning air arousing the senses and beckoning to the visitor as he passes by.

Continuing the walk, the visitor can not help but find himself attracted by the joyfulness of the neighbourhood, the Trill of the goldfinch, the fluttering wings of the white doves as they alight and stretch their wings across the balconies, terraces and roof tops.

All around this walk, the visitor will encounter unique views of **Sierra Prieta**, **las Torrecillas** and **Valle del Guadalhorce**. Also on this route is the Casa de la Cultura, which is at the front of a large **Casa Señorial**, from here, you can visit la Plaza de la Constitución or carry on towards the main street.



OBSERVATIONS

100% of this route is in the urban area.
There is fresh water available at the end of the walk.
This walk links with Paseo Maria Sagredo,
and Public Washing Place route.
Recommended throughout the year.
Daytime walk.

DIFRICULTY : Low

SURROUNDINGS : Biosphere reserve



CIRCULAR

20 min.



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BETWEEN OLIVE GROVES

Alozaina is a village with mills, both water and animal driven, that is rich with olive oil, which can be smelt in the air throughout the year.

This route takes the visitor through the streets at first but soon breaks off into a path that is found behind the oil mill, then winds through open countryside between earth ditches and olive trees, which show the intrepid walker the source of such delicious local delicacies.

From here the **Malaga Basin** and **Prieta** and **Pico** mountain ranges can all be appreciated. The visitor is now lured back into the streets of this delightful mountain village, where its inhabitants still know how to combine the slowness of a time gone by with the modern way of life. The presence of flocks of animals is common, especially goats, sheep and even horses.

This walk ends at the fountain where most walkers decide to quench their thirst with the lovely fresh mountain water.



OBSERVATIONS

50% of the walk is within the urban limits of the village, while the other 50% is through the countryside. Recommended all year long. Daytime walk.

This route can be followed on horseback, but the visitor should be warned that as much as 50% is through the urban limits of the village.

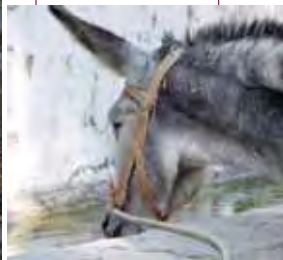
This route can be followed by bicycle, provided that the cyclist knows that the starting point access is through the aforementioned streets.

DIFFICULTY : Low

SURROUNDINGS : Biosphere reserve



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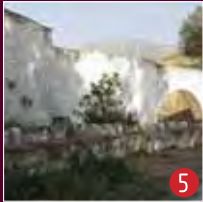
PUBLIC WASHING PLACE, ACQUADUCT AND THE ALBAR FOUNTAIN

Walkers are invited to enjoy some of the most delightful white washed streets so typical of Andalusia if they decide to follow this route. In times gone by these same streets were filled with a constant stream of local women with baskets full of washing, and watering jars. Their purpose was double; to clean the dirty clothes at the washing place and to fill their jars at the fresh-water fountain named **el Alvar**.

Nowadays visitors may be lucky enough to see some of the local women partaking in their time-old rituals like sweeping down their front doorsteps, watering and caring for their pot plants or maybe coming from the bread shop with the freshly baked bread.

This walk along the road towards the fountain soon allows the walker fine views of the castle, the **Malaga basin**, and the olive plantations around **Alozaina**. From this point on, it is all up hill towards the village along some of the most ancient streets still in use. On occasion, one of the many local guitar players may provide some musical accompaniment for this part of the route through the village.

Public washing place to the **Albar** fountain. This route winds its way through the wonderfully decorated streets that are full of colourful flowerpots. At one point it follows around the contour of the old castle wall and it is then that the architectural beauty of the structure can be truly appreciated. The whole time the track is lined with pine trees and "chumberas". On arrival at the **Albar** fountain walkers can splash some fresh water on their faces to freshen up. This fountain is linked to an aqueduct that used to supply the village with water before the mains supply existed. The local animal flocks used to come to drink at the fountain at a lower level and from there the water used to fall down to the washing place where the local women scrubbed away at their family washing day in day out.



OBSERVATIONS

This route is almost all within the urban limits of the village 95%, while only 5% of it goes into what is classified as non-urban territory
 Non drinkable water
 It links in well with the urban limits walk and María Sagredo
 Recommendable all year round
 Day time walk

DIFFICULTY : Low

SURROUNDINGS : Biosphere reserve





MARÍA SAGREDO

This walk starts off by passing through the Arabic arch named **El Arco**, which is the entrance to the village and was built to commemorate its Islamic past. It is a very interesting walk for anyone remotely intrigued by the architectural heritage of **Alozaina**. Once through the arched entrance the first visit is to the **Santa Ana Church**, built on the remains of a Muslim fortress and where the local Patron Saints, Saint Ana and James are worshipped devotedly to this day.

Following on along the route towards the castle and the **Mirador** in the Park, remains of the walls that used to protect the town and even some turrets can still be seen. Then a little further on walkers will come across the main remains of the Castle, including the famous **Torreón de María Sagredo**. This young female is a heroine in the village as she managed to repel an attack by Muslim forces, when the only people left within the walls were women, children and old people. Amazingly enough she did this by throwing beehives over the walls at them.

The last piece of interesting architecture, an exquisite altarpiece, sits right in front of this famous tower. It is well conserved and is especially significant during the Easter week Via Crucis celebrations.



OBSERVATIONS

The totality of this walk is within the urban limits of the village
 There are several watering places on the route
 It also links well with the Washing Place route
 Excellent panoramic views
 Recommendable all year round
 Can be done either at daytime or night time

DIFICULTY : Low

SURROUNDINGS : Biosphere reserve

