

Ojen's town centre sits perched up high, on an outcrop of almost cliff rock face which is highly typical of Andalusian villages in general. It is yet another wonderful example of splendid architecture and style so common to the region. The narrow and somewhat hidden streets speak of its Arab past with many of the houses built into the rocky outcrop itself. Visitors are treated to lovely white-washed walls covered by hanging jasmine and bougainvilleas in all their splendour, windows and balconies covered with exquisitely designed and ironwork, Arab style roof tiles, all of which are true marks of a typical Andalusian village scene. The upper part of the village, with its Miradores, has changed little over the centuries and still offer visitors the chance to rest and breathe in some crisp clean air as they contemplate some of the fantastic panoramic views of the village and the surrounding area as the blue sea and the sky almost blend together on the horizon.



WALKS

ROUTE OF THE VIEWPOINTS CLIMBING HISTORIC CENTRE THE MUSEUM ROUTE

PLACES OF INTEREST

The Mill Museum
The Wine Museum
The Church of Ntra. Sra. Encarnación
The "Los Chorros" drinking Fountain
The Caves
The Threshing Floor
The Panoramic Views
The Sierra Bla
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WALKS OF THE VIEWING-POINTS

This walk begins with a short uphill part through the pristine kept streets and soon the visitor finds him or herself at the Museo del Vino (Wine Museum) and next to that is the Arco (Arch) that symbolises the links between this village and the Moroccan village of Tetuan.

From here the walk goes on up to the road from where the visitor will be able to see the Pecho Santo, which is covered by pine trees and the threshing floor once used to grind and sieve the wheat crops.

Following on along this road the visitor is treated to some really captivating views of the countryside that mix the blue of the sea, the greenish/brown of the mountains and the brilliant whiteness of the village houses. A little further on around this windy road is the Mirador de la Cuevas Altas (a special view-point), which is on the site of the ancient castle.

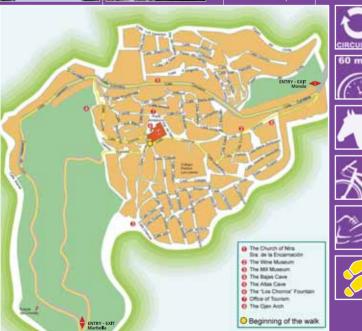
Along the route in question there is an abundant watering place to quench our thirst known as El Chorrillo, which has its origin in the Almazan River. Once the visitor reaches the Mirador, (viewppoint) he or she will be delighted by the views of the village in all its splendour, surrounded on all sides by terraced plots of agricultural land that run down right into the valley like a series of steps made for a giant. Alongside the valley are the many caves and caverns that the mountain range and the valley create as they both fight for the right to the land.





OBSENATIONS
5094, of the walk goes through the urban part of the village while the other 50% goes out into the countryside. There is fresh drinking places of the walk.
Can be done all year round.
Best done during the dry.
Quite important from a geological standpoint.
Very good panoramic views.
Pay aftention whilst walking on the road.

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THE CLIMBING WALK

This is a lovely walk that leads the visitor up through the village to a spot where the local Rock Climbing School meets and enjoys some great climbing routes on the local rock faces overlooking the village. From here the walk moves into the countryside, and the visitor can enjoy a wealth of diverse vegetation as well as a large variety of trees like carobs and Holm oaks, even a wonderful example of a chestnut tree next to a watering place that leads down to a small stream and a place that has an even more interesting assortment of animals and plants.

This is a walk that is especially interesting from an environmental point of view due to the diversity of natural elements that surprise the walker on the way, like small agricultural plots, open range hen and goat farms etc.

As the walk continues to rise above the trees the walker is treated to some wonderful views that mix the blue Mediterranean Sea and the rich green of the Sierra de la Nieves.

The walk ends where it started off, as it once again links into the urban limits of Ojen.





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A WALK THROUGH THE OLD TOWN

This is a comfortable, inviting stroll that takes the visitor right to the heart of the village of Ojen through the narrow, windy streets that still retain the very Arabic feeling that they had some eight centuries ago. The sheer whiteness of the walls show the amount of thought and inspiration that went into their construction, and the flower pots that abound all along the facades are full of a wide variety of coloured flowers that give off their own peculiar scent as well.

As the stroll finds its way around these streets the visitor is constantly surprised by spectacular views of the blue Mediterranean Sea, which also contrast sharply with the greenish mountain views that are also to be found at every other turn. There is no lack of good places for photographs.

Towards the end of the walk the visitor comes across the Andalusia Square and the La Encarnación Church and the Fuente de los Chorros (water fountain). Here what better way to finish off the stroll than by refreshing oneself with the fresh, clean mineral water that runs straight off the tops of the highest peaks in las Sierra de las Nieves.





- OBSERVATIONS
 100% of this walk is within the urban limits of the village.
 There is water to drink along the walk.
 Can be done all year round.
 Can be done during the daytime and at night.
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THE MUSEUMS WALK

This stroll passes through the white flower-lined streets, which are also dotted with limestone cavities where falling water can be heard dropping, creating a delicate symphony of natural sound as it rebounds off the small pools of water that accumulate on the floor.

The visitor soon comes across the Museo del Molino, which still shows how men can harmonize the natural resources innate in a village and their working environment. This museum was once an old and renowned spirit distillery in Ojen, which was much liked by the famous painter Pablo Picasso, who immortalised a bottle of Spanish Liquor from Ojen in one of his cubist period paintings. Today this painting can be seen in the Modern Art Museum in Villenueve Dáscq Daix.





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