# Discover Ventas de Zafarraya



# Participate and win 250€





The Plaza Santos Guzmán in Ventas de Zafarraya is a central and emblematic point of this charming village located in the province of Granada, Spain. This public space serves as a meeting place for locals and visitors, offering a welcoming and vibrant atmosphere. In the square, you can find the church, the town hall, the municipal library, and the medical centre.



The Boquete Viewpoint of Ventas de Zafarraya is a remarkable place known for its scenic beauty. From this spot, you can see a large part of the Axarquía Malagueña and its coastal towns lapped by the Mediterranean Sea. Visitors can also enjoy the surrounding mountainous landscape, where, just a few metres away, they might spot the Spanish ibex (Capra pyrenaica), a species native to the area.



The Fuente de Pilas de Algaida is notable for its natural water. Built in 1951, it was historically an essential water supply for families and a drinking trough for livestock. Next to it is a well-preserved washhouse with stone basins designed for hand-washing of clothes. It was a social gathering place where the town's women would meet to wash clothes and chat.



La Trinchera is a mountain pass with limestone rock slopes on both sides, created to allow the passage of the old railway that operated from 1922 to 1960, connecting Vélez-Málaga with Ventas de Zafarraya. Today, it is frequented by walkers and hikers, providing a peaceful environment and a connection to the past.



El Charcón is a natural feature where, due to its impermeable soil, water accumulates, making it an ideal nesting site for ducks and a stopping point for other birds. It stands out for its scenic beauty and deep connection with nature.



We now arrive at the station, the endpoint of the Sol y Nieve cog railway, which connected the Costa del Sol with the Poniente Granadino region. Although the railway ceased operations in 1960, storage warehouses and the structure of the old hotel that accommodated numerous travellers still remain. This hotel is notable for its unique architecture for the time. We now find ourselves at the tunnel, located on the path that connects Periana with Ventas de Zafarraya, (Municipality os Alcaucín). It was built to facilitate the passage of the Sol y Nieve cog railway through the mountain, easing the transportation of people and goods. The tunnel's construction was a significant technical challenge at the time due to the geographical conditions. After the railway line closed in 1960, the tunnel became a bistorical rais that transports wisiters to the past. Today

historical relic that transports visitors to the past. Today, parts of the old railway track are used as hiking and cycling routes.

Looking up slightly to our right, we can see La Cueva del Boquete, an archaeological site of great importance. Discovered in 1983, the cave has yielded Neanderthal remains, including stone tools and bones dating back approximately 30,000 to 40,000 years. This suggests that Neanderthals inhabited this region during the Middle Paleolithic. Beyond its scientific relevance, the cave and its surroundings offer an impressive landscape.



On a marble plaque, we find in this resting place a tribute dedicated to the memory of the local people who died in the Ventas de Zafarraya earthquake (research conducted by D. Juan Bueno Pérez). This earthquake took place on December 25, 1884, with a magnitude of 6.5. It was one of the most devastating earthquakes in the region, causing over 800 deaths and leaving thousands injured and displaced. It mainly affected the towns of Granada and Málaga, and its impact led to significant reconstruction and improvements, thanks to the Cuban city of "Nueva Habana," which played a key role in the complete reconstruction of the village of Ventas.

# **RULES FOR THE CULTURAL GYMKHANA** DISCOVER **VENTAS DE** ZAFARRAYA

## **1. OBJECTIVE**

The Tourism Department of the Autonomous Local Region of Ventas de Zafarraya aims to organize a gymkhana to offer a cultural and healthy activity, where participants can expand their knowledge about the culture, heritage, history, and nature of our town.

## 2 .PARTICIPATION

Anyone interested may take part, there is no age limit. Participation can be individual, in groups, or with family, as desired.







Discover Ventas de Zafarraya through a gymkhana consisting of a tour of different iconic places in the town, marked by eight points on the map.

### <u>REQUIREMENTS</u>:

Visit the 8 points ("vegetables") marked on the map. The order is flexible.

Follow Instagram account egymkanaventas.

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Take a photo at each of the 8 "vegetable" points (each photo must include the contestant or team along with the visited vegetables). Upload the photos as a single post on Instagram (https://www.instagram.com/gymkanaventas), tagging the Autonomous Local Entity of Ventas de Zafarraya (@gymkanaventas) and using the hashtag



#DescubreVentasdeZafarraya.

You may not participate more than once with the same Instagram account.





## 4.- GENERAL RULES



All teams must strictly comply with the internal rules of the competition. Failure to comply with any rules or guidelines may lead to total disqualification.



The use of phones, maps, or other tools helpful for the activity is allowed.



The organization reserves the right to exclude any participant who does not comply with these rules and deny them any prize.



Those who upload photos of minors will be held responsible for them.



If a winning group includes minors, the prize will be awarded to the parent, guardian, or legal representative of one of them.



Winners agree that their names may be published through the official channels of the Autonomous Local Entity of Ventas de Zafarraya.



The organization is not responsible for any incidents involving participants during the event.

### 5. PRIZES:

Participants who complete the route and meet all the requirements will enter an annual raffle, starting from the approval date of these rules.

Three prizes will be awarded, each worth €250, to be spent in local businesses in Ventas de Zafarraya. The vouchers will be delivered within 7 working days of the raffle, and they must be redeemed within 3 months of receiving the prize.

## 6.AGREEMENT:

Participation in this Gymkhana implies full

acceptance of these rules. All participants agree that any images or videos taken during the activity may be used by the Autonomous Local Entity of Ventas de Zafarraya for promotional purposes.

By participating, contestants transfer all image rights to the Autonomous Local Entity of Ventas de Zafarraya for its use.

