

The Nerja Caves



Las Cuevas de Nerja (the Caves of Nerja) are a series of naturally formed caves and caverns in the hills of Maro, 4km North-East of Nerja, some of which have taken up to two million years to form. The caves contain the widest naturally-formed column in the world, at 32m high and 13x7m at its base. Formed by the merging of a stalagmite and stalactite, it has held the Guinness World Record since 1989. The caves also famously host the annual Nerja International Festival of Music and Dance. A visit to these caves is a truly unique experience. In 2010 the caves were the most visited attraction in Málaga province.

The site is steeped in both geological and archaeological interest; cave paintings depict images of goats, horses, deer, seals and birds, drawn using red and black pigments. The images have been dated between at 25,000 and 3,600 B.C. The Nerja caves were used by many different tribes including: hunters, fishermen and harvesters, from the Neolithic to Paleolithic period, and the Bronze Age. For this reason, these caves are one of the major references for the study of prehistory in the southern Iberian Peninsula.



- ❖ The chambers are joined by a series of tunnels, bridges and pathways, and the journey around the caves involves a lot of steps and slopes, so be wary of taking small children or those who may have trouble walking and climbing.
- ❖ The entrance is quite narrow and so is not recommended if you suffer from claustrophobia.
- ❖ Flash photography is not permitted, but your photo is taken on entry and is available for purchase at the exit for 8€.
- ❖ It is cold in the caverns so a jumper or jacket is advisable.
- ❖ There is a lot of walking so wear sensible footwear.
- ❖ With the exception of July and August the caves are closed between 14:00 and 16:00
- ❖ Parking costs 1€

The Nerja Caves are open every day of the year except on January 1st (New Year's Day) and May 15th (Romeria de San Isidro).

Opening Times

Winter - 09:00 – 15:00 (Closes at 16:00) with entry every 30 minutes.

Summer (July and August) plus Thursday, Friday and Sunday during Easter Week 09:00 – 17:30 (Closes at 18:30) with entry every 30 minutes.

General Visit - The general visit begins with the screening of an audiovisual presentation in which you will be able to see details of the cave (10 minutes). This is followed by an audio-guided visit through the different chambers of the Cave, lasting about 45 minutes. The audio guide is in Spanish, English, German, French, Italian and Russian. Adults: €10 Children aged 6 years to 12 years: €6.00 Children under 6 years: Free