

# **Top Ten Things to Do and See in El Chorro National Park**

## **1. Caminito del Rey**

This has got to be the most well known place in the area. The world famous El Caminito del Rey is home to a footbridge suspended above the cliffs of the Sierra Huma in the Desfiladero de los Gaitanes. The views during the tour are of extraordinary beauty. King Alfonso XIII was captivated by this road, which takes its name from his visit. See separate information sheet for more info.



## **2. The Ruins of Bobastro**

The Ruins of Bobastro are found in Ardales, in a area known as the Mesa de Villaverde. If you are a lover of history, you cannot miss this area if you visit El Chorro. It is one of the most important cave complexes in the province. You can also enjoy the cave houses that are very important to the legacy of the region's Muslim history.



## **3. The Caves of Ardales**

Expanding on the cultural relevance of the local environment, you can also visit the Ardales caves, which were formed more than 120 million years ago. Here you'll find one of the largest collections of rock art in Europe and inside, you can see 56 different animal silhouettes, as well as examples of female figures. A stroll through this collection of art is sure to leave an impression.



#### **4. Water Activities**

The hydrographic wealth of El Chorro is known across the world. The Conde Guadalhorce reservoir is the most visited areas in the region and is home to a number of water activities. There is no doubt that it is an ideal place for a picnic or barbecue as it is well equipped for this. After lunch, you can take to the water for a swim. However, there is far more to do than just a swim, as you can now rent pedal boats or canoes. If you are looking for a way to truly unwind, it would be difficult to find a place more relaxing than this.



#### **5. Hiking**

The orographic characteristics of the site allow visitors of El Chorro to enjoy hiking throughout this unique landscape, always in close contact with nature. There are several routes of varying degrees of difficulty. This area is surrounded by mountains and bathed in the waters of the Guadalhorce River, making it one of the busiest walking areas in the Malaga province. The path of the Gaitanejo, the Mirador de las Buitreras and the viewpoint over the reservoirs are the three points you cannot miss if you decide to visit.



#### **6. Paragliding**

Lovers of adventure and risk have a unique chance to experiment in El Chorro. This area is regarded as “the paradise for flight” and allows practice and teaching of this sport at a local school. As the temperatures in winter are mild, this sport can be practiced virtually year-round.



## **7. Climbing**

El Chorro is a rock paradise and a must-see location for anyone who likes to climb. There are 1,300 possible routes so the degree of difficulty varies, offering ideal opportunities for those starting out and professionals alike. Both will find this to be a perfect spot for practice.

## **8. Bird Watching**

The El Chorro natural park is considered one of the most important areas for bird watching because of its geographic location and spot along the migratory route of birds between Europe and Africa. To help explore the area's highlights, bird watching activities are planned with guides to explain the characteristics of each species. This experience is enhanced by not only the local fauna, also the wide variety of plant species visible to visitors in this privileged natural environment.



## **9. Thermas de Carratraca**

After a hard day of sport and in direct contact with nature, you deserve a break! So after your visit to El Chorro, you can visit the "Thermas de Carratraca". In 1851, the waters were declared of public utility by Royal order, and since then many visitors have travelled to this place, either looking for a solution to their ailments or simply a healthy and relaxing bath. This may be a good option to finish the day in a quiet, relaxing way.



## **10. Cuisine**

If you visit El Chorro, you cannot miss out on the gastronomic offerings of the people of the Málaga interior. Ardales has a wide range of delicious products from pork sausages to stews made with this meat. Sweets in this area are most commonly made from almonds. The gazpacho and the migas, or fried crumbs, are also commonly found on the menu in this part of Andalucía.