## MIRADOR DE SAN NICOLAS

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The Mirador de San Nicolás is perhaps the most famous of the many viewpoints of Granada. It is a beautiful square located in the historic Albaicin district that offers spectacular views of the Alhambra, the Sierra Nevada and the city of Granada.

What makes this vantage point unique is the perfect combination of architecture, nature and history that blend into a breathtaking panorama

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The most popular time to visit is right at sunset, when the warm light beams onto the Alhambra's red bricks, causing it to glow. Some say it is one of the best sunsets in Spain. When the warm rays of light splash off the Alhambra's facade, you will understand why Alhambra in Arabic means "red castle."

With such amazing views, Mirador de San Nicolas can get pretty packed. You will find tourists, locals, hippies and gypsies all in this one spot. There are plenty of vendors selling crafts and improvised flamenco performances to keep you entertained while you wait for the sun to set. There are also musicians strumming their guitars and painters attempting to immortalize the view with each brushstroke.

## **A LITTLE BIT OF HISTORY**

The lookout is named after the San Nicolas church that is located in the same square. It was first built in 1525 on top of a mosque. It has since been destroyed and rebuilt several times.

But the original bell tower has survived.

It's possible to pay a few euros to climb to the top where you can enjoy views that are even a little bit better than down below in the square.

## How to reach the Mirador de San Nicolas?

One of the advantages of the Mirador de San Nicolas is that it is not only a place, but also an experience to get there. The viewpoint is located in the Albaicín district, a maze of narrow streets and whitewashed houses that testify to the history of Granada.

There are several ways to reach the Mirador de San Nicolas, but perhaps the most picturesque route is to walk the streets of the Albaicín.

If you start from the center of Granada, you can follow a path that winds through winding alleys and cobbled paths, passing through charming squares and local shops. Along the way, you will pass the imposing Iglesia de San Nicolás, a church that shares its name with the viewpoint.

Once you arrive at the Mirador, you will be rewarded with breathtaking views that make the trip absolutely worthwhile.

