

Frigiliana – El Fuerte

El Fuerte occupies a special place in local legend due its role in the Rebellion of the Alpujarras in the 1560s. With steep slopes down on all sides, it offers panoramic views of Frigiliana, the Mediterranean and the higher peaks of the Sierra Almijara. It is not a long hike, but the relentless, steep climb makes it much tougher than you might expect.

Key facts	
Length	9 km
Time	4 h 30 mins
Min/Max Altitude	300 m / 972 m
Accumulated height difference	745 m
Season	Winter, Spring, Autum

**Hard**



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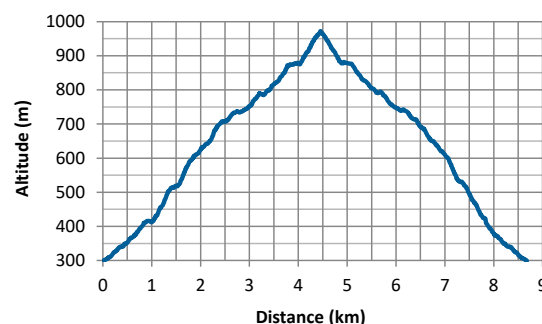
Getting there

By Car: From the A7 coastal motorway between Málaga and Motril, take exit 733 and follow signs for *Frigiliana*.

When you reach the edge of Frigiliana, keep left at the roundabout (3rd exit). At the next roundabout, do a complete 360° turn and either park in the underground car park or look for a space along the road you came up.

By bus: There are buses between Nerja and Frigiliana that take about 10 minutes: 11 per day Mon-Sat, 7 per day Sun and public holidays. From Granada to Nerja: 6 per day Mon-Fri, 5 per day Sat-Sun. Approx. 2 hours. From Málaga to Nerja: 23 per day Mon-Sun. Most services take 1 h 15 to 1 h 30. The walk starts right by the bus stop.

See www.treksierranevada.com/getting-around for more info and links to current timetables.



DISCLAIMER: While we have made every effort to ensure that this information is accurate, conditions can change, and you are responsible for your own safety.

1. Start by the roundabout on the entry to the old part of Frigiliana, next to various information panels. Go uphill away from the roundabout and then take the first left. Continue through the village on Calle Real.
2. Take the right fork uphill at a fountain with a coat of arms above it
3. Turn right up the steps onto Calle La Chorrera and follow it round to the left.
4. After about 200 m, turn right onto a track and then follow it around to the left. It soon turns into a path.
5. When you get to a T-junction by a large water tank, turn left. Then take the steps on the right, following the sign that says Sendero El Fuerte.

NB: If you want to see the ruins of Lizar Castle before continuing up to El Fuerte, go right at the T-junction, go past a track to the left, then take a steep path up to the left. Hardly anything remains of the castle, but there are some nice views towards the mountains and down to Frigiliana. Retrace your steps to rejoin the route to El Fuerte.

6. Turn left on the path, following the blue arrow painted on the rock marked Fuerte.
The path is fairly easy to follow, steadily climbing up to the ridge. In some places, it splits and rejoins.
7. After about 200 m, keep right.
8. After about another 800 m, keep to the left, going slightly downhill.
9. After another 500 m, keep slightly to the left.
10. After just over 1.5 km, you'll reach the summit of El Fuerte.
To return, retrace your steps.

