

Motril, Andalusia, Spain

Gateway to the Alhambra and the Costa Tropical, Motril offers cruise passengers an irresistible choice: Granada's world-famous palace complex or sun-drenched beaches just minutes from the pier.

 Pier (docked)  Typical call: 8-10 hrs  Currency: Euro (€)  Spanish  Costa Tropical

MY DAY IN PORT

Ship/Date:	Arrive:	All aboard:
Excursion:	Notes:	

GETTING ASHORE

Docking: Pier — ships dock directly; no tendering

Walk to centre: ~2 km / 25 min flat walk; taxi ~€10-12

Best For: Alhambra day trip, beaches, Granada tapas

Don't Miss: Book Alhambra tickets months in advance

 Getting around:  Taxi  €7–€15

TOP THINGS TO DO

- **Alhambra Palace & Generalife, Granada** — The Alhambra is one of Spain's greatest treasures — a stunning Moorish palace complex perched above Granada with...
- **Granada City Walk: Albaicín & Cathedral** — Wander the UNESCO-listed Albaicín quarter with its whitewashed lanes and Moorish heritage, then visit Granada Cathedral...
- **Costa Tropical Beach Day** — Motril's beaches are some of Andalusia's least-crowded.
- **Salobreña White Village & Castle** — Ten minutes west of Motril, Salobreña is a picture-perfect hilltop white village crowned by a Moorish castle with...
- **Motril Town: Sugar Museum & Rum Distillery** — Motril was once the heart of Spain's sugarcane industry.

BEST WALKS

- **Motril Old Town Stroll** 1.5 km loop · Easy · 30-40 min — From Plaza España, explore the Baroque Ayuntamiento, Iglesia Mayor de la Encarnación, the old sugarcane factory ruins, and the Parque...
- **Playa Poniente Promenade** 2 km one-way · Easy · Flat seafront walk — Motril's main beach promenade runs along Playa Poniente with seafood restaurants, sunbeds and views along the Costa Tropical.

WEATHER · DAYLIGHT · MONEY

CLIMATE (AVG °F · RAINY DAYS)

Mon	High	Low	Rain
Apr	67°	56°	6d
Jun	79°	67°	2d
Aug	86°	73°	1d
Sep	81°	69°	2d
Oct	75°	63°	4d

DAYLIGHT & MONEY

Apr 7:40AM–8:48PM · Jun 6:54AM–9:34PM · Aug 7:31AM–9:04PM · Sep 7:56AM–8:21PM · Oct 8:21AM–7:37PM

Currency: Euro (€)

KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- Book Alhambra tickets now. They sell out months in advance. If you haven't booked before sailing, join a guided shore excursion that includes skip-the-line access — it's the only...
- Bus to Granada is easy and cheap. Taxi to Motril bus station (~€5), then ALSA bus takes about 70 min and costs €6-8 each way. Check the return time carefully — allow buffer for...
- The port walk isn't pretty. The 2 km from pier to town passes through commercial/industrial areas. A taxi (€10-12) or ship shuttle is

Motril, Andalusia, Spain — Port Map

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Red = walkable sights · Amber = excursions farther out · P = cruise terminal. Numbers match the order you'd typically visit.



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| 1 Preindustrial Museum Sugarcane | Museum showcasing Motril's historic sugarcane industry. | 2 Auditorium Villa de Salobreña | A modern performing arts venue in Salobreña. |
| 3 Nazarí Garden | Beautiful terraced gardens with historic Nasrid design. | 4 Castillo de Salobreña | Historic Moorish castle offering panoramic coastal views. |
| 5 Museo de Historia de Motril | Museum detailing Motril's rich local history. | 6 Parque de los Pueblos de América | Large botanical park celebrating American flora. |
| P Cruise port / terminal | | | |