

Carmen de los Mártires

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Carmen of the Martyrs in Granada – History,
Hours and Directions

The Carmen of the Martyrs is located in the surroundings of the Alhambra, south of the walled enclosure with just over seven hectares known by the Christians as the Corral de Captives, and subsequently Campo de los Mártires. Corral was called Captives in memory of the Christian captives who remained in the Arab prisons.



In the Carmen of the Martyrs, the Catholic Queen ordered the building of the first church in Granada on the top of the hill, in memory of the Christian martyrs who suffered under the Arab domination in these places.

This would later become a bigger church and a convent, with several chapels and a cloister, and equipped with several outbuildings.

In the nineteenth century the convent was sold, and after passing through several owners, the palace was built with its gardens.

The Carmen of the Martyrs is a romantic set of gardens, a successful blend of French and English styling. Designated an Artistic Garden, its last owner Cristina de la Cruz donated the Carmen de los Mártires to the City of Granada, after a miserable season in which the gardens nearly disappeared. The palace and gardens were partly restored and now it is ideal for taking walks, weddings and official receptions.

Today you can visit its beautiful gardens and appreciate magnificent panoramas of the city, the Vega and the Sierra Nevada.

