In the south of the province of Granada lies the Tropical Coast, over 500 kilometres of beaches lapped by the warm waters of the Mediterranean. Its prime location, close to the coast of Africa and the sunshine of Granada, protects it too from the north winds, creating a unique microclimate consisting 220 days of sunshine per year, an annual average temperature of 20°C and plates basking in tropical sunsets that add a touch of colour to the landscape.

The wealth of natural beauty that characterize this corner of Andalucía has seen a variety of cultures vying to possess it. Over the last 3,000 years, including the Phoenicians, Romans and Arabs, all of whom have left behind countless relics of ancient cultural value.

The attractions on offer here range from picturesque harbours and sandy beaches suitable for a family of water sports to breathtaking views and solitary coves of great natural beauty, not forgetting a wealth of magnificent beaches.

La Herradura and Almuñécar
At the westernmost tip of the Tropical Coast, just before the town of Almuñécar stands La Herradura, a town of Almuñécar itself, the village surrounded by a charming bay tucked between the mountain peaks of Cerro Gorro and Punta de la Mona, whose waters are close to the pleasure harbours of Puerto de la Mona and San Juan de los Caballeros, offering a wealth of opportunities for the water sports enthusiast. Pulsating with life, the beaches go to the ends of the town’s limits, making a tour through the beaches of Almuñécar is a veritable tour through some of the most beautiful beaches in the province.

Salobreña
Located at the heart of the Tropical Coast, the town, with its wide streets and walls dressed with flowers, has in the typically Arab-style architecture of its old town centre, Alhambra’s houses cover an entire mountain of the foot upon which the narrow strip of“tender” plain gently manages to separate the town from the sea.

Motril
Motril occupies a privileged position among towering mountain peaks and breathtaking views boasting the most exquisite shades of green. Beyond the plains lies the sea, stretching the blue of the sky with the pale green, its horizon.

Cuisine
La Herradura is surrounded by towering mountains in the valley of the Rio Verde. Its landscape is an expanse of colours, its tropical beaches contrasting with the blue of the Mediterranean Sea.

The archaeological remains on display in Almúñecar deserve special mention and include a Roman aqueduct and a Phoenician necropolis.motril aMarvel of nature and culture, a site rich in history and a site rich in history and a site rich in history, the Cave of the Seven Palms, now located in the Archeological Museum, is a must-see in the town. The town’s main street, also a must, is the stunning Church of La Encarnación y Palmar, in Cullar. On this street, the Church of La Encarnación y Palmar, in Cullar, is the main attraction. The Church of the Immaculate Conception, located at the bottom of the town, is a must-see. The Church of San Miguel and the town’s coastal watchtower, the Castle of San Miguel, are also a must-see.

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El litoral oriental
Leaving Motril, we come to the east coast, with its spacious beaches and rocky cliffs coves amongst the cliffs, where one can practise scuba diving, sailing or windsurfing, as well as horseback riding. The first town we encounter is Tomaresque, followed by Castellón with its castle standing on the sea shore, a few kilometres away. All of these locations on the Tropical Coast enjoy a warm climate all year round in a natural setting of magnificent beaches and rocky coves, surrounded by a rural landscape whose valleys are collected with the colour of the tropical crops, with its wide streets and walls dressed with flowers.