



CASTELLON ALTO. THE BEGINNING OF SUSTAINABLE TOURISM IN GALERA (GRANADA)

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GEOGRAPHICAL CONTEXT



Geographical Context

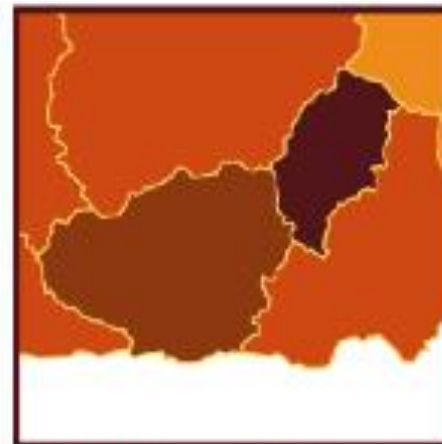
- Galera is located in Altiplano de Granada, to the north of the region.
- 1.200 habitants.
- Galera is ubicated far away from large population centers, equidistant between the cities of Murcia and Granada (150 Kms).



ANDALUCÍA



LA PROVINCIA DE GRANADA



EL ALTIPLANO DE GRANADA



LA COMARCA DE HUÉSCAR



THE HERITAGE WEALTH OF GALERA

Actually 3 of them are open to the general public...



The heritage wealth of Galera

1. THE MUSEUM OF GALERA

- 2001: Opened to the public.
- Galera's heritage is assembled around this museum.
- There we'll find archaeological and ethnographic sections.
- It preserves and exhibits the mummified remains of the grave 121 of the site of Castellón, 4,000 years old.



The heritage wealth of Galera

2. TÚTUGI NECROPOLIS

- First dig was made in 1918.
- Construction began in the 5th century BC.
- It contains more than 130 family graves.
- In the grave 20 appeared the Goddess of Galera.
- It opens to the public in 2007.



The heritage wealth of Galera

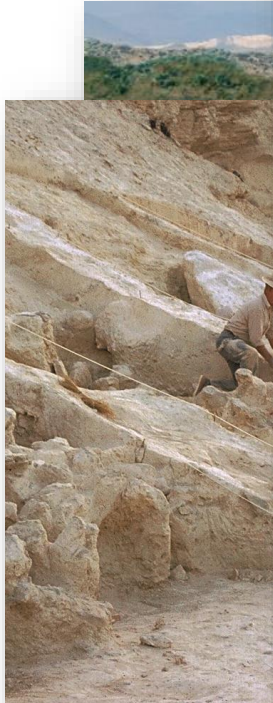
And, finally, our most prominent site ...

CASTELLÓN ALTO



Castellón Alto site

It's a good example of a project that has been ongoing for many years. The first restoration of the Castellón Alto site was completed in 1989, when the 1900 B.P. period was opened to the public.



Castellón Alto site

What has disappeared like a dream with a single stroke of the brush and preserved have been rebuilt.





THE CONTRIBUTION OF CASTELLÓN ALTO TO THE DEVELOPMENT OF SUSTAINABLE TOURISM

Contribution of Castellón Alto to the sustainable tourism

Since 2002 residential tourism has been developed. The new inhabitants, some Andalusians, have brought their own culture, knowledge and experience, creating a social mix of the legacy of the archaeological heritage, ethnographic and even the natural one.



Contribution of Castellón Alto to the sustainable tourism

The diversity of the landscape in the area has the most diverse geological heritage - high level of the foundations for new initiatives in conserving the values of the area related services and products linked to the candidature for UNESCO Geopark, which includes most of the North of the province of Granada and in which Castellón Alto constitutes one of the main landmarks.



The economic impact of Castellón Alto

Besides, it has contributed to the employment of young people linked to the heritage excavation and restoration campaigns, archaeological reproductions, and on the other hand we've 5 jobs created for the staff.



In this actual globalized world, the development of sustainable tourism in rural areas means one of the few future opportunities we have.

The archaeological heritage, as a wealth hard to relocate, must always be one of this development bases.





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Thank you!



Questions welcome



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