



## The steam train that connected Málaga and Granada goes back fifty years later as a tourist attraction

LOCATION: Ventas de Zafarraya (Granada)

DURATION: 1'40"

**SUMMARY:** Half a century ago the steam train that connected the Andalusian town of Ventas de Zafarraya with Málaga made its last trip. Now an enterprise has built a replica of those train and recovered the same route; the purpose of this is to be a tourist attraction for the town.

**VTR:**

**Ambience**

*"Whistle."*

For many it is a sound that belongs to childhood. The steam locomotive that connected the small town of Ventas de Zafarraya in Granada with Málaga. Half a century later, this is its exact replica. Building it has taken two years to José Luis.

**JOSÉ LUIS PINILLA**  
Locomotive's builder

*"He have based in the original plans of the old train that passed here, that luckily have been kept, we have them and we have tried to be as accurate as possible."*

As in the construction of the railway, that passes over the same place. For the moment just the first two kilometers have been completed, enough to live the same experiences as the travelers of the beginning of the twentieth century. Although it took them 8 hours finishing a trip of sixty kilometers.

**JOSÉ ANTONIO GARCÍA**  
Neighbour

*"Then people took advantage of it, it was a coast area and they went there and took grapes, mushrooms, asparagus; they took them and went up the train again."*

But today is back as a tourist attraction supported by the European Union, the Andalusian Government and the Provincial Council of Granada.

**ANTONIO ESCOBEDO**  
Ventas de Zafarraya City  
Council

*"As another alternative for local economy apart from agriculture."*

That brings back an old friend that actually never left as this museum, where they keep original pieces, also kept its memory alive.

**JOSÉ LUIS PINILLA**  
Locomotive's builder

*"The train has inspired books, films, novels, and a lot of romanticism. Even more if we take into account that it is a steam train, because as you have seen, nothing compares to hearing the whistle, seeing how the smoke goes out of the locomotive. It is not a regular train, is the pure essence of trains."*