



The Andalusian Cave of Nerja reinvents to attract tourism to the city

LOCATION: Nerja (Málaga)

DURATION: 2'03"

SUMMARY: Miguel, the naughty 'Tito' from the mythical Spanish series 'Verano Azul' (Blue Summer) will be the guide of exclusive visits that intent to approach the public to the secrets of the Cave of Nerja. Among other things, he will explain some curiosities regarding this 'Stone cathedral' that counts on the biggest natural column in the world, formed by a thousand billions drops during thousands of years. Almost half a million people visit it every year. This cave, that has been declared artistic-historical monument, was discovered by coincidence by five teenagers who were hunting bats.

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A thousand billion drops during thousands of years. It is the biggest natural column in the world and it is at the Cave of Nerja.

MIGUEL JOVEN **Guide of the Cave of Nerja**

"Imagine that practically for ten or fifteen centimetres of stalactite we need a thousand years, and now we see that column here with more than 35 metres and a diameter of 18, and it is very difficult to estimate how much time it takes."

He is a guide but once he was Tito, one of the characters of the mythical Spanish series Verano Azul or Blue Summer, that was filmed here in Nerja. Now he will show the secrets of this cave with more than 5 million years of history. As for example, this organ able to sound like this...

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"The inhabitants of this cave 15.000, 20.000 or 25.000 years ago already came here to delight with these sounds that this instrument is able to play, because in fact it is almost an instrument."

A real stone cathedral that was discovered fifty-four years ago by five teenagers that while they were hunting bats, slid down a natural chimney to the heart of the rock.

MANUEL MUÑOZ **Discoverer of the Cave**

"It is a four meter long slide, you have to enter with your arms up and slide down there, and when we entered the Ballet Room, the Waterfall Room, that's how it is called, we brought two small lanterns, we lighted with them and saw the huge streams, we didn't know what a stalactite or stalagmite was."

MIGUEL MUÑOZ **Discoverer of the Cave**

"It was an adventure, a kid's game. It had been there for centuries and if we hadn't gone after the bats maybe it would have been ignored for others, and none of us would have the occasion of seeing this wonder we are looking at right now."

A natural jewel visited by almost half million people every year and that become the main economic driver of this Andalusian town.

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