



Discovering Calar Alto's universe through astronomical tourism

LOCATION: Sierra de los Filabres (Almería)

LENGTH: 1'55"

SUMMARY: With the objective of publicizing the facilities of the Astronomical Observatory of Calar Alto and highlighting the science that is being conducted there in an entertaining and informative way, the company of Granada Azimuth Spain, arranges visits to this gifted space that leads scientifically on an international level. It is the largest astronomical observatory in Europe. This is an astronomical tourism attraction designed for all of society.

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BACKGROUND: "It has such precision greater than any modern telescope."

The public is learning about the functionality of the biggest telescope in the Astronomical Observatory of Calar Alto in Almería through means of a guided tour with the purpose of...

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Founding Partner of Azimuth Spain

"Bridging the gap of science and society, because many times science is viewed as something foreign, and a little dark, people think that scientific institutions are separated from them, but in reality the science performed here and in any other institution is science for and by the society "

Astronomical tourism has broken grounds with visits to the largest astronomical observatory in Europe. More than 3,000 visitors have already changed their way of viewing the universe in just a few months.

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"It's a type of tourism that is basically environmental because astronomy, the night sky, is part of the environment and one must learn to appreciate it and know how it affects us in health while also being a cultural good "

People like Isabel and her father have visited from Elche in order to get closer to the stars.

ISABEL SÁNCHEZ
Visitor

"It transforms the way in which we can understand advanced knowledge and I really liked the comparative scales that they use because sometimes those figures are hard to picture mentally."

GABRIEL SÁNCHEZ
Visitor

"Very interesting, some things I knew about and others I learned here."

No one leaves the visit feeling indifferent.

LUIS FERNÁNDEZ
Visitor

"It is a unique, once in a lifetime, experience, observatories in Europe are off limits except for this one...you can't miss it."



The tour is designed by a company created by three Granada astronomers who saw stellar tourism as a professional outlet.

VÍCTOR MUÑOZ

Visitor

"There was a moment of this crisis in which I left astronomical research, in other words scientific research, to devote myself to transmitting everything I had learned."

Through Astronomical tourism, an emerging sector in Spain. The country where some of the cleanest skies in Europe can be found.