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Visit to the Three Johns' Hermitage in "Castillejo Hill" Atarfe

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Brief history



The name of Atarfe comes from "Al tarf" that means "the limit" in Arabic. That is because Atarfe was in the limit of the great city "Madinat Ilwira". Wars between the city inhabitants led people to move to another place: "Madinat Garnata", currently Granada. They entered the city through the place you can see in the photo, "The Elwira Gate".

The name of the hill where we are now is "Cerro del Castillejo"

It is 861 m above the sea and 263 m above Atarfe.

Besides, it is on the top of the hill where anciently there was a castle called "El Puntal", a place where muslim became strong in their fight against christians, before Granada conquest.



Brief history



Picture from "Atarfe en papel"

Before



Now



The hermitage was built on the remains of an ancient Arabic castle of which only a part of the wall remains. It has a strategic location, as it overlooks the whole of the fertile valley of Granada.

The hermitage began to be built by a neighbour of Atarfe, Juan de Dios Sánchez, a very religious man, who had four sons. One day, his sons were in the courtyard of their house and they found a grenade from the Civil War. They started playing with it and it exploded, but luckily his children were not seriously injured. The man thought it was a miracle and, in gratitude, he decided to build a place of worship.

It is called the Hermitage of the Three Johns, because of his sons and because it was dedicated to the worship of St. John of God, St. John the Baptist and St. John the Evangelist.

Block of Activities 1

Listen to the guide, pay attention and then answer these questions:

1.1. What is the meaning of Atarfe?

1.2. Why do you think the author chose this place to build it?

Nowdays this emblematic place is used to celebrate culture activities and more...



Geography of Atarfe

Atarfe is a town located in Granada, a province of Andalusia, in the South of Spain, just 9 km from the capital city.

Its climate is mediterranean; the weather is dry, with a high temperature range between the day and the night. Besides, the summer is very hot and winter is cold, the temperature range between seasons is also high.



The city is surrounded by some fertile lands that used for agriculture and by Sierra Elvira, some mountains called the Morrones, which are higher than this hill, "Cerro Colorao" and the watchtower "El Torreón".

Block of Activities 2

Take your time to do these activities:

2.1. Could you locate where Atarfe is in the map? Draw a location mark in Atarfe.



Block of Activities 2

Take your time to do these activities:

2.2. Look at this picture and try to identify some of the towns you can see from here.



Can you recognize where Granada is?

2.3. Mark Granada with a signal like this:



Block of Activities 3

3.1.. From this point, we can also see "Sierra Nevada". Mulhacen is the highest peak in the peninsula (3470 m) and Veleta, is the second one, with 3394 m. Mark Veleta, Mulhacen and Alcazaba in the picture.

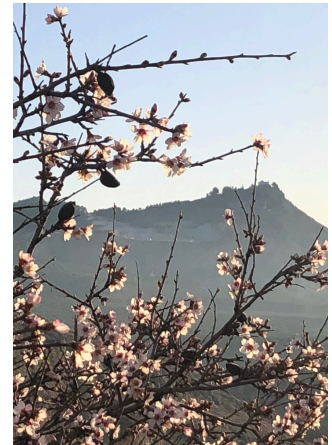


Flora and fauna

The Cerro del Castillejo is a place full of biodiversity.



*Orchids, birds and reptiles
abound, as well as mammals
such as rabbits, hares, rodents
and a small population of
mountain goats.*



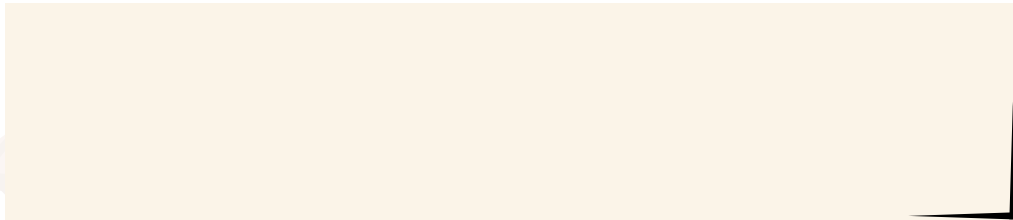
*Of great importance, given its
endemic value and its
characteristics, is the gastropod
(snail) known as the "Chapa"
(*Iberus gualtieranus gualtieranus*).*



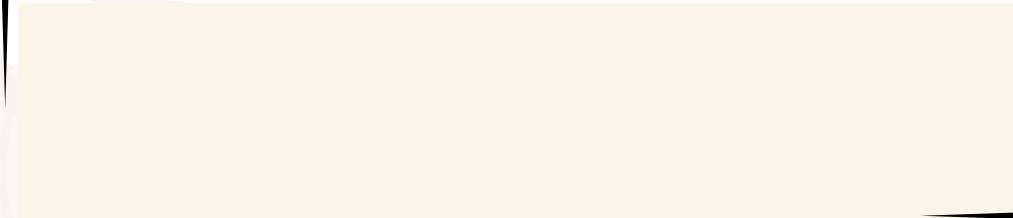


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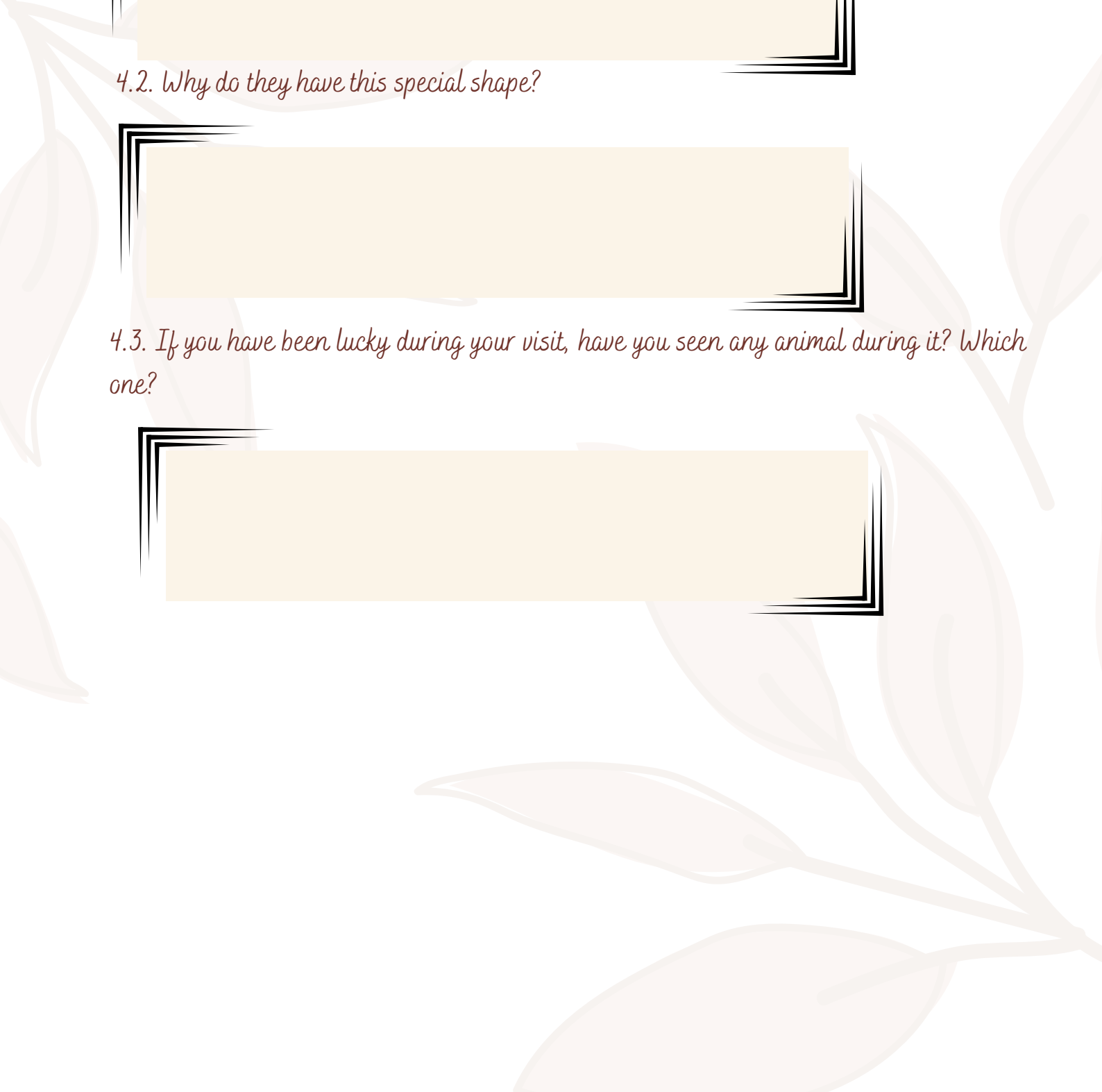
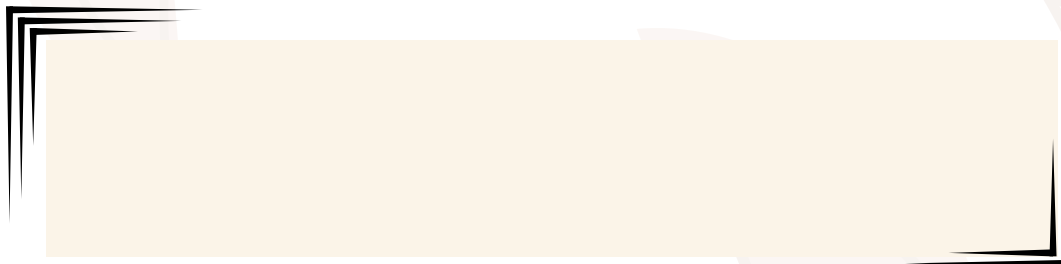
4.1. Have you seen any "Chapa" during your visit? Where?



4.2. Why do they have this special shape?



4.3. If you have been lucky during your visit, have you seen any animal during it? Which one?





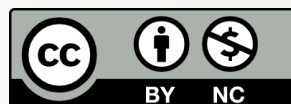
To sum up...

Write and draw the thing you liked the most in this visit

A large rectangular area for writing and drawing, defined by three concentric borders. The outermost border is a thick, solid light brown line. Inside this is a thinner, light yellow border. The innermost area is a large, empty rectangle with a light pinkish-beige background, intended for the user to write and draw.



*Hope you had an exciting experience with us.
We were looking forward to seeing you very soon*



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