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VENTA DEL COMPADRE TO SORBRAS

MEET AT BAR VENTA DEL COMPADRE ON THE N340A TABERNAS AT 10.30 AM.

Here we will have coffee before driving another 1/2 km towards Tabernas and stop at the Almazara/Restaurante on the left, LOS ALBARDINALES, for a guided tour of the museum to see the original machinery from the old press. Unfortunately, the Restaurante kitchen is closed on a Thursday but they will welcome us to sample the oil and will display their various wines, oils and other ecologico products which can be purchased.

We plan to leave at 12.00 noon en route towards Sorbas on the N340A.

After 4 Kms, we turn right at signpost Turrillas AL3103,

It is a ten minute drive before turning left just before the village of Turrillas signed

"Parque Ecologia la Noguera. This gives us the oportunity to drive higher to see the

wind turbines close up. The road is untarmaced but is good, firm gravel.

For anyone not keen to do this, the option would be to drive into the square of

Turrillas and take a drink or observe the views from the viewing platform.

16.7 kms.

We leave Turrillas and turn right on to the AL3105, Lucainena.

Continue for 6 km and turn right at the brown sign, HORNOS DE CALCINACIÓN.

This area, in days gone by, was important for mining. The Mining Company of the Sierra Alamilla was established to exploit mineral deposits. A rail line was constructed in 1896. The large calcinación ovens which can be seen on the right hand side were constructed to heat the iron ore and extract the iron carbonate. A railway station was established in Lucainena to transport the mineral to Agua Amarga. Closure of the mines and company occurred in 1942.

30 minute stop at the Hornos de Calcinación.

We leave and turn left at the T junction to rejoin the main road. Turn right onto AL3105

At the next T-Junction turn left onto the AL3107.

After 5 kms Join N340A at T-Junction and Turn right for Sorbas.

7 kms to Sorbas.

Lunch is at Un Sitio situated on the right just past Sorbas. to be served at 2 p.m.

The total drive is approx. 41 kms.

Un Sitio offer us a choice from three starters and three main courses, salad, bread and a drink €12.00 (dessert is not included).

Please confirm if you are joining us and PLEASE inform of diet requirements at least three days before run on 25th April 2019

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