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# INTANGIBLE HERITAGE: INCOMPARABLE ASSET FOR SUSTAINABLE AND RESPONSIBLE TOURISM DEVELOPMENT

Cascamorra's Festival, a 500 year old tradition now opened to the world

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### CASCAMORRAS





Fiesta de Interés Turístico Internacional



# Understanding the Cascamorras by its **W's**





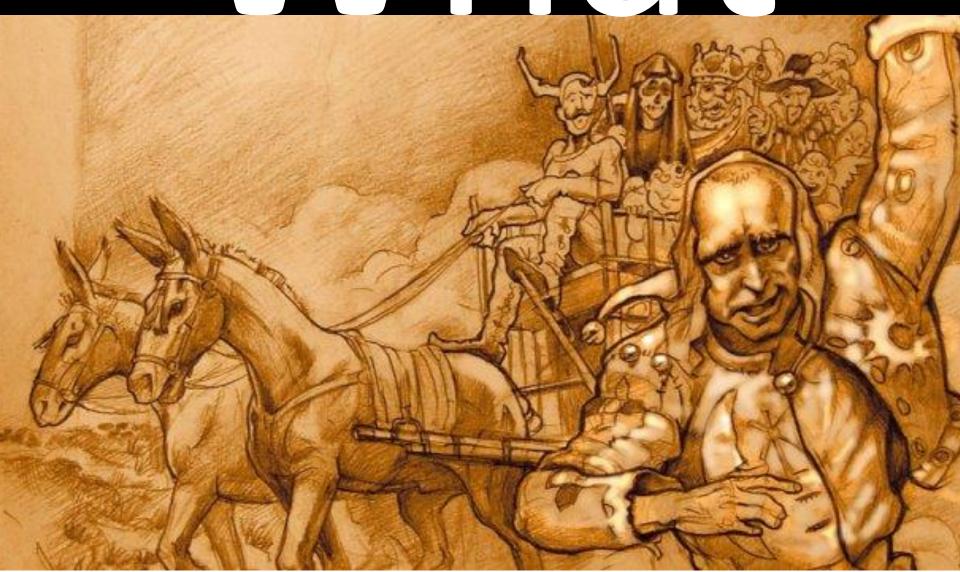








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## Juan Pedernal (from Guadix)







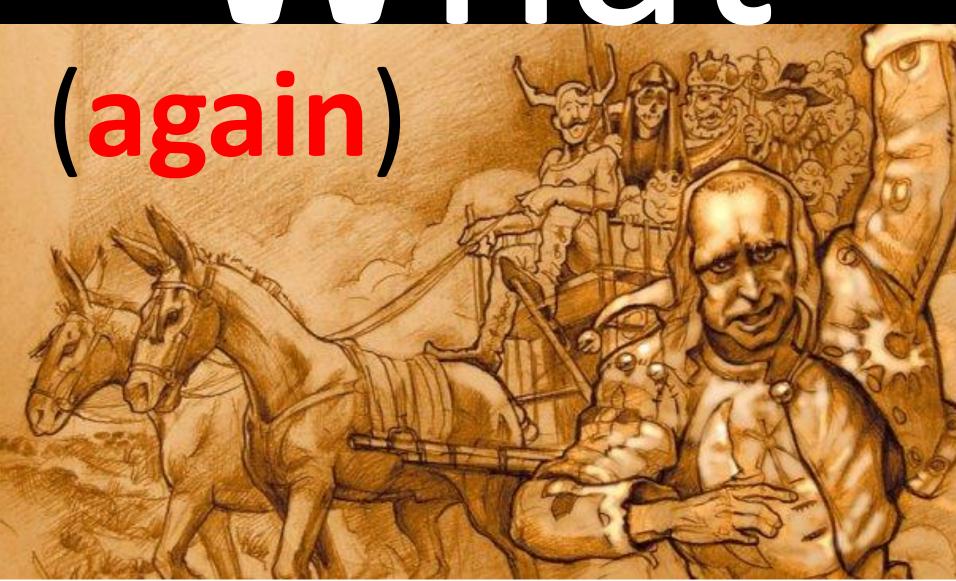
...in Baza ...

Since then, both villages claim for having the image ... which resides in Baza

This led to a conflict between the two towns. Finally the statue was given to Baza on the condition that it should be lent to Guadix for one day a year for the people there to venerate it.



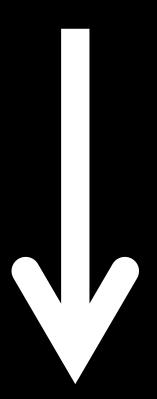
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Since then, a local of Guadix, known as the Cascamorras, tryes to take the statue to Guadix on the 6<sup>th</sup> of September.

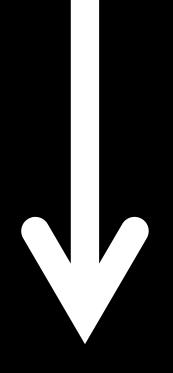
He will only succeed in getting it back to his town if he is able to reach the statue remaining clean and untainted.



Needless to say, his attempt is unsuccessful, as thousands of people wait on the outskirts of Baza throwing ink at the Cascamorras, and accompany him to the church to make sure he is not clean.



During the following two days, the Cascamorras character participates in festivals and religious celebrations. Then on the 9th September the Cascamorras returns to Guadix without fulfilling its intention and its once again stained in ink from top to toe by locals.







## Then ...

1489 D. Luis de Acuña (Catholic Kings Knight) was building a Church in Baza and one of the workers (Juan Pedernal) found the image.

(526 years ago)

## Now...

#### **Every year:**

- the 15th. August: Designation of Cascamorras
- the 5th. Sept. Cascamorras departs from Guadix
- the 6th. Sept. Baza's run
- the 7th. Sept. Cascamorras gets some charity in Baza
- the 8th. Sept. Cascamorras travel to Guadix
- the 9th. Sept. Guadix's run.



#### Who is involved

- Cascamorras character
- Guadix Municipality
- Baza Municipality
- Hermandad Virgen de la Piedad y la Peña del Cascamorras
- Guadix Tourist Office
- Guadix Rural Development Association
- Granada Tourist Board
- Local Tourism Associations
- Local Population
- Visitors



There are certain milestones and actions that leaded to make the festival known and demanded by non-locals:



## First

#### Recognition of the festival:

- 23 jan. 2000 Fiesta de Interés Turístico Nacional de Andalucía
- 6 jun. 2006 Fiesta de Interés Turístico Nacional
- 31 july 2013 Fiesta de Interés Turístico Internacional

#### **Requires:**

- Cultural and traditional values
- Antiquity
- Continuity
- Being a deep root tradition
- With local participation
- With originality
- And international media impact

## Also

Creation and diffusion of video and photos, both professional and non professional and distribution through social networks.



## And in 2015 ... new strategy





## CASCAMORRAS



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## Also



## And

The 9th of september is a "normal" day in Guadix:

No more than **6.000** participants (locals and few tourists)



So is in Guadix where there is an opportunity for growth and where a foreigner can live the festival more closely.

(in Baza there is nearly no room)



For developing this sustainably, it was needed to identify correctly and work from the beginning with all the local stakeholders involved: city council, the Hermandad (promoter of the festival), tourist association local tourist office, etc...



#### Strengths and opportunities

Attitude of local authorities and local tourism office in Guadix Recognition as an international Interest Festival Existence of an specific webpage Etc.

#### Weak and threats

The date in Guadix may coincide with the start of scholars

Date non coincident with the local festival in Guadix

Lack of a place / phone number or mail for providing information in advance and answer questions.

Etc.

#### Creation of the Cascamorras Package

#### **Includes:**

Theatralized visit the sept. 8th.

Dinner

Runners bag (cap, t'shirt, maps, etc.)

Accomodation

#### **Responsibles:**

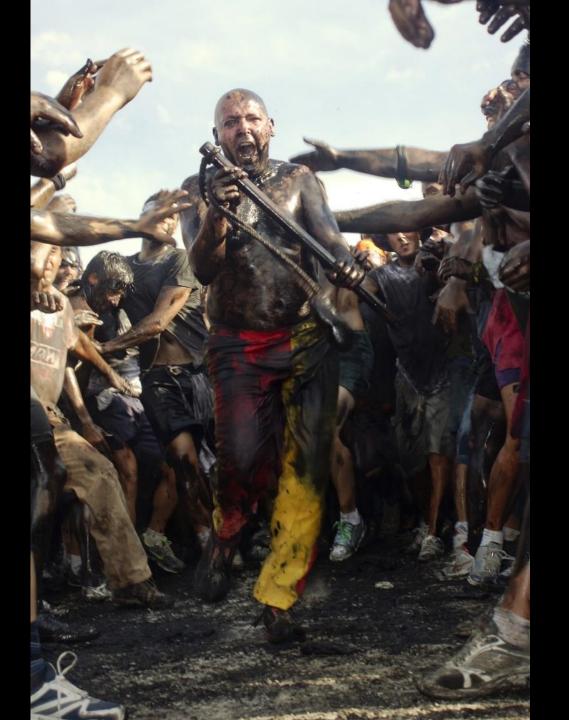
**Guadix Municipality** 

**Guadix Hotels association** 

**Guadix Tourist Office** 















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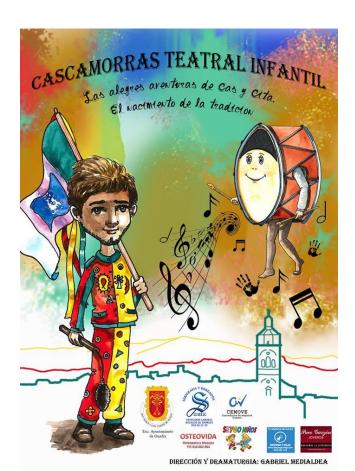
Organization of a blogtrip with 4 participants covering details of the festival in Baza, the values of the territory and Guadix Run.



Emision of the new promotional video in the tourist office screens, and instalation of displays in the previous dates.



#### **Activities for kids**





#### Recorrido:

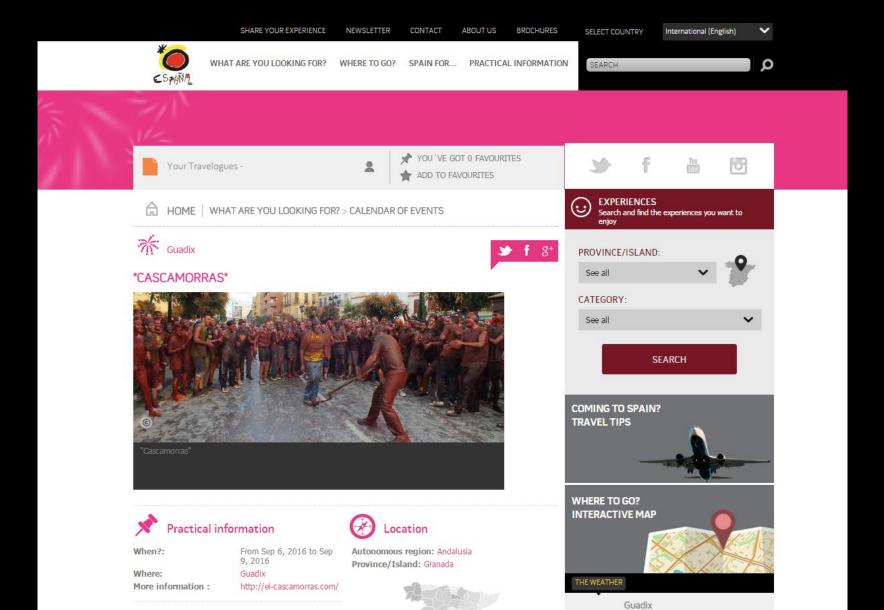
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#### Cascamorras Festival



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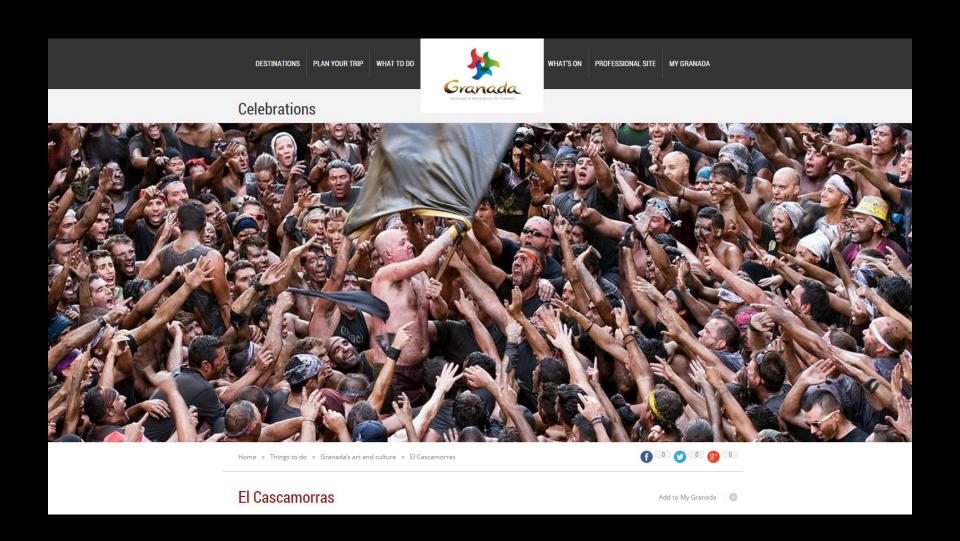
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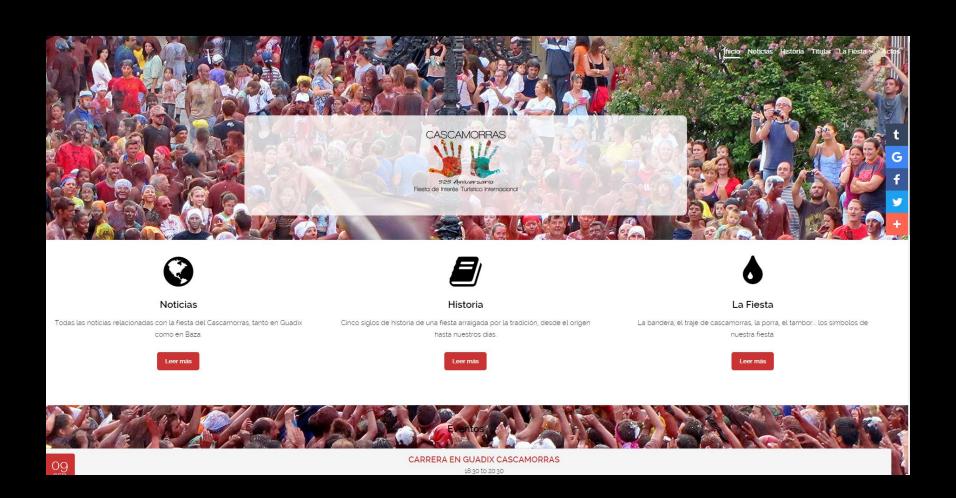
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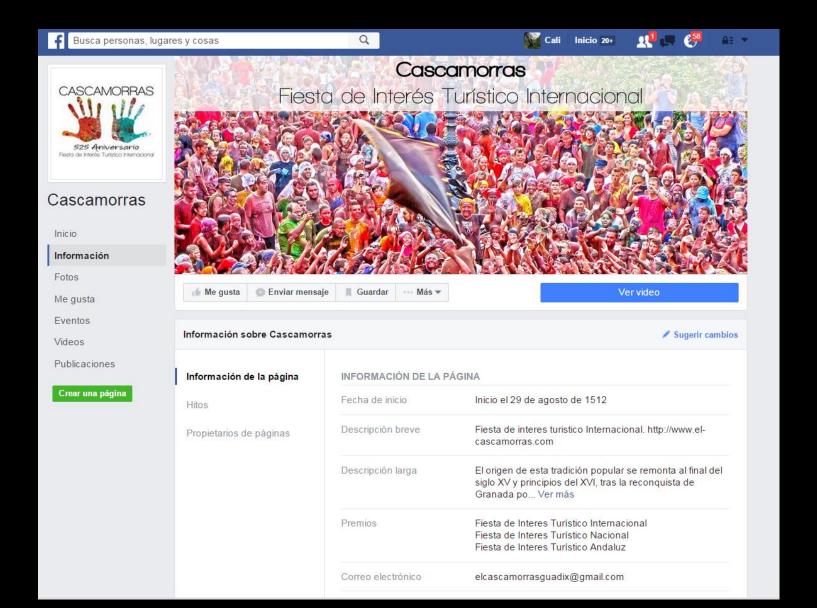
The Cascamorras festival takes place in September in Baza and Guadix, it has been declared to be of **International Tourist Interest** in 2013.

It has become an important tourist attraction, in Baza it is celebrated every year on the 6th September and it is the start of the **Fair and Festival in honour of Our Lady of Piety** that takes place from the 6th to 15th September each year.

For some time now the "Cascamorras" festival has become a cultural event that increases in strenath year







## Plus ...

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Creation of "La Leyenda Accitana" brochure.

(English, French, German and Spanish)

#### **Publishing the Cascamorras Comic**

For its distribution in schools.

Promotion among Erasmus students in Granada

Promotion among incoming TTOO in Andalucía

### ... other ideas for the future

Promotion of Cascamorras for Kids in the province

Creation of sport competitions following the historical track

### So

Starting with a strategic diagnosis, and the consequent SWOT analysis, an action plan was developed and executed, and just in one year, the number of participants in Guadix changed from 6.000 to 12.000.

#### **Next Challenge:**

**Declaration of:** 

Intangible Cultural Heritage of Humanity





# Thanks