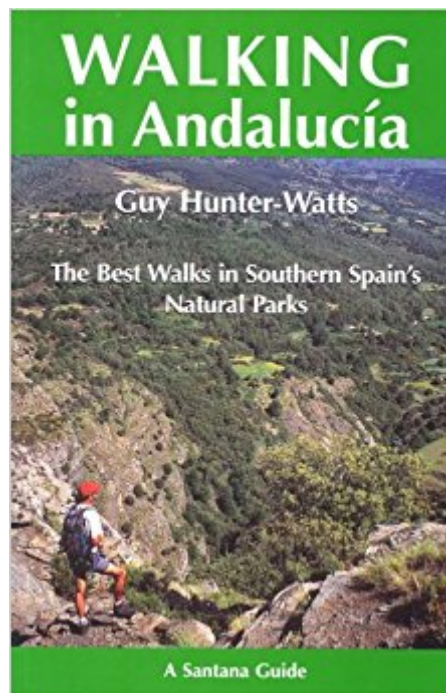




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A guide to thirty-four walks in six of Andalusia's natural parks. All of the full and half-day walks, many of them virtually unknown, start from beautiful villages. The book also includes easy-to-follow detailed route notes with times, distances and gradings, full color maps and photographs for each walk, and advice on what to pack, when to walk and the best places to stay and eat in each area.

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Customer Reviews

Guy Hunter-Watts has lived in a small village in the mountains close to Rhonda in Southern Spain since 1989. He has worked as a trekking guide in the Andes and the Indian Himalayas before settling in Spain. He now combines work as a walking guide and travel writer - and is also the author of "Small Hotels and Inns of Andalusia" published by Santana Books.

Really a great guide for anyone who likes to get outside and see the country. There are shorter and longer walks, easier and more difficult walks. The landscape of Andalusia is an outdoor museum of centuries of human interaction with the land. If this book gets you out to experience it for just one afternoon, it will be worth the purchase price!

It was getting hot already, that day, as I sat down in one of those hidden 'venta's' (literally place where you can buy things, mostly drinks and food), deep in Andalusia. Guy Hunter-Watts' book "Walking in Andalusia" had promised that in this particular one, something always will happen when

you sit down there for more than 5 minutes (which I actually needed during this gorgeous walk through the mythic landscapes). I was sitting in the half open space, half in, half out, somewhat hidden a shadowy corner. I stared at the purple haze mountains. From the rough slopes a man came down, riding an old and worn-out horse. The man was old and wrinched, too. A hat concealing his flashing small eyes. He parked the animal outside, attaching it to the hook which obviously was made on the wall for just that purpose. He went in. "Hola!", he greeted with a nasal voice, "Necesito beber", indicating that a drink was needed. The lovely barmaid - in a flamenco dress and all - came out from behind, took a bucket. Outside she went to the well, pumping up the water. From the corner of my eyes I could just see her. She moved in slow motion, her sweaty skin reflecting the sun. She went up to the horse and put the bucket in front of it. "Vale", right, said the man and - with a smile - walked out. He untied the horse and jumped on its back. I followed the two of them, with my eyes, until they were no longer to be seen. "Necesite algo, sir?" came her perfect voice. I didn't need anything anymore. I had had enough. It was a normal day. In Andalusia.

Andalucia is one of our favorite places to visit in Spain, and Guy Hunter-Watts' book makes it that much more enjoyable. We recently took one of his suggested walks just outside the beautiful village of Montejaque, and were again pleased with the ease with which we found and followed the trail. His descriptions of level of difficulty, terrain, trail markers, and trail beauty were spot on. Next time, we plan on using his guide in Las Alpujarras. The book is updated often and the newest one will likely please and surprise us all as Guy's special love for Andalucia shows in his descriptions and anecdotes that enrich our walking experience.

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