

## THE ENCARNACIÓN CHURCH



It's located in the town center of Almuñécar and behind de town hall. Although it is far from the castle and the beach.

It's one of the best known places in Almuñécar and the first church in the whole of Granada province built in the new style of the 17th century.

It's based on the design by the famous architect Juan de Herrera but it was Ambrosio de Vico who built it (between 1570 and 1600). But, during the French invasion in the War of Independence, it was sacked and burned. Fortunately, the neighbors managed to restore it.

Inside the church is the small image of the Virgen de la Antigua, which is the patron saint of Almuñécar. An interesting fact is that, during the French invasion, the neighbors managed to hide the Virgin and prevent her from being stolen.



It was built with the remains of an ancient Arab mosque.

The church is located above a Roman water tank that reached the salted fish factory in the Majuelo Park.

Recently, several tombs of Phoenician origin were found under the church.

In my opinion, I have been there many times and I can say that it is a beautiful church that is full of history. I think it should be considered as another monument of Almuñécar.

