



The 13th of December we went by bus to [Fuengirola](#) and went off just before the castle.

Here we can see the castle from south when we are arriving on foot.



Walking up the hill.

Almost there.



Inngangen.

[The Sohail Castle](#) lies on a hill beside the Fuengirola river. The hill is 38 m above sea level.

The hill has been used for thousands of years. First were the [Carthaginians](#) and then the [Romans](#). The first buildings under the [Caliphate of Córdoba](#) were built on the old ruins. Later, in the 1100s, under the [Almohads](#), there was built a defensive wall around it.

In 1485 the castle was reconquered by the Christians. They started a reconstruction by removing one of the east towers to build a canon platform. The south-western part of the walls were reconstructed also, to make room for the bowmen.

The castle was a bit destroyed by Napoleon under the [Peninsular War](#).

Lately the castle is mostly restored by the authorities in Fuengirola and are used for various arrangements in the town.



On the castle square inside the walls.



There is made a stage and and many seats.



More seats.



Looking back towards the entrance gate.



We can clearly see that it is old.



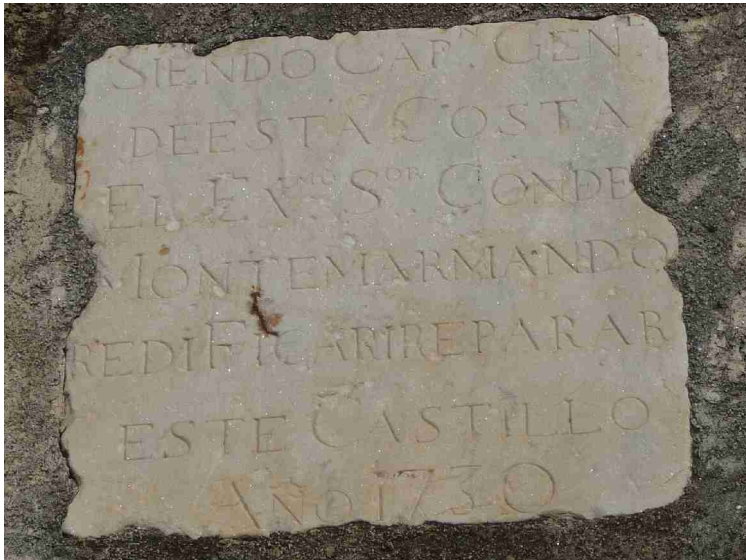
A flowering plant has taken roots.



A pigeon has found a shady spot in the wall.



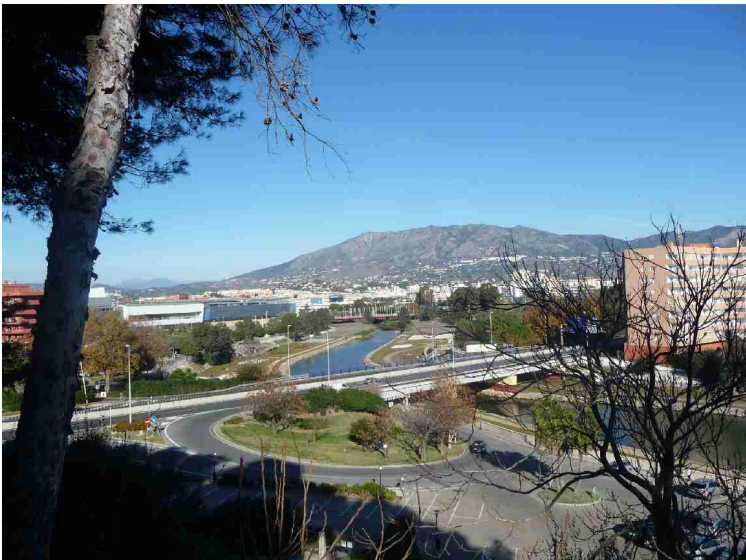
There is made a bed of flowers in an internal well.



An inscription above the entrance gate.



View west to Fuengirola.



Looking down to the main road and the Fuengirola river.



Looking down to the Fuengirola river where it is flowing out in the Mediterranean sea. There is a footbridge across the river here.



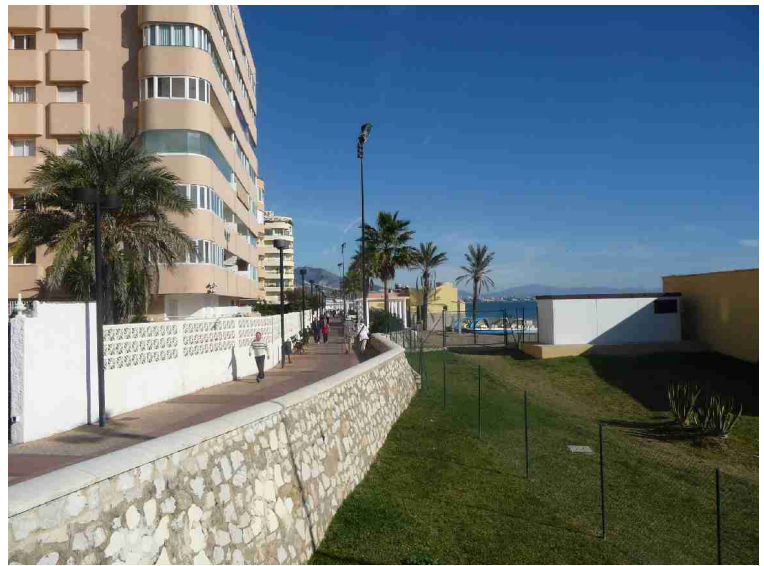
On the way down from the castle hill.



Down on the north-side looking up on the castle.



Standing on the footbridge across the river.



This is the seafront further.