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As the UCEAP Granada Study Center Coordinator, Inma Manrique has worked with EAP students for the past 19 years. Upon the students' arrival in Granada, Inma involves herself in every aspect of their stay –from providing academic, cultural and housing resources to helping them out with course selection and supporting them when medical assistance is needed. When students are able to speak Spanish with the Andalusian accent, Inma knows their time abroad has been a success.

As for things to do in Granada, Inma maintains there is no shortage. Some extremely popular activities include: drinking in the bars where customers enjoy free tapas, skiing on the Sierra Nevada mountains in winter and going to the beach in summer. Inma would also recommend a visit to the Alhambra, the Moorish Albaicín, the Sacromonte, and the Moorish villages of the Alpujarra.

Cuisine in Granada reveals definite Arab influences. Among the dishes of Moorish origin are lamb meatballs and lamb with pomegranate seeds. Furthermore, Granada is home of the "arte del tapeo" or "tapas art". With your drink you will receive a free piece of its cuisine. Desserts confectioned by nuns star among sweets from Granada. From Santa Fe, students can enjoy the piononos, delicate cream-filled cakes soaked in light syrup. Students can also find an ample supply of fresh garden vegetables. Stews are a good example of popular cuisine. Typical dishes on the coast are fritura de pescado (fish fry), cazuela de pescado frito (fried fish casserole) and the spit of sardines.

Inma still keeps in touch with many of her students, many of whom invite her to graduations, weddings or send photos of their children. Some of her former students return to Granada as assistant teachers in secondary schools and always find time to stop by the office and chat.