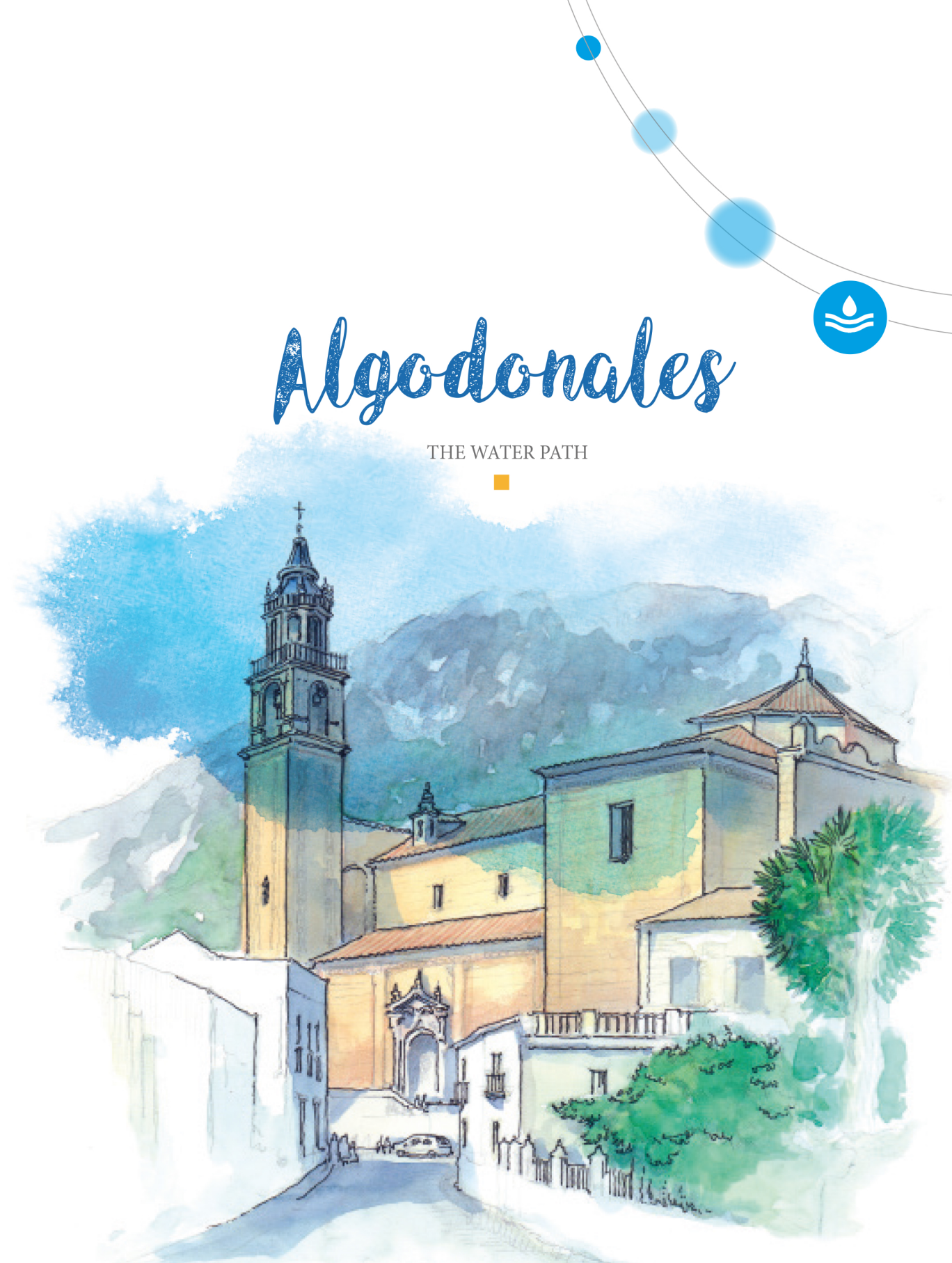


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Our story as a town starts thanks to the abundance of subterranean reservoirs. These made it possible for Algodonales to be a busy settlement from the Neolithic, and a fortified Iberian town that was inhabited till the Roman era. The path between the two fountains will allow you to explore the best sights of the town.

A strong, clear and transparent water stream runs through Algodonales' fountains. Their role in the foundation of the town is so important, that to get to know the town, you need to get to know its most remarkable springs. The water is responsible for street layout, past professions, gastronomy, and people's personality.

Algodonales was founded at the base of the Lijar Sierra, a mountain range with plenty of subterranean water streams that emerge from the most unsuspected places such as La Higuera, Cabera, Zapatera, Las Víboras, Dornajo, Cristóbal Gómez, La Láina y Sierra. There are also two fountains over a hundred years old, which have had an extraordinary influence on the history of the town: Fuente Alta and Fuente Baja, whose streams water the nearby orchards, quench the thirst of the locals and are still strong enough to join and form the Batan stream, leading to the Guadalete river.



Top fountain

Santa Ana Church

Grgalema Range

Algodonales

Lijar Range



Del algarrobo Bottom fountain





Aprox. 3km.  
Cristóbal Gómez fountain

Dornajo spring

Bottom fountain and laundry

Ntra. Sra. del Rosario oil cooperative

5 y 6 Carob fountain and public laundry

FUENTE BAJA (THE BOTTOM FOUNTAIN) is one of the town's most famous fountains. The name comes from the tree next to it, a carob tree. From the base of the small white building protecting the actual spring, you can see a dozen metal spouts pouring transparent and clean water. A few meters away, also painted in white, you will find the PUBLIC LAUNDRY. It's a one-room building, with three metal arched fences. Natural light floods its inside, and the three water tanks are constantly being filled with clear water. Only in very few places, it is possible to hear such melody.

10- LA VIRGENCITA  
This small building, placed outside the town, is a mix of popular architecture and neoclassical and neogothic elements that were built during the XIX century. A pilgrimage to the Virgen de la Sierra takes place every last Sunday of May.



11- Sierrecilla street

One of Algodonales' most picturesque streets filled with flowerpots that are taken care of by the neighbors.

2- Constitution square

1- Santa Ana Church

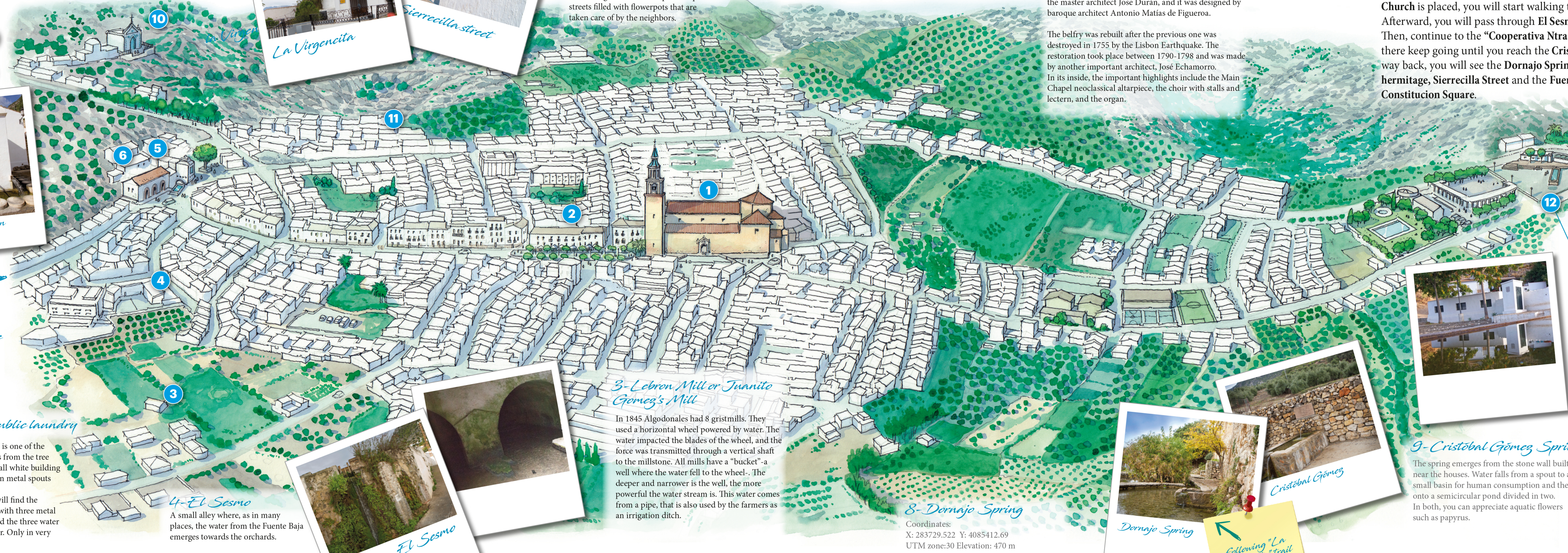
Designed by Jose Alvarez, it was opened on November 6th, 1784, and it was built on top of an older parish church. The front and side gates were made afterward by the master architect Jose Durán, and it was designed by baroque architect Antonio Matías de Figueroa.

The belfry was rebuilt after the previous one was destroyed in 1755 by the Lisbon Earthquake. The restoration took place between 1790-1798 and was made by another important architect, José Echamorro. In its inside, the important highlights include the Main Chapel neoclassical altarpiece, the choir with stalls and lectern, and the organ.



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Itinerary: Starting at the Constitución Square, where the Santa Ana Church is placed, you will start walking towards the Lebron Mill. Afterward, you will pass through El Sesmo alley till the Fuente Baja. Then, continue to the "Cooperativa Ntra. Sra. Del Rosario", and from there keep going until you reach the Cristóbal Gómez Fountain. On your way back, you will see the Dornajo Spring while headed to La Virgencita hermitage, Sierrecilla Street and the Fuente Alta before ending at the Constitución Square.



3- Lebron Mill or Juanito Gomez's Mill

In 1845 Algodonales had 8 gristmills. They used a horizontal wheel powered by water. The water impacted the blades of the wheel, and the force was transmitted through a vertical shaft to the millstone. All mills have a "bucket"-a well where the water fell to the wheel-. The deeper and narrower is the well, the more powerful the water stream is. This water comes from a pipe, that is also used by the farmers as an irrigation ditch.

8- Dornajo Spring

Coordinates:  
X: 283729.522 Y: 4085412.69  
UTM zone:30 Elevation: 470 m



Top Fountain  
Placed on the high side of Algodonales, the "Fuente Alta" (Top Fountains) is used to supply the town. The fountain has a water trough and the former public laundry are nearby.

9- Cristóbal Gómez Spring

The spring emerges from the stone wall built near the houses. Water falls from a spout to a small basin for human consumption and then onto a semicircular pond divided in two. In both, you can appreciate aquatic flowers such as papyrus.



4- El Sesmo

A small alley where, as in many places, the water from the Fuente Baja emerges towards the orchards.

Nice hiking trail today! And the food here in this town is excellent!

