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In June 1526, after their marriage in Seville, the future Emperor Charles V and his wife, Isabella of Portugal, arrived in Granada with their whole court and lodged at the Alhambra, which was immediately seen to be insufficient to house such a vast number of people. Although Charles V took great pleasure in living in the heart of the Islamic palace, as his grandparents had before him, political reasons soon prompted him to construct a new palace intimately connected with the old Nasrid one.

The new palace had to be built using the latest architectonic language: the classic Renaissance style, which was in use in Italy during the decade of 1520-1530, which was completely new in Spain.

The construction began around 1535 under the direction of Pedro Machuca but was interrupted in 1568 by the Morisco uprising and subsequent war, since the work, due to one of those ironies of history, was financed almost entirely by a heavy tax paid by the

Morisco minority in exchange for letting them preserve some of their customs.

The emperor never saw it finished nor was able to inhabit it, since it was left unfinished and was completed in the mid 20th century.

Discover a Renaissance treasure in the heart of the Nasrid Alhambra!

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