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INTRODUCTION

Discover the essence of the Andalusian Mediterranean in Malaga, birthplace of the genius Pablo Picasso. Stroll on its beautiful beaches and discover why Andalusian people are known for being open and friendly. And you can do so at any time of year, thanks to its exceptional climate.

From Malaga you can visit other towns on the Costa del Sol, like the famous Marbella, full of luxury and glamour, or wander in unforgettable natural beauty spots.

If you love culture, in Malaga you can learn about the life of Pablo Picasso and admire his work in the museum that bears his name, discover gems of Andalusian painting in the Carmen Thyssen Museum or visit the city's Pompidou Centre. More than 35 museums await you.

You will find Malaga's culture pulsating in its streets, squares and stunning monuments, such as the Roman theatre, the Alcazaba citadel and the cathedral.

When you get hungry, try the traditional pescaíto frito, or espetos (skewered sardines grilled over hot embers), or treat yourself to avant-garde cuisine by outstanding chefs.

Relax on one of its quiet beaches or enjoy its charming historic parks and gardens.

A city full of light that you will fall in love with at first sight.
Tour around the city of Malaga and discover the personality of each of its neighbourhoods. Here are the things not to be missed.

THE HISTORIC CITY CENTRE

Stroll around its lively pedestrian streets, full of bars and restaurants. Plaza de la Constitución square is the nerve centre of life in Malaga. Nearby is Los Santos Mártires Church (15th-18th century).

In the old town you can see the surprising unfinished right tower of the Cathedral (16th-18th century), the Bishop’s Palace (16th-18th century) and the art exhibition space Ars Málaga. At the foot of Monte Gibralfaro hill stands the Roman theatre (1st century B C) and the Alcazaba (11th century), an Arab fortress that is the city’s symbol.

If you like shopping, you will find the main fashion labels on Marqués de Larios street.
LA MERCEDE
To learn about the early days of the painter from Malaga, Pablo Picasso, go to Plaza de la Merced square. There you will find the house where the painter was born, now the headquarters of the Picasso Foundation. The monument to General Torrijos, represented by a grand obelisk, will catch your eye. Have something to eat or drink in one of the cafés, bars and restaurants. The Cervantes Theatre, one of the oldest in Andalusia, is also here.

LA VICTORIA
It is one of the most popular and historic neighbourhoods. If you visit during Easter Week, you’re guaranteed an unforgettable experience. Here is one of the things not to miss: the Basílica of Santa María de la Victoria, the city’s patron saint. Marvel at the niche of the Virgin and the stunning crypt. On the first day of the Malaga Fair (in August), hundreds of people dressed in regional costume accompany the virgin, on foot or on horseback.

CITY CENTRE ENSANCHE DISTRICT
Discover Malaga’s Soho, right by the port and the historic city centre: graffiti, small venues, artists’ workshops, gourmet and organic bars… Discover why it is such a leading exponent of urban art and underground culture.

The old wholesalers’ market is now the Contemporary Art Centre (CAC). Stroll in the Alfonso Canales Gardens and enjoy the surprise of its specimen of the Ceiba chodatti tree, known as “drunk trunk”.

LA MALAGUETA
Visit one of the city’s most lively areas. Eat at a restaurant on the La Farola seaport promenade. Dock 1 in the port holds the surprise of the Malaga Pompidou Centre, a 16-metre high glass structure, known as The Cube, which houses a permanent exhibition of modern and contemporary art.

MONTE GIBRALFARO
Follow one of the paths up the hill covered with pine and eucalyptus trees to reach Gibralfaro Castle, built to protect the Alcazaba citadel. Here you will get the best views of the city.

PARKS AND HISTORIC GARDENS
Natural beauty combines with architecture and history in these green spaces.

LA CONCEPCIÓN BOTANICAL-HISTORICAL GARDENS
Can you imagine an area of 3 hectares populated with subtropical flora, centuries-old monkey-puzzle trees and palm trees? Here you can contemplate a landscape design with ponds, waterfalls, streams, stairways, greenhouses and beautiful pergolas.

MALAGA PARK
A paradise by the sea with an abundance of subtropical plants. Nearby are the outstanding buildings of the Town Hall and the Bank of Spain.
If you want to immerse yourself in culture, this Andalusian city has a lot to offer.

**MUSEUMS**

Malaga is one of the cities with the highest concentration of museums in its historic centre and surroundings. These are the main ones.

**PICASSO MUSEUM**

It is housed in Buenavista Palace, an example of Andalusian Renaissance architecture. You can explore the 80 years of creativity of the painting genius from Malaga.

**CARMEN THYSSEN MUSEUM IN MALAGA**

Here you can get to know 19th century painting, particularly from Andalusia. The museum is located in Villalón Palace (16th century).

**MALAGA MUSEUM**

Visit one of the largest museums in Andalusia, with more than 17,000 pieces, from the 15th century to the present day, organised in two sections: Archaeology and Fine Art.

**POMPIDOU CENTRE MALAGA**

The museum contains works by Frida Kahlo, René Magritte, Joan Miró and Antoni Tàpies, amongst others. Its permanent collection focuses on 20th and 21st century art.

**ST PETERSBURG RUSSIAN MUSEUM COLLECTION**

A full immersion in Russian pictorial expression, in the old Royal Tobacco Factory. It boasts works by such artists as Repin, Kandinsky, Tatlin, Rodchenko and Chagall.

**MALAGA CONTEMPORARY ART CENTRE (CAC)**

Located in the old wholesalers’ market, it has major works by avant-garde artists.

**CAR AND FASHION MUSEUM**

Discover a world of luxury and glamour: restored cars that are true works of art, haute couture, contemporary art installations, etc.
TASTING MALAGA

On the beachfront, in a terrace overlooking the city or in a modern Michelin-star restaurant... Sample the exquisite cuisine of Malaga as you please.

Enjoy its traditional dishes. At the beach you can try pescaito frito (fried fish) or espeto (fish or seafood, most typically sardines, on long skewers, wood grilled on the sand).

The bars and taverns in the centre offer the perfect way to enjoy a very Spanish tradition: going out for tapas. Try gambas al ajillo (garlic-fried prawns) or boquerones en vinagre (marinated anchovies). And savour traditional dishes like ajoblanco (a cold soup made of almonds, garlic, bread, oil and vinegar) or meatballs in almond sauce.

You can also enjoy quality avant-garde cuisine: several restaurants have received Michelin stars.

Try Malaga’s cuisine at the city markets. The Atarazanas, Salamanca and La Merced markets are especially attractive.
MALAGA THROUGHOUT THE SEASONS

You can enjoy Malaga at any time of year. As well as an ideal climate, it has more than a dozen festivals.

SUMMER
Endless activities are in store for you at the Malaga Fair. To experience an exciting music festival on the beach, try the Weekend Beach Festival at Torre del Mar. If you like fashion, don’t miss Larios Málaga Fashion Week. The parades take place on an outdoor catwalk that is over 300 metres long.

AUTUMN
Jazz lovers can enjoy the International Jazz Festival. During several days in November, you can listen to great performers of this style of music.

WINTER
Thanks to its mild climate you can enjoy outdoor activities like golf, hiking or horse riding through mountain villages. Malaga has a colourful winter thanks to the flowering of its almond trees. Towns such as Casabermeja, Arenas, Ardales, Carratraca, Almogía, Periana and Guaro are filled with their white and pink tones.

SPRING
In spring, religious tradition takes over the streets, with the Easter Week processions. In April, you can get to know Spanish cinema at first hand at the Malaga Spanish Film Festival.
BEACHES

Choose from Malaga's 16 beaches to enjoy the sea and the good weather.

One of the most popular urban beaches for the family is La Malagueta. You'll find it between Malaga's port and La Caleta beach.

If you want to do sport, choose the big La Misericordia beach. Walk along the seafront promenade, named after the actor from Malaga, Antonio Banderas.

If you prefer a less crowded beach, go to Campo de Golf de San Julián Beach, surrounded by vegetation. It has a children’s area, car parking and beach bars. If you like to go nude, you will like El Candado Beach.

NATURE

Observe migratory coastal birds in the nature area of the Guadalhorce estuary. This protected nature area has five observatories by its lagoons.

For sports or a quiet stroll the Montes de Málaga Nature Reserve offers 5,000 hectares of beautiful landscape. This is home to one of the largest colonies of chameleons in Andalusia.

Malaga province boasts being one of the most mountainous in Spain. You can go hiking in such spectacular places as Torcal de Antequera, a nature area with strange karstic limestone formations.
If you come with the whole family, you will find many things to do. All the beaches here have a very laid back family atmosphere. A great thing to do with kids is to take a return trip on a boat to some of the towns like Benalmádena, Fuengirola and Torremolinos, or to go further out to sea and find dolphins.

Malaga also has some incredible theme parks. Visit Aqualand Torremolinos, which has water games and a mini golf course. Descend 80 metres at high speed, swim in a wave pool or dive into virtual reality at Aquavelis Aquatic Park.

At Tivoli World, the theme park in Benalmádena, you can choose from over 40 attractions or take part in entertainments.

Peek into the jungles of Madagascar and Southeast Asia at Bioparc Fuengirola animal park. Selwo Aventura zoological theme park, in Estepona, offers you an exciting African adventure. You can discover its fauna and cross hanging bridges. Dare to fly over Africa Lake on the giant Ziwa zip-line. Selwo Marina, in Benalmádena, offers you unique experiences amongst dolphins, sea lions and penguins.

If you still have time and want to enjoy more of this charming coastal city, there is much to discover.

PARKS AND GARDENS

Pedro Luis Alonso Gardens, in Latin style with Spanish-Arabic and French influences, have orange trees, ponds and a beautiful rose garden. Nearby, on the southern side of Gibralfaro hill, are the Puerta Oscura Gardens, combining plants with fountains, paths, arbours and terraces.

Picasso Gardens, in the shape of a flower, have centuries-old ficus trees, tropical plants and a sculpture by Miguel Ortiz Berrocal in homage to Picasso.
The English cemetery, the first Protestant cemetery in Spain, has exotic plant species in an historic artistic garden from the 19th and 20th centuries.

SECRET MUSEUMS

The Museum of Art and Popular Traditions, housed in a 17th century inn building, shows how Malaga’s inhabitants lived in the 19th century. To go back to prehistory, visit Malaga Prehistoric Park, in the La Araña district.

If you prefer an historical tour of Málaga through paintings, sculptures and graphic works, come to the Municipal Heritage Museum (MUPAM).

At the Wine Museum you can learn how winemaking has evolved and take part in a wine tasting.

If you are interested in crafts and decoration, visit the old artisan neighbourhood of San Felipe de Neri where you will find the Glass and Crystal Museum.

To immerse yourself in the world of musical instruments, visit the Interactive Music Museum (MIMMA).

MONUMENTS

The Old María Cristina Conservatory is a beautiful 15th century building, originally in Mudejar style.

Visit Atarazanas central market, an example of Malaga’s 19th century architecture, or Salamanca Market, with its unique neo-Arabic architecture.

THE ROOFTOPS OF MALAGA

The Gibralfaro viewpoint offers the best views of the city. You can reach it by going through the Puerta Oscura Gardens. For a panoramic view of the bay, go to the Cerrado viewpoint.

ENJOY THE NIGHTLIFE

The streets between Plaza de la Merced square and Plaza de la Constitución square make up one of the main nightlife areas. If you prefer somewhere more relaxed, try La Malagueta, Muelle Uno or the Pedregalejo seafront promenade.

If you want to have fun away from the city centre, you can choose from the Plaza Mayor and Málaga Nostrum leisure centres.
Follow the Malaga of Picasso route. You can discover the environment of Picasso's early life in the house where he was born, now the Picasso Foundation, and visit places like the San Telmo Fine Arts School, where his father taught drawing, and see an important collection of his works in the Picasso Museum of Malaga.

To explore the city's history from Roman times to the present day, follow the Malaga monuments route. Complete your tour with a visit to Gibralfaro Castle.
WHAT TO VISIT
NEAR MALAGA

If you have already had a good look at Malaga, it’s time to get to know other places near the city.

COSTA DEL SOL

More than 300 days of sunshine per year, beautiful beaches, an abundance of popular festivals and exquisite cuisine make the Costa del Sol one of the most attractive areas in Spain.

If you like villages with narrow streets and whitewashed houses, visit Mijas, a coastal village surrounded by a beautiful mountainous landscape. Enjoy the meandering streets in Nerja and the view of the Mediterranean from its Balcón de Europa viewpoint, or delve into the subterranean galleries of Nerja Caves.

Let yourself be dazzled by the luxury and glamour of Marbella, an exceptional place for golf, water sports, horse riding... and luxury shopping.

You have many cities to discover along the Costa del Sol's 161 kilometres: Estepona, Fuengirola, Torremolinos, Rincón de la Victoria...

ANTEQUERA

Famous for its traditionally-made Christmas sweets, in the town centre you can discover palaces, convents, shrines, noble houses and even an Arab fortress. You can see constructions from the Bronze Age, like the Menga Cave Dolmen.

RONDA

You will be amazed by the deep 150-metre gorge that divides the city in two. There are three bridges that cross it: the most famous is Puente Nuevo bridge, from the 18th century. Explore the old town’s medieval layout with Arab influences.
HOW TO GET THERE

TRAIN
Well connected. The high-speed train (AVE) links Malaga with the main cities of Andalusia and the rest of Spain. The journey time to Madrid is just over 2 hours. Local, medium and long distance trains arrive at the centrally located María Zambrano station.

PLANE
The airport is just 8 kilometres from the city centre.

CAR
Easy to get to from the different parts of Spain. It is well connected by the A-92 and A-7 motorways.

BOAT
Malaga is one of Spain’s main ports. It is used by the world’s most important shipping companies and has regular lines to Melilla.

GETTING AROUND MALAGA

UNDERGROUND
Two lines connect the centre with the western part of the city and the university area.

BUS
It has an extensive network, including an express service to the airport. You also have the option of a tourist bus.

LOCAL TRAINS (“CERCANÍAS”)
A line runs along the coast from Malaga to Fuengirola. Another goes to Álora, in the centre of Malaga province.

OTHER FORMS OF TRANSPORT
You can go for a ride in a horse-drawn carriage, or hire a bicycle, motorbike or segway.