

Malaga



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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**.

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**. There are some 40 exhibition spaces waiting to welcome you.

You will find Malaga's culture pulsating in its streets, squares and stunning monuments, such as the **Roman the-**

atre, the **Alcazaba citadel** and the **cathedral**.

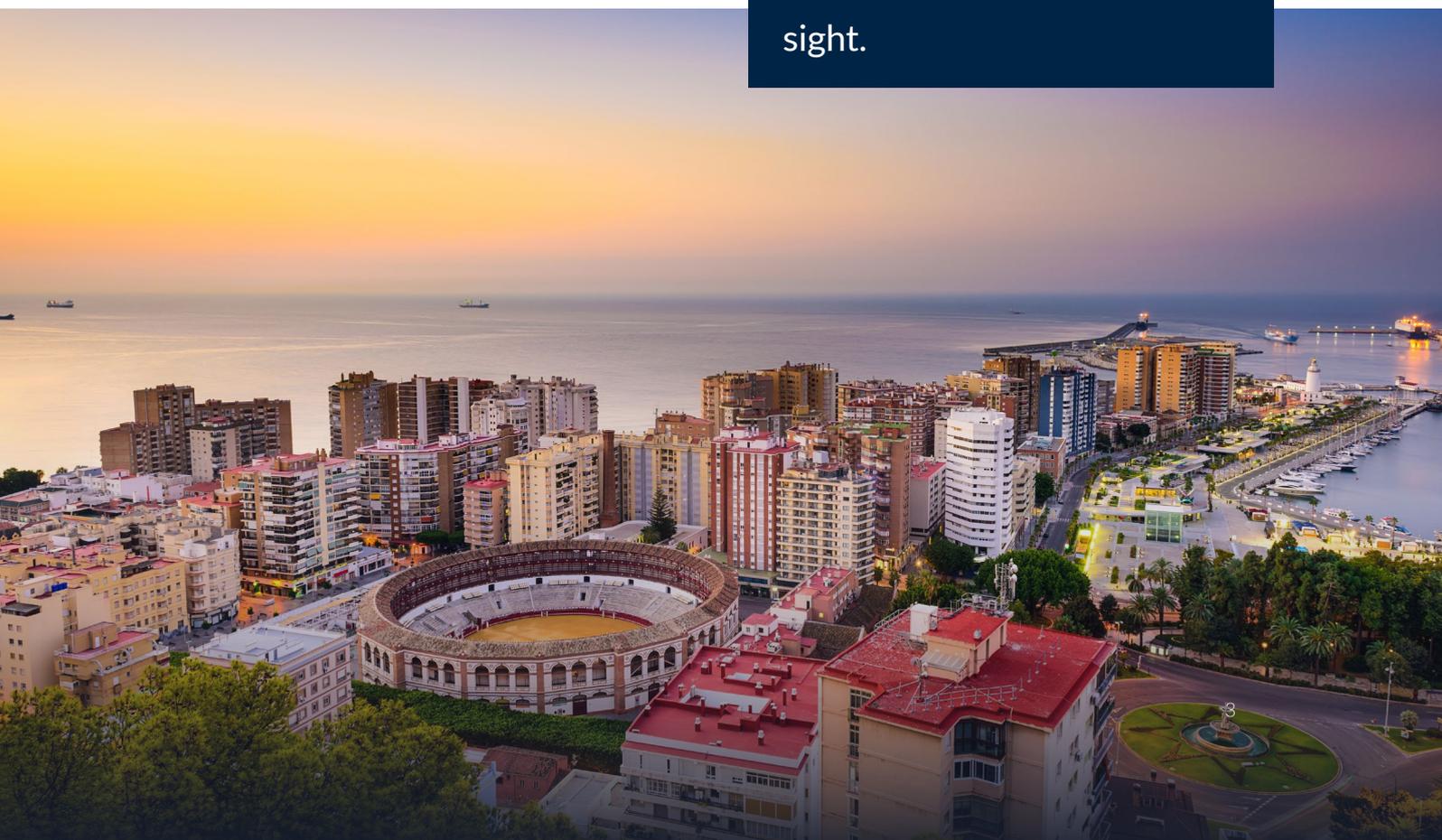
And whether it's time for lunch or dinner, try the traditional ***pescado frito***, or ***espetos*** (skewered sardines grilled over hot embers), or treat yourself to avant-garde cuisine by outstanding chefs.

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

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.

A city full of light that you will fall in love with at first sight.

▼ AERIAL VIEW OF MALAGA



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DISCOVER MALAGA NEIGHBOURHOOD BY NEIGHBOURHOOD

▲ CALLE DEL MARQUÉS DE LARIOS

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 **Unicaja Foundation Malaga Cultural Centre**. 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.



▲ EPISCOPAL PALACE

LA MERCED

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 **Picasso Birthplace Museum**. 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 **Basilica 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 **Malaga Contemporary Art Centre (CAC Malaga)**. 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** promenade. **Muelle Uno** 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 **Gibraltar 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**, **Bank of Spain** and the **Rectorate of the University**.

MALAGA

CULTURE

If you want to immerse yourself in culture, this Andalusian city has a lot to offer.



ST PETERSBURG RUSSIAN MUSEUM COLLECTION
Photo: Malaga Tourist Board

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 MALAGA

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

CARMEN THYSEN MUSEUM IN MALAGA

Here you can get to know 19th century painting, particularly from Andalusia. The museum is located in the 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 Khalo, René Magritte, Joan Miró and Antoni Tàpies, amongst others. Its permanent collection focuses on 20th and 21st century art.

ST PETERSBURG RUSSIAN MUSEUM COLLECTION MALAGA

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 MALAGA)

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 one of the modern Michelin-star restaurants... Sample the exquisite cuisine of Malaga as you please.

Enjoy its **traditional dishes**. At the beach you can try *pescaíto 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**.

Try Malaga's cuisine at the city's Atarazanas, Salamanca and La Merced markets, where they use fresh local produce.

You can also enjoy quality avant-garde cuisine: two restaurants have received Michelin stars - the restaurant of José Carlos García and Dani Carnero's Kaleja.



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**. There are numerous music festivals for you to enjoy in summer: the **Oh, see! Festival**, the “**Málaga Clásica**” **International Chamber Music Festival**, the **Festival Terral**, the **Brisa Festival** and **Sabàtic Fest**. 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.



▲ MALAGA FAIR

AUTUMN

Jazz lovers can enjoy the **International Jazz Festival**, which runs for several days in November and attracts leading artists in this style of music.

WINTER

Thanks to its mild climate you can enjoy outdoor activities like golf, hiking or horse riding through mountain villages. And January and February host the **Malaga Theatre Festival**, one of the most important events for performing arts in the city.



▲ EASTER WEEK

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 sea-front 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.



PLAYA DE LA CALETA 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.

TOURISM FOR ALL THE FAMILY IN MALAGA

Malaga is a city to experience and enjoy with the whole family, with specific plans for kids. The city's main museums offer parallel programmes to their exhibitions where kids can enjoy workshops, storytelling and even camps. It even has museums specially for children, such as the **Museum of the Imagination**, the **Malaga Interactive Museum of Music (MIMMA)** and the **Principia Science Centre**.

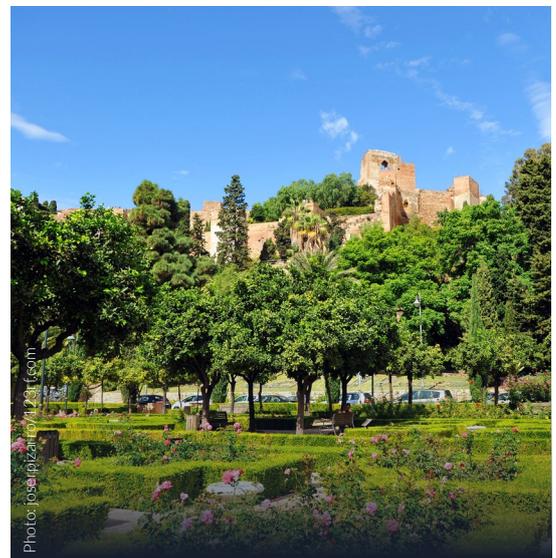
The natural world is also waiting to welcome kids in Malaga, with a multitude of options, such as the Montes de Málaga Natural Park, Monte Gibralfaro, the Guadalhorce estuary, the Oeste, Hue-lin, Cinema, Litoral and Virreina parks, and the El Morlaco forest park.

Malaga's beaches also have play areas for kids, sports zones and summer cinema. The most family-friendly beaches in the city are Misericordia, San Andrés, La Malagueta, La Caleta, Pedregalejo-Las Acacias, El Palo, El Dedo and El Peñón del Cuervo.

THE HIDDEN CITY

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

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 Pre-historic 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**.

ENJOY THE NIGHTLIFE



▲ BODEGA EL PIMPI BAR

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 head to the Plaza Mayor and Málaga Nostrum leisure centres.



THE MALAGA PICASSO MUSEUM
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TOURS AND WALKS IN THE CITY



▲ AERIAL VIEW OF MALAGA

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 Birthplace Museum**, 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**.



▲ 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. Stroll through the beautiful old quarter of **Frigiliana**, 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.

If you want to enjoy a music festival at the beach, why not check out the **Weekend Beach Festival** at **Torre del Mar**.

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

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.



▲ PUERTO BANÚS
MARBELLA

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

Malaga is one of the most mountainous provinces in Spain. You can go hiking in such spectacular places as **Torcal de Antequera**, a landscape of strange karstic limestone formations.

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.



▲ TORCAL DE ANTEQUERA

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 in search of 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 the **Aquavelis Aquatic Park**.

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, or you can visit **Sea Life** to discover the amazing creatures that live at the bottom of the sea.

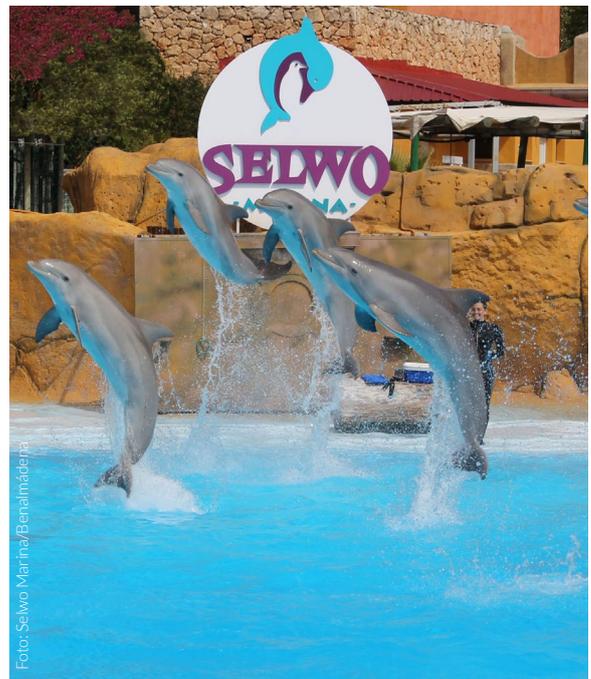


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▲ SELWO MARINA
BENALMÁDENA



SIERRA DE LAS NIEVES NATIONAL PARK

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.



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