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Malaga has it all.

From perfectly sunny beach weather in summer and winter (yes, about 24 degrees in the winter months) to a number of museums and other cultural happenings like the Malaga film festival, to a vivid nightlife & bar scene and some great shopping districts.

The Alcazaba



The Alcazaba is a fortified palace that dates from the Muslim era. It's located in the foothills of Mount Gibralfaro. The Alcazaba and the Gibralfaro Castle are linked by a rocky corridor called 'The Corach'.

The Alcazaba is also next to the Roman Theatre, the city park and opposite the port, which gives it a unique and privileged enclave.

Open in Summer, everyday, from 9h30 to 20h, and in Winter, from 8h30 to 19h.

General admission: 2,10€. Students, seniors and children under 16: 0,60€. Combined entry Alcazaba + Gibralfaro Castle: 3,45€. Free admission, every Sunday, after 14h.

Roman Theatre



Discovered by accident in 1951, after being buried for centuries. Workers renovating the "Casa de la Cultura", which sat on top of it, stumbled upon this most amazing archaeological discovery. In 1994, when the "Casa de la Cultura" was demolished, the full grandeur of the Roman Theater was finally revealed once more. The Theatre has its origins in the I Century, when Malaga was part of the Roman province of Hispania Ulterior. Built in the era of Augustus, it was in use up to the third century. In the Muslim era it was used as a quarry for the restructuring of the Alcazaba.

November to March: Tuesday to Saturday: 9h to 19h, Sunday: 10h - 14h30.
April to October: Tuesday to Saturday: 10h - 21h, Sunday: 10h - 14h30.

FREE ADMISSION.

Gibralfaro Castle



The Gibralfaro Castle is a fourteenth-century castle, built by Yusuf I of Granada. It sits on an ancient Phoenician compound which also contained the lighthouse that gives its name to the hill Gibralfaro (Jbel-Faro, or Mount of the Lighthouse). Today, the castle is open to tourists, and from there you can see magnificent views of the city of Malaga, and, on a clear day the Atlas Mountains across the Strait of Gibraltar.

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La Concepcion Botanical Garden



The Conception Historic Botanical Garden (Jardín Botánico-Histórico de la Concepción) is an English-style garden with more than 150 years of history. It's one of the few tropical gardens that exist in Europe. It has more than 5,000 plants from about 500 tropical and sub-tropical species and a wide variety of palm trees (more than 50 different species). Created as a recreational estate for a noble family it became publicly owned in 1990 and was opened to the public in 1994.

April to September: Tuesday - Sunday: 9h30 - 20h30, October to March: Tuesday - Sunday: 9h30 - 17h30.

General admission: 4,20€. Entry seniors and children under 16 y: 2,10€

Cathedral of Incarnation

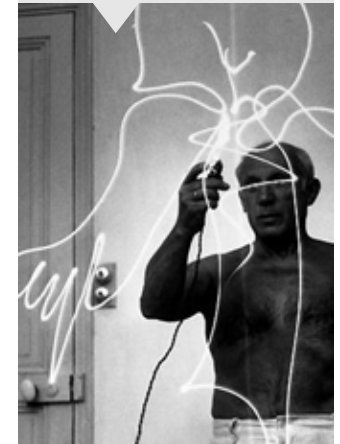


The Cathedral of Malaga is called Cathedral of the Incarnation (Catedral de la Encarnación in Spanish) and is located where the Mosque-Aljama stood the eight centuries of Muslim rule. Construction started in the first half of the sixteenth century (1528), and continued until the 18th. It remained unfinished and the subsequent alterations give the place the unique look that characterizes it and is the source of its popular name, "The Manquita." Inside there is a vast body of sculptural work, including 42 carvings by Pedro de Mena, Vargas and Giuseppe Ortiz Micael Alfaro. There is also a superb organ, with more than 4,000 pipes, which is still used today. It houses the Cathedral Museum.

Monday to Friday: 10h - 18h, Saturday: 10h - 17h.

General admission: 4 €

Picasso Museum



The Picasso Museum is housed in the Buenavista Palace, a Renaissance building from the sixteenth century and the most important example of noble architecture from this period. Tirelessly prolific, Picasso painted over 2,000 works. The donations of Christine and Bernard Ruiz-Picasso have been the mainstone of the Picasso Museum. More than 200 works including paintings, drawings, sculptures, ceramics and engravings testify to the magnitude of his long and prolific career, from its inception until the last academic paintings of the 70's.

Tuesday to Thursday and Sunday: 10h - 20h, Friday and Saturday: 10h - 21h.

General admission: 6 €

Picasso Birthplace Museum



The Pablo Picasso Foundation Museum showcases original works by Pablo Picasso in its permanent collection and during temporary exhibitions. The museum occupies the first floor of the building where the painter was born and lived the early years of his life. There are three rooms devoted to the different mediums used by Picasso, ceramics, prints and illustrated books.

Open everyday: 9h30 - 20h.

General admission: 1 €

Carmen Thyssen Museum



The collection includes the main genres in XIX Century Spanish painting, with special attention to Andalusian artists. There are more than 200 works on display at the Villalón Palace, a mid XVI Century building, in Malaga. The exhibition starts off with a series of paintings, including "Santa Marina" by Zurbarán. Then it continues with a section dedicated to Romantic landscapes and costumbrismo, depicting customs and manners, with works by Genaro Pérez Villaamil, Manuel Barrón and the Domínguez Bécquer Family. Marià Fortuny opens another section of preciosista painting and naturalist landscapes and then there are Spanish works from the late XIX Century, by Joaquín Sorolla, Anglada i Camarasa, Ignacio Zuloaga and Julio R. de Torres.

Tuesday to Sunday: 10h - 20h.

General Admission: €6
Reduced: €3,5

English Cemetery



Situated in a pleasant garden, this was the first Protestant cemetery in Spain. It rests on a piece of land given by the Governor of Malaga to the British consul in 1829. Here lies the poet Jorge Guillén (1893-1984).

Tuesday to Saturday:
09h30 - 14h30.
Sunday: 09h - 13h.

Beaches



Okay, okay, it's obvious. But in case you didn't notice, Malaga has some of the most beautiful beaches in southern Spain. So between visits to the city's great museums and tasty tapas bars, be sure to spend some time with friends soaking up the sun and sand and splashing around in the temperate waters of the Mediterranean.

restaurants



You should know how lucky you are

to be dining in Malaga! The best of traditional Andalucian cuisine meets the fresh fare of the Mediterranean here in Malaga. So loosen your belt and don't be afraid to try something new! The restaurants are equally as important as the beaches and just as memorable.

La Galerna

Paseo Marítimo El Pedregal



Situated on the sea front at Pedregalejo, La Galerna has bright, bohemian decor and is the perfect place to relax and watch the world go by. Fresh juices and milk shakes are served all day at La Galerna, as well as cocktails, fine wines and some great food. The outside terrace is spacious and comfortable and the menu is varied. Famous for its salads, La Galerna offers customers a great choice of lettuces, cheeses and dried fruits. Fish dishes and lighter bites are also a favourite here and the location is unbeatable.

Monday to Tuesday: 12h - 01h.
Wednesday: 11h - 17h; 21h - 24h.
Thursday to Sunday: 12h - 01h.

Café de Flores

Calle Madre Dios, 29



This place has recently transformed itself into a hip hang out for smart, young locals. With the walls adorned by abstract art, talented DJ sessions, and its fantastic location in the up-and-coming Plaza Madre de Dios, this café by day - restaurant by night always serves up good food and compliments it with a sharp atmosphere and great music. Menús are just under 10€ and generous mains will run you about 14-23€.

tel.: (+34) 952 608 524

Tuesday to Sunday:
13.30h until late...

Lechuga

Plaza Merced, 1



This place is fantastic for vegetarians, but it's certainly not exclusive. The chefs are well known for international fusion cuisine like the Indian style bhajis, their many creative salads, refreshing hummus, and desserts to die for.

Clandestino

Calle Niño de Guevara, 3



This fusion restaurant of European and Latin cuisine is situated in a stylishly fun setting with brick walls and wooden tables. Great food and lots of vegetarian options available. The staff is young, pierced, tattooed, and are some of the sweetest people ever. The menu is vast, including obligatory seafood dishes, meats, and an array of salads. The desserts – namely the cheesecake – are devastatingly good.

tel.: (+34) 952 219 390

Open from 13h to 01h.

El Trillo

Calle Esparteros, 8



El Trillo is one of Malaga's favourite restaurants. Specialising in traditional fish and meat dishes, including the wonderful cod loin vizcaina and the more local wild boar with berries, this is the perfect place for a special occasion. An extensive wine list accompanies the innovative menu, and there are also plenty of vegetarian dishes to choose from.

El Pimpi

Calle Granada, 62



El Pimpi is probably the most famous bar in Málaga, an emblem of the city filled with wine barrels autographed by Spanish celebrities, including Antonio Banderas. The highlight of El Pimpi would be the Moscatel wine, which is made on the premises and is considered to be an unofficial icon of Málaga. It can be bought in a small, medium or large bottle (if you haven't had it before, maybe get a glass or share a small bottle to see if you like it first). The thing I like most about El Pimpi is the decor - it's a large, comfortable building, and the walls are covered with big antique bullfighting and flamenco posters.

tapas



Renowned for its tapas bars, Malaga offers visitors some of the tastiest tapas in Spain, and favourites such as boquerones, tortilla, jamon Serrano and fresh oysters can all be found in and around the city centre. Some of the better tapas joints are hidden away in the back streets of Malaga, and they are well worth seeking out.

local tapas Specialities

Boquerones en vinaigrette: small anchovies soaked in oil and vinegar.

Chorizo: marbled salami-type sausage.

Croquetas: rolled and crumbed veal or ham, deep fried.

Ensaladilla: Russian salad.

Gambas al pil pil: prawns cooked in oil with garlic and chilli.

Higado: chopped liver served in a tomato sauce.

Lomo embuchado: pork cured and stuffed in a sausage skin.

Patatas ali-oli: potato salad with a garlic mayonnaise.

Patatas bravas: fried potato wedges served with a spicy chilli sauce.

Tortilla: a wedge of potato omelette.

El Tapy

Calle Madre de Dios, 42



The best meal that I have had in Málaga was at El Tapy - I went with some friends and we ordered 'Parrillada' - a big dish of meats, including sausage, chicken and different cuts of steak and pork. It comes with tasty sliced potatoes and fried pepper/capsicums. It costs 20€, but you will need to share it with at least 3 other people (there were 4 of us, and we still ended up taking some home), so for 5€ each you can't do better!

Aside from the Parrillada they have plenty of other great dishes, and tapas (always of a high quality) are served free with a drink!

Chopp

Calle Granados, 4



Chopp is a tapas bar from Granada, which means free tapas! They opened fairly recently in Málaga, it's a nice comfortable bar with wall mounted televisions so that you can watch any important football games while you enjoy the free tapas. You can't choose the tapas, but they have an impressive variety (with each drink you order, a new tapa is served), usually consisting of sandwiches, hotdogs, small wraps etc.

There is a menu available as well of course, with hamburgers, 'roscas' (big round sandwiches for sharing) and salads among other things.

100 Montaditos

Plaza la Constitución, 3



Right around the corner from the hostel, 100 Montaditos is one of our favourite spots to eat at. There is a menu of 100 small sandwiches to choose from (my favourites are number 100 - a hotdog with bacon, and pretty much anything with calamari in it). Large Pepsi and pints of beer are also 1€ (as long as you get at least one sandwich), and there are large salads, fries, olives and more to choose from.

100 Montaditos is especially popular on Wednesdays: 1€ everything!

Pepa y Pepe

Calle de la Calderería, 9
Pasaje de Heredia, 1*



Fried fish is a typical dish from Málaga, and Pepa y Pepe is the perfect place to try some 'rosada' (white fish), espeto (sardines), 'puntillitas' (small octopus), or my personal favourite, 'jibia' (squid).

Pepa y Pepe is a good place to go with some friends, order a different dish each and share! Rosada and patatas bravas isn't the same as fish and chips, but it's close!

***very close to the hostel**

Ajo Blanco

Plaza de Uncibay, 8



This bustling and lively tapas bar is famous for its traditional Andalusian fare. Taking its name from the famous white garlic soup served throughout Malaga, this traditional bar is a favourite among holiday makers and locals. Ajo Blanco also serves reputedly the best gazpacho in Malaga, and the menu includes a wide selection of paté, baguettes and smoked meats to choose from. Ajo Blanco is an old style tavern with a separate restaurant.

La Rebana

Calle Molina Lario, 4



Situated just a few metres from the cathedral at C/Molina Lario 4, La Rebana specialises in patés and cured meats, and the Serrano ham is a particular speciality. Other favourites such as scrambled eggs with ham and asparagus and wild mushrooms are also served at La Rebana. Very central and very busy, La Rebana has inviting dark wood interiors, and a friendly, yet hectic atmosphere. Resembling a bodega, La Rebana has a rustic feel to it and a fabulous bodega and extensive wine list.

El Orellana
Calle Moreno Monroy, 3



El Orellana is a tapas bar with a difference. El Orellana boasts many famous visitors from the world of music and theatre, and is popular with many Spanish celebrities, including Lola Flores. Open since 1938, the traditional exterior gives way to a warm and friendly tapas bar inside, and over 60 tapas are always on the menu. Snails, meatballs, black pudding and some of the finest ham is served at El Orellana, in addition to a large choice of local Malaga wines.

El Pimpi la Florida
Ctra de Almeria, 13



Situated on the Ctra de Almeria, 13, at El Palo, El Pimpi la Florida is one of the more traditional tapas bars in the Malaga district. With an lively ambience, and rows of tables along the back wall, El Pimpi la Florida offers informal dining at its best. The interior resembles the small Malagueñan taverns of yesteryear, and the walls are adorned with photos of famous flamenco dancers from Malaga. Locally caught seafood and cured meats are a speciality here and the menu changes regularly.

Taperia Siglo XX1
Plaza de la Merced, 12



A wonderful old-fashioned tapa bar which Picasso must have known well (he was born in this square), which is air-conditioned and specialises in local cheeses and Serrano ham.

Bar Logueño
Calle Maria Garcia, s/n



Popular with locals, this tapas bar has more than 75 choices ranging from sautéed oyster mushrooms (setas) to deep fried peppers at prices starting from just 1.50 euro.

Bodega la Quitapenas
Calle Sánchez Pastor, 2



A local institution that brims with locals and specializes in seafood accompanied by wines and sherry.

Café con Libros
Plaza Merced, 19



A popular student hang-out coffee bar with books and backgammon.

bars, clubs & nightlife



Literally hundreds of bars to choose from in Malaga. Many located around the city centre and the Cathedral. From Plaza Uncibay, buzzing with locals, to the open spaces and terrace bars of Plaza del Obispo, and the many bars and tapas found in Plaza de la Constitución, you'll enjoy the opportunity to find your favourites.

Rivalling any of its 'big city' counterparts, Malaga has become one of the hippest night spots in all of Spain.

A variety of venues cater to all tastes, ranging from Spanish bars, to clubs spinning dance, techno, and house beats, with a number of hip-hop and reggae meccas and a vibrant gay scene. People are slowly catching on to

all the city has to offer after hours.

La Tortuga

El Pedregal, 48



Situated on the water front at Pedregalejo, La Tortuga runs as a café by day and a lively cocktail bar by night. The spacious straw-roofed terrace is a major attraction, and it's perfect for a sunny winter afternoon or a hot summer's night. The bar itself is made from tree trunks and the decor is quirky. La Tortuga mainly attracts people in their 20s and 30s and is especially popular with foreign students. The music is varied, but is mostly Spanish disco and pop.

Open from Monday to Sunday:
16h - 03h.

El Jardín

Calle Cañon, 1



Dripping with elegance on a leafy corner near the cathedral and the Picasso museum, this place is great for people watching and light healthy fare with the added perk of regular live music, including skirt-swirling Latino on Thursday nights. As its name would suggest, the bar is surrounded by some of the city's most beautiful gardens, and enjoys a stunning location. Built in 1887, the building that houses El Jardín is a perfect example of the city's architecture.

Liceo

Calle Beatas, 21



This place attracts a local student crowd with its thumping music and fevered atmosphere. Set in a grand old mansion with several rooms and vibes to match your mood, this is alternative clubbing at its best. Comprising of two floors with a reception area and bar at the entrance and two bedrooms with additional bars on the ground floor. The staircase leads to a mezzanine level where you can watch the action down below, and several bars leading off the main floor. The music is usually loud house and this is not a place for the faint-hearted. Original floors and decor add to the intrigue of this club.

Entrance fee is from €6 - €10, depending on the day.

Sala Wengé

Calle Santa Lucia



Sala Wengé is situated in the historical quarter of Malaga city, in C/Santa Lucia, and is open on Tuesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday from 10pm till 7am. Playing mainly house music with guest DJ's and party nights, Sala Wengé is a great venue for serious music lovers, and is one of the biggest clubs in Malaga. Different sessions and events are held here throughout the year, and the bar attracts music fans from all over the Costa del Sol.

Tuesday, Thursday to Saturday:
22h - 07h

Siempre Asi

Calle Convalecientes, 5



Siempre Asi offers low lighting and plenty of space for a shimmy on the dance floor. The main music vibe here is Latino with rumba, salsa and rock also on the menu. A lively bar which attracts a mixed crowd. Popular with lovers of South American dance music and attracts visitors from all over the Costa del Sol.

flamenco & live music



Live music fills the night-time hang-outs of Malaga, and flamenco, having originated in southern Spain, is a popular standard. Though you can often trust your ears to locate a good venue, especially northwest of the Roman Theatre,

*we've got a few tips
to get you started.*

Vino Mio
Calle Álamos, 11



Restaurant in the centre of Malaga is cozy and well decorated, full of art and has a passion for international cuisine, exquisite and cosmopolitan. Our dishes are inspired from all over the world. Look at our menu to see exotic and traditional influences combined. Events Vino Mio is the best flamenco restaurant in Malaga and not only can you enjoy music and dancing, but also our art exhibit that changes month. We also offer free wine tasting upon request for a group of 10 people or more.

www.restaurantevinomio.com

Fortuna Club and Casino
Avda. Sol, Benalmádena



20 minutes outside Malaga (best reached via taxi), the vibrant and colourful dancers at Fortuna Club and Casino enthusiastically tap their feet and clap to traditional flamenco music. The atmosphere is open and cool and will have you sinking into your seat if you're not up clapping and tapping along. Oh, and if you want something more or if you feel lucky, head to the 'gambler's groove' and try a game of roulette before you leave. If you win, drinks are on you!

Kelipe
Calle Peña, 11



Northwest of Plaza de la Merced. Kelipe, a flamenco centre, puts on truly authentic performances over the weekends starting at 21.30h. The entry fee of €15 includes one drink and a tapa. It's quite popular so during the busy season of summer you may want to reserve ahead. Kelipe also hosts thorough weekend lessons in guitar and dance. Ole!

tel.: (+34) 692 829 885

www.kelipe.net

ZZ Pub
Calle Tejón y Rodriguez, 6



A funky late night club where you can elbow yourself in on Mondays and Thursdays to indulge in a little hip gyrating to the regular live bands; this club is popular with students.

festivals



The south of Spain is ready for a party anytime. Malaga is no exception. Year round there are a number of fantastic cultural events that bring the city to a fevered pitch in tradition, celebration and reverence. If you're lucky enough to visit at the right time,

*these events cannot
be missed!*

Malaga Carnival



Málaga Carnival takes place during February or March every year, it marks the lead up to Lent. The Carnival is a good excuse for people to let loose and indulge before the frugal Lent period arrives. The Carnival includes parades of costumed dancers and streams of performers, and characters in mask, the most famous of these performances are the traditional "murga" (street bands) temporary stages are set up in Plaza del Carbon, Plaza de los Martires, and Plaza de los Flores, to host the performances, which often go on until the small hours of the following morning. The parade reaches its peak on the last Sunday of the celebrations. The parade travels from Esperanza Bridge to La Malagueta beach, where the traditional "burial of the sardine" takes place, to mark the end of their indulgence, and a movement into Lent.

Noche de San Juan



The Night of San Juan is said to be magical and enchanted and takes place on the 23rd of June, marking the Summer Solstice. At Midnight on the 23rd, figurines called Juas (usually caricatures of public figures) stuffed with flammable substances such as paper and sawdust are burned on a bonfire. It is not uncommon for participants to bring old furniture to burn, to keep the fire going. As the fire subsides, a competition begins, people begin to jump across the remaining flames, whilst others continue to dance around the fire. There are myths which say that if you bath in the sea at Midnight you will receive eternal beauty, but then, many people look better wet anyways.

Picasso Month



The month of October marks the anniversary of the birth of Pablo Ruiz Picasso. To celebrate this anniversary a series of conferences, Art Exhibitions, Music Concerts and Competitions are hosted across the city. Popular activities are put together by The Pablo Ruiz Picasso Foundation and Málaga Town Hall. Each year they try to focus on a different aspect of Picasso's work. At the end of the celebrations, a grant is awarded to an aspiring artist.

Semana Santa



The celebration La Semana Santa is a tradition across the southern Spain. It celebrates the different stages of Via Crucis (the way of Christ). It is one of the busiest weeks in Málaga's calendar, the city becomes enveloped in cheerful music and good spirit. To mark the event, all of the Hermandades (Fraternities) of Málaga take their journey of penitence through the city they carry with them large floats holding images of Christ and the Virgin. The floats have been known to weigh up to 5 tons, and are carried by Hombres de Tronos (the throne men) across the city in full public view, it is quite a sight to behold.

Procession of the Virgin of Victory



The procession of La Virgen de la Victoria is celebrated on the 8th September every year. It marks the victory of Ferdinand and Isabel's victory over the Moors. The occasion is marked by a speech, given at midday usually by a local celebrity, followed by a procession from Nuestra Señora de la Victoria Church, to the Ayuntamiento (Town Hall). The procession is accompanied by a series of Town Hall officials.

Procession de los Reyes



This is the celebration of the Epiphany, on the 5th and 6th of January. It takes place in the City Centre. At 5pm on the 5th January, the Kings arrive at the port, and a child reads to them a letter, requesting gifts for all the children in Málaga. Then the parade begins, it travels from Paseo del Parque to the Ayuntamiento (Town Hall), with a series of floats passing through the streets, carrying Los Reyes (The Kings) Gaspar, Melchior and Baltasar, they lead the parade, whilst throwing small gift and sweets into the crowds for the children. The occasion is marked by 12 festive processions and 5 bands. After the parade, a festival takes place - organised by the post office - with a series of performers, including illusionists, singers, dancers and musicians.

museums



It shouldn't come as a surprise that history and culture are a point of pride here, enthusiastically promoted in Malaga's numerous museums and monuments. From ancient archaeological treasures, to traditional Spanish pastimes, a famous local artist and hero, to the contemporary art that still emerges from this city –

*you have everything
at your feet.*

Picasso Museum
Calle San Agustín, 8



What better place to see this famous painter's work than his hometown? With an interesting permanent collection and a dynamic limited exhibitions, this is usually at the top of many visitors lists, so booking ahead can be wise.

tel.: (+34) 952 602 731

Entry fee: 6€

www.museopicassomalaga.org

Pablo Picasso Birth House
Plaza Merced, 15



The "Casa Natal" or birthplace of the world famous artist Pablo Ruiz Picasso has been an official heritage site since 1983. It is situated in Plaza de la Merced, 15 in the heart of the historic centre of Malaga.

Entry fee: 1€
(if you are over 26 years)

Centre of Contemporary Art Malaga
Calle Alemania



In this museum you can find more than 400 different examples of mainly Spanish contemporary art from the 19th to 20th century.

Tuesday to Sunday:
11h - 14h; 17h30 - 21h30
Closed on Monday.

FREE entry.

Bullfighting Museum
Paseo de Reding



Bullfighting art & history. Get an idea of this famous Spanish hobby. Costumes & posters of their best fighters are exhibited. Plaza de Toros "La Malagueta".

Monday to Friday:
10h - 13h; 17h - 20h

Malaga Aquarium
Calle Manuel Agustin Heredia, 35



The Aquarium of Malaga has all kind of maritime recreations, with a variety of different sea species. It also has a part dedicated to the life at sea where you can find ships, models, and other fishermen tools.

Monday to Friday: 10h - 14h30

Archaeological Museum



The Archaeological Museum is located in the castle-fortress La Alcazaba. It contains important archaeological findings from the Phoenician era to the Moorish epoch. Many of the findings were found under the restoration of La Alcazaba and include Roman sculptures and mosaics, Arab ceramics and other pre-historical findings.

Everyday: 9h - 20h.

day trips



Malaga enjoys a dreamy position on the Costa del Sol, located near stunning natural sites and a number of very cool, often overlooked destinations. An excursion out of the city is

always a rewarding endeavour.

El Chorro y Camino del Rey



Walk El Caminito Del Rey with us. Also known as the King's Pathway, this is a very unusual walkway, now fallen into disrepair, pinned along the steep walls of the narrow gorge of El Chorro, near Malaga (approximately 2 hours drive from Gibraltar). The walkway has now gone many years without maintenance, and is in a highly deteriorated state. It is approx 1m wide, and is over 200m (700ft) above the river. Nearly the entire path has no handrail. Some parts of the walkway have completely collapsed and have been replaced by a (Via Ferrata) beam and a metallic wire on the wall.

Marbella y Puerto Banus



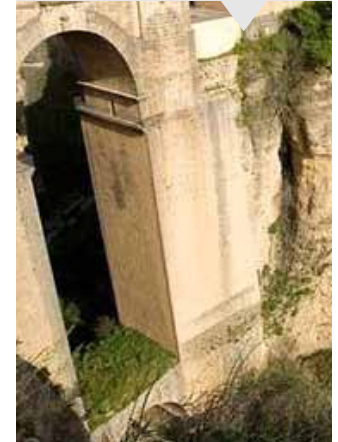
Puerto Banus, as we know it, began its development in the early 70's on one of the most beautiful spots in Marbella. It was designed and developed by Jose Banús, who was, actually, a very close friend of the dictator Franco. This astonishing settlement, with its distinctive style in such amazing weather all year round, has always been one of the favourite destinations of the rich and famous world-wide. In the actual Marina and in the surrounding areas, you can find plenty of designer Boutiques and good Restaurants.

El Torcal de Antequera



La Sierra del Torcal is situated some 10 Kms from the town of Antequera which, with its eastern foothills, the Sierra Pelada, results in an awesome view of majestic mountain ranges punctuated by intriguing rock formations and angles. Observed from any direction, the heavy, solid form of the Sierras belies the morphological world which lies all but hidden between the mountain peaks. In order to enter this magical world, it is necessary to climb the steep inclines and delve far and beyond the mountain protagonist. For millions of years, water has penetrated the rocks and chiselled out strange figures and formations like some crazed sculptor at work.

Ronda



The beautiful and historical town of Ronda is one of the most visited towns in Andalusia with most people arriving on day excursions from the Costa del Sol. It lies some 60km up a winding mountain road from Marbella. On this excursion you will visit Spain's oldest bullring and the historic quarter which is reminiscent of the Arab age with a medieval layout.

Nerja and Frigiliana



Enjoy a full day excursion from the Costa del Sol to Nerja and Frigiliana. Frigiliana is a beautiful, white Malaga village that conserves the essence of Andalucia. In Nerja you will get a chance to visit its prehistoric cave with impressive auditoriums and galleries. Enjoy the panoramic views at the foot of the Almirante mountain range.

Tangier by ferry from Tarifa or Algeciras



This has rapidly become one of our best sellers and it's no wonder as it's not every day that you get the chance to spend a day in Africa. The journey across the Straits of Gibraltar is by hydrofoil and takes just 35 minutes. On arrival in Tangiers your tour guide will take you on a sightseeing tour of this fascinating Moroccan city including a visit to the Kasbah. Lunch is in a typical restaurant where you'll try some local speciality such as couscous. The tour continues with stops at small markets stores and a coach excursion around the city with the opportunity to take a camel ride at one of the stops.

Gibraltar



On this full day excursion to the Rock of Gibraltar you'll be able to learn something of its long and fascinating history. You will visit the Rock's tunnels, Punta Europa, San Miguel caves and monkey reserve. Gibraltar is still of enormous strategic importance lying on a narrow neck which separates Europe from Africa and provides the only link between the Atlantic Ocean and the Mediterranean Sea.

Enjoy a full day shopping excursion to Gibraltar from the Costa del Sol where you'll be able to make the most of some impressive duty free prices especially on alcohol and tobacco. The main street offers a vast selection of souvenirs from delicate glassware, priceless porcelain, electrical goods, leatherware, perfumes, spirits, jewellery, silks or cashmere.

Tarifa



Tarifa has long been regarded as being one of the surfing Mecca's of Spain. It is quite a drive from Malaga, about 160km from Malaga but the drive is well worth it. A trip to Tarifa is well worth it for its windsurfing potential, its wonderfully rugged scenery along the coastline and its abundance of flora and fauna. You can select plenty of beach activities that suit you here, from horse riding on the beach, hand gliding, rock climbing and kite flying. After you have spent time on the beach take a stroll around the enchanting town and enjoy its majestic buildings, which date from the 8th century, and wind your way through the narrow cobble stone streets. One of the most exciting sights from Tarifa is the sight of the Rif Mountains, just across the sea in another continent, North Africa.

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It may not be as exciting as tapas bars and beaches, but it's important to make sure that you have all the information you need, not just to enjoy yourself, but to ensure a safe and worry-free visit. This list of useful numbers and emergency / transportation information will keep you on the right track,

if you take a wrong turn somewhere.



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Provincial Tourism Agency
Avda. Aurora, Edf. Múltiples
tel.: (+34) 952 347 300

Tourist Info. Municipal Office
Plaza de la Marina
tel.: (+34) 952 213 445

Tourist Information Office
Junta de Andalucía,
Aeropuerto de Málaga
tel.: (+34) 952 048 484 (Ext: 586)

Tourist Info. Municipal Office
Avda. Cervantes, 1 Pº Parque
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National Police (Policía Nacional)
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Local Police (Policía Municipal)
tel.: (+34) 092

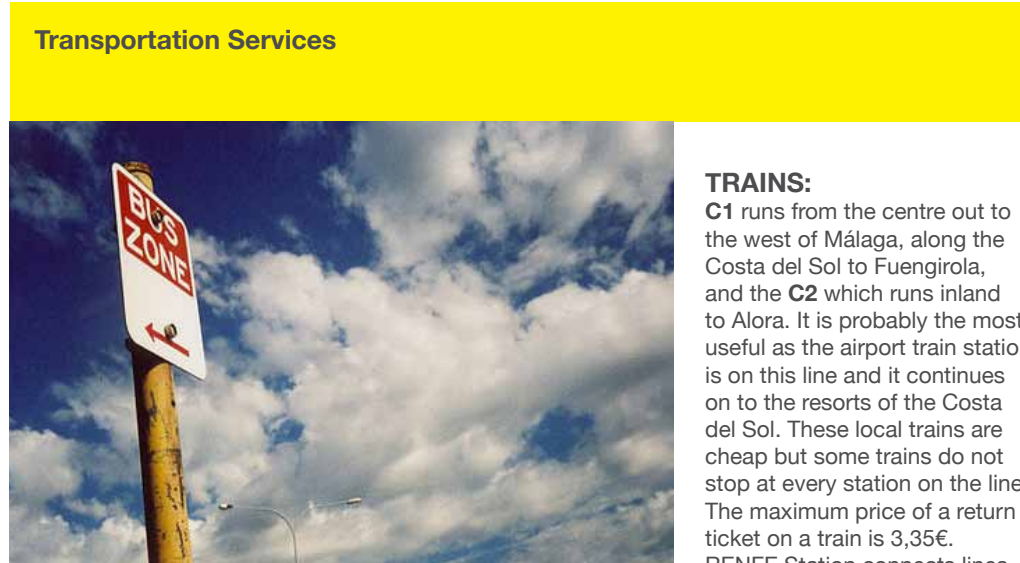
Civil Guard (Guardia Civil)
tel.: (+34) 062



Fire Service (Bomberos)
tel.: (+34) 080 / 085

Medical (Ambulancia)
tel.: (+34) 061

Pharmacies (Farmacias)
tel.: (+34) 010



BUSES:
The EMT (Empresa Malagueña de Transportes) is Malaga's network of public buses. Each ride costs 0.95€, regardless of the duration and there are a number of bus cards available: 10 journeys costs 6€ and you can also buy a month-long pass for 30€. There is also a useful night bus service across the city.

www.emtsam.es

TAXIS:
Taxis in Málaga are everywhere and can be flagged down anywhere as long as they have their green "libre" light on. Taxi rates are very cheap and the meter rarely reaches 5€ on short hops around the city. The standard airport transfer cost to the city centre is 12€ but with luggage it's more likely to be around 15€.

BICITAXI (Rickshaw):
Malaga is the first city in Andalucía to offer BiciTaxi service, and it's become a distinctive part of the Málaga experience. Service is free to everybody, and they can be found in the city centre from 11h until 20h, seven days a week.

TRAINS:
C1 runs from the centre out to the west of Málaga, along the Costa del Sol to Fuengirola, and the **C2** which runs inland to Alora. It is probably the most useful as the airport train station is on this line and it continues on to the resorts of the Costa del Sol. These local trains are cheap but some trains do not stop at every station on the line. The maximum price of a return ticket on a train is 3,35€. RENFE Station connects lines C1 and C2 and is also the station for longer inter-city and cross-country travel across Spain. Consult the ticket office at the station for connections (often via Bobadilla) to other destinations. It is advisable to purchase tickets for longer distance train travel in advance as popular routes and times often become sold out especially at weekends and holiday times.

www.renfe.es/cercanias/malaga