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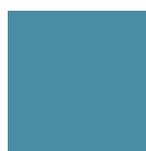
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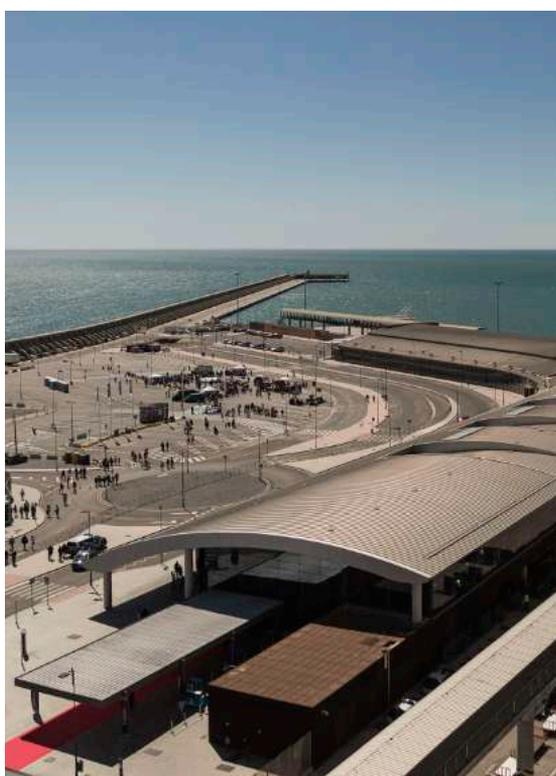


welcome

"The views at dawn show a city of contrasts: the Arabic fortress and castle on the top of the mountain, the city center by the port, churches here and there, modern buildings full of life and business, beaches awaiting to be enjoyed in just a few hours..."

My friends and I are playing a game in this cruise. Each visit is decided only by one of us, so at this time today I don't know yet if I am going to visit the city, Costa del Sol, or maybe Cordoba or Granada. For sure we will try some local dishes and do some shopping. Or maybe not, and we have some other adventure for today?"

It's time to smile, go and see..."



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Port of Málaga

Cruise facilities & services

The Port of Málaga is located in Southern Spain, and because of its strategic location it can be considered in **routes to the Med & to the Atlantic**, both North & South.

It provides an **easy access** for ships, and **trouble-free weather conditions all year round**, as for winds and **waves**, which are **mostly under 0.5m**. Tides are not an issue either, with a **tide level range of max. 0.80m**.

The port has been completely renewed and enlarged in just a few years, now boosting 5 cruise-dedicated berths, 3 state-of-the-art terminals and a wide range of services for cruise lines and cruise guests, a great option for **transit and also homeport** in Southern Europe.

LOCATION

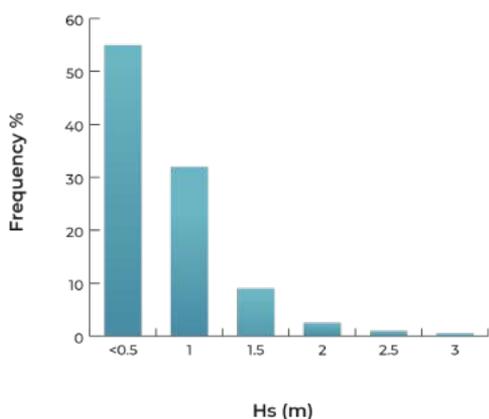


Berth information	Quai n. 2	ADL	North berth	South berth	Eastern quay
Corresponding terminal	Terminal El Palmeral	Terminal A	Terminal A	Terminal B	Terminal B
Length (m)	245	110	204	198	555
Width (m)	15	23	31	29	13,50
Depth (m)	10	10,50	12	12	17
Max. Ship length	200	290	370	370	No limit
Distance between bollards (m)	16/18	12/30	16	16	18/43
Distance between first and last bollard (m)	245	300	390	410	580
Max. Strength capacity of bollards (mt)	100	150	150	150	200
Fenders	Ø 1000	# 2500	# 3000	# 3000	Ø 1950
Distance between fenders (m)	25	30	16	16	28
Height of quay edge over low tide (m)	2,10	2,60	3,20	3,20	3
Connection to passenger terminal	1 Mobile gangway	Shuttle bus	2 Mobile gangways	Pier level (temporary)	Shuttle bus
Mobile gangway heights over low tide (m)	2,10/14,00	-	9,00/13,00	-	-

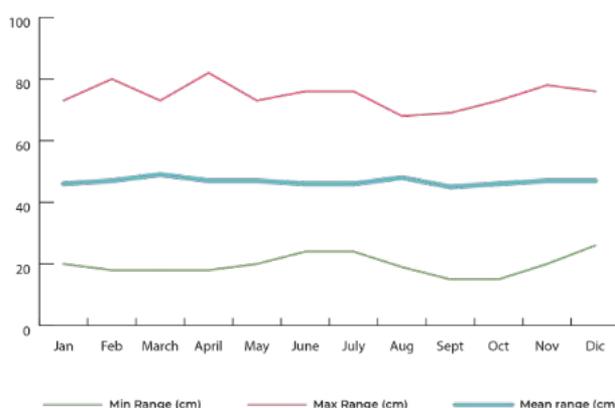
Total cruise berthing area length: **1,950 m**

Operations area: **99,000 sqm**

Waves & Tidal range



% of days yr 2019 / Wave height



Max, Min and Mean Tidal Range (cm) - Data 2019

Port & Commercial Services

Port services: Private (24h)

Piloting	VHF channel 11 2 boats
Mooring services	2 boats 3 vehicles
Tugs	2 tugs 6,300 hp/ 91 mt bollard pull
Marpol annex I	Daily capacity >150 m ³
Marpol annex V	Daily capacity >200 m ³
Passengers/luggage	2+1 terminals/ 18,864 +sqm 3+1 mobile gangways

Commercial Services – Private

Chandlers	Water (30mt/h/point – 75mt/h/ship) Fuel (tank / barge)
Supplies	Available
Shuttle bus	Inside operation area Terminal – city center public service available
Parking area	200(call)+200(turnar) cars 70 coaches
Commercial area	32,190 sqm
Electric connection (AMP)	Being studied
LNG supply	Project to be implemented

Cruise Terminals

Malaga Cruise Port manages all three cruise terminals in the Port of Málaga; Terminal A, Terminal B and Terminal El Palmeral.

Málaga Cruise Port is a subsidiary of **Global Ports Holding Plc**, the world's largest cruise port operator with an established presence in the Mediterranean, Caribbean and Asia-Pacific regions.

Common features to all terminals

- ISPS complying
- PRM adapted
- Bonded luggage: In a perfect synchro and comprehensive work between the airport and the port, the bounded luggage service is offered to the ship in which luggage is directly carried from cruise cabins to airport for disembarking passengers. For embarking passengers, they check-in their luggage at their departure airport, and find it in their cruise cabin. Is the most convenient process for the passenger, with the successful coordination of Cruise line, Port, Airport and Customs.



DID YOU KNOW...?

People from Málaga are known as *boquerones*



Even if demonym is *malagueños*, *boquerón* is a common nickname. It stands for 'anchovy', a very typical small fish in the area. Enjoy them fried in a *chiringuito* by the beach!

Terminal A

Turnaround Terminal

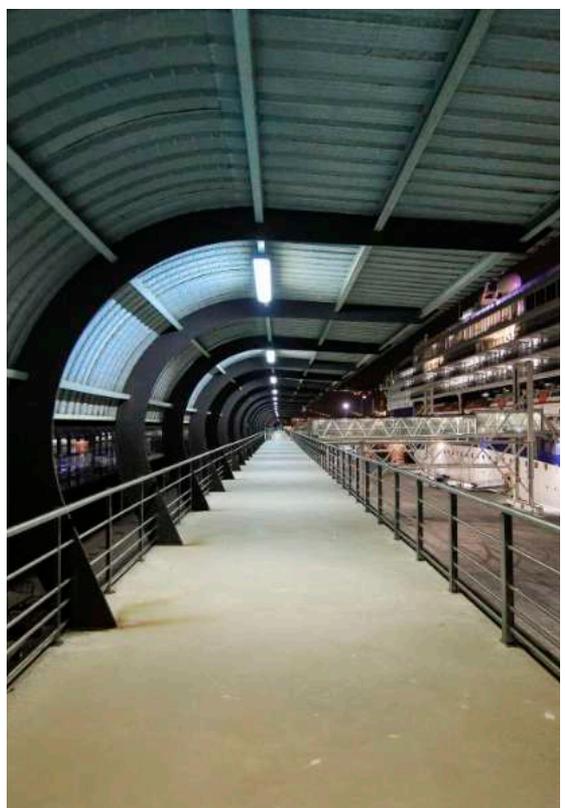
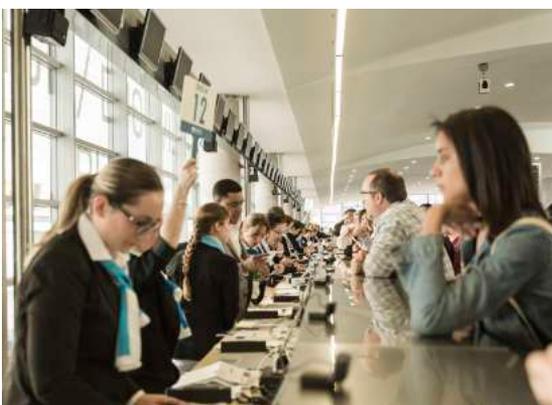
State-of-the-art terminal specially designed to host turnaround operations. Luggage handling is carried out with the help of 4 carousels comprising 800 linear meters in total to **handle 7,000 pieces of luggage in just 2.5 hours. Two boarding bridges** allow a comfortable operation.

A guest information desk, open during the call hours, offers a wide range of services and information of the city, at the same time our shopping area provides an **immersive experiential retail journey** with duty-free and duty-paid stores, local products and typical shows and tastings turning the moment into a first step into the city and the Andalusian idiosyncrasy.

It has received the biggest cruise ships like RCI's Oasis class or Carnival Cruise Line's Dream Class, **prepared for every single cruise ship in the world.**

Technical information

Indoor area	7,715sqm
Ground floor	Luggage drop-off and baggage claim, 4 conveyor belts, Custom, Information panels
First floor	Security control and Custom, 46 check-in counter desks, Embarking area, Waiting area, Shopping area, ATM, Snack area, PRM Desk, Guest Information Center, Luggage Storage under ship request
Boarding bridges	2, designed for overhanging boats' ships
Transit passengers	No limit
Turnaround passengers	4,000
Distance to Waterfront / city center	0.75 km / 2 km
Outside services	Parking area for shorex coaches, public shuttle service, taxi rank, rent-a-car, long-stay parking service



Terminal B

Operating several cruise ships simultaneously

Terminal B offers full turnaround and transit services to cruise passengers, and it can operate **up to three ships simultaneously in transit and/or turnaround**, guaranteeing an optimal signing and organization of operations, to ensure a convenient and easy access for cruise passengers.

A completely **renewed and involving retail area** designed exclusively for cruise passengers improves their experience in our facilities.

Technical information

Indoor area	8,367sqm
Ground floor	Luggage drop-off and baggage, claim, Security control and Custom, ATM, Shopping area, Snack area, Embarking area, Gate C, PRM Desk, Guest Information Center, Luggage Storage under ship request, Waiting area and other public areas
First floor	40 check-in counter desks, Embarking area, gates A and B, Waiting area
Transit passengers	No limit
Turnaround passengers	4,000
Distance to Waterfront / city center	0.75 km / 2 km
Outside services	Parking area for shorex coaches, public shuttle service, taxi rank, rent-a-car, long-stay parking service.



Terminal El Palmeral

The exclusive boutique terminal in the heart of the historical city center

The premium facility Terminal El Palmeral is located in “The Palm Grove of Surprises” waterfront (El Palmeral), **an emblematic environment surrounded by gardens in the heart of the historical city center**, being the Cathedral at only 5 minutes walking distance.

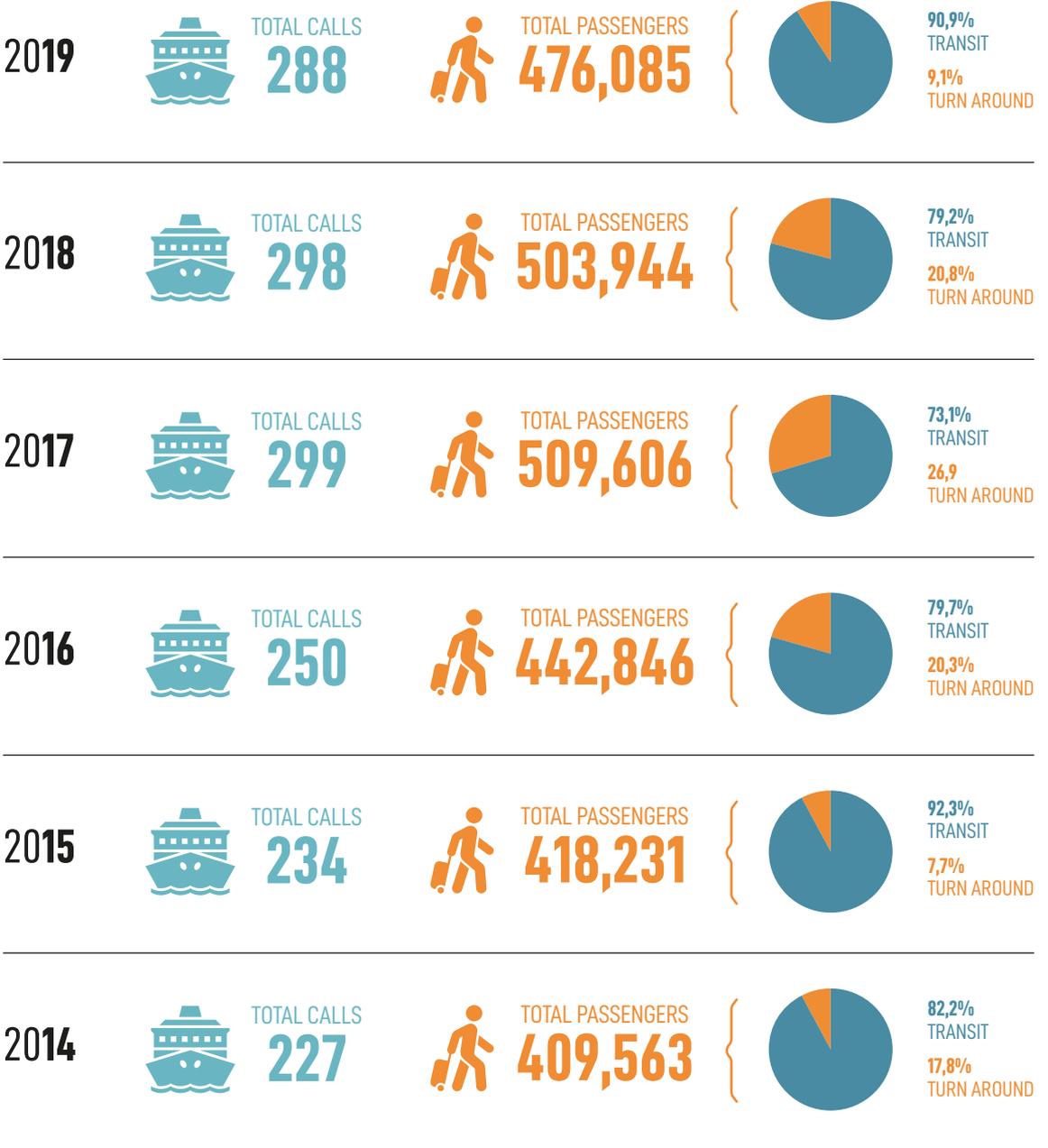
The Terminal El Palmeral is designed to operate small and medium size cruise ships, whose very special guests can enjoy a selection of handmade products and typical food of the city. With an open Guest Information desk during the call hours, this terminal offers a wide range of **exclusive premium services and experiences** to our cruise guests. Exclusive transfer to airport, private chauffeur, host & translator, personal shopper, restaurant bookings... Imagine what you want, and we get it!

Technical information

Indoor area	858sqm
Ground floor	Luggage drop-off and baggage claim. Security control, ATM, PRM Desk
First floor	Security control, Custom, Check-in counter desks, Embarking area, Waiting area, Shopping area, Snack area, Guest Information Center, Luggage Storage under ship request
Boarding bridges	1
Distance to city center	0.2 km
Outside services	Parking area for shorex coaches, taxi rank



Cruise statistics



Green Port & Good Practices

Malaga Cruise Port has become a reference of quality to cruise service at the national level being the **first port in Spain to be awarded with a Quality Service Certification concerning Cruise Traffic**, also certified with the recognized standards **ISO 9001** and **ISO 14001** for the management of businesses and environment respectively.



EcoPorts

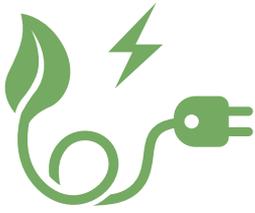
EcoPorts is an initiative, raising awareness around environmental protection through **cooperation and sharing of knowledge** between ports ultimately improving environmental management. The standard requires, amongst others, that the port presents an overview of major environmental issues that shows the environmental impact of the port operations and connected with this, to present the legal requirements that are aimed to reduce this impact. Certification is **awarded by the European Seaports Organisation (ESPO) after a successful audit by the independent auditor.**



Green Port

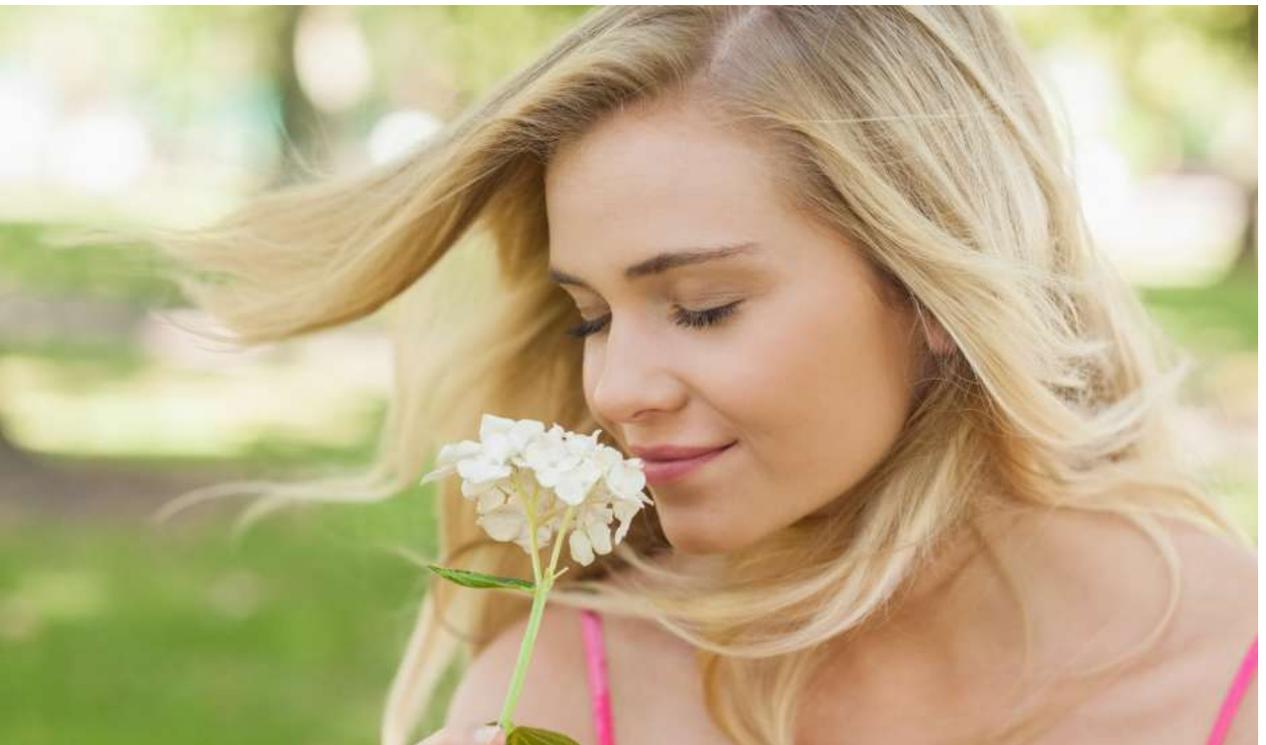
Project developed by the Port Authority of Málaga from 2019 to 2023, boosting the sustainable activity in the Port of Málaga.

Green areas will be added to the existing ones in the port facilities, among them those close to the cruise terminals in the Eastern area, for an **improved welcome of cruise passengers**. Also, renewable energy **cogeneration facilities** will be built and **carbon emissions will be reduced**, by fostering the use of renewable energies and increasing the energy efficiency in all processes.



Alternative energies

The Port of Málaga is currently undergoing studies to develop two other different ways of ship supply: **Electric Connection** for cruise ships, as well as **LNG supply**. These studies take into account local features and also the opinion from final users, essential for an optimal implementation.



What to see and do?

City of Málaga



Malaga is a key popular destination for cruise passengers, due to a vast range of shore options, **awarded as one of Europe's best shorex destination** in 2015, European Capital of Smart Tourism 2020-21 and European capital of Sports 2020. In fact, it is confirmed by 98% of cruise passengers who affirmed they would recommend the destination or would revisit.

And no wonder. Costa del Sol's capital is **one of Europe's most exciting cities** for the last decade. Due to its cultural basis, the city is a mix of international museums and **Andalucía's local charm** which boasts a revitalized pedestrian-only monumental downtown, very convenient for walking. **Arab and Roman heritage**, Picasso and 36 thematic **museums**, wonderful weather, flamenco, local **gastronomy** and shopping are the strong reasons for one of the most vibrant and revitalized destinations in the Med.

MALAGA, THE CITY OF FIVE SENSES

LIGHT AND COLOR

Malaga has undoubtedly the best climate in Europe, due to this golden area which enjoys more than 325 sunshine days all-year round.

COSMOPOLITAN

With a past of three thousand years of history, Malaga is currently the most dynamic and cosmopolitan large commercial city, mainly caused by its wealthy open society and a genuine lifestyle on which people from the five continents live together with locals.

ENTHUSIASTIC AND HOSPITABLE

The local Mediterranean personality is the authentic essence of a vital and hospitable society with an extraordinary sense of the livability of public spaces.

FLAVOR

Healthy Malaga's local cuisine prepared from natural products of the highest quality is used in dishes ranging from the most traditional tapas to the most sophisticated and delicious.

CULTURE

Malaga offers a marvelous and ancient monumental heritage, on a Roman, Arab and Catholic building basis, the city is a true and attractive blending of cultures.

Its thousand-year old history emerged from the sea, with the first mariners and traders who three thousand years ago arrived at these shores from the Mediterranean East. Since then its nature has been that of an open, business-oriented and welcoming city, which brings a good destination for travelers.

NEW BRANDS IN MALAGA 2015-2020

◇ Centre Pompidou Malaga

◇ St. Petersburg museum Art Collection

◇ Cathedral's roof top

◇ Malaga Museum (Fine arts & Archaeological collection)

◇ Atarazanas market's foodie area

◇ Miramar Hotel (GL 5*)

◇ Soho CaixaBank Theatre

♦ Malaga Cruise Shops

Málaga is an open city for the cruise passengers, due to this pioneer project, supported by +121 city-center located small shops which are open on non-stop opening hours on national bank holidays and Sundays whenever there is a cruise call.

♦ Málaga Pass

The Malaga Pass is a tourist card that offers a wide range of advantages for visitors to the city, with different options depending on the time you spend with us. It helps experience Málaga in the best possible way, saving time and money and guaranteeing a total experience.

MALAGA CITY SHORE EXCURSIONS

With the aim to provide a clear idea of the shorex potential, Malaga Tourism Board makes some suggestions of possible city tours –including length of visit and distances. They are just merely tour suggestions or combined ideas according to the present attractions but definitely not organized tours. In fact, Malaga is a shorex multi-option due to the very convenient locations of its best landmarks, therefore many of these tours can be combined or modified at the best convenience.

1. FOLLOWING THE STEPS OF PICASSO

The figure of Pablo Picasso is intimately connected to Malaga, where he was born in 1881 and where still remains alive part of his legacy. This tour takes visitors much closer to the family and artistic surroundings of his early life, visiting the places which influenced Picasso on his paintings later, providing a richer knowledge of the artist's personality and vast career.

Times, sites and special remarks:

- Transfer from cruise terminals to city centre (10 minutes)
- Picasso's birthplace visit (30 minutes)
- Walking (5 minutes)
- Malaga Picasso Museum visit (45 minutes)
- Walking (5 minutes)
- Cathedral of Malaga visit (60 minutes). Alternative tour: Panoramic visit to Cathedral's roof top: *Note 200 steps to climb (level of exercise: moderate)
- Walking to restaurant (5 mints)
- Tapa or wine tasting in a restaurant located at downtown (30 minutes).
- Optional free time for shopping / explore the city centre (30 minutes)
- Transfer to cruise terminals (10 minutes)

Approximate Visit duration: 3hrs and 50 minutes





2. MALAGA MONUMENTAL HIGHLIGHTS

The city of Malaga boasts a huge monumental heritage. This tour perfectly condenses the essence the millennial city centre, founded by Phoenicians and currently transformed into a stunning mixture of Roman architecture, dated when Malaga was declared a confederated city in the Roman Empire, but also fine Arab architecture and captivating Catholic monuments, as its eye-catching Cathedral. A marvelous travel throughout centuries.

Times, sites and special remarks:

- Transfer from cruise terminals to the castle (15 minutes)
- Gibralfaro Castle visit (Arab style, 14th century) - panoramic views (45 minutes)
- Transfer to city centre (15 minutes)
- Walking (5 minutes)
- La Alcazaba fortress visit (Arab style, 11th century) & Roman Theatre visit (1st century) (60 minutes)
- Walking (5 minutes)
- Malaga's Cathedral visit (Renaissance style, 16th century) (60 minutes). Alternative tour: Panoramic visit to Cathedral's roof top: *Note 200 steps to climb
- Free time for shopping (30 minutes)
- Transfer to cruise terminals (10 minutes)

Approximate Visit duration: 4hrs



3. ART & PASSION

Art and passion are deeply rooted at Malaga's local lifestyle. Focused on the Mediterranean personality basis, this tour offers a wide range of art, from the largest vintage cars collection in Europe to the Centre Pompidou Malaga, with one of the world's finest modern art collections or the impressive Russian collection from St. Petersburg City, without forgetting the UNESCO's intangible cultural heritage, the Flamenco, performed live by the best local artists.

Times, sites and special remarks:

- Transfer from cruise terminals (5 minutes)
- Centre Pompidou Malaga visit (60 minutes) or alternatively you can visit the Carmen Thyssen Museum -Spanish paintings 19th & 20th century (60 minutes)
- Transfer to City West side (15 minutes)
- Automobile & Fashion Museum of Malaga or alternatively you can visit the Saint Petersburg City Art Collection Museum (60 minutes)
- Transfer (15 minutes)



- Flamenco performance (30 minutes)
- Free time for shopping at the city centre (30 minutes)
- Transfer to cruise terminals (10 minutes)

Approximate Visit duration: 4hrs

4. ADVENTURES IN MALAGA

Malaga is a true paradise for both nature lovers and the visitors seeking for adventure activities. The bird-watching lovers are in luck at the Guadalhorce river mouth which counts with on one of Spain's most spectacular migratory bird's population. However, if visitors wish to fancy in the pure nature, there is a wide range of activities at Montes de Malaga Natural Park, such as climbing, trekking or grape treading surrounded by peaceful pine woodlands and mountain's fresh air.

Times, sites and special remarks:

Option A

- Transfer from cruise terminals to Montes de Malaga Natural Park (45 minutes)
- Activity in the nature: climbing, trekking, cycling (120 minutes)
- Rural local food cooking lessons or Grape treading (60 minutes)
- Transfer to city centre (45 minutes)
- Transfer to cruise terminals (10 minutes)

Approximate Visit duration: 4hrs and 40 minutes

Option B

- Transfer to Guadalhorce river mouth (20 minutes)
- Bird watching around the river area (120 minutes)
- Transfer to La Concepcion Botanical Garden (20 minutes)
- La Concepcion Botanical Garden visit and Birdwatching (120 minutes) *Note: some parts of the garden are gently sloping. It's one of the few gardens with subtropical climate plants that exist in Europe.
- Transfer to cruise terminals (20 minutes)

Approximate Visit duration: 5hrs





5. ACCESSIBLE MALAGA

Malaga boasts a graceful flat pedestrianized city centre that concentrates the city's leading cultural attractions displayed in a very convenient and handy location, providing facilities for persons with reduced mobility (PRM), such as ramps and lifts in order to avoid any difficulty. An open city with more than 700 accessible points (SIA symbols).

Times, sites and special remarks:

- Transfer from cruise terminals (15 minutes)
- Gibralfaro castle visit (Ramp) (60 minutes)
- Transfer to city centre (15 minutes)
- Accessible itinerary through the emblematic monuments of Malaga (60 minutes)
- Malaga Picasso museum visit (Lift/Ramps) (60 minutes) or alternatively Alcazaba (lift).
- Accessible itinerary for PRM (5 minutes)
- Malaga's Cathedral visit (Ramps) (45 minutes)
- Transfer to cruise terminals (10 minutes)

Approximate Visit duration: 4hrs and 30 mints



6. EXPLORING MALAGA

Malaga is an ideal destination to be explored riding a bike or even on a segway, due to its beautiful and unlimited sea promenades over the long sandy beaches and bay. From city centre to the cozy and charming of the old fishing village (Pedregalejo) where the best fresh fish of Malaga can make foodies mouth-watering, riders will fancy Malaga's best views and discover lush and leafy subtropicals gardens as well as emblematic buildings as an important part of city's legacy.

Times, sites and special remarks:

- Bike or segway tours around the city (120 minutes).
- *Note: Tours are varied but normally they run through the new waterfront, Malaga's central park and by the sea promenade, beach area until reaching old fishing village of Pedregalejo.
- Nereo's ecomusem and artisanal shipyard visit (30 mints)
- Tapas and relaxing break at restaurant in the sea promenade (30 minutes)
- Return to ship (time included on 120 mints tour).

Approximate Visit duration: 3hrs



7. KIDS & FUN!

Malaga is a place where families feel very comfortable, due to its safety and the variety of attractions focused on the youngest. A world of sensations and experiences for having fun in family. This shore excursion suits all family member's tastes, delighting children and adults. Kids can enjoy sea life, play music, draw Picasso style's sketches and learn about exotic plants from the five continents. And the best, all in one morning.

Times, sites and special remarks:

- Transfer from ship pier (5 minutes)
- Alborania sea life museum visit (60 minutes)
- Walking tour from Alborania to Picasso Museum (10 mints)
- Interactive guided tour in the Picasso Foundation or Malaga Picasso museum and painting games workshop. (90 minutes)
- Transfer from city centre to the tropical-botanical Garden La Concepción (20 minutes)
- La Concepcion botanical garden: visit 'Around the world in 80 trees from the five Continents'. (60 minutes) or alternatively you can visit the Museum of Interactive of Malaga (MIMMA)
- Transfer to cruise terminals (20 minutes)

Approximate Visit duration: 4hrs and 25 mints



8. PRECIOUS MALAGA

The secluded and elegant Glass Museum, full of sumptuous works of art, mysteries and secrets, offers the most genuine face of the old artisan neighbourhood of Malaga, a city's little piece with a lot of essence and personality. Narrow and cobbled streets, the origin of quarter is from the Muslim era, when the world famous Malaga's golden earthenware in the 14th and 15th centuries was made here. This small place contains jewels such as the coquettish church San Felipe Neri or the Viarca stained glass workshop, full of huge sketches made in charcoal hanging on the walls and where visitors can build a small stained glass window with their own hands. Without a doubt, this corner of Malaga offers a way of discovering the city to world travelers who pass through here.

Times, sites and special remarks:

- Transfer from cruise terminals (15 minutes)
- Short walking tour to the Glass Museum (15 minutes)
- San Felipe Neri church visit (15 minutes)
- Glass & Decorative Arts Museum visit (60 minutes)
- Glass workshop (60 minutes)
- Museum Jorge Rando museum (60 minutes) – the Spain's unique Expressionist art museum located in an old historical convent -
- Transfer to cruise terminals (10 minutes)



Approximate Visit duration: 4hrs



9. TASTE OF MALAGA

Throughout this route we dive in the authentic Malaga. The city's true culinary essence. You will enjoy the authentic and local products, the best of the sea and the mountains. Following the gastronomic sherpa you can open the backpack to keep in it Malaga's true flavor. Visit the Atarazanas market, the large food market in Malaga, where the best bluefin tuna or cod in the province, the freshest vegetables, fruit and meat are sold. And walk the charmy streets, visit atypical corners to discover some of the true temples of local cuisine and live a true experience for the 5 senses.

Times, sites and special remarks:

- Transfer from cruise terminals (10 minutes)
- Gastro walking tour with the food sherpas (120 minutes) in which you can visit: Atarazanas central market and some key gastronomic places. Tour can include tapas and/or wine tastes.
- Free time for shopping at the city centre (30 minutes)
- Transfer to cruise terminals (10 minutes)

Approximate Visit duration: 2hrs and 50 mints



10. LUXURY MALAGA

Malaga is a unique experience for luxury tourism. The city offers to visitors a premium choice divided in high quality restaurants, outstanding shopping, a careful health and beauty offer, private jet companies and all those needs that these travelers demand during their stay.

- City of museums: Malaga is the best place where to enjoy culture due to its world-class museum's collection (Centre Pompidou, Thyssen Museum, Picasso Museum, Contemporary Art Center (CAC Malaga), Malaga Museum (Fine Arts & Archeological collection) and Russian Art Museum, among others, and the figure of the 21st century greatest genius: Pablo Picasso.
- Shopping at city centre and Muelle Uno: Larios street and Muelle Uno waterfront have become the epicenter of high-end fashion.
- High-end Restaurants: Local chefs and Michelin star's restaurants are committed to dishes that combine local tradition with innovation.
- Outstanding and sumptuous Arab Baths in city centre
- Taking exclusive services as high-end vehicle rental companies visitors get to know other the most exclusive destinations in the Mediterranean.

City of Málaga



[COMPLETE MAP](#)

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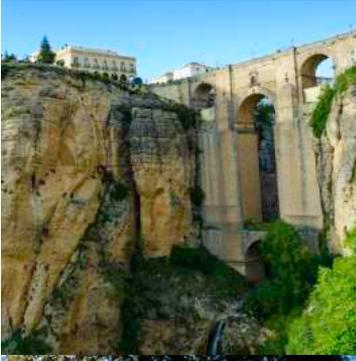


DID YOU KNOW...?

Sardines should be enjoyed only in months without an 'r'

If your calendar shows one of the 4 months in the year that don't have an 'r' in their name (easy, same ones as in English), you're lucky.

Run and have an espeto de *sardinas* by the beach: skewered and cooked over a pit of coals. Delicious! Cutlery forbidden, use your fingers.



Málaga - Costa del Sol

Málaga is not only a city, but also a whole province, with beautiful landscapes, a rich cultural heritage, amazing coastal areas, and charming white hinterland villages providing a great range of opportunities for shorex. The following are a selection of them:

RONDA AND ITS WINERIES – 1h 25 min

◇ LEARNING THE ART OF WINE TASTING SURROUNDED BY NATURE

Ronda is a must-see on the Costa del Sol. Some of its best preserved gems are the old bullring, as well as its Cuenca gardens, the Mondragón house, the Arab baths, the Collegiate Church of Santa María de la Encarnación and the Philip V Arch or the Bandits Museum. The city has the largest number of wineries and the Joaquin Fernandez Winery is excellent for a wine tasting in different languages and enjoying a traditional lunch in a beautiful property.

OTHER ACTIVITIES IN RONDA

◇ RESERVATAURO: BREEDING OF BULLS AND ANDALUSIAN HORSES

Reservatauro is a natural park where visitors can see first hand the breeding of bulls and Andalusian horses on the Mediterranean pasture. The bravest can experience their skills in the world of bullfighting and the quiet ones can enjoy some tapas and local wine after the visit or visit the bullfighting museum by Rafael Tejada.

◇ DISCOVERING THE PRODUCTION OF THE EXTRA VIRGIN OLIVE OIL (AOVE)

La Almazara by LA Organic is a mill on the outskirts of Ronda, Andalusia, designed by the international architect Philippe Starck. Here you can learn about the harvesting of olive trees, the properties of the AOVE and the production process and quality of the oils through an oil-tasting session, where you will learn how to pair oils gastronomically.

FEEL THE LUXURY IN MARBELLA – 45 min

◇ SHOPPING & GLAMOUR FACING THE MEDITERRANEAN SEA

Marbella, capital city of luxury in Costa del Sol. From this beautiful town, through the well known Milla de Oro (Golden Mile), we can approach one of the most special and sophisticated points in Europe and one of the most opulent of the Mediterranean Sea: Puerto Banús. El Corte Inglés of Puerto Banús offers a shopping experience like no other, with a service of personal shopper and the most extensive selection of international luxury and exclusive Spanish designer brands.



OTHER EXCLUSIVE ACTIVITIES

◇ A FINE DINING EXPERIENCE AT A MICHELIN STAR RESTAURANT

The most demanding palates can live an haute cuisine experience along the Mediterranean at the Michelin Star Restaurants in the province: Skina (awarded two stars), El Lago, and Messina, all located in Marbella, Bardal in Ronda (with two stars), Sollo, in Fuengirola and José Carlos García in the Port of Málaga.



◇ LUXURY ON THE SEASHORE

The Costa del Sol boasts the widest range of Beach Clubs, where you will enjoy a sense of freedom that is worth experiencing. Nikki Beach in Marbella is part of the quintessence of luxury of these clubs around the world. Everything on Nikki Beach is fascinating: balinese beds, gastronomic delights, and amazing parties.



FOR SPORTS LOVERS

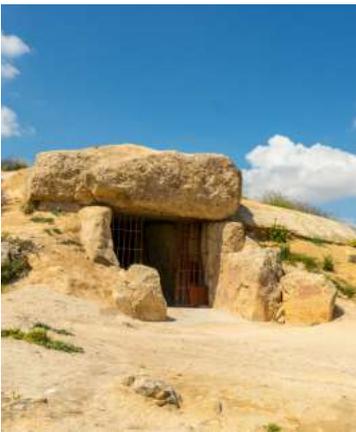
◇ ASCARI RACE RESORT: THE LONGEST RACE TRACK IN SPAIN

Located in Sierra of Ronda, in Ascari you can drive 220 km/h during its 5,000 metres circuit and enjoy other many facilities and services, as 4x4 tracks, karts, buggies and a heliport for VIP clients.



◇ ENJOY GOLF IN MORE THAN 70 GOLF COURSES

The Costa del Sol is not by chance known as Costa del Golf. The province boasts more than 70 golf courses, many of which are located in five-star hotels, lots of schools and the best climate in Europe, which make this city a real paradise for golf lovers.



ANTEQUERA – A UNESCO CITY – 50 min

◇ THE DOLMENS OF ANTEQUERA, DECLARED A UNESCO WORLD HERITAGE SITE

To walk around Antequera is to go back in time. A glorious history that has left its mark in stately homes, churches and convents of the most varied styles, and a Muslim fortress. The prehistoric ensemble, El Sitio Dólmenes de Antequera, composed by three cultural monuments (Menga's Dolmen, Viera's Dolmen and El Romeral's Tholos) and two natural monuments (La Peña de los Enamorados and El Torcal) have been declared a UNESCO heritage site in 2016.



OTHER ACTIVITIES IN ANTEQUERA

◇ EL TORCAL DE ANTEQUERA; THE MOST IMPRESSIVE KARSTIC LANDSCAPE IN EUROPE

The Torcal de Antequera Natural Site covers over 20 square km and it contains blocks of rocks, passageways and labyrinths of alleyways, mimicking an array of diverse sculpted figures. The most impressive example is the Tornillo del Torcal ("Torcal Screw") Natural Monument, whose unusual appearance is similar to that of a screw and which is symbolic of this Natural Site.



◇ VISITING A FLAMINGO LAGOON AT THE FUENTE DE PIEDRA NATURAL RESERVE

Fuente de Piedra is the largest lagoon in Andalusia, covering an area of 1,354 hectares. It is a protected area of the first order among the wetland areas of the Western Mediterranean and stands out as being the most important nesting site of the greater flamingo on the Iberian Peninsula and the second most important in Europe.



EL CAMINITO DEL REY – 1h 10 min drive

◇ WALKING THROUGH ONE OF THE MOST BEAUTIFUL PATHWAYS IN THE WORLD

The Caminito del Rey is a wonderful natural site of Malaga, located between the municipalities of Alora, Antequera and Ardales. A path that is unique in the world runs through this environment, rising to three hundred and twenty-eight feet in height.

The path of the Caminito del Rey, almost 5 miles long, is linear and in a one-way direction. Much of the route is carried out on hanging walkways attached to the natural rock wall. Anyone older than 8 years can cross the Caminito del Rey, without needing a great physical preparation.



THE NERJA CAVES – 45 min drive

◇ AN UNDERGROUND TREASURE ON THE COSTA DEL SOL WITH 60 YEARS OF HISTORY

The Caves of Nerja are the most visited ones on the Malaga province. They were re-discovered in 1959 by a group of local kids. The caves are a genuine scientific and monumental treasure. In addition to the famous Cueva de Nerja, tranquillity and virgin beaches are the other two elements that define Nerja as a tourism destination.



FRIGILIANA – 15 min from Nerja

◇ STUNNING VIEWS, CASCADING FLOWERPOTS AND COBBLED STREETS

Frigiliana is another white village worth visiting and is located very close to Nerja. The town's charm lies in combining all the beauty of the beach, the mountains, and the beautiful structures of Moorish heritage present in its historic quarter.



THE BEAUTY OF MIJAS - 35 min

◇ A PICTURESQUE ANDALUSIAN WHITE VILLAGE

Mijas is the perfect place to enjoy peace and connect with nature any time of the year. The tranquillity of Mijas Pueblo, an enclave of white houses with the perfect location between the mountains and the sea; the wealth of marine fauna and flora at La Cala de Mijas; the watchtowers of Mijas Costa, along with its beach and its seafront promenade; the shops of Las Lagunas... And the ultimate spot that you won't want to miss: its mountains.

Province of Málaga



PUNTOS DE INTERÉS POINTS OF INTEREST

-  Patrimonio de la Humanidad World Heritage
-  Estación de tren Train Station
-  Aeropuerto Airport
-  Puerto Port
-  Puerto Deportivo Marinas
-  Paraje Natural Nature Reserve
-  Cueva Cave

CARRETERAS ROAD NETWORK

-  Autopista de Peaje Motorway with tolls
-  Autovía Dual carriageway
-  Carretera Nacional National road
-  Carretera Autonómica Regional road
-  Carretera Provincial Provincial road
-  Carretera Secundaria Secondary road
-  Ferrocarril Alta Velocidad High speed rail network
-  Ferrocarril Rail network

[COMPLETE MAP](#)

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DID YOU KNOW...?

The lighthouse "is a girl!"

'Lighthouse' is translated as *faro* in Spanish. But Málaga's is known as *La Farola*, which would be the feminine version of the name. A legend says malagueños started to use this name due to the lower part of the building, which would look like a skirt on a woman.



Andalucía

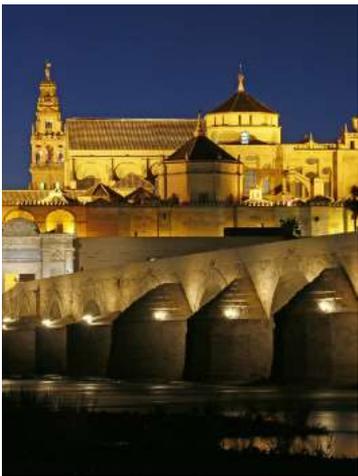
Málaga is also the gateway to Andalucía, a rich mixture of landscapes, arts and traditions, history and gastronomy, among others. The following is a selection of its main highlights, available for **shore excursions** and also for **pre and post cruise stays**.



Granada – 90 min drive

Neighboring Granada is home to the undoubtedly biggest artistic legacy of Andalucía's ancient history: the UNESCO-recognized World Heritage Site of Alhambra and Generalife.

The **Alhambra** was a palace, a citadel, fortress, and the home of the Nasrid sultans, high government officials, servants of the court and elite soldiers (from the 13th to the 14th century). Today, the monument is divided into four main areas: the Palaces, the military zone or Alcazaba, the city or Medina and the agricultural estate of the **Generalife**. All of these areas are surrounded by woods, gardens and orchards.



Córdoba – 80 min drive – 1h by train

Córdoba still bears traces of its Iberian, Roman and Muslim past, is rich in **traditions**; it has an outstanding architectural heritage, and its gastronomy has undergone a considerable resurgence with the revival of a range of dishes from the traditional cooking of the region.

The **Great Mosque-Cathedral of Córdoba** is its most important monument, and one of the world's most amazing sites. Its history sums up the complete evolution of the Omeyan style in Spain, along with the Gothic, Renaissance and Baroque styles present in the Christian part of the structure.

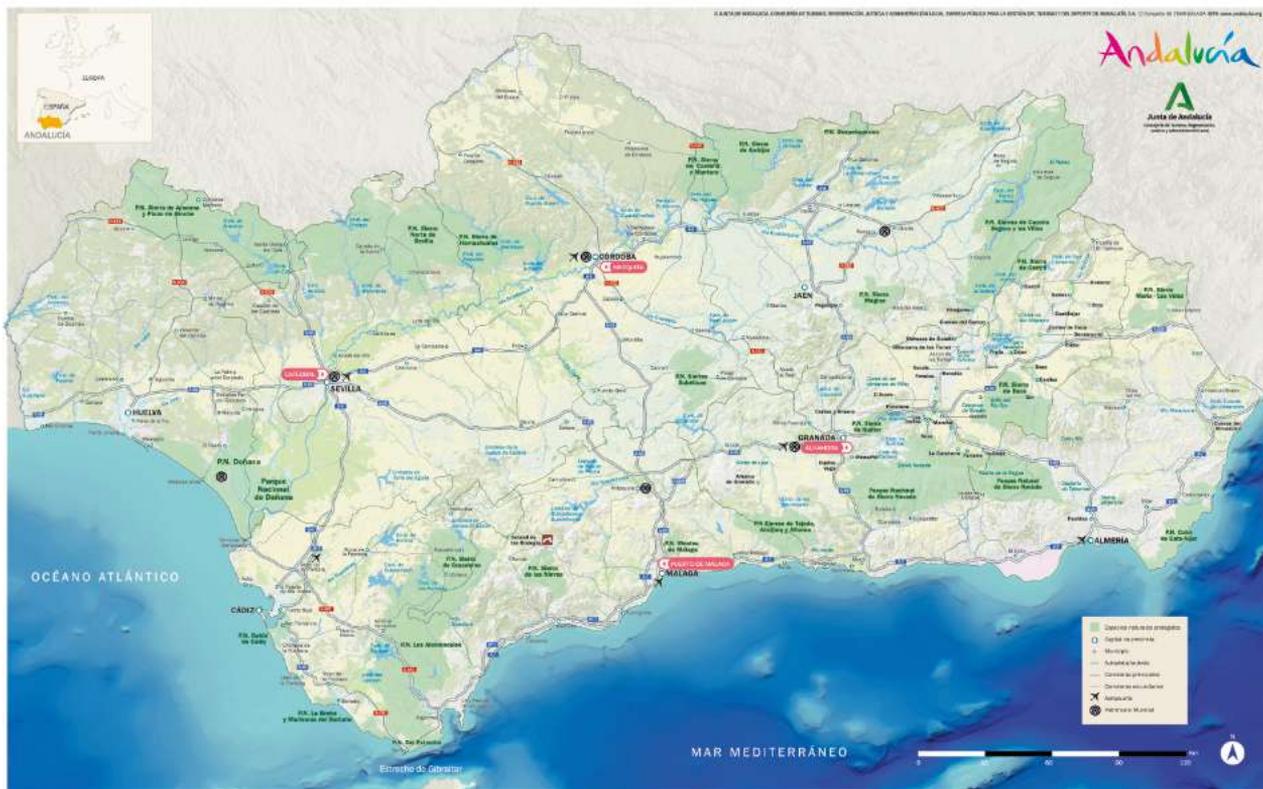


Sevilla – 2h drive or by train

Sevilla offers visitors an impressive historic and artistic heritage. Its historic center, the largest in Europe, includes monuments such as the **Cathedral** with its iconic **Giralda** minaret, the **Alcázar**, and the **Historic Archive of the Indies**, all of which have been declared World Heritage Sites, as well as the **Fine Art Museum**, the second most important gallery in Spain.

Construction of the **Sevilla Cathedral** began in 1401 over the existing mosque, whose Patio de los Naranjos (Courtyard of the Orange Trees) and minaret still remain. This magnificent Gothic cathedral is among the largest Christian churches in the world. The grandeur of its interior is the first thing that attracts visitors who walk through its doors for the first time.

Andalucía



- Espacios naturales protegidos
- Capital de provincia
- Municipio
- Autopista/autovía
- Carreteras principales
- Carreteras secundarias
- ✈ Aeropuerto
- ⊕ Patrimonio Mundial

[COMPLETE MAP](#)

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DID YOU KNOW...?

Malagueños are quite picky about coffee

When ordering coffee, there are up to 9 different names for it, depending on the amount of coffee and milk on it. Solo would be black coffee, *mitad* would be half and half, but there is also *nube* 'cloud' if you want just a tiny bit of coffee or *sombra* 'shade' if you want a little bit more coffee. And everyone knows their favourite!

Special Events

The city and province of Málaga offer a **year-round events schedule** with options for everyone: concerts, music festivals, fairs and popular festivals, exhibitions, sports and activities. An excellent opportunity for **visitors to deepen in our culture and traditions and live an unforgettable experience.**

The following list will be regularly updated as dates come closer.

JANUARY

The Three Kings Parade (05/01/2021)



Following the Spanish tradition, the Three Kings visit every 5th of January the city centre of Malaga and its villages, sharing millions of sweets and tons of joy through the streets in a magical parade.

FEBRUARY - MARCH

Carnival (06-14/02/2021)



Carnival is lived with intensity in the province at the end of February; a great atmosphere and massive participation of the residents, with music, contests, carnival parades and many other activities across the province.

Malaga Film Festival (12-21/03/2021)



The Malaga Film Festival is a meeting point for the film industry held every year in which the best Spanish films are awarded. Film cycles, exhibitions and parallel activities are organised during its 8 days of duration.

APRIL

Holy Week (05-12/04/2020) (28 March - 4 April 2021)



The Holy Week on the Costa del Sol is celebrated intensely throughout the entire province, where processions, thrones, Nazarenes, penitents, mantillas and images flood everything with the smell of incense and flowers.

MAY

La Noche en Blanco (16/05/2020)



The White Night is an initiative that allows culture to be experienced in a very special way in the city of Malaga.

On this night, all the city's residents and visitors take to the streets to visit museums and monuments, attend concerts, and enjoy hundreds of free activities and events that are offered over the course of evening.

JUNE

The Night of San Juan (23/06/2021)



On Midsummer night, June 23, thousands of people, families and friends gather every year to celebrate the traditional bonfires of San Juan on the beaches of the Costa del Sol for the celebration of the incoming summer solstice.



San Bernabé Fair in Marbella

Every June Marbella pays homage to its patron saint San Bernabé with a weeklong fair, full of food, drink, dancing, entertainment and of course, the trademark “casetas” that are set up just for the fair.

JULY



Nerja International Festival of Music and Dance (tbc)

For a whole month, performances of music and dance take place, set in the magical Nerja Caves and in other iconic parts of this municipality of the Axarquía.



Starlite Festival Marbella (July - August 2021)

Luxury and music come together in Marbella to celebrate Starlite Festival, which is considered the Europe largest ‘boutique festival’. During July and August, the Cantera de Nagüeles becomes a stage where the international jet-set meets to enjoy the exclusive spectacles and concerts by international artists.

WEB

AUGUST



Summer Fairs

Festivities and festivals are such a common cultural expression on the Costa del Sol that each of the 103 towns of the province has its own fair, where traditional music, food and a great atmosphere are combined.



Mare Nostrum Music Castle Park, Fuengirola (May to August)

In the incomparable setting of the Moorish castle situated by the sea take place during the summer months a large number of concerts and festivals, as well as the traditional medieval market in August.

WEB

DID YOU KNOW...?

The most famous flower is not a flower



On Summers' evenings, *biznagas* are sold on the streets. They smell wonderfully and this is because they are a bunch of jasmin flowers on the stalk of a nerdo. Handmade everyday! Beautiful and a great natural mosquito repellent.



SEPTEMBER

Pasarela Larios Malaga Fashion Week

At over 300 metres long, it is the longest haute couture catwalk in Europe. It gathers more than 15,000 people every day, with the audience sharing the street with well-known models and designers.



Traditional Goyesque Fair of Ronda

Ronda is home to the Pedro Romero Festival, declared a Festival of National Tourist Interest. During the Goyesca bullfight, the bullfighters and their teams dress up in traditional period costumes.



OCTOBER

Fuengirola Fair

The Feria del Rosario is one of the most important Andalusian Fairs, with the horse as the protagonist. People dress up in their finest traditional costumes, the streets are filled with carriages and there is a festive atmosphere throughout the day and night.



NOVEMBER-DECEMBER

Malaga Christmas Lights

Switching on of Christmas lighting happens in November in many villages in Costa del Sol. The Malaga Christmas Show, with more than 730.000 light points, is renowned worldwide and the city has recently won first prize as "Best Christmas Markets in Europe".

New Year's Eve

During the month of December there are many activities in the municipalities, with cribs, contests and the New Year's Eve Parties, music, dance and much more!

Covid-19 Safe Full Experience

Málaga has been one of the first ports and destinations which developed a **full strategy related to COVID-19 spreading prevention.**

- ① **Málaga Cruise Port Terminals**, operating the 3 cruise terminals in Málaga, **have been accredited in July 2020 as safe facilities** preventing COVID-19 at the international level, by:



'Safe Travels' stamp granted by **World Travel & Tourism Council**



'Responsible Tourism' quality stamp, granted by the Ministry of Industry, Commerce and Tourism of the Government of Spain

- ② **Málaga Cruise Port Terminals** published in June 2020 the **Málaga Cruise Port Safety & Health Protocols**, including measures to be implemented in Málaga Cruise Port Terminals for Cruise ship calls.
- ③ The Port of Málaga **is requesting protocols applied related to COVID-19 from all companies working in the port area**, be them port companies or not, so that we can confirm that every activity developed in our facilities is being done the right way: from port services to supplies, handling companies or transports entering the area.
- ④ **Our destination is also working hard** in developing and implementing measures that avoid the spreading of COVID-19.



The City of Málaga has recently obtained the 'Safe Travels' stamp granted by **World Travel & Tourism Council**.

Also, in coordination with the Ministry of Health and the Regional Government of Andalucía, is implementing measures to reduce the spread of the coronavirus COVID -19. These measures contain specifications for service, cleaning and disinfection, maintenance and risk management for different tourism subsectors.



Connections

The Port of Málaga, Málaga and Costa del Sol are definitely an **easy to reach destination**. Be it from the berth for a shorex, on individual tours, or from home to begin your itinerary.

Malaga is **strategically located in Southern Spain**, nearby the provinces of Seville, Cordoba and Granada, all of them UNESCO World Heritage. Malaga currently counts on one of Europe's best accesses by land, sea and air.

With a powerful and modern communications network, an **international airport**, the Spanish **high-speed train** and a **huge hotel capacity**, the city offers a rich and varied tourist offer with a definite boost in the last decade, becoming a **marquee home port both for the Med and the Atlantic**.

From the berth for a visit

The city is reachable from the berth by bus, with a public service also available, as well as other transports. But many of our visitors prefer to get there on foot, since it is a great start for a day in our city, with the city's skyline, the beach and the waterfront as a welcome.

A wide range of shorex is available in the city, in Costa del Sol and Andalucía, as we are showing you in What to see and do? All of them are reachable with no waste of time for visitors.

Central Railway station

The central railway station is located right in the heart of the city and next to the port. Through the very comfortable Spanish high-speed train AVE, Malaga counts on national connections to the main large cities of Spain: Granada (45min), Cordoba (1h05), Seville (1h25), Madrid (2h30) and Barcelona (5h30), among others.





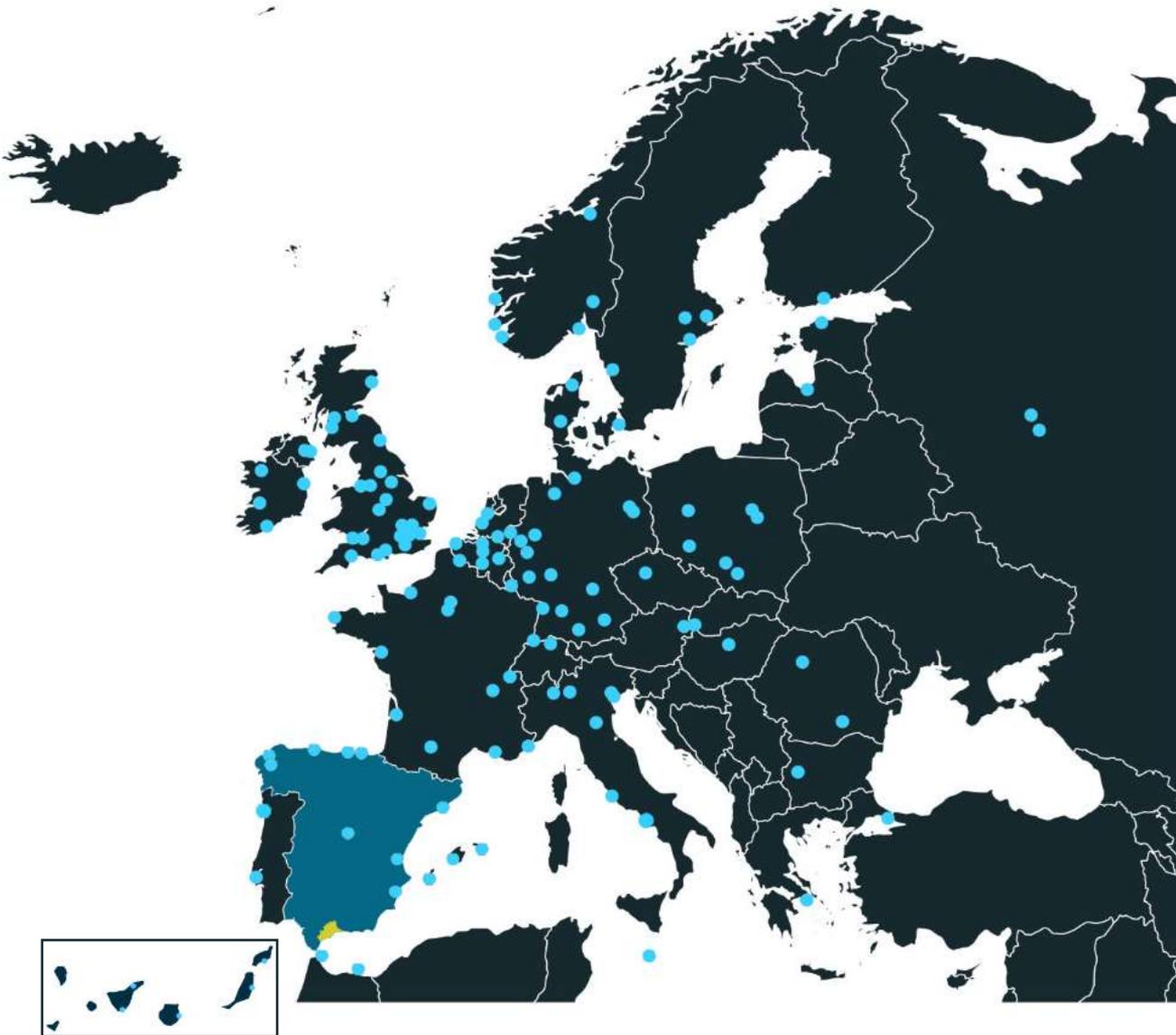
Road connections

The Port of Málaga is conveniently connected to the region's main arterial roads through a specific port access, reaching destinations such as Mijas in 35 min, Marbella in 45 min, Granada in 90 min, or Córdoba and Seville in 2h.

Malaga-Costa del Sol International airport

The international airport is very close to the city and the port, only a 15 min drive. With connections to the whole world, the UK is the best connected country with 25 destinations, followed by Germany with 15. Growing figures and new routes every year, in a state-of-the-art facility. US and Asia reachable via Madrid and Istanbul, among others.

Map of Europe



Map of the world



140 DIRECT DESTINATIONS WORLDWIDE

253 ROUTES

EUROPE

110 DESTINATIONS

ROUTES **207**

GROWING ROUTE MAP EVERY YEAR

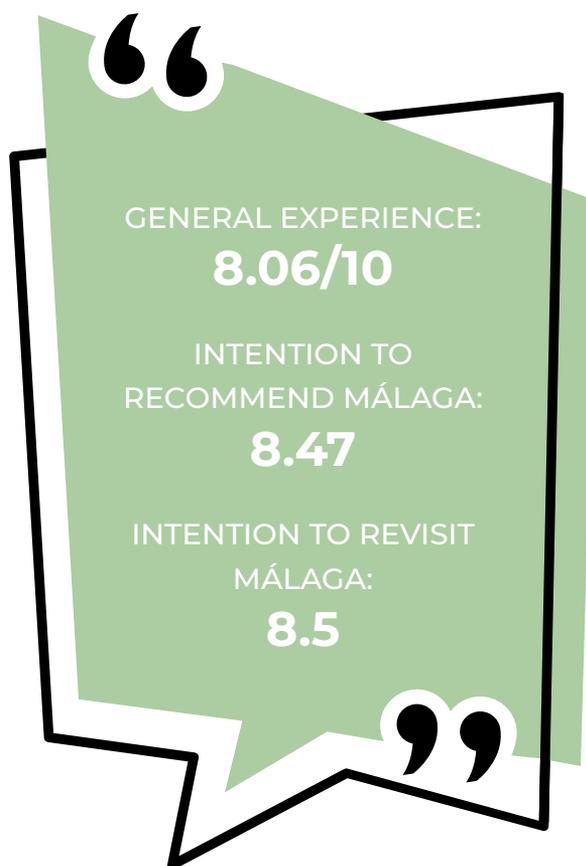


Our visitors' opinion

We want to **make sure that we provide the best experience for the cruise passenger** all throughout their time in Málaga.

Thus, we regularly survey cruise passengers, when they are embarking after spending some time in our destination or to begin their itinerary. It is a Project together with the **University of Málaga** that has been running since 2015.

Hospitality is the top-ranked topic, followed by Port facilities, being all topics at very good levels.



DID YOU KNOW...?

Málaga is officially a Very Hospitable city



At the beginning of the 20th century, the German corvette 'Gneiseau' got shipwrecked in Málaga due to bad weather. Many *malagueños* tried to save the sailors aboard, with many lives lost both from sailors and rescuers. This episode earned the city the title of "Very Hospitable", a slogan that appears on the city's coat of arms. Years later, floods in Málaga's Guadalmedina river destroyed the existing bridges. When Germany learnt about this, they decided to pay back by providing a new bridge which is known as *Puente de los Alemanes* or 'Germans' bridge'.

HOSPITALITY **8.4**

PORT FACILITIES **8.3**

TOURIST INFO **7.8**

VARIETY OF SHOPPING **8.1**

QUALITY OF RESTAURANTS **8.2**

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