

## Málaga, Spain

This is a new cruise terminal, with a pretty lengthy pier, the walk to the city is about a mile. The terminal offers a shuttle every 15-20 mins, to Plaza de la Marina in the center of the city for €5. There is beach access, shopping, sites, and eateries close to the end of the pier access road.

### About

Málaga is located on the Costa del Sol (Coast of the Sun), to the south of the Iberian Peninsula, on the northern coast of the Alboran Sea, 62 miles east of the Strait of Gibraltar. This port city is best known for being the hometown of Pablo Picasso.

Málaga was founded by the Phoenicians in about 770 BC, making it one of the oldest continuously inhabited cities in Europe. As with many ancient cities Málaga has stood through a series of political changes and wars. The city was once under Carthage, the Romans, Visigoths, Byzantines, Islam, Crown of Castile, Almoravids, Granada; finally in 1704 the Spanish ruled. However, there was one more notable coup in 1936 by the Second Republic before the area had stability. With so many changes, the city has a diversity of historic sites to visit.

The city has excelled as a producer of garum (fermented fish sauce), raisins, Rayya figs, cutlery, leather and the famous regional lustreware (gilded pottery).

### Local Flavors

- Gazpachuelo Malagueño - a hot soup made with fish (sometimes shrimp, clams or langoustines as well), potatoes, water, salt, mayonnaise, and wine vinegar.
- Fritura Malagueña - fish fried in extra virgin olive oil and fresh flour; typically anchovies, baby squid, or red mullet.
- Espetos – Sardines skewered on bamboo and roasted over an open pit, often found sold directly from the boat, on the beach
- Tarta Malagueña - a very sweet cake made with almonds, Malaga sweet wine, apricot jam, topped with raisins and thinly sliced almonds.
- Ensalada Malagueña - Malaga's version of potato salad made with salt cod, onion, green olives, and oranges.
- Almendras Fritas - fried salted almonds, sellers are often found on streets in the historic downtown.
- Pipirrana - a cold salad made from red and green pepper, tomato, onion, olives, tuna, and mussels or other seafood dressed with extra virgin olive oil and sea salt.
- Málaga Wine - a sweet wine made from Moscatel grapes.



### Unique Animals

Geckos, camels, seahorses, kestrels, Iberian goats, chameleon, ibex, dragon flies and dolphins are found in this region of Spain.

### Unique Plants

Plants unique to this area of Spain are; rosemary, Chinese hibiscus, Common lantana, Cork oak, Iberian holm oak, and Corn plant.





## Language

Spanish. As a tourist destination, you'll hear English spoken as well.

## Currency

Euro

## Driving

On the right side of the road, be watchful of speed limits, and be advised that driving under the influence is a very serious offense.



## Sites to See

- Castle of Gibralfaro - construction began in the 10th century by the Phoenicians.
- Alcazaba - the lower fortress and royal residence, built during the 11th century
- Church of Santiago
- Historic Walls - the remains of the Phoenician, Roman, Byzantine, Arab and Spanish defenses.
- Church of the Sacred Heart.
- San Felipe Neri Church.
- Church of the Holy Martyrs.
- La Concepción - botanical and historical garden.
- Atarazanas Market - circa 1876, currently something akin to a farmers market
- La Malagueta - The bullring
- Pedregalejo - ancient beachfront fishing district.
- Calle Marques de Larios - is the shopping hub.
- Jardín Botánico La Concepción - botanical gardens

## Guided Tours

City Sightseeing Malaga Hop-On Hop-Off Bus Tour

From \$28

<https://www.viator.com/tours/Malaga/Malaga-Shore-Excursion-City-Sightseeing-Malaga-Hop-On-Hop-Off-Tour/d956-2916MALPRT?pid=P00002881&uid=U00204439&mcid=58086&currency=USD>

Malaga Highlights by Electric Car with Port Pick up

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