

My top favorite choices while in Malaga

Welcome to Malaga and the capital of the Costa del Sol, a magnificent Andalusian city located in southern Spain surrounded by the mountains of Malaga, the beautiful Mediterranean, stunningly warm to moderate climate along with a myriad of cultural interests.

From its stunning Moorish fortress – the best-preserved of its kind in Spain to its Roman amphitheater in the center, this vibrant and exciting city is full of architectural masterpieces to explore and admire along with a multitude of very good restaurants, art and eclectic type museums, great shopping and much more. There is so much to do in Malaga as you will see by my recommended list below. The apartment is within a 5-10 walk everywhere.

Please contact us if you have any questions or seek specific recommendations: mg8design@usa.net.

Traditional Malaguena Local Tapas

- **Gambas Pil Pil** – prawns cooked in spicy chili and garlic oil, served with fresh bread or baguette. If you taste them once, you will find yourself asking for them in each restaurant. The quality can vary a lot!
- **Sardines on a Skewer** – a local classic especially for the area of Malaga, these are sardines cooked over a fire just outside the restaurant.
- **Boquerones** – fresh anchovies in vinegar
- **Spanish Omelette** – eggs and potato omelette which is a Spanish classic.
- **Jamon** – in all shapes and varieties, Spanish people are obsessed about their Jamon. It's usually served on a piece of bread or as a sharing platter
- **Patatas Bravas** – my choice of tapas usually, these fried potatoes are served with a spicy sauce with distinct flavor

Recommended restaurants/sites within 1-2 blocks from the Calle Carcer apartment:

(Please double click on the below colored locations)

- Theaters of Malaga:** Plays, Classical concerts, Opera, Jazz festival, film festival, musicians in concert from all over the world
- **[Teatro Cervantes](#):** Malaga's concert/Opera house version of La Scala. The Art, film and Jazz festival show there along with nightly concerts from Internationally acclaimed Ballet companies to Orchestras to Opera to theater. Definitely a venue to check out if you have 3 or more days in Malaga
 - **[Plaza de la Merced](#):** The largest Plaza in the city center and the birthplace of Pablo Picasso filled with restaurants and people 2 blocks away
 - **[Plaza Uncibay](#):** Only 2 blocks away and the real beginning of the many restaurants and night scene in Malaga

Restaurants

- **[El Tapeo de Cervantes](#)** one of my favorites across the street with a unique Tapas menu
- **[Noviembre Café](#)** Great place to start your day for coffee and breakfast right on the corner 15 meters away
- **[Black Label](#)** for hamburgers and grilled meats
- **[El Gallo Ronco](#)** for live Flamenco along with food and drinks right on the corner
- **[El Alexo](#)** is a very eclectic menu with a known chef. Great for a special dinner
- **[El Comedor de la Salito](#)** one of my favorite Tapas family restaurants in Malaga and is just across the street
- **[Uri Sushi](#)** has fresh sushi and tasty Japanese Ramen
- **[La peregrina](#)** is a local family fresh fish restaurant
- **[Goat](#):** great place for a stand-up lunch of chicken/meat sandwiches

- [**Tulum Mexican Restaurant**](#): taste of Mexican in Malaga
- [**Izaka Sake**](#) Japanese restaurants is one of the better sushi's in Malaga
- [**El Zaguán**](#): simple but good Vegetarian Restaurant especially for a late lunch or early dinner

Cafes with good coffee not far from the apartment

- [**Brunch It**](#): busy café but good
- [**Noviembre Café**](#): Can't miss this as it is on the corner across the street from the Apt
- [**Byoko Café**](#): very good healthy breakfast
- [**Hostel Boutique & Café**](#): good coffee about 10 minute walk
- [**La Flor Negra**](#): delightful pastry shop with your coffee
- [**Café Merced 14**](#): 3 blocks away and very good

Flamenco

Authentic Flamenco Shows are top class! **Must experience!**

- [**Tablao Alegria**](#)
Calle Vélez Málaga, 6
Web: thefork.es
- [**Kelipe Centro de Arte Flamenco**](#)
Calle Muro de Prta Nueva, 10
+34 665 09 73 59
- [**El Gallo Ronco**](#)
Calle Arquitecto Blanco Soler, número 3
Web: elgalloronco.com

Malaga is known for its specialties in Wine and Vermouths:

Vermouth

- **La Tranca:** Traditional tapas offered in a laid-back tavern with kitschy, old-fashioned decor.
Calle Carretería, 92
Until 1 AM
- **Antigua Casa de Guardia:** Best Vermouth bar!
Alameda Principal
Until 12:30 AM
- **El Pimpi:** Classic Malaga where you can almost get lost in this place wandering around.
Calle Granada, 62
Until 1 AM

Wine

- **Vertical Wine Bar:** Very nice selection of wine which the owners know inside out and can recommend interesting vintages and grapes.
Calle Juan de Padilla
Until 1 am
- **Vinoteca Bouquet:** Great selection of wines, location and service.
Alameda Principal, 24
Until 12:30 am
- **Illari Vinos y Tapas:** Very good wine bar
Calle Strachan, 14
Until 1 am
- **Anyway Wine Bar:** Very good wines and food!
Plaza Reding, 1
Until 12:30 am

Recommended very good restaurants in Malaga

Michelin star/Guide book Restaurants

- 1) **Restaurante José Carlos García**: 1 Michelin Star
With an excellent location, in the **Muelle Uno** in the capital of Malaga, offers both an interior room and a charming terrace where you can enjoy the cuisine of José Carlos García's signature dishes, based on the use of the native products of the fish market or the market.
Puerto de Málaga, Plaza de la Capilla, 1
Expensive

- 1) **Ta-Kumi Japanese Restaurant**: Listed in the Michelin guide as one of the top Japanese restaurants in all of Andalusia
Calle Mundo Nuevo, 4 · Near the Roman Theatre
Expensive

- 2) **Restaurante Balausta**: Listed in the Michelin guide offering Mediterranean meals in an Andalusian-style patio
Calle Granada, 57-59 · Near the Museo Picasso.
Med to Expensive

- 3) **Restaurante Kaleja**: Restaurant with a recent Michelin star with haute cuisine in a cozy atmosphere
Calle Marquesa de Moya, 9 · Near the Málaga C
Med to high

Very good Restaurants in Malaga Center

- **La Antxoeta Art Restaurant**: Avant-garde takes on Spanish, market-driven food, plus wine pairings, in a creatively painted room.
Calle Barroso, 7
Med/Expensive

- **[El Pimpi](#)**: One of the more popular Spanish restaurants in Malaga with a fantastic ambiance of vintage Malaga 100 years ago
Calle Granada, 62
Medium
- **[Palocortado Málaga](#)**: new dishes of the highest quality in the very center of Malaga
Calle Molina Lario, 13 · Near the Málaga Cathedral
Med to Expensive
- **[Restaurante Blossom](#)**: Unparalleled signature cuisine at the forefront of haute cuisine
Calle Strachan, 11, Loc 2 · Near the Málaga Cath
Med to Expensive
- **[Restaurante Vino Mío](#)**: excellent: abundant dishes, very well presented and exquisite cuisine
Plaza de Jerónimo Cuervo, 2
Expensive
- **[Restaurante Montana](#)**: one of the flagships of Malaga cuisine in a beautiful vintage setting
Calle Compás de la Victoria, 5
Med to Exp
- **[Marisquería Godoy](#)**: Excellent restaurant, beautiful terrace, recommend the squid from Malaga and the grilled octopus
Puerto de Málaga, Plaza del Muelle Uno ·
Med to High
- **[Restaurante La Reserva 1](#)**: Elegant restaurant with very tasty fresh cuisine, from the market
Calle Bolsa, 12 · Near the Málaga Cathedral
Med priced
- **[La Cosmopolita Malagueña](#)**: Excellent food, location and service
Calle Jose Denis Belgrano, 3 · Near the Museo P
Med priced

- **Los Mellizos**: very Malaguenan with excellent seafood
Calle Sancha de Lara, 7
Med to Expensive
- **ZURY**: The cuisine is very good along with the service and music.
Calle Santiago 4
Med priced
- **Uvedoble Taberna**: A delightful experience that goes beyond the classic
Tapas bar.
Calle Alcazabilla 1
Med priced
- **Restaurante Araboka**: beautiful place, excellent food and great and great service make this restaurant an amazing find.
Calle Pedro de Toledo 4
Med to expensive
- **La Ristobottega**: Very good authentic Italian cuisine and good wine.
Calle Canon 3 Near the Malaga Cathedral
Medium priced
- **Osteria Angelino dal 1899 Malaga**: Excellent, the food is very good.
Pasta in gluten free options. One of the best!
Medium priced

MUSEUMS

- **Alcazaba**: **Must see!** Moors/Sultan/view of Malaga/Gilbralfaro
Castle/Roman Amphitheater 1 AD
Alcazaba was built between 1057 and 1063, and since 1279 it was part of the Nasrid Kingdom. It has undergone a number of transformations and upgrades.
Calle Alcazabilla, 2
Summer hours: 9 a.m - 8 p.m./winter hours 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.

- **[Picasso Museum](#)**: **Must see!**
 The museum is located close to the cathedral and tends to be quite popular especially in the summer It holds 44 paintings, 49 drawings and 40 different graphic works, together with a limited selection of sculptures.
Opening Times: Open every day Monday to Sunday, Nov- Feb:10 am – 6 pm, March-June: 10 am – 7 pm, July-August: 10 am -8 pm, September to October: 10 am – 7 pm.
- **[Museo de Belle Artes de Malaga](#)**: Classical art and Archaeology Andalusia. Amazing building and artwork.
 Pasillo de Atocha, 5, 1º A-B
 Open: 10 am – 8 pm
- **[Carmen Thyssen Museo](#)** – Spanish Classical Art. The museum is in the heart of the city and houses a large collection of paintings, especially Andalusian as well as other artists of international stature.
 Plaza Carmen Thyssen
 Open: 10 am to 8 Pm
- **[Center of Contemporary Art Museo](#)**: Modern contemporary art museum which has specific exhibitions from international artists.
 Calle Alemania
 Open: 8am – 8:00 Pm
- **[Interactive Music Museo](#)**: **A favorite** small yet fascinating museum - musical instruments from 1600 century.
 Calle Beatas, 15
 Open: 10 am to 8 pm
- **[Pompidou Center Museo](#)**: Contemporary art/video
 This modern art museum is an extension of its more famous sister in Paris and was supposed to have been only a temporary project that has been extended for a number of years.
 Open: every day except Tuesdays, 9.30 am to 8 pm.

- **[Botanical Gardens](#): Must See!** Only a short drive out of Malaga (10 mins by taxi), this historic botanical garden is massive and so lush, you will feel like you're visiting a private jungle.
Open: From 1st April to 30th September 9.30 am to 8.30pm, from 1st October to 31st March 9.30 am to 5.30 pm.
- **[Cathedral of Malaga](#): Must See!** Beautiful historical church
Known under the official name as Nuestra Señora de la Encarnación (Our Lady of Incarnation), is one of the most important landmarks in Malaga.
The cathedral dates back to 1530 and the last finishing touches were added in the 17th century. The cathedral remains incomplete and unfinished to this date, earning it a nickname 'La Manquita' (one-armed)

Open: Monday to Saturday 10 am to 6 pm, Sunday 2 pm to 6 pm
- **[Mercado Central de Atarazanas](#) A MUST visit:** The main Municipal Market in the old town of Malaga is a charming place to visit, especially at the weekend. The market is divided into a few sections, selling anything from meat, fish, fresh vegetables, nuts and even has a few tapas bars.
- Calle Atarazanas, Open: 8 am to 3 pm, from Monday to Saturday, closed on Sundays

Beaches

- **[Playa Malagueta](#):** You can walk from the apartment
- **[Playa Pedregalejo](#)** – My Favorite! Rent a bicycle or take a taxi for about 10 minutes to both of these beaches on the East side of Malaga
- **[Playa El Palo](#):** Very Spanish beach 10 minutes by taxi East
- **[Playa Nudista Guadlamar](#)** -nudist beach of Malaga:
(10 minute taxi ride West)

Supermarkets

- **Maskom:**
2 blocks from the apartment
- **Carrefore**
5 blocks from the Apartment- better food selection

Massages

- **Hammas de Andalus Banos Arabes:** **Must experience** if you have a free afternoon or evening. Restful place for hot & cold baths, plus massages, surrounded by elegant arabesque architecture
Hours: 9:30 Am to 11:30 Pm
Pl. de los Mártires Ciriaco y Paula, 5
Web: hammamandalus.com/
- **Sadhana Massage:** Perfect atmosphere for relaxing with skilled masseuses
Calle Sta. Lucía, nº7, planta 2 puerta 3
Web: sadhanamassagecenter.com
- **Bali Bali Massage:** Recommended! Very relaxing and thorough massage.
Calle Bolsa, 3, segunda planta puerta izquierda
Hours: 11 Am to 9 Pm
Web: balibali.es/contacto

Transportation

Airport:

Costs between 20 – 40 Euros to/from airport depends on size of car.
10 Euros to Apartment

- [Airport Taxi Transfers](#): [+34 665 17 03 61](tel:+34665170361)
- [Malaga Airport Taxi](#): [+34 645 02 71 59](tel:+34645027159)
- [Taxi Mercedes Malaga](#): [+34 652 83 64 18](tel:+34652836418)
- [Reserva Taxis Malaga](#): [+34 678 84 84 84](tel:+34678848484)
- **Uber/Bolt**
- **Buses** are on time and less expensive way to get around.
- **Trains** in Spain are very good with many high speed trains to cities

Recreation/Classes & Tours ***Highly recommended!!!***

- [Eco Tuk Tuk Private tour](#)
Something new and a fun way to see Malaga's sites in an electric tuk tuk where both hands are free to photograph interesting sites.
Different times and tours available.
Email: hello@ecotuktuk.com
Phone: 34 680695487
- [Malaga Segway, Catamaran and Private Tours](#)
Our Segway rental office can be found in Malaga city center, right behind the Malaga Cathedral.
With our Segway Malaga Tours, you can discover Malaga historical and cultural sites, wonderful places, some of Malaga customs, and, of course, the city center of Malaga.
Guided tours to the following cities if you have time are highly recommended;
- **Granada**, one of the most beautiful cities in the world with its amazing Alhambra and its incredible views.
- **Seville**, capital of Andalusia, City of Flamenco, Tapas and enchanting bridges.

- **Córdoba**, a small town that with its Muslim past will leave you enchanted.
- **Ronda**, one of the oldest villages of Andalusia, built on a plateau 200 meters high, has the oldest Bullfighting Ring in the Spain.
- **The City Bike Tour Malaga** These tours revolve around ancient history, religion, architecture, current and cultural events. All this you will discover on their **City Bicycle** or **E bike tours** in Malaga. They also have our fascinating **Wine & Tapas & Bike Tour Malaga** also which focuses on their Malaguena wonderful gastronomy.
Hours: 11h and 15h every day
Plaza Poeta Alfonso Canales 4
Tel: (+34) 951 25 22 64/ web: biketoursmalaga.com/
- **Spain Food Sherpas Very Special!!!** offer a spectacular Malaga evening **Wine and Tapas tour along with cooking classes**.
Rather than spend hours guessing at tapas and wine joints; let a guide lead you to authentic old-town food spots popular with locals. Graze on tapas paired with local wines—the food amounts to dinner—hear tales on Malaga’s culinary scene, and pass by and learn about some of the city’s historical sights between stops for 3 ½ hours.
Our tours and cooking classes are not standardized, but a real reflection of the delicacies every season has to offer and the creativity of our chefs.
What's included:
Wines (beer, soft drinks)/Dinner/Food Tasting/Pro Guide
Web: spainfoodsherpas.com/ Email: hello@spainfoodsherpas.com
- **Malaga a Pie** (Malaga by foot)
This company has it all by **foot plus tours** in other cities like Granada, Cordoba and Sevilla. They have a **Tapas tour**, **Picasso Museum tour guide**, **Historical City Center tour Cathedral and Alcazaba** along with **a Malaga night tour**.
Web: malagapie.es/ info@malagapie.es

- **Malaga Nightlife Tour - Pub Crawl**
Experience the nightlife of Malaga on a fun pub crawl through the city. Meet other travelers and visit several local bars and clubs for a fun night out on the town.
Web: south.tours.com
Email: malaga@southtours.es
- **Kayak & Bike**: a wide variety of activities and nautical disciplines such as trips in **Paddle Surf, SUP with waves, SUP Wing Foil, SUP Yoga, tourist or family kayak, sit-on-top half-country kayak, closed sea kayak and Kayak Fishing.**
662050713/ Email: reservas@kayakbike.es

Companies offering boat trips in Malaga port

- **Fly Blue**: Catamaran specially adapted for the organization of **Tourist Excursions and Boat Trips**, dolphin watching, celebrations with friends and family, birthdays, farewells, weddings, corporate events, Tourist Cruises and Malaga Boat Trips. Boats for rent and tours in the bay of Malaga

Web: flyblue.es. Tel:+34 663 827 986/ email:info@flyblue.com
- **Catamaran Mundo Marina**: If you love the sea, you will enjoy the catamaran tours.
Eco tour on a Catamaran & Catamaran Sail and lunch Sunset Catamaran.
Web: mundomarine.es. email: info@mundomarine.com
- **Kite sailing in Tarifa**
The fastest, safest and most fun way to learn kitesurfing in Tarifa about 1 hours West of Malaga. **Kitesurfing courses** for all levels and adapted to all budgets and schedules. Are you ready for an experience that will change your life?
Web: tarifamax.com. Email:info@tarifamax.com

- **Golf:** There are a total of 398 golf courses in Spain with 70 golf courses within the world-renowned **Costa del Sol** that stretches along the South Coast, where the Mediterranean sea meets the perfectly manicured fairways of southern Spain's prime golfing real estate.
- **Golf Clubs recommendations upon request.**

Rooftop Bars

- **Only You Hotel**
Calle Alameda Principal, Floor 8
Lolita Sky View Hours: Mon – Sun. 12:00-01:00
- **La Alcazaba Rooftop Bar**
Calle Alcazabilla, 12
La Terraza La Alcazaba
Hours: Mon – Sun. 15:00h-02:00h
- **Marriot Malaga Palacio**
Cortina del Muelle, 1
Hours: Mon – Sun. 17:00 – 02:00
- **Hotel Malaga Premium**
Calle San Juan, 11
Hours: Mon – Sun. 15:00 – 01:00
- **Hotel Room Mate Malaga Larios**
Plaza de la Constitución, 1
Terrace de Larios opening hours:
Sun to Wed from 5:00 p.m. to 12:00 a.m./Thur to Sat to 01:00 a.m.

Bars & Pubs

- **Morrissey's Irish Pub**
Calle Méndez Núñez, 5
Until 2 AM

- [Chester & Punk](#)
Calle Méndez Núñez, 4
Until 2 AM
- [The Pharmacy](#)
Calle García Briz, 3
Until 2 AM
- [The Shakespeare](#)
Calle Muro de Puerta Nueva, 5
Until 2 AM
- [La Destileria](#)
Calle Beatas, 1
Until 3 AM

Nightclubs

- [Bambu](#)
Calle Sta. Lucía, 11
Until 3:30 AM
- [Gallery Club Malaga](#)
Calle Convalecientes, 5
Until 3:30 AM

Shopping

- [Calle Marquis de Larios](#)

This long pedestrian promenade with shops lining both sides is one of the most popular places for shopping in Malaga.

The City Center of Malaga has all types of specialty boutiques/restaurants on almost every street and is a great place to walk and browse.

Hospitals/Police Emergency:

Police: (112) Guardia Civil (062) Policía Local (092) Policía Nacional (091) <https://www.policia.es/>

Vithas Hospital Parque San Antonio

Av. del Pintor Joaquín Sorolla, 2/ +34 952 12 11 00

Pharmacies:

Homeopatica Clasica

Calle Camino de las Canteras

Pharmacy Caffarena 24 Horas:

Alameda Principal, 2

Post Office:

Correos/Posta Malaga Post Office
Near Plaza de la Constitucion

Entertainment near Malaga/Costa del Sol

BIOPARC Must See! Zoo in nearby Fuengirola is characterized, among other things, by its architectural design called zoo-immersion, which immerses the visitor in the environment of the animal. The entire park is designed to envelop whoever walks through it in a recreation of the habitat where the animals come from.

Web: bioparcfuengirola.es

Benalmadena Butterfly Garden: **Very interesting** adventure into the world of butterflies at Benalmadena Butterfly Garden 30 minutes West of Malaga;

In a spectacular Thai Temple you can walk among more than 1500 exotic species of butterflies from all over the world that fly freely in a tropical paradise among waterfalls and flowers. A world of its own!

Web: mariposariodebenalmadena.com

Aqua parks for kids: There are numerous water parks for kids from 20 minutes to 40 minutes from Malaga.

My favorite is Aqualand in Torremolinos is 20 minutes away and a lot of fun for the day.

Web: aqualand.es/torremolinos

Cable Car of Benalmadena: Take the cable car up the mountain from the Mediterranean until the top of the mountain where there are hiking trails/ amazing panoramic views/bird watching.

Web: telefericobenalmadena.com

