

Get to know Málaga

WITH A GOOD EXCUSE



Symbols of Málaga



The Biznaga

The name “Biznaga” comes from Andalusian Arabic – ***bis[s]ináqa**, and the latin **pastināca** – parsnip!, and the Classical Nahuatl **huitznahuac** (“surrounded by thorns”).

It's a human-made flower, crafted by inserting fresh jasmin flower buds into the dried umbrella-shaped-stem of the Ammia Visnaga, or “fake fennel” plant :).

It was traditionally used as an air freshener and mosquito repellent. Nowadays, it's a precious souvenir that you can buy in the street if you're lucky to come across with a “Biznaguero”:



The espeto

One of Málaga's signature foods, first originated at the end of the XIX century in “El Palo”, which back then was a fishermen's village, and nowadays is a popular neighborhood on the east side of the city.

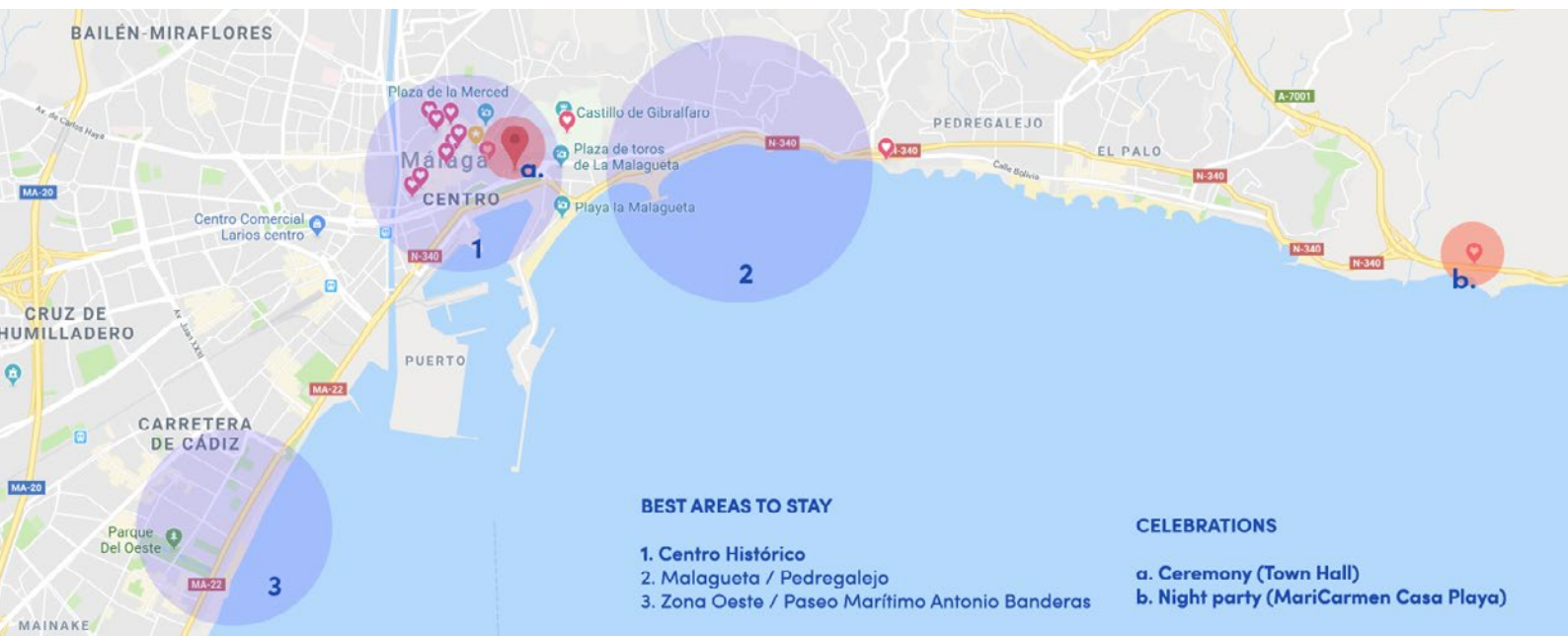
There, “Miguel el de las sardinas” (Sardine's Miguel), opened Málaga's first “Chiringito” (beach restaurant), where he started this simple recipe consisting on roasted sardines skewered in a piece of sugar cane and pitched in the sand, surrounded by fire.

One prominent visitor of Miguel's bar “La gran parada” (The great stop), was Alfonso XII of Spain, who, after attempting to eat the espeto with knife and fork, was reprimanded by Miguel, who urged him to eat it with his hands! (beware, that this is still the rule today;)



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WHERE TO STAY



If you haven't booked your stay yet, **hurry up!** Málaga is a very touristic destination, and the summer season is extending more and more because of climate change, etc.!

We've marked the best options, probably by order of handiness, beauty and comfort, but if you find any other possibility and want to know, please ask us!

Transport:

Renting a bike:

Málaga bay is perfect to see by bike! It has a baywalk that crosses the city from West to East. Especially, we recommend the bike ride from the Malagueta Baywalk to "El Balneario" to watch the sunset...

Renting a car:

Renting a car is a good option if you plan to extend your stay or are staying far from the city, but is definitely **NOT AN OPTION** if you stay in the city. The whole historic center is **PEDESTRIAN ZONE**, so finding a parking can be hard or expensive if you put it in a private parking.

Taxis:

Taxis are not expensive, and the driver might not speak English, but body language and written directions will work exceptionally well. They're all white, with a blue diagonal line across the front doors:

Price references taxis:

From zone 1 to zone 2: 10-12 euro

From zone 1 to b.: 15-17 euro

taxi phone: +34952333333



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WHAT TO EAT & SEE



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After the “eat espeto with the hands”, there’s just 1 more rule:
NO FISH ON MONDAYS!

If you happen to be on Málaga on a Monday, be aware that most museums and fish / traditional restaurants close on Mondays, and not on Sundays, because the boats don’t fish on Sundays.

Cultural highlights:

Alcazaba-Castillo de Gibralfaro complex:

Hilltop Moorish-style medieval fortress overlooking the sea, with lush, fountain-filled gardens. Access from the central street of Alcazabilla, and hike your way to the castle. One of the best views of Málaga! TIP: Don’t do it without a hat if it’s too hot!, and bring water! Entrance fee is around 2€.

Picasso Museum:

Málaga’s most consequent and beautiful museum in our mess of corrupted museums. Don’t miss the archeological part in the underground floor, with many beauties found during the construction of the Palace of Buenavista, where the museum is partially house.

Flamenco:

Good flamenco shows are a rarity in Málaga, sadly! But if many of you would like to see a show, we can try and organise something for you.

Eating & drinking in El Centro:

Antigua Casa del Guardia:

Try Málaga’s sweet wines standing at this narrow aisle full of ancient drooling barrels. The waiter will write what you owe on the bar with chalk ;) ONLY MIDDAY

Bar Mercado Atarazanas:

Smack in the centre is this old renovated market. Venture yourself there (early better than sorry) and grab a grilled prawn skewer, or some fried vegetables, and a caña, of course. ONLY MIDDAY

Casa Mira:

One of Málaga’s oldest ice-cream & nougat manufacture. It’s on the main commercial street so you will rarely miss it. Try the “Bombón helado”, a marvel of nougat icecream with a thin dark chocolate coating...

Casa Aranda:

Should you be an extreme sweet tooth and wanting to dip Spanish Churros in your coffee, this is your place.

La Farola del Orellana:

That’s a quintessential Andalusian tapas bar.

El Balneario:

This is more than a place to eat. We actually have rarely eaten there... just sit, no matter if on a rock or on the terrace of the restaurant, and watch the sunset hour!

Breakfast options: DESAL, Café central, El último mono

Sick of Spanish food?

Ramen Nogacu:

A good friend opened one of Spain’s best ramen bars in Málaga!

La sociedad hervívora:

Great people just opened this exceptional vegan restaurant, in the non-rare prospect that you would need to detox...

Not enough? more upon request!

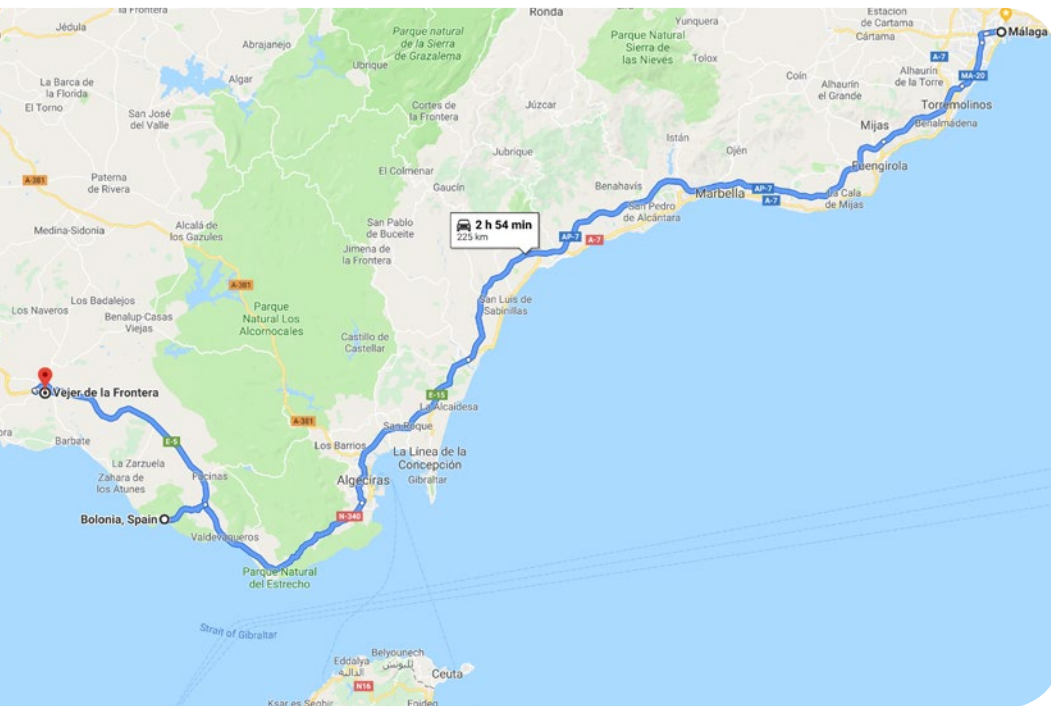


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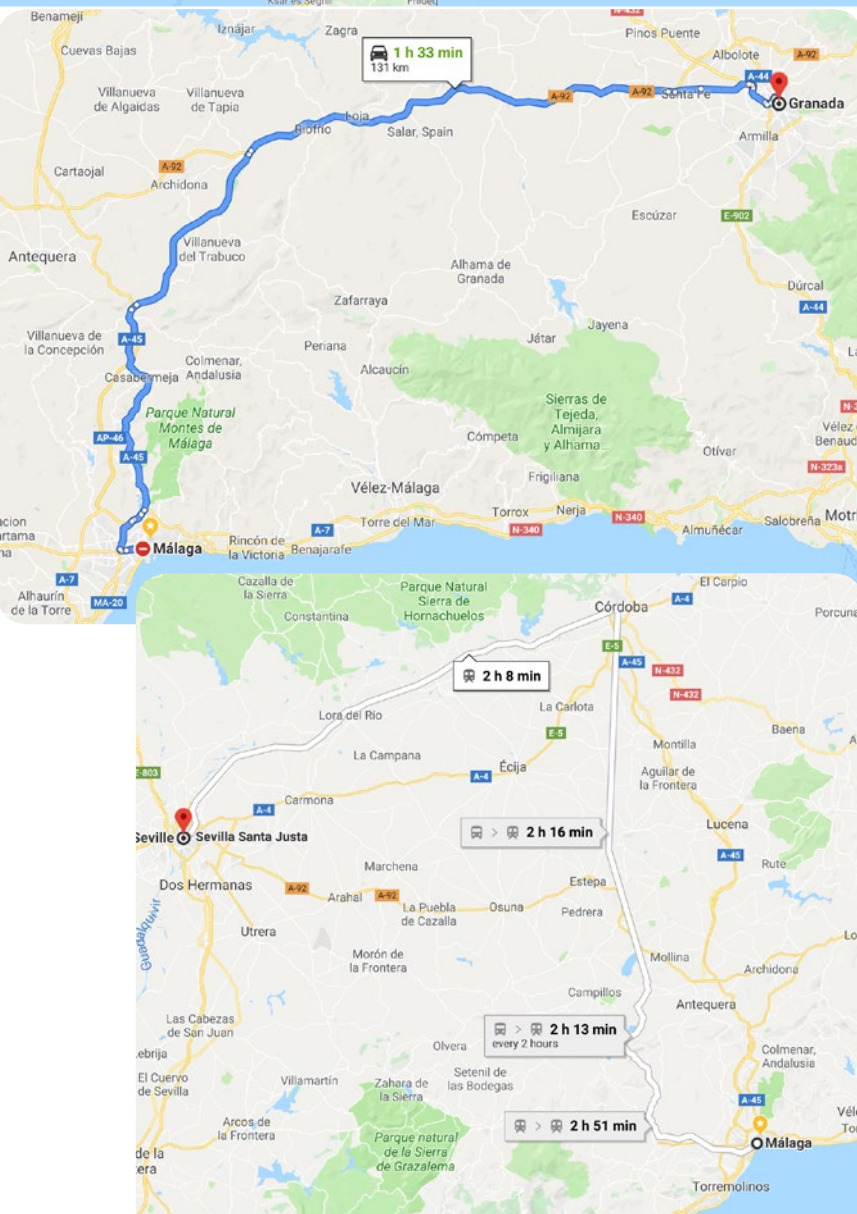
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2 day 1 night Atlantic Tour:

Málaga - Sleep in Vejer de la Frontera - Bath in Playa de Bolonia. ca. 3h by car

Playa de Bolonia was named one of Spain's best 10 beaches again this year. White sand dunes, but when unlucky, cold water and wind! It's the atlantic ocean!



Granada / Alhambra:

Get a tapa with each drink, and get to see one of Spain's most stunning cultural heritage complexes: The Alhambra.

If you decide to go, buy your tickets NOW! You will really have no chance to get tickets in the box office there. They're sold out a lot in advance.

BUY TICKETS ONLY FROM THE OFFICIAL SITE:
<https://tickets.alhambra-patronato.es/en/>

Going by bus is also pretty easy. (2h)

No driving tour (Sevilla / Córdoba):

Two amazing Andalusian cities with a good train connection from Málaga.

Check the temperatures before you go.

Had thought of something else? Ask us!