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Travel Guide

MARBELLA

Nestled along the sun-kissed Costa del Sol, Marbella is one of Spain's most glamorous coastal destinations, blending luxury, history, and vibrant culture. Known for its beautiful beaches, lively nightlife, and picturesque old town, Marbella attracts travelers seeking both relaxation and excitement.

INTRODUCTION

Discover how to plan the perfect Marbella getaway with The Getaway Collection Guide to the Marbella – covering what to see, where to stay, and how to make the most of your trip for an unforgettable experience!



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Destination HIGHLIGHTS



OLD TOWN

Wander cobble streets lined with whitewashed buildings, quaint boutiques and cosy cafés.



PUERTO BANUS

Marbella's luxury marina, famous for high-end shopping, yachts, and nightlife. A hotspot for celebrity sightings.



GOLFING

Marbella is a premier golf destination, boasting courses like Santa Clara Golf Club and Marbella Club Golf Resort.

GETTING THERE



BY AIR

The nearest airport is Málaga-Costa del Sol Airport (AGP), about 45 minutes by car or bus from Marbella.



HOTELS



HARDROCK

The Hard Rock Hotel Marbella, located in the vibrant Puerto Banús area, offers a dynamic blend of luxury and entertainment. The hotel boasts two outdoor pools: the lively Eden Pool with DJ sets and the tranquil Sun Society Pool with in-water loungers.

Features: Guests can enhance their stay with curated music experiences,



HOTEL DON PEPE GRAN MELIÁ

Located on the beachfront, Hotel Don Pepe Gran Meliá offers elegant rooms with sea views, multiple dining options, and a wellness center. Its proximity to Marbella's city center and its luxurious amenities make it a top choice for travelers seeking both relaxation and convenience

Feature: Location



OCCIDENTAL PUERTO BANÚS

The Occidental Puerto Banús is a contemporary 4-star hotel situated in the heart of Marbella's upscale Puerto Banús district, just 300 meters from the marina and beach.

Features: 300 meters to Marina.

Local TRANSPORT

TAXI AND RIDESHARE

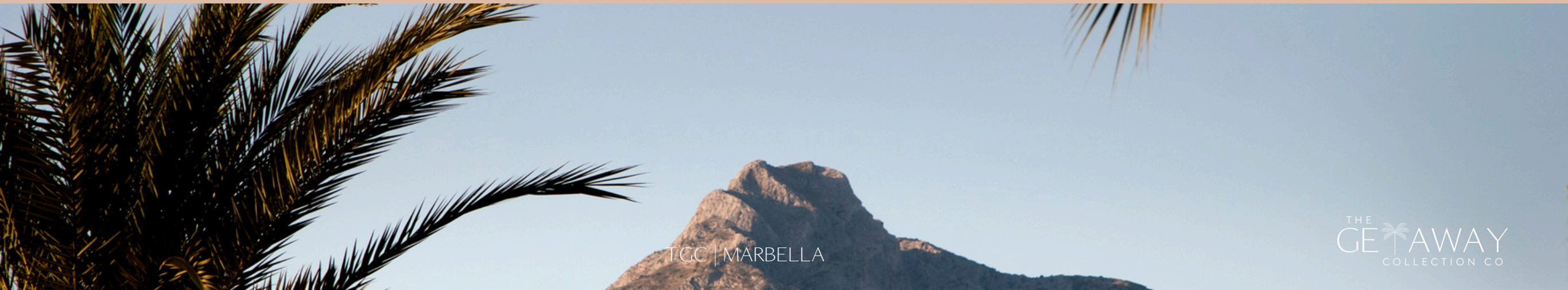
Available but can be pricey best for short trips.

PUBLIC TRANSIT

Local bus services run daily.

CAR HIRE

Highly recommended if exploring beaches, villages, and mountains.



DINING *and cuisine*

Marbella's culinary scene is a delightful reflection of its coastal Andalusian roots, blending traditional Spanish flavors with international influences. Fresh seafood dominates the menu, with local specialties like espeto de sardinas (grilled sardines) served at beachfront chiringuitos, along with calamari, prawns, and grilled fish. Tapas culture thrives in the city, offering small plates of Iberian ham, manchego cheese, and marinated olives perfect for sharing. Fine dining is also prominent, especially around Puerto Banús and the Golden Mile, where Michelin-starred restaurants showcase



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Top 5 EXCURSIONS

1. **Ronda – The Cliffside Town** - About 1.5 hours from Marbella, Ronda is famous for its dramatic gorge, Puente Nuevo bridge, and historic bullring. Visitors can explore cobbled streets, visit the Arab baths, and enjoy panoramic views over the surrounding countryside. This excursion is ideal for history buffs and photography enthusiasts.
2. **Mijas Pueblo – Whitewashed Village Charm** - Just 30 minutes away, Mijas Pueblo is a traditional Andalusian village with whitewashed houses, narrow streets, and artisan shops. Highlights include the Mijas Donkey Taxi rides, local pottery workshops, and viewpoints overlooking the Mediterranean coast. It's perfect for a leisurely cultural experience.
3. **Gibraltar – Unique Rock & Monkeys** - Approximately 1 hour by car, Gibraltar offers a blend of British and Spanish culture. Explore the Rock of Gibraltar, see the famous Barbary macaques, visit the Great Siege Tunnels, and enjoy duty-free shopping. A fascinating mix of nature, history, and quirky sightseeing.
4. **Caminito del Rey – Thrilling Gorge Walk** - About 1 hour from Marbella, the Caminito del Rey is a breathtaking walkway along steep gorges and cliffs. Known for its spectacular views and adrenaline-inducing paths, it's perfect for adventure seekers and nature lovers. Advance booking is recommended due to popularity.
5. **Malaga – Art, Culture & Beaches** - Just a 45-minute drive, Malaga offers historic charm with the Alcazaba fortress, Picasso Museum, and vibrant old town. Enjoy tapas bars, shopping, and beachside promenades. A perfect combination of culture, cuisine, and coastal relaxation.



Best SUPPLIERS

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PACKAGE SUPPLIERS

Jet2, JTA, Gold Medal, Major, Travel Pack, olympic

EXCURSIONS

Viator, Expedia

CAR HIRE/TRANSFERS

Holiday extras, Holiday Taxis, JTA, Flexible autos



Cultural EXPERIENCES

FLAMENCO SHOWS

Experience authentic flamenco performances at local tablaos or cultural venues. The passionate music and dance reflect Andalusia's deep-rooted traditions and provide an immersive cultural evening.

CASCO ANTIGUO

Marbella's historic center is a maze of cobbled streets, whitewashed houses, and hidden squares. Highlights include Plaza de los Naranjos, with its Renaissance-era town hall, fountains, and orange trees, reflecting the city's Moorish and Andalusian past. Walking tours often include local churches and traditional architecture.

GASTRONOMIC CULTURE

Participate in cooking classes or tapas tours to explore Andalusian cuisine. Learn to make traditional dishes like gazpacho, paella, or espeto de sardinas while understanding the local culinary heritage.

MARKETS

Visit weekly artisan markets to experience local crafts, ceramics, textiles, and traditional Andalusian goods, offering a glimpse into Marbella's cultural and artisanal traditions.



Best

TIME OF YEAR TO VISIT

Summer (June–August) is peak season, offering hot, sunny days average temperature of 28°C to 32°C (82°F to 90°F) ideal for beachgoers and lively nightlife, but expect higher prices and crowded beaches, especially in Puerto Banús and the Old Town.

Spring (March–May) and autumn (September–November) are ideal. During these months, the weather is pleasantly warm, averaging 20–25°C (68–77°F), making it perfect for sightseeing, beach walks, and outdoor activities without the summer crowds.

Winter (December–February) is mild, with temperatures around 15°C (59°F), quieter streets, and lower prices, making it a good choice for golf, spa retreats, and cultural sightseeing, though swimming in the sea may be too chilly for most.





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