Malaga. Brilliant in every sense

With more than 3000 years of history, Malaga is one of the most internationally renowned cultural destinations. Birthplace of artists such as Picasso, it has fulfilled all of its potential in order to give you unforgettable experiences and memories in every sense.

Observe and admire the monumental heritage which Phoenicians, Romans and Arabs have left us. Enjoy the beauty of the art on display in the numerous museums which are open every day. Try the exquisite and varied gastronomy in the bars and restaurants which offer the best products of our land and also from all over the world, while you take time to browse around in our shopping areas. Feel the breeze, the sun and savour the aroma of sea and jasmine which perfume our city.

Culture, gastronomy, parks, natural spaces, beaches, shops, holidays... Malaga is brilliant. Enjoy your stay.
A day to visit a city like Malaga isn’t much. Let’s make the most of it.

We can start at the emblematic street calle Larios, important shopping area of Malaga, where the best designer shops are located, until we arrive at plaza de la Constitución, heart of the city’s old quarter.

From there we can go west, along calle Compañía to the Palace of Villafá (18th century), home of the Carmen Thyssen Malaga, first stop on our route. This museum, inaugurated in March 2011, has a permanent collection of more than 200 works of Spanish artists of the 19th century, centred especially on Andalusian painting.

Returning to plaza de la Constitución, we can take time to have a rest, and enjoy a good Malaga breakfast in any of the cafeterías which are found in the area. A nice coffee with churros or a toasted sandwich, will go down well. We head east this time, and take calle Santa María which brings us directly to the Cathedral and its Museum. Although work on the Cathedral (Catedral de Nuestra Señora de la Encarnación) started during the gothic Period (13th century) on the old mosque of the arabian city, the current building is of renaissance style and still unfinished. In front of the Cathedral is plaza del Obispo and the Episcopal Palace (17th), a beautiful example of the baroque architecture of Malaga.

In calle Cister, behind the Cathedral, we come out onto calle Alcazabilla where our next stop is found: The Alcazaba which, along with the Castle of Gibralfaro, is one of the city’s most important monuments.

The Alcazaba, built between the 11th and 14th centuries, was the palace fortress of the Moorish governors. It is built upon the remains of an older Phoenician fortress, on the site of the old Gibralfaro castle, in a privileged enclave above the city.

The Alcazaba is adjoined to the castle of Gibralfaro by a steep mountain pathway. The easiest way to access this fortress is by means of public transport, taking bus number 35 from paseo del Parque.

Our next stop is the Roman Theatre, situated in calle Alcazabilla at the foot of the Alcazaba. Built in the 1st century A.D., it was used until the 3rd century. After its restoration, the Roman Theatre of Malaga has recently recovered its use as a scenic space.

And now it’s time to take a break and try the varied, rich local and international gastronomy of one of the most exciting areas of the city. Fried fish, gazpacho, Malaga salad... in one of the nice coffee with churros or a toasted sandwich, will go down well. We head down this delightful pathway, and we can take the opportunity to make some purchases in some of the excellent shops.

We come back to our starting point, plaza de la Constitution and walk down calle Larios to end our trip. The Lighthouse (1817), is a quintessential symbol of the city of Malaga.

From La Farola, we will enjoy breathtaking views of Malaga’s seaport and the city, to whose historical centre we will be back through the Muelle Uno (dock one), where Centre Pompidou Malaga is located. This Centre offers a permanent exhibition of several dozens of art works pertaining to the XIXth and XXth centuries of the impressive collection of Centre Pompidou in Paris. The Muelle Uno also hosts an important shopping and leisure area, where you can take the chance to do some shopping in any of the exclusive establishments set there, as well as to get our strength back in any of its bars and restaurants placed next to the sea.

We continue our pleasant walk around Muelle 2, extension of Muelle 1, turned into a Boulevard and named El Palmeral de las Sorpresas (The Palm Grove of Surprises). This part will bring us to our starting point filled with unique experiences and with one fixed idea: we have to come back.