

Málaga, Andalusia, Spain

Picasso's birthplace sits beneath a Moorish fortress, Roman theatre at its base — and you're already in the thick of it. The Alhambra is two hours away if you plan ahead; Ronda's clifftop gorge is closer.

Docked (pier — no tendering) Typical call: 8–10 hrs Euro (EUR) Spanish · English widely spoken

👉 MY DAY IN PORT

Ship/Date: _____	Arrive: _____	All aboard: _____
Excursion: _____	Notes: _____	

GETTING ASHORE

Docking: Terminals A/B (Muelle de Levante) or Palmeral/Muelle Uno

To Calle Larios: 10 min (Muelle Uno) · 25 min or shuttle (Terminals A/B)

Best For: History · Art · Andalusia day trips

Don't Miss: Alcazaba, Picasso Museum, Atarazanas Market

Getting around: **Taxi** ✓ €9–€12 · **Rideshare** ✓ Uber, Bolt, Cabify · **Hop-on hop-off** ✓ City Sightseeing Málaga

TOP THINGS TO DO

- **Alcazaba & Gibralfaro Castle** — Málaga's 11th-century Moorish fortress is one of the best-preserved in Spain, with layered ramparts, garden courtyards, and city panoramas.
- **Picasso Museum & Casa Natal** — The Museo Picasso Málaga occupies the 16th-century Palacio de Buenavista and holds 200+ works donated by Picasso's family — sculpture, ceramics...
- **Granada & the Alhambra** — The Alhambra palace complex — Nasrid palaces, Generalife gardens, Alcazaba fortress — is 90 minutes by road.
- **Ronda — Clifftop City & Puente Nuevo** — Perched above a 100-metre gorge, Ronda is one of Andalusia's most dramatic towns.
- **El Caminito del Rey** — A spectacular restored cliff path through the El Chorro gorge, about 50 km north of Málaga.

BEST WALKS

- **Waterfront to Alcazaba loop** ~3 km · 1.5–2 hrs · easy to moderate (uphill at end) — Walk west along the Palmeral promenade into Plaza de la Marina, up Calle Marqués de Larios to the Cathedral square, then east along Calle Molina Lario to the Roman...
- **Old town art & tapas circuit** ~2.5 km · 1.5 hrs · easy — From Calle Larios through the Cathedral square, to the Picasso Museum on Calle San Agustín, then to his birthplace on Plaza de la Merced, north to the Carmen Thyssen...
- **Seafront stroll to La Malagueta** ~1.5 km · 30 min · easy, flat — A flat walk east from Muelle Uno along the Paseo Marítimo to Málaga's main urban beach.

WEATHER · DAYLIGHT · MONEY

🌤️ CLIMATE (AVG °F · RAINY DAYS)				🌅 DAYLIGHT & 💰 MONEY	
Mon	High	Low	Rain	Apr 7:43AM–8:52PM · Jun 6:58AM–9:37PM · Aug 7:35AM–9:08PM · Sep 8:00AM–8:24PM · Oct 8:25AM–7:40PM	
Apr	69°	56°	8d	Euro (EUR)	
Jun	82°	68°	2d		
Aug	87°	74°	1d		
Sep	81°	69°	4d		
Oct	75°	63°	5d		

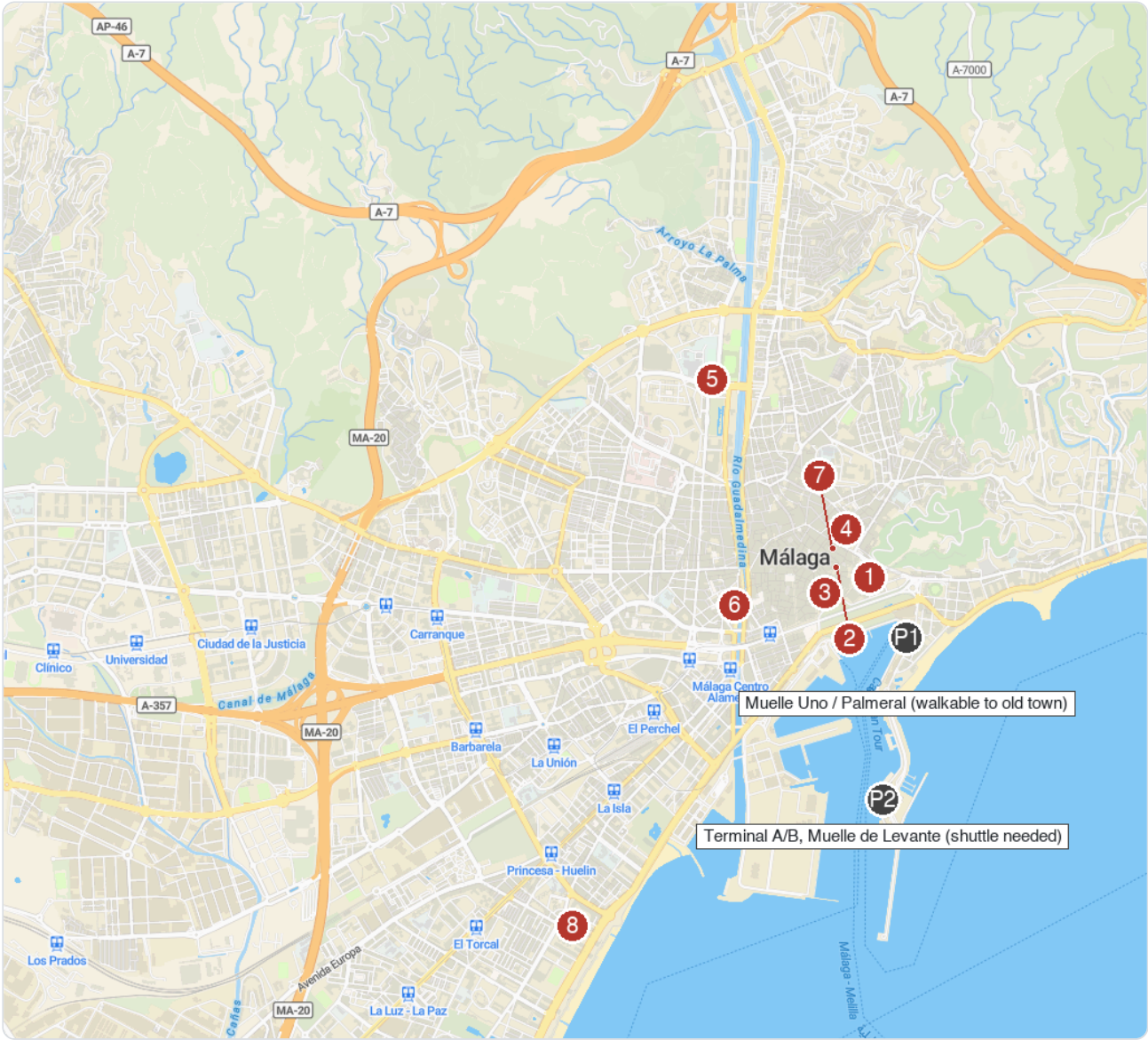
KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- Alhambra tickets must be booked months ahead — not days. If you don't have them before boarding, join a ship excursion with pre-booked access. Same-day tickets are essentially impossible.
- Check if your ship runs a shuttle. Large ships at Terminals A/B (Muelle de Levante) are a 25-minute walk from the old town. The ship's daily programme usually lists free shuttles to Plaza de la Marina — take it instead of walking the harbour road.
- Eat espetos. Sardines grilled on bamboo skewers over open driftwood — a Málaga institution. Best at a chiringuito on La Malagueta beach (10-min walk east of the pier) for a few euros a plate.
- Alcazaba + Gibralfaro combined ticket is ~€10 and well worth it. Skip the steep hill walk in summer heat — take local bus 35 from Alameda Principal up to Gibralfaro, then walk down through the Alcazaba.
- Summer calls can hit 35°C+. The Alcazaba is exposed — start early, bring water, sunscreen, and a hat. The Cathedral's interior is a cool respite mid-day.
- Málaga is good value. Tapas €2–4, museum entry under €12, coffee €1.50. Avoid the tourist terraces directly on Calle Larios — duck one street back for half the price. Taxis port-to-centre run €6–10.

Málaga, Andalusia, Spain — Port Map

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Red = walkable sights · Amber = excursions farther out · P = cruise terminal. Numbers match the order you'd typically visit.



1 Alcazaba	Ancient Moorish fortress-palace offering stunning city views.	2 Museo Picasso Málaga	Museum showcasing Picasso's art in his birth city.
3 Santa Iglesia Catedral Basílica de la Encarnación de Málaga	Málaga's grand Renaissance cathedral, known as "La Manquita."	4 Museo Casa Natal de Picasso	Picasso's birthplace, now a museum with personal artifacts.
5 Principia Science Center	Interactive science museum with hands-on exhibits for all ages.	6 Iglesia de Santo Domingo de Guzmán	Historic church with beautiful altarpieces and religious art.
7 El Hammam Open Space & SPA	Traditional Arab baths offering a relaxing spa experience.	8 Museo Automovilístico de Málaga	Vintage car museum featuring fashion and automotive history.
P1 Muelle Uno / Palmeral (walkable to old town)		P2 Terminal A/B, Muelle de Levante (shuttle needed)	