

YOUR GUIDE TO MARBELLA

Marbella is a city and municipality in southern Spain, belonging to the province of Malaga in the autonomous community of Andalucia. It is part of the Costa del Sol and is the headquarters of the Association of Municipalities of the region; it is also the head of the judicial district that bears its name.

Marbella is situated on the Mediterranean Sea, between Malaga and the Strait of Gibraltar, in the foothills of the Sierra Blanca. The municipality covers and area of 117 square kilometres crossed by highways on the coast, which are its main entrances.

In 2018 the population of the city was 141,463 inhabitants, making it the second most populous municipality in the province of Malaga and the eight in Andalucia. It is one of the most important tourist cities of the Costa del Sol and throughout most of the year is an international tourist attraction, due mainly to its climate and tourist infrastructure.

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The city also has a significant archaeological heritage, several museums and performance spaces, and a cultural calendar with events ranging from reggae concerts to opera performances. Marbella is protected on its northern side by coastal mountains of the Cordillera Penibetica and so enjoys a climate with an average annual temperature above 19 degrees Celsius. The highest peaks of the mountains are occasionally covered with snow, which usually melts in a day or two.

The city is especially popular with tourist from Northern Europe (including the United Kingdom, Ireland, Sweden and Germany) and also Saudi Arabia, and the United Arab Emirates. Marbella is particularly noted for the presence of aristocrats, celebrities and wealthy people, it is a popular destination for luxury yachts, and increasingly so for cruise ships, which dock in its harbour.

The area is popular with golfers and boaters, and there are many private estates and luxury hotels in the vicinity, including the Marbella Club Hotel. Marbella hosts a WTA tennis tournament on red clay, the Andalucia Tennis Experience.



NOTABLE RESIDENTS & REGULAR VISITORS

Sean Connery, Had a residence in Marbella from 1970 to 1998, where he was regularly playing golf when not filming.

George Clooney, American Actor.

Novak Djokovic, Tennis Professional.

Rick Parfitt, British rock musician from Status Quo.

Antonio Banderas, Spanish Actor.

Mike Reid, English actor and comedian.

Millie Bobby Brown, English actress and Eleven in Stranger Things.

Gareth Bale, Can be seen regularly on the finest golf courses along the coast.

TRANSPORT LINKS

Malaga Airport is the nearest international airport serving Marbella. It is 50 kilometres away and can be reached by car in just 30 minutes.

Marbella is served excellently by the Autovia A-7 which runs along the Costa del Sol. There is also a toll road, referred to as the Autopista AP-7, which provides faster travel along the route between Malaga and Marbella by-passing many of the urban areas along the route, such as Mijas and Fuengirola.



ICONIC MARBELLA LOCATIONS

Marbella Old Town, The old town of Marbella includes the ancient city walls and the two historic suburbs of the city, the Barrio Alto and the Barrio Nuevo. The ancient walled city retains nearly the same layout as in the 16th century. The Plaza de los Naranjos can be found in the heart of the Old Town.

The Golden Mile, What is know as Marbella's Golden Mile is actually a stretch of four miles (6.4 kilometres) which begins at the western edge of Marbella city and stretches to Puerto Banus. The area is home to some of Marbella's most luxurious villas and estates with views of mountain and sea, such as the Palace of King Fahd, as well as some landmark hotels, among them the Hotel Marbella Club and the Hotel Puente Romano.

The Golden Mile is divided into two parts by a motorway that runs through it. Along the motorway are strings of business centres, five-star hotels, golf courses and other services. The beachside is fully developed, while the mountainside is still undergoing development.

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Nueva Andalucia, This is an area just west of Marbella and inland from the marina of Puerto Banus. Home to many golf courses, it is also know as the Golf Valley. Nueva Andalucia is a very popular residential area both due to its three golf courses, but also due to an increasing number of restaurants and entertainment venues. The three golf courses in Nueva Andalucia are Los Naranjos Golf Club, Las Brisas Golf Club and Aloha Golf. Jason Callow Real Estate have a luxury collection of new build and renovated luxury villas in frontline golf positions on these courses.

Puerto Jose Banus, More commonly know simply as Puerto Banus, is a marina located in the area of Nueva Andalucia, to the southwest of Marbella. It was built in May 1970 by Jose Banus, a local property developer, as a luxury marina and shopping complex. It has since become one of the largest entertainment centres in the Costa del Sol, with five million annual visitors, and is popular with international celebrities. Puerto Banus contains high-end shopping, restaurants and bars, and of course multi-million euro boats and super yachts.

MARBELLA FESTIVALS

In June, the Fair and Fiesta of San Bernabe honour the patron saint of Marbella. They last a week, with activities and performances divided in two parts: Fair Day, which began in Old Town and is now held in the Avenida del Doctor Maíz Viñals, and Fair Night, in Arroyo Primero.

October sees the fair and festivals honouring the Patron Saint of San Pedro Alcantara.

These too last a week. The smaller Fair and Festivals of Nueva Andalucía, celebrated in early October in Las Chapas and El Ángel, are also popular.

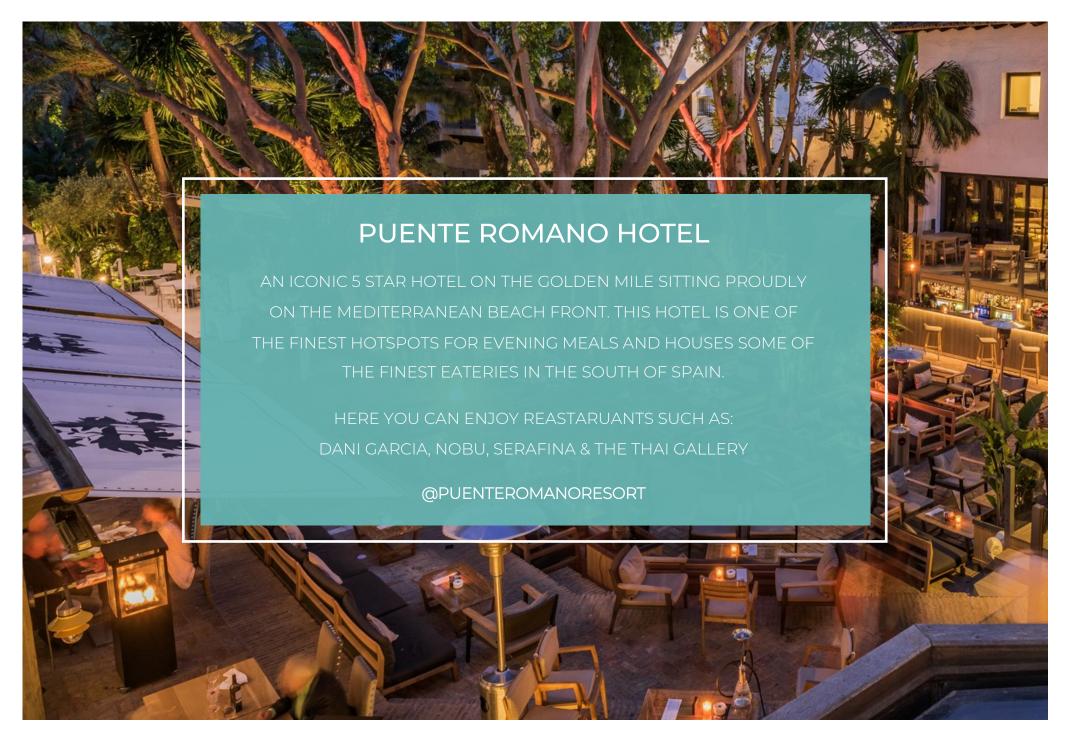
Other festivals and local celebrations include the Pilgrimages of Cruz de Juanar (May),

La Virgen del Carmen (July) and La Virgen Madre (August), as well as the Día del Tostón

(November), a traditional celebration which consists of going to the

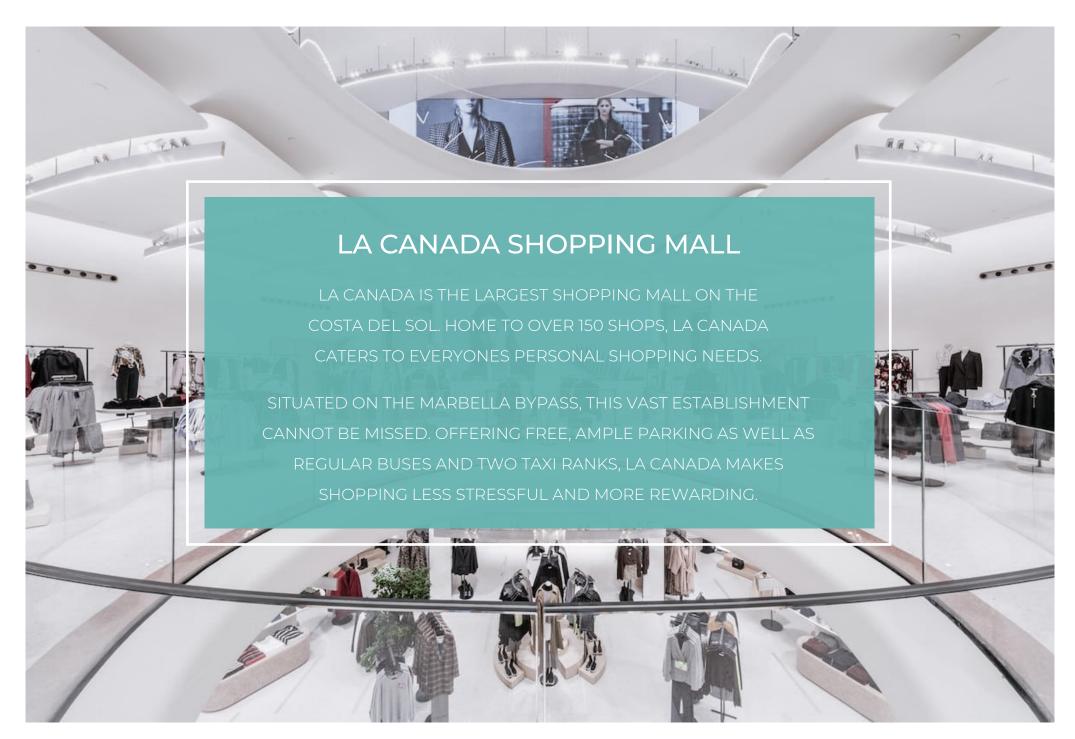
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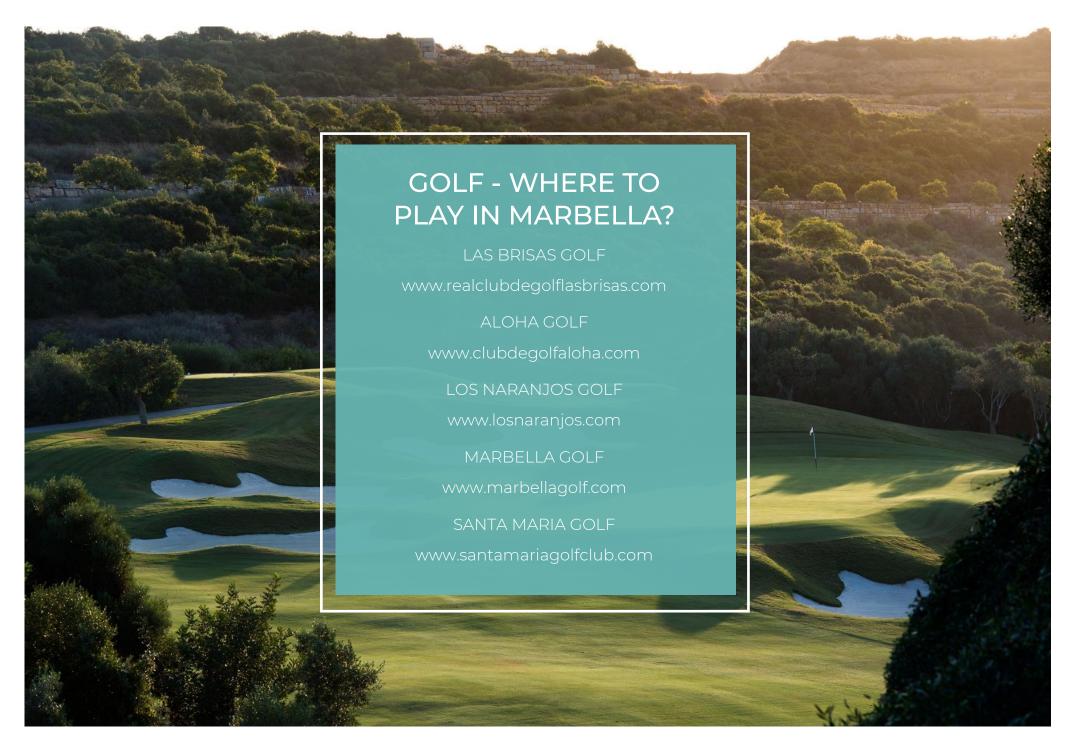






THE COSTA DEL GOLF

There are over 70 golf courses on the Costa del Sol located between Torre del Mar and Sotogrande, the largest concentration anywhere in Europe. Since golf first arrived in The area nearly a century ago, its popularity has grown to the extent that the Costa del Sol now ranks as a top golf destination world-wide and is firmly recognised as the Home of winter golf in Europe.



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