

Malaga, Spain

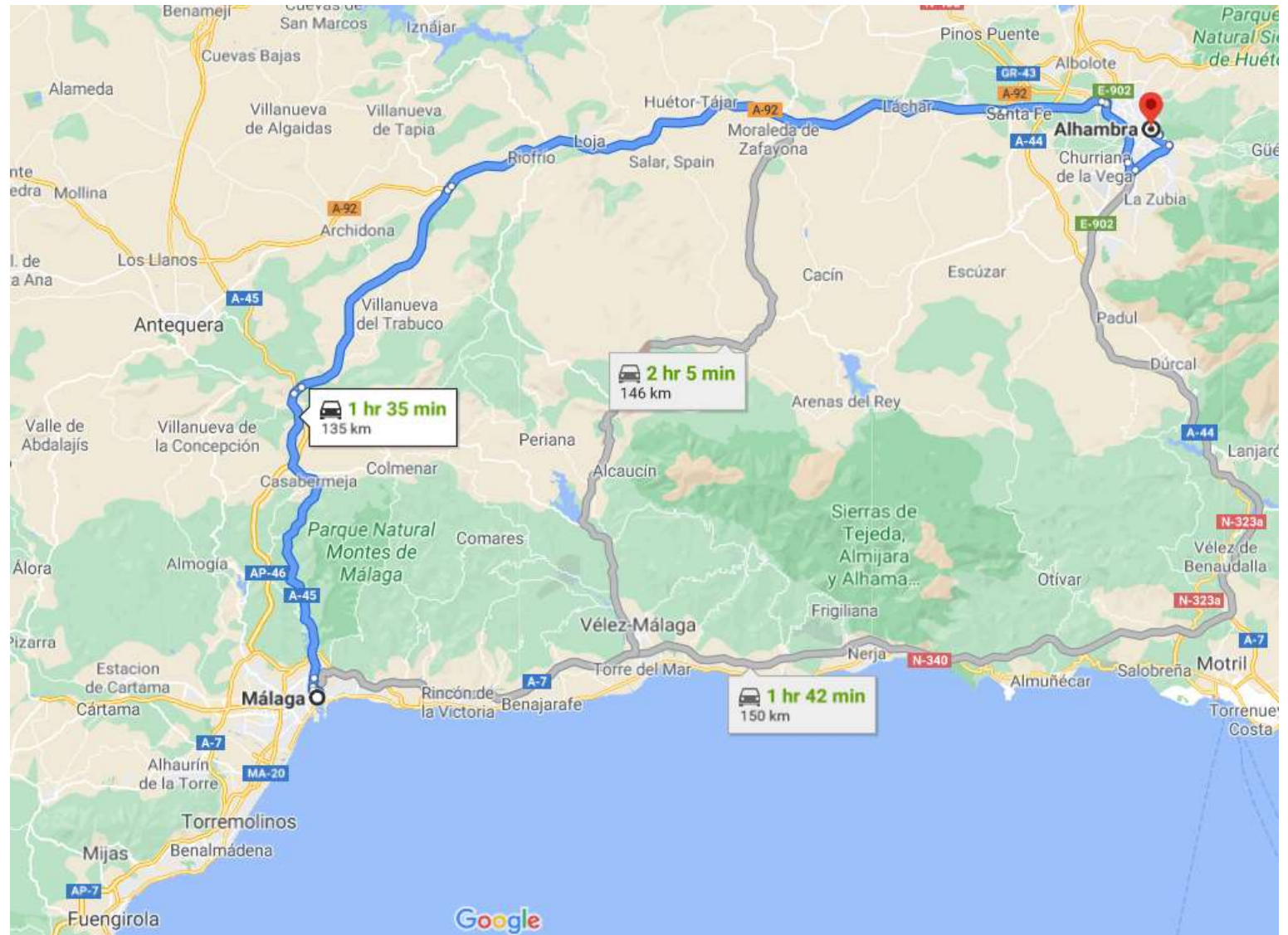
- Saturday, April 8, 2023
- Docked from 8:00AM to 6:00PM
- Tourist Info
 - <https://www.lonelyplanet.com/spain/andalucia/malaga>
 - <http://www.malagaturismo.com/en>
 - <https://www.getyourguide.com/malaga-l402/?partnerid=C2A6B>
- Weather
 - Average temperatures range 52°-71°F; mean 62°F; 0.51” precipitation

Essentials

- Money – Euro (1E= \$1.05); ATMs available
- VISA – None
- Safety – Normal Precautions
- Clothing – Normal
- Internet – Free WiFi is available at ~50 newspaper stands (slow connection) and fast food restaurants
- Cell Service – 4G widely available, including some 5G coverage by Orange;
<https://www.nperf.com/en/map/ES/2514256.Malaga/-/signal/>
- Taxi – widely available but not always metered. Verify cost with driver to ensure official rate is followed. Official rates should be displayed inside any licensed taxi. There are generally taxi ranks in city and it's possible to hail a taxi in the street. Look for the green 'libre' notice on the windscreen or the green light on the roof at night. Bars and restaurants will call a taxi for you.
- Bus
 - Port Authority of Malaga offers a shuttle bus from the cruise terminal to Plaza de la Marina in the city center. Buses run every 15-20 minutes and costs 5E pp.
 - There is also a Solar bus for 3E pp.
 - HOHO – 3 routes; 30 stops. The bus station is only a few meters from where the cruise shuttle drops you off. <https://city-sightseeing.com/en/24/malaga/230/hop-on-hop-off-malaga>
 - Empresa Municipal de Transportes – municipal bus company
- Car Rental – 2 companies near Cruise Terminal; Hertz and Prima Rent A Car:
<http://www.rentacarprima.com/>

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- Malaga is the capital of the Malaga province.
- 5th most populated city in Spain.



Cruise Terminal

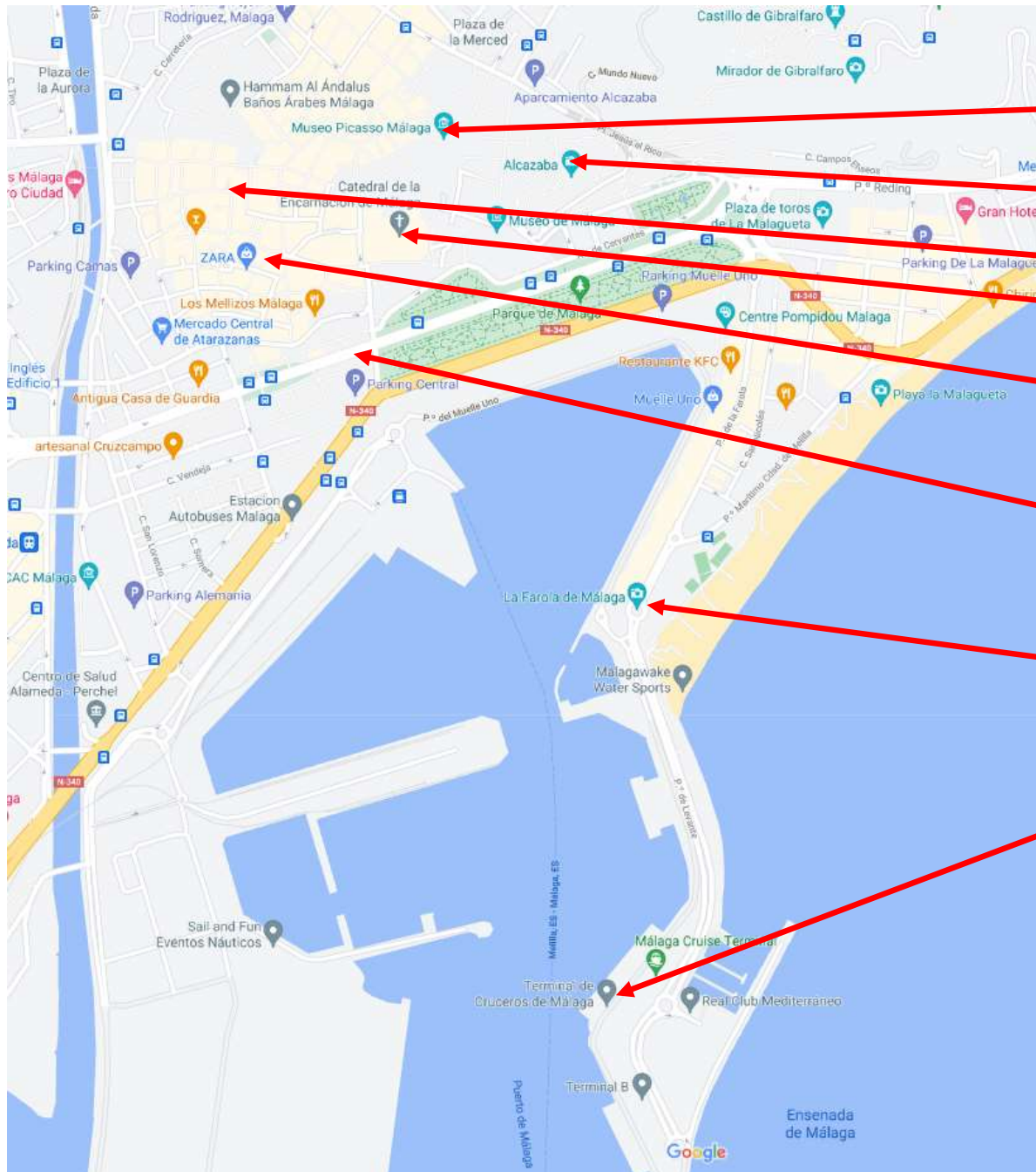
- **The Eastern dock (Pier 1)** is used by the cruise ships.
 - The walk to the city center around Plaza de la Constitucion and Calle Puerta de Mar is ~1.5 miles.
- If you want to go to a beach, walk to the lighthouse about 700' from dock.
- Hand luggage is checked by the port authorities before entering the terminal. However, no bags are checked when boarding ship.
- There is a duty free store in the terminal with alcoholic beverages.



Shopping

- Shops are usually open Mon-Sat from 9:30am-1:30pm and 4:30pm-8:00pm.
- Big shopping centers are open 10:00am-9:00pm.
- Good shopping in the Historical Quarter, which is the city's largest commercial area. Many monumental and museum attractions are here too. The whole area is a semi-circle that extends out from its central axis at Calle Larios to the banks of the River Guadalmedina and to Calles Carretera, Alamos, and Alcazabilla.

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Picasso Museum

Alcazaba

Carmen Thyssen Museum

Our Lady of Incarnation

Historical District

Plaza de la Marina

Light House

Cruise Terminal

~1.5 miles from Cruise Terminal
to Picasso Museum

Attractions (1)

- **Alhambra** – UNESCO World Heritage Site in Granada (~2 hrs from Malaga). It is a palace and fortress complex, originally constructed as a small fortress in 889CE on the remains of ancient Roman fortifications. Rebuilt in the mid-13th century by the Arab Nasrid emir Mohammed ben Al-Ahmar of the Emirate of Granada. Converted into a royal palace in 1333 by Yusur I, Sultan of Granada. The site became the Royal Court of Ferdinand and Isabella in 1492.
 - Not accessible to wheelchairs or walkers. Lots of high steps.
 - Must bring your passport for entry.
 - There are several types of tickets. Must make a reservation. 14E (9E for 65+) for a timed entry ticket for Nasrid Palaces (the highlight). Includes Alcazaba, the Generalife Palace and Gardens. There may be delays in entry and tickets are limited.
 - Plan at least 2 hours to see most of the Alhambra.
 - <https://www.alhambradegranada.org/en/info/ticketsale.asp>
 - Take a taxi to the central bus station (~4E). Busses are faster than trains.
 - Buy a round-trip bus ticket to Granada. Direct (1:30hrs) or 1 stop Bus (1:45 hrs) is best. <https://www.alsa.com/en/web/bus/home>
 - Supra busses are very comfortable and include water, snack, free WiFi, and a reserved seat. ~24-27E.
 - Bus station in Granada is ~3km from the center of town. Taxi to city center is ~7E and ~11E to Alhambra (plenty of taxis available). From the city center it is a 25 min uphill walk.

Attractions (2)



My photo from 1978

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Attractions (3)

- **Alcazaba** - fortress palace with lovely gardens. Houses the local archaeological museum and a tiered Roman theater. Arabic name means citadel. Built between 1057 and 1063 by Badis, King of the Berber Taifa of Granada.
- **Nuestra Senora de la Encarnacion (Our Lady of Incarnation)** – impressive high Renaissance cathedral sits next to an unfinished Gothic church. One of the best examples of Spanish religious art. Foundation laid ~1530 and work ended in the 17th century. It is unfinished and lacks coping on the main façade and the south court.
- **Gibralfaro Castle** - Ancient Moorish fortress, high above the Alcazaba. There is a path all the way up but the climb is severe. There is an elevator to the palace which is half-way up. Inside there is an interesting military museum and spectacular views of the city.



Attractions (4)

- **Caminito Del Rey (King's Little Path)** – cliff-side path hanging 100m above the river Guadalhorce reservoir, El Chorro Gorge; ~25k from Malaga; reconstructed in 2015 to follow old 1921 path which was originally workmen's access to aqueduct; ~2 miles; 2 hr walk; lots of stairs



Attractions (5)

- **Count Buenavista Palace and Picasso Museum** – short walk from the Cathedral on Calle San Augustin. 16th century Renaissance building is home of the Museo Picasso Malaga. Museo Picasso includes some of the most valuable collections of the artist.
- **Carmen Thyssen Museum** – collection covers Romanticism and Costumbrism from the 19th century.
- **Glass and Crystal Museum** – located in a carefully restored townhouse, it is a treasure chest of interesting glass artefacts.
- **The Contemporary Art Centre** – based in a former market with modern art exhibitions

Private Tours

- **Tours by Locals:** <https://www.toursbylocals.com/Malaga-Tours>
- **VIP Tours:** <https://www.vipmalagatours.com/>
- **Spain Day Tours:** <http://www.spaindaytours.com/>
- **Alhambra tour:** https://www.myprivatetourguide.com/st_tour/granada-and-the-alhambra-palace-private-tour/
- **Caminito Del Rey (King's Little Path):**
<https://www.andalucia.com/province/malaga/el-chorro/caminito-del-rey.htm>
- **Bicycle/Segway tours:**
 - Bike2Malaga: <https://www.biketoursmalaga.com/en/>
 - Malaga Bike Tours: <https://www.malagabiketours.eu/>
 - QQ Electric Bikes: <https://www.qqbikes.com/en/>
 - Malaga Segway Tour: <https://malagatourssegway.com/>
 - Segway Malaga Tour: <https://www.segwaymalagatours.com/>
- **GT – Official Tourist Guides of Malaga:**
<http://www.guiasdemalaga.com/ingles/index.html>

HAL Tours

- **4x4 Andalusia Adventure** - \$120; 5.5 hrs; town of Frigiliana (1 hr from port); Almigara & Tejada National Park by 4x4; local wine and typical Spanish tapas
- **Best of Cordoba** - \$190; 8.5 hrs; visit Catholic cathedral (once was a very large mosque); walking tour through the Jewish Quarter; incl lunch in Cordoba
- **Granada & Albaycin** - \$200; 9 hrs; 2 hr drive from Malaga to Granada's Carthusian Monastery; short drive to San Cristobal Viewpoint overlooking Granada; visit Albaycin Quarter (UNESCO World Heritage Site); lunch at Mirador de Morayma Restaurant (featured in Food & Wine magazine)
- **Granada & The Alhambra** - \$200; 9 hrs; 2.5 hr drive to Granada; visit Alhambra – Nazrid Palace, the Generalife summer residence, and the gardens; incl lunch; considerable walking over uneven surfaces with 150 steps throughout the Alhambra; can book 4 months to 4 days in advance; no refunds or exchanges for cancellation; limited tickets available
- **Granada on Your Own** - \$70; 9 hrs; 2 hr bus ride from ship to Granada; 5 hrs to explore independently
- **Kayak & Caves** - \$90; 5.5 hrs; 1 hr drive to Nerja; 2 hrs kayaking incl stop for snorkel and swimming
- **Malaga Sights & Picasso Museum** - \$90; 4 hrs; view of exterior of Alcazaba; bus trip up to Gibralfaro Castle; Museo Picasso Malaga

HAL Tours

- **Malaga Sights** - \$80; 4 hrs; visit Gibralfaro Castle; Cathedral (guides not allowed inside); short walk to view exterior of Roman theater and the Alcazaba; panoramic drive through town
- **Marbella & Puerto Banus** - \$80; 4.5 hrs; 1 hr drive from Malaga to Marbella; walking tour through town center; 15 min bus ride to Puerto Banus; free time in Puerto Banus
- **Mijas Village & Countryside** - \$70; 4 hrs; bus to village of Mijas (“the white town”); donkey taxis available, but not incl; browse through local shops on your own
- **Panoramic Malaga** - \$70; 2.5 hrs; drive past Malaga’s finest landmarks; view of Alcazaba Palace; glimpse of house where Picasso was born; no inside visits; no restroom during tour
- **Torremolinos Mountains on Horseback** - \$110; 4 hrs; 45 min bus ride to equestrian center; 1 hr horse ride (only walk, no trotting or galloping) w/ several stops; snack; weight limit 220lbs
- **Malaga Private Touring** - cars/minivans with guide and driver \$899-1999; half and full day options