### MARBELLA OLD TOWN MOMENT

### Old Town Marbella is a must see when visiting Marbella



Any visit to Marbella must include a tour of the Old Town Marbella, otherwise known as "Casco Antiguo" a cobblestone pedestrian shopping area filled with charming whitewashed buildings, narrow pathways, inviting cafes and plenty of boutiques.

Here you will find Moorish architecture blending in with local Spanish tradition in one of the most enjoyable parts of Marbella. Evenings in Old Town Marbella are enchanting with the mix of jasmine and orange blossom in the air and the sound of flamenco music in the distance.

Old Town Marbella is always bustling with tourists and locals strolling down its winding narrow roads offering many temptations to take a break at any of the quaint restaurants or cafes to relax and watch the world go by.

Below we have created a list of the most interesting sights to see in the Old Town Marbella.



Park your car in the parking under plaza de la Alameda (<u>Location</u>: <u>https://g.page/parking-indigo-avenida-del-mar?share</u>) and start the visit by walking into the center of Marbella. We recommend the following stops:



#### **PLAZA DE LOS NARANJOS**

(Location: https://goo.gl/maps/wN2PbZ8oJeV7cN8i9)

This square has long been Marbella's administrative center as well as a meeting point for locals to gather. Originally, when Marbella was under Arab rule (6<sup>th</sup>-15<sup>th</sup> century) the square was a gathering of Arab homes which were eventually demolished to make way for administrative buildings, a chapel and a main square. The square was constructed by Catholic leaders in 1485 and transformed the village into a Castilian neighborhood. If you look around the square you will notice beautiful classical renaissance style architecture, a 16th century fountain, the Town Hall, a bust of King Juan Carlos I, the Magistrate's Court and the Chapel of Santiago.



It is recommended you sit for a drink or a meal in Orange Square to soak up the atmosphere and enjoy the orange blossoms while watching passersby. There is a lovely churros (Spanish donut-type sticks that are normally eaten with sugar and thick hot chocolate for breakfast) bar right on the square called Churrería San Ramón (Location: https://g.page/churreriaramon?share)





#### **TOWN HALL**

(Location: https://goo.gl/maps/ExaFpdJikGBDQA6B7)

On the northern corner of Orange Square you will find the Town Hall ("Ayuntamiento") built in 1568 and is a wonderful display of architecture with its antique sundial and decorative shields. In the 19th century the Town Hall served as a prison, however it has now been restored to its original structure.

TIP: You may first want to step into the tourist office in the Town Hall on Orange Square to pick up some brochures on Marbella's main attractions or a map of the city.

#### FOOD MARKET ("MERCADO DE ABASTOS")

(Location: https://goo.gl/maps/kDHthgVZHVdg1mjx5)

In the historic old quarter of Marbella is its Mercado de Abastos that gives the area even more traditional spirit of Andalucia, where the people eat from the sea and land. We suggest you take a stroll through the alleyways of the city center and enjoy its rural aesthetic immersed in a cosmopolitan city, ending your walk by buying delicious vegetables, fruit, meat or fish to enjoy at home.



#### MUSEUM OF CONTEMPORARY SPANISH ENGRAVINGS - HOSPITAL BAZÁN

(Location: https://goo.gl/maps/HnVhqfSs19zhhuT18)

The 16th century Gothic-renaissance style building was originally the residential palace of Alcaide Don Alonso de Bazán, who ordered in his last will to turn it into a hospital. By 1992 the building was renovated and became the museum it is today, which not only serves as the offices of the Marbella Culture Delegation, but also houses important works of art by Picasso, Miró and Dallí.



#### **INCARNATION CHURCH**

(Location: https://goo.gl/maps/qJCrsYZre8FR6XMW6)

Baroque-style church constructed in 1505 was modified later on in 1712 and again in 1756, when the main façade was constructed under the direction of Pedro del Castillo and Salvador Gávez. Currently the church houses Our Lady of Solitude and one of the most prominent organs built in Spain for the last 125 years called the C Major organ - Sol Mayor. The Incarnation church holds regular events and mass throughout the day.

#### SAINT JOHN'S CHAPEL

(Location: https://goo.gl/maps/M3yYpypqXJ4Vm1qG7)

The architecture reflects the crossroads of Islam and Christianity with its mix of arches and carved doorways alongside frescoes and religious works of art. The 16th century bell tower is simple yet visible from the street below and decorates a simple stone exterior and carved wooden door with the Coat of the Order of St. John of God above. This is an interesting chapel and worth at least a quick peek inside while you are in Old Town Marbella.





#### RECOMMENDED RESTAURANTS IN THE AREA

CASANIS BISTROT (Steakhouse)

<u>Web page:</u> https://casanisbistrot.com/ <u>Location:</u> https://g.page/casanisbistrot?share

Address: C. Ancha, 8, 29601 Marbella

Telephone: 952 90 04 50

• MARBELLA PATIO (Spanish Modern food)

Web page: https://restaurantemarbellapatio.com/

Location: https://g.page/MARBELLA-PATIO-

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Address: Calle Virgen de los Dolores, 4, 29601 Marbella

Telephone: 952 77 54 29

EL CORTIJO (Spanish food)

<u>Location</u>: <u>https://goo.gl/maps/zHGDXmGx5nZrn24h7</u> <u>Address:</u> C. Remedios, 5, 29601 Marbella, Málaga

Telephone: 952 77 00 64

LA PESQUERA (Seafood)

Web page:

http://www.lapesqueradelcascoantiguo.com/es/ Location: https://goo.gl/maps/LRDG2v9Kj2AAzhqs7 Address: Pl. de la Victoria, s/n, 29600 Marbella, Málaga

Telephone: 650 90 00 90

COMPASIÓN (Innovation & tradition fusión)

<u>Web page:</u> https://restauranteconmpasion.com/ <u>Location:</u> https://goo.gl/maps/Xgo3g3RNZaU1MzqQZ <u>Address:</u> C. San Lázaro, s/n, 29601 Marbella, Málaga

Telephone: 952 77 75 97

