



Don't miss out

A trip to Gibraltar and Puerto Banús

Estepona is just 15 minutes from Puerto Banús, the most famous nautical and tourist enclave in southern Spain. This exclusive marina is one of the greatest entertainment centres on the Costa del Sol.

The same distance away but in the other direction towards Cadiz is Gibraltar, known as the Rock, this place makes for a very curious visit indeed. This free port belongs to the UK and is a good place to go shopping.

Water sports, horse riding and golf

Located between the famous Puerto Banús and Sotogrande sheltered by the Sierra Bermeja, Estepona offers endless tourist, leisure and sports opportunities, among which we can highlight its over 20 kilometres of beaches where you can enjoy the sea and the sun.

Located near to Estepona are the best golf courses in Europe together with a wide range of water sports, horse riding and the best polo field in the south of Spain (in Sotogrande).

Beaches for all tastes

Rada beach, with its busy palm tree-lined promenade, the quiet beach of La Galera or Bahía Dorada and Costa Natura, a wild, private beach where the stones form bizarre marine landscapes are also of interest to beachgoers. Its busy marina is also notable.



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Old town, with Andalusian personality

Estepona is a modern and cosmopolitan town but one in which you can still see the true Andalusian essence thanks to its old town with its narrow, white-washed streets, in which colourful hanging baskets of geraniums line the walls and windows. These streets lead you to neighbourhoods such as Villa, where you can see the San Luis Castle or the emblematic Clock Tower among other places of cultural interest.

Selwo Aventura

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The best beaches

The beaches in Estepona stretch for over 20 kilometres with unique spaces that satisfy even the most demanding tastes. Of fine-grain sand, this coastline boasts all the creature comforts; you can have an aperitif in a beach bar, sun yourself on a beach lounger or access its nautical areas. A completely idyllic world in which to enjoy the sea.

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Arroyo Vaquero Beach

Fuerte Estepona is located on Arroyo Vaquero beach, which is accessed directly from the hotel gardens. It is a quiet, vast beach with a sun lounger service from where you can see Morocco on clear days. Moderate waves.

Costa Natura (2 min on foot)

Those who prefer nudism will not be able to resist the charms of Costa Natura, one of the first nudist beaches on the Costa del Sol and one of the most famous in the whole of Europe. The feeling of freedom in contact with nature is the main draw of this pretty place.

Bahía Dorada (10 min on foot)

Bahía Dorada is in a wild, private environment where the stones form bizarre marine landscapes and you are treated to a pallet of colours from emerald shades to the brightest blue. Ideal for observing the underwater world.

Cristo Beach (6 min by car)

This beach forms a pretty cove, ideal at any time of the year. As it is protected from the wind the water isn't usually cold and it is kept clean, which makes it an exceptional place for families with children. Part of it is a grove.



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La Galera Beach (9 min by car)

This beach is away from the town centre and isn't as busy as other beaches in the area. It has a rocky part which gives it a wild appearance and makes it ideal for those looking for peace and quiet.

Rada Beach (11 min by car)

Awarded the Q for quality and the Blue Flag on many occasions which certify its environmental state and cleanliness, this beach is one of the most emblematic of the town. It has an exceptional coastguard service and is a stone's throw from the main streets of Estepona.

Tarifa (30 min by car)

The beaches in Tarifa are just 14 kilometres from the African coast. Of note is Bolonia beach, which boasts the curious ruins of Baelo Claudia. Its white sand dunes are one of the most important tourist attractions of the area together with its wide range of water sports and activities as interesting as dolphin watching.

The best of the old quarter

Over two thousand years ago the Phoenicians discovered the beauty of Estepona and since then this town has become a wonderful melting pot of cultures. The best way to see the old town is to amble through its white streets which preserve the charm of Andalucian traditions. Don't miss:

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Los Remedios Church (10 min by car)

Los Remedios Church was originally called San Francisco Church and was built on the old Veracruz Chapel thanks to donations from the inhabitants of Estepona. It is a place loved by the people of Estepona.

Municipal Museum of Estepona (15 min by car)

The Municipal Museum of Estepona is a museum complex comprised of five differently themed areas: archaeology, palaeontology, ethnography, bullfighting and sound and image. The museum brings together all the history of the town highlighting its miniature ethnographic collection.

Watch Tower (15 min by car)

This is the tower of the destroyed Fortress Church (15th C). The origins of this tower are Arabic, a period during which it was probably the minaret of a mosque. After the town was taken by the Spanish it was converted into a church, with the tower used as a bell tower.



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The best food

Fish and vegetables are cooked together in a thousand ways to give life to Estepona's cuisine, a real treat for the senses. Andalusian restaurants which maintain the old customs and which have a delicious flavour reminiscent of its past, tapas routes which extend along the whole of calle Real and numerous restaurants which also offer international cuisine, but without forgetting the famous sardine skewer.

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Tapas

Going out for tapas is one of the most typical gastronomic customs in Spain. Small aperitifs to whet the appetite with good wine. In Estepona, calle Real and Plaza de las Flores boast a great number of establishments. For tapas we can highlight in this town:

Taberna de Lucía (10 min by car)

At La Taberna de Lucía you can try typical Mediterranean dishes. As well as tapas, among their specialties we can draw attention to the fresh fish from Estepona bay and Iberian meats.

La Galería (10 min by car)

At this restaurant you can find a large range of tapas with a Mediterranean flavour. Of note are its cheeses, earthenware dishes and melba toasts with varied toppings.

El Capote (10 by car)

Located in the centre of Estepona, El Capote is particularly known for its barquetes. This restaurant is always a good option for those who want to eat tapas as it has a wide variety, as well as sandwiches, main meals and homemade desserts.

Rada Tapas (10 min by car)

This restaurant has a terrace opposite the beach which makes it particularly charming. As well as a varied selection of tapas, Rada offers all kinds of baked or grilled fish and seafood.

Sabor Andaluz (10 min by car)

This culinary corner decorated in the most exquisite Andalusian style specialises in the best Iberian products: varied barquetes, salted products and cheeses. Here you can also taste a selection of wines from Andalusia.

Sabor Rociero (10 min by car)

Sabor Rociero has a pretty Andalusian patio so you can enjoy the most traditional settings of this region. In peaceful surroundings you can try Iberian products and the best tapas.



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Fish

The preferred options in the gastronomic repertoire of Estepona are salted fish, sardine skewers and octopus salad. Having said this, you must try typical Malaga fried fish and the famous soups, among which gazpacho acquires local touches as seen in the gazpachuelo (soup made from fish and garlic mayonnaise) and ajoblanco (cold garlic and almond soup).

La Escollera (10 min by car)

A restaurant with a traditional maritime atmosphere, here you can try freshly caught fish. It is a simple place that conserves the typical flavours of the area.

El Club Náutico (10 min by car)

A restaurant in the heart of the Marina which offers unbeatable sea views. It has a great variety of tapas where Mediterranean fish is the star ingredient.

Simonito (15 min by car)

This restaurant has a selection of fresh fish and seafood displayed in a glass tank, where diners can choose what they would like to eat. Turbot, horse mackerel and sardines are some of the dishes that you can try.

El Pescador (15 min by car)

From a good octopus, clams, great shrimps, prawns to all kinds of fish such as squid and puntillitas (very small squid). Grilled fish are the strongpoint of this restaurant with a maritime flavour.

Meats

Despite the coastal nature of Estepona it mustn't be forgotten that in this enclave you can try good grilled meats. A wide range of restaurants specialise in this type of cuisine.

La Menoráh (5 min by car or 15 min on foot)

La Menoráh offers Andalusian cuisine made with products from the region. Some of its specialties are cabbage stew from Cadiz, lamb roasted in a wood-burning oven and veal tripe with chickpeas.

Casa de mi Abuela (15 min by car)

In a cosy, peaceful atmosphere the Casa de mi Abuela restaurant offers a varied menu with all kinds of meat cooked with traditional ingredients.

Restaurante El Sur (15 min by car)

The restaurant is decorated with typical Argentine country decor making for a warm and welcoming atmosphere. Among the specialties we can highlight the charcoal-grilled Argentine meats, which gives them a special, unmistakable flavour. The star dish is the veal sirloin accompanied by potatoes and glazed vegetables.

El Carnicero (20 min by car)

The El Carnicero restaurant offers a type of cuisine which specialises in meats made in a great variety of ways, not just concerning the method of cooking, but also the herbs and sauces used.

The best shopping

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Estepona

Estepona city centre (10 min by car)

The essence of Andalucía is observed in the streets of the old town. If you wish to go shopping you can take a walk through this area and while you take in the monuments and typical narrow streets of Estepona you can buy souvenirs for your family as well as accessories, clothing and footwear.

Marbella

Puerto Banús (15 min by car)

Puerto Banús is the most famous nautical and tourist enclave in the south of Spain. This exclusive marina is one of the greatest entertainment centres on the Costa del Sol, home to designer and exclusive luxury goods shops.

You will also find the Marina Banús shopping centre in this area, one of the best known in Marbella, and also the Puerto Banús Corte Inglés.

Marbella city centre (35 min by car)

The old town is the perfect place for those looking for souvenirs and a relaxed atmosphere in its open shopping centre. Those who prefer somewhere a bit livelier can enter the shops on the Avenida Ricardo Soriano and Ramón y Cajal.

La Cañada Shopping Centre (35 min by car)

This is a large scale shopping centre located in Marbella where you can do all your shopping. Here you can find from boutiques of clothes to shoes, accessories and homeware shops. FNAC (an international entertainment retailer) is located in this shopping centre and offers technology, books and music.



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Algeciras

Puerta Europa Shopping Centre (47 min by car)

Puerta Europa is the shopping point of reference for the Campo de Gibraltar, due to its size, its offer of fashion, food, services and leisure and its location, thus becoming a shopping point of reference in the province of Cadiz.

Gibraltar (30 min by car)

Known as the Rock of Gibraltar, it makes for a very curious visit indeed, and belongs to the UK. It is a free port where perfumes, alcohol and tobacco are the big sellers.

The best tours: Half day

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Estepona Marina (10 min by car)

Estepona port is located just 5 minutes from the centre of town. The fishing village atmosphere turns a walk into an unforgettable experience. A majestic sea populated with boats is the backdrop for peaceful strolls accompanied by the smell of salt where you can sit and have an aperitif in one of its restaurants.

The port is home to the diving centre, where they give courses to teach you to observe the underwater landscapes. Estepona is a geographic area rich in marine flora and fauna, which makes it a coveted destination for lovers of scuba diving, without forgetting other water sports such as recreational fishing and sailing.

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Roman Town of Las Torres (10 min by car)

This is a stately Roman town. It is a characteristic example of domestic architecture of the Mediterranean coast in the province of Seville, which was subsequently used as a necropolis.

Sotogrande (15 min by car)

If you like golf you must visit Sotogrande, in the province of Cadiz. Here you can find the most exclusive courses dedicated to this sport as well as polo and horse riding.

Puerto Banús (15 min by car)

Puerto Banús is an exclusive marina where you find the most ostentatious ships as well as the most exclusive upmarket cars. The jet set from all corners of the world comes together in this enclave known for its parties and glamour.



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Casares (30 min by car)

This is one of the prettiest Andalusian landscapes in the province of Malaga. This town of white houses is located on a hill in a privileged setting. The typical geraniums adorn the balconies amidst a rural atmosphere of tranquillity and nature. Blas Infante, considered the “father of Andalusia”, was born in this town.

Marbella (20 min by car)

Marbella is a paradise of golden sands bathed by the Mediterranean, but it is also one of the symbols of Andalusian culture. If you walk through its narrow streets guarded by large walls you will discover from ancient Roman villas to the rococo elegance of the Church of the Incarnation.

Gaucín (40 min by car)

Also in the hills of Ronda is Gaucín. Its Moorish layout and its elevated location make it the best balcony from which to look out on the Valley del Genal. The best views from this lovely small town can be found from the Castle del Águila.

The best tours: One day tours

Estepona is more than just a beach, and thanks to its location between Malaga and Cadiz, it offers trips and tourist routes to charming towns or hikes for mountain lovers.

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Gibraltar (15 min by car)

This British territory nestled in the Straits of the Mediterranean Sea and the Atlantic is internationally known as the Rock. It is a town classed as a free port, and therefore alcohol and tobacco are cheaper than in other places.

Tánger (25 min by car and 30 by ferry)

Just 14 km separate the African coasts from the coast of Cadiz. You can depart from Tarifa and be in a totally different continent in half an hour by ferry and enjoy delightful Morocco and its cuisine.

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Málaga (1 hour by car)

Capital of the Costa del Sol, Malaga, as well as sun and beaches, offers two notable museums which are the Picasso and the Thyssen. The house where Picasso was born as well as the citadel and the Roman theatre are also found in Malaga. The old town is noted for its narrow shopping streets and a charming characteristic pedestrianised street, calle Larios.

Ronda (1 hour by car)

Ronda is a monumental town whose jewel is its imposing and famous gorge, and it is considered to be one of the prettiest towns in Andalusia. As well as the gorge bridge, you will also be pleasantly surprised by its bullring, the Museum of the Bandit and its typical streets which you can ride through on a horse-drawn carriage. Take a trip to the Acinipo archaeological site, an old Roman town (20 kilometres from Ronda).

Jerez (1 hour 10 min by car)

Jerez is considered to be one of the birthplaces of flamenco in Andalusia, which also offers fascinating horse shows at the Real Escuela Andaluza del Arte Ecuestre (Royal Andalusian School of Equestrian Art and interesting wine tours in the famous wine and brandy cellars in Jerez.

Granada (2 hours by car)

The charming city of Granada houses La Alhambra, a World Heritage site and the most visited and most symbolic monument in Spain. The Albaicín and Sacromonte neighbourhoods fill the city with colour and charm, crowned by the peaks of the Sierra Nevada.

Sevilla (2 hours 20 min by car)

It is true that Seville is captivating and this is demonstrated by its monuments among which we can highlight the Torre del Oro, the Giralda, the Alcázar, the Archivo de Indias, the Palacio de San Telmo and the Tobacco Factory.

Seville also boasts one of the most original multi-adventure parks in Andalusia located in a hundred year old pine forest, 'El Bosque suspendido' ('The Hanging Forest'), where you can have a fun-filled day out.

The best tours: On foot or by bike

Spanish Fir Route (departure point 25 min by car)

This is a route which starts at the mountain refuge at the Summit of Los Reales and passes through one of the four remaining Spanish fir woods in Europe. These beautiful trees trace a stunning landscape in a mountain range of red stones called peridotite rocks, which owe their colour to the mineral iron oxide. It is a 5 km walk there and back, of low difficulty.

Nicio Castle Route (departure point 5 min by car)

This route begins at Puerta Verde (at the end of Avenida de España in Estepona) and crosses the ponds of Las Nutrias and la Extranjera until reaching the ruins of Nicio castle, built in the 9th century. Part of its walls remain. It is located in the area known as El Padrón Alto. Seven kilometre route, of medium difficulty.