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**5 best things to do in Malaga like locals**

# Discover the hidden & authentic Malaga

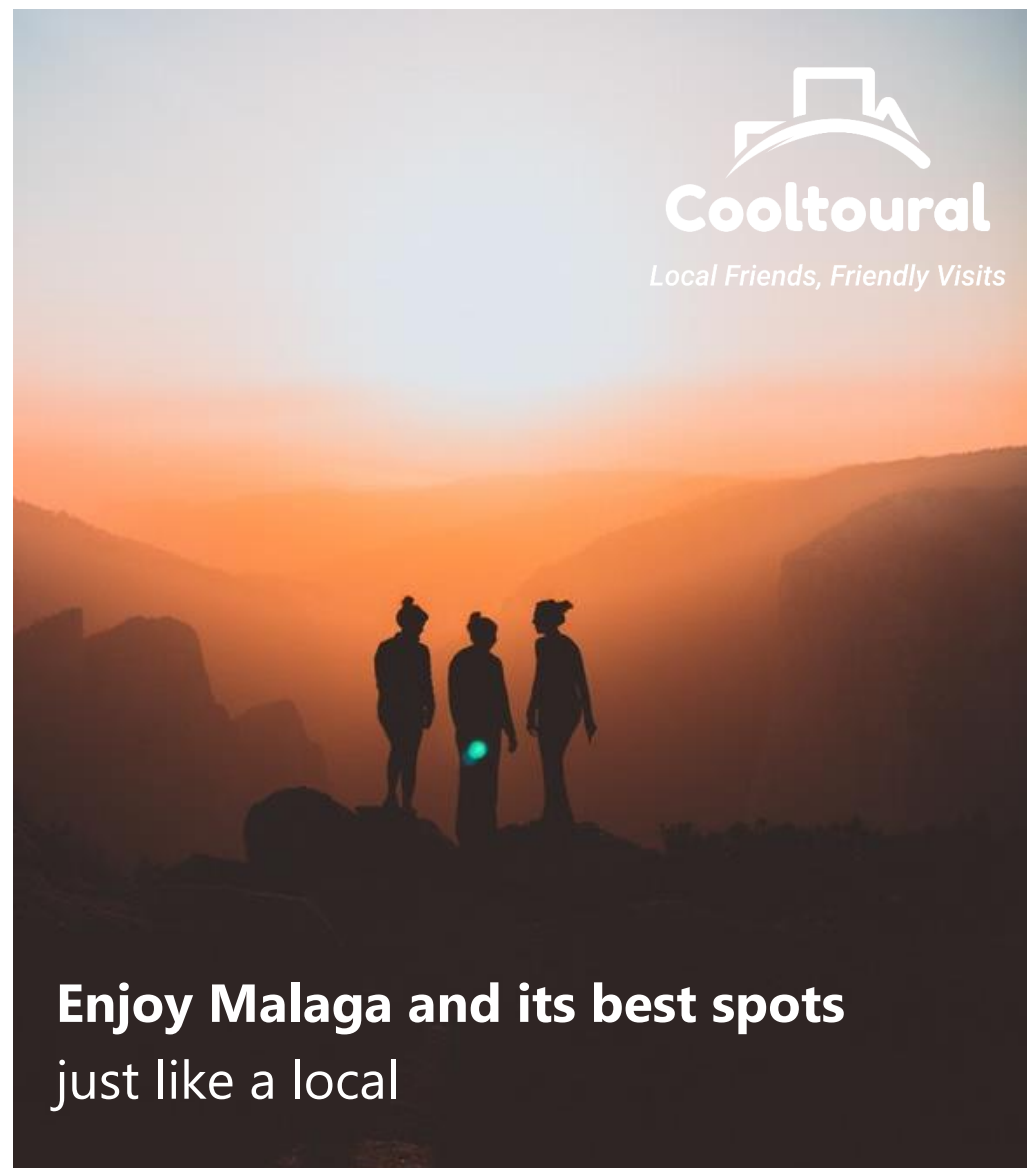
You're almost on holiday and you're planning to go to Malaga soon. Lucky you! 😊

By the way, if you want to enjoy beautiful Andalusia and avoid the classic tours, we're here for you.

**Cooltoural** helps you meet local people in Malaga who will show you how they live, where they eat, where they go out and give the **best spots & tips**.

Sounds awesome right?

Book your **Cooltoural immersion** or **contact us** directly if you want to know more about what we do.





# Personalized and private tour in Malaga

The visit is **prepared just for you** and is private just for you (for a couple, family, or friends), so you can really be immersed in the culture, avoiding the tourist traps.

## Tour in Malaga with a local

Your local friend is here for you and just for you.

During the walk you get to know not just the touristic Malaga but, above all, the **hidden and authentic Malaga**.

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And now, as promised, here are a few activities you could try and be like the locals in Malaga.



## 1. Order your coffee like a local in Malaga in a relaxing terrace

As the weather is quite hot in Andalusia, people in Malaga during warm days typically choose to have their coffee with ice. You're served your cup of coffee and a glass with ice to pour yourself.

**Cooltip:** The technique if you want to add sugar is to add it to your hot coffee before pouring it on the ice.

Many people add the sugar after they pour the coffee on ice making it harder to dissolve.

To order this coffee it's very easy, it's called "café con hielo" ("hielo" with a silent "h", it means "ice")

But Malaga is more famous for its way to order different kinds of hot coffee...





Forget the classic “café con leche” or “coffee with milk” and try to learn the name Malaga gives your favourite coffee.

The name depends on the amount of coffee and milk:

“Nube” means “cloud” because it has a lot of milk and is very light in colour.

“Sombra” means “shadow” because it’s darker and has more coffee than a “nube”.

“Mitad”, which means half, is simply a coffee with half milk and half coffee.

See, there’s a logic in almost every name. 😊

Our **Cooltoural team of locals** will tell you the whole story and reasons why they started to use these typical names for coffee in Malaga and many other curiosities and fun stories about its culture, traditions, and habits.



## 2. Get a late night ice cream

After a late diner and during a walk in the pleasant night in Malaga, why not grab an ice cream?

The perfect night ice cream should be ordered between 23:00–1:00.

The famous Casa Mira in Larios street has a huge variety of home-made flavours.

One of the flavours you can find there is the "turrón". It is a southern European nougat confection shaped into either a round cake or a rectangular tablet.

The typical ingredients are honey, sugar (in case it's not sweet enough with the honey 😊) toasted almonds, other nuts and egg white. It is usually eaten during Christmas.



There are many other flavours there; fruit of course is popular and for chocolate fans, there is a huge variety: dark chocolate, ferrero rocher, kinder, nutella, etc.

You might have to wait in line (there's even a machine to get a ticket with a number to know when it's your turn), as this store is quite famous in Malaga.

But it's worth the wait.





### 3. Buy a biznaga for your lover, friend, parent, or whoever you love!

The “Biznaga” (jasmine flower) is a very typical bouquet in Malaga and a symbol of the city.

During summer days you’ll probably see many biznagueros (men, and sometimes women, who sell “Biznaga”) in the streets selling their flowers.

They are usually wearing a white shirt, black trousers, and red belt.

This is the typical “uniform” of this important character here.

But you don’t need to buy “Biznagas” to smell its delicate scent, in Malaga you’ll notice there are quite a few jasmine trees.





## 4. Eat toasted almonds while strolling around the city

Another “classic activity” is to buy a little bag of toasted almonds sold at little booths in the street and enjoy them while strolling around the beautiful Andalusian city.

**Cooltip:** Toasted almonds is easy to say in Spanish; it’s similar to English. It is said “almendras tostadas”. You’ll also often see people eating pumpkin seeds in the streets, which can be an alternative if you’re not into almonds.

**Coolstory:** In the last 5 years, the province of Malaga has experienced a boom in the production of almonds. Many farmers replaced cotton and citrus for almonds. If you get to travel in Andalusia, you’ll see many almonds trees.



## 5. Skip the big meal and order some tapas

The secret is to order different tapas (a small portion of food) and share them with your friends, partner, or your family. Even if you travel alone, you can order various tapas instead of just one main meal and try more local cuisine.

The advantage? You're not trying just one dish, you get to discover several typical dishes and it creates a fun atmosphere where you get to pick from different plates on the table.





**Coolstory:** The word tapa means “cover” and one of the theories explaining the origin, says that it was a little plate put on top of the drink to avoid sand from getting in the drink. In the plate they’d put a small quantity of food to accompany the drink. So the small plate was originally used to cover or “tapar” in Spanish.

**Cooltip:** In Andalusia, you have 3 different dish sizes.

- The smallest is the “**tapa**” which we’ve just covered.
- The larger size is “**media ración**” or “half portion”
- the biggest is “**una ración**” or a portion, which is the size of a classic meal in any other country.

So when you order any dish that exists in different sizes, be clear on the size you want: “tapa”, “media ración” or “una ración”





With these tips you might almost be confused for a local. 😊

Enjoy your stay in Malaga and Andalusia, and don't forget that our **Cooltoural** team of locals will be happy to show you the hidden and most authentic spots here and give you their best tips that only locals know. Don't hesitate to **contact us**. We will be happy to help. 😊



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