



## TRAVEL

### We couldn't miss . . .

The **Malaga** Bike Tours just near the Plaza de la Marina ([www.malagabike-tours.eu](http://www.malagabike-tours.eu)) gets you four hours for €24 and there's no nasty hills in this charming and authentic city. We take in acres of shady, tropical park; the beach, bull ring, Roman theatre, Arabic ruins and childhood stomping grounds of Picasso (Pablo Picasso Museum, right).



## OUR WEEKEND BREAK IN ...

# Malaga

### We stayed at . . .

The Petit Palace Hotel ([www.malagapetitpalaceplazahotel.com](http://www.malagapetitpalaceplazahotel.com), below) is spitting distance from the Plaza Constitution, heart of the pedestrian district and a holy hop from the towering **Malaga** Cathedral. The hotel is quaint on the outside, with tiny narrow streets disappearing away off past jumbles of curbside cafes and jostling waiters. Inside it's functionally modern, classy even, but inexpensive at around the €100 mark for an airy room with, in order of importance, shower, mini bar and Wi-Fi.



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### FACT FILE

David travelled with Flexibletrips on a city break to **Malaga**, and stayed at the 4-star Hotel Petit Palace. You can tailor a break to **Malaga** with Flexibletrips with a two-night stay at Hotel Petit Palace for €289pps, including a shuttle service transfer. A 3-star hotel closer to the beach starts at €194pps, including shuttle transfer.

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### We ate in . . .

El Pimpi, where Hollywood celebs in search of delicious regional seafood and locally produced wine have signed wooden casks — including one signed by **Malaga** native Antonia Banderas (left) — that line whitewashed walls.

We were shown to a dinner table of delicious Spanish grub, washed down after with a shot of Orujo, a local demon drink.

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