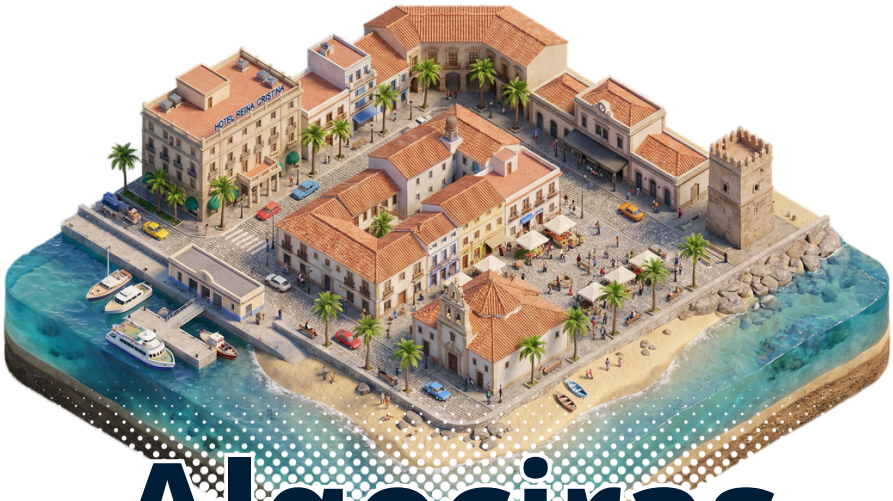


Algeciras

Andalusia · Spain

TRAVEL GUIDE

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Overview

Algeciras is a port city in the province of Cádiz, on the Bay of Algeciras, facing the Rock of Gibraltar. It has the largest port in Spain, with ferries to Tangier, Ceuta and Morocco, and it is a major crossing point between Europe and Africa.

For most visitors it is a transit stop, but it has a quiet old quarter, the Parque Natural del Estrecho nearby, and a connection to the flamenco guitarist Paco de Lucía, who was born here.

When to visit

Spring and autumn are comfortable. Summers are hot and the *levante* wind can blow strongly. Winters are mild but can be rainy. In the summer, the port is very busy with the Operación Paso del Estrecho for travellers to Morocco.

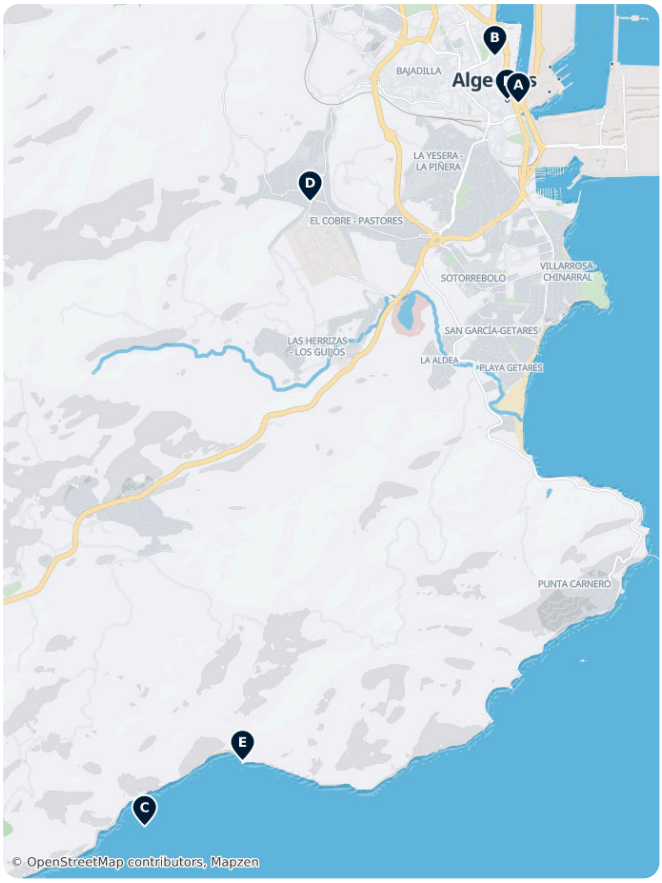
MONTH	CONDITIONS	DAY °C avg / max	NIGHT °C avg / min	
January	Fair Fair for sightseeing	16° / 18° Feels like 12°	11° / 8°	Dry air
February	Good Good for sightseeing	16° / 19° Feels like 12°	12° / 8°	Dry air
March	Good Good for sightseeing	17° / 21° Feels like 14°	12° / 9°	Dry air
April	Great Great for sightseeing	19° / 23°	14° / 11°	Dry air
May	Great Great for sightseeing	21° / 26°	16° / 13°	
June	Great Great for sightseeing	25° / 29°	19° / 17°	24 sunny days · Humid air · UV 9 (Very high)
July	Great Great for the beach	27° / 32°	21° / 19°	28 sunny days · Muggy, humid air · UV 9 (Very high)
August	Great Great for the beach	28° / 32°	22° / 20°	26 sunny days · Muggy, humid air · UV 8 (Very high)
September	Great Great for sightseeing	25° / 29°	20° / 18°	Muggy, humid air
October	Great Great for sightseeing	22° / 26°	18° / 15°	Humid air
November	Good Good for sightseeing	18° / 22°	14° / 11°	Dry air
December	Good Good for sightseeing	16° / 19° Feels like 13°	13° / 9°	Dry air

Best months: April, May, June, July, August, September, October

Climate data: NASA POWER + Copernicus ERA5-Land and ERA5 · 1996–2025

Top sights

- A Estatua de Paco de Lucía is a statue of Paco de Lucía, one of the great flamenco guitarists, who was born in Algeciras. The house where he was born is in the old quarter.
- B Parque Arqueológico de las Ruinas Meriníes are the ruins of the medieval Marinid city, Al-Binya, an archaeological park in the center.
- C Parque Natural del Estrecho is a nature park along the coast, with cliffs, forests and migration routes for birds crossing the Strait.
- D Acueducto de El Cobre is a Roman aqueduct in the Cobre area.
- E Fuerte del Tolmo is an old fort in the hills of the natural park.
- F Mercado de Abastos is the market hall in the center, and the Puerta del Mar is an old gate.
- The beaches of El Rinconcillo, Getares and El Chinarral are sandy beaches around the bay.



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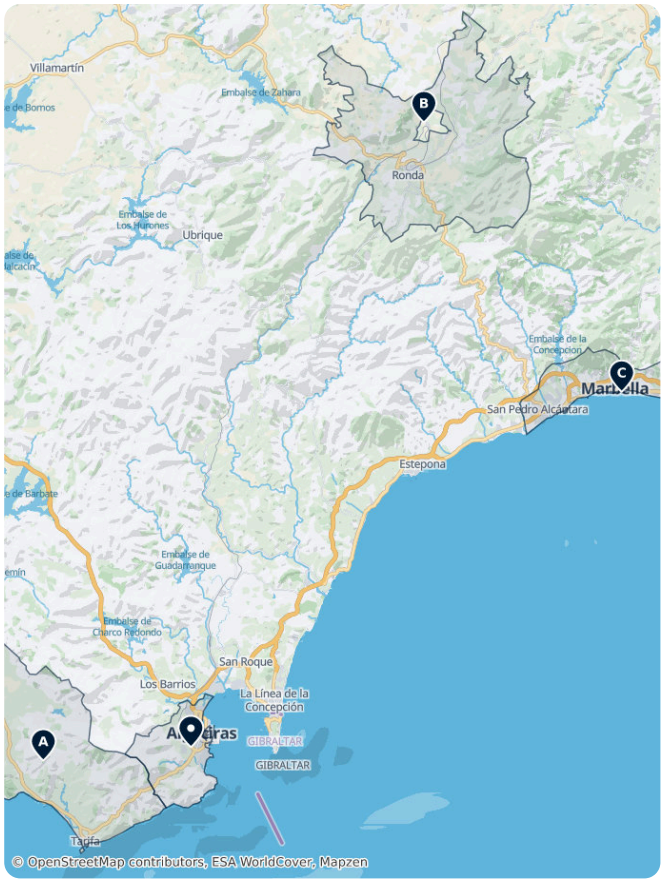
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What to experience

- Visit the Marinid ruins and the market.
- Walk in the Parque Natural del Estrecho.
- Cross the Strait to Tangier for a day.
- Visit Gibraltar and look at the Rock.

Day trips

- **Gibraltar** (about 20 km): a British territory with a rock, a nature reserve and monkeys. Take your passport.
- Ⓐ Tarifa (about 20 km): the southernmost town of Spain, famous for wind sports.
- **Tangier and Ceuta**: ferries cross the Strait. Check entry rules.
- Ⓑ Ronda (about 100 km): a gorge town.
- Ⓒ Marbella (about 80 km): a resort town.



Where to explore

Other places nearby:

- **Cádiz province**: Tarifa, Cádiz and Jerez de la Frontera.
- **Costa del Sol**: Estepona and Marbella.

Getting there

- **By air**: Gibraltar airport and Málaga airport (about 130 km) are the closest. Jerez is about 130 km.
- **By train**: The railway line runs to Ronda and Granada, a scenic route. Book on Renfe.
- **By bus**: Buses run from Málaga, Cádiz, Seville and Tarifa.
- **By ferry**: Ferries leave for Tangier, Tangier Med and Ceuta.

Getting around

- **On foot**: The center and the port are walkable.
- **Local bus and taxi**: For the beaches and the natural park.

Getting around on foot & by bike

WALKABILITY

Moderate

The center is walkable, but the sights are spread out.

CYCLING INFRASTRUCTURE

Low

Busy roads near the port make cycling less comfortable.

Driving

- **Is a car worth it?**: Useful to explore the coast and the park.
- **Parking**: Paid parking in the center and by the port.
- **Roads**: The A-7 and N-340 are busy near the port, especially in summer.

Food & drink

Algeciras has Andalusian food with a seafood focus. Try *tortillitas de camarones*, *atún* (tuna), *pescaíto frito* and *rabo de toro*. The Moroccan influence appears in tea and some restaurants.

What to eat & drink

BREAKFAST

Churros · Churros con Chocolate
Fried dough sticks served with a thick, dark hot chocolate for dipping — a classic Spanish breakfast or late-night snack.

LUNCH

Paella Valenciana
A saffron-scented rice dish cooked in a wide, shallow pan. The traditional Valencian version uses chicken, rabbit, and green beans — best eaten at midday.

Gazpacho
A cold, blended soup of raw tomatoes, cucumber, pepper, garlic, olive oil, and vinegar, originally from Andalusia. Served as a drink or a starter, especially in summer.

DINNER

Pulpo a la Gallega
Boiled octopus sliced onto a wooden board and dressed with olive oil, coarse salt, and smoked paprika — a signature dish of Galicia.

SNACKS & STREET FOOD

Jamón Ibérico
Dry-cured ham from acorn-fed Iberian pigs, sliced paper-thin and eaten on its own or with bread. The finest grade, jamón ibérico de bellota, is one of Spain's most prized products.

Tortilla Española
A thick potato and egg omelette, served warm or at room temperature, found in virtually every bar in Spain. Often eaten as a tapa or a quick meal.

Patatas Bravas
Fried potato chunks served with a spicy tomato sauce or aioli — one of the most common tapas across the country.

Pintxos
Small snacks anchored to slices of bread with a toothpick, the Basque Country's answer to tapas. Found in bar counters across San Sebastián and Bilbao, often with elaborate toppings.

Croquetas
Crispy breaded cylinders with a creamy béchamel filling, typically made with jamón, bacalà (salt cod), or mushrooms.

DRINKS

Rioja Wine · Vino de Rioja

Spain's best-known wine region produces full-bodied reds from Tempranillo grapes, aged in oak. The crianza, reserva, and gran reserva labels indicate increasing age and complexity.

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Safety & health

Algeciras is a port city, so keep an eye on belongings in the port area. Use official ticket offices for ferries. If you cross to Morocco, take your passport.

History

The Phoenicians, Carthaginians and Romans used the bay. In 711 the Moors arrived, and Algeciras was a Moorish port. In 1344 Alfonso XI of Castile took it after a siege, and in 1369 it was destroyed. It was resettled in 1704 by people from Gibraltar who left after the British took the Rock.

The port grew in the 20th century and is now one of the busiest in the Mediterranean.

Country facts

Quick practical facts for Spain at a glance:

CURRENCY

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EMERGENCY

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ELECTRICITY



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230 V · 50 Hz

LANGUAGES

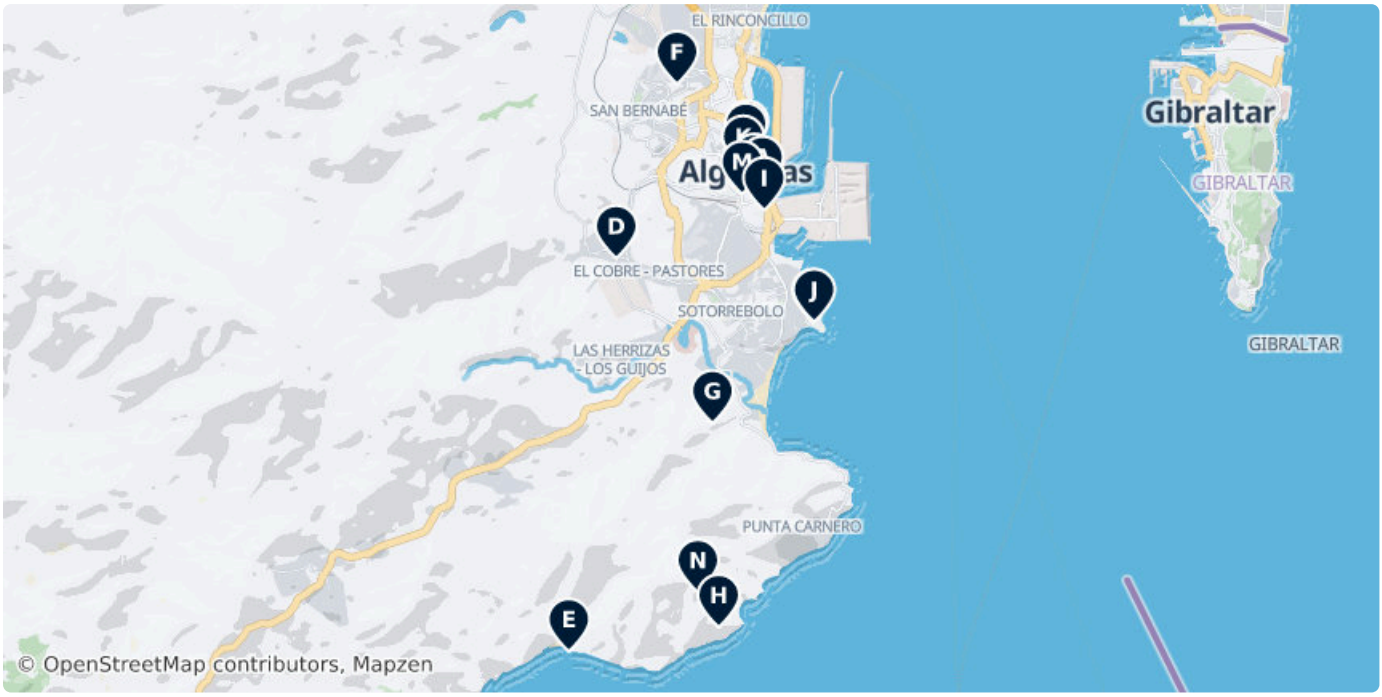
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TAP WATER

Safe to drink

Algeciras Unmissables

Algeciras serves as a strategic gateway between Europe and Africa, shaped by a deep archaeological heritage. This collection features the 14th-century Marinid Walls, Roman fish salting remains, and defensive watchtowers like Torre del Fraile. Architectural landmarks include the rationalist Mercado de Abastos, designed by Eduardo Torroja, and the 19th-century Town Hall. Cultural sites like the Municipal Museum and the tribute to Paco de Lucía provide insight into the city's artistic and Andalusi past, while coastal overlooks provide views across the Strait of Gibraltar.





A Paco de Lucía

Francisco Gustavo Sánchez Gómez, known as Paco de Lucía, was a Spanish virtuoso flamenco guitarist, composer, and record producer.

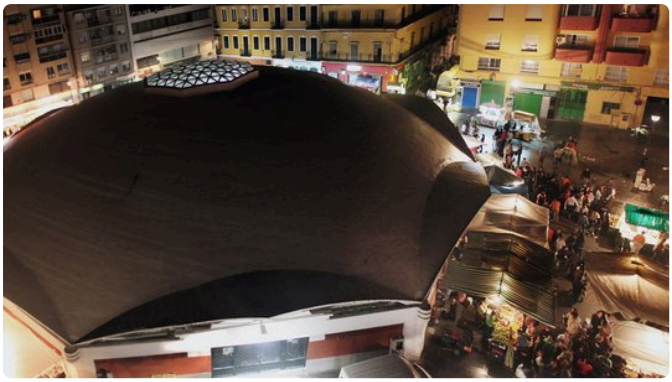
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B Marinid Walls of Algeciras

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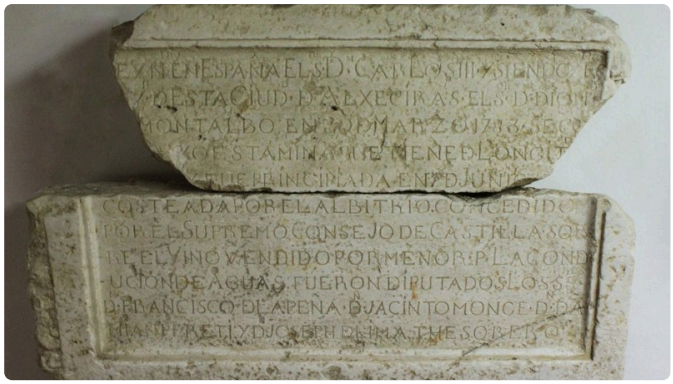
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C Mercado de Abastos de Algeciras

Also known as Mercado Ingeniero Torroja, this 1935 rationalist building features a pioneering thin-shell concrete dome designed by engineer Eduardo Torroja.

16 Plaza Nuestra Señora de la Palma, Algeciras 11201, Spain (36.12899, -5.44555)



D Aqueduct of Algeciras

The Aqueduct of Algeciras is one of the most important buildings in Algeciras, Spain.

23 Calle Arcos del Cobre, Los Pastores 11206, Spain (36.11739, -5.47336)



E Fort of El Tolmo

The Fort de El Tolmo was a fort located in Algeciras, Spain. It was declared Bien de Interés Cultural in 1985.

11207, Spain (36.05355, -5.48289)

F Torre del Almirante

Torre del Almirante is a tower located in Algeciras, Spain. It was declared Bien de Interés Cultural in 1985.The date of this tower is...

35 Avenida Bellavista, Algeciras 11204, Spain (36.14565, -5.46115)

G Torre del Arroyo del Lobo

Torre del Arroyo del Lobo is a ruined medieval defensive tower near Algeciras, Spain.

11207, Spain (36.09062, -5.45402)

H Torre del Fraile

The Torre del Fraile is one of a set of military watchtowers built around the South and East coast of Spain to keep an eye on passing...

11207, Spain (36.05746, -5.45277)

I Roman fish salting factory

The Roman fish salting factory was a salting factory established on the seafront of Algeciras, southeastern Spain by the Romans.

20 Calle de Emilio Burgos, Algeciras 11207, Spain (36.12517, -5.44363)

J Torre de San Garcia

A 16th-century beacon tower built to defend the coastline against pirate incursions, located at Punta de San García.

San García 11207, Spain (36.10704, -5.43359)

K Ayuntamiento de Algeciras

Constructed between 1892 and 1897, this administrative building features a historicist facade and a central courtyard decorated with traditional Andalusian tiles.

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L Centro de Interpretacion de la Cultura Andalusi

An exhibition space near the Marinid Walls dedicated to the city's Islamic history and the archaeological remains of the Al-Andalus period.

Algeciras (36.13440, -5.44699)

M Museo Municipal de Algeciras

Located in the former Hospital de la Caridad, this museum houses archaeological collections ranging from Prehistory and the Roman era to the Middle Ages.

Calle Teniente Miranda, 11201 Algeciras (36.12784, -5.44806)

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N Vista Panoramica

Scenic viewpoint providing vistas of the Strait of Gibraltar, the Rock of Gibraltar, and the international port.

(36.06314, -5.45694)

O Mirador de San García

A coastal overlook situated within the Parque del Centenario, offering views of the Bay of Algeciras and the surrounding Mediterranean landscape.

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