

Estepona

Andalusia · Spain

TRAVEL GUIDE

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Overview

Estepona is a town on the Costa del Sol, in the province of Málaga, about halfway between Marbella and Gibraltar. It has a whitewashed old town full of flowerpots, painted murals and small squares, and a long seafront promenade and beaches.

It is calmer than Marbella and Torremolinos, and it is popular for a relaxed beach stay. On a clear day, you can see the coast of Morocco and the Rock of Gibraltar.

When to visit

Spring and autumn are warm, with fewer crowds. Summer is hot and busy, with the beaches full in July and August. Winters are mild, and the old town is pleasant for walking, although some beach businesses close.

The town's flowers are at their best in spring.

MONTH	CONDITIONS	DAY °C avg / max	NIGHT °C avg / min	
January	Good Good for sightseeing	16° / 19°	10° / 6°	Dry air
February	Good Good for sightseeing	17° / 20°	10° / 6°	Dry air
March	Good Good for sightseeing	18° / 23°	12° / 8°	Dry air
April	Great Great for sightseeing	20° / 24°	14° / 10°	Dry air
May	Great Great for sightseeing	23° / 28°	16° / 12°	☀ 21 sunny days · Calm winds
June	Great Great for sightseeing	27° / 32°	20° / 16°	☀ 25 sunny days · Calm winds · UV 9 (Very high)
July	Great Great for the beach	31° / 35°	23° / 20°	☀ 29 sunny days · Humid air · Calm winds · UV 9 (Very high)
August	Great Great for the beach	31° / 35°	23° / 20°	☀ 28 sunny days · Muggy, humid air · Calm winds · UV 8 (Very high)
September	Great Great for the beach	27° / 31°	21° / 18°	☀ 20 sunny days · Humid air · Calm winds
October	Great Great for sightseeing	24° / 28°	18° / 14°	Calm winds
November	Great Great for sightseeing	19° / 23°	13° / 9°	Dry air · Calm winds
December	Good Good for sightseeing	17° / 20°	11° / 8°	Dry air

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

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

Top sights

- The old town (*casco antiguo*) has narrow streets with flowerpots on every wall, murals, and small squares such as the Plaza de las Flores.
- The Castillo de San Luis is a small castle with a tower in the old town, and the Torre del Reloj is a clock tower on the site of the old walls.
- The Iglesia de Nuestra Señora de los Remedios is the parish church on the main square.
- The Museo Taurino and the Museo Etnográfico are small museums in the old town.
- La Rada is the main town beach, with a seafront promenade, and the Faro de Punta Doncella is a lighthouse on the promenade.
- The Orquidario (orchid house) is a botanical garden with a large collection of orchids.
- Selwo Aventura is a safari park in the hills behind the town.
- The Playa de Guadalmansa and other long sandy beaches are east of town, and the Puerto Deportivo is the marina.

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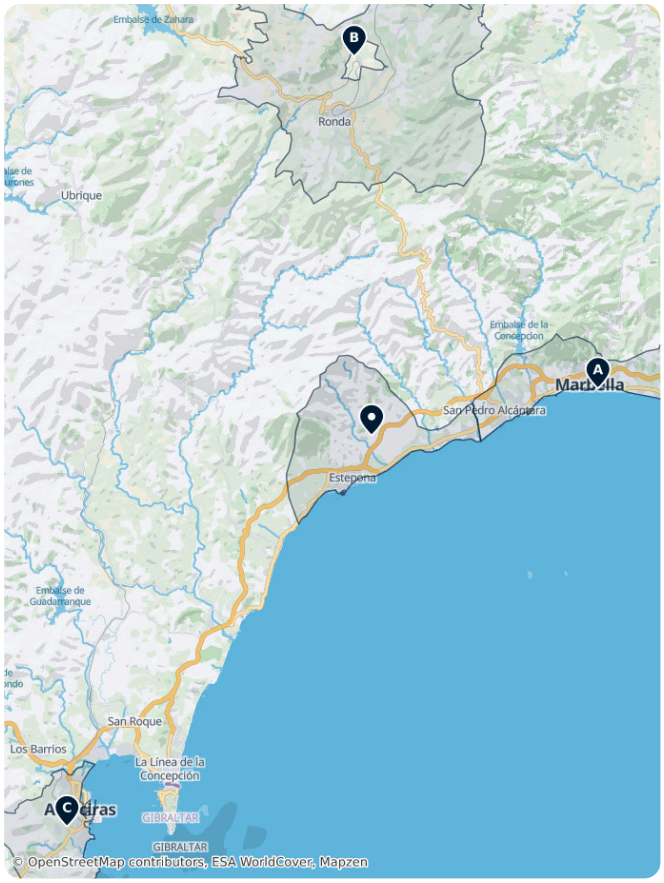
What to experience

- Walk through the old town and look at the murals and flowerpots.
- Spend a day on the beach and walk the promenade at sunset.
- Eat fresh grilled sardines at a beach bar.
- Go on a day trip to Ronda or Gibraltar.

Day trips

- A Marbella (about 30 km): a coastal resort with a pretty old town.
- B Ronda (about 70 km): a town on a gorge, with a famous bridge.
- **Gibraltar** (about 50 km): a British territory with a rock and a nature reserve. Take your passport.
- C Algeciras (about 55 km): a port with ferries to Morocco.
- **Casares** (about 20 km): a white village on a hilltop.



Where to explore

Other places nearby:

- **Costa del Sol**: Marbella and Benalmádena.
- **Andalusia**: Ronda, Algeciras and Antequera.

Getting there

- **By air**: Málaga airport is about 80 km away, and Gibraltar airport about 45 km.
- **By bus**: Buses run along the coast from Málaga, Marbella and Algeciras. There is no railway station in Estepona.
- **By car**: The AP-7 toll motorway and the A-7 free road run along the coast.

Getting around

- **On foot**: The old town and the seafront are flat and easy to walk.
- **Local bus**: Buses connect the center with the outlying beaches and the port.
- **Bike**: There are cycling and walking paths along the seafront.

Getting around on foot & by bike

WALKABILITY

High

The old town and the seafront are flat and easy to walk.

CYCLING INFRASTRUCTURE

Moderate

There are paths along the seafront, but the hills inland are steep.

Driving

- **Is a car worth it?**: Useful for day trips along the coast and into the hills, but not needed in town.
- **Parking**: The old town has underground car parks. Many streets are pedestrian only.
- **Roads**: The coastal road is busy in summer.

Food & drink

The cuisine is based on fresh fish and seafood. The classic is *espeto de sardinas*, sardines grilled on a skewer over an open fire on the beach. Also try *pescaíto frito* (fried fish), *gazpacho* and *ajoblanco* (a cold almond and garlic soup), and fresh seafood in the marina.

Tapas bars in the old town serve small plates with drinks.

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

Estepona is generally safe. In summer, use sun protection and drink plenty of water. Pickpocketing is possible in crowded areas. Check the swimming flags on the beaches, as currents can be strong.

History

The Estepona area has been settled since prehistoric times, and there are Roman remains nearby. The Moors held the town for centuries, and it was captured by the Catholic Monarchs in 1457.

In the 20th century, Estepona was a fishing and farming town. Tourism developed from the 1960s, and in recent years the town has invested in its old town, with flowers, murals and pedestrian streets.

Country facts

Quick practical facts for Spain at a glance:

CURRENCY

EUR €

EMERGENCY

112

ELECTRICITY



Type C / Type F
230 V · 50 Hz

LANGUAGES

Spanish

TAP WATER

Safe to drink

Estepona Unmissables

Estepona's historic center is defined by the 18th-century Iglesia de los Remedios and the ruins of the 16th-century San Luis Castle. The town features unique landmarks like the Orchidarium, housing over 1,300 species under glass domes, and the Corominas Necropolis, which preserves five 5,000-year-old megalithic tombs. Along the coast, the 2.6-kilometer La Rada beach sits adjacent to the 1920s Punta Doncella lighthouse. Cultural venues include the large-scale Felipe VI Auditorium and the expansive Selwo Aventura safari park.



A Iglesia Nuestra Señora de los Remedios

An 18th-century church featuring a mix of Rococo, Neoclassical, and Baroque architectural elements. Its tall bell tower is a prominent landmark in the historic old town.

14 Calle Blas Ortega, Estepona 29680, Spain
(36.42667, -5.14649)



B La Rada

The town's primary beach stretches 2.6 kilometers along the Mediterranean. It features a wide promenade, dark grey sand, and multiple services including play areas and beach bars.

Spain (36.42264, -5.14670)



C Castillo de Estepona

Ruins of a 16th-century fortress commissioned by the Catholic Monarchs to defend the coast against pirate raids. The remaining stone walls are integrated into the modern town center.

20 Calle Castillo, Estepona 29680, Spain
(36.42484, -5.14628)



D Faro de Punta Doncella

A 21-meter-high active lighthouse built in 1922 to replace an earlier 19th-century tower. It marks the point between the town's promenade and the fishing port.

1B Calle Puerto Pesquero, Estepona 29680, Spain
(36.41688, -5.15461)

E Necropolis Prehistorica de Corominas

An interpretation center housing five megalithic dolmens and burial mounds dating back approximately 5,000 years. The prehistoric site is preserved within an underground facility.

(Unnamed Road), 29680, Spain (36.44719, -5.20805)

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F Orchidarium

A botanical garden featuring over 1,300 species of orchids housed under three glass domes. The interior includes a 17-meter waterfall and a diverse collection of tropical vegetation.

28 Calle de Salvador Dalí, Estepona 29680, Spain
(36.43012, -5.14670)

Tu–Sa	10:00–19:00
Su	10:00–14:00

orchidariumestepona.com

G Mercado Municipal

A traditional indoor market located near the castle ruins. It offers local produce, fresh seafood, and regional specialties from the Costa del Sol.

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H Teatro Auditorio Felipe VI

A modern performing arts venue and one of the largest theaters in the region. It hosts a regular schedule of concerts, plays, and cultural events.

Estepona (36.43101, -5.15505)

I Selwo Adventure Park

Something between a ZOO, a safari and a theme park. Your children will love all the animals and adventure activities.

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