

Mijas

Andalusia · Spain

TRAVEL GUIDE

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Overview

Mijas is a municipality on the Costa del Sol, about 30 km southwest of Málaga, with a hill village, Mijas Pueblo, that looks over the sea from the Sierra de Mijas, and a coastal area with beaches and golf at Mijas Costa. The whitewashed village has narrow streets, flower-filled balconies and views of the coast, and it is one of the most visited "white villages" of Andalusia.

It is easy to combine with the beach resorts below. It is popular with day-trippers, and has donkey taxis, a bullring and small chapels.

When to visit

Spring and autumn are the best times for walking and sightseeing, with mild weather. Summer is hot, and the village is busiest in the middle of the day. Winters are mild.

The Feria de Mijas in September and the Semana Santa processions are the biggest events.

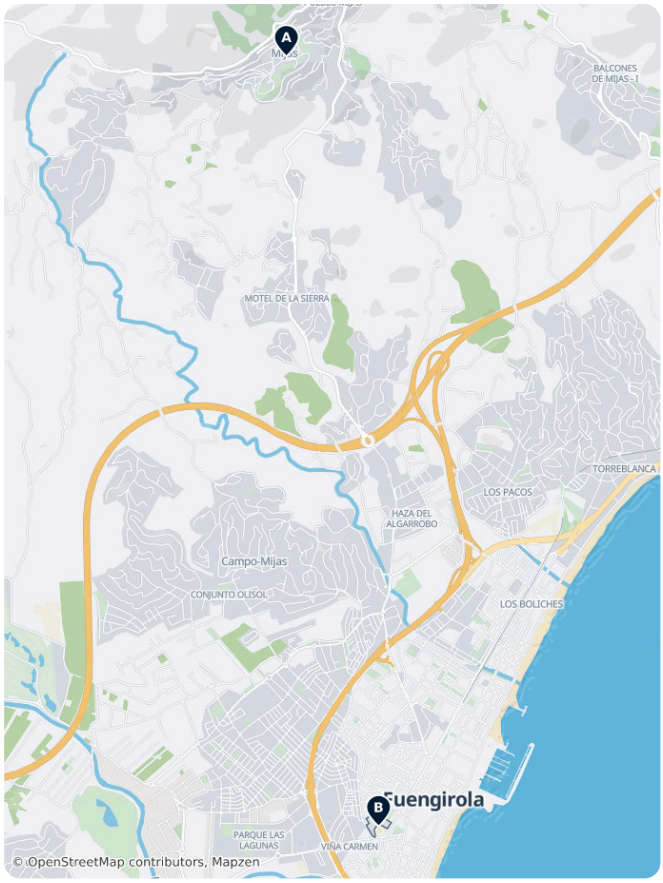
MONTH	CONDITIONS	DAY °C avg / max	NIGHT °C avg / min	
January	Fair Fair for sightseeing	13° / 16° Feels like 9°	10° / 7°	Dry air
February	Fair Fair for sightseeing	13° / 16° Feels like 9°	10° / 6°	Dry air
March	Good Good for sightseeing	15° / 18° Feels like 11°	11° / 8°	Dry air
April	Good Good for sightseeing	16° / 19° Feels like 13°	12° / 9°	Dry air
May	Great Great for sightseeing	19° / 22°	14° / 11°	☀ 22 sunny days · Dry air
June	Great Great for sightseeing	22° / 26°	17° / 14°	☀ 26 sunny days · UV 9 (Very high)
July	Great Great for sightseeing	25° / 29°	20° / 17°	☀ 28 sunny days · UV 9 (Very high)
August	Great Great for the beach	25° / 29°	21° / 19°	☀ 27 sunny days · Humid air · UV 8 (Very high)
September	Great Great for sightseeing	23° / 26°	19° / 16°	☀ 20 sunny days
October	Great Great for sightseeing	20° / 23°	16° / 13°	
November	Good Good for sightseeing	16° / 19° Feels like 13°	12° / 9°	Dry air
December	Fair Fair for sightseeing	14° / 17° Feels like 10°	11° / 8°	Dry air

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

Climate data: NASA POWER (MERRA-2) · 1996–2025

Top sights

- A Mijas Pueblo is the hill village, with whitewashed lanes, shops, viewpoints and small squares.
- The Iglesia de la Inmaculada Concepción is the parish church, in the village center.
- The Ermita de San Sebastián is a small chapel in the village.
- The Centro de Artes is a gallery and cultural center.
- The Plaza de Toros is a small square bullring, one of the few that is oval.
- B Bioparc Fuengirola is a zoo in nearby Fuengirola, about 8 km away, with a focus on conservation.
- Mijas Costa has beaches such as La Cala de Mijas, with a promenade and an old watchtower.



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What to experience

- Walk the lanes and viewpoints of Mijas Pueblo.
- Have tapas in a village square.
- Hike in the Sierra de Mijas.
- Spend a beach day at La Cala de Mijas.
- Visit Bioparc in Fuengirola.

Day trips

- A Málaga (about 30 km): the Picasso Museum and the Alcazaba.
- B Marbella (about 30 km): an old town and the marina at Puerto Banús.
- C Ronda (about 90 km): a town above a gorge.
- D Benalmádena (about 12 km): a coastal town with a hill village.
- E Antequera (about 90 km): dolmens and churches.



Where to explore

Other places nearby:

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

Getting there

- **By air**: Málaga airport is about 20 km from Mijas.
- **By train**: The Cercanías line C1 runs from Málaga airport to Fuengirola, about 8 km from Mijas Pueblo. Book long-distance trains on Renfe.
- **By bus**: A bus links Fuengirola and Mijas Pueblo, and buses go from Málaga.
- **By car**: The A-7 and AP-7 motorways serve the area.

Getting around

- **On foot**: Mijas Pueblo is compact but hilly, with steps and slopes. The coast and the village are far apart.
- **Bus and taxi**: The local bus links the village, Fuengirola and La Cala.
- **Donkey taxi**: A tourist tradition in the village.

Getting around on foot & by bike

WALKABILITY

Moderate

The village is compact but hilly, and the coast is a few kilometres away.

CYCLING INFRASTRUCTURE

Low

Steep roads make cycling demanding.

Driving

- **Is a car worth it?**: Useful to combine the village, the coast and nearby towns.
- **Parking**: A paid car park is at the entrance of the village. On busy days it fills up.
- **Roads**: The village road is steep and winding.

Food & drink

The food is Andalusian, with a focus on seafood on the coast. Try *espetos* (grilled sardines on skewers), *pescaíto frito* (fried fish), *gazpacho*, *porra antequerana* and *ajoblanco*. In the village, look for local sweet wine and raisins from the Axarquía.

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

Mijas is a safe area. Take care of valuables in busy tourist spots. The village streets are steep and can be slippery, and in summer the heat can be strong, so carry water.

History

The hill was settled by Phoenicians and Romans, and in the Moorish period it was a fortified town. The Catholic Monarchs took it in 1487. For centuries, it was a farming and mining village known for raisins and esparto grass.

In the 1960s, the Costa del Sol tourism boom began, and the village was developed as a tourist attraction while retaining its whitewashed look.

Country facts

Quick practical facts for Spain at a glance:

CURRENCY

EUR €

EMERGENCY

112

ELECTRICITY



Type C / Type F
230 V · 50 Hz

LANGUAGES

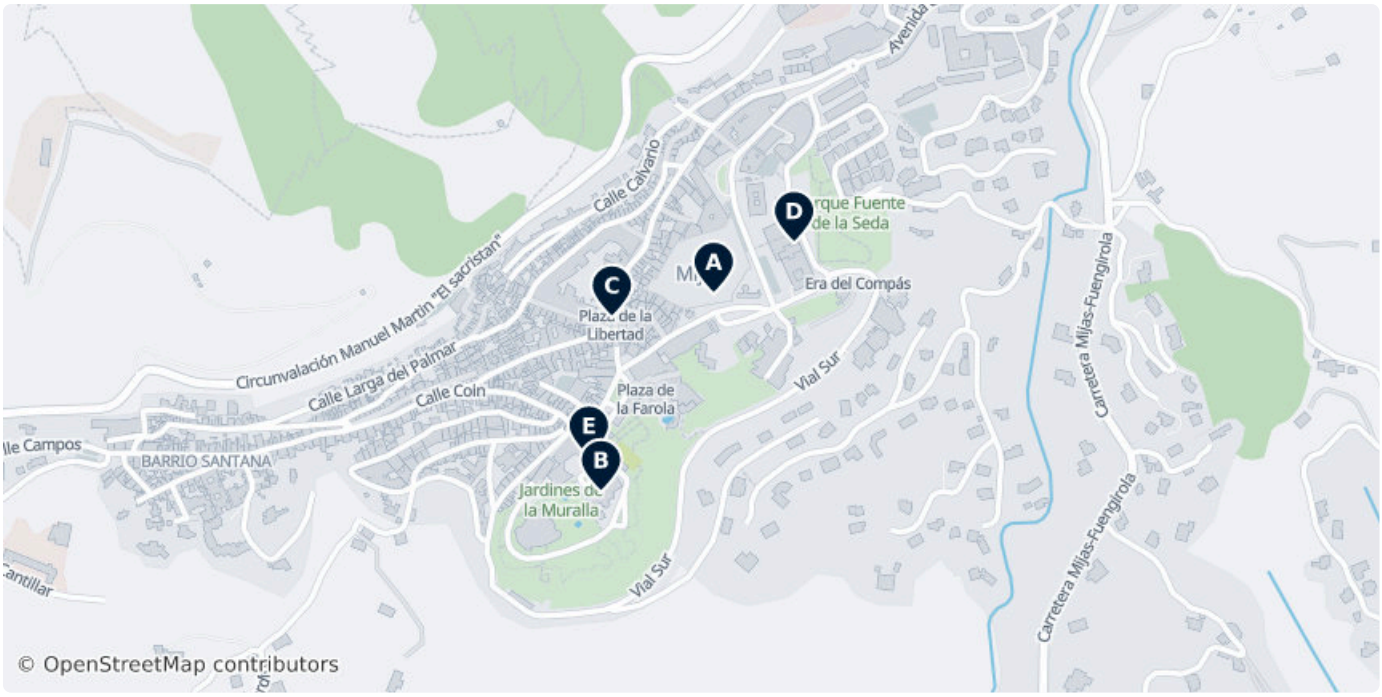
Spanish

TAP WATER

Safe to drink

Mijas Must-Sees

Mijas Pueblo is a traditional white village situated 400 meters above sea level on the slopes of the Sierra de Mijas. The historic center features the 16th-century Iglesia de la Inmaculada Concepción, built on the site of an ancient Moorish castle, and a unique oval-shaped Plaza de Toros dating to 1900. Visitors can explore the 17th-century Ermita de San Sebastián or take in expansive views of the Mediterranean coastline and the Costa del Sol from the Mirador Julián Nuñez Andreu.





A Mijas Pueblo

Mijas Pueblo is the historical core of the municipality of Mijas, situated in the heart of the Costa del Sol in southwestern Spain.

1 Plaza Virgen de la Peña, Mijas 29650, Spain
(36.59554, -4.63732)

B Iglesia Inmaculada Concepción

Built in the 16th century on the ruins of a former mosque and castle, this church features a Mudéjar-style square bell tower that originally served as a defensive watchtower.

14 Calle de la Cuesta de la Villa, Mijas 29650, Spain
(36.59341, -4.63883)

C Ermita San Sebastián

A 17th-century chapel located on the narrow, whitewashed Calle San Sebastián, featuring a simple facade and a traditional single-nave interior.

4 Calle de San Sebastián, Mijas 29650, Spain
(36.59529, -4.63869)

D Mirador Julián Nuñez Andreu

A panoramic viewpoint offering expansive vistas of the Mediterranean Sea and the surrounding Costa del Sol landscape.

(36.59609, -4.63625)



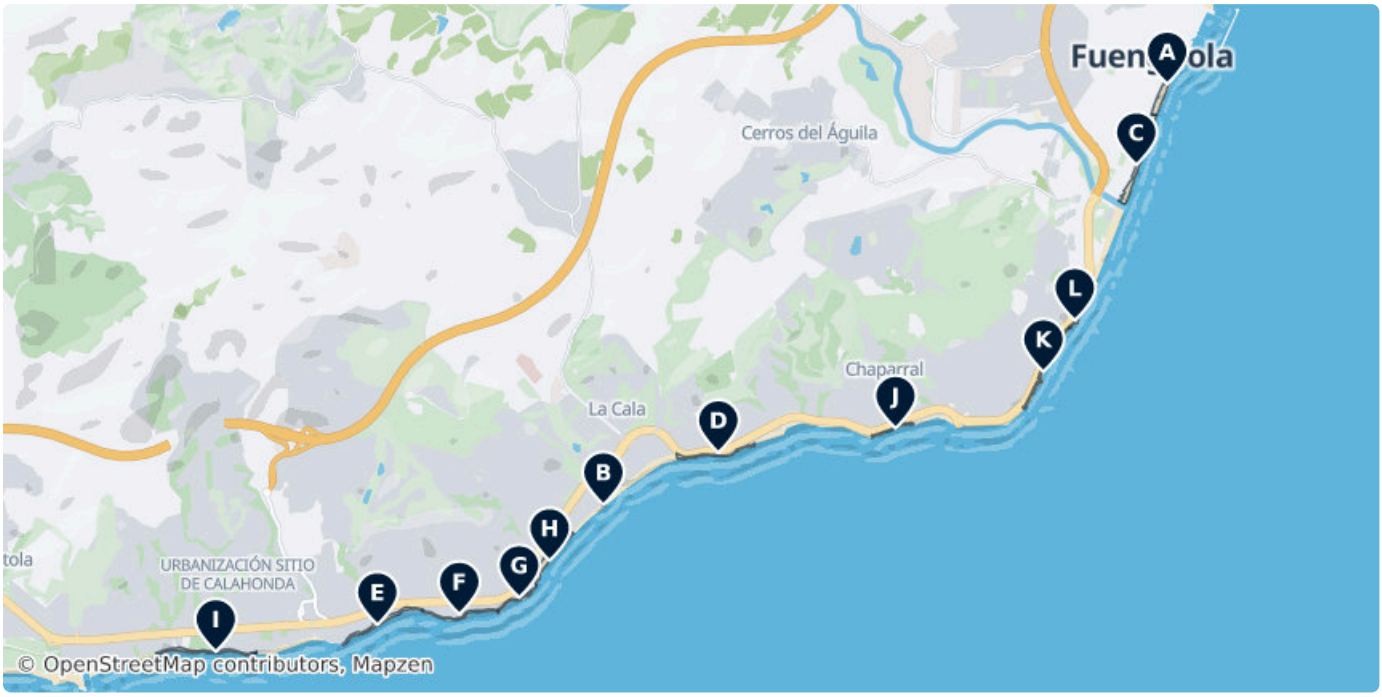
E Museo de la Plaza de Toros

Located within a bullring inaugurated in 1900, this site is distinguished by its unusual oval-shaped arena, an architectural rarity among Spanish bullrings.

14 Calle de la Cuesta de la Villa, Mijas 29650, Spain
(36.59378, -4.63900)

Beautiful Sandy Beaches

Mijas Costa features a diverse 12-kilometer shoreline along the Mediterranean, ranging from urban Blue Flag beaches to quiet rocky coves. The area is connected by the Senda Litoral, a wooden coastal boardwalk that passes historical 16th-century watchtowers like the Torreón de La Cala. These beaches offer varying landscapes, from the wide sandy stretches near Sohail Castle to the snorkeling-friendly rocky sea beds found near the Calaburras Lighthouse.



A Playa de Santa Amalia

Urban sandy beach located near the mouth of the Fuengirola River and the pedestrian suspension bridge.

20 Paseo Marítimo Rey de España, Fuengirola 29640, Spain (36.53655, -4.62170)



B Playa de La Cala - La Butibamba

Central Blue Flag beach featuring the 16th-century Torreón de La Cala watchtower and direct access to the coastal boardwalk.

4 Urbanización Colonia San Pablo, La Cala de Mijas 29650, Spain (36.49966, -4.68328)

C Playa del Castillo

Sandy shore situated at the foot of the 10th-century Sohail Castle, frequently used for outdoor concerts and festivals.

(36.52947, -4.62507)

D Playa de Las Doradas

Coastal stretch located between La Cala and El Chaparral, accessible via the Senda Litoral wooden path.

(36.50423, -4.67073)

E Playa de Calahonda - Riviera

Accessible beach with ramp facilities and multiple seaside restaurants, forming part of the longest coastal stretch in Mijas.

Sitio de Calahonda 29650, Spain (36.48912, -4.70797)

F Playa de Calahonda - Rocas del Mar

A more natural section of the Calahonda coastline characterized by rocky outcrops and a quieter environment.

(Unnamed Road), Sitio de Calahonda 29650, Spain (36.49005, -4.69903)

G Playa El Bombo - Cabo Rocoso

Sandy cove featuring a distinctive rocky headland that provides sheltered, calm waters.

(36.49150, -4.69248)

H Playa El Bombo - El Bombo

Blue Flag beach known for its dark sand and extensive services, including sunbed rentals and several chiringuitos.

(36.49476, -4.68916)

I Playa de Calahonda - La Luna / Royal Beach

The westernmost beach of Mijas bordering Marbella, featuring golden sand and a secluded atmosphere.

(Unnamed Road), 29650, Spain (36.48677, -4.72563)

J Playa del Charcón - Playa Marina

Quiet sandy beach located in a residential area, offering a less crowded alternative to the central urban shores.

Autovía del Mediterráneo, 29650, Spain (36.50637, -4.65138)

K Playa del Faro - El Faro

Beach situated beneath the Calaburras Lighthouse, characterized by a rocky seabed and clear waters.

Autovía del Mediterráneo, El Faro 29650, Spain (36.51133, -4.63521)

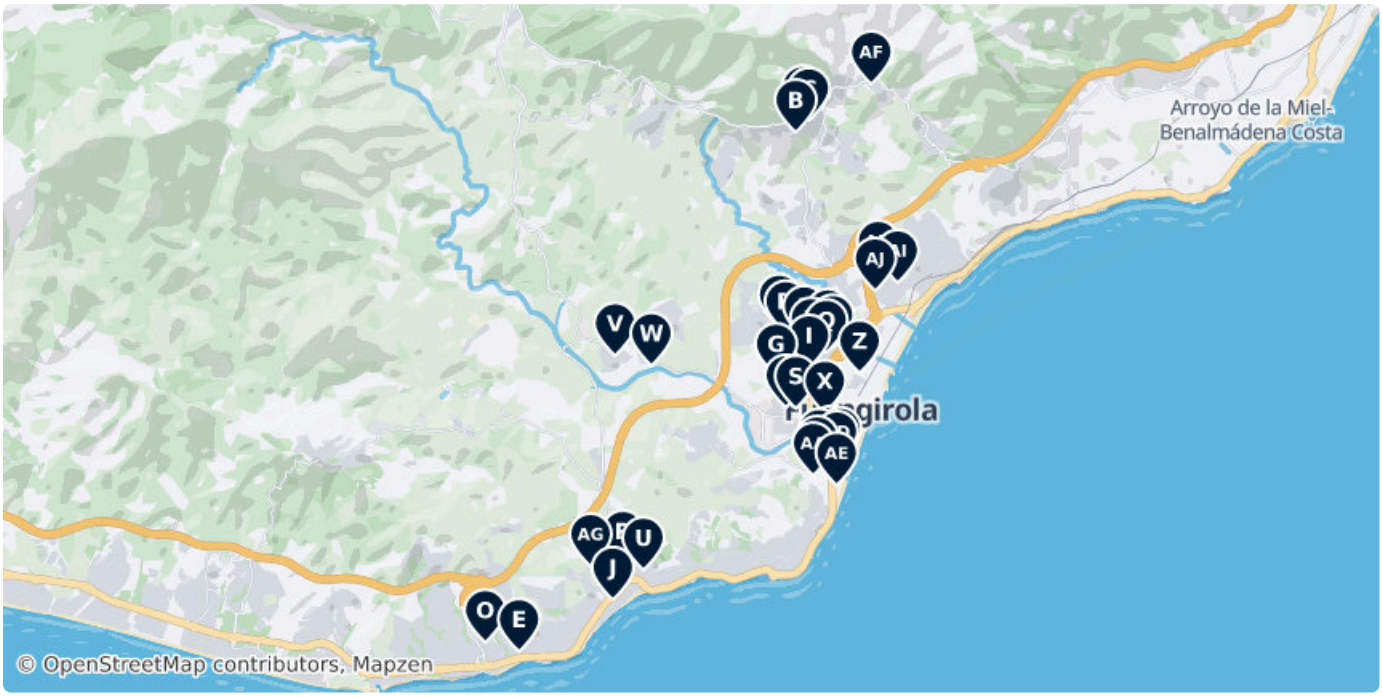
L Playa Rocas del Cura

Rugged coastal area near the lighthouse known for its natural rock formations and lack of urban development.

Autovía del Mediterráneo, Urbanización Marina Playa 29650, Spain (36.51583, -4.63179)

Parks and Gardens

Mijas offers a diverse range of green spaces, from the historic Jardines de la Muralla, built on ancient fortress remains with views of the Mediterranean, to the modern Parque María Zambrano in Las Lagunas. The area features specialized sites like the 1.5-kilometer Parque Fluvial along the Fuengirola River and the botanical Parque de las Plantas Aromáticas. Families can find themed recreation at Parque de Poniente, while the expansive Parque El Esparragal serves as a major hub for outdoor picnics and community gatherings.



A Plaza Virgen de la Peña

Central square in Mijas Pueblo featuring a stone-carved chapel and the town's traditional donkey-taxi stand.

Plaza Virgen de la Peña, 29650 Mijas, Spain (36.59581, -4.63743)

B Jardines De La Muralla

Botanical gardens situated on the site of an old fortress, offering panoramic coastal views and diverse plant species.

Paseo de la Muralla, 29650 Mijas, Spain (36.59314, -4.63915)

C Mirador Jesús Jaime Mota

Scenic viewpoint and park area overlooking the coastline and the white-washed buildings of Mijas Pueblo.

8 Calle Vistamar, Mijas 29650, Spain (36.59540, -4.63596)

D Parque Molinos

Urban park in the Las Lagunas area featuring walking paths and seating areas.

(36.55400, -4.64154)

E Parque Princesa Diana

Residential park in the Riviera del Sol area featuring shaded benches and local Mediterranean flora.

(36.49206, -4.70620)

F Parque El Mirador

Elevated green space in the Las Lagunas district providing views of the surrounding urban landscape.

(36.53958, -4.64152)

G Parque María Zambrano

Large urban park in Las Lagunas with a lake, amphitheater, children's play areas, and sports facilities.

(36.54570, -4.64387)

H Plaza Virgen de la Peña

Main town plaza housing the Ermita de la Virgen de la Peña and local government buildings.

(36.59581, -4.63743)

I Parque Victoria Kent

Neighborhood park in Las Lagunas with mature trees and basic recreational amenities.

(36.54734, -4.63592)

J Parque Costa Del Sol

Small green space located within the Calahonda residential development.

(36.50214, -4.68346)

K Parque Olisol

Community park in Las Lagunas featuring paved walkways and landscaped garden beds.

(36.55523, -4.64314)

L Plaza Maite Alcazar

Small urban square and landscaped area in the Las Lagunas neighborhood.

(36.55301, -4.63707)

M Parque Vicente Aleixandre

Local park dedicated to the Nobel laureate, featuring benches and Mediterranean shrubbery.

(36.55240, -4.63139)

N Parque Antonio Machado

Urban green space in Las Lagunas providing a quiet seating area for residents.

(36.55128, -4.63010)

O Los Olivos

Residential park in the Calahonda area characterized by native olive trees and natural landscaping.

(36.49386, -4.71440)

P Parque del Encuentro

Landscaped square in Las Lagunas used for community gatherings and local events.

(36.55070, -4.63540)

Q Parque Las Viñas

Small neighborhood park located near the commercial center of Las Lagunas.

(36.55033, -4.63169)

R Parque Los Olivos

Green area in the Riviera del Sol district featuring native olive trees.

(36.50926, -4.68103)

S Parque Fernán Caballero

Local park in the residential area of Las Lagunas with basic amenities.

(36.53944, -4.63908)

T Parque Canino Guau Guau 2

Enclosed dog park with agility equipment and separate sections for different animal sizes.

(36.52908, -4.63348)

U Parque Limonar

Small landscaped area within the El Limonar residential complex.

(36.50796, -4.67603)

V Parque La Cala Hills

Neighborhood park serving the La Cala Hills development with open recreational space.

(36.54968, -4.68291)

W Parque El Esparragal

Large recreational area and picnic ground situated near the river, equipped for outdoor cooking.

(36.54776, -4.67412)

X Parque José Ruiz Navas

Community park in Las Lagunas with paved paths and public seating.

(36.53849, -4.63205)

Y Parque Fluvial Rio Fuengirola

Linear park running alongside the river with a 1.5-kilometer path for walking, cycling, and exercise.

(Unnamed Road), Fuengirola 29640, Spain
(36.52963, -4.63045)

Z Parque Los Naranjos

Small park in the Las Lagunas district featuring traditional orange trees.

(36.54629, -4.62364)

AA Parque Architectos

Urban park in Las Lagunas featuring modern landscaping and accessible pathways.

12A Calle de los Arquitectos, Fuengirola 29640, Spain
(36.52639, -4.63492)

AB Parque de Poniente

Coastal park featuring a large pirate-ship-themed playground and expansive lawns.

(36.52936, -4.62835)

AC Parque Plantas Aromáticas

Specialty garden featuring a variety of Mediterranean herbs and aromatic plants.

5 Calle San Manuel, Fuengirola 29640, Spain
(36.52769, -4.63390)

AD Parque natural

Naturalized green space located near the Fuengirola river mouth.

(36.52862, -4.62918)

AE Parque Castillo Sohail

Historic grounds surrounding the Sohail Castle, featuring open-air event spaces and coastal views.

(Unnamed Road), Fuengirola 29640, Spain
(36.52445, -4.62920)

AF Parque Osunillas

Local park in the Osunillas district, north of Mijas Pueblo.

(36.60253, -4.62083)

AG Fantasy Land

Themed children's playground with various climbing structures and slides.

(36.50867, -4.68884)

AH Las Canteras

Accessible neighborhood playground with modern equipment and rubber safety flooring.

(36.56571, -4.61916)

AI Pacolitos II

Small urban playground designed specifically for young children.

(36.56388, -4.61441)

AJ San Álvaro

Local playground area with accessible features and seating for caregivers.

(36.56230, -4.61990)

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