

Málaga Solo Travel Checklist

MÁLAGA CLUB · PRINTABLE COMPANION

Before You Fly

- Book Soho or Centro Histórico accommodation (walkable, well-lit at night)
- Note licensed taxi apps: Cabify, FreeNow (avoid unmarked cars)
- Save embassy contact and travel insurance policy offline
- Photograph passport, cards, insurance — email to yourself
- Check Semana Santa / Feria dates if flexible (prices spike)
- Download offline Google Maps of Málaga Centro + Malagueta

Pack Smart for Solo

- Crossbody bag with zips (pickpocket-resistant on Calle Larios)
- Portable charger — long tapas evenings drain phones
- One smart outfit for a tablao flamenco night
- Swimwear + light cover-up (beaches walkable from Centro)
- Comfortable walking shoes for Alcazaba + Gibralfaro climb

Arrival Day

- Take Cercanías C1 train from airport to centre (€1.80, 12 min)
- Buy a physical SIM or activate eSIM (Orange, Vodafone at airport)
- Withdraw €50–100 cash at a bank ATM (avoid Euronet)
- Do a slow walking loop of Centro to orient yourself
- Book a free walking tour for Day 2 (meets Plaza de la Constitución)

Meeting People

- Join a free daily walking tour (tip-based, solo-traveller heavy)
- Book a drop-in Sevillanas or flamenco class
- Try a language exchange meetup (searchable on Meetup / Couchsurfing)
- Day pass at Impact Hub or Beeple Coworking if working
- Hostel pub crawls — most accept non-guests for a small fee

Solo Dining Playbook

- Order at the bar, not at a table — normal + faster
- Menú del día for lunch: 3 courses + drink for €12–€18
- El Pimpi, La Deriva, Plaza de la Merced bars = solo-friendly

- Tablaos always seat solo diners without fuss
- Cash tip 5–10% at sit-down; round up at bars

Safety Essentials

- Bag zipped, in front, on Calle Larios + Mercado Atarazanas
- Never leave phone on café table or beach towel
- Use ride app after midnight instead of walking home alone
- Emergency number: 112 (English-speaking operators)
- Share live location with one person at home for evenings out

3-Day Solo Itinerary

- Day 1: Alcazaba + Gibralfaro (early) — Picasso Museum — tapas crawl
- Day 2: Pedregalejo beach — CAC Málaga — flamenco tablao
- Day 3: Small-group day trip to Nerja or Caminito del Rey — Soho evening