



Where is Mijas Costa?

Mijas Costa is located in the centre of the Costa del Sol in the south of Spain and stretches over 12 kilometres along the Mediterranean coast from Cabopino in Marbella in the west to Fuengirola in the east.

Information about Mijas Costa

Mijas Costa is one of the largest resorts on the Costa del Sol and is home to some of the most popular locations for buying property in southern Spain. The following developments, known as urbanizaciones in Spanish, can be found in Mijas Costa:

Calahonda - the largest residential area in Mijas Costa and in itself it is almost a resort. Calahonda is very popular among holidaymakers and foreign residents. It stretches from the coast (the beach has Blue Flag status) to high in the hills, north of the toll road AP-7. A wide range of real estate is available, from studio apartments to luxury villas. Many houses have sea views. Shops are mostly found along the A-7, including several supermarkets, banks and restaurants. You will also find the La Siesta Golf Club and Club del Sol tennis club.

Riviera del Sol and the Miraflores - these two areas, like Calahonda, are very popular among foreigners and tourists. Real estate in Riviera del Sol consists mostly of apartments and townhouses, while Miraflores has several high-quality family homes and villa developments. There is a selection of small shops, bars and restaurants near the A-7. Miraflores Golf and El Oceano Beach Club and Hotel can also be found here.

La Cala de Mijas - this small town is the centre for (administrative) services of Mijas Costa. La Cala, once a small fishing village, has now become a popular place to live and it has about 4,000 inhabitants. It has schools, medical centers, a range of shops and restaurants, and the best beaches in this part of the Costa del Sol.

Various real estate properties are available, from traditional village houses and beachfront properties to modern penthouse apartments. There are currently some new developments going on north of the city centre, including Casa Banderas (apartments), La Valvega (mansions) and Pueblo la Noria (mansions and villas). La Cala is a short distance from some of the best golf courses on the Costa del Sol, including Calanova Golf Club and the three courses in La Cala Golf Resort.

El Chaparral and Las Farolas - the residential areas between La Cala de Mijas and Fuengirola are smaller than the rest of Mijas Costa. The two largest are El Chaparral, an area with mainly villas and the El Chaparral Golf Club, and Las Farolas, located near the lighthouse with village houses and small villas. Services are limited, although La Cala and Fuengirola are a short distance away.

How big is it?

Mijas Costa is part of the municipality of Mijas, one of the largest in the province. Mijas Costa stretches out over a distance of 12km along the coast between Marbella and Fuengirola.

What is the population of Mijas Costa?

About half of the population of Mijas (86,700) lives in Mijas Costa.

How many people of foreign origin live in Mijas Costa?

Mijas Costa is one of the most popular places to live in Spain and has a large foreign population. There are more than 31,500 foreigners living in the municipality of Mijas, the majority of whom live in Mijas Costa. British citizens make up more than a third of the total foreign population.

What is the weather like in Mijas Costa?

Like the rest of the Costa del Sol, the weather in Mijas Costa is one of the best in Europe. There are more than 320 days of sunshine per year and the average temperature is 18 degrees.

How can I reach Mijas Costa?

Mijas Costa is very easy to reach. The A-7 motorway runs directly along Mijas Costa and the main residential areas have easy and quick access to this road. The AP-7 toll road has an exit at Calahonda on the part between Marbella and Fuengirola.

How far is it from Mijas Costa to Malaga airport?

Malaga Airport is 35km away from Mijas Costa (La Cala), a journey that takes less than 30 minutes by car.

How far is it from Mijas Costa to Gibraltar airport?

If you are travelling to Mijas Costa from the United Kingdom, you can also fly to Gibraltar Airport instead of Malaga Airport. La Cala is 96km away from Gibraltar airport, about an hour and 10 minutes by car. Take into account the extra travel time for crossing the border between Gibraltar and Spain.

How far is it from Mijas Costa to Marbella?

Marbella is 28km from La Cala and it takes about 15 minutes to get there.

Public transport in Mijas Costa

There is a regular bus service (approximately every 30 minutes) between Marbella and Fuengirola. The bus stops at several places along Mijas Costa.

What are the main attractions of Mijas Costa?

The advantages of Mijas Costa are the quiet residential areas within easy reach of the busy resorts of Marbella and Fuengirola; excellent services and facilities; and a good range of houses that are often more affordable than in nearby Marbella. Mijas Costa is known as a family-friendly place to go on holiday or to live.

One of the most important highlights of the year in Mijas Costa is the fair in La Cala. It lasts five days and takes place at the end of July. There are family friendly festivities such as dancing, horse processions and a fair.

Mijas Costa does not have as many attractions as other resorts on the Costa del Sol. However, the location - right between Fuengirola and Marbella - means that the best of the Costa del Sol is a short distance away.

How are the beaches in Mijas Costa?

There are 15 beaches in Mijas Costa and 3 of them have Blue Flag status. The beaches range from long, sandy beaches like the one in La Cala, to small pebble beach coves. A few small beaches are among the quietest on the Costa del Sol. The Mijas Costa residential areas are all a short distance from the beaches in Marbella and Fuengirola.

Eating out in Mijas Costa

There is a good choice of restaurants in Mijas Costa, especially in La Cala and Calahonda. Popular Spanish locations are Vinoteca Pura Cepa and El Olivo in La Cala, and Mesón de Calahonda and Acinipo in Calahonda. There are also numerous restaurants offering international cuisine such as El Gusto in La Cala, El Oceano in Miraflores and Max Beach in Riviera del Sol. You will find some of the best fish&chips on the Costa del Sol, as well as several good Indian restaurants in Mijas Costa.

What is a typical dish from the region?

As in the other resorts of the Costa del Sol, fried fish (known as pescaíto) is one of the most typical things to eat in Mijas Costa. This is served in the beach bars and restaurants. A typical dish of Mijas is the local salad made from potatoes, cod, oranges, onions and olives.

Shopping in Mijas Costa

You will find a wide choice of shops in the larger districts of Mijas Costa. Calahonda and La Cala both have different supermarkets, including Supersol, Mercadona and Lidl. La Cala has a selection of small shops and the weekly market takes place on Wednesday. Banks and other shops such as pharmacies, kiosks and drugstores can also be found in La Cala and Calahonda. The shopping centres of La Cañada (Marbella) and Miramar (Fuengirola) are a short drive away. The Decathlon, Dunnes Stores and Iceland shops are also located in Fuengirola.