

the andalucia guide



Book Avis to discover the delights of Andalucia...

The eight provinces of Andalucia stretch across Southern Spain from the deserts of Almeria to the Portuguese border and is one of Spain's most varied regions. Andalucia is famous for its lively culture of flamenco dancing, bull fighting, fiestas and festivals and its beautiful towns such as Seville, Granada and Cordoba. For an authentic taste of rural life there are many delightful inland villages known as pueblos blancos (white towns). Most are just a half days drive from the coast. The country side is diverse with valleys, olive tree groves, wild sierra's, desert landscapes and the snow covered peaks of the Sierra Nevada as an impressive contrast.

Your holiday starts with an Avis car...

- For a truly spanish experience, a drive to El Centro Andaluz de Flamenco, is a must. It's a school and museum dedicated to flamenco in **Jerez de la Frontera**.
- Drive to **Seville** the capital of the region, for an adventure. With a mixture of museums such as 'El Museo de Bellas Artes' (the fine arts museum), beautiful gardens, flamenco and bullfights, there's no shortage of things to do.
- Tour Spain's Moorish past in **Granada** – Visit the Alhambra palace, the old Muslim quarter and for shopaholics, the former silk exchange, Alcaiceria offers a range of temptations.
- In **Cordoba** you can see the Mezquita mosque plus the gardens of the Alcazar de los Reyes Cristianos (Castle of Christian Monarchs) – spectacular for visitors particularly between the months of April and June.
- La Casa Natal de Picasso and el Museo Picasso, a research centre and museum in **Malaga** shouldn't be forgotten either! There are also a host of other monuments along the city's main strip.

Top tips for Andalucia

- A **right hand side road** system operates in this area of Spain.
- **Speed limits:**

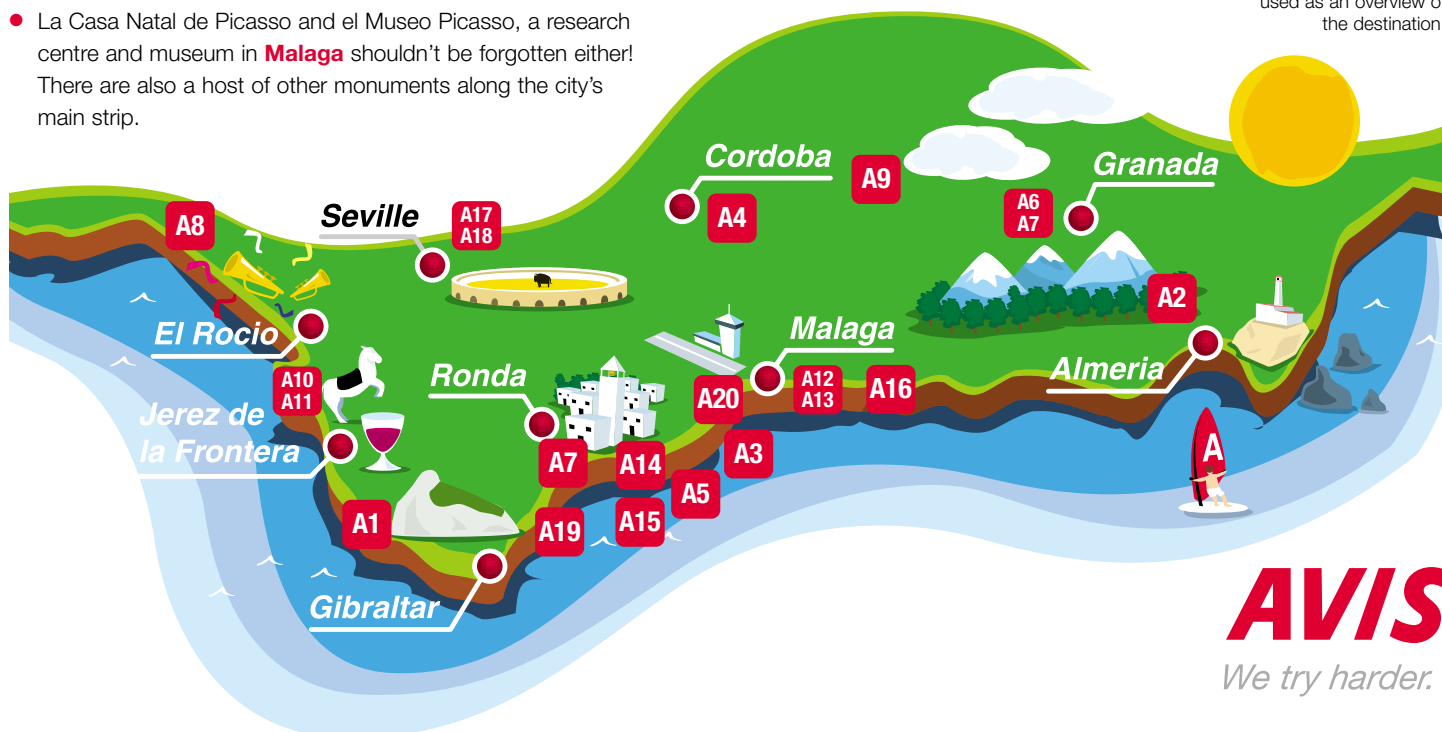
Motorways:	120 kph
Main roads:	90 kph
Minor roads in built up areas:	50 kph
- **Random breath testing** is carried out. Limit: 30mg per millilitre.
- Be sure to **carry your rental documents**, driving licence and passports.
- Most **petrol stations** are open 24 hours and are self-service, accepting all major credit cards.

Did you know?

The region basks in the warm sun most of the year, making it the perfect travel destination all year round.

A1 = Avis locations

Please note, that some places mentioned in this guide do not appear on the map. This guide is to be used as an overview of the destination.



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Getting the most out Andalusia

Benefits of renting a car...

- **Comfort** – choose an air conditioned car and travel in comfort.
- **Freedom** – explore those hidden treasures.
- **Value for money** – if you enjoy sightseeing, car hire can work out much better value for money than excursions.
- **Flexibility** – do what you want, when you want.
- **Reliability** – no need to wait around for buses or trains.



Avis locations

- **Algeciras (AC0): A1** Avd. De Villanueva, 1, 11207 Algecira.
- **Almeria (LEI): A2** Aeropuerto De Almeria.
- **Benalmadena (BAM): A3** Ctr. Cadiz Km228, 29630 Benalmadena.
- **Cordoba (OD8): A4** Plaza De Colon, 32.
- **Fuengirola (FP9): A5** Jacinto Benavente Edf Don Paco, Local C-2 29640 Fuengirola.
- **Granada (GRX): A6** Aeropuerto De Granada. (GX4) A7 Recogidas, 31.
- **Huelva (H1V): A8** Avd De Italia, 107.
- **Jaen (JA4): A9** Avda, De Madrid, S/N, Plg Los Rosales Nave 4.
- **Jerez (XRY): A10** Aeropuerto De Jerez, Jerez De La Frontera. (XR1) A11 Hotel Royal Sherry Park, Avd Alcalde Alvaro Domeg, 11 Bi.
- **Malaga (M9S): A12** Aeropuerto De Malaga. (AG2) A13 Cortina Del Muelle, 13. 00 34 95 2048483
- **Marbella (MB4): A14** Avd. De Ricardo Soriano, 21, Edf. Globus 29600 Marbella. (MB5) A15 Servicios Fuel Marbella Sl/Ctra, 340 K175 P. Banus.
- **Nerja (NJ4): A16** Avd Castilla Perez, Edf Casablanca, 29780 Nerja.
- **Sevilla (SVQ): A17** Aeropuerto De Sevilla. (U6J) A18 Estacion Ave Santa Justa, Avd Kansas City S/N.
- **Sotogrande (FB0): A19** Sierra Bermeja, S/N, Pueblo Nuevo De Guadiaro.
- **Torremolinos (US3): A20** Hotel Principe Sol, Paseo Colorado 26, 29920.

Top selling tips

Always introduce car hire into every booking...

Q. What do you like to do on holiday?

"I hired a car in... and it was great for seeing/doing..."

Q. "Have you been to the area before?"

Yes *"So you know that there's lots to do round there. Let me get some car hire prices for you"*

No *"Well there's lots to do in that area (such as...) and the best way to see them is by hiring a car"*

Q. Do you normally hire a car on holiday?

Yes or No *"Let me get some prices for you, it usually works out cheaper to pre-book"*

Join the festivities...

February/March/April

Carnival in Nerja: The whole town participates in this very colourful display.

San Isidro: 15 May is decorated carts and horses make the pilgrimage from Nerja to the Caves at Maro. Flamenco dancing, singing and plenty of food.

May/June/July

San Juan: Many people camp on the beach over night. 24 May is a family day on the beach with BBQs, paella and lots more.

Dia del Carmen: A statue of the Virgin del Carmen is carried through the streets, boarded a fishing boat and paraded along the coast. Grilled sardines are eaten on the beaches.

El Rocio: More than 70 brotherhoods of pilgrims arrive at the village of El Rocio to pay homage to the Virgin del Rocio.

August/September/October

Exaltacion al Rio Guadalquivir: Horses are raced on the beach at the mouth of Rio Guadalquivir.

Feria: Nerja's Feria is a 5-6 day event with eating and drinking til 6 in the morning, fun fair rides and many outside bars and very loud music.

5 places to note...

Ronda – one of the most spectacularly located towns in Spain. Famous for the 'Puente Nuevo' (new bridge) – built across the Tajo gorge in the late 18th century – and the Plaza de Toros, one of the oldest and most important bullrings in Spain.

The White Villages – the Pueblos Blancos are located in an area to the west of Ronda. These are about two dozen working hilltop villages where the way of life has hardly changed for centuries.

Cordoba – the geographical centre of Andalusia. Known all over the world for its historical Arab and Jewish monuments, such as the famous Mosque, Synagogue and the Roman bridge.

Jerez – the capital of sherry production and home to the Royal Equestrian School of Andalusia.

Gibraltar – enjoy the fabulous views of Africa, Gibraltar and Spain whilst visiting the famous Barbary apes. It's a good idea to park your car and walk across the border but don't forget your passport!



Top places to eat...

Bellavista – situated in Almeria this restaurant offers top-quality fish and shellfish.

Caballo Rojo – lovely restaurant offering traditional dishes, many adapted from Moorish and Sephardic recipes.

Las Bóvedas – dine in style under the brick ceilings of a former monastery in El Puerto de Santa Maria. The dessert 'tocino de cielo' (heavenly bacon) is made from eggs yolks prepared by the nuns.

Savings to be made...

Do more with your holiday by hiring a car. You could save money at the same time as well!
Compare these excursion costs against car hire:

Visit the rock of Gibraltar, costing approx £27 per person, that's £108 for a party of four.

Or experiencing the lakes and mountains from a coach could cost approx. £13 per adult, making a trip for four cost £52.