

COSTA DEL SOL

FESTIVAL GUIDE

ANNUAL EVENTS CALENDAR

QUICK REFERENCE



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ABOUT THE REGION

Costa del Sol, stretching along the southern coast of Andalusia, Spain, is renowned for its vibrant festival culture, sun-drenched beaches, and rich Moorish heritage. From flamenco celebrations to ancient Easter processions, the region hosts over 200 cultural events annually. This guide highlights the most unmissable festivals, local markets, and traditional celebrations, organized by season for easy trip planning. Tip: Book accommodation at least 3 months in advance for major festival weekends.

SUMMER FESTIVALS

SPRING (Mar – May)

- Carnival (Feb/Mar): Coastal towns. Satirical songs, street parades, and costumes.
- Semana Santa (Mar/Apr): Region-wide. Massive wooden thrones, religious processions, and live saeta singing.
- Cruces de Mayo (May): Nerja, Maro, Vélez-Málaga. Floral cross displays and street dancing.
- Corpus Christi (May/Jun): Mijas & others. Village traditions and decorated streets.
- Noche en Blanco: Málaga City. Free evening of arts, museums, and culture.

SUMMER (Jun – Aug)

- San Bernabé Feria (Jun): Marbella. The city's main traditional fair.
- Noche de San Juan (Jun 23): All beaches. Midnight bonfires, ocean swims, and beach parties.
- Virgen del Carmen (Jul): Coastal towns. Maritime processions carrying the virgin into the sea.
- Estepona Feria (Jul): Estepona. Traditional week-long local town fair.
- Feria de Málaga (Aug): Málaga City. The biggest summer party in southern Europe (day & night fairs).
- Benalmádena Pueblo Feria (Aug): Benalmádena. Intimate mountain village fair atmosphere.

AUTUMN (SEP – NOV)

- Feria de Mijas (Sep): Mijas Pueblo. Honoring the patron saint Virgen de la Peña.
- Grape Harvest / Vendimia (Sep): Axarquía villages. Wine tasting and rural harvest traditions.
- Feria de San Miguel (Sep): Torremolinos. Large local fair and daytime romería (pilgrimage).
- Feria del Rosario (Oct): Fuengirola. Famous for its Andalusian horses and flamenco attire.
- Nerja Feria (Oct): Nerja. The final big coastal fair of the season.

WINTER (DEC – FEB)

- Christmas Lights (Dec): Region-wide. Spectacular light shows (especially Calle Larios) and nativity scenes.
- Fiesta de Verdiales (Dec 28): Málaga outskirts. Ancient folk music competition with floral hats.
- Día de Reyes (Jan 5-6): Region-wide. The Three Kings parades throwing sweets to children.

PRACTICAL TIPS

Dress modestly for religious processions
Cash preferred at local markets and stalls
Arrival 1 hour early for prime viewing spots

GETTING AROUND

Renfe Cercanías coastal train line



Bus: Avanza & ALSA regional routes

