



MALAGA

SPAIN MALAGA AIRPORT (AGP), 9KM

👤 47,737,941 📞 +34 ☀️ 15°C

👛 EURO (EUR)

✈️ DAILY



SLEEP Malaga has changed in recent years, becoming more design conscious and something of an artistic hub. To see this new side of the city reflected in your accommodation, book a night at the chic hotel **Room Mate Lola** (Calle Casas de Campos, 952 579 300, lola.room-matehotels.com, rooms from €72).

EAT Occupying a great location opposite the city's old Roman Theatre sits colourful **El Pimpi** (Calle Granada 62), an old traditional bodega (wine bar) and modern seafood restaurant rolled into one. Look out for the signatures of famous bullfighters inscribed on the barrels inside.

CULTURE Music fans are in luck this November as the **International Malaga Jazz Festival** is in town. On 3-9 November the city's Miguel de Cervantes Theatre (Calle Ramos Marín, teatrocervantes.com) will be hosting a range of top-class musical acts.

SHOP Andalusia is known for its brightly coloured ceramics, the best of which can be bought from the immense showroom at **Cerámica Fina** (Calle Coronel 5).

LATER A true Malaga institution, the **Antigua Casa Guardia** (Alameda Principal 18) has been serving locals since 1840. It was even frequented by Picasso, who was born in the city, and there are pictures of him as a boy up on the walls. Don't miss the sweet Malaga wines, which are served straight from the barrels.

TIP Head to the old fishing district of **El Palo** to eat grilled sardines on the beach – found at any *chiringuito* (beach bar) along the water. **Esme Fox**

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BUS The Malaga Airport Express city bus A75 goes from outside Terminal 3 and takes you right into Malaga city centre. The journey takes approximately 15-25 minutes and costs €3.

TAXI A taxi to the centre will set you back around €30.

TOURIST INFO
malagaturismo.com



Settle in for a night of expertly mixed cocktails at Corridor

MANCHESTER

UNITED KINGDOM MANCHESTER AIRPORT (MAN), 8KM

👤 63,742,977 📞 +44 ☀️ 7°C

👛 BRITISH POUND (GBP)

✈️ THREE TIMES DAILY



SLEEP The **Midland Hotel** (Peter Street, (0)161 236 3333, qhotels.co.uk, rooms from £143/€180) has welcomed kings and queens, prime ministers and celebrities in its 100-year history. It's a Manchester landmark, and a quiet breath in the city's frantic heart.

EAT Visiting **Albert's Shed** (18-20 Castle Street, albertsshed.com) is like being tossed into an Escher painting. But while the architecture is mind boggling, the menu is not. Fish stews and Lancashire hotpots are the order of the day, every dish as remarkable as the next.

CULTURE **Manchester's Christmas Markets** (Albert Square and St Ann's Square) pop up in mid-November, smacking winter over the head with mulled wine, hot chocolate, roasted chestnuts and every other known festive treat. Santa hats aren't compulsory, but wear one anyway – everything's better in a Santa hat.

SHOP **Sifters** (177 Fog Lane, sifters-records-manchester.co.uk) was mentioned in an Oasis song, but don't let that put you off. Manchester's best music shop specialises in vinyl, catering to collectors whose tastes run straight past eclectic into wilfully obscure. A musical education.

LATER Dim lighting, leather booths and award-winning cocktails await at **Corridor** (6-8 Barlow's Croft). Be warned: the cocktails are strong.

TIP If you fancy a bit of green, head to **Heaton Park**, one of Europe's largest municipal parks. Littered with boating lakes, stately homes, heritage sites, and petting zoos, it's never quite the same day out twice. **Stuart Turton**

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BUS 24-hour buses run from Manchester Airport to the city centre, stopping at Didsbury and Oxford Road station en route. The journey takes between 30-40 minutes, leaving every hour, and costs a respectable £4.70/€6.

TRAIN You can get a train directly to Manchester Airport from almost anywhere in the northern half of the country, including Glasgow, Liverpool and Sheffield. Tickets from the airport to the city centre cost £4.80/€6.10, and leave every 15 minutes or so.

TAXI If you want to splash the cash on a chauffeur, a taxi costs £25/€32 into the city centre depending on traffic and time. If you arrive particularly late, you'll need to ring for one and pay a booking fee.

TOURIST INFO
visitmanchester.com



Room Mate Lola reflects Malaga's new love affair with cutting-edge design