

# The Perfect Museum For Art Lovers

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The ancient city of Málaga, founded by the Phoenicians during the 8th century, may be best known as Picasso's birthplace, but a tour of the excellent museum devoted to the artist is only a jumping-off point for art lovers.

Taking cues from the northern Spanish city of Bilbao, Málaga has wooed world-famous institutions to its centuries-old streets and squares, from a glass-cube pop-up of the Centre Pompidou to branches of Madrid's Thyssen-Bornemisza Museum and St. Petersburg State Russian Museum.

Serving as an art-filled home base for exploring the port city's riches is the recently renovated Gran Hotel Miramar Málaga, reopened after a €65 million renovation that shows all its former glory, with the traditional Andalusian decor and modern touches such as the all-white, Ibiza-inspired rooftop lounge with views of the Mediterranean Sea.

Located in the La Caleta area, between Paseo de Reding avenue and the seafront, the hotel is just five minutes from the city's top museums, including the Picasso, Carmen Thyssen, Centre Pompidou and Hermitage.

This beautiful historic building is considered the masterpiece of architect F. Guerrero Strachan's work took five years to be completed, finally being opened in 1926 by King Alfonso XIII under the name Hotel Principe de Asturias.

This majestic place has welcomed illustrious guests from European nobility, the world of the arts and Spanish high society.

The hotel has a variety of luxury services and facilities, including five gastronomic restaurants focused on national and international cuisine.

Surrounded by 9,000 square meters of lawns and gardens, it also features outdoor pools, extensive meeting facilities and a stunning Sisley spa.

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