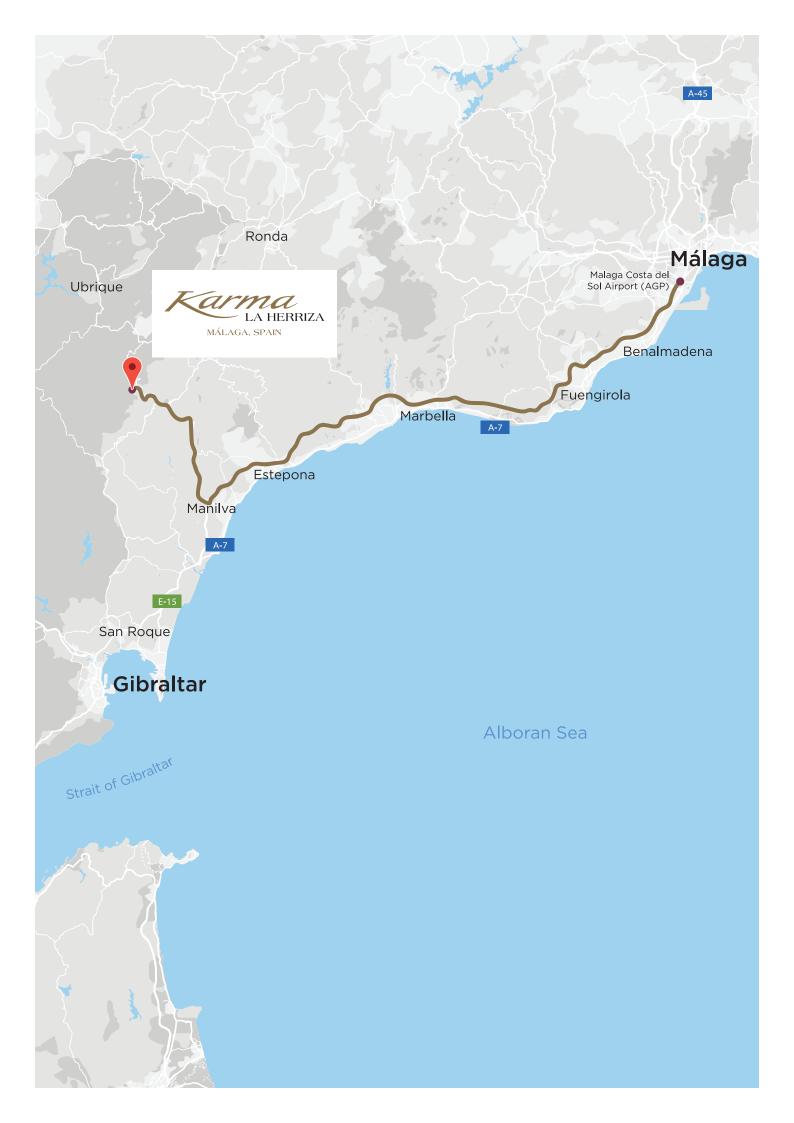




# THINGS TO DO GAUCÍN

WE CREATE... EXPERIENCES





### HOW TO GET THERE

#### WELCOME TO KARMA LA HERRIZA

Hacienda la Herriza, MA9300 km 4.7, 29480 Gaucín, Malaga, Spain

Situated close to both Malaga and the picturesque town of Gaucin in Spain's stunning Andalusian mountains, Karma La Herizza perfectly captures the rustic romance of the region. From higher elevations, both Gibraltar and Morocco are visible, while there are a myriad pretty white-washed villages to visit, delicious local fare to sample and historic, culturally diverse towns and cities to discover with an abundance of richly decorative Moorish design influences from North Africa alongside Roman and baroque architecture suited to the Mediterranean climate.

#### **GETTING TO THE RESORT FROM...**

★ Malaga Costa del Sol Airport (AGP).

Get on N-340 and drive for 5 min (1.7km).

Follow AP-7 to A-377. Take exit 142 from AP-7. Drive for 55 min (90.3km)

Continue o A-377 and drive to MA-512 for 38 min (32.3km)

imes Gibraltar International Airport (GIB).

Take A-383, A-7, AP-7 and A-377 for 70 min (64 km)

Turn right to MA-512 and drive for 1 min (0.4 km)









#### LA HERRIZA RESTAURANT

A contemporary Andalusian eatery offering wholesome proximity products with a quirky twist.

Tapas, paellas, meats, community dinners, events and an extensive selection of Malaga, Rioja and

Ribera del Duero wines

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# ANDALUSIA ON THE PLATE —— OUR PICK OF THE TOP RESTAURANTS IN THE REGION







#### **Aponiente**

( ☆ ☆ ☆ Michelin Star )

Ángel León, whose restaurant is housed in a tide mill dating from 1815, is known as "the chef of the sea" and talking about him invariably means wading into uncharted waters. As he says himself, at Aponiente "the aim is to raise awareness, open people's minds and introduce them to new concepts that are impossible to find anywhere else".

Totally committed to sustainability, this is a chef who seeks to surprise diners with new ingredients, innovative techniques and incredible combinations, always honing his philosophy, which revolves around recycling, renewable energies, making the most of what the natural estuaries have to offer and championing the salvaging of discarded fish. You will encounter such concotions as seafood sausages, plankton and bioluminescence, seawater cooking, marine honey. Pure culinary magic!

Open daily from: March to November.

Dress code: Smart casual. No shorts for gentlemen.

Francisco Cosi Ochoa, El Puerto de Santa Maria, 11500, Cadiz.

+34 606 22 58 59 | wv

| www.aponiente.com



Bardal



#### **Bardal**

( ☆ ☆ Michelin Star )

Some call Ronda the "city of dreams". But without drifting off into reverie, we are indeed talking about one of the most beautiful towns in Andalusia, where Bardal, not far from the impressive bridge over El Tajo de Ronda, is now a flagship of the local restaurant scene.

Chef Benito Gómez, a Catalan by birth who has made Andalusia his home, cooks up creative cuisine, steering clear of gimmickry and labels. Recognisable flavours that have a connection to local tradition undergo a transformation in a subtle interplay of contrasts and textures. Diners are given a choice of two tasting menus, one with 18 and the other with 21 courses. Both come with wine pairing options and a trolley with a large selection of Andalusian cheeses before dessert.

Open from: Wednesday to Sunday from 13:15 to 17:30 and from 20:00 to 24:00 Calle Jose Aparicio 1, 29400, Ronda, Malaga

+34 951 48 98 28 | www.restaurantebardal.com







#### Platero & Co

(Michelin Guide mention)

Located in the heart of Gaucin and run by a Dutch couple, the restaurant is a vision of perfection with its rustic ambience providing a backdrop for internationally inspired cuisine that has been given a more contemporary makeover, but always based around the very best local and seasonal products (chestnuts, cherries, wild mushrooms, goat's cheese, figs etc). The terrace boasts stunning views of the valley and the Sierra de Grazalema.

Open daily from: 13:00 to 15:00 and 19:30 to 21:00

Calle Jose Aparicio 1, 29400, Ronda, Malaga

+34 667 493 887 | www.platero-gaucin.com

# PLACE TO VISIT WHILE STAYING AT KARMA LA HERRIZA

**OFF-SITE GUEST EXPERIENCES** 







#### Wine Tasting

Bodegas Cezar are located 5 minutes form the resort and offer wine tastings daily on demand.

Open from - Monday to Friday 10.00 to 14.00 Finca Buenavista, 29480. Gaucín. Malaga

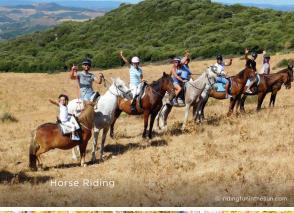
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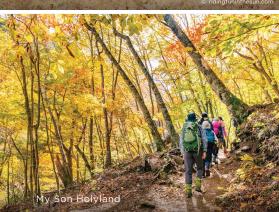
#### **Wine Tours**

Tours with wine tastings in award winning winery in Ronda, 45 minutes from the resort. Organized daily on demand.

> Open from - Monday to Friday 10:00 to 14:00 and 15:00 to 17:00 and Saturdays from 10:00 to 15:00 Puente de la Ventanilla Ctra. Ronda Campillos, Km 35, 29400, Ronda, Malaga

+34 952 874 457 | www.cortijolosaguilares.com







#### **Horse Riding**

Enjoy the stunning mountain views and Gaucin countryside by horseback.

Finca Buenavista, 29480. Gaucín. Malaga

(0034) 650 149 518 | www.ridingfuninthesun.com

#### **Trekking and Walking Tours**

Weekly guided tours from the resort to the surrounding sites, including a dip in the stunning Cañón de las buitreras.

Starts from Karma La Herriza

www.visitgaucin.com/en/walking







#### **Bird Watching**

The resort is surrounded by mountains, rivers, meadows, cork oak grooves and forests, housing the most interesting species.

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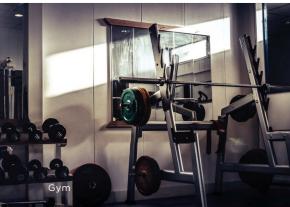
#### Art

Gaucin has inspired over 20 renowned artists to set up their studios all across the Village.

C/ Parras 37. 29480, Gaucín, Malaga

www.artgaucin.com







#### **Sports and Wellness**

Yoga, gym, tennis, padel court and swimming pool located in Gaucin, 8 km from the resort

Ctra. Ronda, Gaucin.

Booked through Karma La Herriza https://karmagroup.com/find-destination/karma-retreats/karma-la-herriza/

#### **Ronda Guided Tours**

Daily tours of the city of Ronda leave the resort at 10:00 daily.

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#### Beaches

the stunning beaches of eastern Malaga are located 30 minutes from the resort and the impressive La Duquesa Marina offers vibrant beachfront Chiringuitos (Beach restaurants)

Puerto de la Duquesa, Manilva, Malaga.

Booked through Karma La Herriza https://karmagroup.com/find-destination/karma-retreats/karma-la-herriza/

#### Golf

Sotogrande award winning golf courses are located just 45 minutes from the resort. Some stunning courses include Valderrama and Finca Cortesin.

Sotogrande and Manilva

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## THINGS TO DO IN GAUCÍN Welcome to Karma la Herriza

Karma La Herriza is the ideal base from which to Explore the South of Spain, from ancient forests to hedonist beaches, historical sites and world class restaurants and wineries. The whitewashed town of Gaucin and its sleepy streets serve as a magnificent base for siesta and fiesta.

It's safe to say that the rich history of Costa del Sol is firmly rooted in vibrant Málaga. The city that birthed the legendary Picasso and home to a plethora of monumental architecture, such as the Roman Theatre and Catedral de la Encarnación de Málaga, surprises visitors at every turn. Foodies and creatives rejoice, as Málaga is the absolute destination to savour a panoply of tapas dishes, washed down with local wine and followed by plenty of art gazing.

Not to forget the stunning region of Andalusia, where Málaga is nestled, famed for its rolling countryside and gifting the world with Flamenco. Andalusia, perched on the southern coast of Spain, also boasts the cities of Seville, Granada and Cádiz; to name a few.

Tucked away in the beautiful mountains you'll discover the enchanting Gaucin village. With a small population of less than 2,000, the quiet rural streets and medieval architecture seem even more magical - From the hills, you can even spot Morocco and the Strait of Gibraltar!

The village is renowned for its whitewashed walls and burnt orange roofs, which make the lush green backdrop pop even brighter. Karma La Herriza, just 6km from Gaucin, has followed the traditional style; taking inspiration from the spectacular aesthetics and tranquil ambience.

#### www.visitgaucin.com/en/home/

#### Gaucin (8 Km from resort)

Gaucin, the first Serrania de Ronda village encountered by the traveller on the road which links the Campo de Gibraltar region with Ronda itself, displays all the charms of the white villages which from here onwards can be seen nestling in the mountains through which the River Genal flows; its streets, of Moorish design, are perfectly adapted to the hill on which they are built and its graceful whitewashed houses are boldly decorated with grilles and balconies expertly crafted from wrought iron.

At the top of the village, adapted, naturally, to the rock on which it stands is the centuries-old El Aguila Castle, which is aptly named, as from it the eagle-eyed can view the African coast, Gibraltar, the River Genal and the open countryside which marks the final descent of the Genal as it meets the River Guadiaro.

An obligatory port of call for any serious traveller, it is no surprise that Gaucin has stamped its unforgettable image on many a famous retina: authors such as Richard Ford, Francis Carter and Gerald Brenan felt the need to try to put their experiences of Gaucin into words. The affable, open character of the local people must certainly have played a part: in the words of the village coat of arms, they are noble, loyal and hospitable.

#### Ronda (49 Km from resort)

Ancient Ronda is a colorful tapestry woven from a skein of tangled threads which make it one of the most interesting cities in all Andalusia. The landscape, the layout of the town, its history, the romantic legend of its bandits with their evocative names, the cradle of bullfighters and artists whose names have gone down in history: all this makes Ronda a unique city.

The list of outstanding men of letters who have fallen captive to the charms of this city can be traced from the earliest texts down to the present day. Pliny, al-Motámid the poet-king of Seville, al-Idrisi, Ibn al-Jatib, Vicente Espinel, Rilke, Juan Ramón Jiménez and Juan Goytisolo are just a few of the long line of authors who have written eloquent pages about Ronda; a place where -if the locals are to believed- it rains upwards, and where birds fly beneath your feet as you lean out over the Tajo gorge.

The city inveigles you to take a leisurely stroll through its streets, absorbing every detail of this ancient Arab "medina" on the south bank of the Guadalevín river, whose walls are still partially standing. You can cross the Puente Nuevo ("new bridge") and wander around the Alameda del Tajo, stopping at every odd corner and historic monument, and then restore your strength in one of the restaurants offering an abundant selection of dishes from the local cuisine.

The town itself is divided into three clearly distinct areas: the city, or old Arab Medina, which is the most important from the historical point of view; the neighborhood of San Francisco, separated by city Walls, and the Mercadillo neighborhood, which is on the other side of the Guadalevín river.

#### Marbella (77 Km from resort)

Considered unofficially as the capital of the western Costa del Sol, there is no doubting the fact that Marbella has all the qualities required to merit its position as one of Spain's premier tourist resorts. Its privileged location, at the foot of the Sierra Blanca and on the coast, create an excellent climate and a landscape of immense beauty.

The town dates back to Roman times, a period from which abundant archaeological remains are to be found; two towers and the castle walls bear witness to the presence of the Arabs; and in the old centre of the town, Our Lady's Church, the Chief Magistrate's House and St. John's Hospital were all built after the Christian reconquest.

However, it is for its excellent sun and sand holiday facilities that Marbella is best known: magnificent spacious beaches, natural AREAs of great interest such as Cabopino Dunes or Las Chapas Pine Groves, pleasure harbours, golf courses, sports clubs and a wide variety of establishments to justify its reputation.

#### Malaga (134 Km from resort)

Malaga the Beautiful, as the city is known, stands at the centre of the basin of the same name, between the mountains, the River Guadalhorce and the coastal strip which leads to the Axarquia region.

Throughout Malaga's history, its privileged geographic situation has attracted travellers, merchants, settlers and warriors who have left their mark on what is now a cosmopolitan, universal, open, relaxed and hospitable city.

Its places of interest are far too numerous to mention in detail, but here is a brief summary: In the east is the suburb of El Palo, with its typical fishermen's houses, coves, promenades and "pescaíto" (small fried fish), which runs into the city's main promenade, the Paseo Maritimo, with its beaches, La Malagueta district, the lighthouse (which has become the symbol of the city) and the port breakwater, which affords a beautiful panoramic view of the city. In the centre, a walk through the Park, home to botanical species from around the world, adapted here thanks to the city's benign climate, takes us to the old centre of Malaga: the imposing Cathedral; the Nazari Gibralfaro Castle; La Alcazaba fortress, renovated for public usage; and the Roman Theatre, proof of the city's importance in this era. Further up is the Plaza de la Merced square, site of the house in which the artistic genius Picasso was born. Malaga is also home to a number of interesting churches -St. John's, St. James', St. Domingo's, and the Holy Martyrs-; St. Augustine's Convent and the Episcopal Palace; and civil buildings such as the Count of Buenavista's Palace and the Consulate House.

A stroll through the city's streets evokes memories of its spectacular Holy Week and grandiose Fair.

To the west and north of modern Malaga, the product of the urban growth experienced in the 1960s, are the Misericordia Beaches, which lead to the mouth of the River Guadalhorce, a protected area visited by thousands of migratory birds.

The outskirts of the city are home to romantic gardens such as La Consula and El Retiro in the suburd of Churriana, and, further north, the Finca de la Concepcion and Hacienda de San Jose country estates, evidence of the economic splendour of Malaga's past.

Overlooking the city are the Malaga Mountains, a Natural Park of extreme beauty and the ideal place from which to enjoy its charms.

In short, a most complete city to which we must add a whole host of tourist facilities, golf courses, water sports and other attractions difficult to evaluate, such as its sunlight, its climate, its cuisine and the wit of its people.





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