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## MALAGA'S NEW SPECIAL BREW

Food in Malaga is mostly associated with tapas and sangria for the tourists, or sweet wine and tinto de verano for the locals. If ordering a beer, you've traditionally got a light, rather tasteless international lager. But the global craft beer revolution has taken a grip on the city and increased the diversity of tastes.

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As a traditional wine-producer, Spain lacks the tradition of beer-brewing found in more northern countries. But rather than seeing it as a disadvantage, Spanish brewers use it as a freedom to think outside the box and experiment with new ingredients, such as flowers and nuts.

At the same time, they add a typical Spanish taste to the world of beers. And in the warm climate of southern Spain, where exotic fruits such as mango are cultivated along the coast, brewers in Malaga don't have to walk too far to find local ingredients for a Tropical IPA.

Local breweries such as 3Monos, Bonvivant and Malnombre in Malaga, along with others along the Costa del Sol have shaken up the beer scene with a wide variety of beers of all kinds.

In Malaga's growing number of craft beer-pubs, you'll find both local beers you've never heard of back home, as well as creations from a wide range of international craft brewers.



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Photo: La Botica de la Cerveza



## La Botica de la Cerveza

This is where it all started. Miguel from the nearby coastal town of Nerja opened the first craft beer shop here in 2013. The reason was simple. "There wasn't anywhere to drink exciting beers, so I had to open one myself!" he says. Since then, this has been the first stop for everyone looking for more than just a cold lager during a trip to the Costa del Sol. The shop has now become a bar, where Miguel and his colleagues give sage advice and guide the customer through their range of more than 200 craft beers. Sometimes they also have bottles of their own brand "Lab Eer," which quickly fly off the shelves. The enormous knowledge and love for craft beer gives La Botica that perfect match of nerdy insider-feeling, as well as a warm welcome for everyone entering the door.

### La Botica de la Cerveza

Calle Victoria, 13, Malaga  
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[laboticadelacerveza.com](http://laboticadelacerveza.com)

Mon-Sat: 12 – 3pm and 7.30pm – 2am, Sundays 7.30 – 2am



## Arte y Sana

Just off the popular Plaza de la Merced square, below the old castle upon the hill, Arte y Sana was the first real craft beer bar in Malaga. The six taps along the bar, that covers a whole side of the room, are always filled with both local and international beers. Even larger is the diversity of the many bottles and cans that fill the other side of the room, many from local brewers such as Bonvivant and 3Monos. From the seats in the open window you have a perfect view of the square which fills up as the sun goes down and the malagueños doing what they do best – having fun!

### Arte y Sana

Plaza de la Merced, 5, Malaga  
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[arteyzana.com/](http://arteyzana.com/)

Mon – Fri: 7pm – 2am, Sat 2pm – 2am, Sun 5pm – 2am



Photo: La Madriguera



## La Madriguera

On the bustling street of Calle Carretería, which is lined with traditional bodegas, this modern and somewhat edgy craft beer-bar feels like something from another planet. It was founded by Paloma Lopez who used to run “Malaqa,” the first craft beer brewery in the city. After problems with partners the brewery was forced to close down, but Lopez’ love for craft beer endured and instead she decided to open this bar to continue promoting the beer-culture in Malaga. On top of

ten taps with interesting local beers full of tropical tastes from Malnobre, Bonvivant and others, she also offers fresh poké bowls and burgers.

#### La Madriguera

Calle Carretería, 73, Malaga  
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[lamadriguerabeerandfood.com/](http://lamadriguerabeerandfood.com/)

Mon – Thu: 6pm – 1am, Fri – Sat:  
6pm – 3am



### Central Beers

Situated right in the middle of Malaga's old town, the name of this place says it all – it's central and they serve beer. Lots of it. From its 14 taps, half of the brews are from Spain, while the list of bottled beers is endless. The naked brick walls and high tables in the middle of the room give it an international feeling, which is also reflected in the mixed customer crowd. Comfy sofas along the large windows make this a perfect spot to relax with a few interesting beers after a long day of discovering the beauty of the Malaga's old town.

#### Central Beers

Calle Cárcer, 6, Malaga  
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[centralbeers.com/](http://centralbeers.com/)

Mon – Thu: 6pm – 2am, Fre – Sat:  
1pm – 3am, Sun: 1pm – 2am.



### Recyclo Bike Café

This half bike shop/half café just behind the beautiful Ataranzas Market on the outskirts of the old town doesn't call itself a craft beer bar. But with a small yet good selection of bottles from local as well as international breweries, it still makes the list thanks to its inviting vibe. An international crowd meets here to enjoy a beer or work on laptops at the tables spread out underneath six bicycles hanging from the ceiling. The wooden interior includes a bench at the back of the room where you can sit and enjoy the view of the guests and the street life outside. The bar menu offers snacks such as Argentinian empanadas to enjoy with your beers.

#### Recyclo Bike Café

Plaza Enrique García-Herrera, 16,  
Malaga  
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[recyclobike.com](http://recyclobike.com)

Mon – Thu & Sun: 9am – 00, Fri –  
Sat: 9am – 2am

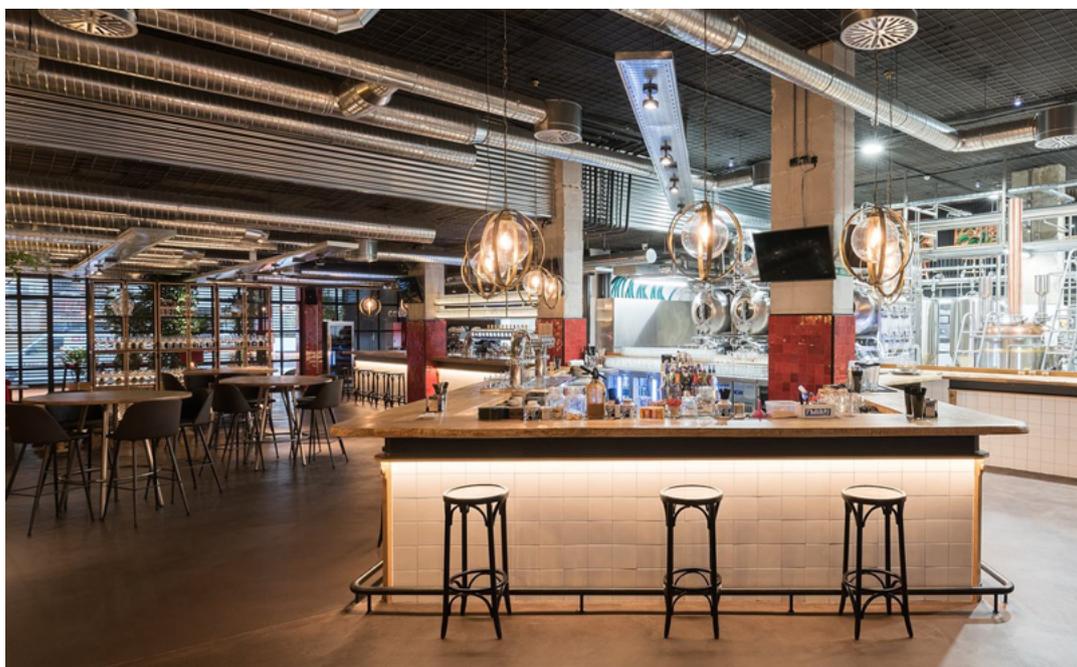


Photo: La Fabrica de la Cerveza



### La Fabrica de la Cerveza

The beachfront SoHo neighborhood has become the hippest area in Malaga and as such it needs a stylish craft beer bar. Run by Cruzcampo, one of Spain largest beer producers, La Fabrica de la Cerveza may not be the first choice for hard-

core beer nerds, but boy do they have some interesting and good beers! And, as everything is brewed onsite you won't find a fresher beer anywhere else in Malaga. Besides the usual suspects IPA, Saison and Pale Ale, they always have one tank with an "experimental" beer. How about a fresh Pale Ale brewed using biznaga the traditional bouquet of jasmine flowers sold on the streets of Malaga?The large, open bar also is a restaurant, offering traditional Spanish food with a modern touch.

**La Fabrica de la Cerveza**

Calle Trinidad Grund, 29, Malaga  
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