

We hope this Spring edition of the Open For Business Malaga Newsletter from the sunny "Costa del Sol" inspires you with some business and investment ideas.



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Newsletter

for Business and Investment in Malaga, Spain

Malaga at a Glance

1. **The 17th Annual Malaga Film Festival** in March, was a celebration of the year's best Spanish language films, with screenings from Spain and Latin America, including movies, digital shorts and documentaries.



2. **Visitors:** In addition to business delegations from the UK, Iran, Switzerland, Japan, Germany and Ireland during the first quarter, we were honored to receive 10 participants from the U.S. Hispanic Leaders program organized by the Spanish Carolina Foundation. These groups were able to learn about the city's rich heritage, its modern technological capabilities, explore business opportunities and enjoy the delicious Mediterranean cuisine. A favorite stop is always the "SOHO" Outdoor Urban Art District, pictured below.

Upcoming Events

- 23 April [II Foro EFITECH](#)
- 29 April [Club Malaga Valley bi-annual meeting](#)
- 29 April [Smart Grids Summit](#)
- 7 May Trip to Nador, Morocco
- 30 May [Malaga Food & Wine Festival](#)
- 3 June [EUROAL2014](#) International Tourism, Art, Culture show
- 24 July [Gamepolis](#) Video Game festival
- 5 Sept. [U.S. Spain Council Annual Forum](#)



Business Facts

- 94 million € estimated foreign investment in Malaga province in 2013 according to data from the Spanish government.
- Companies in Malaga province registered 80 million € in foreign sales for January and February, which is 6.3% more than the same period last year, according to data from the Foreign Trade Agency of Andalusia.
- Holy Week tourism had an economic impact of 29 million € in Malaga, 5 million € more than last year.

Latest Arrivals



3. French National Center of Art and Culture Georges Pompidou will open in Malaga.

In 2015, the prestigious Pompidou Centre will open its only location outside of France, thanks to an agreement reached with the City of Malaga to provide exclusive content to a new glass exhibition hall located in the port. The initiative elevates Malaga to a leading position in Spain and in Europe in terms of art on display.



4. Five major cruise ships met in Malaga. On March 26th, 10,000 passengers arrived to Malaga's port aboard Carnival's Ventura, Norwegian Cruise Line's Norwegian Spirit, V Ships Management's El Albatros, MSC Crueros' Armonía and Regent Seven Seas Cruises' Seven Seas Mariner. Passengers in transit were able to use a new service which took their luggage directly from the port to the airport allowing them to enjoy the city without their suitcases.



the world's largest express transportation operator, has installed one of its offices in Malaga's logistics center.



44 new logos join Malaga Valley map. The map displays the major technological companies and Smart City pilot projects operating in the innovative ecosystem. A total of 116 logos appear in this 3rd edition.



Country Relations

Japan: Takumi Nemoto, Japanese Minister for Reconstruction and Minister & 10 person delegation visited Malaga to learn about Smart Cities. Minister Nemoto is in charge of Comprehensive Policy Coordination for Revival from the Nuclear Accident at Fukushima.

A 200 electric vehicle pilot project called Zero Emissions Mobility to All with the Japanese government, Mitsubishi Corporation and HITACHI.

USA: The project Malaga Valley to Silicon Valley = Valley to Valley = V2V has a mission to promote economic development in Malaga through a series of activities designed to establish relationships, share knowledge and foster business activities with organizations, universities and companies in the area near San Francisco, California which is known as Silicon Valley.

Interesting Reads

1. Malaga among the 10 Most Attractive Cities To Invest in Europe. [More](#)
2. Foreign buyers have returned to the Costa del Sol property market. In 2013, half of all homes were bought by non-Spaniards. [More](#)
3. Malaga is 6th in TripAdvisor Travelers' Choice Awards. [More](#)



Video: Port of Malaga - Gem of the Mediterranean.

Works from Picasso's birthplace museum are exhibiting in South Korea for 10 months.

China: The office of Tourism is promoting Malaga in the Chinese province of Zhejiang. The City received several business delegations during the first 3 months of 2014.

Foreign Business Groups

Open For Business Malaga, Spain

British Chamber of Commerce

Malaga International Group

Malaga Business Minds

InterNations Malaga Chapter

Business First Group

Marbella Dutch Business Club

Málaga Business & Networking

Costa Woman

Guiri Business: Professional network for foreigners

Malaga Valley Emprendedores / Entrepreneurs

Business Breakfast Club (Velez-Malaga)

The Business Group Spain (Mijas)

Trusted Trades

Marbella Open City

Association For New And Foreign Residents of Malaga (ANREM)

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