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Malaga at a Glance

In January, the famous IESE Business School began using a case entitled "Malaga: In Search of Its Identity as a Smart City" as part of its second year MBA course "Cities in Motion: Strategy Foundations of City Management." Malaga is also included in the IESE "Cities in Motion Strategies" research platform which connects cities, experts and private companies with the aim of developing innovative policies and tools for better City management and the creation of opportunities for citizens.



The European Forum for Science, Technology and Innovation (Transfiere) celebrated its 7th edition on Feb. 14-15 with 4,000 participants from 30 countries, 1,500 companies and public entities, 5,000 research groups and 600 technological projects. Transfiere is considered one of the main knowledge transfer and R & D events in Spain.

On February 8 in Hangzhou, the multilingual MIT school signed an agreement with the Chinese company ZhongZheng to build the first of many Spanish international schools in China.

Latest Arrivals & Investments



The United Nations (UN) International Training Centre for Authorities and Leaders. (CIFAL-UNITAR) opens a center in Malaga dedicated to driving local Sustainable Development.

Ebury, the UK fintech specialized in international payments & currency exchange, plans to reach 200 employees in Malaga by the end of 2018. Company leadership noted that having the technological headquarters in Malaga has played a key role in the growth of the company, which is currently present in twelve countries on two continents and employs 600 people globally.

DHL Express, the world leader in logistics and urgent transport, moves to new facilities in the Logistics Area of Malaga (former CTM Malaga), thanks to a one-million euro investment and the collaboration of Logistics Network of Andalusia.

The Accenture Development Center in Malaga plans to hire 500 more people this year and surpass 1,500 employees. The center specializes in engineering and technological development within the new digital technologies: big data, mobility, artificial intelligence, smart automation.



March 22 was the world premiere of the National Geographic series "Genius: Picasso" filmed in Malaga and starring the Malaga-born actor Antonio Banderas.

The 9th edition of GreenCities, Forum of Intelligence and Urban Sustainability took place April 25-26. Experts and representatives from more than 270 cities and 50 countries once again gathered in Malaga to discuss disruptive changes in electronic administration, intelligent tourism, sustainable territories management and renewable energies in the development of smart and sustainable cities.

The first '5G Forum' in Spain selected the Spanish Digital Content Hub in Malaga to host their inaugural meeting on April 25-26.

The 21st edition of the Malaga Film Festival took place April 13-22. 140,000 people from 51 countries participated in this international festival dedicated to Spanish language movies.

Interesting Content

[Video](#) of Antonio Banderas Teaching You Spanish Slang by Vanity Fair.

92.6% of the foreign companies in Malaga project to increase or equalize their revenue this year, according to the "[International Business Climate Barometer](#)" presented by the Malaga City

opened a new recycling plant in Málaga with capacity to process 30,000 tons of recovered paper per year.

For the summer season, the Malaga international airport has 53 airlines that will connect with 136 destinations through 247 routes. New destinations include: Riga, Latvia, Valletta, Malta, Sofia, Bulgaria, Malmo, Sweden, and Bilbao, Spain. Airline companies are offering 4.7% more seats 5.8% more flights than in the same season last year according to Aena data.

Qatar Airways will start on June 4 a new direct route between Malaga and Doha.

Visitors



We had business people visit us from Argentina, Belgium, Brazil, France, Bulgaria, Denmark, Finland, Germany, Palestine, Portugal, Scotland, the UK & the USA during the first quarter of 2018. We also had a special visit from a Smart City delegation from Columbus OH.

The largest cruise ship in the world visited / debuted in the Malaga port on Tuesday, March 27. Royal Caribbean's "Symphony of the Seas", with 362 meters of length, has a capacity for 6,360 passengers and was built in the STX France shipyard. Malaga is one of the few cities in the world to have hosted the four largest ships in the industry.

Upcoming Events

May 23-25	J on the Beach Big Data programming event
May 26	VI eCongress Malaga
June 14-15	Interex – International Diplomatic Exchange



By the Numbers

4% - Malaga province's GDP in 2017 according to the Institute of Statistics and Cartography of Andalusia (IECA). The province led again annual growth in Andalusia and GDP reached its highest levels in a decade: 33 billion euros.

9,000 new residents. The Malaga provincial population grew more than the other Andalusian provinces combined. The international population grew for the first time in 5 years. To date there are 1,639,786 inhabitants in the Malaga province.

18,628,876 passengers - Malaga-Costa del Sol international airport closed 2017 with the highest traffic in its history adding almost 2 million more users than the previous year representing an 11.7% increase. The United Kingdom (5,942,472 passengers), Germany (1,643,035), the Netherlands (1,140,495) and France (1,066,411) repeated as the leading foreign destinations.

11.8% increase in exports from the Malaga province reaching 2 billion euros. Among the leading companies are Acristalia, Aertec Solutions, Aistec, Almendra del Sur, Ángel Asenjo y Asociados, Grupo Premo, Grupo Sando, Hojiblanca, Hutesa, Ingeagua, José Luis Montosa, Mayoral, Modas Zarpa, Trops and Yerbabuena Software.

299 cruise ships with 509,644 passengers on board docked at the Malaga port last year. 14.7%

June 20-22	Smart Agrifood Summit
June 24-25	Horasis India Meeting
July 20-22	Gamepolis video gaming event
Aug. 11-18	Malaga Feria
Oct. 5-7	PyConEs - National Python Developers event
Oct. 17-19	S-Moving Smart , Autonomous and Unmanned Vehicles Forum
Nov. 16-18	SIMed , 14th Mediterranean Real Estate Exhibition
2018	British-Spanish Tertulias

Promotional Events

The Mayor, a municipal delegation together with the Malaga Chamber of Commerce and local developers participated in the MIPIM congress in Cannes in March. MIPIM is one of the "world's most important" real estate fairs. The goal was to attract investments to real estate projects in Malaga including office buildings, commercial space and logistic centers.

On March 15-17, a municipal delegation participated in the "SXSW Gaming Expo" fair in Austin, Texas. As one of the premier video gaming events in the world, the main objectives for Malaga were to promote the Spanish National Digital Content Hub and to invite speakers, startups, companies and investors to the "Gamepolis" event in Malaga in July.



A City representative attended the

Cruise ship activity has become the main source of income for the Malaga port.

28,486 more workers and a drop in registered unemployment by 10,575 people with an increase of 5.2% in Social Security affiliation. Malaga was the Spanish province with the best employment data for 2017.

brings together 1,200 high-level executives from large companies around the world and allows the City to personally endorse the benefits of doing business in Malaga.

Foreign Business Groups in the Area

[American International Club](#)

[Asociacion Comercio Chino Andalucia](#)

[New & Foreign Residents of Malaga \(ANREM\)](#)

[British Association Marbella](#)

[British Chamber of Commerce](#)

[Business Breakfast Club \(Velez-Malaga\)](#)

[Business First Group](#)

[Costa Woman](#)

[English Speaking Club Málaga](#)

[Guiri Business](#)

[International Club Estepona](#)

[Internations Malaga Chapter](#)

[Irish Association of Spain](#)

[Malaga Business & Networking](#)

[Malaga Business Minds](#)

[Malaga International Group](#)

[Malaga Makers Startup Community](#)

[Marbella Dutch Business Club](#)

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