

A LITTLE TRAVEL GUIDE



FOR YOUR WEDDING TRIP TO
THE COSTA DEL SOL

*FOR MY COUPLES AND THEIR
FAVOURITE PEOPLE*

A LITTLE NOTE FROM ME

*Hi, I'm Isabel, the photographer behind
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I live and work here on the Costa del Sol, capturing relaxed, outdoor weddings for couples who want their day to feel natural, meaningful, and completely their own. Most of the couples I work with travel over from the UK, so I know how important it is not just to plan a beautiful wedding, but to create an experience your guests will truly enjoy too.

Over the years, I've spent a lot of time exploring this area; finding the quieter beaches, the little tucked-away restaurants, and the places that feel a bit more special than the usual tourist spots. This guide is a collection of those places. The ones I'd genuinely recommend to friends visiting for a wedding here.

My hope is that it helps you slow down, enjoy your surroundings, and make the most of your time on the coast, whether that's long lunches in the sun, wandering through whitewashed streets, or finding your own favourite hidden corner.

And if you're here for a wedding... even better. It's the most beautiful place to celebrate.



Places to VISIT

MARBELLA

Things to do (beyond the obvious)

- Wander through the Casco Antiguo (Old Town) early in the morning before it gets busy. With white streets, flowers, and little hidden corners everywhere
- Head up to La Concha viewpoints if you're feeling active, the views over the coast are incredible
- For a quieter beach, skip the centre and try the dunes at Dunas de Artola

Where to eat & drink

- El Patio de Mariscal – romantic courtyard, perfect for a relaxed dinner
- Cascada Cocina & Bar – French cuisine with a Spanish twist
- Chiringuito Triana – simple beachfront lunch, nothing fancy but really good

Hidden gem

- A tiny wine bar called La Taberna del Pintxo Marbella, easy to miss, always a good atmosphere

ESTEPONA

Things to do

- Get lost in the flower-lined streets of Estepona Old Town, it's quieter and more authentic than Marbella
- Walk along the seafront promenade at sunset
- Visit Orchidarium Estepona if you want something a bit different

Where to eat & drink

- La Casa del Rey – amazing tapas and wine
- El Pescador – classic seafood by the beach
- Chiringuito Lolailo – relaxed beach vibes

Hidden gem

- Early morning coffee in a quiet square before the day starts. Estepona is at its best when it's slow

MÁLAGA

Things to do

- Explore the historic centre around Calle Larios
- Visit Alcazaba of Málaga for incredible views
- Walk up to Gibralfaro Castle at sunset

Where to eat & drink

- El Pimpi – iconic, busy but worth it
- La Recova – perfect for breakfast/brunch
- Casa Lola – fun, casual tapas

Hidden gem

- Pedregalejo – a local seaside area with amazing seafood and a much more relaxed feel than the centre



Places to VISIT

MIJAS PUEBLO

Things to do

- Wander the whitewashed streets of Mijas Pueblo
- Walk to the viewpoints overlooking the coast, especially at sunset
- Visit the small artisan shops tucked into side streets

Where to eat & drink

- Alboka Gastro Bar – modern cuisine
- Restaurante Aroma – lovely setting, great food
- La Boveda del Flamenco – dinner with atmosphere
- Mayan Monkey Chocolate Factory - Perfect for those with a sweet tooth and they do chocolate making workshops. Kids will love it!

Hidden gem

- A quiet viewpoint just off the main paths. Wander a little and you'll find spots with barely anyone around

NERJA

Things to do

- Visit Balcón de Europa early morning or sunset
- Spend time at Playa de Maro, one of the most beautiful beaches in the area
- Explore the Nerja Caves

Where to eat & drink

- El Pulguilla – casual seafood, very local feel
- La Puntilla – simple, traditional, really good
- Ayo – famous for paella on the beach

Hidden gem

- Walk slightly away from the main beaches and you'll find small coves that feel completely untouched





Helpful TIPS

GETTING AROUND

- **Car hire:**

The best option if you want flexibility, especially for villas and exploring different towns

- **Taxis & Uber:**

Easy to get in Marbella and Málaga, slightly less reliable in smaller areas

- **Public transport:**

There are buses between towns, but they're not always the quickest or most convenient

My honest recommendation:

- If you're here for a few days around the wedding, a mix of taxis + relaxing locally is perfect
- If you want to explore properly, hire a car

FINAL THOUGHTS

For a relaxed, sun-soaked wedding experience in southern Spain

If you're travelling to southern Spain for a wedding, you're in for something really special.

The Costa del Sol isn't just about beach resorts, it's slow mornings, long lunches, hidden beaches, and golden evenings that seem to last forever. For many of my couples coming from the UK, one of the things they care about most is making sure their guests have an amazing experience too.

So I've put together this guide with my personal recommendations, the places I'd suggest to friends visiting for a wedding here. Think relaxed, beautiful, and a little bit off the beaten path.



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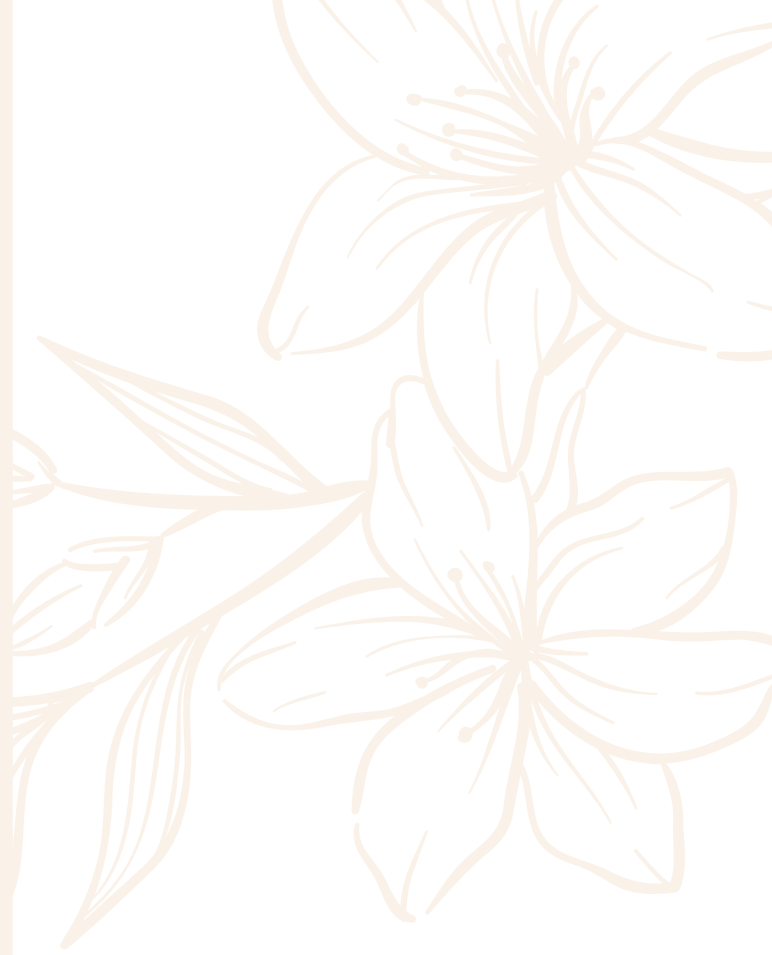
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