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# **Holy Week**

For over five hundred years, when spring begins, Málaga becomes in the stage where an important play of theater takes place, a unique piece of work, which includes plenty of extras, to play and commemorate the passion, death and resurrection of Christ. Those who attend the Holy Week in Málaga for the first time, will be amazed by its impressiveness and, above all, by the diversity of how it can be expressed. Because Holy Week is versatile, so much that sometimes it could almost be said that there are so many holy weeks as Málaga natives. Art, Religiosity, History and Tradition converge in it, and also celebration.Not for nothing, the whole city of Málaga takes to the streets during these days, either to participate in the processions or to enjoy the tour of the various fraternities and brotherhoods.

There is no doubt that the Holy Week in Málaga is a top artistic and cultural event, in which you can admire art works of incalculable value in the middle of the street: images, processional thrones, capes, craftsmanship in precious metals... All is part of the heritage that each brotherhood has been accumulating for further enhancement of its religious processions. In addition, there is one aspect that makes the Holy Week in Málaga to be unique: the personality of its inhabitants. Málaga's inhabitants live their Holy Week, in the broadest sense of this expression. And they live and enjoy it in each and every corner by where processions run, from their start to their end, a tour where moments of exceptional beauty and feeling are experienced. This guide will help you to understand a little bit more our Holy Week and to not to miss any detail of the processions of these days.





Sobriety, hustle and bustle, an elegant tradition, an example of popular fervor. Palm Sunday is all this and much more. But first and foremost is a day of nerves and exhilaration, of impatience and excitement. The great curtain is lifted so that a week full of sensations starts.

#### What are... THE LEMONS KNOWN AS CASCARÚOS?

These days it is a tradition that lemons that have a very thick peel, hence the name of 'cascarúo', are sold in various street stalls. Usually, the lemon is peeled and the white part of the peel is left next to the pulp. Once the lemon is cut in small pieces, then the salt is added and it is ready to eat. Lovers of the acid will enjoy its taste.

# The image of the day

Hundreds of children fitted with blessed palm leaves parade on Sunday morning with the brotherhood Nuestro Padre Jesús on his entry to Jerusalem, popularly known as Pollinica, because of the small she-donkey that accompanies the donkey on which Jesus rides. The presence of so many children makes this brotherhood to have been always considered as the brotherhood school of Málaga.

# Do not miss anything...



- Pollinica brotherhood in Alameda Principal
- Brotherhood Humildad y Paciencia crosses the Misericordia bridge
- La Virgen de Lágrimas y Favores goes to Constitution Square
- Brotherhood Humildad departs from Santuario de la Victoria
- Brotherhood Salud is enclosed in the church of Saint Paul
- Brotherhood Salutación Penance stop in the S.I.C.B. (Cathedral)
- Brotherhood Dulce Nombre passes by Larios Street
- Brotherhood Prendimiento passes through the Marina Square
- Brotherhood Huerto enclosure











# Something to eat...



Today it can be a wonderful day to try the named ajoblanco, a very special type of gazpacho (cold vegetable soup) without tomato: its ingredients are garlic, almonds and olive oil and it is usually served with grapes.

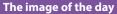




On Holy Monday, six brotherhoods, each of them with their well defined characteristics, parade in a procession. In some moments, you can almost 'hear' the silence, whereas other times you will go with the flow of the fandangos and bulerías (Andalusian song accompanied with clapping and dancing) or by the musical notes in the 'Gaudeamus Igitur'. In any case, you will get excited and be amazed by the crowds that can be attracted by the Lord of Málaga.

#### What are... THE PROCESSIONAL THRONES?

In Málaga, processional thrones are called the enormous andas (big plank supported on metal parallel shafts) on which the images are carried. These processional thrones are very different from the ones of other cities (named "pasos": religious images representing a determinate event of the Passion of Christ): while these latter are carried by carriers at their back, the first ones are loaded by the called hombres y mujeres de trono (men and women of throne), who put their shoulder below the shafts.



There are many ways to participate in the penance season: as a man of throne, as Nazarene (penitent in a Holy Week procession) lighting the way with a candle, or carrying a banner. You can also accompany the images because of a promise: those people who walk behind the processional thrones after having received some favor or to request for it. These people usually go with a burning candle, barefoot, with the eyes covered... After El Cautivo image you will see thousands of them.



# Do not miss anything...



- Estudiantes in plaza del Obispo
- Brotherhood Crucifixión penance stop (Cathedral)
- El Cautivo leaves his Brotherhood
- Brotherhood Pasión makes a penance stop in the Cathedral
- Brotherhood Los Gitanos enclosure in Frailes street
- **Dolores del Puente** passes through Molina Larios
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#### Something to eat...



To spend all day in the street you have to eat well. Today we could take the chance to try a lovely casserole with noodles, clams and coquinas (a kind of mollusc); or a satiating berza of Málaga (a stew that includes chicken, beef and pork meats, together with chickpeas and beans).



The Victoria neighborhood charges this day a very special role, as the half of the brotherhoods parading this day are departing from this district, including one of the most popular ones in the city: Virgen del Rocío brotherhood, commonly known as the 'Bride of Málaga' by her attire totally in white. By the way, the Virgin received in 2015 the highest honour which a Marian image can have: a Canonical Coronation.

# What is... LA TRIBUNA DE LOS POBRES (THE ROSTRUM OF THE POOR)?

A flight of steps overcomes the gap between the corridor of Santa Isabel and Carretería street. These stands have always been one of the most exciting points to see the processions, since almost all the brotherhoods usually take great pains to parade in this place. It is named The Rostrum of the Poor because it is free and in contrast to the Official Rostrum, located in square plaza de la Constitución and where the authorities are sat.













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#### The image of the day

The cape of the Virgen de las Penas is not of velvet, but of flowers, made by the gardeners of the Town Council. This custom has its origin in the year 1946, when facing the impossibility of having an embroidered cape due to economic problems, the brotherhood decided to make one using flowers. This fact has become the identity symbol of this brotherhood.

#### Do not miss anything...



- Virgen del Rocío lock down in his Brotherhood
- El Rescate departs from Agua street
- La Estrella in Marina Square
- La Sentencia in the Merced Square
- Las Penas in Carretería street
- Nueva Esperanza passes by Atarazanas Street

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# Something to eat...



The pescaíto frito (fried fish) is perhaps the most typical dish of Málaga. Today we can taste an abundant mixed fry of Málaga with anchovies, squid, baby squid, horse mackerels or prawns. All this can be accompanied by a superb salad of roasted peppers.





Holy Wednesday is synonymous with unequalled traditions. In fact, some of the traditions that have made Málaga's Holy Week to be famous, take place on this day. In the very same day, the oldest brotherhood of the city, La Sangre, and will parade together with the last one to join the association: Hermandad de la Mediadora de la Salvación.

#### What is... THE RELEASE OF THE PRISONER?

In 1759, during an epidemic of plague, the prisoners escaped from the prison to take in procession the image of Jesús el Rico. When the parade ended, they returned to the jail and the plague began to ease. Carlos III then enacted a decree giving this image the privilege to release a prisoner each Holy Wednesday. This privilege will be renewed today in the plaza del Obispo (Bishop's square). This legend gained fame with the film 'Whom God forgives' ('Amanecer en Puerta Oscura'), performed in 1957 by a young Francisco Rabal.

#### The image of the day

Pay attention to the image of Berruguita executioner, one of the soldiers that dragged the Lord from Cedrón Bridge and that it is reputed to be the ugliest character of Holy Week in Málaga. Neither should you miss the flight of the hundreds of pigeons that hover around the Virgen de la Paloma, which received this name after that a pigeon sheltered in their hands during the entire tour in 1925.

#### Para no perderse nada...



- Cofradías Fusionadas depart from the church of San Juan
- El Rico releases the prisoner in plaza del Obispo
- Mediadora de la Salvación go through the Alameda Principal
- Salesianos go through the Alameda Principal
- Virgen de la Paloma goes straight along Méndez Núñez street
- La Expiración departs from the church of San Pedro
- La Sangre passes by Atarazanas











# Something to eat...



Something that is very typical of these days is to go round the bars to eat tapas between procession and procession. Let's take chance the day of today, when almost all the brotherhoods depart from an environment more or less reduced, for this purpose. Let's try the cod omelette, the marinade dogfish, the porra antequerana (a kind of gazpacho typical from the village named Antequera)... there is plenty to choose from.



# HOLY THURSDAY

Splendid could be the adjective used to characterize the Holy Thursday from Málaga. Since early morning, the whole city of Málaga takes to the streets to attend the landing of the legionnaires that will accompany the Cristo de la Buena Muerte. The day will end up well into the early morning, with the silence that accompanies the Cristo de la Vera-Cruz, the oldest of the Holy Week in Málaga.

#### What is... THE LEGEND OF ZAMARRILLA?

At the beginning of the nineteenth century, the bandit named Zamarrilla ran away from the guards and took refuge in a chapel where an image of the Virgin Mary was venerated. He prayed to her asking for help and hid himself under here cape. After registering inch by inch the chapel, the guards left without finding him. As he was grateful, Zamarrilla wanted to make a gift to the Virgin with the only thing he had: a white rose that held on her chest with his own dagger. In just a moment the rose was dyed in blood red. Since then, the Virgen wears a red rose in her chest and is known as the Virgin of Zamarrilla.



Today you cannot miss the procession of the Virgen de la Esperanza. Her processional throne is spectacular and the heaviest of Málaga. In fact, it weighs five tons and over 260 men of throne are needed so that the Queen of Málaga goes for a walk through the streets of the city.



The carpet of rosemary that covers the official route over the Virgin goes by, and the blessing given by the Nazareno del Paso in plaza de la Constitución, are the most characteristic items of this procession.

#### Do not miss anything...



- Landing of the Legion in the seaport of Málaga
- Cena leaves its brotherhood house in Puerta Nueva.
- Santa Cruz penitence station in the S.I.C.B. (Cathedral)
- Zamarrilla departs from Zamarrillas's Chapel
- Cristo de la Veracruz departs from the church of San Juan
- The confraternity of Viñeros Penance stop in the S.I.C.B. (Cathedral)
- Cristo de Mena in La Alameda avenue
- Misericordia passes through the Marina Square
- La Esperanza goes by Larios street and blessing of the Nazareno

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# Something to eat...

Today we choose something sweet. There are few items more typical of Lent season and Holy Week than the torrijas made of bread, milk and honey (bread soaked in milk and fried in batter with honey or sugar and wine). However, currently there are many sorts of this traditional cake and we can find them also with sugar, whipped cream or chocolate.



Mourning and rigor. The celebration of previous days diminish to give way to the silence for the death of Christ. All of the brotherhoods imbue into the sadness of the moment, which reaches its climax when the Sepulchre goes by the streets of the city. Moreover, it is a day of many ancient traditions, such as the walk up to the chapel located at the top of the Stations of the Cross mountain. The Virgen de Servitas will end the evening: as she goes by, lights are turned off. Everything is flooded by the silence, that is only broken by prayers of her devotees and the drums that accompany her.













#### What is... THE ORDINATION OF SERVITAS?

Strictly speaking, Servitas is not a brotherhood, but a religious ordination that was founded during the Middle Ages in Florence. In Málaga, it was established in the seventeenth century. It has the privilege of close the processions of the Good Friday, and as not being a brotherhood, it don't have to ask the consent or permission when going before the Official Rostrum.

#### The image of the day

The parade of brotherhood Sepulcro is daunting. The body of the Lord is carried on a magnificent catafalque that undulate to the sones of the funeral march of Chopin. The Sepulcro (Sepulchre) is the official brotherhood of the city. Therefore, in the procession parades around the banner of Málaga, which precedes the members of the local government and the authorities of the different institutions.

#### Do not miss anything...



- Brotherhood Monte Calvario departs from La Victoria church after having gone down from her chapel
- Descendimiento goes by Avenue de Cervantes
- Brotherhood Amor on Victoria Street
- Piedad arrives to Molina Larios Street
- Soledad de San Pablo crosses Marina Square
- Servitas Ordination comes out in Constitution Square
- Dolores de San Juan, Penance stop in the S.I.C.B. (Cathedral)
- **Sepulcro** goes by Larios

# Something to eat...



According to Catholic tradition, Good Friday is a day of fasting and abstinence of meat. The most typical dish of the day is the so-called vegetable stew of vigil, traditionally made with chickpeas and cod, but spinach and cuttlefish can also be used. The only requirement is not to include any meat.

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Holy Week comes to its end. All the brotherhoods take the streets to jointly participate in the procession that end these emotional and intense days.

#### What is... THE BROTHERSHOODS ASSOCIATION?

The Brotherhoods Association, which was founded in 1921, is the institution that brings together all the fraternities and brotherhoods, and that is responsible for itineraries and organization of processions. Currently, there are 41 brotherhoods in it.





# The image of the day

Do not miss the colorful parade that make up the Nazarenes from all the brotherhoods of the city when accompanying the images of Cristo Resucitado and the Reina de los Cielos.

### Do not miss anything...



- Resucitado (Resurrected) in La Alameda avenue.
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# Something to eat...



Once the processions are finished, you can go to any of the many beach bars located the coast of Málaga. There is nothing better than to taste the typical grilled sardines and some clams from Málaga while enjoying the sun and the sea.





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#### **BROTHERHOODS**



#### **PALM SUNDAY**

- 1 Pollinica
- 2 Lágrimas y Favores
- 3 Humildad y Paciencia
- 4 Dulce Nombre
- Salutación
- O II III
- 6 Humildad
- 7 Salud
- 8 Huerto
- 9 Prendimiento

#### **HOLY MONDAY**

- Crucifixión
- 1 Pasión
- 12 Gitanos
- 13 Dolores del Puente
- 14 Cautivo
- 15 Estudiantes

#### HOLY TUESDAY

- 16 Rocío
- Penas
- 18 Estrella
- 19 Nueva Esperanza
- 20 Rescate
- 2 Sentencia

#### HOLY WEDNESDAY

- 2 Mediadora
- 23 Salesianos
- 24 Fusionadas
- 25 Paloma
- 26 Rico
- 2 Sangre
- 28 Expiración

#### HOLY THURSDAY

- 29 Cena
- 🔕 Santa Cru
- 3 Viñeros
- Veracruz
- 🕴 Zamarrilla
- MenaMisericordia
- 36 Esperanza

#### **GOOD FRIDAY**

- 37 Calvario
- 38 Descendimiento
- 39 Dolores
- 40 Amor
- 41 Traslado
- 42 Piedad
- 43 Sepulcro
- 44 Servitas

#### **EASTER SUNDAY**

45 Resucitado

Official route





Parking





# **MUSEUMS**

Museum of Málaga.
 Plaza de la Aduana, no number

· Museo Picasso Málaga.

C/ San Agustín, 8

• Centre Pompidou Málaga. Puerto de Málaga.

Centre of Contemporany of Málaga. CAC Málaga.
 C/ Alemania, no number

· Collection of the Russian Museum.

Saint Petersburg/Málaga. Avenida Sor Teresa Prat, 15

Carmen Thyssen Museum Málaga.

Plaza Carmen Thyssen. (C/ Compañía, 10)

Automobile and Fashion Museum.
 Edificio Tabacalera. Avenida Sor Teresa Prat, 15

• Birthplace House & Picasso Museum.
Plaza de la Merced, 15

• Museum of Municipal Patrimony. MUPAM.
Paseo de Reding, 1

• Cathedral Museum. C/ Molina Lario, 9

• Glass & Crystal Museum of Malaga. Plazuela del Stmo. Cristo de la Sangre, 2

• Revello de Toro Museum. C/ Afligidos. 5

· Gerald Brenan House.

C/Torremolinos, 56 (Churriana)

Museum Unicaja of Popular Arts & Customs.
 Pasillo de Santa Isabel, 10

Wine Museum of Malaga.
 Plaza de los Viñeros. 1

• Interactive Museum of the Music. MIMMA. Palacio del Conde de las Navas. C/ Beatas, 15

· Museum Jorge Rando.

C/ Cruz del Molinillo, 12
• Museo & Tour Málaga Football Club.

Estadio de la Rosaleda. Paseo de Martiricos, no number

• OXO- Video game Museum in Málaga. Plaza del Siglo, 2

• Military History Museum. Plaza de San Francisco 1 Semana Santa de Málaga Museum.
 C/ Muro de San Julián, 2

"La Concepción" historical botanical garden of Málaga.
 Camino del Jardín Botánico, 3

• Ifergan Collection Ancient Art. (Confirm opening 951 937 341) C/ Sebastián Souvirón, 9

Principia Centre of Science.

Avenida Luis Buñuel, 6
• Eco-museum Lagar de Torrijos.

Ctra. C-345 Málaga-Colmenar, next to recreational area of Torrijos. Natural Park Montes de Málaga

National Museum Airports & Air Transport.

Avenida Comandante García Morato. 81

• Museum of Flamenco Art. Peña Juan Breva. C/ Ramón Franguelo. 4

Centre of interpretation of the Roman Theatre.
 C/ Alcazabilla, no number

· Castle of Gibralfaro.

Camino de Gibralfaro, 11

Alcazaba of Málaga.

C/ Alcazabilla, 2

· Archeological Sites of La Araña.

C / Escritor Aguirre, no number

• Cofradía del Santo Sepulcro Museum. C/ Alcazabilla. 5

• Cofradía de los Estudiantes Museum. C/ Alcazabilla. 3

• Tesoro de la Cofradía de la Expiración Museum. Plaza Enrique Navarro, 1

Archicofradía de la Esperanza Museum.
 C/ San Jacinto, no number

• El Cautivo y la Trinidad Museum.

C/Trinidad, 95 • Santa María de la Victoria Museum & Basilica.

Plaza Santuario, no number

• Museum of Imagination

C/ Martínez Campos, 13
• Eco-museum Astilleros Nereo

Callejón de la Marina, 8









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- Bus nº7 Playas de San Andrés and La Misericordia Weekdays

Av. Manuel Agustín Heredia: every 15 minutes approximately.

Parque Litoral: every 15 minutes approximately.

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