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# "Marbella

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to the rafters with cultural and gastronomi-

A historical old town based around Orange Square oozes charm while its surrounding shops - from small and quirky boutiques to the more recognisable brands - will keep you busy for hours.
This ancient walled town retains nearly all

of its original 16th-century layout, even though chic art galleries, fab tapas bars and artisan fashion and ice cream shops populate its cobbled streets today.

Whether you are thirsting for history or only a drink, Plaza de los Naranjos, named for its abundance of orange trees, will oblige in either case.

Enclosed by an 11th century Arab wall, the showpiece of the square is the 16th century Öld Governor's House.

A tourist hotspot, the square's bars and restaurants charge a little more but it's worth it for the ambience.

When the heat gets too much, respite can be found within the cool stone walls of Our Lady of the Incarnation church, a 17th cenformer mosque that was taken over by

the Christians during the Reconquest.
Inside, along with beautiful paintings and locals praying, you'll enjoy the highly-efficient air conditioning!

Tributes paid, you can find Marbella mo-numents even older than this, one dating from 1AD. The first Roman bridge beside the Puente Romano hotel remains a rite of passage while the baths still stand in Guadalmina.

When you tire of burning shoe leather, bag a park bench in the green shade of one of the exquisite public gardens. La Constitu-cion park and the Alameda Gardens are particularly lovely, the latter always brim-ming with locals and surrounded by great



SUMMER TIME: Espetos roasting at chiringuito and (inset) kids play on beach

# MARBELLOUS

cafes and bars.

Or if you're looking to strictly chill, there's a whole lot of beach waiting for you.

Boasting 27 kilometres of coastline, San

Pedro and Puerto Banus both proudly fly the prestigious Blue Flag, an award given to the best beaches by the Foundation for Environmental Education. In a cull of blue flags in Spain last month - which saw many resorts lose dozens across the country

- Marbella held onto all of its awards bar one.

If you then stroll into nearby Puerto Banus, just to the west of Marbella, you'll witness a scene like no other, depending on the hour.

This could include hen-doers trying their best to pull off ill-fitting fancy dress costumes after celebrating their last night of freedom, or members of the '1% club' disembarking from mega-yachts or Ferraris to shop 'till they drop' at the likes of Gucci and Prada.

Banus has become an unashamed melting pot for the rich, famous and wannabe gla mourpusses.

The glitz and glamour flows in a thick slick out of the port and along Marbella's Golden Mile, home to exclusive nightclubs like Le Suite, where a round of drinks could



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probably blow your weekly budget if you haven't already splurged it on a swanky designer outfit – an essential if you want to mingle with the Who's Who of Marbs. Along this same elitist strip the likes of

Lord Alan Sugar, Simon Cowell, Sean Connery and the Saudi Arabian royal family have invested in their own villas.

World leaders too, are magnetically attracted to Marbs.

The Olive Press revealed in 2014 that Russian President Vladimir Putin had bought an estate here. And we were the only newspaper to speak to Michelle Oba-ma on her famous visit to the town's 'casco historico' in 2010 (ED: Well, we asked her two questions, if that counts).

A couple of Britain's ex-PMs have taken a break from politics here; David and Sam Cameron celebrated their 21st wedding anniversary in the nearby hills of Benahavís in 2017, staying at the exclusive €270-a-night Alcuzcuz resort; and Tony and Cherie Blair have been spotted here twice in the last four years.

Actor Hugh Grant is now said to own a home up in the closeby Zagaleta estate, as does Mark Thatcher (Maggie's wayward son). Plenty of Premier League footballers also have homes here.
Indeed Marbella has come a long way

from its fishing village days, but did you know it's all thanks to a German Prince and a rogue British car engine?

Maximilian de Hohenlohe-Langenburg and his son Alfonso had to stop in Marbs when they were having trouble with their Rolls Rovce in 1946.

Alfonso liked the area so much he decided to buy some land and build himself a house, before selling plots to his friends, the Rothschilds and Thyssens.

He soon turned his home into the Costa del Sol's first luxury hotel in 1954 - The Marbella Club – which to this day remains a mainstay on the Golden Mile, welcoming guests like Lady Gaga and Lenny Kravitz. Before long, Ava Gardner, Grace Kelly, Au-drey Hepburn and Laurence Olivier were all hanging out there, raising the Costa del Sol's international profile and attracting a wave of jetsetters and investment.

From a pure accident of fate the resort has gone from strength to strength, despite the economic and political woes that plagued Spain since the financial crash of 2008

And the same can be said for its culinary

Marbella now has the most Michelin stars per capita in the COUNTRY and positively glitters with the highest concentration of Michelin Star restaurants in Andalucia, making it the undisputed gastronomy capital of the Costa del Sol.

Current mayor Angeles Muñoz has vowed to put Marbella up for Spanish Capital of Gastronomy 2020 - if she is re-elected this

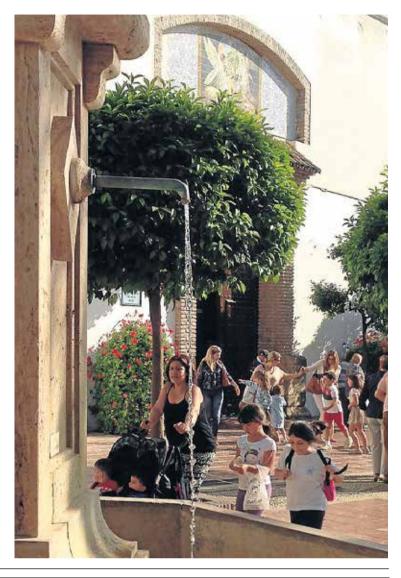
And the town has more than a fat chance, with an exciting food scene constantly offering new restaurants and eateries think Savor in San Pedro or Nobu on the Golden Mile.

The cultural scene is also thriving, with the Marbella International Arts Festival now a regular fixture on the calendar and the Marbella International film festival growing at an unprecedented pace. And, of course, the annual Starlite Festival which brings some of the biggest global stars to a quirky quarry on the edge of town, along with hundreds

of jobs and thousands of tourists. Add the annual feria in June and this Marbellous city is

never boring. The resort has continued to grow, despite the 2008 crash that brought Spain to its knees. With incredible nightlife, a blos-soming arts scene and the best food in the region, the party is only getting better in Marbella.







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SERENE: Marbella's stunning gardens in the heart of the town

# Marbella Marbella

# A resort with more

Claire Leibovich gives Marbella 10 out of 10 reasons to love it

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### Elephant showers

The elephant sculptures that spray water from their trunks on many of that Marbella's best beaches are an Instagram favourite with tourists.



### A defence tower

Declared of Cultural Interest in 1985, the 15-metre Torre Ladrones (Thieves Tower) is the highest watchtower on the Mala-ga coast. The defensive structure dates from the Muslim period but some speculate the Romans first built it. You can find it close by the Artola dunes nature reserve and Cabopino port.

### Visigoth vestiges

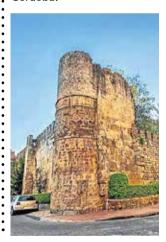
The Basílica de Vega del Mar was excavated in the 20th century on a former Roman road running from Cádiz to Cartagena. It is one of the few remaining examples of north African Visigothic churches built in Andalucia during the sixth century although all that remains today are its awesome one-metre walls





#### Arab heritage

Also in the historical centre is the Alcazaba fortress, the most important vestige of Muslim civilisation in Marbella. The Castillo was built in the 10th century during the reign of Abd al-Rahman III, Caliph of Córdoba.







### A Renaissance square

The Plaza de los Naranjos lies at the heart of Marbella's old town. Built after the Christian Reconquest, it is an outstanding example of Castilian Renaissance architecture. From one of the many sun-soaked terraces, you can admire the Renaissance-style town hall, the Mayor's house combining elements of Gothic, Renaissance and Mudejar design and the Chapel of Santiago, the oldest religious building in the city.



#### Celebrity

Puerto Banus has become the most visited celebrity hive on the Costa del Sol. The rich and famous come from all over the world to shop, eat, drink and party in the iconic port where extravagant sports cars and massive yachts can be sighted year round. It was built in 1970 by José Banús, a Spanish property developer... and a close relation of Franco.

### Golf

NEW LEAF: Garden bridge

The Costa del Sol is also known as Costa del Golf, and Marbella's fairways are key contributors. The Andalúcian town boasts the biggest concentration of golf courses in Spain, some voted among the best in the world.



#### Surrealist sculptures

Marbella is home to 11 sculptures by surrealist artist Salvador Dalí. Ten grace Avenida del Mar, along with pieces by other artists such as Eduardo Soriano. And his massive three-ton rhino at the entrance to Puerto Banús.

#### A beautiful name : A microclimate

In Roman times, the city was called Salduba (Salt City) after the local fish salting industry. The Arabs changed it to Marbil-la, Arabs changed it to Multiplies, the origin of its current name and it's spot-on. In Spanish, the change heautiful sea. Marbella means beautiful sea.

Marbella is protected from extreme weather's by the Sierra de las Nieves on its northern side. This means it is never too cold or too hot, with average temperatures of 25 degrees in summer and

## Hanging gardens

WORK has begun on three 'vertical gardens' in Marbella in a bid to make congested areas greener.

areas greener.

The bridge across the N-340 at Puente Romano is the centrepiece of the €150,000 project and is already being adorned with shrubbery and flowers.

Avenida del Mar and Avenida Canovas del Castillo also becanovas der Castinio also be-nefit from the green scheme, which enhances pedestrian walkways at the two sites. The trio of hanging gardens,

which sport remote-controlled built-in irrigation systems, are set to be completed by the end of May.



# Chips are up

HE Organic Supermarket in Benahavis is celebrating five years in business.

The family-run store, Chipolino Natural, boasts impressively range of products: from dairy to pet food, toothpaste to wine, fresh bread to frozen fish.

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It also has an extensive variety of gluten-free and vegan products, plus many from the UK and abroad, and serves dozens of similar eco-shops all around Andalucia.

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The brand's collections of furniture, furnishings, fabrics, rugs, objects, lighting and artworks, is influenced by the art of living, the human body, the true meaning of luxury, the current global lifestyle,
and how all these ingredients evolve and cultivate through their work and through professional and personal travels for the last 28 years.

The upholstered furniture and furnishings collection is designed by George El Greco and is manufactured in Spain in collaborations with some of the best upholsterers, seamstresses, skilled artisans & craftsmen, including ready-made, made-to-order and bespoke, upholstered and slipcovered furniture.

Every piece of furniture and object is conceived, designed and manufactured, edited and curated by George El Greco, with thoughtful and gracious modern proportions, beautiful craftsmanship, with only natural materials, great tailoring, globally and ethically sourced, correctly priced, and wonderfully presented at the company's showrooms,

The showrooms, covering an area of 800 hundred square meters in total, house various curated collections with new arrivals each week from more than 600 hundred manufacturing companies, from Europe, Africa, Asia & the Americas.

The influence behind the constantly changing collections hosted in the showrooms in Marbella is the curation and cultivation of all the civilizations, of all the periods and eras in the history of design, from the Ancient World to Modernity, from the Orient and the Middle East, the Old Masters, the Decorative Arts, the Greek and Roman Empire, Ancient Egypt, Morocco, the Mediterranean, India, China, Japan, South-East Asia and the Americas.

George El Greco Interiors work is a combination of natural talent, studies in Architecture in London and Interior Design in Paris, continuous education through constant travelling, daily research and readings and deep knowledge and "know how" that he has accumulated over the last 28 years through his collaborations with a vast network of artists, craftsmen, manufacturers and suppliers, from all over the world.

In his work, he always seamlessly blends the new with the old and the modern with the classic. This includes blending the light with the dark, the grand with the small, the soft with the hard, the simple with the layered, the precious with the humble, the masculine with the feminine in each and every choice of materials, furniture, furnishings, rugs, lighting, objects and artworks.

Whether it is the architecture, the interiors or the gardens for homes, villas, apartments, country houses, beach houses or boutique hotels and spas that he designs, George El Greco always strives for beauty, comfort, atmosphere, serenity and sensuality, quality, good design, ease and flow, always aiming to create a sense of timeless.

All these principles work together on a visual, physical, physiological, mental, emotional and spiritual way.

Over the years George El Greco has mastered a unique design "language" and he applies the" vocabulary" selectively to suit each project and each client,

George El Greco adds, "I believe I was born an aesthete, a sensualist, a psychologist, an interpreter, an editor, a researcher, a creative and curious person, with his feet firmly grounded in history and classicism and his head open to the limitless sky of modernity, to the endless possibilities that our era has to offer, especially after the internet has captivated our lives."

Ultimately, I seek to create environments that are moving and breathing statements of the clients lives, works in progress, labours of love, spaces that look and feel cultivated, as though evolved over time, with a thoughtful and a well edited eye, with great intuition and vision, with great style and finesse, but also with discipline and order.

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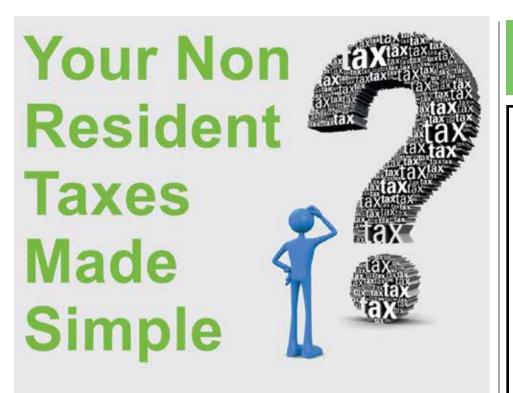


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# Starry line Up

There are more Michelin stars in Marbella than anywhere else in Spain per capita, writes Dining Secrets of Andalucia editor Jon Clarke



COOKING LESSON: Jon Clarke gets tips from Ferran

ARBELLA has the highest concentration of Michelin-starred Chefs in Spain when measuring it on the size of its local population.

An amazing six restaurants count on stars, while one - for this year at least - has three.

Despite taking the bizarre decision to hand back his stars just weeks after winning the elusive third, Dani Garcia became one of only a dozen chefs to have ever been handed the honour in Spain.

The Marbella-raised chef has certainly done his bit for the seaside resort, which is usually more famous for its celebrities and hooligans. Thanks to Dani's now legen-

dary A Cuatro Manos event I have managed to meet a string of the world's top chefs in the town over the last half decade. These include Joan Roca and Juan Mari Arzak, as well as Joel Robuchon and Ferran Adria - all three Michelin star legends -who have graced the definitive



own as a global dining magnet over the last decade, with half

the Michelin starred restaurants in Andalucia found here.

"We keep getting better and be-

tter here and pushing the boundaries," Garcia told me. "And I expect it to continue." Variety-wise things could not be better, with over 100 different noticealities, running, cateries.

nationalities running eateries here, including Japanese gems

like **Takumi** to hidden gems like

culinary food capital of Andalu-French bistro C'est si Bon. And then you have some excellent beach restaurants, such as Marbella has really come into its

#### **Super Sala**

Bono Beach, La Sala by the Sea and the Beach House.

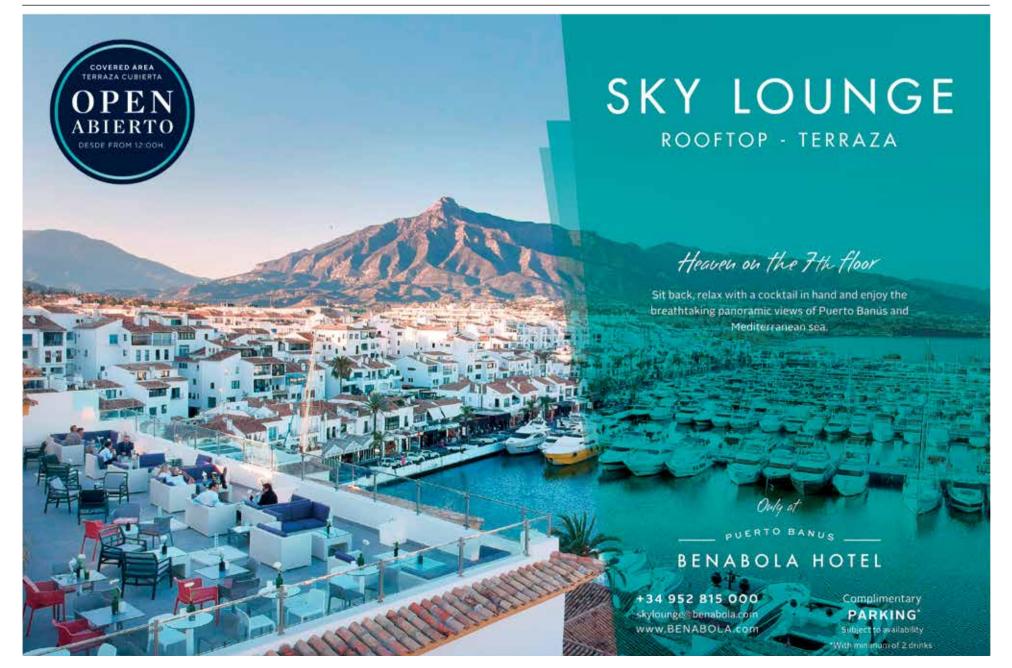
Another restaurateur who shows no signs of slowing down is lan Radford, boss of the **La Sala** group, whose recent openings include **the Oak** restaurant and hip **Mahiki** beach, in Banus and hip Mahiki beach, in Banus and Marbella respectively.

His most recent offering is a pizza place called **Villa Toscana**, right next to the Oak restaurant. The original La Sala next door is, without a doubt, the most famous Marbella restaurant abroad.

This is a must-visit for any holiday to Marbs and a huge hit for 'ladies who lunch', not to mention movers and shakers, celebrities, footballers and the wealthy empresarios who make Marbella what it is.

An emporium of glass and seductive lighting, its real strength





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GLITZ AND GLAMOUR: Fun at La Sala

though, lies in its wood-decked terrace, that serves as the ideal tourist sun-deck.

But, let's not forget the food, which has so far never let me down. Whether you are after meaty fare (ribs, burgers, etc) or fish dishes and seafood, you are always well catered for and there is always a contemporary twist.

Another safe pair of hands are those of Garry Waite, a restaurateur who has been working around Marbella for nearly three decades.

He has recently helped open the amazing French bistro **C'est si Bon**, by the Andalucia Plaza Hotel.

Alongside Belgian owner Fabrice, they have created an amazing array of authentic French dishes offering classics such as Snails Bourgogne, Moules Marinière and Coquille St Jacques.

I was particularly impressed with the rich and creamy rabbit with mustard sauce, which was done like no other rabbit I have eaten in Spain.

And my pudding, a Tarte Tatin, came out as good as any French dessert I have tried.

dessert I have tried.

Needless to say that the wine list shows off its French leaning

list shows off its French leaning but great quality Spanish wines are also wide

ranging.
There are even over 20 wines by the glass and a decent mix of cheeses.

A different sort of romance can be sought out in Marbella old town, where you are literally

spoilt for choice for excellent places to eat. Take a wonder around and take your pick from dozens of interesting places, with the better ones including **Casanis**, **Tempora** and **Cafe Flore**.

And then up in Banus you have a range of superb places to try including one of the coast's most long-standing Indian restaurants **Mumtaz**, right on the waterfront.

Owned by the capable Metro Group (who also own Jacks, Joys and Metro, etc), it is a romantic spot for dining out, as is their reliable Italian sister restaurant **Cibo** up on the main

road into Marbella.

Up on the Ronda road look out for **A Casa Mia** and the long term favourite the **All in One cafe**, which keeps getting better.

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Marbella's old

town

MASTER: Chef 'Bobby' at C'est si Bon



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# GIVING IT THEIR ALL

The All in 1 Café celebrated another record year in 2018 with a fresh refurb, brand-new kitchen and extended live music schedule

N incredible 15 years after its opening, the ever popular All in 1 Café has reinvented itself once again, focusing on serving the very best quality food in a relaxed and friendly ambience. Topping this off is the addition of great live

All in 1 costs

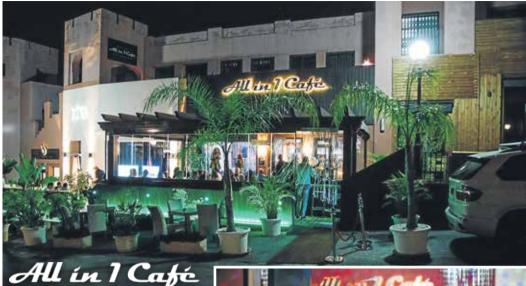
music and special event nights.

In the new open-plan kitchens, the star of the show is an indoor charcoal-burning 'Josper' oven. This fantastic addition allows perfectly barbecued food all year round at any time of day.

The new 2019 menu has been updated so that diners can enjoy delicious dishes created using the oven and the imagination of award-winning head chef Dexter Porcincula.

"The restaurant has always been popular, but the last couple of years I have been amazed how often we have had to regularly turn away table bookings due to a full house," says Tenés, who first opened the doors to the All in 1 Café back in 2004.

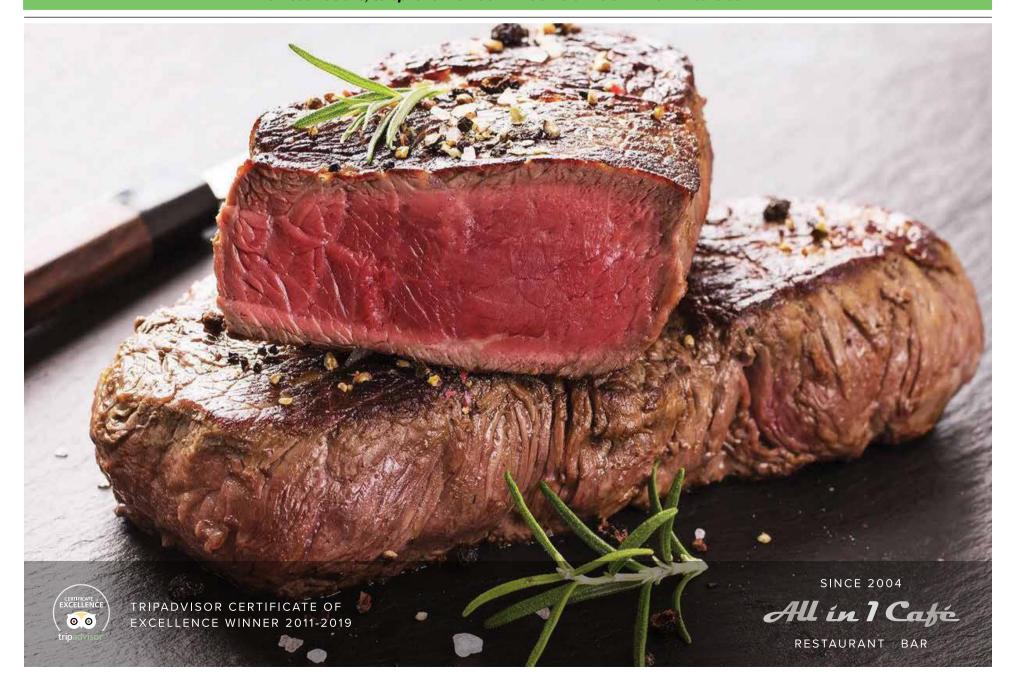
"I have been amazed and so grateful for the support we have had, with guests



booking many weeks in advance for some nights," he adds, "We've come a long way and the feedback has been great, but we're always looking for ways to improve." He continues: "First and foremost, we must reward our loyal clients with the best food and service we possibly can and at the same time work on making our special events even more fabulous!" So, if you ever fancy a break from the hustle and bustle of Marbella, but still want a night to remember for all the right reasons, the new and improved All in 1 Café might just be worth a visit.



Latest news and events at the All in 1 Café are posted on their Facebook page: facebook.com/allin1cafespain.
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# **Burger and**

For somewhere good in Elviria, look out for **Truffles**.
This excellent, boutique-style res-

taurant, offers candle-lit tables and global cuisine at excellent prices. As one might expect there is a delicious truffled chicken liver mousse,

as well a superb Peruvian ceviche and an original savoury goats cheese cheesecake.

Up in San Pedro you will be spoilt for choice, but really look out for **Macaao**, which really stands out as a special place to visit.

Set up by Belgian Michel Dhondt, who heralds from a long line of resource.

taurant owners and trained with Alain Ducasse on the Cote d'Azur. Also in San Pedro is the very ele-

gant **L'Impronta**, an upmarket Italian joint, run by capable Francisco Vacas, who actually heralds from



#### **HAPPY PUNTERS: At Truffles**

Cordoba. Finally another man helping to change the face of San Pedro is Malcolm Spendlove, who has been at the helm of the ever popular **Passion Cafe** (www.passionca-fe.eu) for the last 16 years and now heads up one of the coast's best hamburger joints, Mr **Gourmet Burger** (www.mrgourmetburger. com) on the boulevard. It counts on 100% beef burgers, ha-

lal too, while Kids are encouraged to make their own 'Junior G' burgers in 'four easy steps'.





EW places come as glamorous as the Benabola Hotel Sky Bar. The stunning vistas from this amazing spot in Puerto Banus stretch as far as the eye can see... and then some.

Lording it over the famous marina, this beautiful new addition to the celebrated hotel is the dream spot for an early evening tapa

and cocktail, or a nightcap following supper.

Even better, come for the evening and relax at easily one of the coast's genuine secret spots, where those-in-the-know and plenty of celebrities come to hide out.

For those having two cocktails or more there is free underground

parking (look out for the Benabola Hotel signs and get your card franked at reception with your receipt).

And, if you want to really experience the high life then book a room at the hotel and if you are lucky you'll have a suite (pictured left) with a corner living room with views to match the Sky Bar above.

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