REGULAR EVENTS ▸▸

Every Monday
BRITISH LEGION – BENALMÁDENA

Social meetings weekly, branch meeting every last Monday of the month, both 11am at Sad Sam's Bar and Grill, Avenida Bonanza. Further information, Tel: 952 447 465.

Every Monday
SALSA CLASSES – SAN PEDRO

At The Emerald Bar, next to Hotel Cortijo Blanco, 7.30-8.30pm for Beginners, 8.30-9.30pm for Improvers II. Further information, Tel: 606 147 677/www.gomarbella.com/salsa

Every Tuesday
THE RAT PACK – MARBELLA

The acclaimed professional stage production featuring over 30 famous Rat Pack songs, starring Frank Sinatra (Martin Joseph), Dean Martin (Dave Lee) Sammy Davis Jr, (Thomas Henry), three 'Las Vegas' dancers and the Marbella Big Band. At the Sands Club, Hotel Atalaya Park, 9.30-12pm. To reserve, Tel: 952 928 428.

Every Tuesday to Saturday
FLAMENCO BALLET – BENALMÁDENA

Carmen Mota's spectacular show, 10.30pm at the Hotel Torrequebrada's Sala Fortuna, €35 including free drink and casino entrance. Entrance only with DNI or passport. To book, or for dinner reservations, Tel: 952 446 000/ fortuna@torrequebrada.com

Every first Tuesday of the month
GARDEN CLUB – FUENGIROLA

Meeting of Garden Club La Capellania at the Manila Restaurant, Los Boliches seafront, from 3pm. Members €20 per annum, visitors 4€. Further information, Tel: 952 442 603.

Every second Tuesday of the month
JAZZ APPRECIATION SOCIETY – MARBELLA

Monthly at the Atalaya Park Hotel, Estepona, 8.30pm. Further information, Tel: 952 787 364.

Every third Tuesday of the month
FLORAL ART CLUB – ESTEPONA

Meets from 3pm-5pm at El Paraiso Country Club, Benavista, with monthly NAFAS demonstrators from the UK. Visitors welcome. Further information, Tel: 952 890 352.

Every Tuesday and Saturday
PICASSO – MÁLAGA

Getting to Know the Collection – a tour of selected works of the Picasso Collection for adults, conducted in Spanish at the Museo Picasso, Tuesday at 6pm, Saturday at 7pm, free with purchase of admission ticket. (Every last Sunday of the month, entrance free from 3pm.) Further information, www.museopicassomalaga.org

Every Wednesday
FLAMENCO – MIJAS

In Mijas Pueblo main square, 12 noon, including complimentary glass of Málaga wine. Further information, Tel: 952 589 034.

COFFEE MORNING – MARBELLA

For members of the British Association of Marbella, Edificio Alhazar. Further information, Tel: 952 825 191.

TOASTMASTERS CLUB – MARBELLA

Weekly meeting of this public speaking organisation, 7.30pm at Aloha Gardens, Nueva Andalucía, above Café El Jardin. Further information, http://theachievers.freetoasthost.org

SALSA CLASSES – FUENGIROLA

At Dalton's Bar, Route 66, Ctra. De Mijas. Beginners, 8-9pm, Improvers I, 9-10pm. Further Information, Tel: 606 147 677/ www.gomarbella.com/salsa

First Wednesday of the month
CULTURE & COCKTAIL – MARBELLA

The Asociación de Arte y Cultura Marbella, invites guests to their monthly cocktail at Magna Café, Magna Marbella Golf. Further information, www.culturamarbella.org/ lorraine@culturamarbella.org

Every Wednesday and Saturday
GUIDED WALKS – MIJAS

Departing Mijas Pueblo at 10am. Further information, Tel: 952 589 034.

Every third Wednesday of the month
LUNCH – MARBELLA

The American Club of Marbella meets at a different local restaurant, with an occasional guest speaker, from 12.30pm. New friends welcome. Further information, Tel: 952 862 770.

Every Thursday
CINE CLUB – ESTEPONA

Top films shown weekly in Spanish or original soundtrack, at the Padre Manuel Cultural Centre, from 9pm. Entry €3. Further information, Tel: 952 802 002/ www.estepona.es

Every third Thursday of the month
BRIC-A-BRAC SALE – FUENGIROLA

At Lux Mundi Ecumenical Centre, 10.30am-12pm. Further information, Tel: 952 543 334.

One Thursday per month
LUNCH – MARBELLA

Organised by the British Association of Marbella at a local restaurant on a different date each month. Also weekly coffee mornings and regular excursions. English-speaking members of any nationality welcome. Further information, Tel: 952 825 191.

Every Friday
MEDIEVAL MARKET – LOS CANDILES

More than 70 stalls selling a wide range of products, Marbella Old Town, 5-10pm.

Every first Friday of the month
WOMEN'S NETWORKING LUNCH – MARBELLA

The Women in Business networking group meets at a different restaurant every month. Further information, Tel: 647 724 608.

Every Friday and Saturday
OPERA – MARBELLA

Various opera singers entertain diners at Da Bruno Sul Mare restaurant, from 9pm. Further information, Tel: 952 903 312.

Every last Friday of the month
BUSINESS LUNCH – MARBELLA

Marbella Business Institute holds its monthly luncheon at a different restaurant in the area. Non-members welcome with advance notice. Further information, Tel: 952 773 500.

COFFEE MORNING – ESTEPONA

ADANA animal rescue charity coffee morning at Plaza Manilva, 11am-2pm. Kennels open 10am-5pm Monday - Friday and 10am-2pm Saturday, Sunday and fiestas. Further information, Tel: 952 797 405/ 606 274 206/ administracion@adana-estepona.com

Every Saturday
MAGIC SHOW – BENALMÁDENA

International magicians Oscar, Renzo & Mara perform at the Salon Fortuna, Hotel Torrequebrada, 7pm. Further information, Tel: 952 446 000/www.magicshow.es

JAZZ NIGHT – MARBELLA

Weekly programme of jazz dinners with gospel and blues music and traditional New Orleans dishes at the Casino Marbella Restaurant, Tel: 952 814 000. Entrance only with DNI or passport.

Every Sunday
FERRARI CLUB – MARBELLA

The Ferrari Owners' Club of Andalucía-Puerto Banús meets in front of Toni Dalli's Restaurant, 11.30am. Further information, Tel: 952 812 490.

CONCERT – MÁLAGA

The Málaga Municipal Band performs at 12 noon in Málaga Park, Ocon bandstand.

Every first Sunday of the month
OPEN DAY - MIJAS

PAD animal shelter, Cerros del Aguila, welcomes visitors from 12-3pm. Further information, Tel: 952 486 084 / info@padcatsanddogs.org

EVENTS FOR MAY ▸▸

Thursday May 1st
PUBLIC HOLIDAY
SARDINE DAY – LA CALA DE MIJAS

Fun day for all the family. Further information from www.mijas.es

Thursday to Sunday, May 1-4
14TH FERIA INTERNACIONAL DE LOS PUEBLOS – FUENGIROLA

More than 30 countries worldwide take over the casitas at the fairground to show off their culture. Open mid-morning until late. Programme from Fuengirola Tourist Office/ www.fuengirola.org

Until May 22
ART EXHIBITION – MARBELLA

Two exhibitions in one at the Cortijo Miraflores Museum: *Jamconcept* showcases the photographs of Jesús Chacón y Moisés Callado and the paintings and illustrations of Ana Ortiz. And solo exhibition of installations on the poetry of nature by artist Laura Siles. Further information, www.marbella.es

Until May 25
EXHIBITION – MÁLAGA

On the Human Being: International Photography 1900-1950, at the Picasso Museum, bringing together 111 photographs by artists such as Cecil Beaton, Henri Cartier-Bresson and Man Ray. Further information, www.museopicassomalaga.org

Friday May 2
THEATRE – ESTEPONA

Malaje Solo present the comedy, *Fiesta*, 8.30pm at the Padre Manuel Cultural Centre. Further information, www.estepona.es

Friday May 2-10
LATIN AMERICAN FORUM – ESTEPONA

XVII Encuentro de Autoridades Locales Iberoamericanas, organised by the Town Hall at the Palacio de Exposiciones y Congresos to confront problems and promote an interchange of ideas. Further information, www.estepona.es

Monday, Tuesday, May 5,6
THEATRE – FUENGIROLA

The Armonía theatre group presents *Familia honorable no encuentra piso*, 9pm at the Casa de la Cultura. Further information, www.fuengirola.org

Tuesday and Thursday, May 6, 8, 13, 15
OVER 55s LECTURES – MARBELLA

La Sociedad Malagueña en el Siglo XX, series of Third Age lectures given by professors of the University of Málaga, 5-6.30 pm at the Centro Cultural Cortijo de Miraflores. Further information, Tel: 952 902 714/ www.marbella.es

Tuesday May 6-16
CERAMICS EXHIBITION – FUENGIROLA

Works by local school children, Casa de la Cultura. Inauguration, 7.30pm. Further information, www.fuengirola.org

Wednesday May 7
WORLD AIDS ORPHANS' DAY – MARBELLA

A day of tributes and collections organised by Concordia. During the month there will be a series of lectures at the Concordia Day Centre for local schools. Further information, www.concordiamarbella.com

TALK – FUENGIROLA

Levantamiento y construcción histórica del Castillo de Sohail, by Diego Fernández Rosales, 9pm, Casa de la Cultura. Further information, www.fuengirola.org

Friday May 9
CONCERT – MARBELLA

Chamber concert by the Málaga Philharmonic Orchestra at the Teatro Ciudad de Marbella, 9-10.30pm. Tickets, €12/ €15, from the box office. Further information, www.marbella.es

DIDACTIC CONCERT – ESTEPONA

Música de Cine para Niños, presented by the Municipal Band, 8.30pm at the Padre Manuel Cultural Centre. Further information, www.estepona.es

Friday-Sunday, May 9-11
THEATRE – FUENGIROLA

The Railway Children, Salon Variétes Theatre, nightly at 8pm, Sunday at 7pm. Box office Tel: 952 474 542, open weekdays 10.30am-1.30pm and 7-8pm/ www.salonvarietestheatre.com

Friday May 9-June 16
PHOTOGRAPHIC EXHIBITION – FUENGIROLA

Afoco, from Córdoba, present the best of 25 years of members' work at the Collective Image Gallery, Pueblo Lucía. Inauguration, 8.30pm.

Saturday May 10
CHARITY AUCTION – ESTEPONA

At The Big Blue Box , Centro Atenea, next to the Diana Centre. Preview of goods, 11.30am, sale starts 1pm. If you have items to donate for sale, please call Marjorie, Tel: 952 797 405/606 274 206. All proceeds to ADANA animal rescue.

Sunday May 11
CUDECA WALKATHON - BENALMÁDENA

Annual walkathon from the Hotel Sunset Beach promenade, 9.30 am. Inscription €10 prepaid or €12 on the day, €6 for children. Sponsorship forms available from the Hospice Centre, Cudeca charity shops and local schools. Prize for the top fundraiser. Further information, Tel: 952 564 910/ pr@cudeca.org

Monday May 12
NADFAS LECTURE – FUENGIROLA

Lecture organised by the National Association of Decorative and Fine Arts Societies, 4.30pm at the Salon Variétes Theatre. This month, *Klimt, Schiele & Kokoschka: The Vienna Secession 1898-1918*, by James Malpas. Further information/membership, Tel: 952 375 708.

Tuesday May 13
CHARITY DINNER – MARBELLA

Animal charity Triple A benefit dinner at Da Bruno Sul Mare, Edificio Skol, 8pm. Tickets, €60, for three-course meal, wine and live music, from Pointer Veterinary Clinic, Nueva Andalucía, Puerto Banús bullring market (Saturdays, 9am-2pm) or call Elke, Tel: 639 610 209.

THEATRE – ESTEPONA

The Municipal Theatre group presents a theatrical montage, *Cómicos Asociados*, 8.30pm at the Padre Manuel Cultural Centre. Further information, www.estepona.es

Friday May 16
JAZZ CONCERT – FUENGIROLA

The Carli-Fumero-Reinoso-Calliero Quartet present a programme of *Jazz Rioplatense*, based on the music and rhythms of Argentina and Uruguay, 9pm, Casa de la Cultura. Further information, www.fuengirola.org

Friday May 16-18th
THEATRE – ESTEPONA

Return of the popular weekend theatre at the Atalaya Park Hotel where The International Theatre Studio presents *House Guest*, the thriller by Francis Durbridge. Further information, Tel: 952 812 151. Reservations, Tel: 952 880 630

Saturday & Sunday, May 17-18
MEDIEVAL MARKET – MIJAS COSTA

Fun for all the family with food, drink, stalls, fire-eating and more at this annual themed market, Las Lagunas, all day from 12 noon. Further information, www.mijas.es

Saturday May 17-30
ART EXHIBITION – ESTEPONA

Mujeres y Naturaleza, by Yolande Relinque, at the Padre Manuel Cultural Centre. Further information, www.estepona.es

Monday May 19-25
ART EXHIBITION – ESTEPONA

Oil paintings by Teresa Vergera at the Casa de la Cultura. Inauguration, 8pm. Further information, www.estepona.es

Wednesday May 21-30
EXHIBITION – FUENGIROLA

Students from the Municipal School show their creations in enamel, Tiffany glass and silver jewellery, Casa de la Cultura. Inauguration, 9pm. Further information, www.fuengirola.org

Friday May 23
CONCERT – ESTEPONA

The Baghdad Ensemble present *Diversions*, a concert of world music, 8pm at Calle Real. Further information, www.estepona.es

TALK – FUENGIROLA

Radio and TV journalist Federico Quevedo, author of *Pasión por la Libertad*, presents his book on President Adolfo Suárez, 9pm, Casa del la Cultura. Further information, www.fuengirola.org

Saturday, May 24
MUSICAL SATURDAYS – MARBELLA

Regular series of free concerts to promote classical music to youngsters, 6pm at the Palacio de Congresos. Further information, Tel: 952 828 244.

Friday & Saturday, May 23, 24
CONCERT – MÁLAGA

Homage to the ballerina Olga Kokhlova, Pablo Picasso's first wife, featuring the mezzo-soprano Elena Gragera, accompanied by pianist Antón Cardó, at the Museo Picasso Auditorium. Further information, Tel: 952 127 600/ www.museopicassomalaga.org

Saturday May 24
TREASURE HUNT – ESTEPONA

In aid of animal charity ADANA, starting noon from the main car park of Los Pedregales Park, Camino Casares, followed by 3pm picnic – bring food to share – plus bar and dancing. Tickets €40 per car from David, Tel: 952 891 193.

Friday-Wednesday, May 23-28
THEATRE – FUENGIROLA

The New York hit musical, *Nunsense*, Salon Variétes Theatre, nightly at 8pm, Sunday at 7pm. Box office Tel: 952 474 542, open weekdays 10.30am-1.30pm and 7-8pm/ www.salonvarietestheatre.com

Saturday & Sunday, May 24, 25
REGATTA – MARBELLA

Another stage in the Grand Prix Costa del Sol yachting trials, starting from the Club Marítimo, Marbella Port. Further information, Tel: 952 768 497/ veronica@ivycomunicacion.com

Saturday May 24-June 8
CUDECA SUNFLOWER CAMPAIGN – COSTA DEL SOL

Cudeca's big annual fund-raiser, with street collectors selling sunflower pins (volunteers sought) to raise money for the charity's hospice and promote awareness. Further information, Tel: 952 564 910.

Monday May 26-June 1
FILM FESTIVAL - ESTEPONA

XXI Semana de Cine Español 'Costa del Sol', at the Padre Manuel Cultural Centre, with screenings of ten of last year's most representative Spanish films, a photographic exhibition and short movies by local school children. Further information, www.estepona.es

Tuesday May 27
AIDS BENEFIT CONCERT – MARBELLA

Traditional Concordia concert with Colegium Musicum at Encarnación Church, 9pm. Entrance free, donations welcome. Further information, www.concordia.com

BAND CONCERT – FUENGIROLA

The Municipal Band performs in Plaza de España, 9pm.

Tuesday May 27-June 22
EXHIBITION – MÁLAGA

Solo exhibition by Swedish expressionist painter, Johan Wahlstrom, at Gallery Espacio Tres, C/Alemania 3, Málaga (next to CAC Museum), with reception on Friday, May 30. Further information, Tel: 679 400 279/ www.fineartamerica.com

Thursday May 29
CONCERT – FUENGIROLA

Guitar concert by local students, 8.30pm, Casa de la Cultura. Further information, www.fuengirola.org

Friday May 30
CONCERT – FUENGIROLA

Concert of sephardic music with Mónica Monasterio, 9pm, Casa de la Cultura. Further information, www.fuengirola.org

CERVANTES THEATRE
Highlights include:

Friday May 2: Cristina Gallardo-Domâs sings selections from Puccini's operas with Málaga Philharmonic Orchestra and Opera Choir, 9pm.

Saturday, Sunday, May 3, 4: Massimo Quarta, conductor and soloist, with Málaga Philharmonic Orchestra, performs works by Rossini and Paganini, Saturday, 9pm, Sunday, 8.30pm.

Monday May 5: German band Einstürzende Neubauten, pioneers of industrial music, 9pm.

Friday-Sunday May 9-11: Shakespeare's *King Lear*, presented in Spanish by the Centro Dramático Nacional, Friday and Saturday, 9pm, Sunday, 8.30pm.

Wednesday May 14: Homage to Rudolf Nureyev, presented by dancers from the Paris, Venice and Berlin Opera Ballets and the London Royal Ballet, with selections from *Romeo and Juliet, Swan Lake, Don Quijote* and more, 9pm.

Friday, Saturday, May 16, 17: Gary Hoffmann, international cellist, performs a programme of works by Bernstein, Bloch and Shostakovich with Málaga Philharmonic Orchestra, 9pm.

Sunday May 18: Marlango present songs from their third album, *The electrical morning*.

Tuesday May 20: Sevillian singer Pastora Soler presents songs from her new album, *Toda Mi Verdad*, 9pm.

Friday, Saturday, May 23, 24: Pekka Kuusisto, leading Finnish violinist, performs works by Mendelssohn, Brahms, Debussy and Ravel, with Málaga Philharmonic Orchestra, 9pm.

Sunday May 25: American multi-instrumentalist, Al Kooper (Blood, Sweat and Tears) and The Funky Faculty (100%), 8.30pm.

Wednesday May 28: Spanish band Jarabe de Palo 'recycle' favourite hits like *La Flaca* on their *Reciclando Tour*, 9pm.

Thursday May 29: Experimental band, Animal Collective, present songs from their new album, *Strawberry jam*, 9pm.

Friday, Saturday, May 30, 31: Leticia Moreno, leading Madrid violinist, performs works by Vadillo and Tchaikovsky, with Málaga Philharmonic Orchestra, 9pm.

All tickets from www.teatrocervantes.com or El Corte Inglés, Tel: 902 400 222/ www.elcorteingles.es

ADVANCE NOTICES
KENNY BALL'S BACK IN TOWN – FUENGIROLA/MIJAS

Thursday June 5 – Dinner concert at the Tamisa Golf Hotel, 7.30pm, with entertainment by the famous jazz band leader and the New Orleans Jump Band. Tickets €50. Further information from the hotel, Tel: 952 585 988.

Friday, Saturday June 6,7 – Kenny Ball and the New Orleans Jump Band give two concerts at the Salon Variétes Theatre to celebrate its 23rd anniversary, in support of Cudeca, 8pm Saturday, 7pm Sunday. Tickets, €20. Box office Tel: 952 474 542, open weekdays 10.30am-1.30pm and 7-8pm/ www.salonvarietestheatre.com