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Where to see the *Christmas* lights in Málaga

Eight places within a short walk of Calle Larios, plus one more worth the bus ride.



okay, the timing bit...

The lights come on at 6:30pm. The two shows to plan around are the Cathedral at **7pm** and Calle Larios at **8:30pm**, five minutes apart. The 10pm Larios show is usually the least crowded.

These times are from the 2025/26 season. Málaga usually confirms the new programme in November, and I update my guide when it does.

WHERE TO FIND THEM

What you'll *see*, and when

1 **Alameda Principal**
The ficus trees along the avenue are lit so the whole stretch looks like a glowing forest.

2 **Calle San Juan**
A narrow old-town street that gets a completely new design every year.

3 **Plaza de la Constitución**
The giant walk-through Christmas tree, at the top of Calle Larios. This year's 18-metre tree is already up.

4 **Calle Larios**
The big one, with a light and sound show three times a night. No music on 24 and 31 December or 5 January.
Last year: 6:30pm, 8:30pm and 10pm

5 **AC Hotel Málaga Palacio**
The hotel at the bottom of Larios, on Cortina del Muelle, lights up its whole building for Christmas.

6 **Cathedral light show**
An eight-minute video mapping show on the south tower, best seen from Calle Molina Lario. No shows on 24 or 31 December.
Last year: 7pm, 8:30pm and 10pm, 29 November to 4 January

7 **Paseo del Parque**
The palm-lined promenade at the bottom of Calle Larios. Last year: 14 lit arches and 36 lit trees.

8 **Muelle Uno**
The port runs its own Christmas lights, switched on when Santa arrives by boat. The Christmas market is here too, and last year kids could meet Santa in a little Christmas house.
Market: 10am to 10pm daily

9 **Luces de la Concepción**
The botanical garden lit up after dark, ticketed. This year: a Wizard of Oz Christmas. Bus 20, then a 15-minute walk, or drive. Adults €15.50, children 3 to 12 €11.50.
27 Nov 2026 to 6 Jan 2027, from 6:30pm. Half-price days: 30 Nov, 9, 14, 21, 28 Dec and 6 Jan

The city lights are on from 6:30pm to midnight, until 2am Thursday to Saturday and the night before a holiday, and until 6am on 24 and 31 December. They come down after 6 January. Málaga hasn't confirmed its 2026/27 programme yet, so show times are last season's, apart from La Concepción.

xo, Heidi