

# GROUP RETREATS & PILGRIMAGES



## MALAGA: the city of art



A panoramic view of Malaga.

**Malaga** has become in recent years one of Europe's art capitals. The birthplace of Picasso, the city now hosts a number of first class museums and art galleries, including the Pompidou Museum, the St. Petersburg Russian National Collection, the Carmen Thyssen Museum and two museums connected with Picasso. The city, looking out onto the Mediterranean Sea, also has a Roman theatre, a Moorish castle and a Baroque cathedral. Its charming city centre streets boast a wide range of tapas bars and restaurants, and you can also take a walk or relax at its impressive marina (Peer One).

Your group will stay in the Diocesan Spirituality House, once the local seminary, at the edge of the city centre. This retreat centre was recently refurbished to very high standards, and is surrounded by spacious terraces, rolling hills and lush pine forests. During Summer months the swimming pool is open to all guests. All accommodation is en-suite and we will enjoy dedicated group spaces (meeting room, chapel and refectory). Complementary wine is served with lunch and dinner.



Diocesan Spirituality House, Malaga.



View of the cathedral from Peer One (Malaga's Marina).

Malaga is a great destination to run a cultural retreat, due to its exceptionally mild weather and amazing transport connections, including one of Spain's leading international airports, high speed train connections to the rest of the country (and Europe), good roads, and a port that welcomes 300 cruise-ships per year. The city is also a great base from which to explore and visit the historic towns of Antequera and Ronda, as well as the city of Granada (just over one hour away). Retreat-pilgrimages in Malaga will typically include time in the Spirituality House (including input sessions and free time) and guided visits to local sites & museums connected with the theme of the retreat.