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“Look, over there, to the south, lies Málaga”

2023 celebrates the 50th anniversary of the passing of a Málaga native, and not just an ordinary one, but the most universal Malagueño that the city witnessed being born; the Malagueño who carried a little piece of our land in every painting, in every poem, in every sketch... And, above all, the Malagueño who became one of the most important artists of the 20th century: Pablo Ruiz Picasso.

Embark on a tour alongside Palacio Solecio to discover the most significant places of the artist's early life, as well as his indelible legacy. On this Picassian Route, we will visit the places that sparked his imagination and witness the traces he left in each spot.

1 Casa Natal Museum (birthplace)

Having spent the first 10 years of his life in Malaga, the route will begin with a visit to the artist's birthplace. Located at number 15, Plaza de la Merced, this house was the site where the genius was born in 1881 and where he began to develop his talent under the tutelage of his father, a renowned drawing teacher at the Málaga School of Fine Arts.



2 Church of Santiago Apóstol

Built on the site of a former mosque in 1940, today we find the oldest church in Málaga: the Church of Santiago Apóstol. It was here that both his grandparents and parents were married, and where the artist was baptised in 1881.



3 The former San Telmo School of Fine Arts

The former San Telmo School of Fine Arts was Pablo Picasso's first contact with classical studies. Although he never attended this academy, his father, José Ruiz Blasco, was a drawing teacher there, and instilled a series of disciplines in a young Picasso, which would influence his evolution as an artist.



4 Picasso Museum

Located in the majestic Palacio de Bellavista, is much more than just a museum. It is the fulfilment of Pablo Picasso's wish: that his artwork would find a home in the place where he was born. With a total of 285 pieces, generously donated by the artist's grandchildren, we can witness the astonishing variety of styles, materials, and techniques that Picasso mastered over the course of his career.



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After immersing ourselves in the intimate world of Picasso, what better place to end the route than at Palacio Solecio, a historic building built in 1776 that was standing right there on the day Picasso was born, that witnessed from Granada Street how a little boy from Málaga conquered the art world, that mourned with its neighbours the loss of the great artist, and that smiled once again as his masterpieces returned home. There, we will find an exhibition of photographic portraits of the artist, where we will come face to face with the immortalised gaze hidden behind each canvas—granting us the opportunity to step behind the scenes of Pablo Picasso's life.