

BEGIN AT THE LIGHTHOUSE – LA FAROLA

La Farola is easily accessed by bus (take the fabulously air-conditioned Circulo 2), by taxi, or even on foot.

**La Farola**

La Farola is one of Spain's oldest lighthouses. Designed by the army engineer Joaquín M Pery y Guzmán it dates from 1817 and replaced an earlier lighthouse built in 1724. In 1885 it was refurbished and a new lighting device was added in a 4 metre addition to the top of the building. It was damaged by an earthquake in 1898 and not completely repaired until 1913.

In 1909 it was enlarged to include living accommodation for the lighthouse keeper and his family. It was further damaged by artillery during the Spanish Civil War in the 1930s and had to be extensively repaired and refurbished in 1939. Its name is unusual – the expression “La Farola” usually refers to much smaller lighthouses.



Stand at the lighthouse and look around. You will see to one side a wall with metal railings above.

Cross over to this, turn to the right, and follow the line of this wall away from the lighthouse along **Paseo de la Farola**. The inner-basin of the port of Malaga is on your left.

Although there has been a port at Malaga since Phoenician times (nearly 3000 years ago) it was only from the late sixteenth century that the modern port developed. The development of the east quay (upon which La Farola sits) dates from 1588, bringing to fruition plans produced by the Italian engineer, F. Bursoto. Subsequently, much silting of the harbour led to a need for much further dredging and re-engineering of the harbour during the eighteenth and nineteenth centuries (in particular, implementation of an expansion plan produced by R. Yague in 1876).



After about 100 metres the vertical railings change to horizontal. This is a good point to stop and take stock of the view.

The view of Malaga from Paseo de la Farola

Looking from left to right you can see:

- The large container port and the Goliat cement silos.
- The dry dock and car ferry terminal (serving the Spanish enclave of Melilla in Morocco – from where on 17 July 1936 an army uprising led by General Francisco Franco was the starting point of the Spanish Civil War).

