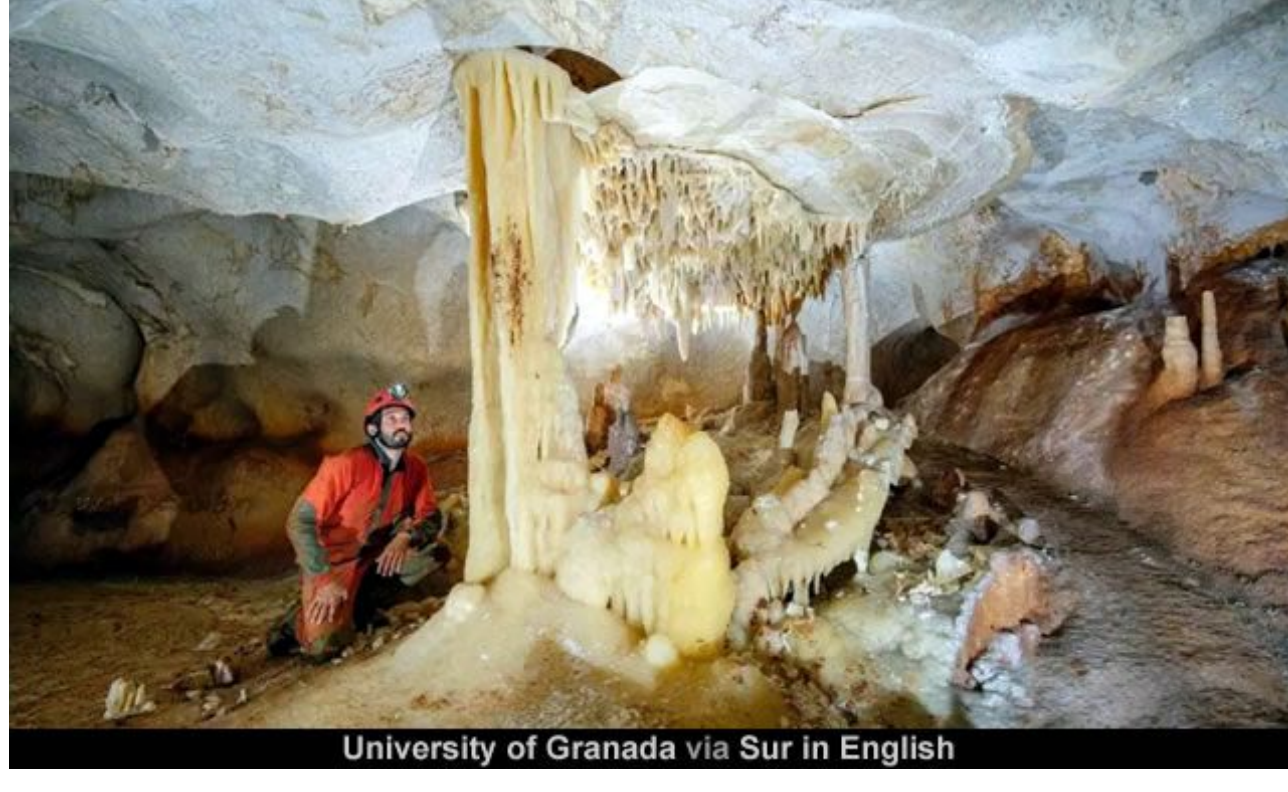


La Araña Cave



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It's **not** everyday a new cave is discovered.



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The Junta de Andalucía intends to protect the **Cave of the Stegamites** (La Cueva de las Estegamitas), in the area of the **La Araña** quarry, on the eastern edge of **Malaga** city.

This features rare stegamites which are formed in black calcite and appear as ridges along a cave floor. They are only found elsewhere in caves in Australia, Puerto Rico, and Slovakia.

The Malaga cave was discovered by chance in 2021 when a cavity opened up after one of the quarry's blasting operations.

Junta to provide 'maximum protection' to Malaga's newly discovered La Araña cave
Sur in English - Regina Sotorrío - 5 March 2024

<https://www.surinenglish.com/malaga/malaga-city/junta-provide-maximum-protection-malagas-newly-discovered-20240304181713-nt.html>



Torre de la Araña, Malaga Wikimedia: Daniel Capilla

La Araña is a coastal suburb of the Spanish city of **Malaga** belonging to the district of Malaga East. La Araña is the easternmost neighborhood of the coast of the municipality, located in the eastern part of the bay of Malaga, very close to La Cala del Moral, already in the municipality of Rincon de la Victoria and from which separates the Totalan stream.

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Some of the points of interest found in La Araña are the Peñón del Cuervo beach, characterized by the rock formation located next to the shore of the same name; the Cement Factory, currently operated by the Italcementi Group and the Prehistoric Park of Málaga, located in a **karstic area** that concentrates numerous archaeological sites from the Upper Pleistocene, where the Archaeological Site of La Araña is located.

Wikipedia - La Araña (Málaga)

[https://es.wikipedia.org/wiki/La_Ara%C3%B1a_\(M%C3%A1laga\)](https://es.wikipedia.org/wiki/La_Ara%C3%B1a_(M%C3%A1laga))

Translation

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Karst is a topography formed from the dissolution of **soluble carbonate rocks** such as **limestone**, **dolomite**, and **gypsum**. It is characterized by features like **poljes** above and drainage systems with sinkholes and caves underground. More weathering-resistant rocks, such as quartzite, can also occur, given the right conditions.

Wikipedia - Karst

<https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Karst>



Llanos de Libar - Polje at 975m - Sierra de Libar, Málaga, Spain
high precipitation (1500mm) runs through furrows to the draining Ponors
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Wikimedia - Category:Poljes

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A **polje**, in geological terminology, is a large, **flat-floored depression within karst limestone**, whose long axis develops in parallel with major structural trends and can become several miles (tens of kilometers) long. Superficial deposits tend to accumulate along the floor. Drainage may be either by surface watercourses (as an open polje) or by swallow holes (as a closed polje) or ponors. Usually, the ponors cannot transmit entire flood flows, so **many poljes become wet-season lakes**.

Wikipedia - Polje

<https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Polje>



Ponor - Monte de Fóses in the Dolomites - Wikimedia: Marie-Lan Tay Pamart

A **ponor** is a natural opening **where surface water enters into underground passages**; they may be found in karst landscapes where the geology and the geomorphology is typically dominated by porous limestone rock. Ponors can drain streams or lake water continuously and can at times act as springs, similar to estavelles. Morphologically, ponors come in forms of large pits and caves, large fissures and caverns, networks of smaller cracks, and sedimentary, alluvial drains.

Wikipedia - Ponor

<https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ponor>

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<https://www.surinenglish.com/malaga/malaga-city/going-underground-malagas-recently-discovered-arana-quarry-20240301132403-ga.html#firstImage>

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Wikipedia - University of Granada

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