



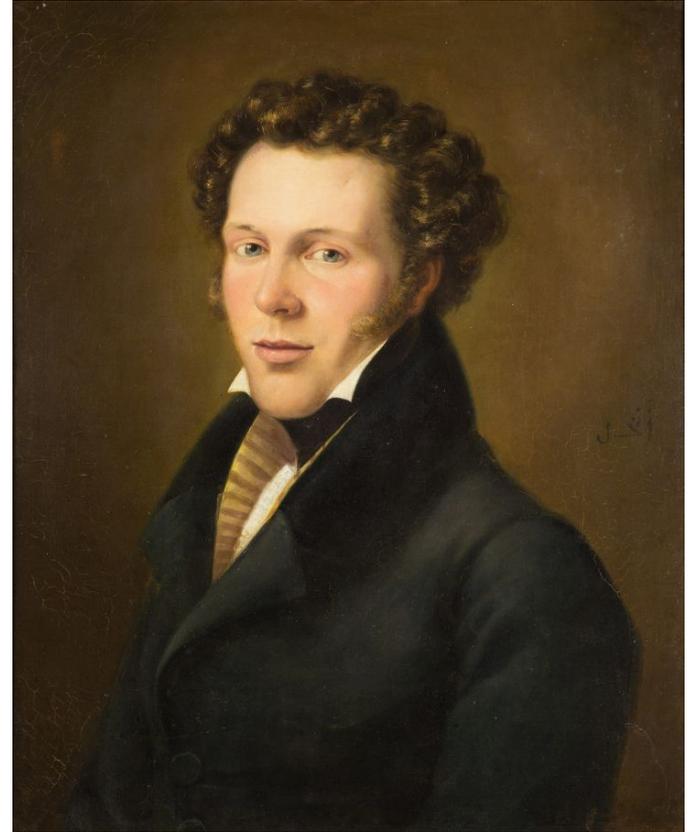
**General Torrijos
and the obelisk
of the Plaza de la
Merced**

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General Torrijos:

José María Torrijos Uriarte (1791–1831) was a Spanish liberal general who fought in the Spanish War of Independence and tried to restore the constitution of 1812 with the restoration of absolutism. So he spent two years in prison until he was released by the triumph of general irrigation.



Later the one hundred thousand sons of Louis invaded Spain to restore absolutism and Torrijos exiled himself to England. There he prepared a statement, landed on the beach of San Andrés on 2 of December , 1831 along with 60 men. On 11 of December , General Torrijos was shot along with 48 of his men on the beach of San Andrés without trial.





This fact was immortalized by the sonnets of Espronceda and by the painting of Antonio Gisbert.

Obelisk of the Plaza de la Merced

It has musliman and roman origins, but from 19th century the square is preserved as it is today. It is a monument built of stone, bronze and platinum, on whose walls are the names of liberals and symbols. It is considered the most important monument of the 19th century in Malaga.



The obelisk was built in honor of General Torrijos and his 48 companions, for fighting for a liberal movement. Designed by a Malaga architect Rafael Mitjana, the bodies were transferred from the San Miguel Cemetery to the obelisk on December 11, 1842. The bodies of General Torrijos and 47 of his men are under the crypt, except that of the Irish Robert Boyd, who is in the English cemetery.

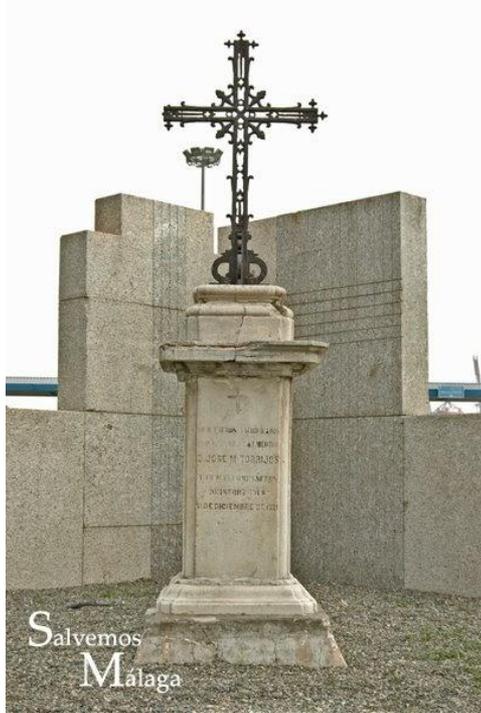


Curiosities:

The crypt has only been opened sporadically : The first time was during the second Republic, the second during the Transition and the last at the beginning of the 21st century.

For the construction of the obelisk, beach sand was chosen where the revolutionaries were shot.





It is curious that, previously, the place was called Plaza del Riego in honor of the liberal general whose ideas were very in line with those of Torrijos, there for the choice of this place for the obelisk.

We can find this monument in honor of general Torrijos and 47 men who accompanied him on the beach of San Andres where they were shot.