

Photo: Alicante Tourist Board



Different civilizations have passed through these lands, leaving their mark which can be seen in all corners of this emblematic city. All of this adds to the appeal of this modern city with a primary focus on tourism, but also a special interest in industry and commerce. Alicante, situated on the coast of the Mediterranean Sea, offers not only a great variety of services but also a wide range of cultural activities, with its museums, its festivals and its nature areas, in particular the Island of Tabarca (Mediterranean Marine Reserve).

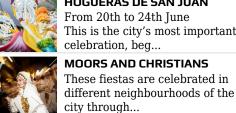
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# **BEACH LIFE**



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Some of Alicante's best tourist attractions are its excellent beaches. Year after year they receive the Blue Flag award by the European Union, which earns them well deserved international recognition.

During the summer season, beaches like San Juan, Postiguet and Urbanova have an educational leisure area for the mentally handicapped and an access point for the physically disabled.

Alicante is also the perfect destination for the year-round enjoyment of water sports such as jet skiing, yacht charters, sailing, diving, snorkelling, surfing, windsurfing, competition fishing and water skiing.

## San Juan Beach



This fine golden sandy beach is almost three kilometres in length and up to one hundred metres wide. Its facilities include lifeguard watchtowers, a

Red Cross post, car park, footbath, toilets, disabled access. It is perfect for enjoying water-based activities, sports and also has children's play parks. Along the beachfront there are all kinds of shops and restaurants. Length: 2,900 m | Width: 85 m

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# **Postiguet Beach**



This beach is in the city itself, at the foot of Mount Benacantil on which Santa Barbara Castle stands. It has a lovely promenade offering

beautiful views over the bay. The beach is made up of fine golden sand and is ideal for sunbathing, reading, etc. Length: 900 m | Width:: 50 m

Photo: Alicante tourist board

## La Albufereta



Situated to the north east of the city, between the Serra Grossa and el Tossal de Manises, this is a secluded beach and is perfect for enjoying

watersports. Length: 400 m | Width:18 m

Photo: Alicante tourist board

# La Almadraba and Cabo de las Huertas



This collection of sandy beaches and rocky coves with crystal clear waters can be found between the beaches of San Juan and Albufereta. They are ideal

for those wishing to quietly enjoy the sea away from the larger, busier beaches. Length: 750 m | Width:: 6 m Photo: Alicante tourist board

## Saladares-Urbanova



This wide stretch of beach is located just south of the city centre, in a quiet area called Urbanova, and is perfect for sunbathing, swimming

and enjoying leisure activities and sports. Length: 1.600 m | Width: 52 m

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# THE CITY



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With shattered mountains in the background, the city is located in a bay with a cosmopolitan harbour. Tropical palms line the avenues. From the sea front you can look up towards Mount Benacantil, where the historic Castillo de Santa Bárbara, open to the public, is located.

You will find small narrow streets near big avenues with lively business activities in the area of Rambla Méndez Núñez. Elegant pubs and sophisticated restaurants can be found in the more modern part of the city between the sea front, Explanada de España and Avenida Alfonso "X" El Sabio. In the evenings in "El Barrio," a pedestrian area in the Old Town around the Cathedral, locals meet up with visitors of all ages and from all over the world.

Spanish and English, along with some sign language and lively gestures, are apparent among the conversations that often end in a mutual toast. Salud!

# DO & SEE



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The ideal location of Alicante on the Mediterranean coast makes it an attractive destination for beach-lovers, golfers and outdoors enthusiasts, but the city offers so much more than fun in the sun. The old quarter is rife with beautiful architecture, from the cathedral and the cloisters to the town hall and many winding alleys, and a wealth of fascinating museums can keep even the most ambitious visitors busy for days.

# Aquopolis Torrevieja



In Aquopolis Torrevieja, you will find attractions for everyone: if you want an adrenaline rush, slide down in High Emotion. Moderate are designed

for lovers of fun, which will appeal to both adults and children. All children under 10 years will have fun in the Kids Zone, MiniPark and Charmed Lake. Have a relaxing time with your family in our Sand Beach or at The VIP Area.

Photo: Aquopolis Torrevieja Address: Avenida Delfina Viudes, Torrevieja Phone: +34 96 571 58 90 Internet: https://torrevieja.aquopolis.es

## El Castell de Guadalest



El Castell de Guadalest is one of the most beautiful villages in Spain. Having a strolling through the streets of the village is a real pleasure. San José

Castle, Orduña house, the bell tower and the unusual museums will attract your attention. If you like walking in the mountains, El Castell de Guadalest is the perfect place to be in contact with nature and if you are a gastronomy lover, our restaurants offer a combination of traditional dishes and the latest innovations.

Photo: Pano concentaina Phone: +34965885298 Internet: www.guadalest.es

# **Civil War Anti-aircraft Shelters**



The objects and text explanations displayed in the different rooms intend to show visitors the historical and social context that surrounded

the construction and use of these bombshelters in Alicante during the Spanish Civil War (1936-1939).

Photo: Alicante tourist board Address: Plaza Séneca Opening hours: Please check the opening times online Phone: +34 965 920 370/690 004 431 Tickets: Check online for prices Email: cmemoriahdalicante@gmail.com

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Try one of the traditional fish stews on the terrace of one of the restaurants. Also, you will find nice little bays to swim. If you decide to stay overnight on the island, there are also little hotels peppered along it.

Photo: Alicante tourist board Address: Tabarca Island Phone: Kontiki +34 686 994 538/686 994 539 Tickets: Return ticket from Alicante is around €20.

# Explanada de España



This maritime promenade runs parallel to the port, from the Puerta del Mar to Canalejas Park and is one of the most popular areas in Alicante. La

Explanada de España is also known as the "Paseo de la Explanada". The floor is decorated with 6.600.000 tricolour marble tiles forming a design with a carachteristic wave effect mosaic.

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Photo: Alicante tourist board Address: Plaza de Santa María 3 Opening hours: Tuesday to Friday from 10 am to 8 pm, Sundays and Bank holidays from 10 am to 2 pm, Mondays closed Phone: +34 965 213 156 Tickets: Free entrance Internet: www.maca-alicante.es

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# **Old Town Quarter**



Back in the old town quarter, we recommend a route that includes a visit to the San Nicholas Co-cathedral dating from the 17th-century. The

cloisters, however, are from the 15th-century (Herrerian Renaissance style). The Town Hall building is an 18th-century Baroque building.

The Santa María Basilica, a gothic structure based on the mosque from the ancient town, dates from the 14th- and 16th-centuries and was completed with Baroque and Rococo finishes in the 18th-century.

Photo: Alicante tourist board

# TuriBús



For those who want to have a general idea of Alicante, or for those with less time, Alicante offers a special service—the TuriBús—a bus through

the city with 10 interesting stops for holidaymakers. The sights and sites are explained in Spanish,Valencian, English, French, German and Italian.

It is also enabled with an access platform for the disabled.

The Turibús usually operates between March and December.

#### Photo: Alicante tourist board

Address: Offices: C/ Díaz Moreu Nº 6 (Rambla de Méndez Núñez esquina a Av. Jaime II). Opening hours: Please check the following link for information on the route, stops, frequency and departure times. https://alicante.vectalia.es/linea/linea-turistica-alicante -turibus/#linea=TURI Phone: +34 965 185 500 Internet: https://alicante.vectalia.es/linea/linea-turistica-alica nte-turibus/#linea=TURI

## Beaches



Alicante has a wide variety of beaches, from fine sand to rocky ones. Most of them are proud to hold the Blue Flag award. El Postiguet is the

Alicante beach par excellence! Located in the very heart of the city. It's a long sandy beach and is close to all types of services.

The San Juan beach is the most famous beach, not only because it is the longest, but also because of the quality and cleanliness of its waters.

Enjoy the sun and the sea, relaxing in the warm sand of one of Alicante beaches.

Photo: Alicante tourist board

## **Hogueras Museum**



This museum (Museo de Fogueres) is dedicated to the most popular "fiesta" in Alicante and shows the "ninots," or wooden statues that have been

"saved" - i.e., not burned every year - in a video room showing the best of this "fiesta", photographs, costumes, etc. This museum is especially nice for families with children! Photo: Alicante tourist board Address: Rambla Méndez Núñez, 29 Opening hours: Please check the opening times online Phone: +34 965 146 828 Tickets: Free entrance Internet: www.hogueras.es More Info: Next to Rambla Méndez Núñez

## MARQ Museum



Created in 1932, this museum was originally located on the ground floor of the Provincial Council building on Avenida de la Estación in

Alicante. In 2002 it was transferred to the former site of the San Juan de Dios Provincial Hospital.

Visitors to this highly innovative and visual museum can enjoy an avant-garde approach to archaeology supported by modern audiovisual techniques.

Its exhibits stretch from the Palaeolithic through to Contemporary Modern Culture, tracing our history.

Photo: Alicante tourist board Address: Plaza Doctor Gómez Ulla S/N Opening hours: Please check the opening times online Phone: +34 965 149 000/ 965 149 006 Tickets: Check online for prices Internet: www.marqalicante.com

#### MUBAG Museum



This museum occupies the 18th century Gravina Palace, which once belonged to the Count of Lumiares and housed the Provincial Archives. It

exhibits works owned by the Provincial Council of Alicante, with collections comprising works of

# art created in Alicante from the Middle Ages to the early 20th century.

Photo: Alicante tourist board Address: C/ Gravina, 13-15 Opening hours: Open every day except Mondays and Sunday afternoons Phone: +34 965 146 780 Tickets: Free entrance Internet: www.mubag.com

# GOLF



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The city of Alicante, capital of the Costa Blanca, has become, through its own worth, one of the most popular destinations for playing golf. The key factors of its success, apart from its magnificent 18 hole golf courses, are its first rate hotels and restaurants, its culture and entertainment found in the city, its proximity to the Alicante-Elche International Airport, just 12 kilometres from the city centre, and the mild Mediterranean climate which it enjoys throughout the year, with an average annual temperature of 18 degrees centigrade an more than 3.000 hours of sun a year.

Alicante's golf courses are located in natural surroundings with sea, mountain and nature spot views, and they enjoy the privileged Mediterranean microclimate, which is characterised by its mild winters and warm summers. We hope you enjoy the wide range of options available, presented hereafter.

# El Plantío Golf Resort



"El Plantío" is a golf course which is in perfect harmony with the environment. It is a unique area of spectacular beauty which

begs to be strolled through. The careful reforestation of plant species gives the course an exotic and unique feel, which makes each hole different. A "pay&play" non-member golf course, to which every player has access. "El Plantío" has spectacular beauty and design, for the permanent enjoyment of golf. For those wanting to stay on site, El Plantío also offers the possibility of staying in first class

tourist appartments. Photo: Alicante tourist board Address: Antigua Carretera Alicante-Elx, km3/ 03114 Alicante

Phone: +34 965 189 115/ 965 115 049 Internet: www.elplantio.com Email: (golf) elplantiogolf@elplantio.com; (accommodation) reservas@elplantiogolfresort.es

# Alicante Golf



Alicante Golf, designed by Severiano Ballesteros, is considered to be one of the best maintained and designed golf courses in the whole of Spain...It is

also highly regarded for its complete practice area. Another attraction of the course is the ruins of a roman village dating back to the 1st century B.C. located in the middle of the 14th hole. These ruins surfaced during the construction of the course and you have to fly over them to reach the green. At the 18th hole

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you will find the Hotel Alicante Golf \*\*\*\*. The restaurant at Alicante Golf is famous for its exquisite rice dishes and Mediterranean cuisine.

Photo: Alicante tourist board Address: Avenida Locutor Vicente Hipólito,37.03540 Alicante. Phone: +34 965 152 043/ 965 153 794 Internet: www.alicantegolf.com Email: clubgolf@alicantegolf.com

# **Bonalba Golf Resort**



Bonalba golf course, with 18 holes, par 72, and a length of 6,367 metres, is located above the Mediterranean in the municipality of Mutxamel,

in Alicante. Its 18°C year-round average temperature and its location just 2 km from San Juan beach, make Bonalba a privileged location for playing golf all year round.

Photo: Alicante tourist board Address: C/Vespre,6,bis. Mutxamel. Phone: +34 965 955 955 Internet: www.golfbonalba.com Email: golfbonalba@golfbonalba.com

# Alenda Golf



Alenda Golf course was designed by Roland Favrat, with the aim of respecting the lay of the land and the vegetation proper to the area as

much as possible. The course was completed in October 1999, occupies 49 hectares of land, and has 18 holes Par 72, with 6,240 metres in length as well as an excellent practice area. The first nine holes are fun and easy to play, with wide fairways bordered by autochthonous vegetation. On the other hand, the second nine holes require higher levels of concentration, as this is a more technical part of the course in which distance plays a role, and in which holes 17 and 18 will clearly define the results of the score card.

#### Photo: Alicante tourist board

Address: Avda. del Mediterráneo, 52, Urb. Alenda Golf. Monforte del Cid. Phone: +34 965 620 521 Internet: www.alendagolf.com Email: cadymaster@alendagolf.com

## Font del Llop Golf Resort



American design and Scottish layout that will be a challenge and delight for all kinds of players. A playing area of international size, 18

holes, pair 72, 6.313 meters from white tees, that has five exit tees for each hole-with each green having its own personality. Just few minutes from international Alicante Airport.

Photo: Alicante tourist board Address: Ctra. Alicante- Aspe CV.847-km 3,5. Monforte del Cid.

Phone: +34 966 126 767 Internet: www.fdlgolf.es Email: info@fdlgolf.es

# DINING



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Alicante's most famous dishes contain rice. There are more than a hundred different rice recipes in the region, and they are all delicious! At an "arrocería," or rice restaurant, you'll find one of the Spanish national dishes, "paella", saffron rice mixed with local ingredients such as shellfish and vegetables among other dishes.

Fish and shellfish are fresh every day while sausage and meat is produced in the mountains near Alicante. Salads are served with salted accompaniments and olives. The tasty and unusual local drink made with tiger nuts, "horchata," is very popular and served in many bars and "horchaterías," which you will find nearly everywhere in the city—you will love it!

Another local delicacy is "turrón," a dessert made with whole almonds, honey, sugar and egg whites that is served everywhere. Apart from buying bars of "turrón," you can try "turrón" flavoured ice-cream.

Alicante offers a wide range of restaurants of every category from elegant to fashionable, from exclusive to snack-bars. Meal times are usually somewhat later than in the rest of Europe: breakfast from 7.30 a.m to 10 a.m. The main meal or lunch is served in restaurants from 2 p.m. and 3.30 p.m. and dinner is from 9 p.m. to

# 10.30 p.m.

## Restaurante Dársena



One of the oldest restaurants in Alicante. It is located in the sports marina and it offers spectacular views of the seafront. They specialise

in "paella" and Mediterranean food.

Photo: Alicante tourist board Address: Marina Deportiva, Muelle Levante 6 Phone: +34 965 207 399/965 207 589 Internet: www.darsena.com Email: comercial@darsena.com

## Restaurante Nou Manolín



It is located in one of the pedestrian streets of Alicante city centre. It has a very good and varied à la carte menu and it is also considered

to serve the best tapas in all of Spain.

Photo: Alicante tourist board Address: C/ Villegas, 3 Phone: +34 965 200 368 Internet: www.grupogastronou.com Email: eventos@noumanolin.com

#### **Restaurante El Cantó**



It is one of the most authentic tapas bar in Alicante. They don't take bookings, but it is surely worth waiting for a table and enjoying their

culinary delights!

Photo: Alicante tourist board Address: C/ Alemania, 26 Phone: +34 965 925 650

# La Taberna del Gourmet



La Taberna del Gourmet is a catering project that begun in 1979 which is focused on the quality of the raw product. A place where innovation is at the

service of organic food and traditional flavors, where succulent tapas, sandwiches, cured meats and cheeses from all regions are prepared in a lively Spanish barra.

Also this is a gourmet corner and an elegant show room of the best fruits and vegetables from Alicante's garden, the most exclusive meats and the most fresh seafood from the fish market.

A national and international gastronomic reference which offer all kind of delicatessen products, from the most prestigious Extra Virgin Olive Oils and cans to the finest wines.

Photo: Alicante tourist board Address: C/San Fernando, 10 Opening hours: Opened 12.30am - 12pm Phone: +34 965 204 233 Internet: www.latabernadelgourmet.com Email: reservas@latabernadelgourmet.com

## La barra de César Anca



The César Anca bar stands out for their great variety of design tapas. In the renewed and beautiful square, Gabriel Miró, with ancient trees

you will find our bar. A modern and welcoming place in which everything is in constant movement. The orders are coming, the dishes arrive, new tapas...

In César Anca you can enjoy of our classic tapas,

our famous design tapas, dishes, desserts ... all this in good company and with an impeccable service.

Photo: Alicante tourist board Address: Calle Ojeda,1 Phone: +34 965 124 362 Internet: www.grupocesaranca.com Email: info@cesarancahosteleria.com

## La Taverna del Racó del Plá



This is a famous, family-run tradition restaurant. They take much care in choosing their raw materials to elaborate modern and old

recipes.

La taverna del Racó del Plá has a wide option of dining rooms and a tapas bar, menus for groups and tapas menus at night.

Photo: Alicante tourist board Address: C/ Navas, 40 Phone: +34 965 202 182 Internet: www.racodelpla.com Email: info@latavernadelracodelpla.com

## **Restaurante La Ereta**



Situated on La Ereta park, on the side on Mount Benacantil, by Santa Bárbara Castle. It enjoys wonderful views of the coastline, the Castle

and the city centre—in other words, set in the loveliest of surroundings. They specialise in very elaborate cuisine.

Photo: Alicante tourist board Address: Parque de la Ereta, Monte Benacantil Phone: +34 965 143 250 Internet: www.laereta.es Email: info@laereta.es

## **Bar Guillermo**



It is a traditional tapas bar located in the centre of Alicante. Very popular due to their homemade meals and their "montaditos," little

sandwiches with varied fillings.

Photo: Alicante tourist board Address: C/ Pintor Velázquez, 21 Phone: +34 965 200 184 Internet: www.barguillermo.es Email: labarradel@barguillermo.es

## El Portal Taberna & Wines



El Portal Taberna and Wines is a restaurant, a tapas and a cocktail bar. In an informal atmosphere, El Portal offers good tapas, a

creative cuisine and a wide selection of national and international wines.

Photo: Alicante tourist board Address: C/ Bilbao, 2 Phone: +34 965 143 269 Internet: www.elportaltabernawines.com Email: info@elportaltaberna.com

## **Restaurante El Monastrell**



This is the only restaurant in the city having one michelin star. María José San Román, the owner and chef of the restaurant, combines to

perfection innovation with a Mediterranean touch.

Photo: Alicante tourist board Address: Paseo Marítimo Av. Almirante Guillén Tato, 1 Phone: +34 965 200 363 Internet: www.monastrell.com Email: reservas@monastrell.com

# CAFES



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Would you like to take a rest after walking through the old town or shopping? In that case, the terraces alongside Explanada de España are the best choice. Here you'll find cafés and bars, which are open air and offer some of the best views in the city, namely of the harbour.

## Terraza Sotelo 10



Take your drink, coffee, beer, snacks, etc., in a different way, in a natural garden at Calvo Sotelo Square, a beautiful and comfortable place located

in the commercial center of the city of Alicante.

Photo: Alicante tourist board Address: Plaza Calvo Sotelo, 10 Phone: +34 657 177 465

## Imagina Té & Cakes



A world of creative pastry in the centre of Alicante.

Photo: Alicante tourist board Address: C/ Segura, 14 Phone: +34 965 211 063 Internet: www.imaginatealicante.es

## Soho Parc



Situated in an emblematic square with ancient trees called "Portal de Elche" close to the old town of Alicante. It is a place where you

can enjoy a relaxing coffee during the day or a great "Mojito" in the evening.

Photo: Alicante tourist board Address: Portal de Elche, Alicante Phone: +34 647 821 122 Internet: www.sohoalicante.com

# **Concerto Club Culture**



In the city centre, exclusive Lounge Bar (at night it offers music of the eighties' and nineties', and also some commercial house music).

Photo: Alicante tourist board Address: C/ Teniente Álvarez Soto, 6 Alicante Phone: +34 692 737 677 Internet: www.grupoconcerto.com

# Noray Café



Coffee bar to enjoy of a refreshing beverage in Alicante's Marina.

Photo: Alicante tourist board Address: Av. Conde de Vallellano s/n Phone: +34 664 660 624 Internet: www.norayalicante.com

# **5 HOT TIPS**



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# Santa Bárbara Castle



A visit to the Santa Bárbara Castle is highly recommended. Located atop Mount Benacantil, at a height of 166 metres, it is one of the largest

medieval fortresses in Spain, with unbeatable views over the Bay of Alicante and on clear days you can see all the way to Tabarca Island.

Such is its relevance that during the 20th century it was declared a Monument of Historic and Artistic Importance and a Site of Cultural Interest. Here we can also find one of the most characteristic images of the city, a rock formation resembling a man's profile on the south western slope, known as the Moor's Face, which is best viewed from Postiguet Beach. The Museum of the city in Santa Bárbara's Castle "MUSA", housed in the Castle itself, was included to its cultural offer and it explains in five theme rooms the history of the city of Alicante and their inhabitants.

To descend down from the Santa Bárbara Castle

take the route through Parque de La Ereta, along the mountainside. Its location and views transform it into a place of relaxation as well as a great meeting place. It also has a spectacular restaurant and, on the way down to the old town quarter, you can visit the picturesque, quintessentially Spanish Santa Cruz district. Another attractive option between the castle and the Santa Cruz district is walking along the remains of the walls that surrounded the Castle, which now end in the Santa Cruz district. Visitors can also access the castle via a lift built within the rockface opposite El Postiguet beach.

Photo: Alicante tourist board Address: Castillo de Santa Bárbara Opening hours: The castle is open 7 days a week Phone: +34 965 152 969

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#### Explanada de España



Visitors and locals alike can enjoy these areas at any time of the year, thanks to the pleasant climate. Throughout the year there are workshops,

entertainment, children's theatre, puppet shows, etc. predominantly aimed at children and families.

EXPLANADA DE ESPAÑA is one of the city's emblems. It runs parallel to one of the port wharfs and is lined on both sides with rows of palm trees. The floor is decorated with 6,600,000 tricolour marble tiles forming a design with a characteristic wave effect mosaic.

Other parks and gardens worth visiting are:

La Ereta park: located on the slopes of Mount Benacantil at the foot of the Santa Bárbara Castle, opposite El Postiguet beach. From here you can enjoy unbeatable views of the city and follow an interesting route from the summit down to the city's old quarter.

El Palmeral park: is one of the most spectacular parks in the city, formed by a wooded area containing palm trees, ponds, lakes and artificial streams. It contains sports facilities and a cross-country cycling track, as well as a pavilion where a regular programme of events is scheduled including activities, children's theatre, puppet shows, etc.,

Canalejas: It is one of the most traditional open spaces in Alicante. It has spectacular lush

vegetation including several hundred-year old rubber plants measuring 20 metres high.

Gabriel Miró Square: This square honours the Alicante writer of the same name. Just a few metres from the Explanada and the seafront promenade, it has a monument in the form of a fountain and centenary trees with luxuriant foliage, creating a relaxed, pleasant atmosphere.

Photo: Alicante tourist board

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#### Photo: Alicante tourist board

Address: Plaza de Santa María 3 Opening hours: Tuesday to Friday from 10 am to 8 pm, Sundays and Bank holidays from 10 am to 2 pm, Mondays closed Phone: +34 965 213 156 Internet: www.maca-alicante.es Email: maca@alicante-ayto.es

#### **Central Market**



This building contains some modernist features and was built between 1911 and 1912 under the management of Juan Vidal Ramos over Balmes

Square, over which there was still a part of the 18th century wall.

With its rectangular shape, the Market mimics the layout of a basilica, with a circular appendix on the South-west side covered by a semispherical dome called La Rotonda (the roundabout). The building is split into two floors, one of which is a semi-basement due to the irregular surrounding streets.

The front of the building was designed by Enrique Sánchez Sedeño and is presided by an impressive staircase surrounded by two emerging figures with decorative features.

On 25th May 1938, the Mercado Central was hit during the worst bombing suffered by the city of Alicante during the Spanish Civil War, which resulted in 300 civilian victims. The Italian air force was responsible for that tragedy.

All kinds of high-quality products can be bought at the Market, especially local fish and seafood, vegetables and fruit, as well as other typical local products. That is why the city's top restaurants source their food from the Mercado Central.

#### Did you know that ...?

The Mercado Central was the headquarters for Alicante's Fire Station for years.

Photo: Rafa Perez, Costa Blanca Tourist Board

Address: Alfonso X el Sabio, 10

Opening hours: From Monday to Saturday 7.30 am to 2.30pm

# ACCOMMODATIONS



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Alicante offers anything from 5-star hotels to pensions and guest houses, all to be decided depending on your budget and preferences. You will find accommodation in every category from cosy and exclusive guest houses, to very simply decorated pensions and youth hostels. You can find more information and contact details on www.alicanteturismo.com.

# Hotel Hospes Amérigo 5\*



The Hotel Hospes Amerigo is situated in the old Dominican monastery in the heart of historic Alicante. Considered to be the finest that can be

offered to the visitor. First-class food and service.

Photo: Alicante tourist board Address: Calle Rafael Altamira,7 Phone: +34 965 146 570 Internet: www.hospes.com/es/alicante-amerigo/ Email: amerigo@hospes.com

# Hotel Casa Alberola Alicante, Curio Collection by Hilton 4\*



Nestled in the heart of the city, our only-adults boutique hotel is surrounded by historical landmarks and mere steps from restaurants

and vibrant nightlife. Soak up the sun and Mediterranean breeze on your way to Postiguet Beach or visit Santa Barbara castle's breathtaking views of Alicante bay.

Photo: Hotel Casa Alberola Address: Canalejas,1 Phone: +34 965 270 910 Internet: www.casaalberolahotel.com Email: info@casaalberolahotel.com

## Hotel Serawa Alicante 4\*



The Hotel is situated in San Fernando Street, this Street combine the reality and the history of the modernist buildings of Alicante. The hotel is in a

very central location, being five minutes walking from the beach "El Postiguet" and the Harbour.

With a suggestive, fresh and inspiring design, Serawa has an ecological approach in harmony with their mediterranean and alicantinas roots. The complex design fuse light, silence and authenticity within a healthy environment.

Photo: HOTEL SERAWA ALICANTE Address: San Fernando,16 Phone: 0034 865 66 00 22 Internet: www.serawahotels.com/ Email: info@serawa.es

## Hotel Occidental Alicante 4\*



Right in the centre of Alicante, just a short distance from the restaurants, shops and the city's main tourist attractions, you will find

the Occidental Alicante<sup>\*\*\*\*</sup>. Thanks to its location close to the city's old quarter, the Santa Bárbara Castle and the Esplanade, a stay at this hotel is guaranteed comfort and urban relaxation.

Recently refurbished, the hotel has 80 rooms that are perfect for any type of trip. All the rooms offer a comfortable, modern option. It's the perfect space to relax during a business trip, for couples or for families.

Photo: hotel Occidental Alicante Address: Tomás López Torregrosa, 7-9 Phone: +34 965143659 Internet: www.barcelo.com/en-es/occidental-alicante/ Email: alicante@occidentalhotels.com

## Hotel Meliá Alicante 4\*



Hotel Meliá is located beween the sports Marina and El Postiguet beach.

Photo: Alicante tourist board Address: Plaza Puerta del Mar, 3 Phone: +34 965 205 000 Internet: www.melia.com Email: melia.alicante@melia.com

## Hotel Alicante Golf 4\*



Hotel Alicante Golf is located in Alicante's Playa de San Juan area, just 800 metres from the beach and opposite the 18th hole at "Alicante

Golf" Golf Club. Only 10 km from Alicante city centre.

Photo: Alicante tourist board Address: Avenida de las Naciones, s/n Phone: +34 965 235 000 Internet: www.hotelalicantegolf.com Email: reservas@hotelalicantegolf.com

# Hotel Eurostars Centrum Alicante 4\*



Located in the city and shopping centre.

Photo: Alicante tourist board Address: C/ Pintor Lorenzo Casanova, 33 Phone: +34 965 130 440 Internet: www.eurostarshotels.com/eurostars-centrum-alicante.html Email: info@eurostarshotels.com

## AC Hotel Alicante by Marriott 4\*



Located near the south exit of the city, going towards the EUIPO (European Union Intellectual Property Office) and the

Alicante-Elche International Airport.

Photo: Alicante tourist board Address: Avda. de Elche, 3 Phone: +34 965 120 178 Internet: www.ac-hotels.marriott.com/es Email: a calicante@ac-hotels.com

# Hotel Eurostars Lucentum 4\*



Located in one of the main avenues in the city and opposite the Central Market.

Photo: Alicante tourist board Address: Avda. Alfonso el Sabio, 11 Phone: +34 966 590 700 Internet: www.eurostarslucentum.com Email: info@eurostarslucentum.com

## Hotel Eurostars Mediterranea Plaza 4\*



This hotel is located in the Plaza del Ayuntamiento (Town Hall square), which is in the old town of Alicante, close to El Postiguet

beach.

Photo: Alicante tourist board Address: Plaza del Ayuntamiento, 6 Phone: +34 965 210 188 Internet: www.eurostarsmediterraneaplaza.com Email: reservas@eurostarsmediterraneaplaza.com

## Hotel Port Alicante-Playa de San Juan



Photo: Alicante tourist board

Phone: +34 965 156 185 Internet: www.porthotels.es Email: portalicante@porthotels.es

Address: Avda. Catalunya, 20

Located in the area of San Juan beach, about 800 metres from the seafront.

# Hotel NH Alicante 4\*



South access to the city of Alicante.

Photo: Alicante tourist board Address: C/ México,18 Phone: +34 965 108 140 Internet: www.nh-hotels.com Email: nhalicante@nh-hotels.com

# Spa Porta Maris & Suites del Mar by Meliá 4\*



Located between El Postiguet beach and the sports Marina.

Photo: Alicante tourist board Address: Plaza Puerta del Mar, 3 Phone: +34 965 147 021 +34 965 147 022 Internet: www.melia.com Email: reservas@hotelspaportamaris.com reservas@suitesdelmar.com

# Hotel Tryp Gran Sol 4\*



This emblematic hotel is located along the Rambla and overlooking the marina and seafront.

Photo: Alicante tourist board Address: Rambla Méndez Núñez, 3 Phone: +34 965 203 000 Internet: www.melia.com Email: tryp.gran.sol@melia.com

#### Hotel Albahia 3\*



Hotel Albahia is a pleasant mid-class hotel located three kilometres from Alicante's Golf Club. The hotel offers taxis for its guests who want to go

into the centre, one kilometre away.

Photo: Alicante tourist board Address: C/ Sol Naciente, 6 Phone: +34 965 155 979 Internet: www.albahia.com Email: hotelalbahia@albahia.com

## Hotel Boutique Alicante-Palacete Siglo XVII 4\*



Recently opened, this small and charming hotel is located next to the San Nicolás Cathedral.

Photo: Alicante tourist board Address: C/ Miguel Soler, 22 Phone: +34 965 799 366/647 550 068 Internet: www.hotelboutiquealicante.com Email: reservas@hotelboutiquealicante.com

## Hotel Almirante 3\*



Located in San Juan Beach.

Photo: Alicante tourist board Address: Avda. de Niza, 38 Phone: +34 965 650 112 Internet: www.hotelalmirante.com Email: info@hotelalmirante.com

## Hotel Campanile 3\*



Close to the Railway and Bus Stations.

Photo: Alicante tourist board Address: Avda. de Elche, 21 Phone: +34 965 110 282 Internet: www.campanile-alicante.es/es Email: alicante@campanile.com

# Hotel Castilla Alicante 3\*



Located in San Juan Beach.

Photo: Alicante tourist board Address: Avda. Países Escandinavos, 7 Phone: +34 965 162 033 Internet: www.alicantehotelcastilla.com Email: reservas@hcastilla.com

## Hotel Daniya Alicante 3\*



Located in Vistahermosa area, in the North access to the city.

Photo: Alicante tourist board Address: Avda. Denia, 133 Phone: +34 965 150 309 Internet: www.daniyaalicante.es Email: reservas@alicante.daniyahotels.com

## Hotel B&B Alicante 3\*



Next to the EUIPO (European Union Intellectual Property Office) main building and between the airport and the city centre.

Photo: Alicante tourist board Address: Avda. de Elche, 112 Phone: +34 966 011 000 Internet: www.hotel-bb.es/es/hotels/alicante Email: hotel.alicante@hotelbb.com

## Hotel Gravina 5 3\*



Close to the city centre and El Postiguet beach.

Photo: Alicante tourist board Address: C/ Gravina,5 Phone: +34 965 147 317 Internet: www.hotelgravinacinco.es Email: info@hotelgravinacinco.es

# Explanada Hotel 3\*



Located in Alicante city centre.

## Hotel Maya Alicante 3\*



Close to the Postiguet Beach.

Photo: Alicante tourist board Address: C/ Canónigo M. Penalva,2 Phone: +34 965 261 211 Internet: www.hotelalicantemaya.com Email: maya@hotelalicantemaya.com

# La City Hotel 3\*



Next to the RENFE Railway Station.

Photo: Alicante tourist board Address: Av. de Salamanca, 16 Phone: +34 965 131 973 Internet: www.lacityhotel.com Email: reservas@lacityhotel.com

## Hotel Leuka 3\*



Photo: Alicante tourist board Address: C/ Segura, 23 Phone: +34 965 202 744 Internet: www.hotelleuka.com Email: info@hotelleuka.com

Close to Luceros Square.

Photo: Alicante tourist board Address: C/ San Fernando, 18 Phone: +34 965 204 694 Internet: www.explanadahotel.com Email: clientes@explanadahotel.com

# Hotel Boutique Calas de Alicante 3\*



Located in Cabo de las Huertas Coves.

Photo: Alicante tourist board Address: Avda. Costa Blanca, 22 Phone: +34 965 152 700 Internet: www.hotelcalasdealicante.com Email: reservas@hotelcalasdealicante.com

## Hotel Tryp Ciudad de Alicante 3\*



Close to the Town Hall and El Postiguet beach.

Photo: Alicante tourist board Address: C/ Gravina, 9 Phone: +34 965 210 700 Internet: www.melia.com Email: tryp.alicante@melia.com

## Hotel La City- Mercado 3\*



This new hotel is located in the city centre just a short walk from Mercado Central. It has 30 fully equipped rooms with all necessary services.

Photo: Alicante tourist board Address: Avenida Alfonso X el Sabio, 26 Phone: +34 965 980 153 Internet: www.lacityhotelmercado.com Email: reservas@lacityhotelmercado.com

## Hotel Les Monges Palace 2\*



The rooms of the family-owned Les Monges Hotel are fascinating. Woven tapestries hang on the walls and every room has its own style. One

room has a jacuzzi while others have simpler bathrooms, and a few of the rooms only have a toilet. They are simple, but exquisitely decorated.

Photo: Alicante tourist board Address: Calle San Agustín, 4 Phone: +34 965 215 046 Internet: www.lesmonges.es Email: info@lesmonges.es

## Hotel Cervantes 2\*



Located in the city centre.

Photo: Alicante tourist board Address: C/ Médico Pascual Pérez, 19 Phone: +34 965 209 822 Internet: www.hotelcervantesalicante.com Email: info@hotelcervantesalicante.com

## Hotel El Álamo 2\*



Located in the city centre.

Photo: Alicante tourist board Address: C/ San Fernando, 56 Phone: +34 965 218 355 Internet: www.hotelalamoalicante.com Email: info@hotelalamoalicante.com

# Hotel Goya de Alicante 2\*



Located in the city

centre.

Photo: Alicante tourist board Address: C/ Maestro Bretón, 19 Phone: +34 965 141 659 Internet: www.hotelgoyadealicante.es Email: reservas@hotelgoyadealicante.es

## Hotel Ibis Alicante Aguamarga 1\*



Next to the EUIPO (European Union Intellectual Property Office) main building.

Photo: Alicante tourist board Address: Avda. de Elche 114 Phone: +34 965 108 040 Internet: www.ibis.com Email: h3200@accor.com

# Hotel Marítimo 1\*



Photo: Alicante tourist board

Address: C/ Valdés, 13

Phone: +34 965 143 722 Internet: www.hmaritimo.com

Email: hotelmaritimo@hmaritimo.com

Located in the city centre.

# Hotel Rialto 1\*



Located in the city centre.

Photo: Alicante tourist board Address: C/ Castaños, 30 Phone: +34 965 206 433 Internet: www.hotelrialtoalicante.com Email: rialto@hotelesrc.com

## Hotel San Remo 1\*



Located in the city centre.

Photo: Alicante tourist board Address: C/ Navas, 30 Phone: +34 965 209 500 Internet: www.hotelsanremo.net Email: info@hotelsanremo.net

## El Palmeral de Madaria Apartments



Block of tourist apartments located in the north access to the city.

Photo: Alicante tourist board Address: C/ de la Encina, 15 Phone: +34 649 021 484 Internet: www.elpalmeraldemadaria.es Email: info@elpalmeraldemadaria.es

## **Alicante Hills**



apartments located in the south access to the city, next to the EUIPO ( European Union Intellectual Property

Block of tourist

Office).

Photo: Alicante tourist board Address: Glorieta Reino Unido, 6 Phone: +34 965 113 245 Internet: www.alicantehills.com Email: info@alicantehills.com

# **El Plantío Golf Resort**



Block of tourist apartments located in the south access next to the Alicante-Elche International Airport.

Photo: Alicante tourist board Address: antigua Carretera Alicante-Elche, km 3 Phone: +34 965 115 049 Internet: www.elplantio.com Email: reservas@elplantiogolfresort.es

# **Apartamentos Quintana**



Apartments located in the city centre of Alicante, close to the Central Market.

Photo: Apartamentos Quintana Address: Calle Poeta Quintana, 44 03004 Alicante Phone: +34 673 654 181 Internet: www.theluckyflats.com Email: info\_alc@theluckyflats.com

# Apartamentos Tito San Nicolás



Design apartments in the Old Town of Alicante in a restored building with all the comforts and equipment.

Photo: Apartamentos Tito San Nicolás Address: Calle San Nicolás, 10 03002 Alicante Phone: +34 965 158 584 +34 615 261 447 Internet: https://apartamentostito.es Email: reservas@apartamentostito.es

## **BN Suites**



With a privileged location, you can enjoy the city, the shops, restaurants and Postiguet beach without having to take the car.

Photo: BN Suites Address: Calle San José, 2 03002 Alicante Phone: +34 669 707 067 Internet: www.bnsuites.com Email: bnsuites.sl@gmail.com

## S30-Reina Victoria



S30 Reina Victoria in Alicante offers suites with jacuzzi and all types of hotel facilities but moreover, it provides you with the freedom and

intimacy of a private apartment.

Photo: S30-Reina Victoria Address: Calle San Vicente 30, 03004 Alicante Phone: +34 966 365 074 +34 637 271 970 Internet: www.reinavictoriaalicante.com Email: reservas@reinavictoriaalicante.com

# Apartamentos Boutique Villavieja



Holiday apartments where you can enjoy the essence of the Mediterranean. Located in the old town.

Photo: Apartamentos Boutique Villavieja Address: Calle Villavieja, 15 Phone: +34 629 683 430 Internet: www.boutiquevillavieja.com Email: reservas@boutiquevillavieja.com

## **Tandem Apartments**



Tandem Portal de Elche offers apartments in the very heart of Alicante, representing the perfect starting point for exploring this city that is

simply oozing with charm

Photo: Tandem Apartments Address: Plaza Portal de Elche, 5 Phone: +34 965 210 188 Internet: www.tandemapartments.com/ Email: https://www.tandemapartments.com/en/contact.html

# **BARS & NIGHTLIFE**



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The nightlife is best and most abundant in the part of Alicante known as "el Barrio," located around the Cathedral and the Rambla de Méndez Núñez. All sorts of pubs, terraces and nightclubs are to be found here. Fashionable clubs with imported DJ's are located next door to bars for customers with different ages and music preferences. Night owls will have few problems to decide where to go as there is a variety of music bars open all night.

La marcha alicantina, as Alicante's nightlife is known, has become one of the city's main attractions in itself, as well as being a major contributor to the local economy.

There are more bars on the Muelle de Levante wharf next to the marina and also an area in Playa San Juan known as the Golf Course.

# Mauro & Sensai- Barra Copity



Copity is the pub in Mauro & Sensai restaurant. They offer a wide range of premium drinks, together with the best service in great

surroundings.

Photo: Alicante tourist board Address: Av. Historiador Vicente Ramos Phone: +34 965 164 560 Internet: www.maurosensai.com Email: info@maurosensai.com

# Santa Bárbara



This pub is located in a going out area of Alicante. Classy and fun...

Photo: Alicante tourist board Address: C / Médico Pascual Pérez, 4 Phone: +34 637 962 562 Internet: www.facebook.com/SantaBarbaraAlicante

## Carabassa



The place to be. 13 years of experience dedicated to serve the best drinks and for people to enjoy themselves.

Photo: Alicante tourist board Address: Plaza San Cristóbal Phone: +34 698 594 864 Internet: www.facebook.com/PubCarabassaAlicante

## **Teatre Club Day and Night**



This pub offers good drinks and great surroundings any time of the day and night.

Photo: Alicante tourist board Address: C/ Tomás López Torregrosa, 4 Phone: +34 661 060 681 Internet: www.teatrealicante.com

# **Club Concerto**



Exclusive pub. Concerto is a particularly pleasant place offering a high quality atmosphere.

Photo: Alicante tourist board Address: C/ San Fernando, 37 Phone: +34 692 737 677 Internet: www.facebook.com/clubconcerto

## **Confetti Pop Club**



Pub with over 18 years of experience and has always adapted to changing times. It is best known for its great atmosphere and good

music.

Photo: Alicante tourist board Address: C/ Médico Pascual Pérez, 8 Phone: +34 647 860 656 Internet: www.confetticlassics.es

### Ten 10



Enjoyable during the evenings and later at night.

Photo: Alicante tourist board Address: C/ Castaños,30 Phone: +34 691 484 522 Internet: www.ten10alicante.com

#### La Historia



A good place to spend a Saturday afternoon or night in Castaños Street, in the centre of Alicante. All adorned with mojitos and beautiful people.

Come to find it out! Open 365 days a year from 10AM till past midnight, license until 4am.

Photo: Alicante tourist board Address: C/Castaños, 26 Phone: +34 629 099 586 Internet: www.facebook.com/lahistoria.alicante/

## **Clan Cabaret**



concerts.

Photo: Alicante tourist board Address: C/ Capitán Segarra, 16 Internet: www.clancabaret.com Email: clancabaret@clancabaret.com

# Soho Mar



During the day you can enjoy a nice coffee, feeling the breeze of the Mediterranean sea and relaxing with the excellents views of the

This bar is a classic in the Alicantinian night and has

performances, painting or comic exhibitions and

become a cultural reference point with

Santa Bárbara Castle and the seafront of the city. Located in the Marina of Alicante, a beautiful place to also enjoy at night.

Photo: Alicante tourist board Address: Plaza de puerto, Puerto de Alicante Phone: +34 965 204 411 Internet: www.sohoalicante.com

# O'Hara Irish Pub



Open all day—from the morning to late at night—this pub serves breakfast, coffees, hot drinks and alcoholic drinks. It also has a

terrace on the Explanada de España.

Photo: Alicante tourist board Address: Explanada de España, 4

# **EVENTS**



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The yearly calendar is marked by numerous festivals. The joy of the city and its people is represented by the great variety of fiestas that leave the visitor with such a lasting impression. The chances are that one of Alicante's many festivals will coincide with your stay.

The Cigarreras cultural centre and the ADDA Auditorium are new additions to the city and are first class cultural venues, with multifunctional rooms to welcome different acts each month to satisfy the demands and tastes of a modern and dynamic city.

# **HOGUERAS DE SAN JUAN**



From 20th to 24th June This is the city's most important celebration, beginning on the 20th June and lasting until the 29th. It is a festival

dedicated to fire.

Officially declared to be of International Tourist Interest, the Hogueras de San Juan include one of the most important bullfighting events in Spain. Once the main celebrations are over, there is a fireworks competition on Cocó beach at the far end of Postiguet beach, every night until the feast day of Saint Peter on 29th June. Photo: Alicante tourist board

## MOORS AND CHRISTIANS



These fiestas are celebrated in different neighbourhoods of the city throughout the year. They commemorate, in a festive style, the battles

fought between Christians and Muslims back in the 13th century to reconquer the lands of the province. Some of the city's neighbourhoods dedicate a few days to this festival.

SAN BLAS DISTRICT - JULY ALTOZANO DISTRICT - AUGUST -12•13•14•15•16. SAN NICOLÁS -DECEMBER - 6.

Photo: Alicante tourist board

# **TOURIST INFORMATION**



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## **Airport Transfers**



The best way to get to and from Alicante Airport is with hoppa. They provide a range of vehicles and are pre-bookable so you don't need to worry about currency exchange, being over-charged or space for your luggage. Prices start from just £12.99.

Photo: Alicante tourist board Internet: www.hoppa.com/en/airport-transfers/spain/costa-bl anca/alicante-el-altet-airport

## Alicante-Elche International Airport



Alicante's international airport is situated 11 kilometres south of the city and is called "Alicante-Elche". It is one of the most important

airports in the country, with direct flights to 11 destinations in Spain, around 124 airports in Europe and the north of Africa, flying to a total of more than 20 different countries.

The cheapest way to get into the centre is by urban bus C-6. A single ticket costs €3,85. The bus departs every 20 minutes and it takes around 30 minutes depending on the traffic. A taxi costs around €18 with a journey time around 10 to 15 minutes.

#### Photo: Alicante tourist board

Public Transport: http://aerobusalicante.es Phone: (+34) 902 404 704 - (+34) 913 211 000 Internet: www.aena.es/es/aeropuerto-alicante/index.html Email: alcinfo@aena.es

#### Passport / Visa



Spain can be visited visa-free for up to 90 days by citizens of Australia, New Zealand, Japan, South Korea, Taiwan, Malaysia, Israel, UAE and

most countries in America. If you are unsure whether or not you need to apply for a visa, we recommend contacting the embassy or consulate in your country. International (non-Schengen) travelers need a passport that is valid for at least 3 months after the end of their intended trip in order to enter the Schengen zone. Citizens of Schengen countries can travel without a passport, but must have a valid ID with them during their stay.

Photo: TukTuk Design

## **Public Transport**



HOW TO GET TO ALICANTE The city of Alicante can be accessed by land, sea and air. Motorways, dual carriageways and roads

connect it to the main cities of Spain and Europe. The city has a new bus terminal located beside the marina.

The International Airport of Alicante-Elche, situated 10 minutes from the city centre, is one of the main means of accessing the city for visitors arriving into Alicante, from both Spain and abroad.

The train is another comfortable form of travelling to the capital of the Costa Blanca. The station is situated in the very heart of the city. There is also a high-speed connection (AVE), linking Madrid and Alicante in 2 hours.

## PUBLIC TRANSPORT IN AND FROM ALICANTE

Visiting the city on foot is comfortable and practical, since the distances are short and it is easy to walk from one end of the city to the other.

Nevertheless, Alicante has a public transport network connecting the most important points in the city and the province by bus. As well as within the city, you can also use the tram to get to the city's metropolitan area and the main towns of interest along the north coast of the Costa Blanca: Campello, Benidorm, Altea and Denia amongst others.

The city also has a tourist bus service (TURIBUS) that follows a route with stops at the places of interest. Passengers can get on and off the bus as many times as they wish over the course of a day. There is a multilingual audio system equipped with digital sound in 6 languages and it also has an access platform for people with reduced mobility.

Coach Station: +34 965 130 700 / www.estacionalicante.es Railway Station: +34 912 320 320 / www.renfe.es Tram: +34 900 720 472 / www.fgv.es

Photo: Alicante tourist board

#### Taxi



Easy to get hold of if you want to stop one on the street. Fare meters are used. In order to book a taxi, including taxis adapted for the

handicapped, there are several local companies:

Radio Tele Taxi +34 965 101 611 Área Taxi +34 965 910 591 Euro Taxi +34 965 240 707

Photo: Alicante tourist board

#### **Postal Services**



Sunday.

Photo: Alicante tourist board Address: Plaza Gabriel Miró, 7 Phone: +34 965 131 887 Internet: www.correos.es

Pharmacy



All pharmacies have a list of daily duty chemists. This information is also published in all daily papers in the region.

The central post office is open all day Monday to Friday from 08.30 am to

Saturday from 09.30 am

08.30 pm, and on

to 1 pm. Closed on

Photo: Alicante tourist board

# Telephone



Country code + 34 Area code: 965/966 You have to dial the area code even when you are in Alicante.

Photo: Alicante tourist board

Electricity



Photo: Alicante tourist board

220-240 volts





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By day, the city's shops and shopping centres offer a huge selection of goods, and many businesses specialise in different manufactured and handmade products to satisfy everyone's needs.

The main shopping streets can be found in the city centre, in particular Avenida Maisonnave, Avenida Alfonso X el Sabio and their surrounding streets. There are also several shopping centres, with a great selection of shops, spread out over the rest of the city (Puerta de Alicante, Gran Vía, Parque Vistahermosa, Plaza Mar 2 and Torre Golf).

There is an even wider choice of goods on offer if we include the fresh produce sold at the Mercado Central, as well as the different local markets which are held on Thursdays and Saturdays in different parts of the city (Benalúa, Babel, Carolinas and Calle Teulada). The handicraft stalls on the famous Explanada promenade can also be added to this list as well as the popular antiques market held on Sundays in front of the Town Hall and which specialises in antiques and philately.

In addition to the wide choice of shops, Alicante has plenty of cultural offerings too, ranging from a good choice of traditional cinemas (such as the Navas cinemas) to the larger multiplex cinemas in the shopping centres, as well as various exhibition centres and rooms with an extensive offer for visitors to enjoy.

# El Corte Inglés



Spain's largest chain of department stores is to be found in 53 Avenida Maisonnave and 1-3 Avda. Federico Soto. Sooner or later, everyone

comes here. Take the opportunity to buy "turrones," nougat with nuts. You can also find Fondillon, a wine unique to the Alicante region.

#### Photo: Alicante tourist board

Address: Avenida Maisonnave,53 and Avenida Federico Soto, 1-3 Phone: +34 965 925 001

Internet: www.elcorteingles.es

#### El Barrio



Small shops selling all types of presents, souvenirs, clothes and typical foods can be found in the narrow streets of the old town.

Photo: Alicante tourist board

## Explanada de España



Walking along the Explanada you will find a versatile craftwork market with a high number of stands offering clothes, leather goods

and decorative items, perfect souvenirs of your visit to Alicante. You can now head on to Plaza Gabriel Miró. In this romantic corner of the city centre you will find bars and restaurants where you can stop, or continue until you reach Calle San Francisco, a decorated street full of shops you'll love.

Photo: Alicante tourist board Address: Explanada de España, Alicante

## Area Avenida Maisonnave



From the Explanada, we can walk towards the Rambla. If we reach the end of Gerona Street, we will find the heart of the city: Maisonnave. It

homes the big department stores, brand name shops and international franchises.

Photo: Alicante tourist board Address: Avenida Maisonnave

#### Area Mercado Central



Walking along the Rambla, we discover at the end of this avenue, the Mercado Central (Central Market) of Alicante. This is an

emblematic building of the city, you will find here all the charm of a traditional market together with the usual high quality of our products. There is another shopping area close to this market, the avenue Alfonso el Sabio, and further away, San Vicente street. In both streets you will find a wide range of shops and, you will discover, at the end of Alfonso el Sabio, a peculiar square full of charm: Plaza de los Luceros.

Photo: Alicante tourist board Address: Avenida Alfonso X el Sabio

## **Area Teatro Principal**



From the Plaza Puerta del Mar, having a walk along la Explanada de España, we walk towards the Rambla, one of the main streets of the city. Around

this area you will find fashion, footwear, accessories, decoration and delicatessen shops, in streets such as Gerona, Castaños, San Francisco and Teatro. In the latter, you can visit the Teatro Principal (Main Theatre).

Photo: Alicante tourist board Address: Area Teatro Principal

Population 335,459

**Currency** Euro, €1 = 100 cents

#### **Opening hours**

Smaller, privately-owned shops are mainly open from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. and 5 p.m. to 8.30 p.m. Big department stores, larger chains and shopping centres are open from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m., Mondays to Saturdays. Shops may be closed on Sundays. Most banks are open from Monday to Friday from 8.30 a.m. to 2-2.30 p.m. Only some branches open on Saturday mornings.

#### Internet

www.alicanteturismo.com www.costablanca.org www.comunidadvalenciana.com www.spain.info

Facebook: Alicante City Twitter: @Alicante\_City Youtube: AlicanteCityExp Instagram: alicante\_city

**Newspapers** Información Costa Blanca News

#### **Emergency numbers**

112 Emergencies091 Police062 Guardia Civil

#### **Tourist information**

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- 1) Ayuntamiento / Town Hall
- 2 Concatedral de S. Nicolás / Cathedral of St. Nicolas
- 3 Basílica Sta. María / Church of Sta. Maria
- 4 Ermita de Santa Cruz / Santa Cruz Hermitage
- 5 Castillo de Santa Bárbara / Castle of Santa Barbara
- 6 Ermita de San Roque / San Roque Hermitage
- **7** Monasterio de Santa Faz / Santa Faz Monastery
- 8 Diputación Provincial / County Council Building
- 9 Mercado Central / Central Market
- 10 Teatro Principal / Principal Theatre
- 11 ADDA Auditorio Diputación Provincial / ADDA County Council Hall
- 12 MACA, Museo de Arte Contemporáneo / MACA, Contemporary Art Museum
- 13 Museo Arqueológico Provincial MARQ / Archaeological Museum MARQ

- 14 Las Cigarreras Cultura Contemporánea /
  - Las Cigarreras Contemporary Culture
- 15 Museo de Bellas Artes Gravina / Gravina Fine Arts Museum
- 16 Museo del Agua / Alicante Water Museum
- 17 Museo de Hogueras / "Hogueras" Museum
- 18 Museo de Belenes / Nativity Museum
- 19 Museo Taurino / Bullfighting Museum
- 20 Correos / Post Office
- 21) Estación de Autobuses / Bus Station
- 22 Estación RENFE / RENFE Train Station
- 23 Oficinas FGV. TRAM / FGV Office. Tram
- 24 Universidad de Alicante / University of Alicante
- 25 Museo Volvo Ocean Race / Volvo Ocean Race Museum
- 26 Yacimiento Arqueológico Lucentum / Lucentum Archaeological Site
- 27 Centro de Interpretación de Refugios Antiaéreos / Anti-aircraft Shelters Interpretation Centre