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Ringed by mountains and crowned by a spectacular fortress, Spain's sunniest city mixes shopping centres and tapas bars with a medieval old town of narrow streets and tranquil squares. Along the coast you can find fishing villages, popular resorts and the secluded beaches and wild landscape of the Cabo de Gata-Nijar Natural Park.

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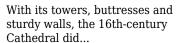
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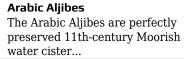


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THE CITY



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The Arabs named Almería Al-Mariyya, which means 'mirror of the sea'. There is an Eastern feel to this sun-bleached city with its Moorish-style houses and signature Alcazaba fortress. The links to the North of Africa remain strong with frequent ferries going to Morocco and Algeria. In the Plaza Vieja, the Ayuntamiento (Town Hall) preserves the banner presented by the Catholic Monarchs when they banished the Moors in 1489.

DO & SEE



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A stroll from the traditional heart of the city is rewarding. Try walking from Puerta de Purchena through the labyrinthine streets of the historic quarter to the busy port via colonnaded squares and the fortified Cathedral. Make sure you take time for a coffee or copa (glass of wine) along the way, and do not miss the lively Mercado (food market) just off the Rambla.

La Alcazaba Monument



The Alcazaba Monument is a 10th-century fortress with three huge enclosures, gardens, and the Walls of Hayrán marching down the valley

to the San Cristobál hill opposite. Warrens of cave houses are cut into the rock below. From here you will have great views of the city and port, and the most legendary sunsets.

Photo: Julymi/Shutterstock.com Address: Calle Almanzor, Almería Opening hours: Opening hours vary depending on the season. Closed on Mondays Phone: +34 950 271 161 Internet: www.museosdeandalucia.es

Cathedral of Almeria



With its towers, buttresses and sturdy walls, the 16th-century Cathedral did duty as a fortress against pirate raids from North Africa.

The cathedral's spacious interior soars gracefully.

Photo: Inu/Shutterstock.com Address: Plaza de la Catedral, Almería Phone: +34 605 39 64 83

Arabic Aljibes



The Arabic Aljibes are perfectly preserved 11th-century Moorish water cisterns. These wells used to part of the water network that

supplied both the inhabitants of Almería and the troops.

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Mini Hollywood



From "Lawrence of Arabia" to "A Fistful of Dollars" and David Beckham's Pepsi ad, countless films have been shot in the desert

hinterland outside Almería. The old movie lots are nowadays theme parks.

Mini Hollywood/Oasys is the best known:

Photo: Alex Tihonovs/Shutterstock.com Address: Carretera nacional 340 a Tabernas, Almería Phone: +34 950 365 236 Internet: www.oasysparquetematico.com

Cabo de Gata-Nijar Natural Park



The 34,000-hectare Cabo de Gata-Nijar Natural Park has beautiful unspoiled beaches, bird-filled lagoons and mountains plunging to

the sea. Buses run to villages and the lively Mojácar. You can also rent a cycle or car to explore the area.

Photo: Fesus Robert/Shutterstock.com Address: Cabo de Gata, Nijar, Almería Phone: +34 689 167 816 Internet: www.degata.com

Mojacar Marina Golf



If you want to play a game of golf, go up north to the Marina Golf in Mojacar. At the golf club you will have everything you need to play, whether

you are a beginner or pro. Amenities on site include a restaurant, shop and much more.

Photo: Fotomicar/Shutterstock.com Address: Marina de la Torre, Mojácar, Almería Opening hours: Every day 8am - 8pm Phone: +34 950 133 235 Internet: www.marinagolf.com

Museo Refugio De La Guerra Civil



The Spanish Civil War affected the population tremendously. Because of the bombings, the citizens of Almería decided to undertake a

construction of underground bunkers, shelters. Today you can visit these bunkers and go all the way back to the Civil War.

Photo: di_ryan/Shutterstock.com Address: Plaza Manuel Perez Garcia, Almería Opening hours: Tue - Sun 10.30am - 1.30pm, 5pm - 8pm Phone: +34 950 26 86 96 Email: refugios@aytoalmeria.es More Info: You have to book a visit in advance at the ticket office or by telephone. Groups can book by email: refugios@aytoalmeria.es

Casa del Cine



Casa del Cine is located in a house in the outskirts of town. It is well worth a visit if you like film. John Lennon has stayed here for a few months.

Booking your visit in advance is advisable.

Photo: Noel Powell/Shutterstock.com Address: Calle Camino Romero, 2, Almería Opening hours: Tue - Sun 11.30am - 1.30pm, Fri & Sat 5pm -8pm Phone: +34 950 210 030

Constitution Square



The unique Constitution Square is one of the oldest squares in the city. In the Moorish times this was the main market place. Activities such as

bullfights and 'fiestas' have been held here.

Photo: Elisa Locci/Shutterstock.com Address: Plaza de la Constitución, Almería

Cable Inglés



Cable Inglés, also called 'Ore Dock', is an iron architecture masterpiece. It is located next to the Levante dock on Almadrabillas beach. If

you enjoy architecture this is a must see.

Photo: Jose Angel Astor Rocha/Shutterstock.com Address: Playa de las Almadrabillas, Almería

The Island Diver



Exploring the seaside of Almería on a yacht is a well appreciated tour with this sailing and diving club. Go with 'The island Diver' to the

Natural Park of Cabo de Gata and let the crew consisting of sailor, biologists and divers tell you all its secrets.

Photo: Frank Fischbach/Shutterstock.com Address: Juan Sebastian Elcano, 76, Almería Opening hours: Customer service is open 9am-9pm Phone: +34 628 142 704 / +34 626 521 175 Internet: www.theislanddiver.com

Beaches



Located on the Mediterranean sea, Almeira is the perfect place to take in some sun. For a beach day, head to pebble-lined Playa del

Zapillo or Costa Cabana, both within walking distance of the city centre.

Photo: WallpaperFlare

Kayaking Cabo de Gata



Experience the cliffs, caves and coastal villages of the spectacular Cabo de Gata - Níjar Natural Park. Kayak rentals and guided tours of the three

most scenic spots start at the beach. There is also an opportunity to try snorkelling at the end of the tour.

Photo: Noelia Campillo Address: La Fabriquilla, Cabo de Gata, Almeira Internet: www.airbnb.ie/experiences/604748

DINING



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Fish, fried, grilled and casseroled, grilled meats and spicy Arab-influenced dishes feature the menus in Almería. Try 'sopa de Almería' (shellfish soup), embutidos (cured meats), gachas (spicy clam stew) and patatas a lo pobre (sautéed potatoes with green peppers).

At night, head for the Puerta de Purchena, where everyone seems to be. The surrounding narrow streets are packed with popular restaurants and busy bars.

Casa Sevilla



This restaurant is a feast of the Andalusian cuisine featuring beautiful seafood dishes and Argentinian beef. The Vinoteca next door offers

a vast wine list where you have a range of bottles to choose from.

Photo: Mauricio Avramow/Shutterstock.com Address: Calle Rueda López Galerías Almericentro, Almería Phone: +34 950 27 29 12 Internet: www.casa-sevilla.com

Restaurante Valentin



Restaurante Valentin has an intimate setting and classy food. Mediterranean seafood is this restaurant's specialty. The restaurant

opened its doors to the public in 1987 and has since gone through several exciting improvements.

Photo: SosnaRadosna/Shutterstock.com Address: Calle Tenor Iribarne 7, Almería Opening hours: Tue - Sun 1pm - 4.30pm, 8pm - 12am Phone: +34 950 264 475 Internet: www.restaurantevalentin.es Email: restaurante@restaurantevalentin.es

La Encina



La Encina is a lovely restaurant with imaginative Mediterranean and Spanish food located near the Alcazaba in a house

built 1860. For an informal dinner you can visit the tavern that serves tapas.

Photo: Holbox/Shutterstock.com Address: Calle Marín 16, Almería Opening hours: Tue - Sun 12pm - 4.30pm, 8pm - 12am Phone: +34 950 27 34 29 Internet: www.restaurantelaencina.es

Salmantice



Salmantice is a charming restaurant located in the new district in Almería. The interior is minimalist and the food traditional, with a touch of

modernism. Choose between dishes like grilled octopus and roasted lamb.

Photo: gorillaimages/Shutterstock.com Address: Calle de la Costa Balear 16, Almería Opening hours: Tue - Sat 1.30pm - 4pm, 8.30pm - 11pm, Mon 1.30pm - 4pm Phone: +34 950 625 500 Internet: www.rtesalmantice.wordpress.com

Urban Diner



Urban Diner is a true American Diner in Almería. Coming inside the restaurant you will find yourself in a plenitude of America in

the 1950's. Enjoy freshly made hamburgers, sandwiches or milkshakes, all of it right next to the beach.

Photo: Eric Francis/Shutterstock.com Address: Avenida Cabo de Gata 219, Almería Phone: +34 950 187 009

La Gruta



Located only four kilometres from Almería, La Gruta is carved into the cliffs between Almería and Rocquetos. From the restaurant you will see

the Mediterranean while enjoying a great meal in a magical atmosphere.

Photo: Kzenon/Shutterstock.com Address: Carretera Nacional 340, Almería Opening hours: Tue - Sun 1pm - 4.30pm, Tue - Sat 8pm -11.30pm, Phone: +34 950 239 335 Internet: www.asadorlagruta.com

CAFES



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The city is famous for its excellent tapas bars, serving an array of imaginative and tasty snacks. Look for lunch in the old town and around the cathedral, or join market shoppers at eateries around the Mercado.

La Dulce Alianza



The luscious pastries and smart chocolates are a feast for the eyes. Have a cup of tea in style in this historic pastelería with terrace tables outside for

people-watching on the paseo, and a cool interior café at the back.

Photo: Brenda Carson/Shutterstock.com Address: Paseo de Almería 8, Almería Opening hours: Every day 9am - 9pm Phone: +34 950 237 379 Internet: www.ladulcealianza.com

Confitería Capri



Delicious pastries, coffee, icy granitas, and many more treats are served at this café. You can find the Confitería Capri on two addresses in the city.

Photo: Yulia Grigoryeva/Shutterstock.com

Address: Calle Navarro Rodrigo, 21, Almería Opening hours: Mon-Fri 8:30am-8pm, Sat 9am-8pm, Sun 10am-8pm Phone: +34 950 23 7685 Internet: www.confiteriacapri.es More Info: 2nd address: Calle Méndez Núñez 14, Almería

Tetería Almedina



Tetería Almedina offers everything from mint tea and pastries to a good, filling tajine. The menu holds classic North African fare and the

café/restaurant is located in the Moorish medina district.

Photo: Wiro.Klyngz/Shutterstock.com Address: Calle Paz, 2, Almería Opening hours: Tue-Sun 1-11:30pm Phone: +34 697 93 29 11 Internet: www.teteriaalmedina.com

Q Cafe



Q Cafe's terrace is the perfect spot to soak up some sun while you enjoy the perfect coffee or a delicious smoothie. Q Cafe is known for their

fast and attentive service and large selection of coffees, milkshakes and drinks.

Photo: Pexels/pixabay.com Address: 7, Calle Adolfo Marsillach, Almería Opening hours: Every day 7am - 10pm Phone: +34 950 15 27 12

La Parada



La Parada is a coffee pub, which means you get the chill vibes of hanging out over a good conversation and a nice cup of coffee, mixed with good music

and glasses of vino.

Photo: Brent Hofacker/Shutterstock.com Address: Calle Eduardo Pérez, 5, Almería Opening hours: Daily 3pm-3am Phone: +34 950 26 8608

Elena's Cafe



Apart from an excellent breakfast, Elena's Cafe serves authentic Spanish tapas and a hand-picked selection of traditional dishes throughout the

day. Spend some time relaxing in the sun while you sip on a coffee with your breakfast or try one of Elena's tasty house wines with your selection of tapas.

Photo: Chris Ralston/unsplash.cpm

Address: Avenida Nuestra Senora de Montserrat 5, Almería Opening hours: Mon - Fri 7am - 11.30pm, Sat 8am - 1.30pm Phone: +34 950 27 44 53

BARS & NIGHTLIFE



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Almería teems with lively, friendly tapas bars where tasty treats are served up with your drinks. Bar-hopping here guarantees a good night out. Music bars open late and close from about 4am. Summer disco marquees near the beach start to get wild around 3am. The buzzy bar zone is around Calle Trajano and Plaza Masnou between the Cathedral and Paseo de Almería.

El Quinto Toro



El Quinto Toro is a typical tapas bar here in Almeria. The prices are reasonable, the tapas tastes lovely and they offer a long list of many

different local wine.

Photo: Besjunior/Shutterstock.com Address: Calle Reyes Católicos 6, Almería Opening hours: Every day 12pm - 4pm, Mon - Fri 8pm - 12am Phone: +34 950 239 135

Bombo Club



Bombo Club is a relatively new party venue in Almeria and quickly became a local favourite that is now known as 'the heart of the

songs'. With excellent music, a great vibe and lots of fun people, this club is the best place to dance until dawn.

Photo: winkimedia/pixabay.com Address: Calle Eduardo Pérez 20, Almería Opening hours: Every day 4pm - 3am Phone: +34 646 94 19 69

Blues Potter



If you want to enjoy some great live rock music in a relaxed environment while you catch up with some friends, Blues Potter will make you feel

right at home. Don't forget to try some of their delicious tapas as the perfect accompaniment to some cold beers.

Photo: Jose Luis Carrascosa/Shutterstock.com Address: Calle Quinta Avenida 59, Almería Opening hours: Tue - Thu 3pm - 2am, Fri & Sat 3pm - 3am, Sun & Mon 3pm - 9.30pm

SHOPPING



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In the historic district, little specialist shops crowd among tapas bars in the narrow streets, radiating out from the Puerta de Purchena and along Calle de las Tiendas and Calle Real.

Stock up on food specialities at the busy covered Mercado. Go south from there, on Calle de los Reyes Católicos, for the excellent El Libro Picasso bookshop.

Off the Paseo, along Calle Rueda Lopez, La Vinoteca wine cellars in the Galeria Almericentro shopping centre have a mind-blowing selection of wines. In the city's business district, the Mediterráneo shopping centre on Avenida del Mediterráneo has plenty of fashion stores and a supermarket.

Villages of Almería Province



Take the opportunity to look for eye-catching ceramics, textiles and pottery made in the villages of Almería province, where the

desert-dry climate has turned water storage into an art.

Photo: Ursa Major/Shutterstock.com Address: Almería

Fish Market



Head straight down the stairs for this amazing fish market. Every fish that you thought that you would find and fish that you did not even know

existed, you will find here.

Photo: Vladimir Krupenkin/Shutterstock.com Address: Paseo de Almería

Bazar Arabe



Jugs are made using centuries-old techniques, in shapes inspired by Phoenicians and Arabs. The Moorish influence can also be seen in

decoratively woven Jarapas blankets. You will find tagine cooking pots at Bazar Arabe on Calle Almanzor next to the Alcazaba.

Photo: Sylvia Kania/Shutterstock.com Address: Calle Almanzor, Almeria

Paseo de Almería



The Paseo de Almería and its surrounding streets are good for fashion and shoes, with the Marin Rosa department store and fashion staples like

Mango and Zara. Head here for a fun day of shopping while you breathe in the the Andalusian atmosphere.

Photo: Syda Productions/Shutterstock.com Address: Paseo de Almería

TOURIST INFORMATION



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Almería Airport



Almería's shiny airport is located 9 kilometres east of the city. The local bus 20 runs from outside the arrivals terminal to the city centre once every

hour from 7.25am-10.25pm. The bus to the airport runs every day from 6.45am-9.45pm. The journey takes about 35 minutes. +34 950 170 050

There are two different taxi companies offering their services at the airport:

Radiotaxi www.radiotaxialmeria.es +34 950 222 222 / +34 950 226 161

Tele Taxi www.actiweb.es +34 950 251 111

Europcar, Hertz and Goldcar Rentals offer car rentals at the airport.

Malaga's big Pablo Picasso airport is located about 200 kilometres from Almería.

Photo: Juan Garces Address: Aeropuerto de Almería, Almería Phone: +34 950 113 700 Internet: www.aena.es

Passport/Visa



Spain can be visited visa-free for up to 90 days by citizens of most European countries, 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.

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Best Time To Visit



Almeria is the perfect destination for a summer holiday. The temperatures are highest in the months from June to August. July boasts the

most pleasant water temperatures. If you are looking to avoid holiday crowds, you should visit in September, where the weather will still be nice, especially during the month's first half.

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Public Transport



Everything in town is situated within walking distance. The Main Bus Station is called Estación Intermodal and is located at Plaza De la Estación. If

you want to travel outside town, there are regular bus services to Granada, Sevilla, Madrid and other cities around Spain. www.alsa.es

For train services in Almería and Granada contact RENFE train information. Tickets can be purchased online or bought from Plaza de la Estación.

+34 90 2240 202

There are daily departures to Morocco and Algeria with different ferry routes. www.trasmediterranea.es

Photo: Pierre-Luc Auclair Address: Estación Intermodal, Almería

Taxi



Look for white taxis around town. Radio Taxi www.radiotaxialmeria.es +34 950 222 222 / +34 950 226 161 Tele Taxi www.actiweb.es +34 950

251 111

Photo: ArrivalGuides Phone:

Post



There are many post offices around town. Look for the yellow and blue sign. Post Office:

Photo: Andy Fuchs

Address: Avenida San Juan Bosco 35, Almería Opening hours: Open weekdays 8.30am-8.30pm. Sat 9.30am-1pm. Closed on Sundays and holidays Phone: +34 950 281 512 Internet: www.correos.es

Pharmacy



The pharmacies in Almería can be found all around town. The location of the 24-hour pharmacies are posted on pharmacy

doors.

Centrally located is Farmacia Pilar López Lacomba:

Photo: Gemma Garner Address: Calle Rafael Alberti 22, Almería Opening hours: Open 9am-2pm and 5pm-8.30pm Phone: +34 950 244 530

Electricity



220 volts. Round 2-pin plugs are used.

Photo: Stirling Tschan

Telephone



Country code: +34 Area code: 950 (include the area code even when dialling locally. All telephone numbers consist of nine numerals.)

Photo: Jardson Almeida

Population 200,273 (2021)

Currency Euro, €1 = 100 cents

Opening hours

Most shops are open Mon-Sat 9/10am - 1.30/2pm and 5pm - 8pm. Supermarkets and shopping centres stay open all day from 9am - 9pm or later.

Banking hours are usually Mon - Fri 9am - 2pm and Sat 9am - 1pm.

Internet www.andalucia.org/en/provincia-almeria

Newspapers

La Voz de Almería Sur in English

Main national dailies in Spain: El País ABC El Mundo

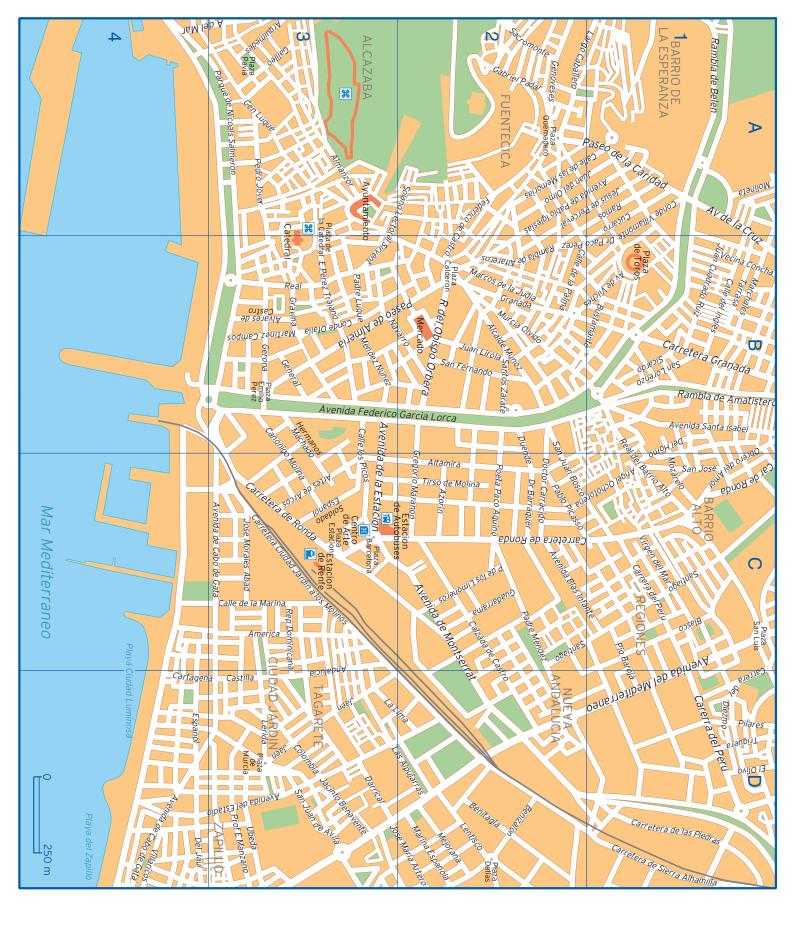
Emergency numbers

Emergency: 112 Police: 091 Fire Brigade: 080

Tourist information

Almeria Municipal Tourist Office Plaza de la Constitución, 9, Almería +34 950 210 538 oficinadeturismo@aytoalmeria.es





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C2	Jacinto Benavente
D2	Jaen
D2	Jesus de Perceval
C1	Jose Maria Artero
B1 B2	Jose Morales Abad
C3	Juan Cuadrado Ruiz
B2	Juan del Olmo
A1 A2	Juan Lirola
B1	La Lima
B3 C3	Largo Caballero
C2 D2	Las Alpujarras
B3 C3	Lentisco
D1	Lerida
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C1	Marcos de la Judia
C3	Marina Espanola
D1	Martinez Campos
C2 C3	Mejorana
D1	Mendez Nunez
B1	Molineta
D3 D4	Mozarelo
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D3	Navarro
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A1	Tirso de Molina	C2
C1	Triguera	D1
B2	Ubeda	D3
B2 B3	Vecina Concha	B1
B1 C1	Villaricos	D4
C2	Virgen del Mar	C1
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