Alicante is a medium-sized city on the east coast of Spain, bathed by the Mediterranean Sea, and capital of the well-known Costa Blanca, where internationally renowned towns such as Benidorm, Calpe, Jávea and Altea among others are located. Being a Mediterranean city bestows Alicante with its own character and climatic characteristics which, combined with its beaches and its natural treasures and historical heritage, have turned it into one of the main tourist destinations in Spain, and even Europe.

It enjoys an average annual temperature of more than 18°C and more than 3,000 hours of sun per year, with mild winters and hot summers that entice visitors to enjoy the water and the beaches.

Alicante is connected to the rest of the world via modern transport infrastructures. Among the regular direct connections from its international airport are Barcelona, Bilbao, Tenerife, Ibiza, Madrid, Palma de Mallorca, Santiago de Compostela and Seville, as well as European cities such as Amsterdam, Belfast, Berlin, Birmingham, Bristol, Brussels, Copenhagen, Dublin, Dusseldorf, Edinburgh, Stockholm, Frankfurt, Geneva, Helsinki, Liverpool, London, Manchester, Milan, Moscow, Newcastle, Oslo and Paris, among others.

Visitors also arrive constantly at the bus station, and at the railway station by high-speed train, the “AVE”, as well as by motorway. The city also has a large marina with moorings for leisure craft.

In its current location, Alicante’s roots go back to the period of the Visigoths, when for reasons of defence and better health conditions, the town moved from the area known as Tossal de Manises, located 3 kilometres to the north of the city, to the area of Mount Benacantil, at the top of which the Santa Bárbara Castle was built. First of all, Vila Vella (Old Town) developed on the mountainside, and after the Christian conquest in 1247, it became Vila Nova (NewTown).

Alicante has always been able to adapt to changing times. An example of this is the fact that it has become the headquarters of the European Union Intellectual Property Office (EUIPO).

It boasts a comprehensive and varied selection of hotels, a wide variety of beaches and promenades, a wide range of options for shopping and enjoying outdoor sports and leisure, such as sailing and golf, as well as internationally renowned traditional dishes and festivities. Not to mention its strong tradition as a university city.

Its present and its promising future blend with a past of intense history, which has left a perfectly visible mark in the numerous archaeological sites and in the museums dedicated to keeping this memory alive.
1. Madrid - Alicante
   442 kilometres

2. Barcelona - Alicante
   515 kilometres

3. Valencia - Alicante
   166 kilometres

4. Seville - Alicante
   609 kilometres

5. Granada - Alicante
   350 kilometres

6. Málaga - Alicante
   472 kilometres

7. Santander - Alicante
   897 kilometres

8. San Sebastián - Alicante
   758 kilometres

9. Bilbao - Alicante
   817 kilometres

10. La Coruña - Alicante
    1017 kilometres

11. Zaragoza - Alicante
    496 kilometres

12. Toledo - Alicante
    414 kilometres
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 linking Madrid and Alicante in 2 hours.

Travelling by boat is another possibility to travel to Alicante, since its port has connections with various Mediterranean cities. Visiting the city by 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 (buses and tram) connecting the most important points in the city, its metropolitan area and the main places of interest in the province.

The city also has a tourist bus service (Turibús) 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.
MUSEUMS

MARQ (PROVINCIAL ARCHAEOLOGICAL MUSEUM)

The MARQ (Alicante Provincial Archaeological Museum) is housed in the former San Juan de Dios de Alicante Provincial Hospital. This is one of Spain’s most avant-garde museums, thanks to the innovative way it approaches the subject of archaeology, using modern audiovisual techniques. In fact it was awarded the European Museum of the year prize in 2004. Inside, over a surface of approximately 9,000 square metres, there is a complete collection, running from the Palaeolithic era to contemporary Modern Culture.

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MACA (CONTEMPORARY ART MUSEUM)

This museum is housed in the city’s oldest surviving civil building. In the baroque style, it dates back to 1685 and is located next to the Santa María basilica. It was originally designed as a cereals warehouse but was also used as a business school before finally becoming a museum.

It houses an important collection of 20th century art mostly comprised of works donated by Eusebio Sempere. There are also works by Chillida, Picasso, Dalí and Miró, among others.

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www.maca-alicante.es

VOLVO OCEAN RACE MUSEUM

In the heart of Alicante, in the VOLVO PORT ZONE, the Volvo Ocean Race Museum is a modern exhibition venue where visitors can enjoy an interactive installation that gives them a close-up look at the world of the sea, learning about the most intrepid sailors and experiencing the hidden delights of the Ocean. Take a trip through the history of the regatta and the marine world in this state-of-the-art museum. In fact, this is the only museum in the world specialising in the most demanding challenge to sailors of our time. The regatta considered the “Everest of Sailing”. The Volvo Ocean Race.

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www.volvoceanrace.com

HOGUERAS MUSEUM

This museum explores the evolution of Alicante’s most representative festival, the Hogueras de San Juan bonfire celebration held in June, which has been officially declared of International Tourism Interest.

Here visitors can see collections of ninots indultados (the effigies that managed to escape the flames), mock bonfires, typical costumes, etc. The museum also boasts an audiovisual hall showing clips of this festival from years ago.

Rambla de Méndez Núñez
+34 965 146 828
www.hogueras.org
MUBAG (GRAVINA FINE ARTS MUSEUM)

This 18th century building is currently a museum where you can view a particularly interesting collection by Alicante artists from the 19th through to the early 20th century.

C/. Gravina, 13-15
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www.mubag.org

NATIVITY MUSEUM

This nativity museum reflects the great tradition of creating nativity scenes in Alicante. Located in traditional house in the old quarter, it gives an idea of what nativity scen making represents in Spain and throughout the world, since it has works produced in several countries

C/ San Agustin, 3
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MUSEUM OF THE CITY OF ALICANTE. SANTA BÁRBARA CASTLE

Is situated in the Santa Barbara fortress and is a place where you can learn about the city’s distant past, how things have evolved, and where and how the different cultures and people settled, from prehistoric times up to the present day.

Inside Santa Bárbara Castle
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MUA (UNIVERSITY OF ALICANTE MUSEUM)

This museum, located on the University of Alicante campus is dedicated to Contemporary Art, although from a perspective that centres more specifically on the parameters of research, production, conservation, documentation, distribution and education about contemporary art.

Universidad de Alicante
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www.mua.ua.es
BULLFIGHTING MUSEUM

Dedicated to the world of bullfighting, this museum houses a permanent exhibition on Alicante bullfighters. It can be found in Alicante’s Plaza de Toros Bullring and it is also a venue for meetings, screenings and talks.

Plaza de España
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ALICANTE WATER MUSEUM

Located in one of the Old Quarter’s traditional squares, this is a cultural and educational space where visitors can learn about the history of water in the city.

The wells are situated next to the museum and were used to store water until it began to be piped from the nearby town of Sax in 1898.

Plaza Arquitecto Miguel López s/n (Pl. del Puente)

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).

Plaza Séneca and Plaza Balmis
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LUCENTUM ARCHAEOLOGICAL SITE

Archaeological remains of Lucentum Located just 3,5 km from the city centre, in the area known as Tossal de Manises, are the major archaeological remains of the Roman city of Lucentum, or ancient Alicante. This is an important reference point for the Ibero-Roman period. The site covers 5 hectares, of which 2.5 correspond to the ancient city itself. This is one of the largest archaeological sites in the Region of Valencia.

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There are other recommended exhibition rooms and centres in the city, with a wide variety on offer such as El Portalet-Lab15 Palace, the Cigarreras Cultural Centre, the ADDA or the Lonja exchange.
MONUMENTS

SANTA MARÍA BASILICA
The Santa María basilica is the oldest religious construction in the city of Alicante, dating back to the 14th century. It was built upon the ruins of Alicante’s biggest mosque.

It has a single, non-cruciform nave with side chapels between the buttresses.

Highlights of this magnificent religious building include the doorway with its image of the Virgin Mary by the sculptor Juan Bautista Borja, an enormous baptismal font from the 16th century and a Valencian baroque organ from 1653.

Plaza de Santa María
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SAN NICHOLAS CO-CATHEDRAL
Construction began on the SanNicolás Co-Cathedral in the year 1600, replacing a building that had stood their previously. It is built in the Herrerian renaissance style and is located in the heart of the city.

Its floor plan is in the shape of a Latin cross, with an interior that boasts notable features such as the 15th century cloister with two baroque doors, the altar and the blue dome 45 metres high. Below the dome is the Capilla de la Comunión communion chapel, which is considered to be one of the most beautiful examples of Spanish baroque.

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www.concatedralalicante.es

TOWN HALL
This is an 18th century baroque palace built on the site of the former Casa de la Ciudad.

The building is flanked by a tower at either end, divided into three stories and finished off with a balustrade. Inside the building, among other singular rooms, is the reference point, known as “Cota Cero”, from which the height of any place in Spain above sea level is measured.

Plaza del Ayuntamiento
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SANTA FAZ MONASTERY
Inside, there is a relic brought from the Vatican in the 15th century which, according to popular tradition, is the veil with which Veronica wiped the blood from Jesus’ face on the way to the Calvary.

Plaza Luis Foglietti
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There are even more monuments of interest such as the Alicante Provincial Council, the Central Market, the Alicante Theatre, the Casa de la Brujas (the House of the Witches) and the Maisonnave Palace.
A  
**Area A: Alcazaba Macho del Castillo**
1. Macho del Castillo (highest esplanade in the castle)
2. Bell Tower
3. Governor’s House

B  
**Albacar d’enmig**
4. Long Hall
5. Former Hospital
6. Engineers’ Barracks
7. Wall and mediaeval towers

C  
**Area C: Albacar Vell**
8. Remains of the old bakery
9. Barracks
10. Ruins of the old Chapel of Santa Bárbara
11. Plaza de Armas courtyard
12. Guardhouse
13. King’s Keep
14. Queen’s Keep
15. Renaissance water cistern

D  
**Area D: 18th Century Keeps**
16. Santa Ana Keep
17. Faussebraye defensive wall
18. Revellin del Bon Repos rampart
Located on the top of the Mount Benacantil, at a height of 166 meters, is one of the largest medieval fortresses in Spain, with unbeatable views over the Bay of Alicante.

The fortress is of Arabic origin, although hardly any original features from this period remain today. Nearly all of the city’s historical events have been directly linked with the castle and its defensive position, therefore making it the most important construction in the city. It was also used in more recent times as a prison during the Spanish Civil War.

According to popular belief, Santa Barbara Castle is so named because it was reconquered from the Moors on 4th December 1247, the feast day of Santa Barbara, by the then prince who was later to be King Alfonso X, ‘the Wise’.

Currently there are four enclosures on different levels and from different periods: Firstly, the highest part of the castle, known as El Macho. This is where the oldest remains of the castle can be found, since this was the site of the first settlement during medieval times.

Further down we find the middle and the ancient fortification. The main outbuildings of the castle are located in these two areas. They were reformed and developed during the Modern Age, under the orders of King Felipe II.

The fourth precinct contains the remains of the 18th century, located on the northern slope of the mount. These constructions respond to the new arts of war.

Such is its significance 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.

Nowadays, the castle is the most visited monument in the city, thanks to the amount of institutional and cultural celebrations that are held here, and also due to the attraction of the stunning panoramic views that can be seen from all corners of the castle.

Opening hours:

**SUMMER TIME**  
(from the 1st of April to the 30th of September)  
Castle: 10am to 10pm  
Lift: 10am to 8pm  
Last lift up at 7.20pm  
Last lift down at 7.40pm

**WINTER TIME**  
(from the 1st of October to the 31st of March)  
Castle: 10am to 8pm  
Lift: 10am to 8pm  
Last lift up at 7.20pm  
Last lift down at 7.40pm

**GETTING THERE**  
1. **By road** (Avda. Jaime II)  
2. **On foot** (through La Ereta Park or Avda. Jaime II)  
3. **By Lift** (opposite Postiguet beach)
The Island of Tabarca, situated 11 nautical miles from the city of Alicante, sets the standard among Alicante’s beaches. It is the only inhabited island in the Region of Valencia.

The town is surrounded by walls flanking the 18th century church of St. Peter and St. Paul, and together they have been officially declared a Site of Cultural Interest. The Island’s waters have been officially declared a Mediterranean Marine Reserve for their excellent quality and for the biodiversity of their flora and fauna.

The Island of Tabarca is 1,800 metres long and measures up to 400 metres across. In the past, its shores were a refuge for Berber pirates and, in the 18th century, King Carlos III ordered a town to be built to house several Genoese families who had been rescued from the Tunisian city of Tabarka.

As well as its beach and the crystal clear waters of its coves, visitors can enjoy a unique choice of local dishes such as the well known Caldero, a type of fish soup, and also visit the island’s museum.

**GETTING THERE**

The trip to Tabarca Island can be made by the boats that leave regularly from the Alicante marina, opposite the Explanada de España promenade. There are also boat-trips from Santa Pola, Torrevieja and Benidorm.

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**NUEVA TABARCA MUSEUM**

(Almacén de La Almadraba Building)

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There are two rooms: One is dedicated to audiovisual contents, videos are projected about the history between man and the marine environment; the other centers around the permanent exposition of the museum, where vestiges of the Roman era are shown, plans, photographs, ethnographic information, etc..

**WINTER**

From Wednesday to Sunday from 11am to 2pm - 2.30pm to 4.30pm

**SUMMER**

From Wednesday to Sunday from 11am to 2pm - 4pm to 6.30pm

**WHERE TO EAT**

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| Hotel Isla Plana ***               | C/ Cazorla 10 - 03138  | +34 965 961 869 | info@hotelislaplana.com | www.hotelislaplana.com |
| Hotel Casa la Trancada *           | C/ Motxo, 12 - 03138   | +34 630 503 500 | info@latrancada.com     | www.latrancada.com    |
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| Hostal Masin *                     | C/ D’en Mig, 22 - 03138| +34 676 974 423 | masin@hostalmasin.com   | www.hostalmasin.com   |
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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.

**SAN JUAN BEACH**
This fine golden sandy beach is almost three kilometres in length and up to one hundred metres wide. 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

**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

**LA ALBUFERETA BEACH**
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

**LA ALMADRABA AND CABO DE LAS HUERTAS COVES**
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

**EL SALADAR-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

**DOGGY BEACH**
The Aguamarga beach, to the north of Urbanova, is a beach that is unique in Europe having been adapted especially for dogs; a true ‘Doggy Beach’, offering all the services that dogs and their owners could wish for.

During the summer season, some of the beaches in Alicante also offer supervised educational play areas for the mentally handicapped as well as special access and swimming areas for the physically handicapped.

The beaches are equipped with several beach volley courts and a mini beach-soccer pitch, all free of charge, and it is also possible to contract the services of various private companies for enjoying water-sports such as sailing, kayaking, surfing, windsurfing, etc.
WATER ACTIVITIES

- Nautical charters
- Nautical schools and activities
- Diving and snorkelling
- Crossing to Tabarca
- Jet ski hire

(Surf, Kayak, Paddle Surf...)

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Thanks to the city’s pleasant climate, visitors and locals alike can enjoy open air areas at any time of the year.

Throughout the year there are workshops, entertainment, children’s theatre, puppet shows, etc. predominantly aimed at children and families.

EXPLANADA DE ESPAÑA
This 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.

LA ERETA PARK
This park is 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
This 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.

PLAZA DE GABRIEL MIRÓ
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.

Other parks and gardens worth visiting are: The Paseito Ramiro, the Panteón de Quijano, Portal de Elche or Marjal, in San Juan Beach.
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.

**HOGUERAS DE SAN JUAN**
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, including events such as the proclamation (the Pregón), the setting up of the bonfires (the Plantà), the procession of the effigies (Cabalgata del Ninot), parades and processions in different neighbourhoods of the city and the main event on the 24th June, the feast day of Saint John the Baptist, when large satirical statues made of cardboard and wood are set alight.

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.

**JUNE 20-21-22-23-24-25-26-27-28-29**

**HOLY WEEK**
The Holy Week Easter celebrations start on Palm Sunday, giving way to a week of processions by around 30 guilds and brotherhoods.

One of the most popular and emotive is the procession through the narrow, steep streets of the Santa Cruz neighbourhood on the Wednesday before Easter Sunday.

**MARCH-APRIL**
**Date varies.**

**SANTA FAZ PILGRIMAGE**
On the second Thursday after Maundy Thursday the popular pilgrimage known as La Peregrina to the Santa Faz Monastery takes place. The monastery is 5 kilometres from the centre of Alicante, and is where, according to tradition, the fabric that Veronica used to dry the face of Christ on the Way of the Cross is kept.

**MARCH-APRIL**
**Second Thursday after Easter Sunday.**

**MOORS AND CHRISTIANS PARADES**
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.

One of the highlights is the procession through the city centre on the 6th December in celebration of Alicante’s patron saint, Saint Nicholas. It is a fantastic opportunity to witness one of the east coast of Spain’s most popular traditions.

**CRUCES DE MAYO**
These festivities take place in the Santa Cruz district, which is located on the slopes of Mount Benacantil. Competitions take place where crosses are decorated with flowers and there are street performers, open air dances and games.

Other festivals in Alicante include, for example, the festivals in honour of the female patron saint - the *Virgen del Remedio* - in August, the festival in honour of the *Virgen del Carmen* (16th July), Carnival and the festivals of San Roque, which were declared Traditional Festivals in 2004.

**SAN BLAS DISTRICT**
**JULY**
Held during the second week of the month.

**ALTOZANO DISTRICT**
**AUGUST - 12-13-14-15-16**

**CITY CENTRE**
**DECEMBER - 6**
In honor of the patron of the city, Saint Nicolas.
The local cuisine is undoubtedly one of the city’s most renowned tourist attractions. Alicante’s cuisine is typically Mediterranean. The history of Alicante, its geographical location, the climate and the fertility of its lands have provided an enormous richness and variety to the region’s food.

Rice, the basic ingredient of all of the region’s cuisine, plays a leading role in a huge variety of meals, although many other ingredients are also used in the preparation of traditional recipes.

Special mention must be made of the Alicante rice dishes, consisting of ñoras (dried red peppers), virgin olive oil, cherry peppers and garlic and which are mainly identified as having a fish base to which fresh vegetables are added, cooked in a paella dish with fish (tuna, louvar (similar to swordfish fillets)) crustaceans (king prawns, prawns..) and shellfish (mussels, cuttlefish and squid...).

_Arraz a banda_, a rice dish with seafood, _arraz caldoso_, a brothy rice dish with seafood and the popular _olleta_ rice dish with meat and vegetables, are also worthy of special mention.

_El caldero_, a seafood stew, is a meal in itself and is the typical dish of Tabarca Island. It consists of rice stewed in a strong fish stock (monkfish, eel, mullet, red gunard...) with the fish then served as a second course and normally accompanied by a rich, fragrant garlic all i oli sauce.

The culinary choices don’t stop at these rice dishes; they continue to spread to other options that are equally appetising. Before sitting down for a meal, appetisers are the best thing to whet your appetite with nothing better than the traditional _tapas_ and _montaditos_, small rolls with a variety of toppings, typical of this area, which combine meats and salted fish with vegetables and have become popular throughout the rest of Spain.

Cured salted fish is used as the main ingredient for making many types of salazones featuring products such as _mojama_ (dried salted tuna), _huevas_ (roe), _ventresca de atún_ (tuna belly), _the tonyina de sorra_ type of tuna, herring, etc, and which are served as appetisers.

Alicante is also renowned for its savoury pastries known as cocas saladas topped with tuna (_coca amb tonyina_) or sardines, as well as its _esmorzaret alacantí_ made with salted sardines, fried egg and _nyora_ peppers.

The Mediterranean Sea provides the freshest, best quality fish and shellfish and are a must for all visitors, such as the red shrimps from Alicante and the king prawns, crayfish, squid, red mullet, and many other types of seafood.

For dessert there are more local products to enjoy, including aniseed rolls known as _rollitos de anís_, _la coca_ boba sponge cake, dates and dried fruits. Not forgetting the famous ice creams and the _turrón de Jijona_ nougat or the delicious _chocolate_ from the neighbouring town of Villajoyosa.

The dinner table would not be complete in Alicante without wine. Dark full bodyed reds, rosés and young whites made from grapes of the Monastrell, _Vermeta_ or Garnacha varieties and _el Fondillón_, a world-famous aged wine from Alicante.

Alicante’s culinary variety is also demonstrated in the selection of different bars and restaurants throughout the city. From the great choice of restaurants on the Muelle de Levante wharf in the Marina and passing by the tapas bars on the famous Rambia de Méndez Núñez, not forgetting the restaurants serving home-made dishes in the Old Quarter.
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LEISURE AND SHOPPING

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, Panoramis 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.

San Francisco and Castaños streets are plenty of entertainment and food locals which are located near the Central Market building.

These restaurants and pubs get crowded, especially on Fridays and Saturdays in the afternoon, when people go out for a walk with friends, This phenomenon has been named “Tardeo” and it is becoming very popular because of the warm climate of our city and the friendly character of the Alicante inhabitants.

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.

The choice of bars, pubs and nightclubs are mostly centred around the old quarter known locally as el Barrio, which includes the historic neighbourhoods of San Roque, Santa Cruz and Carmen and surroundings of Calle Castaños. 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: Laseda Gastro Village.

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.

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.

The tourist bus, known as the Turibus, is very convenient for those who are only staying in the city for a short time and also for those who simply prefer the ease and comfort of such a service. You have many different options to visit Alicante. You can go for a walk, use a bike or reserve a segway tour.

You can also organize a visit with a professional Tourist Guide who will show you the most emblematic places and will tell you the curiosities of our city.
Alicante has a great selection of public and private sports facilities where all kinds of national and international events can be held.

One of the most important events is, without doubt, the Volvo Ocean Race, recognised as the most important sailing regatta in the world. Alicante was the Departure Port in 2008, 2011 and 2014. The next occasion will be in Autumn 2017 and the following editions in 2019 and 2021.

If running is your favourite sport, Alicante stands as your best option. As it is a holiday town, it has many pedestrian areas, long promenades and avenues both in the centre and along the beaches.

The **Monte Tossal** is a municipal sports area where people can practise many sports, such as athletics, football, basketball, table tennis, swimming, handball, badminton, padel, etc, in the different public sports facilities in the area such as the **Athletics Stadium Joaquín Villar**, the **Centro de Tecnificación, the Pitiu Rochel or Rafael Pastor pavillions**, and the **Ciudad Deportiva Antonio Valls**.

If you are a swimming enthusiast, Alicante has a mild climate throughout the year which makes it possible to swim in the fantastic natural spots on the beaches, or in the heated pools in town, such as the Monte Tossal.

Jose Antonio Chicoy municipal area.

There is a 2-km long permanent swimming canal starting in Albufereta beach and a 500-metre long one at the beginning of San Juan beach. The canal in San Juan beach is only operational during the summer months.

The city is also an **ideal place to play golf**. There are two 18 hole golf courses in the city and another three nearby.

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