



# Murcia

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The ancient city of Murcia is located in the mountains, about 25 km away from the Mediterranean Sea. The region is known for agriculture and tourism but also for its charming mountain villages, traditional fishing stations, a green countryside, and beaches that are still untouched.



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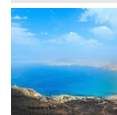
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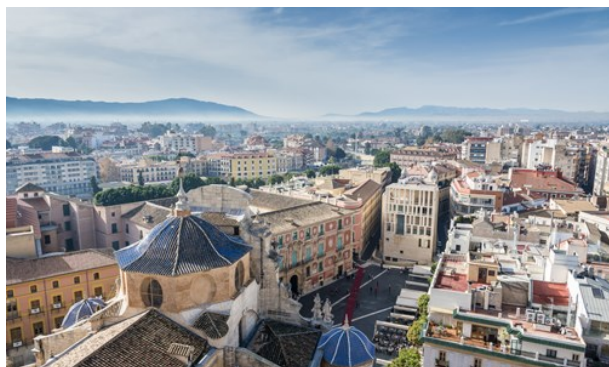
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## THE CITY



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Like many other Spanish cities, the Moors founded Murcia in the 9th century; under their rule the city developed into the region's centre that it still remained until today. The region stretches from Alicante in the north to Cartagena and Lorca in the south, and towards Moratalla in the west. The Moorish influence is hard to spot in the city itself, as many of the older neighbourhoods were established only in the 18th century when the city further expanded. After centuries of industrial growth, Murcia today holds a large university and, by that, a lively buzz of a considerable student population.

Murcia still remains relatively undiscovered by tourism, especially compared to other coastal towns nearby. The area is mainly provincial farmland but there are also relatively young towns founded by sun starved foreigners. The villages in the surrounding mountains are well worth a visit, and it is easy to take day trips either by rental car, train or bus. The coastal region of Costa Cálida has many interesting destinations: Lorva's baroque buildings, the quaint village of Moratalla, the glamorous beach community of La Manga, and the medieval neighbourhoods of Cartagena and Orihuela are only a few of them.

## DO & SEE



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It is easy to take day trips from Murcia, either by rental car, train or bus. The villages in the surrounding mountains are well worth a visit, as the coastal region of Costa Cálida has many interesting destinations such as Lorva's baroque buildings and the quaint village of Moratalla. However, do take your time and experience Murcia itself.

### Salzillo Museum



Sculptor Francisco Salzillo lived in Murcia in the 18th century, and christianity heavily inspired his original and colourful work. The

Muzeo Salzillo displays close to 500 of his works of art, and each Easter, his art is used in the traditional parade through the city.

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Address: Plaza de San Agustín 3, Murcia

Opening hours: Sep 16 - Jun 15: Mon-Sat 10am-5pm. Sun 11am-2pm

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Internet: [www.museosalzillo.es](http://www.museosalzillo.es)

Email: [museumsalzillo@museosalzillo.es](mailto:museumsalzillo@museosalzillo.es)

### Cardinal Belluga Square



This square is flanked by two of the city's most interesting buildings, as opposite the impressive cathedral of Murcia is the Palacio Episcopal from the 18th century. Constructions on the Episcopal started in the 14th century, and today, its impressive tower reaches over 300 feet high.

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Address: Cardinal Belluga square, Murcia

### Ricote Valley



This relatively unknown valley is home to several charming small towns including Ricote, Ojós and Abáran. The landscape is dotted with leafy fruit farms, and the surrounding hills are popular for hiking and mountain biking.

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Address: Ricote Valley, Murcia

### Caravaca De La Cruz



Northwest of Murcia is the small and historic town Caravaca de la Cruz. In the 16th and 17th century, Caravaca was the political centre of a vast territory that was governed by the Order of the Temple and Order of Santiago, and the splendid castle and the renaissance Salvador church are now the town's main attractions.

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Address: Caravaca de la Cruz, Murcia

### Mar Menor



One of the coast's natural attractions is Mar Menor, the largest saltwater lake in Europe. As Mar Menor means 'minor sea', the Mediterranean Sea itself is, consequently, called 'major sea'. Close to the lake are the old fishing village of Cabo de Palos, and the unexploited beaches of the Calblanque National Park.

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Address: Mar Menor, Murcia

### Calblanque Park



The regional park Calblanque is a beautiful nature reserve with amazing sandy beaches, cliffs, and mountains. There is a small visitor centre where you can get more information about both flora and fauna, and routes for the hiking trails. Be aware, there are no facilities like cafés and restaurants here as this is a protected area.

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Address: Calblanque Park, Murcia

### Cathedral of Saint Mary

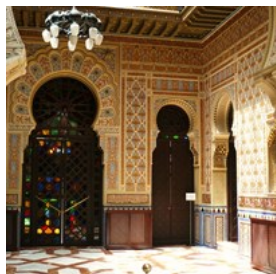


The Cathedral of Saint Mary was built in 1394 and it is Murcia's most important monument. It has outstanding details, both inside and outside, with elements of Gothic, Renaissance and Baroque architecture. The bell tower is 90 meters tall and it has 24 bells, each named individually.

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Address: Plaza Cardenal Belluga, Murcia

### Royal Casino of Murcia



Royal Casino of Murcia is located in the city centre just a short distance from the Cathedral and it can be described as a social club for the elite;

however, this exclusive environment is open for the public during specific hours as well. The casino is a very unique building with beautiful decoration, a modern Arab room, a beautiful art nouveau library, a nice ball room and a glass gallery.

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Address: Calle de la Trapería 18, Murcia

Opening hours: Daily Mon-Sun 10:30am-7:30pm

Phone: +34 968 215 399

Internet: [www.realcasinomurcia.com](http://www.realcasinomurcia.com)

Email: [casinomurcia@casinomurcia.com](mailto:casinomurcia@casinomurcia.com)

### Museum of the Roman Theater



The Roman amphitheatre of Cartagena in Murcia, which was built between 5 and 1 BC, is wonderfully preserved, and the museum close by

offers excellent exhibits that display interesting historical artefacts.

Photo: Leonid Andronov/Shutterstock.com

Address: Plaza Ayuntamiento 9, Cartagena, Murcia

Opening hours: Oct-Apr Tue-Sat 10am-6pm, Sun 10am-2pm.

May-Sep Tue-Sat 10am-8pm, Sun 10am-2pm

Phone: +34 968 128 800

Internet: [www.teatroromanocartagena.org](http://www.teatroromanocartagena.org)

Email: [fundacion@teatroromanocartagena.org](mailto:fundacion@teatroromanocartagena.org)

### National Museum of Underwater Archaeology



On display of the museum is a huge collection of underwater artefacts and old sailing and trade ships but the exhibition is also devoted to naval

construction, navigation and ports of the Mediterranean. The museum is located in an impressive modern building and in the inside, you will find a café-restaurant that offers magnificent views over the bay of Cartagena.

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Address: Paseo del Muelle Alfonso XII 22, Cartagena, Murcia

Opening hours: Apr 15 - Oct 15 Tue-Sat 10am-9pm, Sun

10am-3pm. Oct 16 - Apr 14 Tue-Sat 10am-8pm, Sun

10am-3pm

Phone: +34 968 121 166

Internet: [museoarqua.mcu.es](http://museoarqua.mcu.es)

Email: [informacion.arqua@mecd.es](mailto:informacion.arqua@mecd.es)

### Castle of Lorca



For an excursion, head over to the amazing castle of Lorca. To get up to the castle, take the small road train that directly leaves at the

visitor centre called Lorca centre. At Castillo de Lorca, you will meet staff in costumes that will try to make each part of the castle come to life again.

Photo: Lev Levin/Shutterstock.com

Address: Lorca, Murcia



### River Rafting



Why not try some adventure sports like river rafting or kayaking! You do not need any experience, as the trained guides and the great

stability of the boats will allow you an easy start – just enjoy the beautiful scenery and the adrenaline. There are also many activities that are adapted for the whole family, so this will be a memory for lifetime!

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Address: Avenida Río Segura 1, Murcia

Opening hours: Mon-Sun 8am-2pm and 4pm-9pm

Phone: +34 695 358 956

Internet: [www.blancaclubpiraguismo.com](http://www.blancaclubpiraguismo.com)

Email: [raftingmurcia@gmail.com](mailto:raftingmurcia@gmail.com)

### Cave of the Port



The cave of the port, Cueva del Puerto, is one of the largest caves in eastern Spain, located in the beautiful Sierra del Puerto Mountains, and

offers many beautiful underground rooms such as the Zona del Laberinto, Gran Diacasa, Gran Bloque and Sala de los Claustros. The amazing and colourful stalagmites and flow stones stand out, and they do allow both great fascination and extreme experience.

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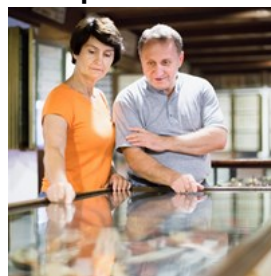
Address: Cueva del Puerto Calasparra, Murcia

Phone: +34 968 723 000

Internet: [www.cuevasturisticas.com](http://www.cuevasturisticas.com)

Email: [acte@cuevasturisticas.es](mailto:acte@cuevasturisticas.es)

### The Spanish Civil War Museum



Learn more about the Spanish Civil War and take an emotional trip to this interesting and informative museum.

Here you can experience

real life bunker completed by air raid sound effects. It also provides many exhibits, oral histories, films and photos.

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Address: Calle Gisbert 10, Cartagena, Murcia

Opening hours: Tue-Sun 10am-7pm

Phone: +34 968 500 093

### Mining Theme Park of La Unión



El Parque Minero de La Unión, the local mining park, opened in the summer of 2010 and it is a unique tourist attraction where you can

learn about the city's mining history, as there is plenty to see at both the inside and the outside. Keep in mind that it is necessary to book your visit in advance. They also provide English speaking tour guides.

Photo: TTstudio/Shutterstock.com

Address: Carretera del 33, La Unión, Murcia

Opening hours: Jul 16 - Oct 14 Tue-Sun 10am-2pm and 6pm-8pm. Oct 16 - Jul 15 Tue-Sun 10am-12am

Phone: +34 968 002 140

Internet: [www.parqueminerodelaunion.es](http://www.parqueminerodelaunion.es)

Email: [reservas@parqueminerodelaunion.es](mailto:reservas@parqueminerodelaunion.es)

### The Sanctuary of the Virgin of the Fuensanta



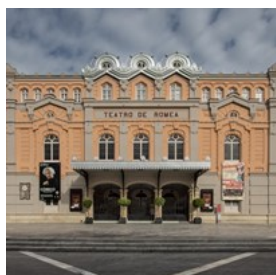
The Sanctuary of the Virgin of the Fuensanta is a beautiful monastery located among the hills in Murcia. The walk up is lovely and once you reach your destination, you will be rewarded with a beautiful view over the city.

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Address: Calle Mayor, Algezares, Murcia

Phone: +34 968 842 201

### Julian Romea Square



The popular Plaza de Flores is often crowded but Plaza Julian Romea is an excellent option. Here are many great restaurants, tapas bars and bars just to go out for a drink and people watch.

Photo: Pedro J Pacheco/Wikimedia.org (image cropped)

Address: Plaza Julian Romea, Murcia

### The Carrascoy Valley Regional Park



This is a great park for a morning hike, followed by a cosy lunch either at a restaurant or with your own picnic. The nature is simply beautiful.

Photo: Juan Antonio Pellicer Alcaraz/Wikimedia.org (image cropped)

Address: El Centro del Termino Municipal de Murcia, Murcia

### Santa Clara Monastery & Museum



The Santa Clara Monastery & Museum has a long and interesting history, from being an Arab palace to becoming a monastery. The museum holds an exhibition of archaeological remains and religious art.

Photo: Iakov Filimonov/Shutterstock.com

Address: Alfonso X el Sabio 1, Murcia

Opening hours: Tue-Sat 1am-1pm and 4pm-6:30pm. Sun 10am-1pm

Phone: +34 968 272 398

### Muvit ciclogaraje



Pick your choice of a ride and cruise around Murcia. Whether you like speed and adrenaline kicks or if you just want to experience the town

from a different angle, you should visit Muvit ciclogaraje. They have everything fun that is on wheels.

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Address: Al Paseo del Malecon, Murcia

Opening hours: Wed-Mon 11am-1:30pm and 5pm-8:30pm

Phone: +34 653 895 374

Internet: [www.muvitciclogaraje.es](http://www.muvitciclogaraje.es)

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## DINING



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The narrow alleyways of Murcia's old town are lined with restaurants, and fortunately, they haven't customised their menus to the tourists' food culture. Instead, they serve genuine Spanish Mediterranean fare with fresh products, smooth olive oil, delicious sausages, and, of course, fish and sea food. The region's rice dish Paella is famous, as rice is cultivated in the nearby village of Calasparra.

### Restaurante El Churra



For a modern take on Murcia cuisine, try El Churra. The restaurant offers a calm and aesthetically pleasing environment, with white table clothes and beautifully presented dishes.

Photo: Andrey Bayda/Shutterstock.com

Address: Calle Obispo Sancho Dávila 13, Murcia

Phone: +34 968 271 522

Internet: [www.elchurra.net/en/restaurante](http://www.elchurra.net/en/restaurante)

### El Chaleco



There are good restaurants in the whole region around Murcia, and one of the best is El Chaleco in Alhama de Murcia, approximately 12.5 miles south of the city. El Chaleco also was Murcia's representative during the Seville World Fair in 1992.

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Address: Avenida Almirante Bastarache 9, Alhama de Murcia, Murcia

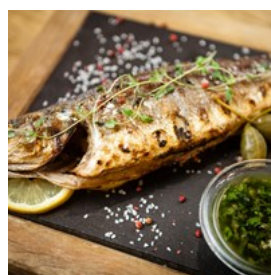
Opening hours: Tue-Wed 8am-5:30pm. Thu-Sat 8am-5:30pm and 7:30pm-1am. Sun 9am-5:30pm

Phone: +34 968 630 104

Internet: [www.elchalecorestaurante.es/es/](http://www.elchalecorestaurante.es/es/)

Email: [info@elchalecorestaurante.es](mailto:info@elchalecorestaurante.es)

### Casa Del Reloj



San Pedro del Pinatar is a popular small town by the coast, and it is also home to La Casa del Reloj. Its Victorian style architecture from the late 19th century is a reminiscence of when this area has developed as the Spanish equivalent to the French Riviera: it is a beautiful traditional Spanish Restaurant that offers first class service. On the menu you will find dishes like roasted lamb, baked sea bass and seafood soup.

Photo: Maksim Toome/Shutterstock.com

Address: Los Plaza, 24, San Pedro del Pinatar, Murcia

Opening hours: Daily 12:30pm-2:30am

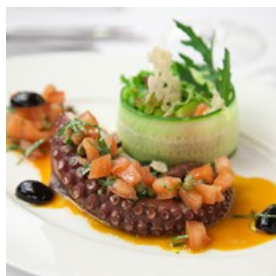
Phone: +34 968 182 406

Internet: [www.restaurantelacasadelreloj.com](http://www.restaurantelacasadelreloj.com)

Email: [info@restaurantelacasadelreloj.com](mailto:info@restaurantelacasadelreloj.com)



### Jota Ele



Jota Ele is a quaint restaurant next to Santa Isabel square that offers great food of high quality. As the cafe is open almost all day long, their menu

varies from snacks over desserts to proper dishes, which are always at a reasonable price. Although the dishes are mostly Spanish, there can also be found some Asian influence that allows you to taste great sushi.

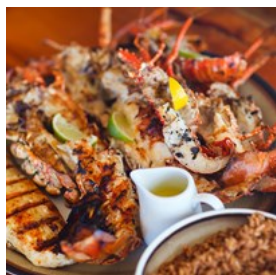
Photo: avs/Shutterstock.com

Address: Plaza Santa Isabel 6, Murcia

Phone: +34 968 220 730

Email: franjotaele@gmail.com

### Restaurante Bacchus



Restaurant Bacchus provides a wide range of tasty dishes with local and global influence. All dishes are well prepared with the very best

ingredients and they are also of high quality. The environment can be described as pleasant and friendly.

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Address: Calle Penelope 114, Los Alcazares, Murcia

Opening hours: Mon-Sat 6pm-11pm

Phone: +34 663 339 367

Internet: [www.restbacchus.com](http://www.restbacchus.com)

Email: [info@restbacchus.com](mailto:info@restbacchus.com)

More Info: The restaurant is located in the shopping centre Centro Comercial Oasis.

### Restaurante Asia



If you fancy Asian food, then head over to this restaurant. The attentive staff serves quality Chinese food for a great price. However, be aware: it can get very busy.

Photo: 06photo/Shutterstock.com

Address: Avenida La Union 88-90, San Javier, Murcia

Opening hours: Daily 12am-4pm and 6pm-12pm

Phone: +34 968 190 337

### La Tagliatella Murcia



La Tagliatella, is a chain of restaurants specialising in high-quality Italian gastronomy. On the menu you will find typical

Italian dishes like pizza and pasta. If you are very hungry, do not worry, the portion sizes are generous.

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Address: Plaza Julián Romea 3, Murcia

Opening hours: Daily 1pm-4pm and 8pm-12pm

Phone: +34 968 223 900

Internet: [www.latagliatella.es](http://www.latagliatella.es)

Email: [cliente@latagliatella.com](mailto:cliente@latagliatella.com)

### Atempo Weekend Bistrot



For Mediterranean food and tapas, head over to Atempo Weekend Bistro, which is a cosy place where you will experience a culinary delight. You

can easily please all your senses, as the chef only serves high quality food with a creative touch.

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Address: Calle Siria 15, Archena, Murcia



Opening hours: Fri-Sat 1:30pm-3:30pm and 8:30pm-11:30pm.

Sun 1:30pm-3:30pm

Phone: +34 605 284 170

Internet: [www.atempobistrot.com](http://www.atempobistrot.com)

### El Sordo Restaurante



El Sordo Restaurante is beautifully located in the heart of the Murcia Ricote Valley, surrounded by mountains, olive gardens and native

plants. This very stylish restaurant serves a wide range of house specials and tapas, which you will enjoy, as well as their own produced wine.

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Address: Avenida Alharbona, Ricote, Murcia

Opening hours: Mon-Tue, Wed

Phone: +34 968 697 150

Internet: [www.elsordo.es](http://www.elsordo.es)

Email: [info@elsordo.es](mailto:info@elsordo.es)

### Enso Sushi



Enso Sushi is a Japanese restaurant with high quality food. On the menu you will find a wide variety of dishes like sushi and sashimi. The

atmosphere inside is cosy and intimate with curtains dividing the restaurant. The tasty food is beautifully presented and is a feast for your palate.

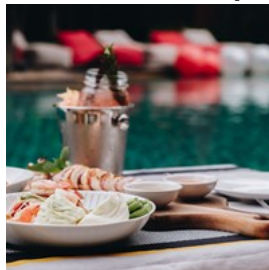
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Address: Calle Santa Teresa 6, Murcia

Phone: +34 968 906 611

Internet: [www.ensosushi.com](http://www.ensosushi.com)

### Restaurante Amapola



You will find this restaurant inside Playasol hotel Bolnuevo, and it serves high class seasonal cuisine with fresh produce from land and

sea. The traditional cuisine is carefully prepared and with a modern touch, so best enjoy your food by the hotel pool under a large umbrella.

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Address: Calle Velero 161, Puerto de Mazarrón, Murcia

Phone: +34 968 156 503

Internet: [www.hotelplayasol.es](http://www.hotelplayasol.es)

Email: [info@hotelplayasol.es](mailto:info@hotelplayasol.es)

### Antipodas Tavern



Antipodas Tavern is truly a gem and offers an amazing view over the port of Mazarron. Here you can enjoy fresh local produced food such as

fish which is supplied directly from the bay every day. You will also find meat dishes like Iberican pork shoulder, duck breast and sirloin steak.

Photo: Cemirken/Shutterstock.com

Address: Calle Los Valles 23, Cartagena, Murcia

Opening hours: Wed-Thu and Sun-Mon 11am-6pm. Fri-Sat 11am-11pm

Phone: +34 986 150 053

Internet: [www.antipodastavern.com/](http://www.antipodastavern.com/)

### La Canela



La Canela is located in La Manga with a beautiful surrounding, a lemon grove and a riding stable. The friendly staff serves delicious food like

chicken with basmati rice and prawns in a garlic

sauce and steamed rice. This is truly a great authentic Spanish restaurant.

Photo: Filk/Shutterstock.com

Address: Finca El Puntal, Los Belones, Cartagena

Opening hours: Summer daily 7am-11pm. Winter Mon-Sat 6:30pm-10pm

Phone: +34 968 137 335

Internet: [www.canelarestaurante.com](http://www.canelarestaurante.com)

### Pepe El Torrao San Juan



This restaurant is situated in the Plaza San Juan, a busy square with restaurants and bars. It offers an outside terrace where you can enjoy your tasty Spanish food. The chef's speciality is fresh fish and paellas.

Photo: Alexander Inglessi/Shutterstock.com

Address: Calle Cronista Carlos Valcárcel 1, Murcia

Phone: +34 968 219 495

Email: [info@pepeeltorraosanjuan.com](mailto:info@pepeeltorraosanjuan.com)

### Los Zagales



For Spanish tapas with high quality ingredients, try Los Zagales, a popular restaurant among locals. This is a traditional Spanish restaurant with wooden tables and wine barrels mounted on the walls.

Photo: Timothy Christiano/Shutterstock.com

Address: Calle Polo de Medina 4, Murcia

Opening hours: Mon-Fri 9:30am-4pm and 7pm-11:45pm. Sat 10am-4pm and 7pm-11:45pm

Phone: +34 968 215 579

Email: [loszagalesmurcia@gmail.com](mailto:loszagalesmurcia@gmail.com)

## CAFES



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Finding a cafe to relax at is not a problem in Murcia but choosing between all those lovely shops indeed is. All of them offer great coffee, delicious desserts and also snacks, so you can enjoy your break during sightseeing for experiencing your own Spanish Siesta.

### Pastelería Bonache



The square Plaza de las Flores has several good cafes and bars to offer, and Pastelería Bonache is one of the oldest in town. The cafe serves traditional Spanish pastries and strong coffee, and they are known for also baking great tarts and cakes.

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Address: Plaza de Las Flores 8, Murcia

Phone: +34 968 212 083

Internet: [www.pasteleriabonache.com](http://www.pasteleriabonache.com)

Email: [admon@pasteleriabonache.com](mailto:admon@pasteleriabonache.com)

### Salzillo Tea & Coffee



This cafe specialises in tea and coffee from around the world, with over 180 flavours of the former, and 20 of the latter one. The

knowledgeable staff is happy to help you with your choice as deciding between the considerable offer not always goes easily. However, just give your first choice a try as you can always revisit another store of Salzillo's, which is spread across the whole town.

Photo: Vinne/Shutterstock.com

Address: Avenida de la Libertad 1, Murcia

Opening hours: Mon-Fri 8am-2pm and 5pm-8pm. Sat 10am-closing

Phone: +34 968 261 212

Internet: [www.cafes-salzillo.es](http://www.cafes-salzillo.es)

Email: [salzillo@cafes-salzillo.es](mailto:salzillo@cafes-salzillo.es)

### Café de Alba



Café de Alba is a cosy cafe where you can enjoy a nice snack and a glass of wine. Although the shop is open all day long, its special atmosphere

particularly spreads in the evening hours, as they always offer great entertainment. They also host different events such as concerts throughout the year.

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Address: Calle San Antón 2, Murcia

Opening hours: Mon-Sat 8:30am-11:30pm

Phone: +34 629 827 723

### Olympic Sport Cafe



If it is sport that you are after then this is the perfect place to go to. Watch football on their big screen TV and relax with something cold to drink.

Photo: nito/Shutterstock.com

Address: Avenida Severo Ochoa 1, Murcia

Opening hours: Mon-Thu 8am-11:45pm. Fri 8am-12:30am.

Sat 9am-12:30am. Sun 9am-11:30pm

Phone: +34 968 859 397

Internet: [www.olympicsportcafe.com](http://www.olympicsportcafe.com)

Email: [cafeteriaolympic@gmail.com](mailto:cafeteriaolympic@gmail.com)

### Café Lab



If you are craving great coffee, then head over to Café Lab, where well experienced baristas will take great care of you. Those experts are not

only authentic but also helpful, as choosing from the huge variety of coffee (and cake) may be heaven for your taste buds, but potentially hell when making decisions.

Photo: StudioByTheSea/Shutterstock.com

Address: Calle Apóstoles 14, Murcia

Opening hours: Sun-Thu 9am-9pm. Fri-Sat 9am-12am

Internet: [www.cafelab.es](http://www.cafelab.es)

Email: [info@cafelab.es](mailto:info@cafelab.es)

### BARS & NIGHTLIFE



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For its relatively small size, Murcia has a vibrant bar and club scene. The main reason for its briskly atmosphere is the student population that frequents the neighbourhoods near the university, but the old town has also some fair share of popular hot spots.



### Barra del Rincón



Barra del Rincón serves the probably the best cocktails in Murcia that can only be topped by their huge menu of different tapas. The bar is located in a four star hotel, hence both interior and clientele is fairly luxurious but still comfortable.

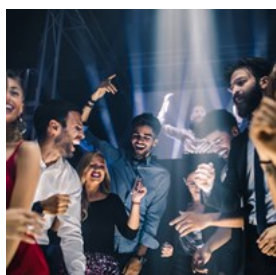
Photo: Aleksandrs Muiznieks/Shutterstock.com

Address: Calle Apóstoles 34, Murcia

Opening hours: Daily 1:30pm-4pm and 8pm-11:30pm

Phone: +34 968 212 239

### Luminata Disco



Luminata Disco is a club where you can dance to the carefully selected music, and where you can, at some occasions, also experience different events. The place can be described as modern and it has a cosmopolitan vibe.

Photo: bbernard/Shutterstock.com

Address: Puerta Nueva 29, Murcia

Opening hours: Thu 12am-6:30am. Fri-Sat 12am-7:30am

Phone: +34 968 909 950

Internet: [www.grupotemporaneo.com](http://www.grupotemporaneo.com)

### La Parranda Taberna



Enjoy La Parranda Taberna's lovely terrace on a hot and sunny day. It is located at the San José square, so it is the place for watching people while relaxing with a fabulous drink.

Photo: William Perugini/Shutterstock.com

Address: Calle San José 1, Murcia

Phone: +34 968 221 726

Internet: [www.laparranda.es](http://www.laparranda.es)

Email: [taberna@laparranda.es](mailto:taberna@laparranda.es)

### Bro



The bar Bro does not only take the taste of their cocktails quite seriously but also their appearance, and it is always a great pleasure to savour one of their drinks. The service and its atmosphere is also enjoyable, so just head over and have a great evening.

Photo: santypa/Shutterstock.com

Address: Calle Poeta y Periodista Raimundo de los Reyes 2, Murcia

Opening hours: Mon-Wed 7pm-2am. Thu-Sun 4pm-2am

Phone: +34 868 914 636

Internet: [www.brofreeman.com](http://www.brofreeman.com)

Email: [www.brofreeman.com](http://www.brofreeman.com)

## SHOPPING



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The narrow alleys of the Old Town, the pedestrian Calle Trapería between the Cathedral and Plaza de Santo Domingo, and luxurious Calle Jabonerías, are some of the city's main shopping destinations. Calle Trapería is also home to Murcia's casino, for those who want to try and increase their shopping budget. Nearby, food market Mercado Veronica is worth a visit as the Murcia region is known for its fresh and tasty produce.

Bargains can be made at the souvenir and flea market on Jeronimo de Roda behind the El Corte Inglés department store. The older areas of coastal town Cartagena also offer shopping options, as does the luxurious beach town La Manga. The Murcia region has a large number of wineries, many of them ecologically managed. Head for the Ricote Valley to explore some of them.

### Camper



In 1981, Camper opened its first store in Barcelona, and today, there are several boutiques across Spain.

The shoes are known for being extraordinary comfortable but still stylish, and they come for both men and women as well as for children.

Photo: Undrey/Shutterstock.com

Address: Avenida de la Libertad 1, Murcia

Opening hours: Mon-Fri 10am-10pm. Sat 11am-10pm

Phone: +34 662 188 890

Internet: [www.camper.com](http://www.camper.com)

### Adolfo Domínguez



The history of this Spanish brand has its roots back to the 1950's, and today, there are shops all over the world. The clothes, bags and

shoes designed by Adolfo Domínguez are stylish and elegant, and there are collections for both men and women as well as for children.

Photo: Creative Lab/Shutterstock.com

Address: Calle Tomás Maestre 2, Murcia

Opening hours: Mon-Sat 10am-2pm and 5pm-9pm

Phone: +34 968 354 041

Internet: [www.adolfodominguez.com](http://www.adolfodominguez.com)

### Loewe



For more than 150 years, Loewe has provided men and women with luxurious well-tailored fashion and leather goods. This is the flagship

store and it offers a VIP area with personal shoppers for those who need.

Photo: Creative Lab

Address: Avenida de la Libertad 1, Murcia

Opening hours: Mon-Sat 10am-10pm

Phone: +34 968 004 803

Internet: [www.loewe.com](http://www.loewe.com)

### La Noria Outlet



La Noria is a compromise, if you want to do both shopping and enjoying the weather.

This outlet is an open-air shopping centre,

designed as a Mediterranean village, with great brands and low prices. Even if you do not plan to buy anything, it is still worth a visit for just having a walk.

Photo: VGstockstudio/Shutterstock.com

Address: A-7 Salida 571, La Nora, Murcia

Opening hours: Mon-Sat 10am-10pm

Phone: +34 968 605 075

Internet: [www.lanoriaoutlet.es/en/](http://www.lanoriaoutlet.es/en/)

Email: [lanoriaoutlet.es/en/](mailto:lanoriaoutlet.es/en/)

### Bodegas Luzon



If you want to experience the world of wine, then head to Bodegas Luzon, which will most happily open its doors to all wine lovers and wine lovers

to-be. Here, you can join a guided tour and get to know the whole process of producing wine, from reaping the grapes to bottling the produce. Do not forget to take your seat at the wine tasting table and take your favourite wine with you, as a souvenir that will likely not last for long.

Photo: Stokkete/Shutterstock.com

Address: Carretera Jumilla Calasparra, Km 3.1, Jumilla, Murcia

Opening hours: Guided tours from Monday to Saturday, made by appointment

Phone: +34 968 784 135

Internet: [www.bodegasluzon.com](http://www.bodegasluzon.com)

Email: [tour@bodegasluzon.com](mailto:tour@bodegasluzon.com)

### TOURIST INFORMATION



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### 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



Average temperatures in Murcia greatly vary but considering the humidity, temperatures do always feel nice and allow for a great experience of

typical Spanish life. Thus, you can visit Murcia nearly all year long but the season from March until September might be best for enjoying parks and outdoor activities. As the summer months are the busiest ones, do choose another season for having lower expenses and less crowded public spaces.

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### Murcia-San Javier - Airport



Murcia-San Javier is a small airport located near Mar Menor, the large salt water lake, 28 miles from Murcia. A taxi takes about 30 minutes to

reach the city. There is also a bus service that leaves for Murcia's bus terminal three times per day.

Photo: Juan Garces

Address: Ctra. del Aeropuerto, Santiago de la Ribera, Murcia

Phone: +34 913 221 000

Internet: <https://www.murcia-san-javier-airport.com>

### Public Transport



A network of well-maintained roads makes it easy to drive around the region.

Highways connect Murcia with the coastal villages

Cartegna and La Manga as well as with the rest of Spain. Trains depart from El Carmen railway station for Cartegna, Alicante, Albacete, and onwards to Madrid. The local trains connect Cartegna - Los Nietos with Mar Menor. Buses depart to all parts of the region from Murcia's bus station.

Photo: Pierre-Luc Auclair

Phone: +34 912 320 320

Internet: [www.renfe.com/index.html](http://www.renfe.com/index.html)

### Taxi



Radio Taxi Plaza Pintor  
Inocencio Medina Vera 7,  
Murcia [www.radiotaximurcia.com/](http://www.radiotaximurcia.com/) +34 968 80 00  
42 Eurotaxi +34 968 297  
700

Photo: ArrivalGuides

### Post



Post offices can be found at several locations. The main post office is at Plaza Circular.

Photo: Andy Fuchs

Address: Plaza Circular 8, Murcia

Opening hours: Mon-Sat 8:30am-8:30pm

Phone: +34 968 271 296

### Pharmacy



Pharmacies can be found at several locations. A central pharmacy can be found at Calle de la Traperia 1.

Photo: Gemma Garner

Address: Calle de la Traperia 1, Murcia

Phone: +34 968 277 400

### Telephone



Country code: +34 Area  
code: 968

Photo: Jardson Almeida

## Electricity

230v, 50 Hz, C/F



Photo: Stirling Tschan

### Population

443,200

### Currency

1 Euro = 100 cents

### Opening hours

Spanish shops are open Mon-Sat 9:30am-1:30pm and 5pm-8:30pm. Shopping malls and supermarkets are open from 10am-10pm.

### Newspapers

Diario De Verdad  
La Opinion De Murcia

### Emergency numbers

European Emergency Number: 112

### Tourist information

Murcia's Visitor Information  
Avda. Juana Jugán 2, Murcia  
+34 968 277 702

Most other large towns in the region also have tourist information offices.









Abderramán II	A1 B1	Calle Pintor Sobejano	B3	Munos de la Pena	B2
Alameda Colon	C3	Calle Puerta Nueva	C1	Nueva San Anton	A1
Alejandro Seiquer	C2	Calle Ricardo Gil	C3	Obispo Sancho Davila	C1
Apostoles	C3	Calle Ronda de Levante	C1 D1	Olof Palme	A1
Avenida Antonete Galvez	D1	Calle Rosal	C3	Pablo Neruda	D3
Avenida Baroja Pio	D4	Calle Sagasta	B2	Pasea Marques de Corvera	C4
Avenida Ciudad de Almeria	A4 B4	Calle San Antonio	C2 D2	Paseo de Garay	D3
Avenida D. Juan de Borbon	D1	Calle San José	D3	Paseo de Malecon	A3 B3
Avenida de Juan Carlos	C1	Calle San Nicolás	B2	Pasos de Santiago	B1 B2
Avenida de la Libertad	B1 C1	Calle Santa Teresa	B2	Pintor Pedro Flores	C4 D4
Avenida de San Juan de la Cruz	D3 D4	Calle Senda de Enmedio	A1 A2	Plano San Francisco	B3
Avenida General Primo de Rivera	B1 C1	Calle Sierra Nevada	A2 B2	Plateria	C2
Avenida Infante Juan Manuel	D3	Calle Simon Garcia	C3 D2	Plaza Cardenal Belluga	C2 C3
Avenida Rio Segura	C3	Calle Torre de Romo	C4	Plaza Castilla	A1
Avenida Teniente Flomesta	C3	Calle Victorio	D2	Plaza Circular	C1
Avenida Victoria	D1	Camino Hondo	A4	Plaza de San Agustin	B2
Barrionuevo	C2	Capuchinos	C4	Plaza Emilio Diez de Revenga	B1
Batalia de las Flores	B1 C1	Carovas del Castilla	C3 D2	Plaza González Conde	C3
Calle Aciscio Diaz	B2	Condestable	B1	Plaza La Fuensanta	C1
Calle Almenara	A3 B3	Derechos Humanos	D1	Plaza Martinez Tornel	C3
Calle Cartagena	B4 C4	Doctor José Tapia Sanz	C1 D1	Plaza Mayor	B2
Calle Ceuta	D2	Entierro de la Sardina	A2 A3	Plaza Pintor Pedro Flores	C4
Calle de Jeronimo Roda	B2 C1	Floridablanca	C4	Plaza Santa Isabel	B2 C2
Calle de la Olma	A2	Freneria	C3	Plaza Santo Domingo	C2
Calle de la Traperia	C2	Galdo	C4	Princesa	C3
Calle de Las Norias	A1	General Martin de la Carrera	C4 D4	Ronda Oeste	A2
Calle de Los Bolos	A2 B2	Gran Via Alfonso X El Sabio	C1 C2	Ronde Garay	D2 D3
Calle de Muralla	A2 A3	Gran Via General Salzillo	C2	Saavedra Fajardo	C2
Calle de Orilla de la Via	A4	Industria	C4	San Anton	A1 B2
Calle de Rector José Loustau	D1 D2	Isabel la Catolica	D3	San Ignacio de Loyola	C1 C2
Calle de Ronda Norte	A1 B1	Jacobo de las Leyes	C1 D2	San Martin de Porres	D1 D2
Calle del Sauce	D4	Joaquin Blume	B1	San Pedro	B2 B3
Calle Doctor Fleming	C2 D2	Jorge Guillén	C1	Santa Catalina	B2 C2
Calle Gloria	D2 D3	Juan de la Cierva	B2 B3	Santa Clara	C2
Calle Greco	C1 D1	Juan Guerro Ruiz	A1 B1	Santa Joaquina de Vedruna	C3 D4
Calle Isaac Albéniz	B1	La Merced	C2	Santa Ursula	C4
Calle Jurnilla	B3 C3	Luis de Gongora	D3 D4	Senda del Picazo	A1 B1
Calle Mar Menor	B1	Madre de Dios	C2 C3	Sierra de la Pila	A2
Calle Melilla	D2	Madre Elisea Oliver Molina	B4 C3	Sierra Espuna	B1
Calle Navarra	A2 B2	Manu	A1	Virgen de la Esperanza	B1 C1
		Mariano Montesinos	A2		