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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. The desert locations of countless 'spaghetti westerns' lie inland.



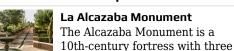
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THE CITY



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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.

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Address: Plaza de la Catedral, Almería

Phone: +34 950 232 600

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.



Photo: atpc88/Shutterstock.com Address: Calle Tenor Iribarne, Almería

Phone: +34 950 273 039

Internet: www.turismodealmeria.org/en/motivo-tematico/arab

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Cowboy Country



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

Plaza De Toros



Plaza De Toros is located in Roquetas De Mar and opened in 2002. It has become a modern arena not only for bull fighting but also for concerts,

events and exhibitions. At Plaza De Toros you can also walk through the exhibition at the bull fighting museum.

Photo: Alfonso de Tomas/Shutterstock.com Address: Avenida Curro Romero, Roquetas de Mar

Phone: +34 950 232 259

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

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



Phone: +34 950 268 696

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: Closed on Mondays

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

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

Opening hours: Open 1pm-4pm and 8pm-12am

Phone: +34 950 272 912 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: kina8/Shutterstock.com

Address: Calle Tenor Iribarne 7, Almería Opening hours: Open 1pm-4pm and 8pm-12am

Phone: +34 950 264 475

Internet: www.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

Phone: +34 950 273 429

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, Almeria

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 Opening hours: Sun-Thu: 1pm-1am. Fri-Sat: 1pm-2am

Phone: +34 950 187 009

La Piemontesa



This Italian restaurant chain is located in many cities around Spain. La Piemontesa is beautiful and elegant and you can choose between a number



of pastas and sauces. This is the perfect restaurant for a romantic dinner.

Photo: darqdesign/Shutterstock.com

Address: Rambla de Obispo Orberá, 2, Almería

Phone: +34 950 268 367

Internet: www.lapiemontesa.com

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

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

Phone: +34 950 237 379

Capri Cafetería y Confitería



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

addresses in the city.

Photo: Yulia Grigoryeva/Shutterstock.com

Address: Calle Méndez Núñez 14, Almería / Calle Navarro

Rodrigo, 21, Almería Phone: +34 950 237 685

Internet: www.confiteriacapri.es

Teteria Almedina



Teteria Almedina offers everything from mint tea and pastries to a good, filling tagine. 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: Open 1pm-11pm

Phone: +34 629 277 827

Internet: www.teteriaalmedina.com



BARS & NIGHTLIFE



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Almería is teeming 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.

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

Phone: +34 950 268 608

Internet: www.laparadasedivierte.blogspot.se

Manhattan Karaoke Show Bar



Manhattan Karaoke Show Bar is located in Playa Serena and offers first class entertainment from Friday to Tuesday. Friday and Saturday night

entails karaoke and Sunday night a cabaret show.

Photo: Syda Productions/Shutterstock.com Address: Playa Serena, Roquetas de Mar, 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

Phone: +34 950 239 135

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.



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.

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.

The Paseo de Almería is good for fashion and shoes, with the Marin Rosa department store and fashion staples Mango, Zara, and Women's Secret lingerie.

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

ESSENTIAL 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

Europear, 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

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

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

200,000

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.

Newspapers

La Voz de Almería Sur in English

Main national dailies in Spain: El País ABC El Mundo

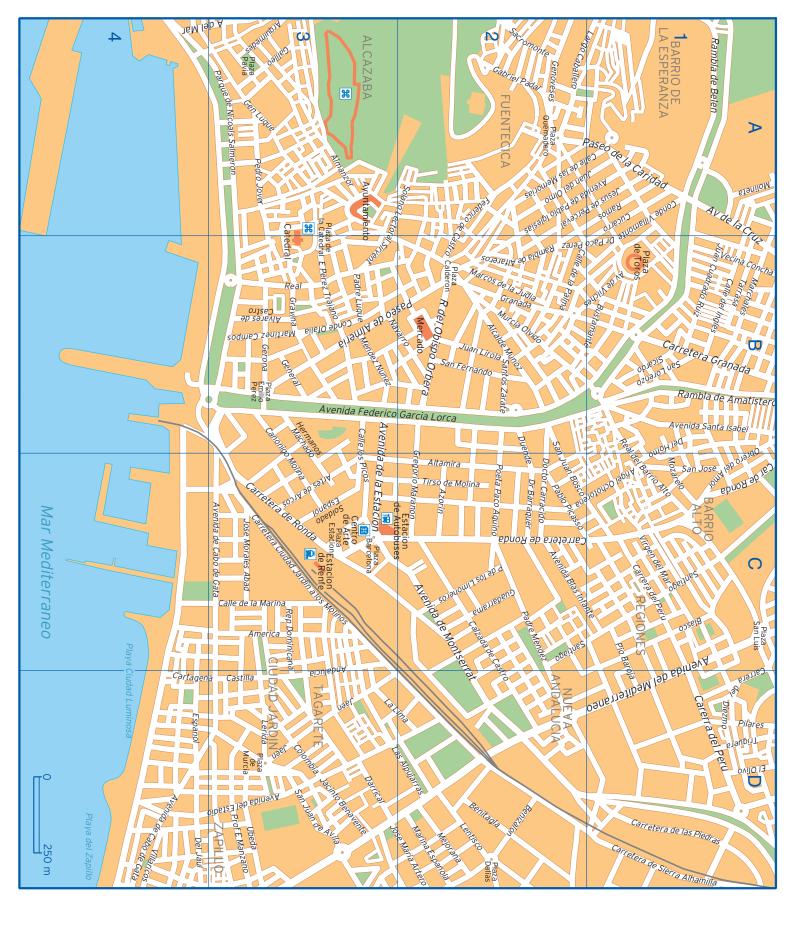
Emergency numbers

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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Alcalde Munoz	B2	Del Homo	B1 C1	Padre Mendez	C2
Almanzor	A3	Del Jaul	D4	Parque de Nicoals Salmeron	A3
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Alvares de Castro	В3	Doctor Carracido	C2	Paseo de la Caridad	A1 A2
America	C3	Dr Paco Perez	B1 B2	Paseo de los Limoneros	C2
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Avenida de Montserrat	C2 D2	General Luque	A3	Plaza Emilio Perez	В3
Avenida de Pablo Iglesias	A1 A2	Genoveses	A2	Plaza Estacion	C3
Avenida de Vilches	B1 B2	Gerona	В3	Plaza Pavia	A3
Avenida del Estadio	D3 D4	Granada	B2	Plaza Quemadero	A2
Avenida del Mar	A3 A4	Gravina	В3	Plaza San Luis	C1
Avenida del Mediterraneo	C1 D2	Gregorio Maranon	B2 C2	Poeta Paco Aquino	C2
Avenida Federico Garcia Lorca	B2 B3	Guadarrama	C2	Profesor Escobar Manzano	D3
Avenida Santa Isabel	B1	Hermanos Machado	B3 C3	Rambla de Alfareros	B2
Azorin	C2	Jacinto Benavente	D3	Rambla de Amatisteros	B1
Benitagla	D2	Jaen	D3	Rambla de Belen	A1
Benizalon	D2	Jesus de Perceval	A1 A2	Rambla del Obispo Orbera	B2
Blasco	C1	Jose Maria Artero	D2 D3	Ramos	A1
Bustamante	B1 B2	Jose Morales Abad	C3	Real	В3
Calle de la Marina	C3	Juan Cuadrado Ruiz	B1	Real del Barrio Alto	B1 C1
Calle de la Palma	B2	Juan del Olmo	A1 A2	Republica Dominicana	C3
Calle de las Memorias	A1 A2	Juan Lirola	B2	Sacromonte	A2
Calle del Ingles	B1	La Lima	D2 D3	San Fernando	B2
Calle los Picos	B3 C3	Largo Caballero	A1 A2	San Jose	C1
Calzada de Castro	C2 D2	Las Alpujarras	D2 D3	San Juan Bosco	B2 C2
Canonigo Molina	B3 C3	Lentisco	D2	San Juan de Avila	D3
Carerra del Peru	D1	Lerida	D3	San Lorenzo	B1
Carrera del Diezmo	C1 D1	Marchales	B1	Santiago	C1 C2
Carrera del Peru	C1	Marcos de la Judia	B2	Santos Zarate	B2
Carretera Ciudad Jardin a los Molinos	C3	Marina Espanola	D2	Sicardo	B1
Carretera de las Piedras	D1	Martinez Campos	В3	Solano Lectoral Sirvent	A2 B3
Carretera de Ronda	C1 C2 C3	Mejorana	D2	Soldado Espanol	C3
Carretera de Sierra Alhamilla	D1	Mendez Nunez	В3	Tarrasa	B1
Carretera Granada	B1	Molineta	A1	Tirso de Molina	C2
Cartagena	D3 D4	Mozarelo	C1	Triguera	D1
Castilla	D3	Murcia Olvido	B2	Ubeda	D3
Colombia	D3	Navarro	B2 B3	Vecina Concha	B1
Conde Ofalia	В3	Obrero del Amor	B1 C1	Villaricos	D4
Conde Villamonte	A1 B1	Pablo Picasso	C2	Virgen del Mar	C1
Cucarro	A1				