

Alicante

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Welcome to Alicante – the friendliest city in Spain!

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

Alicante's well-known climate and beaches make this a perfect city for spending a few pleasantly relaxing days away from it all.



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Phone: +34 965 162 128

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THE CITY



Photo: Borja Lopez

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

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

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

BEACH LIFE



Photo: Agustin David

Some of Alicante's best tourist attractions are its excellent beaches. Year after year they receive the Blue Flag award

by the European Union, which earns them well deserved international recognition.

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

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

SAN JUAN BEACH

This fine golden sandy beach is almost three kilometres in length and up to one hundred metres wide. It's facilities include lifeguard watchtowers, a Red Cross post, car park, footbath, toilets, disable access. It is perfect for enjoying water-based activities, sports and also has children's play parks. Along the beachfront there are all kinds of shops and restaurants.

Length: 2,900 m | Width: 85 m

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

DO & SEE



Photo: Paco Fabregat

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Old Town Quarter

Back in the old town quarter, we recommend a route that includes a visit to the San Nicholas Co-cathedral dating from the 17th-century. The cloisters, however, are from the 15th-century (Herrerian Renaissance style), and the Town Hall building is an 18th-century Baroque building. The Santa María Basilica, a gothic structure based on the mosque from the ancient town, dates from the 14th- and 16th-centuries and was completed with Baroque and Rococo finishes in the 18th-century.

Address: Plaza Navarro Rodrigo

TuriBus

For those who want to have a general idea of Alicante, or for those with less time, Alicante offers a special service—the TuriBus—a bus through the city with 9 interesting stops for holidaymakers. The sights and sites are explained in Spanish, English, French, German and Italian.

The TuriBus runs every hour on the hour from 10.00-19.00 with a break from 14.00 and 16.00, every day of the week except Mondays. A one-day unlimited ticket costs €10 for adults and €5 for children and pensioners.

Bonfires of Saint John Museum

This museum (Museo de Fogueres) is dedicated to the most popular "fiesta" in Alicante and shows the "ninots," or wooden statues that have been "saved" - i.e., not burned

every year - in a video room showing the best of this "fiesta", photographs, costumes, etc. This museum is especially nice for families with children!

Address: C/ Teniente Alvarez Soto

Opening hours: Open every day except Sunday afternoons and Mondays

Phone: +34 965 146 828

Tickets: Free entrance

Internet: www.alicanteturismo.com

More Info: Next to Rambla Méndez Núñez

MARQ

Created in 1932, this museum was originally located on the ground floor of the Provincial Council building on Avenida de la Estación avenue in Alicante. In 2002 it was transferred to the former site of the San Juan de Dios provincial hospital.

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

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

Address: Plaza Doctor Gómez Ulla S/N

Opening hours: Open every day except Mondays.

Phone: +34 965 149 000

Internet: www.marqalicante.com

MUBAG

This museum occupies the 18th century Gravina Palace, which once belonged to the Count of Lumiares and housed the Provincial Archives. It exhibits works owned by the Provincial Council of Alicante, with collections comprising works of art created in Alicante from the Middle Ages to the early 20th century.

Address: C/ Gravina, 13-15

Opening hours: Open every day except Mondays and Sunday afternoons

Phone: +34 965 14 67 80

Internet: www.mubag.org

GOLF



Photo: Jose Maria Manzanaro

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

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

El Plantío

"El Plantío" is a golf course which is in perfect harmony with the environment. It is a unique area of spectacular beauty which begs to be strolled through. The careful reforestation of plant species gives the course an exotic and unique feel, which makes each hole different. A "pay@pay" non-member golf course, to which every player has access. "El Plantío" has spectacular beauty and design, for the permanent enjoyment of golf.

Address: Old road Alicante-Elx, km3/ 03114 Alicante
Phone: +34 965 189 115
Internet: www.elplantio.com

More Info: elplantiogolf@elplantio.com

Alicante Golf

Alicante Golf, designed by Severiano Ballesteros, is considered to be one of the best maintained and designed golf courses in the whole Spain. It is also highly regarded for its complete practice area. Another attraction of the course is the ruins of a Roman village dating back to the 1st century B.C. located in the middle of the 14th hole. These ruins surfaced during the construction of the course and you have to fly over them to reach the green. At the 18th hole you will find the hostel Hesperia Alicante Golf-Spa, only 800 metres away from the sea. Alicante Golf's Restaurant is famous for its exquisite rice dishes and Mediterranean cuisine.

Address: 37 Locutor Vicente Hipolito Avenue. La Condomina
Phone: +34 965 152 043
Internet: www.alicantegolf.com
More Info: clubgolf@alicantegolf.com

Golf & Spa Bonalba

Bonalba golf course, with 18 holes, par 72, and a length of 6,367 metres, is located above the Mediterranean in the municipality of Mutxamel, in Alicante. Its 18°C year-round average temperature and its location just 2 km from San Juan beach, make Bonalba a privileged location for playing golf all year round.

Address: Partida de Bonalba, s/n
Phone: +34 965 955 955
Internet: www.golfbonalba.com
More Info: golfbonalba@golfbonalba.com

Alenda Golf

Alenda Golf course was designed by Roland Favrat, with the aim of respecting the lay of the land and the vegetation proper to the area as much as possible. The course was completed in October 1999, occupies 49 hectares of land, and has 18 holes Par 72, with 6,240 metres in length as well as an excellent practice area. The first nine holes are fun and easy to play, with wide fairways bordered by autochthonous vegetation. On the other

hand, the second nine holes require higher levels of concentration, as this is a more technical part of the course in which distance plays a role, and in which holes 17 and 18 will clearly define the results of the score card.

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

Fond del Llop Golf Resort

American design and Scottish layout that will be a challenge and delight for all kinds of players. A playing area of international size, 18 holes, par 72, 6.313 meters from white tees, that has five exit tees for each hole—with each green having its own personality. Just few minutes from international Alicante Airport.

Address: Ctra. Alicante- Aspe CV.847-km 3,5
Phone: +34 966 12 67 67
Internet: www.fdlgolf.es
More Info: info@fdlgolf.es

DINING



Photo: Alicante City Tourist Board

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

Fish and shellfish are fresh every day while sausage and meat is produced in the mountains near Alicante. Salads are served with salted accompaniments and olives. The

tasty and unusual local drink made with tiger nuts, "horchata," is very popular and served in many bars and "horchaterías," which you will find nearly everywhere in the city—you will love it!

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

Alicante offers a wide range of restaurants of every category from elegant to fashionable, from exclusive to snack-bars. Meal times are usually somewhat later than in the rest of Europe: breakfast from 7.30-10.00. The main meal or lunch is served in restaurants from 14.00 and 15.30 and dinner is from 21.00-22.30.

Restaurante Dársena

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

Address: C/ Marina Deportiva, Muelle Levante 6
Phone: +34 965 207 399
Internet: www.darsena.com

Restaurante Nou Manolín

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

Address: C/ Villegas, 3
Phone: +34 965 200 368
Internet: www.noumanolin.com

Restaurante El Cantó

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

Address: C/ Alemania, 26

Phone: +34 965 925 650

La Taberna del Gourmet

La Taberna del Gourmet is a catering project that begun in 1979 which is focused on the quality of the raw product. A place where innovation is at the service of organic food and traditional flavors, where succulent tapas, sandwiches, cured meats and cheeses from all regions are prepared in a lively Spanish barra.

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

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

Address: C/San Fernando, 10
Opening hours: Opened 11am - 12.30pm
Phone: (+34) 965204233

La barra de César Anca

The Cesar Anca bar stands out for their great variety of design tapas.

In the renewed and beautiful square, Gabriel Miró, with ancient trees you will find our bar. A modern and welcoming place in which everything is in constant movement. The orders are coming, the dishes arrive, new tapas...

In Cesar Anca you can enjoy of our classic tapas, our famous design tapas, dishes, desserts ... all this in good company and with an impeccable service.

Address: 1 Ojeda Street
Phone: (+34) 965 20 15 80
Internet: www.cesarancahosteleria.com
More Info: info@cesarancahosteleria.com

Restaurante La Ereta

Situated on La Ereta park, on the side on Mount Benacantil, by Santa Barbara Castle. It enjoys wonderful views of the coastline, the Castle and the city centre—in other words, set in the loveliest of surroundings. They specialise in very elaborate cuisine.

Address: Parque de la Ereta, Monte Benacantil
Phone: +34 965 143 250
Internet: www.laereta.es

Bar Guillermo

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

Address: C/ Pintor Velázquez, 21
Phone: +34 965 200 184

CAFES



Photo: Javier Gallego

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

Las Manolitas

It's a coffee bar manager by three sisters, exclusive place, cupcakes and presents with charmed.

Address: C/ Canalejas 20

Terraza Sotelo 10

Take your drink, coffee, beer, snacks, etc., in a different

way, in a natural garden at Calvo Sotelo Square, a beautiful and comfortable place located in the commercial center of the city of Alicante.

Address: 15 Calvo Sotelo square

Soho Park

Situated in an emblematic square with ancient trees called "Portal de Elche" close to the old town of Alicante. A place where you can enjoy of a relaxing coffee during the day or of a great "Mojito" in the evening.

Address: Portal de Elche, Alicante

Tres Cucharitas

A charming place that offers a different concept of sweets with an English style. Most delicious and elaborated cupcakes, custom cakes and much more. A coffee shop to enjoy a good coffee in good company.

Address: Calle Médico Pascual Perez, 6

Concerto

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

Address: C/ Teniente Álvarez Soto, 6 Alicante

Noray Café

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

Address: Puerto de Alicante

Havana

Opens at 08.00 in the morning and is a popular café for tired bon vivants or morning people who want a good cup of coffee.

Address: Rambla de Méndez Núñez 26

BARS & NIGHTLIFE



Photo: Rafa Arjones

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

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

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

La Historia

If you don't know Alicante, you don't know "The History". 365 days a year at your service, taking care of every detail, pampering our customers, this is our History. There is no better place to spend a Saturday afternoon or night than in Castaños Street, in the center of Alicante. All adorned with mojitos and beautiful people. Come to find it out! Open 365 days a year from 10AM till past midnight, licence until 4am.

Address: Castaños Street

Opening hours: From 10 am to 4 am

Phone: (+34) 606 123 123

Internet: www.grupolahistoria.com

Clan Cabaret

This bar is a classic in the Alicantinian night and has become a cultural reference point with performances, painting or comic exhibitions and concerts.

Address: C/ Capitán Segarra, 16
Phone: +34 965 210 003
Internet: www.clancabaret.com

The Clap

One of the most recent pubs to open in Alicante, offering a good choice of commercial music. It has become a fashionable bar, updating their schedule to a new trend in the city on Fridays and Saturdays in the afternoon. It is a place that you can not forget to visit and dance to good music!

Address: Calle Tomás López Torregrosa, 3

Isla Marina & Isla in City

Located at the end of El Postiguet beach, overlooking the sea. It is a very trendy place with a restaurant and areas to sit down to enjoy a drink or a dance. During the winter you can also enjoy of "Isla Incity" a very charmed place located in the basements of the five star hotel "Hospes Amerigo" in the city center.

Address: Avda Villajoyosa s/n
Phone: +34 965 265 728
Internet: www.islamarina.com

Soho Mar

Located in the Marina of Alicante, a beautiful place to enjoy at night of their suggestive and refreshing cocktails. Be delight with the variety of Gintonics made as you decide. During the day you can enjoy a nice coffee, feeling the breeze of the Mediterranean sea and relaxing with the excellents views of the Santa Barbara Castle and the seafront of the city.

O'Hara Irish Pub

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

It also has a terrace on the Explanada de España.

Address: Explanada de España, 4

EVENTS



Photo: Borja Lopez

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

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

SHOPPING



Photo: Javier Guijarro

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

The main shopping streets can be found in the city centre,

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

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

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

El Corte Inglés

Spain's largest chain of department stores is to be found in 53 Avenida Maisonnave and 1-3 Avda. Federico Soto. Sooner or later, everyone comes here. Take the opportunity to buy "turrones," nougat with nuts. The best price in town. You can also find Fondillon Gran Reserva 1964 here, a wine unique to the Alicante region at the reasonable price of only €13.

El Barrio

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

ACCOMMODATIONS



Photo: Vicente Palomares

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

Hotel Hospes Américo

The Hotel Hospes Amerigo is situated in the old Dominican monastery in the heart of historic Alicante. Considered to be the finest that can be offered to the visitor. First-class food and service.

Address: 7, Calle Rafael Altamira

Phone: +34 965 146 570

Internet: www.hospes.es

Melia Alicante

Hotel Melia is located beside the Gravina Palace with its art collections. Well managed and central.

Address: 3, Plaza Puerta del Mar

Phone: +34 965 205 000

Internet: www.solmelia.com

Husa Alicante

Hotel Husa Alicante Located in Alicante's Playa de San Juan area, just 800 metres from the beach and opposite the 18th hole at "Alicante Golf" Golf Club. Only 10 km from Alicante city centre. All rooms have a large balcony with views over the golf course. There is an indoor and an outdoor swimming pool, sauna, gym, beauty salon and

other services.

Address: Avenida de las Naciones, s/n
Phone: +34 965 235 000
Internet: www.husa.es

Albahia

Albahia is a pleasant mid-class hotel that's located three kilometres from Alicante's Golf Club. The hotel offers taxis for its guests who want to go into the centre, one kilometre away.

Address: 6, Sol Naciente
Phone: +34 965 155 979
Internet: www.albahia.com

Pension Les Monges

The rooms of the family-owned Pension les Monges are fascinating. Woven tapestries hang on the walls and every room has its own style. One room has a jacuzzi while others have simpler bathrooms, and a few of the rooms only have a toilet. They are simple, but exquisitely decorated.

Address: 4, Calle san Agustín
Phone: +34 965 215 046
Internet: www.lesmonges.es

ESSENTIAL INFORMATION



Photo: Rafael Arjones

Airport

Alicante's international airport is situated 11 kilometres south of the city and is called "El Altet". It is one of the most important airports in the country, with direct flights

to 19 destinations around Spain, around 80 in the European Union, and 12 destinations outside the EU, flying to a total of 20 different countries.

Recently, El Altet international airport completed the expansion work that has been taking place in recent years, increasing its operating capacity by 122% in comparison with 2005. The new passenger terminal covers an area of over 333,500 square metres. The departure lounges are spread over 27,000 square metres, with over 7,000 square metres dedicated to shops. The parking facilities now have 6,740 spaces available for the new terminal.

The cheapest way to get into the centre is by urban bus C-6. A single ticket costs €2.60. The bus departs every 20 minutes and it takes around 30 minutes depending on the traffic. A taxi costs around €18 with a journey time around 10 to 15 minutes.

Public Transport

There are city buses running to every district of the city, and Alicante's suburbs. The central bus station offers regular connections with other towns in the area, as well as the main Spanish cities and European capitals, as well as Morocco (www.subus.es).

Trams leave from the Mercado Central station in direction to San Juan beach and the coastal town of El Campello, Benidorm and also connect with the tram (narrow gauge train) service going up the north coast of Alicante, including Calpe and Denia. Due to the spectacular landscape along the way, the tram is loved and popular among tourists.

The train is another useful method of transport. Thanks to modern trains, Spanish as well as European capitals can be reached easily and comfortably from the station located in the city centre.

Coach Station: +34 965 130 700

Railway Station: +34 902 240 202 / www.renfe.es

Tram: +34 900 720 472 / www.fgv.es

Taxi

Easy to get hold of if you want to stop one on the street.

Fare meters are used. In order to book a taxi, including taxis adapted for the handicapped, there are several local companies:

Tele Taxi +34 965 101 611

Radio Taxi +34 965 252 511

Taxi Área +34 965 910 591

Post

The central post office is open all day Monday to Friday from 08.30-20.30, and on Saturday from 09.30-14.00.

Closed on Sunday.

Address: C / Alemania 7

Phone: +34 965 131 887

Pharmacy

All chemists have a list of current emergency chemists. It is also published in all daily papers in the region.

Telephone

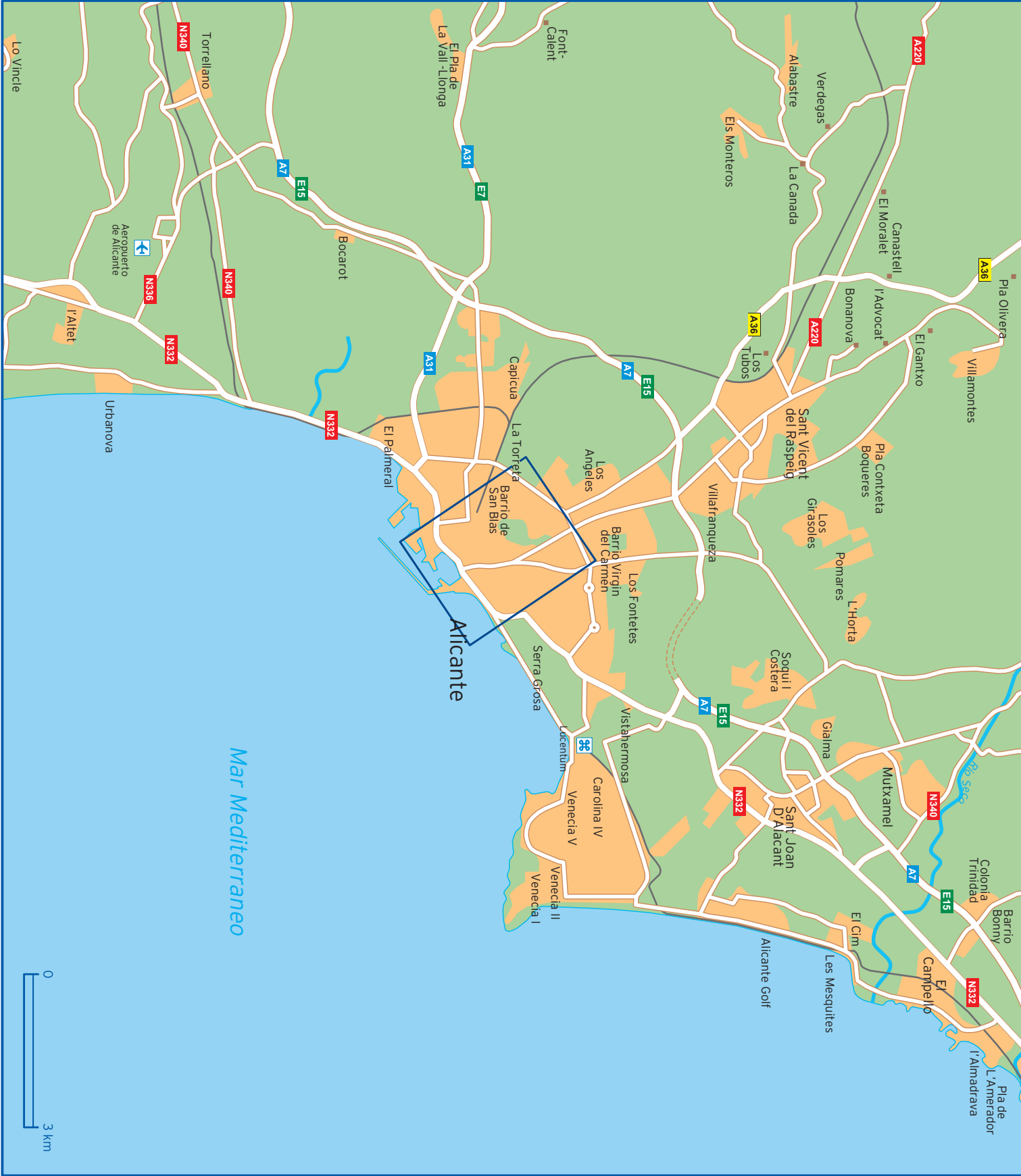
Country code + 34

Area code: 965

You have to dial the area code even when you are in Alicante.

Electricity

220-240 volts





		Calle Bono Guarnier	A2	Calle Miguel Soler	C3
Avenida Alfonso x El Sabio	B3 C3	Calle Calderon de La Barca	C2 C3	Calle Montero Rios	D1 D2
Avenida Estacion	A3 B3	Calle Canalejas	B3	Calle Olof Palme	D1
Avenida Jaime II	C3 D3	Calle Canota Pasaron	A2	Calle Padre Mariana	C2
Avenida Maisonnave	A3 B3	Calle Capitan Meca	C3	Calle Padre R de los Rios	A1 B1
Avenida Adolfo Munoz Alonso	A2 B2	Calle Capitan Segarra	C2 C3	Calle Paraiso	C2 C3
Avenida Aguilera	A2 A3	Calle Castanos	B3 C3	Calle Pintor Cabrera	A3 B3
Avenida Alcoy	C1 C2	Calle Cerda	C1	Calle Pintor Gisbert	A2 B2
Avenida Benito Perez Galdos	B2	Calle Churruca	A3	Calle Pintor Lorenzo Casanova	A3 B3
Avenida Conde de Lumiares	C1 D1	Calle Ciudad Real	A1 B1	Calle Pintor Murillo	C2
Avenida Doctor Gadea	B3	Calle Colon	B3	Calle Plus Ultra	D2
Avenida Doctor Jimenez Diaz	A1 B1	Calle Cordoba	A2	Calle Poeta Quintana	B2 B3
Avenida Doctor Rico	B1	Calle Cremades	A2	Calle Poeta Zorrilla	D2
Avenida Federico Soto	B3	Calle Diaz Moreu	C2 C3	Calle Portugal	B3
Avenida General Marva	B2	Calle Doctor Baudes	D1	Calle Primitivo Perez	C2 D1
Avenida Jijona	C2 D2	Calle Doctor Bergez	D2	Calle Rafael Asin	C1 D1
Avenida Jovellanos	D3	Calle Elda	D2	Calle Reyes Catolicos	A3
Avenida Loring	A3 A4	Calle Foguerer R Guilabert Davo	B1	Calle San Carlos	D2 D3
Avenida Oscar Espla	A3	Calle Francisco Verdu	D1	Calle San Fernando	B3 C3
Avenida Pintor Baeza	D1	Calle Garbinet	D2	Calle San Francisco	B3
Avenida Ramon y Cajal	A4 B3	Calle Garcia Andreu	A3	Calle San Mateo	D2
Avenida Salamanca	A2 B2	Calle Garcia Morato	C2 C3	Calle San Pablo	D2
Avenida Tomas y Valiente	B3 C4	Calle General Elizaicin	D2 D3	Calle San Salvador	A2 B2
Calle Albacete	B1 B2	Calle General Espartero	D1	Calle San Vicente	C2 C3
Calle Alcala	A2	Calle General Pintos	C2 D1	Calle Santos Fuertes Fernandez	A4
Calle Alcala Galiano	C2 D2	Calle Gerona	B3	Calle Sevilla	D2
Calle Alemania	B3	Calle Huerta	C3	Calle Teatro	B3
Calle Alferez Diaz Sanchis	C2	Calle Isabel La Catolica	A3	Calle Teulada	C1
Calle Alona	A3	Calle Jaime Segarra	D2	Calle Torres Quevedo	D2 D3
Calle Angel Lozano	B3	Calle Jorge Juan	C3	Calle Trafalgar	C3
Calle Arzobispo Loaces	A3 B3	Calle Juan Ortega	A2	Calle Tucuman	B2
Calle Aspe	D2	Calle Maestro Alonso	D1	Calle Valencia	D2
Calle Augustin Sosalvez Orts	C1 D1	Calle Maestro Caballero	C2	Calle Vazques de Mella	D3
Calle Aureliano Ibarra	C1	Calle Maldonado	C3	Calle Virgen del Socorro	D3
Calle Bailen	C3	Calle Marques de Molins	B2	Rambla Mendez Nunez	C3
Calle Barcelona	D2	Calle Mayor	C3		