



CARTAGENA



ONE PORT ALL OF SPAIN



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To disembark at Cartagena means entering a destination that offers a thousand and one leisure and tourism opportunities. The town's historical quarter is just a few minutes' walk away from the Port. Furthermore, the town is linked with all the main centres of tourist interest throughout the Region of Murcia. Its strategic location enables visitors to enjoy some marvellous beaches, pursue their favourite water-sport or try out the fantastic local golf-courses. Visitors can also discover the therapeutic qualities of the waters and mud treatments offered at a series of modern spas and sea-water therapy centres. The Region of Murcia offers visitors the opportunity to tour its natural expanses and explore the historical and artistic heritage of its towns and cities, whilst sampling the local culinary delights and experiencing the passion of its festivals and traditions.



CARTAGENA





CARTAGENA CRUISE PORT



Cartagena looks out to the sea. The Mediterranean has forged the strong identity of this hospitable and cosy town. This destination combines the best tourist services and infrastructures with the facilities and conveniences of a port that has the capacity to cater for the most modern cruise ships in the world.

In fact, Cartagena is an ideal destination that offers an excellent climate and high-quality range of leisure options; a destination where everything is just a step away and where passengers can disembark in the very heart of the town, thanks to the proximity and accessibility of the Cruise Terminal.

ONE PORT. ALL OF SPAIN



TECHNICAL DETAILS

Located on the Mediterranean Coast in the South-East of the Iberian Peninsula, close to the leading Spanish, French and Italian ports, Cartagena is an ideal port of call on all Mediterranean routes.

This much is confirmed by the numerous cruise companies that have included this sunny Mediterranean destination on their itineraries for many years.



Harbour:

- Opening Times: 24 hours

Maximum ship dimensions for berth:

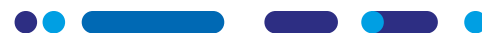
- Length: no limit
- Width: no limit
- Draught: 12 metres

Accommodation:

- Ship Stay min.: no limit
- Ship Stay max.: no limit

Cruise berths:

- Cruise Terminal. Length: 709 m.
- Santa Lucía Quay. Length: 385 m.
- San Pedro Quay. Length: 405 m.
- Draught: 12m in three berths.



Anchorage:

- Available: yes
- Compulsory: no
- Ship Tenders Allowed: yes
- Pilotage Compulsory: yes
- Tugs Available: yes
- Tidal movement / range: 65 cm

Services:

- Passenger Terminal: yes
- Ship Repair
- Bunkering
- Waste and Garbage Disposal
- Sewage disposal
- Water supply
- Provisions
- Free WiFi
- Banks: at city centre
- Tourist Office

Distances:

- City centre: 200 metres
- Airport: 30 Kilometres
- Railway Station: 1 Kilometre

Transportation:

- Shuttle service: Provided when necessary
- Taxis: yes

Tourism Facts:

- Local Population: 210,000
- Language: Spanish
- Time (GTM+/-): +1 hour
- Currency: Euro
- Banking Hours: 8:30-14:30
- Credit Cards: All
- Travellers Cheques: some
- US\$: some



WATERFRONT





A CITY THAT LOOKS TO THE SEA



The waterfront revitalization of the Port of Cartagena has been essential for becoming an attractive port of call for cruise passengers. This redevelopment includes various projects within the port area, such as the construction of a new boulevard along Alfonso XII Quay and the restoration of Charles III Wall, monument of the 18th century classified as being Heritage of Cultural Interest.

Stroll along Alfonso XII Quay and enjoy the garden areas, palm trees and seabreeze, in an area where cultural, recreational and commercial activities take place.

Port infrastructures included in the port-city integration plan: two marinas and a Yacht Club, as well as the Cruise Terminal which offers a 709 meter long berth. In this area is located the

Passenger Terminal Building, a space with the necessary services for cruise passengers: check-in desk, security scanner for passengers and baggage, passport control, offices for the Police, Civil Guard, Customs and Port Police as well as toilets.

The new waterfront is also endowed with the new Auditorium and Congress Centre, as well as the National Museum of Underwater Archaeology, a building of avant-garde architecture, which holds shipwrecks and a collection of artefacts recovered from sites in the region. The promenade includes two additional buildings, one of them currently offering a number of bars and restaurants, and the second one is a modern building crowned with four glass pyramids with a variety of gastrobars.



CARTAGENA, THE WAY TO MEMORY

The close relationship that exists between Cartagena and its port has been a very special feature of its history. In this respect, the different settlers that have inhabited the area over the centuries have left an indelible mark on the town. Their influence is recorded in numerous archaeological sites and historical

buildings dotted throughout the centre of Cartagena. All of these attractions can be found just five minutes' walk away from the harbour, whose promenade has been incorporated in the town as an additional tourist facility, replete with bars, restaurants and terrace cafés. In Cartagena, visitors are also able to enjoy

some excellent shopping opportunities, which are characterised by their quality, variety and exquisite customer service: the latest trends in fashion, antiques, decorative items, souvenirs, etc.

Cruises Friend Shop is a unique Project whereby associated retail

partners guarantee the opening of their establishments when a cruise with more than 300 passengers calls in Cartagena.



SITES OF HISTORICAL AND ARTISTIC INTEREST. 10 minutes away

B The Roman Theatre and Museum

An archaeological treasure of enormous value. The Museum relates the discovery and excavation of this jewel of Roman Spain.

Roman Forum District

Urban archaeological site of a Roman city that shows the ancient pavements of Carthago Nova, thermal baths and the atrium where banquets were held.

The Decumano, the Augusteum and the House of Fortune

Archaeological remains that enable the visitor to learn about the city and the way of life during Roman times.

A Castle of la Concepción

The best views of the bay and the town. The Visitor's Centre presents the history of Cartagena.

D Naval Museum - Peral Submarine

Located in a beautiful modernist building, visitors will find a complete history of the Navy's activities in the Mediterranean, giving special attention to the naval construction, submarines and cartography. The first submarine in the world is preserved in this museum. It was invented by Isaac Peral, native from Cartagena. An unforgettable souvenir photo opportunity.

Civil War Shelter-Museum

A spine-chilling reminder of the Spanish Civil War and an entire age, featuring posters, audiovisual resources and objects.

The National Underwater Archaeology Museum [ARQUA]

This museum houses more than 1,000 items relating to Spain's cultural heritage under the sea. Located along the promenade.

Archaeological Museum

Fundamental in order to learn about the history of the town and the different cultures that have settled there. Here visitors will come across a Late Roman necropolis.

Military Museum

Space dedicated to the Spanish Army History. A vast exhibition of weapons, ranging from anti-aircraft guns, cannons, battery guns, projectiles, weapons, swords, knives and other military equipment such as uniforms, documentation, flags and much more can be found here.

The Navidad Fort

A defensive military fortification that has been turned into a Visitor's Centre. The coast of Cartagena is marked by a series of spectacular coastal battery defences.

The Punic Wall

Here visitors will find the remains of the oldest wall on the Iberian Peninsula.

C Modernist Stroll

Through the streets of the town centre, which are dotted with Modernist balconies and unique buildings such as the Town Hall, the Grand Hotel, the Casino, Casa Cervantes and Casa Llagostera.



HISTORY



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SECRETS



TOWNS, THE WAY TO CULTURE

The Region of Murcia boasts a variety of cities worthy of mention due to their outstanding natural beauty. Murcia, the capital of the region, is a modern and leisure city with a bread cultural offer and wide range of shopping centres, restaurants and cafes. The baroque city of Lorca, with its castle, the Fortress of

the Sun, teaches visitors with theatrical performances about the life here in ancient times. Caravaca de la Cruz, the main town located in the northwest of Murcia, is a unique city which was declared in 1998 Holy City, making Caravaca the fifth city in the world that is able to celebrate the Permanent Jubilee.

SITES OF HISTORICAL AND ARTISTIC INTEREST



Murcia

C The Cathedral Close and the Plaza Cardenal Belluga

The most interesting architectural treasures of the Murcia Baroque can be found here, including the West Facade of the Cathedral, the Episcopal Palace and the Church of San Juan de Dios.

Trapería and Platería

These bustling shopping streets preserve the character of this old Christian city and the activities of its cloth and silver-smiths' guilds.

Salzillo Museum

The town offers a comprehensive and varied range of museums. This museum contains a series of imaginative works by the genial sculptor, Francisco Salzillo.

Caravaca de la Cruz

A Basílica-Santuario de la Santísima y Vera Cruz de Caravaca

The most characteristic architectural sight in the town and an extremely important centre for Christian pilgrimage.

Ethnographic Museum in Miniature

This museum brings together a number of miniature handicrafts representing the various traditions that can be found throughout the area.

Nature Interpretation Centre of Fuentes del Marqués

This former Templar fortified tower dating from the 16th century houses a Visitors' Centre that focuses on a nature theme.

Lorca

B Fortress of the Sun

This castle featuring two Medieval towers houses a Visitors' Centre that offers an interactive review of the town's history.

Collegiate Church of San Patricio

This Renaissance-style building boasts a Baroque façade. In the vicinity visitors will come across a series of other buildings of considerable interest, such as the Town Hall and the Casa del Corregidor (Chief Magistrate's Residence).

The Guevara Palace

The most important example of Baroque civil architecture in the town. The collection of paintings it houses is of considerable value.

SITES OF HISTORICAL AND ARTISTIC INTEREST.

La Unión

Mining Park of La Unión

Privileged area of the Sierra Minera (Mining Mountain Range) where you will be able to learn about the underground mining industry dating from the 19th century and live the unforgettable experience of walking inside of an underground visitor's mine, Agrupa Vicenta, of more than 4,000 sq.m.

E Old Market of La Unión

An emblem of modernist architecture built with iron and glass. It hosts the International Flamenco Festival of Cante de las Minas.

Águilas

D Castle of San Juan de Las Águilas

An 18th century fortress, that together with the Torre de Cope, they were both used to protect the town from pirate attacks.

Roman Baths

In the basement of a building on Rey Carlos III Street lie the remains of Roman baths dating from the 1st century A.D., specifically part of a caldarium (room for hot baths).

Archaeological Museum

Many civilizations have settled in Águilas, and proof of this is the wealth of roman remains found in this Museum.

Mazarrón

Port of Mazarrón

Offers visitors a rich heritage thanks to the settlement of many civilisations. Known for its mining wealth during the 19th and 20th centuries, Mazarrón developed tourist and agriculture industries as well as promoted the fishing tradition.

Roman Salt Preserving Factory Museum

As fish was an important product in Mazarrón, particularly fish sauces, an essential ingredient of the roman gastronomy, this centre explains the complete process for producing foods preserved in salt.

F Bolnuevo Erosions

Mazarrón offers a beautiful coastline. Opposite of the Mediterranean Beach of Bolnuevo there is a sandstone monument sculpted by the erosion of the water and wind.



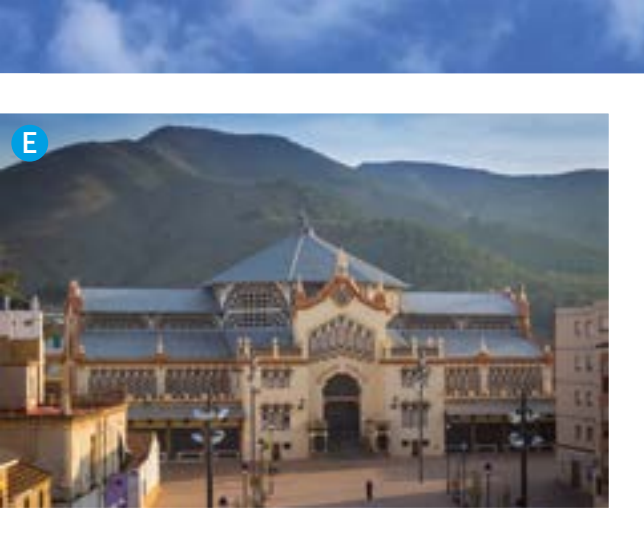
Cieza

Paleolithic and Neolithic remains

This town owns Paleolithic and Neolithic remains unique of the Mediterranean area and have been declared World heritage by the UNESCO.

Museum of Siyâsa

This Museum preserves and exhibits the traces of Cieza's history from the Paleolithic era to the end of the Middle Ages. In this site you will find two Muslim houses, presenting an interesting Andalusian style in the arches and doors.



SECRETS





CLIMATE





COASTS, THE WAY TO SUN

Visitors will enjoy almost 300 days of sunshine a year, warm temperatures even in the winter and little rain, not to mention a coast that is entirely untouched in many areas and a considerable variety of beaches and coves. Another of the

great attractions of the “Costa Cálida” is the Mar Menor, a large salt-water lagoon that offers us warm and tranquil waters that are ideal for pursuing water-sports and whose waters and mud deposits present some highly-valued therapeutic

qualities. A sand-bank formation that runs parallel to the coast over a distance of 22 kilometres, separates the Mar Menor from the Mediterranean Sea, creating an extensive line of coast with two shores, La Manga del Mar Menor.

POINTS OF INTEREST

5 minutes away

Cala Cortina

A cove located just a few kilometres away from the Cruise Terminal, nestled among the mountains.

30 minutes away

The Mar Menor

This salt-water lagoon boasts a series of quiet beaches and warm waters. The small towns that dot the coast offer an additional attraction.

Western Region

Untouched pebble beaches, deserted coves and beautiful cliffs. El Portús, La Azohía and Isla Plana are just some of the favourite destinations.

1 hour away



D La Manga del Mar Menor and Cabo de Palos

On the Mediterranean side, visitors will find a series of extensive, fine sandy beaches equipped with all the necessary facilities.

B Mazarrón

An unspoilt area along the Costa Cálida. The local beaches are equipped with all the facilities required for the whole family to have a good time.

A Calblanque

A protected natural area of considerable beauty that presents several miles of untouched beaches, some of them boasting nudist colonies.

C Águilas

An essential visit in order to see the impressive coastal landscapes of Cabo Cope and Puntas de Calnegre, which are of considerable environmental value and appeal.



SPORTS, THE WAY TO ACTION

The virtues of its Mediterranean climate, its warm, crystal-clear waters and the environmental value of its underwater life all make Cartagena and its surrounding areas an ideal place in which to pursue sports within a natural setting; scuba-diving, underwater potholing, windsurfing, kite-surfing, water-biking,

water-skiing, etc. The existence of various tourism consortiums and companies specialising in these activities means that visitors can easily enjoy any of these sports. Special mention should also be made of golf, a sport that can be played on any of the eleven courses dotted throughout the Region of Murcia.

WATER-SPORTS

30 minutes away

B The Mar Menor and La Manga

One of the most highly recommended areas for the pursuit of water-sport activities. The Estación Náutica Mar Menor manages all the tourist services and infrastructures throughout the area, offering considerable support for visitors.

The Marine Reserve of Islas Hormigas

A unique setting in which to practise scuba-diving.

1 hour away

Águilas and Mazarrón

Their underwater attractions and caves are also highly rated by scuba-diving enthusiasts.

GOLF

30 minutes away

A La Manga Club

(Los Belones)

Serena Golf

(Los Alcázares)

Roda Golf

(San Javier)

Mar Menor Golf

(Torre Pacheco)

La Torre Golf

(Torre Pacheco)

Club de Golf Torre Pacheco

(Torre Pacheco)

Saurines Golf

(Torre Pacheco)

Corvera Club de Golf

(Corvera)

Mosa Golf Murcia

(Baños y Mendigo)

El Valle Golf

(Baños y Mendigo)

Hacienda del Álamo

(Fuente Álamo)

La Tercia Golf

(Gea y Truyols)

New Sierra Golf

(Balsicas)

1 hour away

Veneziola Golf

(La Manga del Mar Menor)

Club de Golf Sensol

(Mazarrón)

Club de Golf Altorreal

(Altorreal-Murcia)

La Peraleja Golf

(Sucina)

Hacienda Riquelme Golf

(Sucina)

Alhama Signature Golf

(Alhama de Murcia)

Lorca Resort Golf Club

(Purias-Lorca)



LIFE



SILENCE





NATURE, THE WAY TO CALM

The Region of Murcia presents a wide variety of natural environments within a relatively small area, many of them under different forms of protection status. Semidesert-like landscapes exist alongside palm groves, mountains and valleys. This variety of

different landscapes makes Cartagena and its surrounding areas an ideal setting for the practise of different adventure sports and nature-based pursuits, such as trekking, cycle tourism, climbing, horseback riding and pot-holing.

POINTS OF INTEREST

30 minutes away

Sierra de Cartagena and La Unión

The former washhouses and ruins of the abandoned mines that can be found in this mountain range make up a unique and extraordinary setting and testify to the mining activities of the former age.

San Pedro del Pinatar Salt Ponds and Sand Flats Regional Park

Learn about the local flora and fauna and witness one of the most beautiful landscapes found along a path of dunes and crystal clear waters.

Calblanque

It is a veritable pleasure to tour the beaches and spectacular cliffs of this Regional Park on horseback or by bicycle.

Atamaría

Bordering the Bay of Portmán, this green expanse of considerable beauty preserves the remains of an ancient Roman Road.

Cabo Tiñoso and La Muela

The massif bordering the sea which offers a variety of flower and animal species.

1 hour away

Fuentes del Marqués

A natural park area where you will enjoy the wildlife and beautiful landscape, and take a walk around the lakes and through the woods.

Ricote Valley

The River Segura flows through this area replete with palm groves, cultivated lands and waterwheels, a vestige of the area's Moorish past.

Sierra Espuña

This mountainous region constitutes the green heart of the Region of Murcia, offering an ideal environment in which to go trekking, mountain-climbing or cycling.





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WELLNESS THE WAY TO HEALTH

Stopping off at Cartagena also offers visitors an opportunity to relax, rest and unwind, and even to remedy some of their aches and pains and other ailments. Various spas and salt-water therapy centres, some of them located

just a few minutes away from the ship, combine the curative properties of sea water, thermal waters and mud with the most advanced techniques under the headings of health and beauty, in order to offer the very best treatments.

POINTS OF INTEREST

30 minutes away

Cartagena

The town offers a number of modern facilities and hotel-spas, both in land and on the coast. one of which is located just a few minutes' walk away from the harbour.

San Javier

The waters of the Mar Menor are also used in the treatments offered at the salt-water therapy centre in San Javier. The town also has various spas.

San Pedro del Pinatar

There are three salt-water therapy centres in this town located on the shores of the Mar Menor.

La Manga del Mar Menor

Here visitors will find two modern salt-water therapy centres at hotels overlooking the sea.

Torre Pacheco

Relax and enjoy the different spa treatments that combine modern techniques with ancient therapies.

1 hour away

Archena

Located in the heart of the Valley of Ricote, this natural setting provides the backdrop for one of the oldest thermal spa centres in Spain.

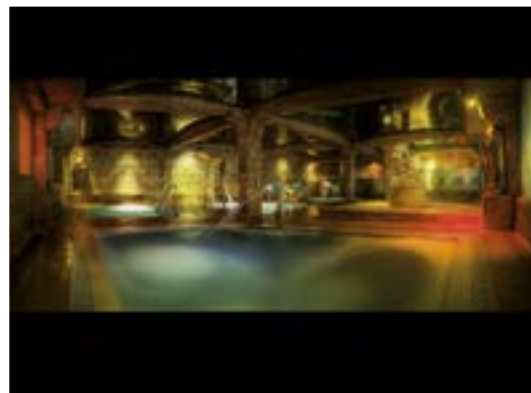
Fortuna

This inland destination within the Region of Murcia boasts the Spa of Leana, whose thermal waters were highly rated by the Romans.

Águilas and Murcia

These destinations also have spas that take advantage of the facilities offered by four- and five-star hotels.





RELAX





TASTE





GASTRONOMY, THE WAY TO FLAVOUR

The bounty of the sea, the land and the countryside ... Rice dishes cooked in a thousand different ways, salted meats and fish, fresh fruit and vegetables and delicious sweets are just some of the delights of Cartagena's culinary fare. The considerable quality of the local produce and a culinary approach based

on a combination of ancient traditions and the latest gastronomic trends also offer a significant added-valued dimension. This quality is backed up by the Certified Origin (D.O.) status of many of the products employed, such as the wines from Jumilla, Yecla and Bullas, cheese, rice and paprika.

A MOUTHFUL OF EXQUISITE PLEASURE

A Caldero

A typical dish of the Mar Menor area, consisting of rice cooked with fish stock and accompanied by "alioli", a sauce made of olive oil and garlic.

Salazones ("Salted Fish")

A way of preserving fish that was used by the Romans and is still used today. The most highly prized salted fish varieties include striped mullet or ling roe and dried salted tuna or mojama.

King Prawns from the Mar Menor

A marvellous introduction to a shell-fish meal.

Fish baked in Salt

By being cooked in this way the fish preserve all their flavour and oils and become even tastier. Gilt-head, dentex, striped mullet and grouper are the most highly prized varieties.

Michirones

A typical local stew made of dried beans, spicy paprika-flavoured sausage or chorizo, ham and potatoes.

Tapas

A classic dish in any bar or terrace café worth its name. Varied tapas based on the small appetisers that are typical of Murcian cuisine.

C Marinera

A ring-shaped bread roll with Russian potato salad and an anchovy.

Asiático

A coffee made with Licor 43 (produced only in Cartagena), brandy, condensed milk, coffee beans, lemon peel and cinnamon.

Arrope

A pudding consisting of syrup made of grape Juice.

Tocino de cielo

A sweet made of egg-yolks and sugar.

B Murcian Wines

D.O. (Certified Origin) Wine from Bullas, D.O. Wine from Yecla, D.O. Wine from Jumilla.

Tourists have the opportunity to visit the vineyards where these wines are made.





FESTIVALS, THE WAY TO TRADITION

Popular and religious celebrations in Cartagena faithfully reflect the hospitality and open nature of the local people. The town's Holy Week, which has been declared to be an event of International Interest for Tourists, provides a good example of this fact.

Throughout the week, visitors can enjoy the artistic and iconic heritage of the various brotherhoods that parade along the streets with their floats, to the delight of locals and outsiders alike. The festival known as "Carthaginians and Romans" re-enacts the battle between these two

peoples and the founding of Cartago Nova, involving the whole town in an exciting journey back to the past. The cultural diary is completed with other events of considerable interest, such as festivals featuring music from around the world, theatre, jazz, cinema, etc.

AGENDA

In Cartagena

E Carnival
February
www.carnavalcartagena.es

Holy Week
March-April
www.semanasanta.cartagena.es

May Festival
Mucho Más Mayo: May
www.cartagena.es

Crosses of May
Cruces de Mayo: May
www.cartagena.es/plantillas/14c.asp?pt_idpag=898

International Music Festival
La Mar de Músicas: July
www.lamardemusicas.cartagena.es

Carthaginians and Romans
September
www.cartaginesesyromanos.es

International Jazz Festival
November
www.jazz.cartagena.es

In the Surrounding Areas

C Festival of El Cante de las Minas
(International Flamenco Contest)
August (La Unión)
www.festivalcantedelasminas.org

B "The Wine Horses"
May (Caravaca)
www.caballosdelvino.org

Spring Festivals
March-April (Murcia)
www.turismodemurcia.es/en/Fiestas_in

Bullfighting Festival
September (Murcia)
www.plazadetorosdemurcia.com

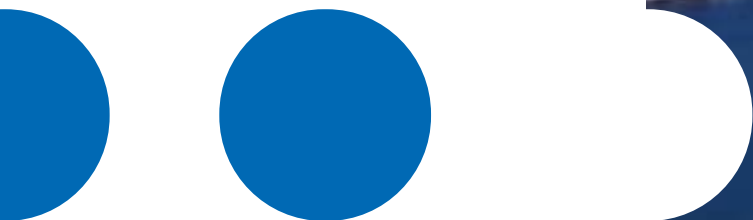
D Holy Week
March-April (Lorca and Murcia)
www.semanasantalorca.com
www.murciaturistica.es

San Javier International Jazz Festival
June-July (San Javier)
www.jazz.sanjavier.es





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www.valledericote.com

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www.murciaturistica.es/es/noroeste

Nordeste
www.murciaturistica.es/es/nordeste





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