

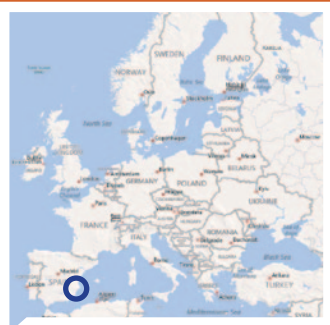


everything and
much more

Benidorm



Spain



Costa Blanca



Benidorm is located on the Costa Blanca on the shores of the Mediterranean. With its exceptional micro-climate visitors can enjoy sunshine and pristine beaches all year round. Even in the cooler months, the water temperature remains constant and suitable for swimming. The wide variety of facilities available, safe shallow waters, fine golden sand and scrupulous cleaning, make them some of the best local beaches on this coastline.

The viewing point of Benidorm, which overlooks the town's bay, has earned its name, 'the Mediterranean Balcony', where nature enchants with wonderful panoramic views: the island, three of the five beaches, the horizon and borders of the town. The reflection of the sun on the sea stirs feelings of warmth and well-



being, which will relax and motivate you to continue to discover what Benidorm has to offer.

The resort's excellent value for money and the variety of accommodation, entertainment, shopping, sport and dining, is ideal for all age groups. Its facilities are specially designed to meet the needs of our visitors. High-quality hotels are constantly being improved and updated and are complemented by eleven campsites and numerous holiday apartments.

Benidorm offers a wealth of leisure services with all kinds of shops (fashion, footwear, accessories, gifts, crafts); night and day entertainment; sports; local and international gastronomy; five major theme parks, and fun for all ages.

Benidorm is a compact town, easy to get around and with everything close at hand.

There are large public areas for recreation and a leisurely stroll: Levante beach promenade, Poniente beach promenade, Elche Park, Aigüera Park, Serra Helada Nature Park and its beaches.

Due to its privileged position and great variety of landscapes with contrasts of coast and mountain, there are places of spectacular beauty to visit within just a few kilometres of Benidorm.



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Beaches

Benidorm boasts 5 gently-sloping beaches with crystal clear waters, and pleasant temperatures for swimming in any season. Each year they receive awards for quality, safety, cleanliness and amenities. The two main beaches have a privileged south-facing position providing long hours of sunshine every day.

Levante Beach

Renowned throughout Europe, it has more than 2 km of fine golden sand. It has all the amenities needed to ensure maximum comfort and enjoyment: specially-equipped areas for disabled guests, sunbeds, wooden walkways, playground areas, beach library, foot showers, life guard service and first aid centre.

This area of Benidorm is where most of the accommodation, restaurants and bars are located, and offers a huge range of entertainment during the day and night.

Poniente Beach

With splendid crystal clean waters and more than 3 km of fine golden sand, it is located in a quieter area than Levante. There is a full range of services and leisure facilities, such as floating platforms with slides out to

sea in high season, the beach library, specially-equipped areas for the disabled, life guards and play areas. The unique design of Poniente beach promenade recreates the shape of the cliffs and waves in the sea with different coloured sections, making it a memorable attraction to visit.

Mal Pas Cove

Located between the old town and Poniente beach this small cove beach is 120m long and is accessed from the port or the steps of the castle.

From the nearby port you can take a boat trip to Benidorm Island and admire the stunning sealife.

Ti Ximo Cove

This tiny cove beach 60m long combines sand, pebbles and rock and is located at the foot of Serra Helada. An ideal location for diving enthusiasts.

Almadrava Cove

This is a natural cove 100m long with fine sand located in a rustic setting at the foot of Serra Helada. With clear waters and rocks, it is full of aquatic life. An ideal place to practice snorkelling or nudism.





Sports

Excellent weather conditions in Benidorm encourage sport and outdoor activities throughout the year. There are municipal facilities with tennis, football, paddle tennis or athletics accessible to visitors. In addition there is also a wide choice of sport and leisure options in hotel complexes or other private tourism facilities such as fitness centres, spa & wellness, tennis and paddle clubs, bowling and golf courses.

Water Sports

Benidorm offers a great choice of water sports such as sailing, kayaking, waterskiing, wakeboarding, kite surfing, parasailing, scuba diving, and boat trips to Calpe and Benidorm Island.

The seabed of Benidorm is a unique setting for scuba diving and snorkelling. Its golden sand and abundant "posidonia" sea grass create an entire marine ecosystem ready to be discovered.

Adventure

Crossing hills or valleys on horseback or by mountain bike is an adventure, as is mountaineering, enjoying the speed of karting, exploring local routes on a Segway or discovering the beauty

of the interior on a jeep or quadbike. All these activities and many more are possible in or close to Benidorm.

Golf

Benidorm boasts three excellent golf courses overlooking the town and the Mediterranean and provides the ideal climate for the game. Two 18-hole courses (Nicklaus Design), and a Pitch & Putt 9 hole course offer options for all levels and abilities.

Walking / Cycling

Benidorm boasts an idyllic setting sheltered by surrounding hills and mountains with scenery of incredible beauty. The protected nature park of Serra Helada has a north east- south west orientation offering two different aspects: the impressive cliffs to the Southeast and a less steep flank to the Northwest, ideal for walks.

Other excursions from Benidorm include the Campana, Ponoig, Mascarat Canyon, Sierra de Oltá, Sierra del Toix, the Rock of Ifach, the Sierra Cortina, Sierra de Bernia, the Sierra de Aitana and Guadalest Valley, among others.

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Shopping

Benidorm, with its great variety of shops, can meet the needs of all: jewellery, fashion boutiques, footwear, sports shops, perfumeries, toy shops, porcelain, souvenirs and leather goods can be found throughout the town.

As well as individual local shops, there are also popular high-street fashion chains and international designer stores too.

On the outskirts of town there are shopping centres and hypermarkets and visitors can browse around popular street markets and flea markets held each week.

The richness and variety of the cuisine in Benidorm has developed thanks to the success and influence of our ancestors and other cultures, all of which have left their mark on the local gastronomy. As a result, the influence of international cuisine, culinary traditions inherited from the Arabs, the legacy of merchant mariners, as well as the typical cuisine of local fishermen and traditional dishes from inland areas, results in an extraordinary range of flavours, aromas, textures, and colours to suit all palates.

Tapas in Benidorm: Tapas is a very informal, traditional Spanish way of eating. With an endless variety to choose from, "Tapear" is a great way to meet up with friends for lunch or dinner. Benidorm has a huge range of bars, pubs and local tapas and snacks to complement fine Spanish wines, "Denominación de Origen" (quality classification system of origin).

Dining out: Rice and fish dishes, along with vegetables and homemade desserts are some of the delicious specialities you'll find in the restaurants of Benidorm. The red mullet and pumpkin rice ("senyoret" rice), rice with anchovies and spinach, the "Pebrera talladeta" (peppers, tomato, aubergine) are typical local dishes. In recent years, Benidorm has hosted numerous gastronomic events and activities with the aim of offering the best of local cuisine to visitors and locals alike at great value prices. 'Spoon' days (offering a variety of different stews), and 'Tapas & Skewers' Competitions, and 'Gastronomic Rice' Days are some of the popular events on the calendar for Gastronomic Benidorm.

Gastronomy



Leisure

Over the last 60 years Benidorm has grown into a successful leisure resort to satisfy the needs of all. Benidorm offers Young and Old alike a range of experiences that will not be forgotten until the next visit!

Once again, the rich combination of customs, cultures and people create the unique hedonistic and cosmopolitan character of the town of Benidorm, where there is something for everyone.

Numerous disco-pubs, avant-garde nightclubs offering the best DJs and late night entertainment reflect the sparkling nightlife to be enjoyed in the town that never sleeps. With areas to showcase new trends, Levante beach is the place to go for the perfect night out and also the ideal place to welcome the sunrise with breakfast on the seafront.

In the Rincon de L'Oix, a wide variety of establishments cater for foreign visitors with menus, cocktails and music reflecting the tastes and trends of the countries of origin.

In Benidorm you can listen to live music in the late afternoon in your swimwear at one of the local establishments, enjoying a respite from the beach heat and a sunset with music.

Those not so young also have plenty to choose from: Cafes with live music and entertainment on the seafront and throughout the town, as well as hotels, restaurants and other establishments where the fun is guaranteed.

A visit to “Benidorm Palace” is an essential night out for dinner and a high-quality show: glitter, feathers an array of music and colour, top international artists make up this award-winning show, which is renowned throughout Europe. These shows are complemented by social events and special galas during the Christmas period, as well as concerts by renowned singers and entertainers throughout the year.

Another popular show unique to the town is “Molino de Benidorm” with the best drag queen artists, cabaret, comedy and fantasy.

Large outdoor concerts in winter and summer provide excellent entertainment in Benidorm, attracting many famous national and international artists.

The Benidorm Low Cost Festival started in 2010 and has since become a major event on the summer festival circuit. The town is filled with music with a list of prestigious artists from the national and international scene. Concerts take place in an outdoor arena with three different stage areas, with non-stop performances over the three day event.



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Theme Parks



Terra Mítica

A park of fun and adrenalin-fuelled rides where, as well as adventure and fun, visitors can learn about ancient Mediterranean civilizations: Egypt, Greece, Rome, Iberia and The Islands. Water rides, mechanical rides, the largest wooden rollercoaster in Europe and, the "Phoenix" free fall of 60 m or the new attractions (Infinity and Inferno) ensure more than one visit to this huge park!

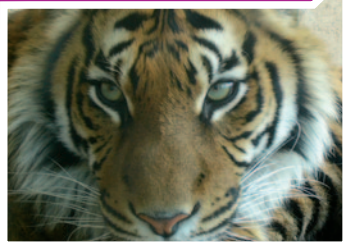
Mundomar

Is a complete marine and exotic animal park. Flamingos, parrots, dolphins combined with spectacular performances, restaurants, picnic areas and a fabulous viewing point for unforgettable experiences!



Aqualandia

Is the largest water park in Europe and is ideal for all ages. Experience the Niagara, zig-zags, kamikaze, black-hole, wave pools, shows ... and much more!



Terra Natura

320,000 m² you can experience a unique environment with more than 1,500 animals of 200 different species (50 endangered) and 2,500 examples of flora in authentically recreated habitats, offering a new generation of wildlife park.

Aqua Natura

Has over 1000m of vertiginous slides, a wave pool, solarium, Spa and special swimming areas for children of different ages. Ideal for a day out for the whole family with fun and guaranteed excitement.





Fiestas

Benidorm is a multicultural town and home to people from many parts of Europe who have chosen to live here. This explains why Benidorm hosts so many festivals of different traditions and origins.

The longest established events are traditional local fiestas, such as the Benidorm Patron Saint Fiestas (November), in honour of the Virgin of Suffrage and St James whose main highlights are: the staging of the Finding of the Virgin of Suffrage (declared a special touristic fiesta of interest in Valencia region), offering of flowers, parade of floats and a grand fireworks display.

The festive calendar also includes Saint Antoni (January) with the procession and blessing of animals and the traditional dance of “peuet”; Saint Isidre (May), the pilgrimage to the hermitage in carts; The Virgin of Carmen (July) with the sea procession; Saint Jaimes(July), a traditional festival at the viewpoint of the Castle and “peuet” dancing.

These events are complemented by celebrations from a wide range of cultures and customs throughout the year: Valentine’s Day (February), Carnival, Las Fallas (March), St. Patrick’s Day (March), Bonfires of Saint John (June), Moors and Christians (October), the 9th of October (Valencia Region day), Halloween, or the Day of the Inmaculada Concepcion (December)

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Surrounding areas

There are so many excursions and places to visit easily from Benidorm. The towns and villages nearby offer beautiful panoramic views and scenery: La Vila Joyosa, with its colourful houses (Declared a place of cultural public interest) and the Chocolate Museum; Guadalest and its views over the reservoir and its museums; the old town of Altea, Callosa d'en Sarria and the Fountains of Algar. With other nearby towns such as Valencia, Alicante and Elche, we offer visitors an extensive cultural experience.



Alicante



Guadalest



El Albir (Alfáz del Pi)



Altea



Elche



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