

Costa Almería

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Think Costa Almería holidays, think sun-soaked beaches, untamed deserts, whitewashed towns and heaps of Andalusian charm. That's your fabulous Spanish bolthole sorted.

Every kind of beach getaway

Whatever your seaside jam, holidays in Costa Almería have it. The rugged, southern Spanish coastline serves up everything from hidden coves and volcanic cliffs to wide sandy stretches – all kissed by the blazing Mediterranean sun.

You can kick back on tranquil beaches with warm sand between your toes and then wander through sleepy fishing villages with narrow, cobbled streets for a fresh bite to eat with the locals. Or, if you're after a livelier scene, hit up the beach bars of Roquetas de Mar, a resort where jet skis zip by and sea breezes come with cocktails and a side of seafood.

A southern, Spanish stunner

Costa Almería is a stop-you-in-your-tracks kind of beautiful, peppered with natural wonders. One highlight is the coastline of Cabo de Gata. It's home to hiking trails that lead to quiet coves, salt flats that attract flocks of flamingos and underwater caves that are teeming with fish (perfect for beginner divers and snorkellers).

Away from the water, there's a wilder side to the area that you won't regret checking out. Cue the Tabernas Desert's amazing dusty canyons and jagged peaks. And if it looks kind of familiar, that'll be because it is. Many a western has been shot out here, which you can explore at the Mini Hollywood Oasys theme park. Lights, camera, yee-haw!

Historic, cultural treasures in them there hills

History buff? Costa Almería holidays will have you literally strolling back in time as you zigzag your way around the fortified Alcazaba of Almería and saunter your way through Mojácar's traditional whitewashed houses that cling to the hillside.

Elsewhere, Almería's flamenco clubs and the annual Yo, Flamenco summer festival will have you tapping your feet as you get a glimpse of Andalucía's colourful heritage. The region is said to be the birthplace of the foot stomping, hand twisting, guitar strumming spectacle that is flamenco.

Sneak Peek

Best for... The sheer choice of beaches with one to fit every mood 🌈

Go... Up to Mojácar in summer to see whitewashed, hill-hugging houses covered in pink and purple flowers 🌸

You have to... Visit the Tabernas Desert to relive those spaghetti Western movie moments



Things to explore

Top beaches: Sandy beauties

From lively watersports to lovely coves only reachable by water, Costa Almería's beaches are always on their a-game. The city of Almería has three family-friendly sandy spots to choose from, while Roquetas de Mar's more lively beaches offer up opportunities to go kitesurfing and jet skiing. Prefer to keep things more chill? Playa de los Genoveses has a peaceful, natural vibe. Want a taste of paradise? Playa de los Muertos' white sands and turquoise waters take the beauty crown. Love diving? Playa de San José's clear waters are calling your name.

Family friendly: Saddle up and dive in

Costa Almería holidays with the fam start at the beach. You've got your pick of Blue Flag beauties, from the wide, soft sands of Playa Serena, where you can paddleboard and grab refreshments, to the natural beauty and shallow waters of Playa de las Salinas. The movie sets at Mini Hollywood Oasys, where live cowboy shows, cancan dancers and a zoo with over 800 animals are also part of the entertainment mix, make for a fun day out away from the coast. Missing the sea? Get back to all things wet at the Almería Aquarium or the AquaVera Water Park.

Culture and history: Moorish wonders and Andalusian charm

History runs deep in Costa Almería – in some cases, quite literally. Descend underground to explore the tunnels of air raid shelters used during the Spanish Civil War. Back up top, travel further back in time at the amazing Alcazaba of Almería, a Moorish fortress that once guarded the city. If you have more time for old school adventures, pop on over to Mojácar and make your way up to the 16th-century Church of Santa María. Or, for a blast from the geological past, visit Cabo de Gata-Níjar Natural Park. Here you can explore volcanic landscapes on foot, by boat and even on horseback!

When to go to Costa Almeria

Sitting pretty on Spain's southeastern coast, Costa Almería basks in warm sunshine for a big ole chunk of the year. High 20s and 30s are common during the long summer, when the peak season brings plenty of sun-starved folk to the region's best beaches.

Beyond summer, late spring (April to June) and early autumn (September to October) are some of the best times for a Costa Almería holiday. These months get that welcome balance of warm, sunny beach days and chilled-out vibes just right.

And the deals on offer tend to be a lot more budget-friendly, too, especially when compared to the unavoidably pricey high season (although compare deals online and book early enough and you might land yourself a nice surprise even then).