

# Costa Blanca

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# TRAVEL GUIDE

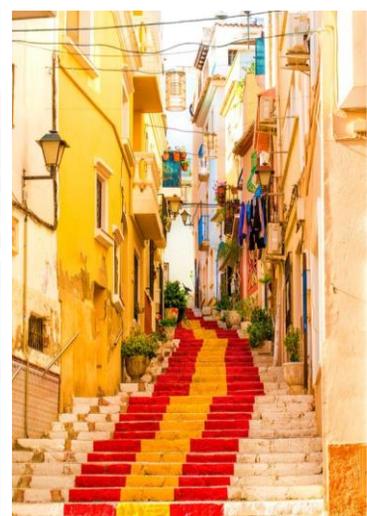


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Costa Blanca is famous for the 'Brits Abroad' culture, and it's understandable why it attracts such crowds throughout the summer months. Guaranteed weather, world-class beaches, tons of family facilities and the nightlife is a recipe in popularity. However, behind the crowds on the tourist beaches lie incredible mountains, hidden coves, vineyards and ancient villages that have yet to be discovered.

## COSTA BLANCA 101

CURRENCY	EUROS	TIME ZONE	GMT
ELECTRICAL	TWO PIN	HIGHEST TEMP.	29° C
LANGUAGE	SPANISH	LOWEST TEMP.	11° C
EMERGENCY	112	PEAK SEASON	MAY - SEPTEMBER





## TRANSPORT TALK



### BY WHEELS

You can hire cars from national and international rental agencies either from the airport or from all major resorts and cities in the region.



### BY BIKE

There are many hiking and cycling routes in Costa Blanca, the [Orihuela Costa](#) is the most well-known. This paved coastal path can be tackled in sections or all in one go.



### BY TAXI

There is nothing complicated about booking Costa Blanca taxis, you can find them at all the major cities and towns. Alternatively taxis can be pre-booked online through several taxi companies.



### BY WATER

It is possible to take boat trips from many of the resorts on the Costa Blanca. This way you can avoid the traffic during the summer months or use it as a chance to explore.



### BY AIR

[Alicante International](#) is the closest airport to Costa Blanca. Budget airlines fly there frequently from all over the UK.



### BY BUS OR TRAIN

An excellent bus service links the airport with the main towns, cities and resorts. There is also a tram railway, El Trenet, which runs between most major towns..

# HIDDEN GEMS AND ACTIVITIES

## Terra Mitica

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## Denia Castle

Climb up to the castle for panoramic views of the city.

## Torre Vieja

Fine-tune your swing on world-class golf courses.

## El Cura, Blue Flag Beach

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## TOP PICKS FOR KIDS

### Challenge yourself



[Elche Palmeral Aventuras](#) is a true fun-for-all-the-family adventure park. It offers a day of action, adrenaline and laughter. There are activities for small children and bigger kids.



### Satisfy dinomaniacs



[DinoPark](#), located just outside of Algar, is sure to be a crowd-pleaser. Take a picnic and sit among the incredibly realistic-looking dinosaurs; it will be a little like your very own Jurassic Park film.



### Treat your taste buds



[Museo del Chocolate](#) is tucked in the charming little town of Villajoyosa. The fascinating museum of the Valor Chocolate company is housed in a beautiful 19th-century rural home.



### Head underground



Delight your children with this adventure deep underground. [Coves del Canelobre](#) are an impressive maze of caves, housing eerie shapes, echoing acoustics and dripping water.



### Set sail



Set out to the tiny and tranquil island of Tabarca, part of a small group of islands just off the coast of Alicante. [Euro Tours Guide](#) offers lots of fun options to keep children happy for a day.



### Scream with joy



Unbridled fun is the name of the game at Benidorm's [Terra Mitica](#), an amusement park built around the themes of ancient Greece, Egypt and Rome.



# MAP IT OUT: WHERE TO FIND THE BEST FOR KIDS





## CROWD-PLEASERS: BEST ACTIVITIES

### Pick an adventure



When it comes to fabulous group activities, look no further than Benidorm-based [Marco Polo Expediciones](#). There is a wide range of activities here for everyone's tastes.



### Take a trek!



Head behind the swathes of sandy beaches and modern resorts that have made the Costa Blanca so famous with [Spanish Highs](#). You will find a completely different side of the region!



### Take a dip



[Fonts de l'Algar](#) pours through an orchard-filled valley and thunders down the cliffs in a spectacular series of waterfalls. So bring your swimsuits and soak up the beautiful landscape.



### Travel back in time



[L'Alcúdia Archaeological Park](#) is famed as discovery site of the stone bust known as 'The Lady of Elche', a well-known piece of Iberian art. It has a prehistory that dates all the way back to the Stone Age.



### Try regional cuisine



Get to know the city of Valencia with [Discovering Valencia](#). Go on a guided tour through the historic streets and discover eye-catching architecture and the best tapas restaurants in town.



### Glide around

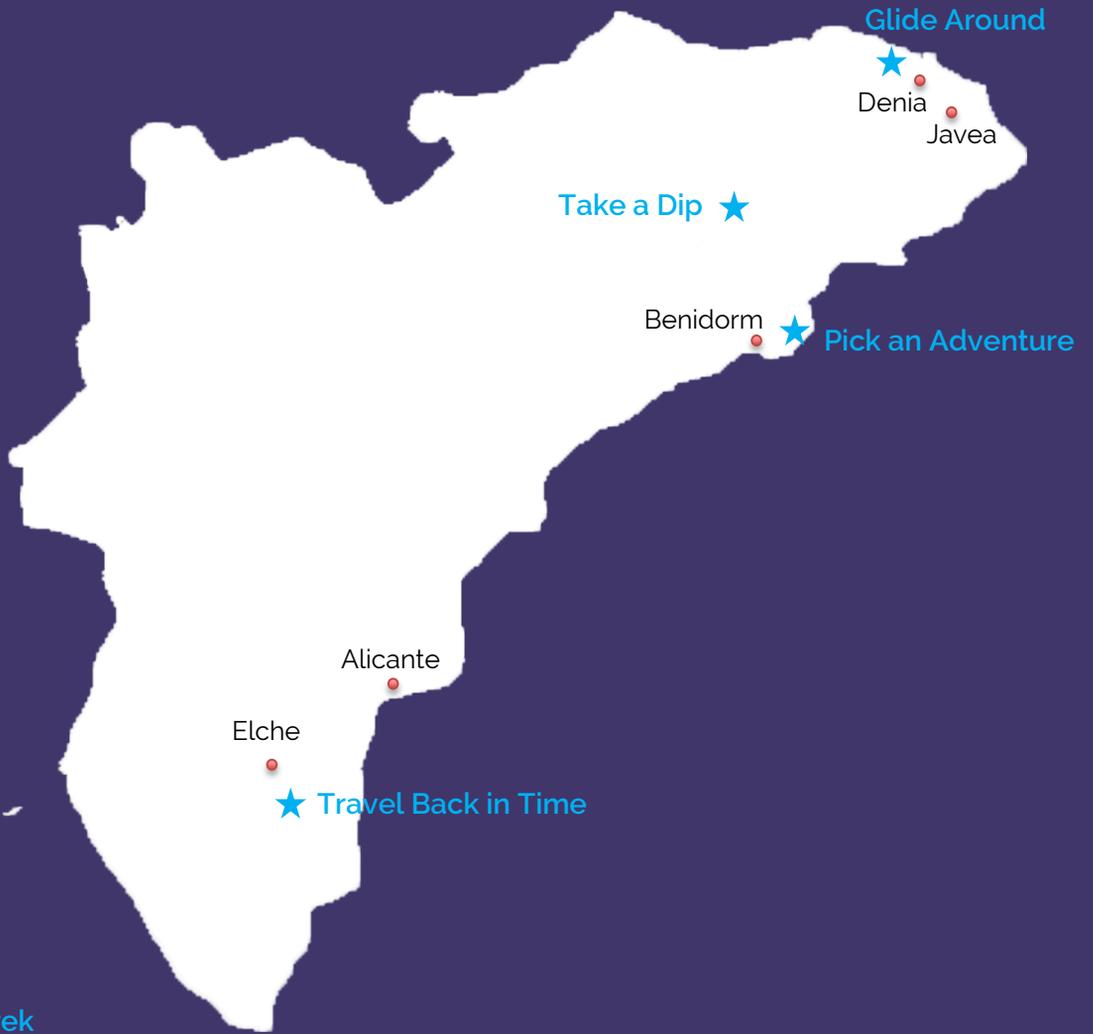


These two-wheeled gizmos have been a godsend to tourists who want to whizz around cities. Head to [Segway Trip Denia](#) to explore Costa Blanca in a unique way!



# MAP IT OUT: WHERE TO FIND THE BEST FOR GROUPS

★ Discovering Valencia



Glide Around

Denia

Javea

Take a Dip ★

Benidorm

★ Pick an Adventure

Alicante

Elche

★ Travel Back in Time



Take a Trek

## BEST FOODIE DELIGHTS



### Celler La Muntanya

[Celler la Muntanya](#) is best known for their award-winning Crianza red amusingly named Paco el Chocolatero. You can also tour the vineyards that blanket the landscape around the restaurant.



### Alicante Smart Destination



At [Alicante Smart Destination](#) you can explore the old site of La Illeta and the fish market or do a spot of wine-tasting before sitting down to a lavish and authentic seafood meal.



### Ali-Oli Tours

Get your taste buds tingling on a gastronomic tour with [Ali-Oli Tours](#). Discover the vineyards of the region on a six-hour guided trip or head into the mountains to learn how olive oil is made.



### Bodegas Faelo



Learn about the ancient art of winemaking at this delightful family-run winery. [Bodegas Faelo](#) is in the heart of the countryside near Elche, where they have been making wine for over 100 years.



### Dishes to try

**Paella** is the number one dish to try while you're here and is a Spanish classic. **Pan Quemado** is a sweet bread, whose dark crust and soft floury middle must be sampled! For dessert try **Arnadi**, a sweet pumpkin and almond tart – delicious!

### Monastrell



[Monastrell](#), Alicante's only Michelin-starred restaurant not only serves the very finest cuisine but is in a truly enviable location in the heart of the marina. A relaxed yet sophisticated dining experience.



# MAP IT OUT: WHERE TO FIND THE BEST FOR FOODIES





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