



**With 250 kilometers of Mediterranean coast such as the Costa Cálida containing two seas in the same coastline and filled with fertile plains of fruit trees, dreamy beaches, forests and mountains. Murcia is possibly one of the richest provinces of Spain, and also one of the less exploited . All this together with more than 300 days of sun and an annual average temperature of 21°, makes of the region of Murcia an ideal place for rest and relaxation.**

### **Climate**

**Murcia enjoys a semi-arid subtropical Mediterranean climate. The annual average temperature is 17°C, and the monthly averages of June, July, August and September are above 21°C. The winter is mild with average temperatures above 10° C.**



## Communications

San Javier Airport is located on the northern shore of Mar Menor, at a distance of 47 km from the city of Murcia by dual carriageway. It offers both flights to the principal Spanish cities, and regular or charter flights to other European airports. Its strategic location makes it an ideal arrival point for destinations along the Costa Cálida, or for travelling to Murcia, only 25 minutes away down the Murcia-San Javier dual carriageway. If coming by plane you can also use the Alicante airport (El Altet), 68 km from Murcia, 45 minutes away by motorway. Murcia can then be reached by taxi or using the regular bus service.



The construction of a Murcia International Airport, in construction, operational from 2009, designed to provide the Region of Murcia with the modern national and international air transport facilities needed to further its touristic and commercial development, and at the same time to meet the ever more demanding requirements of the internal and external markets.

**Roads:** The Autonomous Community of Murcia is linked to the rest of Spain by a full road network. To the south it is connected to Andalusia by the A92 and E15 motorways, leading to Granada and Almería respectively. Albacete and Madrid can be reached via the A3-301 motorway. The connection with the Mediterranean seaboard through Alicante and Valencia can be made by an inland route using the E15 motorway, or by the N-332 trunk road which follows the coast starting from Cartagena. You can also travel from Cartagena to Alicante by a new linking motorway, which branches into the main A-7 motorway to Catalonia. From Cartagena you can drive on the new motorway through the coast to Vera ( Almería ) crossing along Mazarron and Aguilas.



The port of Cartagena, situated at the hub of the principal Mediterranean commercial and passenger sea routes, receives a steady influx of visitors on pleasure cruises throughout the year, and is indeed fully equipped with every amenity for a pleasant halt in their voyage. For this reason, the Region of Murcia has become an essential stopping-off point on Mediterranean maritime routes.

### Services

Murcia has all the services of any modern European City – Commercial Centers, IKEA, El Corte Ingles ( a very popular large department Store) Nueva Condomina and Thader and many of the famous name shops in it's busy high streets.

### Cost of Living

The cost of living has increased during the past few years because of the modernization of the Region of Murcia. However, Murcia continues being one of the cheaper regions of Spain and therefore one of the provinces of Spain where the cost of living is cheaper. Results of a study show that the weekly household shopping for four people including basic foodstuffs and cleaning products is 87.58 euros.

### Gastronomy

Murcian gastronomy is one of the richest in aromas, flavors, colors and is highly regarded along the entire Mediterranean coast. It is not hard to find mouthwatering delicacies to enjoy in this region.



The raw ingredients used to prepare dishes are exceptionally high in quality and are fresh from the nearby orchards and sea. All these results in a simple yet imaginative and flavorful cuisine. The most typical dishes are sea bream baked in salt or seasoned with lemon; salted mullet roe; salt-cured tuna; "zarangollo huertano" (zucchini with potatoes, egg and onion); panaché (braised vegetables); creamed eggplant and larded roast beef with "poor man's potatoes". The traditional accompaniment to all these dishes could well be an excellent Jumilla wine, a Yecla rosé, a young Bullas red or other more robust wines like Ricote.





### **The Beaches**

The Costa Calida offers an abundance of white sandy beaches between which can be found enchanting small tranquil coves. Murcia contains many small towns and cities are all well equipped with the most modern services so their inhabitants can enjoy all the enchantment of the Mediterranean combined with the comforts of the modern life. There are many small ports such as Mazarrón that provide lots of ways to help pass the long summer afternoons. This particular stretch of the coast has become a paradise for fanatics of aquatic sports including: navigation, jet ski, water skiing, windsurf, canoe, and kite surfing are just some of the possibilities that one can find in the region.



### **The Port of Mazarron**

The Port of Mazarron is a coastal area bathed by the Mediterranean, known for its mining past and its seamen tradition. A wide variety of open-air activities in its beaches and places of unique beauty with waters where sea fauna and flora abound.

Because the climate is Mediterranean this privileged coastline offers the very best weather conditions with a mean annual temperature of 22°C.

