

Benicàssim

Castellón Province · Spain

TRAVEL GUIDE

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Overview

Benicàssim is a seaside town in the province of Castellón, on the Costa del Azahar, about 15 km north of Castellón de la Plana. It has long sandy beaches along a promenade lined with 19th-century summer villas, and a green backdrop of hills, the Desert de les Palmes natural park.

It is a family-friendly resort, and also known for a large music festival, the FIB, held in July. The hills behind have a Carmelite monastery and hiking trails.

When to visit

The beach season runs from June to September, and July and August are the busiest. Spring and autumn are mild and good for hiking. Winters are mild. The FIB music festival takes place in July.

MONTH	CONDITIONS	DAY °C avg / max	NIGHT °C avg / min	
January	● Great Great for hiking	14° / 19° Feels like 11°	6° / 2°	Dry air · Calm winds
February	● Great Great for hiking	15° / 19°	6° / 2°	Dry air · Calm winds
March	● Great Great for hiking	17° / 22°	8° / 4°	Dry air · Calm winds
April	● Great Great for hiking	19° / 23°	11° / 7°	Dry air · Calm winds
May	● Great Great for sightseeing	22° / 26°	14° / 10°	Dry air · Calm winds
June	● Great Great for sightseeing	26° / 31°	19° / 15°	☀ 20 sunny days · Humid air · Calm winds
July	● Great Great for the beach	29° / 32°	22° / 18°	☀ 23 sunny days · Muggy, humid air · Calm winds · UV 8 (Very high)
August	● Great Great for the beach	29° / 33°	22° / 19°	☀ 20 sunny days · Muggy, humid air · Calm winds
September	● Great Great for sightseeing	26° / 29°	19° / 15°	Humid air · Calm winds
October	● Great Great for sightseeing	23° / 27°	15° / 11°	Calm winds
November	● Great Great for sightseeing	18° / 23°	10° / 6°	Dry air · Calm winds
December	● Great Great for hiking	15° / 19°	7° / 3°	Dry air · Calm winds

Best months: April, May, June, July, August, September, October, November

Climate data: NASA POWER + Copernicus ERA5-Land and ERA5 · 1996–2025

Top sights

- The Villas (*Ruta de las Villas*) are the Belle Époque villas of the late 19th century, built by wealthy families from Valencia and Madrid along the seafront.
- The Platja Heliópolis and Platja Torre de Sant Vicent are long sandy beaches, and the promenade runs between them.
- The Convento Carmelita del Desierto de las Palmas is a 17th-century monastery in the hills with a Carmelite community, in the nature park.
- The Monasterio Viejo and the nearby hermitages are in the hills.
- The Castell de Benicàssim and the Torre del Baró are old fortifications in the town.
- The Creu del Bartolo is a cross on a hill with views of the coast.
- Aquarama is a water park, and the Trenet is a tourist train.

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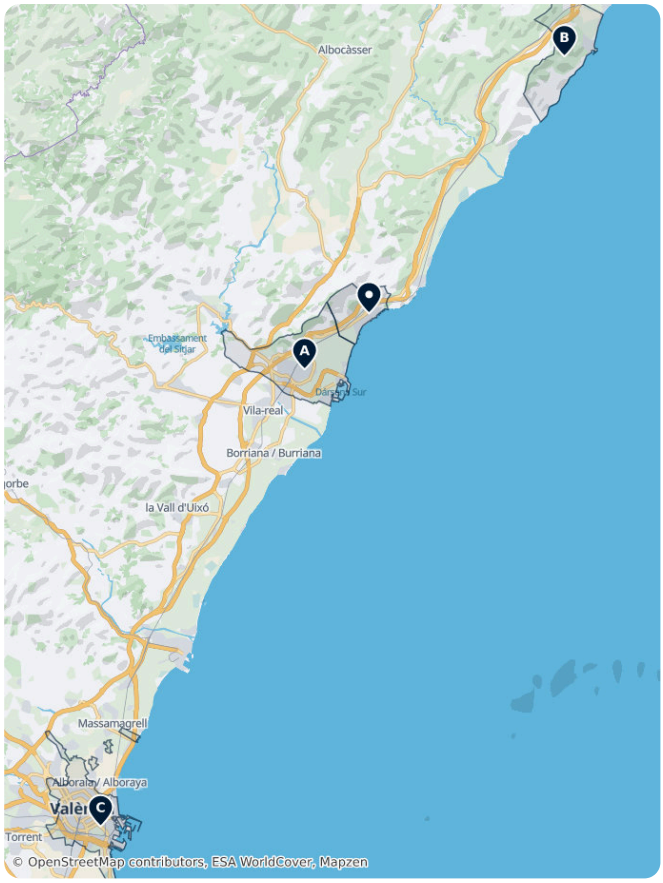
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What to experience

- Walk or cycle the seafront past the villas.
- Spend a beach day and eat rice by the sea.
- Hike in the Desert de les Palmes to the viewpoints.
- Visit the monastery in the hills.

Day trips

- Ⓐ Castellón de la Plana (about 15 km): the provincial capital.
- Ⓑ Peñíscola (about 60 km): a castle town on a peninsula.
- **Desert de les Palmes Natural Park**: hills with trails above the town.
- Ⓒ Valencia (about 80 km): a large city with the City of Arts and Sciences.



Where to explore

Other places nearby:

- **Valencian coast**: Castellón de la Plana, Peñíscola and Valencia.

Getting there

- **By air**: Castellón airport is about 25 km away, and Valencia about 100 km.
- **By train**: Benicàssim station is on the Valencia-Barcelona line, with regional trains and some long-distance ones. Book on Renfe.
- **By bus**: Buses run from Castellón.
- **By car**: The AP-7 and N-340.

Getting around

- **On foot**: The villas and beaches along the promenade are walkable and flat.
- **Cycling**: A bike path follows the coast, and the town is flat.
- **Bus and taxi**: For the hills and the monastery.

Getting around on foot & by bike

WALKABILITY

High

The promenade and villa district are flat and walkable.

CYCLING INFRASTRUCTURE

High

The town is flat, with a bike path along the coast.

Driving

- **Is a car worth it?**: Useful for the hills, though the coast is easy without one.
- **Parking**: Paid parking near the beaches in summer.
- **Roads**: The AP-7 is a toll road, the N-340 is free.

Food & drink

The local food is Valencian: *paella*, *arroz a banda*, *fideuà* and local seafood. Look for the *tombet* and the sweet *mistela* wine of the area. The nearby orange groves give the Costa del Azahar (Orange Blossom Coast) its name.

What to eat & drink

BREAKFAST

Churros · Churros con Chocolate
Fried dough sticks served with a thick, dark hot chocolate for dipping — a classic Spanish breakfast or late-night snack.

LUNCH

Paella Valenciana
A saffron-scented rice dish cooked in a wide, shallow pan. The traditional Valencian version uses chicken, rabbit, and green beans — best eaten at midday.

Gazpacho
A cold, blended soup of raw tomatoes, cucumber, pepper, garlic, olive oil, and vinegar, originally from Andalusia. Served as a drink or a starter, especially in summer.

DINNER

Pulpo a la Gallega
Boiled octopus sliced onto a wooden board and dressed with olive oil, coarse salt, and smoked paprika — a signature dish of Galicia.

SNACKS & STREET FOOD

Jamón Ibérico
Dry-cured ham from acorn-fed Iberian pigs, sliced paper-thin and eaten on its own or with bread. The finest grade, jamón ibérico de bellota, is one of Spain's most prized products.

Tortilla Española
A thick potato and egg omelette, served warm or at room temperature, found in virtually every bar in Spain. Often eaten as a tapa or a quick meal.

Patatas Bravas
Fried potato chunks served with a spicy tomato sauce or aioli — one of the most common tapas across the country.

Pintxos
Small snacks anchored to slices of bread with a toothpick, the Basque Country's answer to tapas. Found in bar counters across San Sebastián and Bilbao, often with elaborate toppings.

Croquetas
Crispy breaded cylinders with a creamy béchamel filling, typically made with jamón, bacalà (salt cod), or mushrooms.

DRINKS

Rioja Wine · Vino de Rioja

Spain's best-known wine region produces full-bodied reds from Tempranillo grapes, aged in oak. The crianza, reserva, and gran reserva labels indicate increasing age and complexity.

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Safety & health

Benicàssim is a safe resort. Use sun protection in summer. During the FIB festival, the town is crowded.

History

In the 19th century, wealthy families from Valencia and Madrid built summer villas on the coast, as the area was thought healthy. Carmelite monks founded the monastery in the hills in 1694.

In the 20th century, the town developed as a family beach resort, and the FIB festival began in 1995.

Country facts

Quick practical facts for Spain at a glance:

CURRENCY

EUR €

EMERGENCY

112

ELECTRICITY



Type C / Type F
230 V · 50 Hz

LANGUAGES

Spanish

TAP WATER

Safe to drink

Benicasim/Benicàssim Essentials

Benicasim combines coastal heritage with rugged mountain landscapes in the Desierto de las Palmas Natural Park. The town's history is visible through its 16th-century defensive towers and the ruins of medieval fortifications like Castillo de Montornés. Along the shoreline, sandy beaches such as Voramar are lined with elegant late 19th-century villas. Inland, the Carmelite Monastery and the Bartolo peak offer panoramic views of the Mediterranean, while Aquarama provides modern recreational facilities.





A Torre de Sant Vicent

A 16th-century Renaissance-style defensive watchtower built to guard the coast against pirate attacks. It features a square floor plan and masonry construction.

1 Avenida de Ferrandis Salvador, 12560, Spain
(40.04728, 0.06953)



B Platja Torre de Sant Vicent

An urban sandy beach located adjacent to the historic watchtower. It is known for its calm waters and direct access to the town's seaside promenade.

32 Paseo Marítimo Bernat Artola, Benicasim 12560, Spain
(40.04750, 0.07058)

C Convento Carmelita del Desierto de las Palmas

An 18th-century Carmelite monastery situated within the Desierto de las Palmas Natural Park. The site includes a religious museum and the ruins of the original 17th-century convent.

12560, Spain (40.07447, 0.02786)

D Platja Voramar

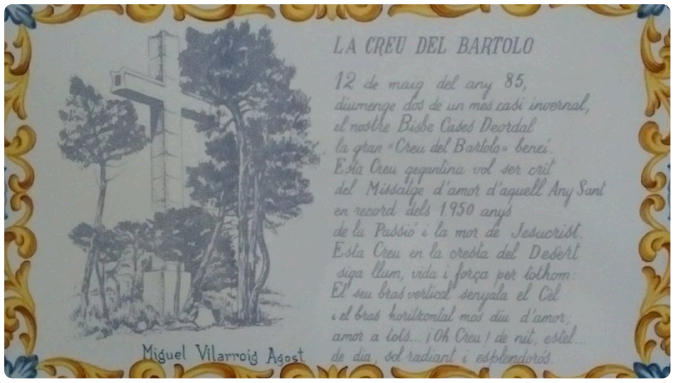
A sandy beach at the northern end of town, famous for the historic early 20th-century villas that line its promenade.

4 Calle de Maritimo, Benicasim 12560, Spain (40.05617, 0.08356)

E Torre del Baró

Also known as Mas de la Torre del Baró, this is a defensive tower and fortified farmhouse located in the southern part of the municipality.

287 Carretera de Acceso Sur, 12560, Spain (40.02862, 0.02132)



F Creu del Bartolo

A large monument located at 690 meters above sea level near the summit of Pico del Bartolo, offering views of the coastline and the Columbretes Islands.

(Unnamed Road), 12560, Spain (40.08483, 0.02758)

G Aquarama

A seasonal water park featuring a variety of slides, a wave pool, and the 'Salto del Diablo,' one of the steepest kamikaze slides in Europe.

Benicasim 12560, Spain (40.04714, 0.05188)

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H Castell de Benicàssim

Also known as Castillo de Centinela, these are the remains of a small fortification located on a hill in the center of the urban area.

110 Carretera Nacional 340, Benicasim 12560, Spain (40.05643, 0.06446)

I Castillo de Montornés

Ruins of a 10th-century Moorish fortress built on a strategic mountain ridge. It was a key defensive point until its abandonment in the 17th century.

12560, Spain (40.06185, 0.02925)



J Ajuntament de Benicàssim

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4 Calle del Metge Segarra, Benicasim 12560, Spain (40.05607, 0.06431)

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