

Murcia

Region of Murcia · Spain

TRAVEL GUIDE

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Overview

Murcia is the capital of the Region of Murcia in southeast Spain. It lies on the Segura river, in a flat, irrigated plain of orchards and vegetable fields known as the *huerta*.

The city has a grand Baroque cathedral, lively tapas squares and a warm, dry climate. It suits one or two days of sights and food, and it is a good base for the coast and the mountains of the region.

When to visit

Spring and autumn are the best seasons, with warm, sunny days. Summer is very hot, and winter days are mild and mostly dry.

The Holy Week processions are a highlight, with carved figures carried through the streets. The Spring Festival follows a week after Easter, with the *Bando de la Huerta* parade and the *Entierro de la Sardina* (Burial of the Sardine).

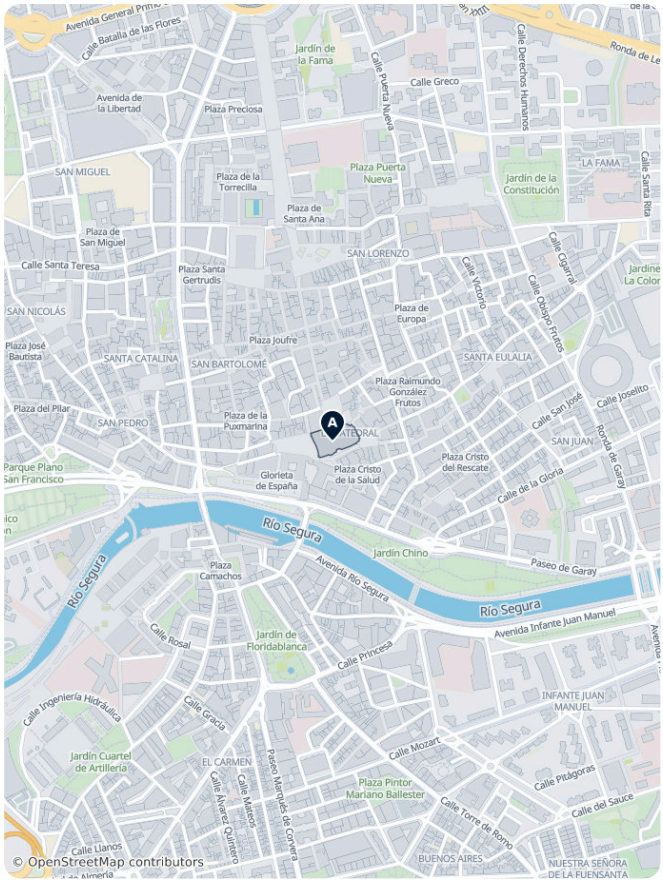
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January	Great Great for sightseeing	17° / 23° Feels like 14°	6° / 2°	Dry air
February	Great Great for sightseeing	19° / 25° Feels like 15°	7° / 1°	Dry air
March	Great Great for sightseeing	21° / 28° Feels like 18°	9° / 4°	Dry air
April	Great Great for sightseeing	24° / 30°	11° / 7°	Dry air
May	Great Great for sightseeing	28° / 34°	15° / 11°	21 sunny days · Dry air
June	Fair Fair for sightseeing	33° / 39°	19° / 15°	24 sunny days · UV 9 (Very high) · Up to 9 days above 35°
July	Poor Poor for sightseeing	36° / 41°	22° / 19°	28 sunny days · Humid air · UV 9 (Very high) · Up to 22 days above 35°
August	Poor Poor for sightseeing	36° / 41°	23° / 20°	24 sunny days · Humid air · Up to 20 days above 35°
September	Good Good for sightseeing	31° / 37°	20° / 16°	Humid air · Calm winds
October	Great Great for sightseeing	27° / 33°	15° / 11°	Calm winds
November	Great Great for sightseeing	21° / 27°	10° / 5°	Dry air
December	Great Great for sightseeing	18° / 23° Feels like 15°	7° / 2°	Dry air

Best months: January, February, March, April, May, October, November, December

Climate data: NASA POWER (MERRA-2) · 1996–2025

Top sights

- A Murcia Cathedral stands on the main square and has a richly carved Baroque façade and a tall bell tower. You can climb the tower for views over the city.
- The Museo Salzillo shows the sculptures of Francisco Salzillo, an 18th-century artist whose figures are carried in the Holy Week processions.
- The Real Casino de Murcia is a 19th-century social club with ornate halls that are open to visitors.
- Plaza de las Flores and the streets around it are the best place for a drink and tapas.
- The Teatro Romea and the Segura river promenade are pleasant for an evening walk.
- The Castillo de Monteagudo is a ruined castle on a hill east of the city, with a large statue of Christ and wide views.



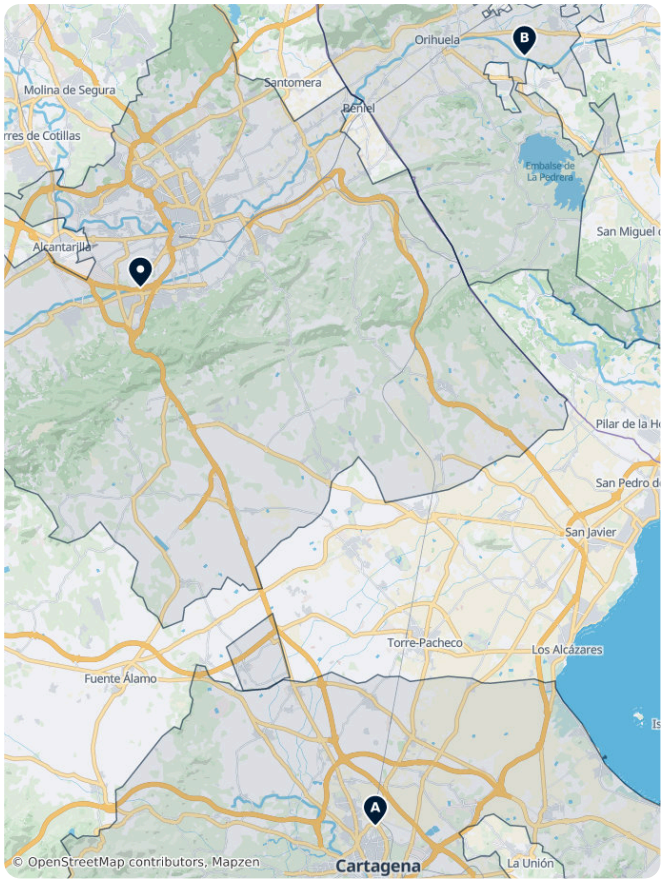
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What to experience

- Walk the old center on a tapas route, moving between bars around Plaza de las Flores.
- Cycle or walk beside the Segura river in the evening, when the heat eases.

Day trips

- A Cartagena (about 50 km, 50 minutes by car): a port city with Roman remains and a naval harbor.
- B Orihuela (about 25 km, 30 minutes by car): a historic town in the neighboring province of Alicante.
- **Sierra Espuña** (about 45 km, 45 minutes by car): a regional park with pine forests and hiking trails.
- **Mar Menor and La Manga** (about 50 km, 50 minutes by car): a large salt-water lagoon and a long beach strip.



Where to explore

Other places in the region and nearby:

- **Port city**: Cartagena is the main coastal destination.
- **Valencian Community**: Orihuela and Elche are close to the northeast.

Getting there

- **By air**: Región de Murcia International Airport (RMU) is about 25 km south of the city. Alicante-Elche airport (ALC) is about 75 km away and has more connections.
- **By train**: High-speed and regional trains link Murcia with Madrid, Alicante and Valencia. Book on Renfe.
- **By bus**: Coaches run to Alicante, Cartagena, Granada and many other cities.

Getting around

- **On foot**: The center is flat and compact, and most sights are close together.
- **Cycling**: The city is flat, and paths follow the river.

Getting around on foot & by bike

WALKABILITY

High

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CYCLING INFRASTRUCTURE

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Driving

- **Is a car worth it?**: Not for the center. A car helps for Sierra Espuña and the coast.
- **Parking**: Use a car park at the edge of the center.
- **Restrictions**: Some streets in the old center are closed to normal traffic.

Food & drink

Murcia is known for the produce of its huerta. Try *zarangollo* (a scramble of courgette, onion and egg), *pastel de carne* (a Murcian meat pie) and *marinera* (a tapa of Russian salad and anchovy on a breadstick). For dessert, *paparajotes* are lemon leaves fried in batter.

The best tapas streets are around Plaza de las Flores and the Plaza de Santa Catalina.

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

Murcia is a safe city. Summer heat is strong, so avoid the middle of the day, carry water and wear sun protection.

History

Murcia was founded as Mursiya in 825 under the Emirate of Córdoba. Castile took control in the 13th century.

The city grew rich from silk and farming, and many of its best buildings are from the Baroque period. Murcia Cathedral was built from the 14th to the 18th century, so it mixes several styles.

Country facts

Quick practical facts for Spain at a glance:

CURRENCY

EUR €

EMERGENCY

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ELECTRICITY



Type C / Type F
230 V · 50 Hz

LANGUAGES

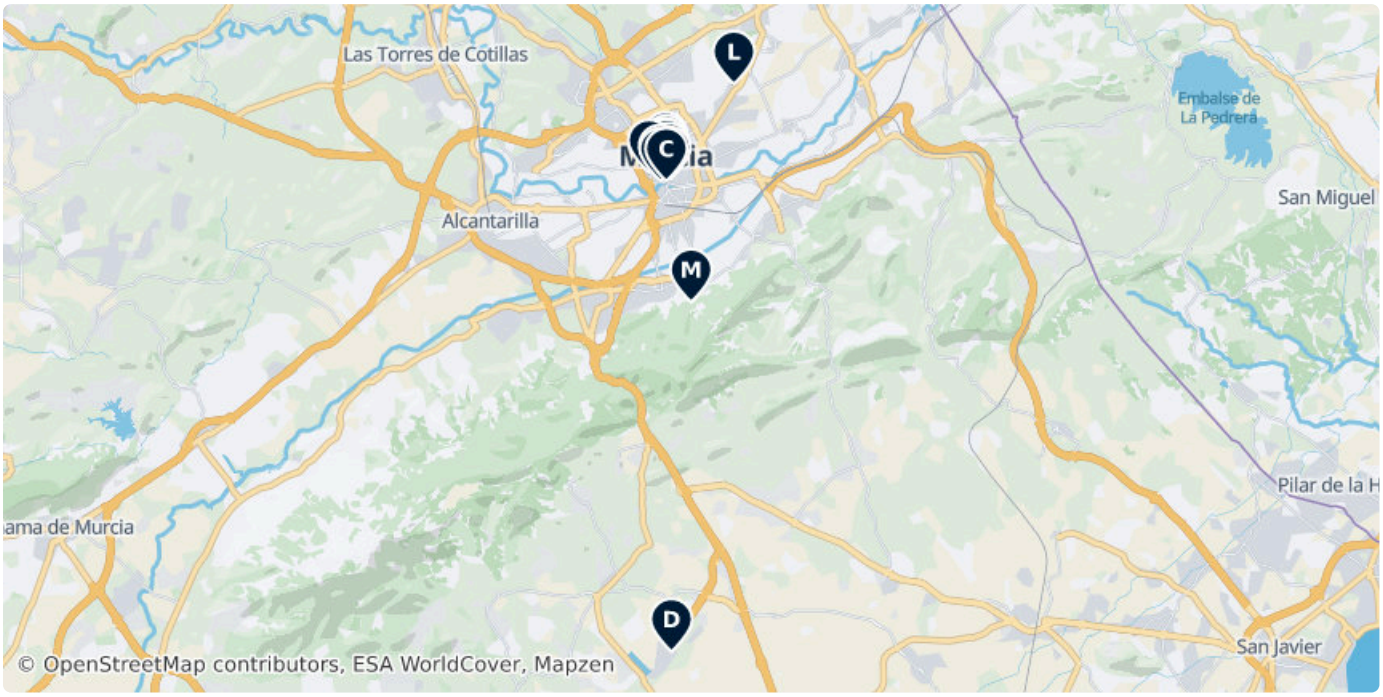
Spanish

TAP WATER

Safe to drink

Murcia's Unmissable Gems

Murcia’s architectural landscape spans from the 11th-century Moorish foundations of Monteagudo Castle to the 19th-century Neoclassical City Hall on Plaza de La Glorieta. The city’s artistic heritage is anchored by the Cathedral’s Baroque facade and the detailed religious sculptures of Francisco Salzillo. Cultural hubs like the Real Casino de Murcia showcase eclectic 19th-century design, while the Monasterio de Santa Clara la Real preserves the remains of a medieval Islamic palace. These sites, alongside central gathering points like Plaza de las Flores, define the historic and cultural identity of this regional capital.



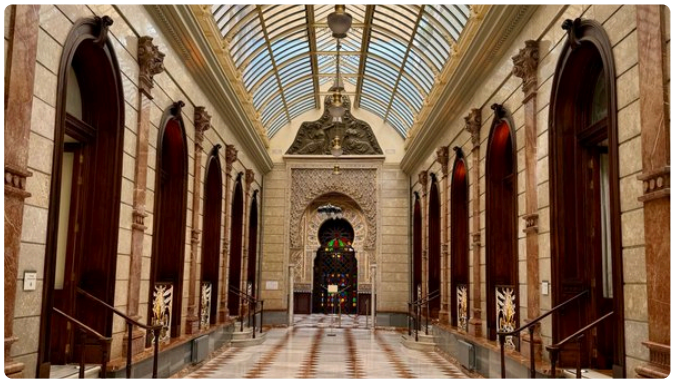


A Murcia Cathedral

The Cathedral Church of Saint Mary in Murcia, commonly called the Cathedral of Murcia, is a Catholic church in the city of Murcia, Spain.

Plaza del Cardenal Belluga, 30001 Murcia
(37.98397, -1.12869)

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B Casino

A 19th-century private club featuring eclectic architectural styles, including a Moorish-style courtyard inspired by the Alhambra, an English library, and a lavish French-style ballroom.

18 Calle de la Trapería, Murcia 30001, Spain
(37.98542, -1.12898)



C City Hall of Murcia

A 19th-century Neoclassical building designed by architect Belmonte. Situated on Plaza de La Glorieta, it serves as the seat of the municipal government.

Plaza del Cardenal Belluga, 30004 Murcia, Spain (37.98353, -1.13018)

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D Region of Murcia International Airport

Región de Murcia International Airport, informally also known as Murcia-Corvera, is an international airport in southeast Spain.

30154, Spain (37.80451, -1.12774)

aeropuertointernacionalmurcia.com

E Museo de Santa Clara

A working convent and museum built over the ruins of an 11th-century Moorish palace. It preserves significant Islamic architectural elements and a collection of sacred art.

1 Avenida de Alfonso X 'El Sabio', Murcia 30008, Spain (37.98846, -1.13007)

F Archaeological Museum of Murcia

The Archaeological Museum of Murcia is a State-owned archaeological museum in Murcia, Spain.

Alfonso X El Sabio 7, 30008 Murcia (37.98971, -1.13057)

Tu–Fr	10:00–14:00, 17:00–20:00
Sa	11:00–14:00, 17:00–20:00
Su	11:00–14:00

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G Centro de Arte Palacio Almudí

A 17th-century former granary characterized by its Tuscan columns and the royal coat of arms on its facade. It now functions as an art gallery and municipal archive.

8 Calle Plano de San Francisco, Murcia 30004, Spain (37.98358, -1.13298)

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H Museo Salzillo

Dedicated to the 18th-century sculptor Francisco Salzillo, this museum houses his intricate processional carvings and a detailed Neapolitan nativity scene featuring hundreds of figures.

Plaza San Agustín 3, 30005 Murcia (37.98671, -1.13852)

Mo–Sa	10:00–17:00
Su	11:00–14:00

museosalzillo.es

I Plaza de las Flores

A central pedestrian square famous for its traditional flower stalls, central fountain, and surrounding tapas bars specializing in local Murcian cuisine.

Plaza de las Flores, 30004 Murcia, Spain (37.98470, -1.13323)

J Teatro Romea

One of Spain's primary performing arts venues, this 19th-century Neoclassical theater features a distinctive pink facade and was rebuilt twice following major fires.

Plaza de Julián Romea, 30001 Murcia, Spain (37.98734, -1.13064)

teatroromea.es



K Palacio Almodóvar

A 17th-century Baroque palace located near the Cathedral, notable for its grand portal flanked by two large Herculean figures carved in stone.

25 Calle de la Trapería, Murcia 30008, Spain (37.98682, -1.12972)



M Santuario de Nuestra Señora de la Fuensanta

A 17th-century Baroque sanctuary located in the hills overlooking the city. It houses the statue of the Virgen de la Fuensanta, the patron saint of Murcia.

(Unnamed Road), Santuario de la Fuensanta 30157, Spain (37.93755, -1.11821)

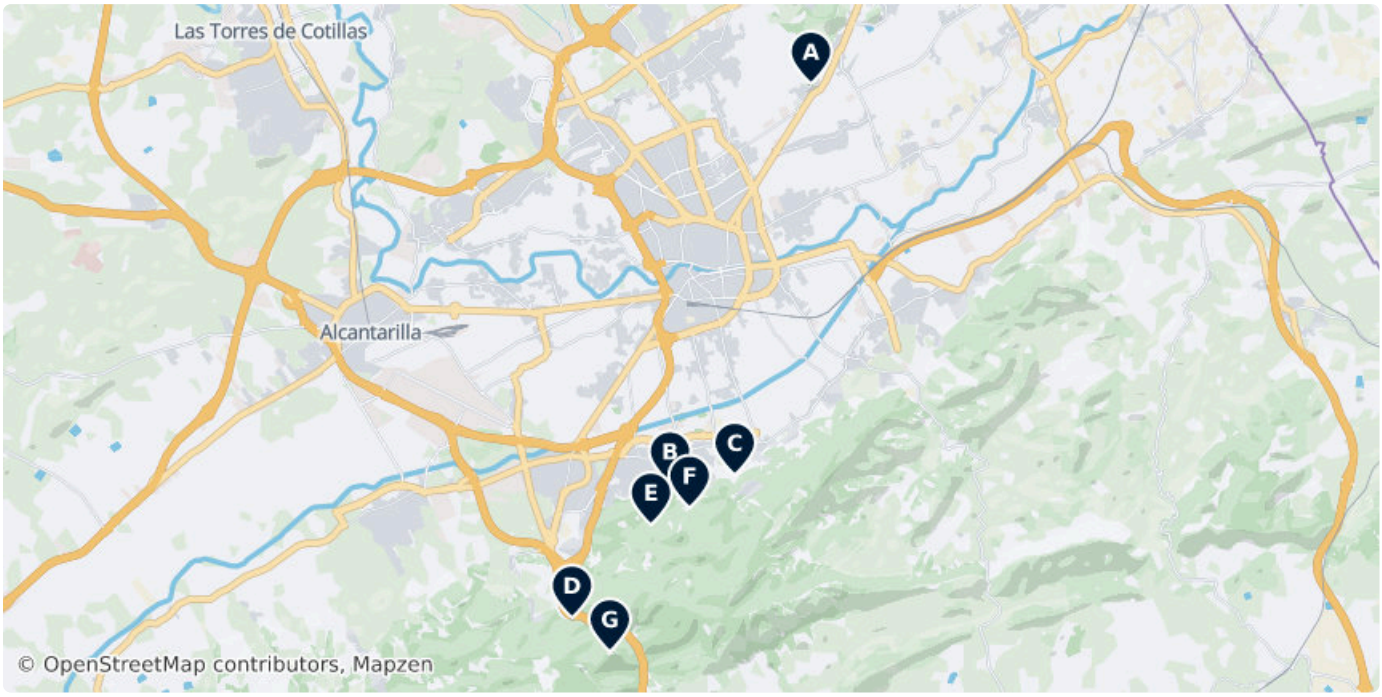
L Castillo de Monteagudo

An 11th-century Islamic fortress situated on a limestone outcrop. The site is dominated by a 14-meter-tall statue of Christ added to the summit in 1951.

Cabezo de Torres 30160, Spain (38.02040, -1.09763)

Murcia's Castles and Fortresses

This collection features the strategic defensive network surrounding Murcia, primarily dating from the 11th and 12th centuries. These fortifications, including the iconic Castillo de Monteagudo and the Almohad ruins of the Cordillera Sur, were built to control the passage between the Segura valley and the coast. The sites reflect the architectural legacy of the Andalusi period, particularly the reign of Ibn Mardanis, known as the King Wolf, who transformed the region into a powerful independent state.



A Castillo de Monteagudo

An 11th-century Islamic fortress perched on a limestone crag, famous for the 14-meter statue of Christ added to its summit in 1951. It served as a strategic watchtower and granary for the surrounding fertile plains.

Cabezo de Torres 30160, Spain (38.02040, -1.09763)

B Los Baños

Medieval ruins forming part of the defensive and hydraulic complex in the mountains south of Murcia, historically linked to the control of local water resources.

(37.93652, -1.13519)

C Casa del Cabildo (o Casa del Sacristán)

An 18th-century administrative building originally used by the Murcia Cathedral Chapter, located near the Sanctuary of Fuensanta within the El Valle mountain range.

(37.93834, -1.11796)

D Castillo del Portazgo Inferior

A 12th-century Almohad fortification located in the Puerto de la Cadena pass. It functioned as a customs post and defensive gateway controlling the main route between Murcia and Cartagena.

Autovía de Murcia, 30153, Spain (37.90836, -1.16128)

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E Castillo Hogar de Olite

Small fortification ruins situated within the El Valle y Carrascoy Regional Park, contributing to the historical defensive line of the southern mountains.

(37.92787, -1.14023)

F Castillo de la Luz

Also known as Santa Catalina del Monte, this 12th-century Almohad fortress was a key component of the defensive network protecting the southern approaches to the city.

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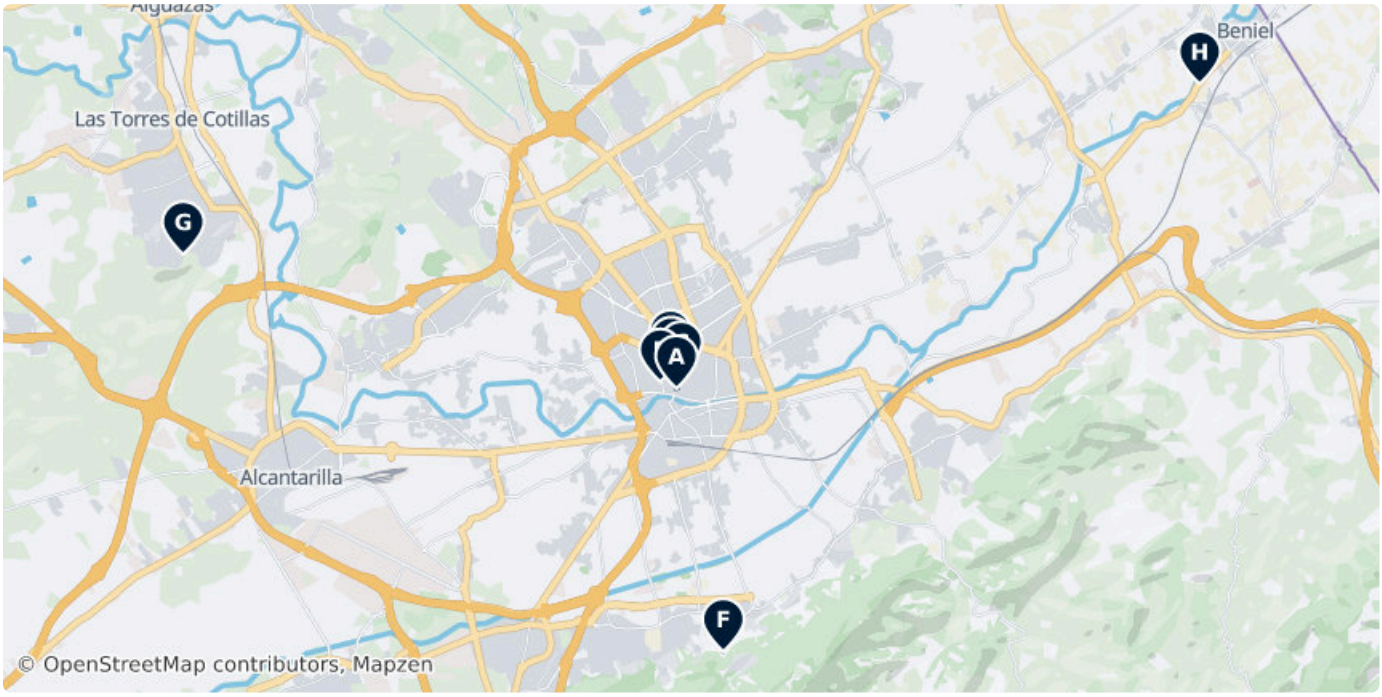
G Castillo de la Asomada

An unfinished 12th-century fortress commissioned by Ibn Mardanis. Its massive masonry walls occupy a strategic peak overlooking the Guadalentín valley and the El Palmar district.

(37.90128, -1.15123)

Murcia's Sacred Sites

Murcia's religious landscape is defined by the grand Cathedral of Murcia, featuring a 90-meter bell tower and a blend of Gothic and Baroque styles. The collection includes the Monasterio de Santa Clara la Real, constructed over a 13th-century Moorish palace, and several historic churches like Santa Catalina and Santo Domingo that showcase the city's transition from Islamic to Christian rule. In the surrounding hills, the Santuario de la Fuensanta offers a Baroque sanctuary dedicated to the city's patron saint.





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(37.98846, -1.13007)

C Iglesia de San Lorenzo

An 18th-century Baroque church known for its elaborate main altarpiece and historic sculptures.

12D Calle de San Lorenzo, Murcia 30001, Spain
(37.98644, -1.12758)

D Iglesia Conventual de Santo Domingo

This 18th-century convent church features two distinct facades—one Baroque and one Renaissance—facing the Plaza de Santo Domingo.

1 Plaza de Santo Domingo, Murcia 30008, Spain
(37.98723, -1.12981)

E Iglesia de Santa Catalina

One of Murcia's oldest religious foundations, this 18th-century church was built atop a former mosque and features a distinctive brick exterior.

7 Plaza de Santa Catalina, Murcia 30004, Spain
(37.98513, -1.13233)



F Santuario de Nuestra Señora de la Fuensanta

A Baroque sanctuary located in the mountains outside Murcia. It houses the image of the city's patron saint and offers panoramic views of the surrounding valley.

(Unnamed Road), Santuario de la Fuensanta 30157, Spain
(37.93755, -1.11821)

G Ermita de Ntra. Sra. de la Salceda

A small hermitage located in Las Torres de Cotillas, dedicated to the patron saint of the locality.

24 Calle Rebeco, Las Torres de Cotillas 30565, Spain
(38.00759, -1.23908)

H Ermita Virgen de la Medalla

A small local hermitage and place of worship located in the rural outskirts of the Murcia region.

54 Avenida de la Basca, Beniel 30130, Spain
(38.03762, -1.01160)

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