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THE CATHEDRAL

The first cathedral was destroyed by the devastating earthquake of 1522. As a consequence the Bishop decided to found the new Cathedral, work on which began in 1525. It has a special characteristic: it is a cathedral-fortress... [\(listen to the audioguide to continue\)](#)



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SAN JUAN'S CHURCH

After the foundation of the city by Abderramán III in the 10th century, the Great Mosque was ordered to be built in 965. It is a mosque of great dimensions which was divided into two zones: the Ablutions Courtyard and the prayer hall... [\(listen to the audioguide to continue\)](#)



4

THE OLD SQUARE

This square is a delightful corner of the city which used to be the site for games, festivals, bull fights, processions and civic parades. In the Arab period it was a rectangular square constituting the main souk,... [\(listen to the audioguide to continue\)](#)



1

ALMERÍA FORTRESS (ALCAZABA)

The Alcazaba, with a perimeter wall of 1430 metres, is one of the largest Arab constructions in Spain. It was built on the orders of Abderramán III in the 10th century, after the foundation of the city... [\(listen to the audioguide to continue\)](#)



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SCHOOL OF ARTS AND CRAFTS

The building was a Secondary School in the middle of the 19th century and a large part of the 20th. During the time it was a school, important alterations were carried out in it which changed the interior layout and its façades... [\(listen to the audioguide to continue\)](#)



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SAN PEDRO'S CHURCH

The present Church was constructed at the end of the 18th and beginning of the 19th centuries on top of the ruins of the old church of the Franciscan Convent which was demolished as a consequence of the 1790 earthquake... [\(listen to the audioguide to continue\)](#)



7

VIRGEN DEL MAR'S CHURCH-SANCTUARY

The Virgen del Mar Square is presided over by the façade of the Church-Sanctuary of the same name, popularly known as the Temple of the Patron Saint. The church, run by the Dominican Fathers,... [\(listen to the audioguide to continue\)](#)



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THE ORE DOCK ("CABLE INGLÉS")

It is a prolongation of the railway track to the sea and was constructed between 1902 and 1904 by the English mining company, in order to cut the costs of transporting the mineral from the railway station to the port... [\(listen to the audioguide to continue\)](#)



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THE MEDITERRANEAN GAMES STADIUM

The 15th Mediterranean Games were held in Almería from the 24th June to the 3rd July, 2005 under the name: Almería 2005. 21 Mediterranean countries took part in the Games and there were a total of 258 competitions... [\(listen to the audioguide to continue\)](#)



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THE CENTRAL MARKET

Is one of the most beautiful examples of industrial architecture in the city of Almería which combines stone, brick, iron and glass. The building, constructed in 1893, comprises a longitudinal shaped floor,... [\(listen to the audioguide to continue\)](#)



1

PUERTA PURCHENA

This is the nerve centre of the city. In the past it was called the Pechina Gate and used to be the main entrance to the Arab city. However, by mistake, the Christians knew it as the Purchena Gate... [\(listen to the audioguide to continue\)](#)



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THE HOUSE OF CINEMA

The house began as the private home of the owners of an extensive farm called Santa Isabel. The House dates back to the year 1866 and is one of the prototypes of the middle class homes built on the outskirts of the city... [\(listen to the audioguide to continue\)](#)



9

THE PROVINCIAL HOSPITAL

The old Saint Mary Magdalene Royal Hospital is one of the oldest civil buildings preserved down to the present day. It was ordered to be built by the Bishop, Brother Diego Fernández de Villarán, between 1547 and 1557... [\(listen to the audioguide to continue\)](#)



1

THE BULLRING

The present bull ring was designed by the architects Trinidad Cuartara and Enrique López Rull and its construction was finished in 1888. It can hold 9,054 spectators and replaced the previous bull ring... [\(listen to the audioguide to continue\)](#)



2

THE SPANISH CIVIL WAR BUNKERS

These Air Raid Shelters were designed in 1936. They are underground galleries designed by the architect Guillermo Langle Rubio, to protect the people from the bombardments which took place in the city... [\(listen to the audioguide to continue\)](#)



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LAS SALINAS' CHURCH

The symbol of identity of Cabo de Gata was opened in 1907 for the religious cult to the salt lakes workers of Las Salinas. In the design it enhances its monumental arcade and its singular bell tower... [\(listen to the audioguide to continue\)](#)



8

BENDICHO SQUARE

This secluded square, situated at the back of the Cathedral, was built between the 18th and 19th centuries and in it we can find the "The House of the Puches" the oldest house in Almería from the 17th to the 18th centuries... [\(listen to the audioguide to continue\)](#)



TAPAS IN ALMERIA

Enjoy and taste the gastronomy Almería offers you. Walking through our neighbourhoods, the city centre and the promenade. You will discover our "tapas"



TOURIST ROUTES

ALMERIA'S CINEMA

1. Once Upon a Time in the Revolution
2. 800 bullets
3. Lawrence of Arabia
4. The wind and the lion
5. The man of Marrakech
6. You've made me go out of my mind
7. Lost command
8. Tepepa

9. Conan the Barbarian

10. Patton
11. Catlow
12. Indiana Jones and the Last crusade
13. The passenger
14. The House of Cinema

Follow the clapperboards and you will feel like a movie star

MUSLIM ALMERIA

1. Alcazaba (Muslim Fortress)
2. Jayrán's Wall and San Cristóbal's Hill (Viewpoint)
3. Jayrán's Arabic Tanks
4. San Juan's Church. (Old Mosque)
5. Almedina Street
6. Puerta de Almería. The Interpretation Centre. Caliphal Wall

7. Faluca Almaríya. Old muslim boat

CHRISTIAN ALMERIA

1. San Sebastian's Church
2. Santiago's Church
3. Las Claras' Convent-Church
4. Las Puras' Convent-Church
5. Cathedral
6. Portocarrero's Sun
7. Virgen del Mar's Sanctuary

8. Esclavas del Santísimo Sacramento's Convent-Church

9. San Pedro's Church
10. Salinas' Church

BOURGEOIS ALMERIA

1. Puerta Purchena. The Butterflies Building
2. Viscounts of Almansa Castle (Provincial Archives)
3. Careaga Square. Marquises of Torrealta Palace.

4. Almería City Hall and Constitution Square.

5. The Patrimonial Interpretation Centre. (The Old Square)
6. Marquises of Cabra Palace. (Municipal Archives)
7. Poet José Ángel Valente's House
8. Episcopal Palace
9. Bendicho Square. The Puche's House.
10. Santa María Magdalena's Royal Hospital. Chapel
11. Andalusian Centre of Photography
12. The Ore Dock ("Cable Inglés")
13. Statue of the Charity
14. Doña Pakyta Art Museum
15. The Old Cultural Casino
16. Cervantes Theatre. Mercantile Circle
17. School of Arts & Crafts
18. The Central Market
19. The Provincial Council Palace
20. Apollo Theatre
21. Compañía de Maria School
22. Jose Batlles' Villa
23. The Old Railway Station

OTHERS MONUMENTS AND PLACES OF INTEREST

1. The Bullring
2. The Spanish Civil War Bunkers
3. Experimental Country-house La Hoya
4. The Spanish Guitar Museum. "Antonio Torres"
5. Trading Port. Cruises
6. Fishing Port
7. Marina. Club de Mar
8. Promenade and beaches.
9. Maestro Padilla Municipal Auditorium
10. Intermodal Station
11. Almería Museum Art Centre
12. The Archaeological Museum
13. The Mediterranean Games Stadium
14. Almería Municipal School of Music (E.M.M.A.)
15. The Fish Fountain
16. The 102-district Fountain

