



Almería

Almeria, Spain

Port information

Currency	The currency in Almeria is Euro. Foreign exchange is available from reception onboard on deck 4.	Language	The language spoken in Almeria is Spanish.
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Getting around

Distance to town centre	The town is easy to reach by foot from the cruise port. The dock is only about one kilometer from town. The first step is to cross the parking at the docking pier to the Avenida Reina Regente . From this point the historic area is within walking distance, approximately 15 minute walk.	Main Highlights	As you may know, Almeria has been the set for many Hollywood films. There will be no shortage of scenery for your holiday photos. As you arrive in Almeria you will notice the Cable Inglés . This iron structure designed by Gustave Eiffel dates back to 1904. This is particularly good for a photo at night time. It was built as a loading platform for the Alquife Mines and Railway Company Limited. The minerals would leave Almeria port after arriving here from Alquife in Granada province. The Cabo de Gata, Tabernas Desert and Alcazaba fortress will also provide you with great scenery too. The Nicolás Salmerón Park has well established ficus plants, palm trees and pine trees. The Parque El Boticario is just 10 minutes out of town. The park is set out in four areas, Rock garden, Arab garden, Botanic area and Wood but there is also a large area for children with swings, slides and climbing frames. There are often cultural activities and concerts here. The statue of John Lennon playing his guitar is in the Plaza de las Flores . This is to remember that it was in Almeria where he composed the song Strawberry Fields Forever. Lennon was in Almeria for the filming of 'How I Won The War' in autumn 1966.
Taxi	Taxis will be available outside the port area. Most taxis have a meter but if not, make sure you agree a rate with the taxi driver before making your journey.		
Main Highlights	A pretty and largely modern city, Almeria is the capital of the Spanish province bearing the same name. Occupied first by the Phoenicians then the Carthagians, the Romans and the Moors, it has an interesting and diverse history. Situated in the middle of the bay, facing the Mediterranean Sea, the area offers a selection of fine sandy beaches and coves. Standing at the top of the mountain, which provides the backdrop to the city, is the Alcazaba or Arab Fortress, built in 995, which commands some magnificent views. The reinforced cathedral, with its unique blend of Renaissance and Gothic architecture, was also once a fortress. Stroll through St Nicolás Salmerón Park then head up towards the caves in the old gypsy quarter. Alternatively, shop in the charming old town for fine leather and sample local wines and local specialties. Venturing inland you can explore the verdant countryside, still dotted with Moorish remains, from where it was part of the historic kingdom of Granada.		

Essential information

Tourist information	Visitors to the town of Almeria have three tourist information offices available. They have plenty of information on the town and province. Take away free leaflets and maps with you to plan your day. Find them at Calle Parque Nicolás Salmerón, Plaza de la Constitución or at Plaza Bendicho. Plaza de la Constitución is also known as Plaza Vieja.	Shopping	In the historic district, little specialist shops crowd among tapas bars in the narrow streets, radiating out from the Puerta de Purchena and along Calle de las Tiendas and Calle Real. Stock up on food specialities at the busy covered Mercado. Go south from there, on Calle de los Reyes Católicos, for the excellent El Libro Picasso bookshop. The Paseo de Almería is good for fashion and shoes, with the Marin Rosa department store. Off the Paseo, along Calle Rueda Lopez, La Vinoteca wine cellars in the Galeria Almericentro shopping centre have a mind-blowing selection of wines.
Internet access	Many of the restaurants, bars and cafes have WiFi access.	PLEASE NOTE:	
Nearest beaches	A short drive to any of the beaches in the area will refresh your day. Whether you head east to Aguadulce or Roquetas del Mar or go to the rustic beaches of Cabo de Gata there is a great choice.	As with all cities always please keep a close eye on valuables	

Your Destination Services team would like to wish you an enjoyable day in Almeria

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