

Jubiläumsreise 25, in die Provinzen Murcia, Almeria

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Dear members and friends of AVIB,

Yes, it took much longer than expected for me to present you with the final programme for our 25th anniversary trip. But now it is ready and I hope that I can inspire you to take part and that you will be happy to register. The prices are based on a minimum of 30 participants.

Destination: MURCIA, Almeria, LAND OF CULTURES 5 Days / 4 Nights From 26.05.25 to 30.05.25 Minimum 30 participants

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Day 1

Start: 08:30h La Cumbre del Sol, North entrance

Departure for Murcia, a city of Arab origin and declared a Site of Cultural Interest, whose existence is closely linked to the fertile orchard of the Segura river. Its historic centre is located along the Segura river and features historic streets that still preserve the names of the guilds that once resided there, such as those of the silversmiths, tinkers and glassblowers. In the Plaza del Cardenal Belluga, we find two of the architectural jewels of the capital of Murcia: the Bishop's Palace (18th century), with a Rococo façade and a courtyard in the Churrigueresque style, and the cathedral, which is characterised by the overlapping of different styles. Also noteworthy are the town hall, the Romea Theatre and the casino, the latter with a neoclassical façade and a beautiful courtyard with Arabic influence.

Visit with local guide, lunch at a restaurant.

Drive to Mazarron, check-in at Hotel Dos Playas in Mazarron and dinner.

Day 2

Bus trip from Mazarron to Cartagena and San Pedro del Pinatar:

Breakfast at the hotel, departure for Cartagena, whose port has been very important since Carthaginian times. Due to its strategic location on the coast of Murcia, it has been inhabited by various cultures, which have left their mark in the form of their artistic heritage.

Lunch in a restaurant.

In the afternoon, departure for San Pedro del Pinatar, one of the most important tourist centres on the Costa Cálida, situated between the Mar Menor and the Mediterranean Sea, famous for its fishing tradition, its healing muds and its salt marshes and sandbanks.

Free time. Return to the hotel, dinner and accommodation at the Hotel Dos Playas in Mazarron.

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Day 3

Almería and Fort Bravo:

Breakfast at the hotel, departure for Almería, the luminous city whose origins date back to ancient times. Accompanied by an official guide, visit this city dominated by the Alcazaba (visit included), which offers exceptional panoramic views of the city and the port. Then we will go down to the centre, where the cathedral is located (entrance not included). It was built as a fortress to protect against pirate attacks, which is why its interior is of the greatest interest. Lunch in a restaurant.

In the afternoon, visit to Fort Bravo, a Wild West village that recreates the American Wild West. It is located in the warm sub-desert of <u>Desierto de Tabernas</u>, which is unique in Europe. The decoration in Fort Bravo is a faithful reproduction of both the American part – saloon, prison, shops, banks, stables, etc. – and the Mexican part – square, church, farm and family houses.

Return to the hotel, dinner and accommodation at the Hotel Dos Playas in Mazarron.

Day 4

Lorca and Águilas:

Breakfast at the hotel. Departure for Lorca, a municipality full of contrasts. The city centre was declared a Historic-Artistic Site in 1964 and the castle a National Monument.

Free time. Lunch at a restaurant.

Continue to Águilas, whose city centre, with its distinct seafaring atmosphere, has a lot to offer, including the beautiful gardens with centuries-old fig trees in the Plaza de España, the town hall (19th century) and the parish church of San José, which houses the image of the patron saint by the Salzillo school, the castle fortress of San Juan de Águilas, built in 1579 for defensive purposes, as well as the harbour and its characteristic lighthouse.

Return to the hotel, dinner and accommodation at the Dos Playas hotel in Mazarron.

Day 5

Jumilla and return journey home via La Cumbre del Sol

Breakfast at the hotel and check-out.

Departure for Jumilla.

Visit to the Viña Elena winery with wine tasting and lunch in Jumilla.

Return to Benitachell, departure with a stopover on the way to Benitachell.

Arrival at La Cumbre del Sol and end of the trip.

Included in the price

Coach for the entire route (maximum 12 hours availability and 8 hours of daily driving) from Benitachell

Tour guide for the entire round trip

4 nights in the 4* Hotel Dos Payas in Mazarron 4 days half board

Water and wine with lunch and dinner

Local guide for a half-day visit to Murcia

1 lunch in a restaurant in Murcia

Local guide for a half-day visit to Almería

1 lunch in a restaurant in Almería

1 lunch in a restaurant in Cartagena or San Pedro del Pilar

Entrance tickets to the oasis (Tarbenas)

1 lunch in Lorca or Águilas

Wine tasting and lunch at the Viña Elena winery in Jumilla

Travel insurance

NOT INCLUDED IN THE PRICE

Tickets not mentioned in the 'Included' section

Extras in hotels (washing machine, minibar, telephone, etc...)

All items NOT listed in the 'Included' section

NET PRICE INCLUDING VAT. PER PACKAGE AND PERSON with a minimum of 30 participants

Price per person in a double room € 600

Surcharge for a single room €105

Binding registration on our homepage,

Link: https://www.avib.org/2025/03/avib-jubilaeumsreise-25/ or to: web@avib.org

Registration deadline: 30 March 2025

The final travel costs will be determined after the registration deadline based on the number of registered participants and communicated to the registered participants.

If fewer than 30 participants register, the costs will increase.

If more than 30 participants register, the costs will be reduced.

Transfer of the total amount: Please transfer the total amount to our account at the Sparkasse (see account details in the footer) by 7 April 2025.

Thank you.

Saludos,

Bongo Stauffacher, VP and organiser

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