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Lots of Choices for a Fantastic Alicante Holiday by [Nancy Gallen](#)

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There is so much a tourist can do and experience while holidaying in Alicante. This place offers a variety of interests that would cater to all types of individual coming through. There are historical sights, fiestas, culture, tradition and gastronomy deals which would delight all visitors and locals.

Historical interests

Most visitors to Alicante would be interested to discover the past of Alicante to appreciate its present offerings. Alicante showcases many historical monuments that speak of its colorful history such as the 17th century Casa de La Asegurada which is the town's oldest civil building but today has been converted into a Contemporary Art Museum.

Alicante also preserves many archaeological exhibits especially those from the Stone Age in its local Archaeology Museum. There are ancient and current day findings of historical pieces which are seen in this special museum like the famous Iberian Dama de Cabezo Lucero statue.

The 18th century Casa Consistorial town hall measures the altitude of the country at precisely zero meter above sea level.

The 18th century Palacio Gravina houses the Gravina Arts Museum that displays regional 16th and 18th centuries' sculptures and paintings.

Modern Alicante

Alicante has blossomed into a beautiful and comfortable town which brings on many modern amenities. The town market is actually a 20th century site now called Mercado Central in a new and modernized construction. It used to be town walls.

The fish market is also quite new; it is known as Lonja de Pescado. It used to be an exhibition center since 1992.

There are lots of festivities celebrated in Alicante; the more popular ones are Easter week or more popularly known as Semana Santa. There would be at least 30 street processions around town. Another popular fiesta is the Moors and Christians re-enactment of their disagreements in the past with fight performances.

Alicante stays "open" at night with its numerous bars, pubs and cafés at El Barrio. Summer is especially popular with a vibrant nightlife extending to the beach promenade and the town port. La Explanada is one of Alicante's nightlife centers which is very packed.

The interesting "TRAMnochador" train facility allows visitors to enjoy the nightlife more vibrantly during the summer with stops at various stations along the "Disotheque-Mile" trail that runs through Benidorm, El Campello and Playa de San Juan.

Alicante also offers tantalizing gastronomy with its rich and fresh produce in vegetables, fruits, oil and seafood. Rice dishes are popular but so are desserts. The Mediterranean diet that is practiced in Alicante makes it the healthiest diet in the world today.

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