



MSC

EXCURSIONS

Discoveries designed for you

Alicante

CULTURE AND HISTORY

MEDIEVAL ALICANTE (Code: ALIAJ)



Dauer
5,4 h



Combining history with entertainment, castles and ancient towns, this half-day excursion through the Spanish countryside is an introduction to medieval Spain. Leaving the port of Alicante, a 45-minute coach drive will take you to the town of Biar, located at the foot of the Sierra de Mariola. Follow your guide along the streets of the city and explore the streets and squares of Villa Historica followed by a visit to Biar Castle. Information about the castle dates back as far as the Muslim rule, although the fortress only began to have a certain military importance from 1200 onwards and was included in the list of historical and artistic monuments in 1931. After the visit, the excursion continues with a coach drive to the town of Villena, dominated by its imposing castle. Follow your guide on a visit to this fortress, which has a concentric layout, with an inner and higher line of walls forming a square, and with a rectangular barbican forming a larger inner space in front of the imposing keep. The tour also includes a stop to taste typical Spanish pinxos, a regional version of tapas before starting your journey back to Alicante and your ship.

Please note: as the tour involves walking on uneven ground in the towns and at the castles, guests of limited mobility are requested to evaluate their personal level of stamina and ability before taking part. Guests with any type of food intolerance are required to communicate it to the Shore Excursions Office at least two days before the call. Guests will be required to return their audio guide equipment to their tour guide in perfect condition at the end of the tour. Guests will be charged for any damage to or loss of audio guide equipment. Guests need to wear the mask all the time. By taking part in an excursion Guests are accepting and committing to follow the instructions and regulations received by the guide. In case the health and safety of our guests is at risk MSC will be allowed to take actions. Please note that any Guest who, during the tour, voluntarily decide to leave our ship's sponsored Shore Excursion will be denied boarding.

Mindestteilnehmerzahl erforderlich: 25

SOMETHING SPECIAL

NOVELDA & WINE TASTING (Code: ALIAF)



Dauer
4,5 h



Enjoy a pleasant walking tour through the Main Street and narrow "callejuelas" of Alicante for external viewing of some of Alicante's most important monuments including the Town Hall and Con-Cathedral of San Nicolás. Take your camera ready for some nice shots for your memory book before boarding your coach for a 45-minute coach drive to Novelda. Located in the south of Valencia region, the city is famous for its vineyards and for receiving many awards for their constant search for the quality of its wines. You will soon recognize the Modernist or "Art Nouveau" architectural style as you visit the monastery of Santa María Magdalena, a church designed by a disciple of Antoni Gaudí, a true, artistic masterpiece. After the visit, your second part of the tour will include a visit to the wine cellars and a tasting of 2 kinds of wine. Take your time to buy one or two bottles for your dearest before boarding your coach back to Alicante.

Please note: as the tour involves walking on uneven ground, it is unsuitable for guests with walking difficulties. Guests will be required to return their audio guide equipment to their tour guide in perfect condition at the end of the tour. Guests will be charged for any damage to or loss of audio guide equipment. Guests under 18 years old are not admitted to the wine tasting session. Guests need to wear the mask all the time. By taking part in an excursion Guests are accepting and committing to follow the instructions and regulations received by the guide. In case the health and safety of our guests is at risk MSC will be allowed to take actions. Please note that any Guest who, during the tour, voluntarily decide to leave our ship's sponsored Shore Excursion will be denied boarding.

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NATURAL WONDERS

ELCHE & HUERTO DEL CURA (Code: ALIAH)



Dauer
3 h



A short drive to the south of Alicante and just a little inland from the Costa Blanca coastline lies Elche, a Spanish city noted particularly for its abundance of palm groves, one of which is the Huerto del Cura. After an enjoyable coach ride to the city, your sightseeing tour will first take you past Elche's major landmarks before you pay the amazing Huerto del Cura a visit. Providing dappled shade in which to walk and savour the surroundings, this municipal garden is home to a wide variety of tropical and Mediterranean plants, including the seven-fronded "Imperial Palm", which was named after the Empress Elisabeth of Austria, or Sisi, as she was affectionately known. The return drive to Alicante then ends your tour.

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ALICANTE CITY TOUR & CASTLE VISIT (Code: ALIAG)



Dauer 3.15 h



In addition to its holiday-friendly vibe and sun-drenched beaches, the resort of Alicante is equally blessed with a rich history and numerous appealing landmarks, some of which you will have a chance to see on this entertaining tour. Setting off on foot, you'll first make your way through the city on a route that includes views of such gems as the 18th-century Baroque-style town hall and a visit to the Museo de Hogueras Les Fogueres de Sant Joan. This curious museum is dedicated to showing how Alicante's midsummer St. John's Eve celebrations including the bonfires that traditionally go with the festival have taken shape through their history. Five exhibition rooms will be yours to explore with your guide. Moving on by coach, the Castle of Santa Bárbara, built in the 9th century while the Iberian Peninsula was under Muslim rule, comes next. Situated on top of Mount Benacantil at a height of 166 m above mean sea level, the castle is not only fun to explore, but also provides stunning views of Alicante and the harbour. After your castle visit, the tour will end with your return drive to the port and your ship.

Please note: as the tour involves walking on uneven ground at Santa Bárbara Castle and using stairs, guests of limited mobility are requested to evaluate their personal level of stamina and ability before taking part. Guests will be required to return their audio guide equipment to their tour guide in perfect condition at the end of the tour. Guests will be charged for any damage to or loss of audio guide equipment. Guests need to wear the mask all the time. By taking part in an excursion Guests are accepting and committing to follow the instructions and regulations received by the guide. In case the health and safety of our guests is at risk MSC will be allowed to take actions. Please note that any Guest who, during the tour, voluntarily decide to leave our ship's sponsored Shore Excursion will be denied boarding.

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CITY TOUR

SHORT BUT SWEET: A VISIT TO ALICANTE (Code: ALIAL)



Dauer 2.15 h



In addition to its holiday-friendly vibe and sun-drenched beaches, the resort of Alicante is equally blessed with a rich history and numerous appealing landmarks, some of which you will have a chance to see on this basic and pleasant tour. Setting off on foot, you'll first make your way through the city on a route that includes views of such gems as the 18th-century Baroque-style town hall and a visit to the Museo de Hogueras Les Fogueres de Sant Joan. This curious museum is dedicated to showing how Alicante's midsummer St. John's Eve celebrations including the bonfires that traditionally go with the festival have taken shape through their history. Five exhibition rooms will be yours to explore with your guide. Moving on by coach, enjoy a sightseeing coach drive through the streets of Alicante with external views of the bullring and other attractions. The tour concludes with your return to the port.

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CITY TOUR

BENIDORM ON YOUR OWN (Code: ALI07)



Dauer 4 h



Leave the ship for a 45-minute coach drive to Benidorm, a coastal town known for its hotel industry, beaches, and skyscrapers. Often referred to as the "New York of the Mediterranean" Benidorm is the city with the most skyscrapers per inhabitant in the world and per square meter second only to New York. You will have approx. 2.5 hours to spend as you like it. In spite of being a modern city, Benidorm has much to offer. You can explore the old part, Tossal de la Cala, pay a visit to the Church of Saint James and Anne, dating back to 1740, take a walk along its many famous beaches, reach the viewpoints for a look over the city or look for a souvenir. You will have enough time to visit the city at your pace before joining the coach again for the return back to Alicante and your ship. Please note: The bus stops near "Avda del Mediterráneo"; this is the point of arrival and departure of your tour.

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SOMETHING SPECIAL



FUN AT TERRA NATURA OR AQUANATURA PARKS (Code: ALI12)



A 45-minute bus ride from Alicante takes a some of hours of fun at the Terra Natura theme park or at the Aquanatura water park. Terra Natura fulfils the dream of many who like to see wild animals in their own environment, without restrictions, but at the same time without having to go to faraway and exotic places. The park is home to more than 1.500 animals of 200 different species, so you will be spoilt for choice during your individual visit. Elephants, lions, tigers, crocodiles, jaguars, but also reptiles and exotic birds. You can watch an educational show with birds of prey such as eagles, hawks, owls. An educational and entertaining experience for the whole family. But if the heat prompts you to choose water activities, the Aquanatura Park will satisfy all your needs. With a Greek-themed layout that includes more than 1 km of slides, beach bars and a dedicated children's pool, Aqua Natura offers something for guests of all ages. A walk leads to the beach, where you can relax in the sun or take a swim in the sea. You can experience the thrill of "La Cresta", a slide that reaches a height of more than 15 metres and will make you feel weightless as you slide down a completely enclosed course. Try the winding path of the Aqua Snake, the fast descent of the Rio Aventura or half a dozen other unique attractions to experience the excitement and exhilaration that Aqua Natura has in store for you. Don't miss the sea lion experiences or the mermaid school! When you are ready to relax, visit the solarium or head to Zorba Beach and relax in the 1.2-acre (5.000 square metres) pool. With attractions ranging from 3 man-made islands to waterfalls and geysers, a picturesque and relaxing experience awaits you. The tour concludes with the return to the port. Please note: The tour includes only the entrance ticket to one of the two parks; guests can choose whichever one they prefer. Some attractions in both parks are not included in the tour price and may require additional cost on the spot. Shows take place at predefined times. We recommend that you bring a beach towel, sunscreen and sunglasses and wear a swimming costume.

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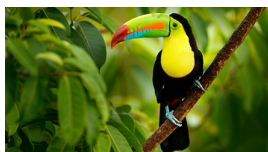
FLAVOURS OF SPAIN: HORSES & TASTING (Code: ALIAK)



Nature and horse lovers will not want to miss this excursion into rural Spain. A coach trip of around 1.45 hours will take you to Cartagena and a ranch for a visit. You will be delighted by the magnificent steeds of the ranch, pure Spanish-bred horses with fine bloodlines and a graceful appearance. You will learn that these carefully bred horses are sent to horse lovers all over the world. Look and even touch the broodmares in free with the foals, the impressive stampede show, the Spanish Horse Training and the art of managing stallions are also part of the program. Do not miss a tasting of local products crafted in the area (wine and olive oil production) and admire an Andalusia dancer and a stallion performance, who will dance co-ordinately. Some few hours in this traditional family ranch, in full contact with nature and animals, are certainly a unique experience. The coach drive to the port of Alicante concludes your tour. Please note: Guests will be required to return their audio guide equipment to their tour guide in perfect condition at the end of the tour. Guests will be charged for any damage to or loss of audio guide equipment. Guests with any type of food intolerance are required to communicate it to the Shore Excursions Office at least two days before the call. Guests need to wear the mask all the time. By taking part in an excursion Guests are accepting and committing to follow the instructions and regulations received by the guide. In case the health and safety of our guests is at risk MSC will be allowed to take actions. Please note that any Guest who, during the tour, voluntarily decide to leave our ship's sponsored Shore Excursion will be denied boarding.

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SOMETHING SPECIAL



FUN AT TERRA NATURA & AQUANATURA PARKS (Code: ALI13)



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ALICANTE CITY TOUR & CASTLE VISIT (Code: ALI08)

Dauer
3 h



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CITY TOUR



FASCINATING MOUNTAIN TOWN OF GUADALEST (Code: ALI11)

Dauer
4.5 h



Tiny in size and one of those places that time seemingly forgot, the historical village of Guadalest with Moorish origins rewards visitors with buildings dating back more than 400 years, gorgeous views of the nearby Sierra d'Aixorta, Sierra de Serella and Sierra de Aitana mountains and an 11th-century Muslim-built castle, among others. Your tour to Guadalest begins with an approx. 1-hour drive, passing Benidorm on the way, to reach the elevated location of this charming village. You'll then get to pay the imposing Castle of San José, aka the Castle of L'Alcazaiba, a visit, after which you'll move on to another of Guadalest's key attractions, Orduña House. This four-level dwelling - built by the originally Basque Orduña family mid-17th-century - finally became a municipal museum following refurbishment work in the mid-1990s. This is where interesting architecture meets beautiful interiors and furnishings, a place to relive history in the most enjoyable way. One of the highlights of Orduña House is its library with more than 1.000 volumes. Leaving Orduña House behind, your outing will then end with your return drive to Alicante and your ship.

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CITY TOUR



ELCHE & HUERTO DEL CURA (Code: ALI09)

Dauer
3.5 h



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CITY TOUR



FASCINATING MOUNTAIN TOWN OF GUADALEST (Code: ALIAI)

Dauer 4 h



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SOMETHING SPECIAL



Tres Perlas 99 package - Genoa GOA36T Marseille MRS16 Olbia OLB02 (Code: ORTRES)

Dauer 0 h



Tres Perlas 99 package - Genoa GOA36T Marseille MRS16 Olbia OLB02

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SCHLÜSSELSYMBOLLE



Possibility of swimming



Long route by bus



Best seller



Tasting included



Shooting videos and/or taking pictures is not allowed or subject to fee



New



Lunch or dinner included



Shopping



Wheelchair and disabled-friendly tour



Drink included



Mini Tours



Snack included



Limited seat



No guide available

DIFFICULTY LEVEL



Easy

May involve a limited quantity of steps, uneven surfaces and/or periods of standing



Moderate

May involve inclines, steps, uneven surfaces and/or extended periods of standing



Strenuous

Active excursions recommended only for guests in good physical health

UNSERE LANDAUSFLUGSKATEGORIEN



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AKTIV UND ABENTEUER

An Land wartet das Abenteuer auf Sie! Ob Wanderungen, Schnorcheln, Kajaktouren oder Jeep-Ausflüge - die perfekte Wahl für alle, die Sport und Action lieben.

STÄDTE

Entdecken Sie die Innenstadt bei einer geführten Stadtrundfahrt und lassen Sie im bequemen Reisebus die Atmosphäre der Stadt auf sich wirken. Die einfachste Art Ihr Reiseziel näher kennenzulernen.

KULTUR UND GESCHICHTE

Erfahren Sie alles Wissenswerte über die Geschichte und Kultur Ihres Reiseziels. Sie besuchen die wichtigsten Sehenswürdigkeiten und nehmen an Führungen zu bedeutenden Orten teil. Ideal für alle, die mehr über Ihr Reiseziel erfahren möchten.

DIE WUNDER DER NATUR

Entdecken Sie herrliche Landschaften und die traumhafte Natur Ihres Reiseziels. Tauchen Sie ein in die einzigartige Tier- und Pflanzenwelt! Perfekt für alle Naturliebhaber.

PANORAMATOUREN

Bestaunen Sie die Schönheit Ihres Reiseziels bei einer bequemen Bustour zu den wichtigsten Attraktionen und schönsten Aussichten. Die entspannte Art zu entdecken!

SONNE UND MEER

Treat yourself to some pure relaxation, basking on a beautiful beach or enjoying the stunning views on a scenic boat trip. A winner for sea and sun lovers.

SPEZIALTOUREN

Frönen Sie Ihrem Hobby an völlig neuen Orten! Von kulinarischen Touren und geführten Einkaufsausflügen bis hin zu Touren mit religiösem Hintergrund - es gibt so vieles zu entdecken und zu erleben.