



Almería Province

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Best Places to Eat

- ➔ 4 Nudos (p301)
- ➔ Restaurante La Villa (p303)
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Best Places to Stay

- ➔ El Jardín de los Sueños (p303)
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- ➔ MC San José (p301)
- ➔ Cortijo de la Alberca (p295)

Why Go?

One of Almería's main draws is the weather: 3000 hours of sunshine a year. It is also famous for being the greenhouse of Europe, a top growing area for fruit and vegetables sold throughout the EU. The downside of this agriculture-driven prosperity is a blight of plastic greenhouses in parts of the province but, turning a blind eye to them, Almería has plenty of appeal. Topping the list are the stunning coastline, beaches and volcanic, desert-like landscape of the Parque Natural de Cabo de Gata-Níjar. Up the eastern coast, the good-time resort of Mojácar has a great summer beach scene. Inland, you can visit the spectacular Sorbas caves and the Wild West film sets in the Tabernas Desert, and venture up to the green, mountainous Los Vélez region. But definitely don't skip Almería city, a vivacious Mediterranean-side capital with impressive monuments, excellent museums and superb tapas bars.

Driving Distances

Mojácar	81			
Vélez Rubio	138	74		
Níjar	33	54	108	
San José	38	77	131	26
	Almería	Mojácar	Vélez Rubio	Níjar

Almería Province Highlights

1 Kicking back on the rugged sandy beaches of the **Parque Natural de Cabo de Gata-Níjar** (p300)

2 Enjoying the great tapas bars, museums and historic monuments of **Almería** (p288)

3 Going underground in the otherworldly **Cuevas de Sorbas** (p295), a fascinating cave complex

4 Soaking up a sunny beach-bar afternoon, and gazing over sweeping vistas from the quaint old *pueblo*, at **Mojácar** (p303)

5 Lasso-twirling with the cowboys at the Wild West sets of **Desierto de Tabernas** (p294)

6 Exploring the green, mountainous, remote **Los Vélez** (p307) district

