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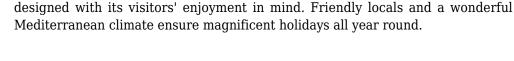
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An archetype of tourism and leisure at every level, Benidorm was planned and



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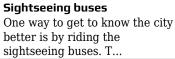


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## THE CITY



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Benidorm is located on the Costa Blanca on the shores of the Mediterranean. With its exceptional micro-climate visitors can enjoy sunshine and pristine beaches all year round. Even in the cooler months, the water temperature remains constant and suitable for swimming. The wide variety of facilities available, safe shallow waters, fine golden sand and scrupulous cleaning, make them some of the best local beaches on this coastline.

The viewing point of Benidorm, which overlooks the town's bay, has earned its name, 'the Mediterranean Balcony', where nature enchants with wonderful panoramic views: the island, three of the five beaches, the horizon and borders of the town. The reflection of the sun on the sea stirs feelings of warmth and well-being, which will relax and motivate you to continue to discover what Benidorm has to offer.

The resort's excellent value for money and the variety of accommodation, entertainment, shopping, sport and dining, is ideal for all age groups. Its facilities are specially designed to meet the needs of our visitors.

High-quality hotels are constantly being improved and updated and are complemented by ten campsites and numerous holiday

## apartments.

Benidorm offers a wealth of leisure services with all kinds of shops (fashion, footwear, accessories, gifts, crafts); night and day entertainment; sports; local and international gastronomy; five major theme parks, and fun for all ages.

Benidorm is a compact town, easy to get around and with everything close at hand.

There are large public areas for recreation and a leisurely stroll: Levante beach promenade, Poniente beach promenade, Elche Park, Aigüera Park, Serra Helada Nature Park and its beaches.

Due to its privileged position and great variety of landscapes with contrasts of coast and mountain, there are places of spectacular beauty to visit within just a few kilometres of Benidorm.

## **BEACH LIFE**



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Benidorm boasts 5 gently-sloping beaches with crystal clear waters, and pleasant temperatures for swimming in any season. Each year they receive awards for quality, safety, cleanliness and amenities. The two main beaches have a privileged south-facing position providing long hours of sunshine every day.

#### Levante beach



Renowned throughout Europe, it has more than 2 km of fine golden sand. It has all the amenities needed to ensure maximum comfort and

enjoyment: specially-equipped areas for disabled guests, sunbeds, wooden walkways, playground areas, beach library, foot showers, life guard service and first aid centre.

This area of Benidorm is where most of the accommodation, restaurants and bars are located, and offers a huge range of entertainment during the day and night.

Photo: Tono Balaguer/Shutterstock.com Address: Levante beach, Benidorm

#### **Poniente beach**



With splendid crystal clean waters and more than 3 km of fine golden sand, it is located in a quieter area than Levante. There is a full

range of services and leisure facilities, such as floating platforms with slides out to sea in high season, the beach library, specially-equipped areas for the disabled, life guards and play areas.

The unique design of Poniente beach promenade recreates the shape of the cliffs and waves in the sea with different coloured sections, making it a remarkable attraction to visit.

Photo: andre van de sande/Shutterstock.com Address: Poniente beach, Benidorm

#### Mal Pas beach



Located between the old town and Poniente beach this small cove beach is 120m long and is accessed from the port or the steps of the castle.

From the nearby port you can take a boat trip to Benidorm Island and admire the stunning sea life.

Photo: Tono Balaguer/Shutterstock.com Address: Mal Pas beach, Benidorm

#### Playa Cala Tio Ximo



This tiny charming cove beach 60m long combines sand, pebbles and rock and is located at the foot of Sierra Helada between steep cliffs. An ideal

location for diving enthusiasts and for snorkelling since the water is crystal clear. If you want to escape from Benidorm's busier beaches, this is the place to come to.

Photo: Tono Balaguer/Shutterstock.com Address: Tio Ximo cove, Benidorm

#### Almadrava cove



This is a natural cove 100m long with fine sand located in a rustic setting at the foot of Serra Helada next to the Cala Tio Ximo. With clear

waters and rocks, it is full of aquatic life. An ideal place to practice snorkelling or just perfect for relaxing since it is less crowded.

Photo: F8 studio/Shutterstock.com Address: Almadrava cove, Benidorm

## DO & SEE



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Fine golden sand, transparent waters and beaches that are clean and cared for throughout the year are a trademark of the Benidorm seafront. At its north end, two small coves of sand and rock are very suitable for diving and for those who like to swim alone, Tio Ximo cove and Almadrava Cove.

Whether you are looking for an action packed, multi activity holiday or simply just want to try out something new to make your stay that little bit different and special, then look no further thanBenidorm, with so much to offer.

Various events are held in Benidorm during the year, sun, beach, music all with one purpose in mind, to ensure you get more out of your stay. Do something different, don't miss out.

You still have not seen everything when it comes to theme parks and entertainment. The offer is so varied in just one single town, that you will not be able to decide on which one, but that's not a problem because you can visit them all! To spend a day enjoying all the fun that a water park has to offer, then Aqualandia or Aqua Natura Benidorm is your choice.

#### El Castell de Guadalest



El Castell de Guadalest is one of the most beautiful villages in Spain. Having a strolling through the streets of the village is a real pleasure. San José

Castle, Orduña house, the bell tower and the unusual museums will attract your attention. If you like walking in the mountains, El Castell de Guadalest is the perfect place to be in contact with nature and if you are a gastronomy lover, our restaurants offer a combination of traditional dishes and the latest innovations.

Photo: Pano concentaina Phone: +34965885298 Internet: www.guadalest.es

#### Touring the town



Starting in the Torrejó Square you can walk up Carrer dels Gats, a typical street made of cobbles stones, to St James' Church built in the

18th century. From outside the church you can go under the archway that leads to Senyoria Square, Castelar Square and Mirador del Castillo. The views from here overlooking the Levante, Poniente and Mal Pas beaches, are among the most beautiful ones in Benidorm. Continue your journey towards the harbour where you can go on excursions to the Island of Benidorm, Calpe and Tabarca. Other interesting places to visit in the town are Elche Park, Poniente and Levante Promenade and L'Aigüera Park.

Photo: Tono Balaguer/Shutterstock.com Address: Benidorm

#### Sightseeing buses



One way to get to know the city better is by riding the sightseeing buses. There are several to choose from for example the double-decker bus 30

that goes all over the town and you can hop on and off during the trip.

Bus 31. It goes to Altea (8 km away), wandering through Albir Beach.

They also provide audio system that broadcasts information about its route in 5 languages: Spanish, English, French, German and Russian.

#### Llorente Bus:

Photo: michaeljung/Shutterstock.com Address: Benidorm Phone: +34 965 85 43 22 Internet: www.llorentebus.es More Info: The starting point is in "Rincón de L'oix".

#### **Bus tours**



This old-fashioned tram style bus travels around the town and passes some of the most important tourist attractions in Benidorm. You can hop

on and off at any of the bus stops as many times as you want during the day, allowing you to explore each area in your own time. They provide audio system in 8 different languages and the tour takes about one hour.

Photo: andre van de sande/Shutterstock.com Address: Calle Gerona, Benidorm Phone: +34 689 07 29 13 Internet: www.benidormbusturistic.com Email: benidormbusturistic@benidormbusturistic.com More Info: Starts from Rincon de Loix

#### Segway tour



A fun way to explore the city is this guided tour on a Segway that last for two hours. Before the tour starts, everyone will first do a training course with

the qualified guide / instructor.

The tours are leaving from Parking Benidorm Palace, next to Circus Benidorm in the morning and in the afternoon. It works all year long. Be aware that booking is needed.

Photo: Novikov Aleksey/Shutterstock.com Address: Av. Dr. Severo Ochoa, 13, Benidorm Phone: +34 670 33 94 34 Internet: www.costablancatour.com Email: info@costablancatour.com More Info: Meeting Point: Parking Benidorm Palace. Next to Circus Benidorm.

#### **Boat trips**



Boat trip to the Island: A visit to the Island of Benidorm, which is part of the terrestrial and maritime "Sierra Helada" Natural Park, where you

will be able to watch the sea bed from the glass bottom boats, Aquario and Aquascope.

Costa Panorama: One hour coastal mini cruise to Calpe fishing harbour, where you will be able to enjoy the awesome views of the cliffs of the "Sierra Helada", the beach of "El Albir" and the beautiful village of Altea.

Boat trip to Tabarca: boat trip lasting 1,15 h to the only inhabited island of the Region of

Valencia. Depending on the season, you can also visit the town of Alicante.

Excursionesbenidorm.com office:

Photo: Photomarine/Shutterstock.com Address: Calle Gerona 48, Benidorm Phone: +34 649 96 63 53 Internet: www.excursionesbenidorm.com/en Email: info@excursionesbenidorm.com

## **Benidorm Circus**



The traditional circus with animals has been replaced with new ideas. Benidorm Circus combines live music with fantasy, magic and

comedy, a show that is put together with performances of jugglers, trapeze artists, magicians, contortionists, clowns...like in "Le Cirque du Soleil".

Photo: Artem Kozhyn/Shutterstock.com Address: Avda. Severo Ochoa, 13, Benidorm Opening hours: Open Saturday from 6pm all year round. Phone: +34 965 85 16 60 Internet: www.benidormcircus.es Email: info@benidormpalace.es

## Aqualandia



Aqualandia is the largest water park in Europe and is ideal for all ages. Experience the Niagara, slides, zig-zags, lagoon, black-hole, wave pools,

adventureland for children, shows ... and much more! When the hunger kicks in there are several self-service restaurants, snack bar, barbecue, pizzeria, burgers and different kiosks to choose from. Photo: Vlad Teodor/Shutterstock.com Address: Sierra Helada Natural Park, Benidorm Phone: +34 965 86 01 00 Internet: www.aqualandia.net Email: aqualandia@aqualandia.net

#### Aqua Natura



Aqua Natura has over 1000m of vertiginous slides, a wave pool, solarium, Spa and special swimming areas for children of different ages.

There are five large sections here: the Zorba beach pool, the water slides, the kid's pool, the lighthouse breakwater and the Spa-Sun Deck. Ideal for a day out for the whole family with fun and guaranteed excitement.

Photo: Rob Hainer/Shutterstock.com Address: Foia del Verdader, 1, Benidorm Phone: +34 966 07 27 70 Internet: www.terranatura.com Email: info@terranatura.com

#### Mundomar



Mundomar is a complete marine and exotic animal park. Flamingos, parrots, dolphins combined with spectacular performances,

restaurants, picnic areas and a fabulous viewing point for unforgettable experiences! Don't miss out the dolphin show that includes acrobatics and dizzying jumps. At the end of the show, you will get the chance to have your picture taken with a dolphin.

Photo: Sebastian Gora Photo/Shutterstock.com Address: C/ Sierra Helada s/n, Benidorm Opening hours: Open every day from 10am until November 1st. Phone: +34 965 86 91 01

Internet: www.mundomar.es

#### Terra Natura



In 320,000 m2 you can experience a unique environment with more than 1,500 animals of 200 different species (50 endangered) and 2,500

examples of flora in authentically recreated habitats in so called "Zooimmersion" that gives visitors the sense of being in the animals' habitats with no visible barriers, a new generation of wildlife park.

The park are divided into four zones: Pangea, America, Asia and Europa.

Photo: Andrew Linscott/Shutterstock.com Address: Foia del Verdader, 1, Benidorm Phone: +34 96 607 27 70 Internet: www.terranatura.com Email: info@terranatura.com

#### Terra Mitica Park



A park of fun and adrenalin-filled rides, where, as well as adventure and fun, visitors can learn about ancient Mediterranean

civilizations: Egypt, Greece and Rome. Water rides, mechanical rides, the largest wooden roller-coaster in Europe and the "Phoenix", free fall of 60 m or the new attractions (Infinity and Inferno) ensure more than one visit to this huge park! Don´t miss out the shows that are offered around the park.

Photo: Andrey Shmelkov/Shutterstock.com Address: Partida del Moralet, Benidorm Opening hours: May to beginning of November Phone: +34 902 02 02 20 Internet: www.terramiticapark.com Email: reservas@terramiticapark.com

## SPORTS



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Excellent weather conditions in Benidorm encourage sport and outdoor activities throughout the year. There are municipal facilities with tennis, football, paddle tennis or athletics accessible to visitors. In addition there is also a wide choice of sport and leisure options in hotel complexes or other private tourism facilities such as fitness centres, spa & wellness, tennis and paddle clubs, bowling and golf courses.

#### Golf



Benidorm has an unbeatable offer for playing golf amongst breathtaking natural surroundings between the mountains and the

Mediterranean shores. Here good weather and first class facilities are ensured.

There are three golf courses located a few minutes from the town adapted to different needs for amateurs or more advanced levels. "Las Rejas Open Club" has a golf pitch & putt 9 hole par 3 and "Meliá Villaitana Golf" has two 18 hole courses, par 72 championship and par 62 executive course, both with a Nicklaus Design distinctive stamp.

Las Rejas Open Club +34 91 495 28 50 www.lasrejasopenclub.com

#### Meliá Villaitana Golf:

Photo: ExaMedia Photography/Shutterstock.com Address: Avda. Alcalde Eduardo Zaplana, 7, Benidorm Opening hours: Winter Season: 7:30am - 6pm, Summer Season: 7:30am - 9pm Phone: +34 966 813 013 Internet: www.meliavillaitanagolf.com Email: caddymaster@melia.com

#### **Hiking in Benidorm**



To combine sea and mountains has never been easier. With 300 metre cliffs and more than 5,600 hectares, the natural park of Sierra

Helada, the first marine and terrestrial park of the Valencia region and rises majestically behind the Mediterranean. The Serra Gelada is perfect for hiking.

Photo: Geir Stene-Larsen/Shutterstock.com Address: Sierra Helada, Benidorm

#### **Outdoor Sports close to nature**



Benidorm is one of the most popular cycling regions in Spain. The irregular terrain of the Marina Baixa region makes it the perfect place

for mountain biking. Sierra Helada, Sierra Cortina, Puig Campana, Sierra Aitana and Sierra Bernia are some of the most frequented by "extreme" mountain bikers. Many competitions such as the Luis Puig Trophy, The Volta a La Marina, stages of the Tour of Valencia, are celebrated here.

In addition, cycling throughout the town is very easy, as bikes can be loaned economically for short journeys from various areas of the town to promote sustainable transport called "Bicidorm".

With the perfect combination of sea and mountains and a pleasant climate all year round, one cannot miss the opportunity to enjoy hiking or Nordic walking in Benidorm. Different itineraries and pathways enable one to discover the most secret remote areas. Enjoy the routes through the nature park of Sierra Helada, the first Valencian protected sea & land park. With routes from 5.2 km to 16 km round trip, there are accessible and low difficulty routes, medium difficulty routes for the general public and high difficulty routes suitable for professional walkers.

On the outskirts of Benidorm there is a wide range of active tourism opportunities for all levels: Paintball, jeep safaris, paragliding, high ropes... In addition, thrill seekers can experience climbing in a safe environment.

Moreover, the riding offer throughout the region is varied: Club Hípico de Benidorm offers horse-riding lessons, equestrian art shows and the possibility to enjoy long rides on horseback through breathtaking landscapes.

Photo: Solis Images/Shutterstock.com Address: Avenida de Europa 5, Benidorm Phone: +34 965 863 399 Internet: www.marcopolo-exp.es/en Email: info@marcopolo-exp.es

#### Jeep Tour Benidorm



A full day of adventure and fun driving through the Costa Blanca's beautiful and and green countryside. If you choose to participate as a

passenger, you will be picked up at your hotel by one of our professional drivers with a comfortable 8 passenger seated all terrain vehicle.

#### Marco Polo Expediciones:

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#### Water sports



Benidorm offers an endless variety of water sports: fishing, boat rides or sailing, catamaran excursions, kayaking itineraries reaching the

most remote corners.

For the most adventurous there is an impressive range of sports offers: wakeboarding, water skiing, mono skiing, cable ski (unique worldwide, the route is 1 km long and is located at the end of Levante Beach), canoeing, parasailing, jet skis, kite surfing or kite boarding, for an amazing experience.

The best way to discover the hidden secrets of Benidorm's sea bed is practising scuba diving. To soak up the unforgettable scenery of the marine reserve of Benidorm Island and its small clear water coves, snorkelling is the best option. Marco Polo Expediciones:

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#### **Diving & Snorkeling in Benidorm**



Discover the many possibilities offered by the sea in Benidorm, both diving and snorkelling routes waiting to be discovered in a unique

place. It only remains to choose which and come to enjoy some of the proposals that can be found.

#### **Diving Stones:**

Photo: Rich Carey/Shutterstock.com Address: Paseo Colón, 1, Benidorm Phone: +34 618 406 991 Internet: www.divingstones.com Email: info@divingstones.com

#### **Boats & Sailing**



Calm and clean waters, no major tides, and moderate thermal winds make the bay of Benidorm a special place in the Mediterranean,

where you can set sail and navigate through peaceful waters. In the summer months is when most of the "cruisers" cast off and start their holiday at sea.

Marco Polo Expediciones, www.marcopolo-exp.es/en/

Costa Blanca Sailing office:

Photo: Photomarine/Shutterstock.com Address: Avda de Niza 37, BLA 1 / 3D, Alicante Phone: +34 661 785 305 Internet: www.costablancasailing.co.uk More Info: Boat location: Marina Alicante - Berth G39 Muelle 8 - Zona de Levante

#### Kayaking



Learning safety techniques is a fundamental part of participating in water sports. It's a sport you can practice with the

whole family from 8 to 60 years old, if you are in good physical condition and you are a lover of the sea and love sports.

## Capitan Kayak:

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#### Cable Ski Benidorm



Cable-Ski Benidorm is a circuit of 1,000 m2 perimeter, with 4 towers interconnected by a cable that enables water skiing without the use of a boat

in a healthy marine environment just 80 metres from the greatest Mediterranean skyline: Benidorm.

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#### Sports events



Important sports events take place every year in Benidorm: Benidorm's International Half Marathon, International Youth Football

Tournament Costa Blanca Cup, Swim across Benidorm Island, Spain International Bulshooter Darts Championship, Beach Soccer Tournament "Guillermo Amor", San Silvestre race, Bicycle Day or Triathlon "Town of Benidorm" are only a few of these sport events.

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## DINING



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The richness and variety of the cuisine in Benidorm has developed thanks to the success and influence of their ancestors and other cultures, all of which have left their mark on the local gastronomy. As a result, the influence of international cuisine, culinary traditions inherited from the Arabs, the legacy of merchant mariners, as well as the typical cuisine of local fishermen and traditional dishes from inland areas, results in an extraordinary range of flavours, aromas, textures, and colours to suit all palates.

Tapas in Benidorm: Spain is renowned for its

tapas. Benidorm offers a variety of tapas bars and pubs. There is a popular route that starts in Constitution Square continuing along Santo Domingo Street, Martinez Oriola Street and the surrounding streets. It is, however, possible to discover tapas bar around almost every corner in Benidorm.

Restaurants: The choice of restaurants to be found in Benidorm reflects universal tastes. Enjoy local dishes of legume stews, fish and meats, Alicantinian cuisine based on seafood with rice cooked in pots known as "calderos", also Italian, Indian, Chinese, Thai, Argentinian, Moroccan, Mexican, British, Central European and French. There are many fast food, grills and excellent restaurants of creative cuisine to experience.

# Tapas & Pinchos competition week in Benidorm



In June, there is a weeklong tapas fest in Benidorm, allowing tourists and locals to sample a wide range of traditional, as well as

innovative Spanish tapas for a reasonable price and vote for the best. Many of the bars and restaurants that are competing are located down Calle Santo Domingo – better known as Tapas Alley, in the Old Town.

Photo: Visionsi/Shutterstock.com Address: Old Town, Benidorm

#### **Esturion Restaurant**



Since 1989, Esturion Restaurant has been serving traditional Mediterranean cuisine including paellas, fish, meats, seafood dishes

and other specialities. Finish your dinner with a homemade dessert like a cheesecake, tiramisu or rice pudding. Also providing live music and karaoke during dinner time.

Photo: Vittorio Caramazza/Shutterstock.com Address: Calle Panamá, Edificio Esturión, Local 2, Benidorm Phone: +34 965 86 67 00 Internet: www.restauranteesturion.com Email: reservas@restauranteesturion.com

#### La Falua



A modern restaurant that specializing in the Mediterranean kitchen including on the international. From the menu you can choose

innovated and fashionable culinary dishes or traditional Spanish cuisine like paella. With your dinner, pick a glass of wine, some of the finest wines of famous vineyards from the different provinces of Spain are kept here.

Photo: Kondor83/Shutterstock.com Address: Calle Santander, 22, Benidorm Phone: +34 965 85 31 05 Internet: www.lafalua.es Email: lafalua@lafalua.es

#### La Cava Aragonesa



Family business located in the old town of Benidorm, in the area known as the Cava Area. It was one of the first businesses to settle in

this area. The restaurant offers a distinct and unique style based on pinchos and tapas and a seven hundred wine list.

Photo: Slawomir Fajer/Shutterstock.com Address: Plaza de la Constitucion, 2, Benidorm Opening hours: Winter opening hours: Monday-Sunday: 12pm - 12am, Summer opening hours: Monday-Sunday: 12pm - 1:30am Phone: +34 966 80 12 06 Internet: www.lacavaaragonesa.es Email: lacavaaraonesa@lacavaaragonesa.es

#### Restaurante Club Nautico Benidorm CB.



Flanked by Mal Pas and West beaches, in the heart of the Bay of Benidorm. Fresh seafood and daily fish from Calpe and Villajoyosa fish

market. Grilled fish and seafood meals and a large variety of rice. It can be highlighted the rice with lobster and extensive wine list.

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#### Jardín Mediterráneo Restaurant



With a beachfront location, the Levante, Jardín Mediterráneo Restaurant is the ideal place to have dinner while enjoying the

magnificent views. Here you can relish the best of Mediterranean and international cuisine prepared with the finest ingredients. The prices are higher but the location, the service and the food make it worth it.

Photo: Rawpixel.com/Shutterstock.com Address: Avinguda Alcoi 22, Benidorm Phone: +34 965 85 00 11 Internet: www.jardinmediterraneo.com Email: info@jardinmediterraneo.com

#### **Ducado Restaurant**



Located in one of the best and most tourist areas of Benidorm, just five minutes from Levante Beach, offers its customers a varied and

tasty cuisine that combines the best of traditional Mediterranean cuisine with the best products. They are specialized in rice dishes, meats and fish.

Photo: grafvision/Shutterstock.com Address: Avda. Almeria s/n, Benidorm Opening hours: Daily: 1pm - 4:30pm and 8pm till late Phone: +34 965 85 85 75 Internet: www.restauranteducado.com Email: reservas@ducadorestaurante.com

#### La Tapería Aurrera



Opened in late 2010, la Taperia offers a modern menu with tapas and pinchos (skewers) as small works of art, as well as meats and fish. They

also have an extensive list of beers chosen among the most popular in the world, and of course, a varied selection of wines.

Photo: Africa Studio/Shutterstock.com Address: Santo Domingo, 6, Benidorm Phone: +34 618 13 18 73 Internet: www.grupoaurrera.com Email: reservas@grupoaurrera.com

#### Pizzeria Va Bene



A small stylish Italian restaurant, situated next to Levante Beach Promenade. Excellent cuisine is offered here such as pastas, salads,

meats, fish and pizzas and it is all served in a friendly and cosy atmosphere. At the weekends and during fiesta it can get crowded, so a reservation is good to make.

Photo: Ryzhkov Photography/Shutterstock.com Address: Bilbao 3, Benidorm Phone: +34 965 85 69 12

#### Pizzeria Duomo



Located in the old town of Benidorm, Pizzeria Duomo as the name indicates serves Italian food, but also French and Spanish cuisine. Fresh

pasta dishes, pizzas, rib eye steak etc. are only a few examples of the dishes you will find on the menu. After dinner treat yourself with a home-made desserts such as crepes, tiramisu, fresh fruit sorbets, etc.

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## CAFÉS



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In Benidorm, there is a wide selection of continental-style sidewalk cafés--perfect when you need a break to cool down with a cold drink or just relax with a cup of strong coffee or tea. In the Old Town and along the Levante Beach, you will find plenty of cafés and ice cream parlours where to enjoy something to eat and drink while watching the world go by.

#### Florentine Salón de Te



Florentine, an old-world charm coffee-shop that brings you back to the thirties, with decorations from a bygone era. If you like cakes, you have come

to the right place, they serve beautiful cakes with different fillings including pastries and tarts together with coffee or tea.

Photo: TunedIn by Westend61/Shutterstock.com Address: Avenida Europa, 18, Benidorm Phone: +34 965 85 12 71 Internet: www.florentine.es Email: info@florentine.es More Info: Residencial Parque Europa, Local 3

#### Chocolatería Valor



As the name indicates, this is the place to go if you love chocolate! Chocolatería Valor has several locations in Spain and one of them is on

Calle Lepanto in Benidorm. Here you can enjoy a wide range of high quality chocolate which is served in many ways. Everything from hot chocolate with Spanish Churros to chocolate crushed ice, chocolate fondue and homemade ice creams are on their menu.

Photo: joannawnuk/Shutterstock.com Address: Calle lepanto 2, Benidorm Opening hours: Tue-Sun 9am-12pm, 5:30-8:30pm Phone: +34 965 86 26 63 Internet: www.valor.es

#### Pinocchio



Pinocchio is a café, pizzeria, and an Italian ice cream parlour, ideally located on Avinguda Alcoi, thus offering a lovely view over the

beach. Cool down with some of their yummy flavours of ice cream or just grab a cup of coffee and cake. If you are feeling extra hungry, they also serve pizza and pasta dishes, too.

Photo: Jacob Lund/Shutterstock.com Address: Avinguda Alcoi, 12, Benidorm Opening hours: Mon-Thu 10am-10pm, Fri-Sun 10am-12am Phone: +34 965 85 85 58 Internet: www.gelateriapinocchio.eu Email: alcoy@gelateriapinocchio.eu

#### **Cafeteria El Castell**



Placa del Castell has a beautiful balcony and viewpoint in the Old Town and it is here Cafeteria El Castell is located making it a great

place to have a relaxing break while watching the amazing scenery over Benidorm. The menu offers everything from food to cocktails, coffee, chocolate drinks and ice creams.

Photo: Olaf Speier/Shutterstock.com Address: Placa del Castell, Benidorm Phone: +34 965 85 09 56

#### **Simply delicious**



A charming and cute café where visitors will be meet by friendly and helpful staff. If you have a sweet-tooth, do not worry they have plenty of

options such as cakes, cup cakes, pies and pastries including food if the hunger kicks in. Gluten free cake is also on the menu. Pop in for an afternoon tea or just relax with a cup of strong coffee.

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## **BARS & NIGHTLIFE**



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Benidorm is a city in constant motion, continually transforming and reinventing itself to offer more quality and wellbeing to its visitors. One of Spain's leading holiday destination offers a vast array and choice of nightlife, shopping, and entertainment.

Its modern nightclubs and 160 disco-pubs are a reflection of the vibrant nightlife to be enjoyed in town, with venues to suit all tastes, be it on the Levante beach promenade, old town, the rincon de loix area, or the national N322 road on the outskirts direction towards Altea, where the main discotheques are located for a night of nonstop enjoyment.

The popularly known 'English Zone', which includes the streets Gerona, Ibiza, Mallorca, and London, submerges visitors into another world. There are dozens of places where cider and beer flow and where you can listen to the sounds of the latest hits, live music, and people of all nationalities enjoying themselves well into the early hours.

#### **Daytona Rock Bar**



Daytona Rock bar is situated on the seafront of Levante beach. The bar has a biker theme and the clients tend to be a mix of Spanish and foreigners.

At night time, the atmosphere is buzzing in the bar and there is very often live music, which attracts a great crowd. During the morning it is much more relaxed and you can have a drink while enjoying some good music and the views of the beach and sea.

Photo: Evannovostro/Shutterstock.com Address: Avenida Alcoy 13, Benidorm Phone: +34 965 86 29 95 More Info: Edificio Principado Arena, Playa de Levante

#### Sinatras



Sinatras is a very popular venue in the new town of Benidorm, which offers a combination of a disco, live music and cabaret. There's a wide selection

of live acts on offer and disco until late with some of the greats resident DJs who will keep you dancing into the early hours. There is an exterior terrace where drinks are served.

Photo: gornostay/Shutterstock.com Address: Avenida de Mallorca 12, Benidorm Phone: +34 965 86 28 49 More Info: Edificio Torredomo, Benidorm New Town

#### Moon Beach



Moon Beach is a plush, stylish and modern bar with a comfortable lounge area inside with sofas, where you can relax and enjoy a drink. The bar has a DJ booth and offers a mix of cool house and funky sounds. There is a terrace area outside with fantastic views of Levante beach and the sea.

Photo: Maxim Blinkov/Shutterstock.com Address: Avenida de Alcoy 6, Benidorm Phone: +34 607 74 48 40 Internet: www.moonbeachbar.com Email: ruben@kubenidorm.es More Info: Playa de Levante

#### Jokers



Jokers is a

sports/cabaret/disco bar in the new town of Benidorm with a vibrant and a electric atmosphere. It has a

large outside garden/terrace and inside there is a small dance floor area, stage and some seating. In the winter, the bar changes to part cabaret.

Photo: Losev Artyom/Shutterstock.com Address: Avenida Filipinas, Benidorm Opening hours: Monday - Sunday: 7:30pm - 6am Phone: +34 606 88 04 51

#### KU Lounge café



Luxury sofa's and an ambiance that makes you feel that you don't want to leave. A beautiful setting overlooking the wonderful golden beach

of Levante. Tables available on the terrace where you can have a drink and enjoy the great view. From 10am to 5pm they serve food such as salads, burgers, pizzas and sandwiches.

Photo: JKorotchenkova/Shutterstock.com Address: Avenida de Alcoy 6, Benidorm Phone: +34 965 03 65 77 Internet: www.kuloungecafe.com Email: ruben@kubenidorm.es More Info: Playa de Levante

#### KU Discoteca Benidorm



The KU Discoteca is a well-known entertainment club in the centre of Benidorm. The thing which makes KU stand out from the rest of

the nightclubs in the city, is the level of DJ's that play here during the summer months. Names such as Roger Sanchez, Judge Jules, Bob Sinclair and even Todd Terry, plus the crème de la crème of the most talented national DJ's.

Photo: Angelina Pilarinos/Shutterstock.com Address: Avenida Comunitat Valenciana, Benidorm Opening hours: Tue-Sat 12-8am, Sun 5pm-3am Internet: www.kubenidorm.es Email: info@kubenidorm.es

#### **Benidorm Palace**



Magic, dancing, singing and comics, enjoy a world-class show at Benidorm Palace where some of the best international dancers and

artists entertain and delight their audience for over two hours. There is also the possibility of dining and drinking during the course of the evening.

Photo: Jose Luis Carrascosa/Shutterstock.com Address: Avda. Doctor Severo Ochoa, 13, Benidorm Phone: +34 965 85 16 60 Internet: www.benidorm-palace.com Email: info@benidormpalace.com

#### SHOPPING



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Benidorm, with its great variety of shops, can meet the needs of all: jewellery, fashion boutiques, footwear, sports shops, perfumeries, toy shops, porcelain,

souvenirs and leather goods can be found throughout the town. As well as individual local shops, there are also popular high-street fashion chains and international designer stores too. In fact, the whole Benidorm is like a one huge bazaar making shopping to a true pleasure. With over 1,600 shops of all kinds covering a total of 114,000m2 of sales area in Benidorm, you will definitely not leave the city empty handed.

On the outskirts of town in the commercial area of Finestrat there are shopping centres such as La Marina Shopping Centre, a huge mall with plenty of shopping and leisure. Hypermarkets like Carrefour and Lidl is also located close by the La Marina Centre and they have a wide variety of food and drink on offer including different items.

There are plenty of popular street markets and flea markets held each week in Benidorm and the towns around where visitors can browse around and find some really good bargains.

#### Foietes market



One popular market is the Foietes market, located next to Foietes Sports Centre in the district to the north of the Centre. It takes place on

Wednesday morning (8am to 13:30pm approx.). Here you will find a good selection of locally produced fruits, vegetables including crafts, Spanish products and clothes.

Photo: BlueOrange Studio/Shutterstock.com Address: Avenida Foietes, Benidorm

#### El Pueblo market



"El Pueblo" Market is located on Avenida de L'Admirall Bernat de Sarria next to Hotel Servigroup Pueblo in the town centre. It is held

every Wednesday and Sunday morning all year round (8am to 13:30 pm approx.). A great mix of Spanish goods, clothes, handbags, shoes, souvenirs, gifts and snacks are offered from the market stands.

Photo: Daniel M Ernst/Shutterstock.com Address: Avenida de L'Admirall Bernat de Sarria, Benidorm

#### El Cisne market



This typical antiques market is located in the N-332 Km. 124 near the campsite Benisol, only 15 minutes outside Benidorm. It is celebrated

on Saturday and Sunday mornings (8am to 13:30pm approx.) where, in addition, you will be able to enjoy live jazz music by various groups that enliven your visit to the market. Here, the market stalls provide everything from artwork to arts and crafts, second-hand clothing, books, jewellery, and more.

Photo: Matej Kastelic/Shutterstock.com Address: Avenida de la Comunidad Valenciana, Benidorm

#### **Benidorm Old Town**



Old Town does not lack in shopping options, in fact some of the most popular shops in the city can be found in the pedestrianised Old Town

district called Avenida Martinez Alejos. Head over to Passaig de la Carretera where the shops are well stocked with shoes, jewellery and leather goods. Another main and popular street in the Old Town is the Gambo street where you will find jewellery, clothes and so much more.

Photo: Bobex-73/Shutterstock.com Address: Avenida Martinez Alejos, Benidorm

#### La Marina Shopping Centre



Located in the commercial area of Finestrat, approximately 11 minutes from Benidorm. Shopping Center La Marina is one

of the biggest shopping centres in the Costa Blanca region and with its four floors you will not only find a wide variety of stores selling clothes, designer items, sportswear, toys, accessorises, shoes and more but also food court, snack bars, cinema and bowling alley. If you are travelling with kids do not miss out the top floor with 4000m2 of fun attractions for children that includes bouncy castles, mini golf, an assault course, karts and a princess's castle. Stores such as C&A, Benetton, Mango, Zara, H&M, Massimo Dutti, Guess, Desigual, Swarovski, Pandora, Primichi, Mayoral, Stradivarius, Tous, Macson and more are all housed at La Marina.

Photo: Pressmaster/Shutterstock.com Address: Avenida País Valencià, 2, Finestrat, Alicante Public Transport: By bus: Linea 02 - Centro Comercial/Rincon De Loix, Linea 03 - Terra Mitica/Estacion De Autobuses, Linea 15 - Finestrat / Cala De Finestrat Opening hours: Monday - Saturday: 10am - 10pm, Sundays and Public Holidays are specified on their website Phone: +34 966 80 07 06 Internet: www.cclamarina.com

#### **Benidorm Indoor Market**



Find some bargain at this popular indoor market that boasts a wide variety of goods and food such as clothes, accessories, electronics, toys,

jewellery, gifts and local farm produce. They also offer local and international merchandise. This market is a great mix of both British and Spanish vendors selling typically Spanish and British items among other things.

Photo: skyNext/Shutterstock.com Address: Avenida Ametlla de Mar 9, Benidorm Opening hours: Monday - Friday: 8am - 6pm, Saturday: 8am -3pm Internet: www.benidormindoormarket.com

More Info: Located in the Rincon de Loix.

#### **Rincon de Loix districts**



Rincon de Loix districts is the most new and modern part of Benidorm and home to some of the city's top fashion boutiques, supermarkets, gifts and souvenir shops. Here you will find plenty of small boutiques including an indoor market. When feeling hungry there are quality restaurants and fast food premises to choose from.

Photo: MJTH/Shutterstock.com Address: Rincon de Loix, Benidorm

#### Ale Hop



Ale Hop, a popular Spanish chain of shops with several locations in Benidorm, selling funky gizmos and gadgets. A fun and original shop

where to buy gift items, decorations, accessories and other things for reasonable prices.

Items such as quirky key chains, toys, hats, wallets, hand bags, sunglasses, cushions, jewellery, magnets, jewellery's notebooks, and more are stocked here.

Photo: Phovoir/Shutterstock.com Address: Avenida Mediterráneo, 2, Benidorm Phone: +34 966 83 98 27 Internet: en.ale-hop.org

## **TOURIST INFORMATION**



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#### Passport/Visa



Spain can be visited visa-free for up to 90 days by citizens of Australia, New Zealand, Japan, South Korea, Taiwan, Malaysia, Israel, UAE and

most countries in America. If you are unsure whether or not you need to apply for a visa, we recommend contacting the embassy or consulate in your country. International (non-Schengen) travelers need a passport that is valid for at least 3 months after the end of their intended trip in order to enter the Schengen zone. Citizens of Schengen countries can travel without a passport, but must have a valid ID with them during their stay.

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#### **Best Time to Visit**



One of the initial attractions of Benidorm was its location, on the Mediterranean coast, opposite a beautiful bay which is split into two by

the rocky tip of the old castle and facing south.

All the other sides were protected from the cold Northern winds of Levante and the cold northern winds by mountain ranges, so the microclimate, especially in spring, winter or autumn, is very mild, with considerably higher temperatures than along the rest of the coast. The sea water is also warm enough to bathe all year round.

If you are looking for the warmest time to visit Benidorm, then the hottest months are August, July and September when temperatures reach up to around 30°C. Travel in spring and autumn to Benidorm is enjoyable too, with average temperatures of 20°C.

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#### Airport



Alicante-Elche Airport is located near the city of Alicante only 60 km. from Benidorm. There is a regular bus service (www.alsa.es) which

offers the possibility to travel quickly, comfortably and economically from Alicante airport to Benidorm bus station and vice versa. It takes 45 minutes to get to Benidorm and then it will continue to the town Calpe, so look for the bus "Benidorm-Calpe" at the airport. Tickets can be bought from alsa.es, self-services ticket machines, Alsa app, laCaixa cashpoint machines, Alsa sales points or when boarding the bus.

You can also take the train the Alicante TRAM that connects Alicante city centre with Benidorm (route L1. Alicante (Luceros)-Benidorm). Trains run every 30 minutes and the journey takes 70 minutes. The C6 bus line connects the airport with the stations in Alicante city centre and from there TRAM lines 1 to Benidorm depart.

Taxi stands are situated outside both Arrivals and Departures. If you need information about the taxi service, head over to the information desk in Arrival hall.

You can also book shuttle transfer service, such as Beniconnect transfer: www.beniconnect.com, +34 965 850 790

There are several car rental companies at the airport such as Hertz, Goldcar Rental, Sixt,

#### Record Go, Europcar and Avis.

Photo: Juan Garces Address: Alicante-Elche Airport, Alicante Phone: +34 913 21 10 00 Internet: www.aena.es Email: alcinfo@aena.es

#### **Public Transport**



Benidorm is located in the Valencia Region and in the province of Alicante, 38km from Alicante and 106 km from Valencia. It is one of the

most important tourist destinations in the Mediterranean and has excellent connection with the rest of Spain and other countries for easy access.

By road, Benidorm is well situated on the Mediterranean coast right by the AP7 motorway and the national road N332 which connect the Mediterranean coastline from north to south, so that visitors travelling by car or scheduled bus service can reach the resort with ease.

There are connections with most national and European cities. Train connections are also available via the city of Alicante. The nearest airport is Alicante International airport, just 60 km away served by numerous airlines daily.

There are also ports in Alicante, Altea and Villajoyosa should one wish to reach Benidorm by boat.

When travelling within the city there is the local bus run by Llorente Bus. When it comes to tickets there are several options to choose from such as single ticket, tourist cards of 24 hours and 72 hours. Tickets can be bought on the bus, in the town halls, Benidorm Card 1 Day or 3 Days only in the bus lines 20 or 30.

Photo: Pierre-Luc Auclair Phone: +34 965 85 43 22 Internet: www.llorentebus.es/en Email: llorentebus.benidorm@grupoavanza.com

#### Taxi



Taxis are readily available through the resort. Taxis can be called from establishments or you can get a taxi from one of the numerous taxi ranks

dotted around the resort. Taxis are regulated and equipped with meters.

Radiotaxi Benidorm: +34 96 586 18 18

Photo: Visit Benidorm Phone: +34 965 86 26 26 Internet: www.radiotaxibenidorm.com

#### Post



The post office in Spain is called Correos. One post office is located at the following address:

Photo: Andy Fuchs Address: AV. Europa, 8, Benidorm Opening hours: Monday - Sunday: 08:30am - 2:30pm, Saturday: 9:30am - 1pm Phone: +34 965 85 97 15 Internet: www.correos.e





Pharmacies are called "Farmacias" and have a green cross displayed outside. Duty chemist are available outside normal opening hours, details of

which will be posted on the door.

One 24 hours chemist is Fernando Tramoyeres Celma Pharmacy:

Photo: Gemma Garner Address: Avenida del Mediterráneo , 29, Benidorm Opening hours: 24 hours Phone: +31 966 81 26 08 Internet: www.farmacia24horasbenidorm.es Email: farmaciatramoyeres@hotmail.com

#### Telephone

Country code: +34



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#### Electricity



Standard voltage is 220-240V AC, 50 Hz. Electrical appliances from the US require a transformer and an adaptor. From the UK

adaptor only. Plugs are two-pin and adaptors are available at any hardware store.

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Population 76,683

Currency

#### Euro, €

#### **Opening hours**

Most shops and shopping centres are open from Monday to Saturday from around 9am or 10am until 2pm and then from around 4pm until 9pm, although some larger shops remain open throughout the day for example the big supermarket chains. Some stores are open on Sundays too.

#### Newspapers

In Spanish: Información El Mundo El País ABC In English: Costa Blanca News Round Town News (free)

## **Emergency numbers** 112

#### **Tourist information**

Tourist Info Offices - Centre Address: Edificio Torrejó, Plaza de Canalejas 1 Telephone: +34 96 585 13 11 Email: turinfo\_centro@benidorm.org