

Majestic MURCIA

MURCIA REMAINS ONE OF THE PLACES TO GO AND PLAY GOLF ABROAD



This particular region of Spain has so much going for it. It has a warm year-round climate and boasts plenty hours of sunshine, striking scenery all around and has the beautiful beaches of the Costa Calida and Costa Blanca to enjoy.

Murcia is the capital of the province with the same name and offers magnificent shopping opportunities, superb culture and truly diverse cuisine.

The region also contains the happening holiday resort of Alicante if you

Above:
Las Colinas Golf and Country Club
Inset:
La Torre Golf Club

Local details

Time difference
GMT +1

Local language
Spanish

Currency
Euro

High season
April - October
(22°C - 33°C)

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fancy something a little more upbeat. But, in reality, anywhere in Murcia is worth talking about.

The royal and ancient game, however, is another great pull for visitors to this part of Spain and with a handful of courses,

including some of Europe's most famous, it is a region that goes about its golfing business to a phenomenal degree of success.

La Manga, which lies between Murcia and Alicante, is certainly one of the world's great golfing

resorts with three magnificent courses that are open all year.

The South Course was originally designed by Robert Putman and modified in 1992 by Arnold Palmer. A classic, long championship course



that is located in the centre of the valley, it has been the venue for many major professional tournaments. The North Course has recently been refurbished to enhance the already superb championship course that requires accuracy rather than length of the tee. The greens have been rebuilt to USGA standards to compete with the finest courses in the world; the two tiered challenging fifth green being a typical example.

Although La Manga will garner much of your attention there are a few other hideouts that deserve special praise. Altorreal is just a short drive from the capital while the Torre-Pacheco course, a neat little nine-hole delight, is yet another that basks in scenic glory.

Below:
Mar Menor Golf and Intercontinental Hotel
Right:
Hacienda Del Alamo Golf Club

Perhaps the newest and most talked-about courses in this area is Las Colinas. On arrival, the quiet, winding road leads you through beautiful Mediterranean woodland with glimpses of the golf course up ahead and down, eventually, towards the spectacular clubhouse. Just south of Alicante, Las Colinas is only a few years old but has already captured the imagination of golfers across Europe.

What makes it so appealing? Well, apart from the 10,000 hectares of quite stunning scenery, with views over the Mediterranean Sea and the Mar Menor lagoon, the Cabell B Robinson-designed golf course is in truly pristine condition.

Designer Robinson perhaps undervalues his



own work by describing it has an "exceptional project". It is much more than that. This is what a golf resort should be.

Another fantastic golf resort of exquisite quality is Hacienda Del Alamo, home to a five-star hotel, spa and 'Spanish Village' development of shops, restaurants and apartments. It is also home to a stunning Dave Thomas-designed 18-hole championship course that boasts eight lakes, 84

bunkers and occupies a colossal 550-hectare site.

Located close to Fuente Alamo in Murcia, with the impressive mountains of the Sierra Espuña National Park forming a formidable and beautiful natural backdrop, this is one resort you cannot miss on your trip to Murcia.

Murcia is accessible, appealing and affordable, the perfect combination for a golf holiday. So go on, book your golf break to Murcia now!



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