

## SOME TOURS FROM BENIDORM/ALICANTE/ CALPE/ALTEA...

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### FULL DAY EXCURSIONS

- **THE PALM ROUTE.- ELCHE.-ORIHUELA.**



**Elche** – Area of the Palm trees where we will visit the famous ‘Priest’s Garden’, home of the Imperial Palm and a wide variety of flora & fauna of over 200 different species. Elche is also known as the city of shoes. Possibility to visit one of the many factories with a shoe museum. **Orihuela** – Is the monumental area of the Alicante province. With five National Monuments. Visit the Cathedral, Easter Museum, and the old quarter, one of the most interesting in South East of Spain.

- **VALENCIA.-MONUMENTS AND AREAS OF TOURISTIC INTEREST.**



Travelling along the highway through magnificent valleys of orange groves on route to Valencia. We will visit the **Cathedral** where the famous relic of Jesus Christ ‘**The Holy Grail**’ is housed ( entrance = 4 €/). The famous ‘**Lonja**’ (Heritage of Humaity) and the central market. There is also the possibility of visiting the **football stadium** and the bar therein owned by Manolo del Bombo – one of the most famous Spanish citizens known throughout the world for his incessant drumming throughout Spanish football matches!!! We will have a short time to visit the famous **Fallas museum** – dedicated to the history of Valencias most important fiestas or you may choose to visit the exquisite **Lladro factory** and view the world renowned porcelain exhibition. Also free time for lunch and shopping in “Corte Inglés”, one of the biggest department store of Spain.

- **CITY OF ARTS & SCIENCES.-VALENCIA**



This impressive technology park is a beacon of the 21<sup>st</sup> century. Visit ‘**L’Emisferic**’ with its futuristic demonstration of life in outer space. Then a visit to ‘**Oceanografic**’ the largest aquarium in Europe home to over 5000 species of fish from 5 continents. With amazing glass galleries where you can walk through the shark tanks and view the dolphins frolicking around you. The impressive building of the **Science Museum** with 4 floor to enjoy the chemical & physical experiments.

- **MOUNTAIN & “NISPERO” ROUTE.- GUADALEST.- ALGAR.-POLOP.-**



Travelling through bountiful valleys & mountains of medlar fruit we arrive at a point on the road where we can relax a little with the opportunity to take photos of the beautiful view of **Guadalest** perched a top it mountain peak. On our stop we can enjoy free samples of mascatel, fresh natural orange juice and honey of the area. Once in Guadalest and in the hands of our professional guide we will visit the town with all its souvenir shops, bars, cafes and museums. (All customers will receive a discount ticket for use in all the museums). Free time will be giving and after we head to the protected natural area of **Algar** where crystal clear waterfalls and rock pools are plentiful ( 2,80 €/pax entrance). Typical mountain restaurants offer a variety of local dishes to tempt the palate. Aterwards we head to **Polop** where we will visit the 221 fountains providing the vilage with fresh mountain water.



- **WINE & CERAMIC ROUTE.- Novelda-Agost & La Mola Castle:**



**AGOST.-** Five generations of craftsmen modeling the clay, feeding the fire, keeping up the tradition, growing the sensibility, searching for the originality, coming back to the roots. This is the ceramic Emili Boix in Agost. See the furnace from the Arab times. After **NOVELDA: Wine cellar Casa Cesilia** from 1707. Modernity and tradition. Get to know the wine culture, the elaboration, breeding, selling and of course wine tasting...All round experience. After lunch visit the famous Sanctuary Magdalene & close to it the impressive La Mola Castle.

- **RICE ROUTE.- GANDIA –CULLERA Y ALBUFERA:-**



. Halfway to Valencia we will visit the interesting village of **Cullera** with its Castle & sanctuary offering spectacular views and the impressive beaches. Also the Cave of Pirate Dragut, where the relationship between this Costa and the Pirates is uncovered. Then onto the high ecological area of **Albufera** with its tranquil waters where you can take a gentle stroll or optional boat trip through the area to view the migrating birds and wildlife. At this stop we will visit a typical restaurant of the area. In the afternoon we head to **Gandia** where we will visit the famous Ducal Palace, the house of the famous Bojas famely, stunningly preserved Palace depicting the lifestyle of the rich of years gone by.

- **MURCIAN ROUTE.- MURCIA Y FUENSANTA.-**



. An interesting city to stroll around its beautiful and attractives old streets. We will visit the **Cathedral** built in the 14<sup>th</sup> Century. The Town Hall by the River Segura and the famous **Casino**, a beautiful 19<sup>th</sup> Century building magnificently decorative. Afterwards we will view the **Salzillo Museum** where we will have some free time to view the grand collection of artistic impressions of Murcian images. In the afternoon we will visit the highest peak in the area with its beautiful **Sanctuary of the Fuensanta** Virgin, offering incredible views of the surrounding countryside. Free time for lunch & shopping.

- **CARTAGENA-MAR MENOR-TORREVIEJA.**



**Cartagena:** The first military port of Eastern Spain, we will visit the Isaac Peral submarine, the archeological marina and the recently discovered Roman Theatre. In this area there are a number of museums and historical buildings collectively known as the Puerto Cultural or **Cultural Port**, each has its own entrance price and in some cases this includes a touristic bus & boat tour. Afterwards in **Mar Menor** we take a panoramic tour of the **La Manga** Golf Resort. Our return journey takes in a tour of **Torrevieja** with free time given to enjoy refreshments.



• **SANCTUARY ROUTE.-CARAVACA- CALASPARRA:-**



2003 was the year of the religious jubilee celebrations of the Caravaca Cross” – One of the most interesting cities in the Murcia region. In the hands of our professional guide we take a tour of the old town with its numerous jewellery makers creating copies of the famous cross. We walk up to the Castle and Sanctuary where we can see the famous cross (its is said to be carved from the same wood as the cross of Jesus Christ). We continue our journey on to Calasparra (city of rice). Lunch is enjoyed in typical local restaurant and afterwards we will visit the Santuario de la Esperanza (The Sactuary of Hope) in an incredible leafy grove on the banks of the River Segura.

**NB.**

**Nispero Route** has an entrance fee to the protected park of Algar of 3 €. In Polop there is an entrance fee of €3.00 pr person for the Pequeña Costa Magica exhibition.

**Mountain Route Guadalest** has various interesting museums which are optional entrance, however our guides will provide customers with a communal discount ticket which can be used for discounts in all museums.

**Elche** – There is an entrance charge of €5.00 per person into the Priests Garden (€2.80pp for groups).

**Orihuela** – visits to the monuments are optional (Cathedral & museum €2.p.p in groups. Easter Museum € 2 p.p. Santiago´s church = 10 € per group).

**Bodegas.- WINE SELLERS.-** There are several in the area. Please consult prices.

**SEGWAYS TOURS.-** 39 €/pax. Minimum 2 persons in Benidorm or Natural Park Mountain Sierra Helada.- 45 € in other cities. Includes guide, training, insurance, headsets transmitters “whispers” and security equipment. Please ask for more information.