

Cambridge English Language Assessment Examination Venue





Almería

Almería, located in the south-east coast of Spain, is one of the eight provinces in the region of Andalucía. It borders with Granada to the west and north-west and Murcia to the east and north-east. It is known for its beauty, its climate, its beaches, its gastronomy and the hospitality of its inhabitants.



Climate

Without a doubt, Almería has a privileged climate as its 3,000 hours of sunlight per year makes it the city with the mildest climate in the entire Spanish peninsula. Among its main features we can highlight its very low level of precipitation throughout the year, an average yearly temperature of 18°C, and, of course, lovely blue skies in which the sun is almost always present.



Coastline

Almería is very well known for its 200 kms of coastline with a unique beauty. It is a privileged coast in which we can highlight El Parque Natural de Cabo de Gata (Níjar), with extended beaches with thin sand and virgin coves surrounded by warm Mediterranean water. Soe of Spain´s greatest beaches can be found here, for example, Monsul, Playa del Plomo, or Playa de los Genoveses.



History

IF we really want to absorb the history of Almería, we can do so through its monuments. La Alcazaba, which can be seen from any point in the city, was built as a fortress and it is the largest one built by the Arabs in Spain.



Folklore

Flamenco is the major cultural representation of Spain and Andalucía. Flamenco is music, song, dance, poetry, feeling... it is a philosophy of life. It is an art, a tradition which gathers all of the main values of Andalucía and which is performed for the spectator's entertainment.



Culture

It is important to get to know the culture of Almería through its museums. We can find many interesting museums such as the Museo de la Guitarra, a magical place where the guitar is the main attraction.



Its streets

The streets of a city have a lot to say about the city itself as they tell us many things about its evolution throughout the years. Some of Almería's most beautiful streets are Puerta Purchena where we can observe the Edificio de las Mariposas, the narrow streets of the historic centre, el Paseo de Almería or la Rambla.





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Nature

Only a few kilometers away from the city can we witness the most natural part of the province of Almería thanks to the richness of its flora and fauna that we can appreciate in the Parque Natural de Cabo de Gata, a place we cannot miss in the spring or the summer if we want to observe the beauty of pink flamingoes.



Desert

Almería is a province of contrasts and a good example of this is its desert in Tabernas, the only existing desert in Europe, with its flora and fauna and its geological peculiarities.



Land of Cinema

Almería is closely related to the world of cinema as its unique climate and its spectacular location have been the filming place of films and series such as The Good, The Bad and The Ugly, Indiana Jones and the Last Crusade, Exodus, Game of Thrones and many, many more.



Gastronomy

The Mediterranean diet is present in all our dishes where the fish from our coastline and our locally grown vegetables are ever present. We also highlight that Almería has been named the Spanish Gastronomical capital of 2019 due the superior quality of its local products and its "tapas" culture.



Sports

Almería, as a province and a city, offers a wide variety of outdoor sports as the sun shines almost all year and the temperature is milder than in other cities. Among the most popular sports we can find jogging, cycling, water sports such as kayaking or snorkeling.



Shopping

Our city has different areas where people can do some shopping in a comfortable way while walking the streets. You can find from small shops to internationally famous brand name stores. Recently, a brand new shopping mall, one of the largest in Andalucía, has been opened.



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PROGRAM OF ACTIVITIES

The city	A guided tour on foot through the centre of the city. The tour covers Puerta Purchena (Edificio de las Mariposas), Calle de Las Tiendas reaching the Cathedral and La Plaza Vieja, Paseo de Almería Rambla and Cable Inglés.	
Visit to La Alcazaba	We will concentrate on the most iconic monument in Almería. We will get to know the largest Arab fortress in Spain and we will learn the secrets of this 9 th century fortress where history and art walk hand in hand. Link	Page
Escape Room	With this activity we will promote teamwork and cooperation as the team will have sixty minutes to gather all the necessary clues to solve the problem and help escape from the room. There is a wide variety of Escape Room scenarios.	ESCAPE 2001
Cooking workshop	Gastronomy is a very important part of a country's culture and what better way to experience it but to savor it 100%? We will organize a Spanish cuisine workshop in which we will learn to elaborate some typical mouth-watering dishes.	





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Visit to the Alhambra in Granada

The Alhambra is the city, fortress and palace built by the Nazari Monarchs in the Kingdom of Granada. It is the symbol of the city, the most visited monument in all of Spain and the most important work of Muslim art ever erected in Europe. We will also visit the Historic center of Granada. Link



Civil War Shelter

The Civil War Shelters are underground galleries designed by local architect, Gullermo Langlé Rubio. They are 9 meters deep and they were built to protect human lives from the bombings in the city during the Spanish Civil War. Link



The Guitar Museum

More than just a museum, it is a culturally surprising, relevant, didactic, interactive attractive place to visit. exhibitions familiarize visitors with the most important facts about the most played and built instrument in the world, the guitar. Link



Dinner with Flamenco show

A dinner with a Flamenco show is the perfect experience to combine the passion for dance and Flamenco rhythms in an unforgettable show accompanied by a typical Spanish dinner. The perfect evening!



Cabo de Gata

Nature in its purest form. That is how we would summarize the visit to the Parque Natural de Cabo de Gata, where we can enjoy spectacular views of the Arrecife de las Sirenas (a coral reef).





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