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Tips for a trip to Torrevieja

Torrevieja Markets

There are several markets in and around Torrevieja. I definitely recommend visiting at least one of them it's an experience and you can also buy fresh vegetables here, fruits, cheeses, Spanish hams, olives, herbs, spices, souvenirs, clothes and others at good prices.

- **La Mata Mercadillo Market place** - Wednesdays only
- **Mercat de Torrevieja (NEW)** - Fridays only



Aquapark Aquopolis Torrevieja *approx. 10 km, 12 minutes by car from the house*

The water park offers many water slides and attractions for children and adults. Ticket price from 20 euros per day. For more information, visit the website: <https://torrevieja.aquopolis.es/>

Submarine Torrevieja *approx. 7km from the house (in the center near the port)*

The floating museum in Torrevieja offers visitors the opportunity to visit the interior of the submarine and imagine how the crew members lived there. The submarine Delfin became, as of May 8, 2004, the first Spanish military ship to become a floating museum. Based in the port city of Torrevieja.

Molino del Aqua Park *approx. 9km from the house*

This park is a protected landscape of the Torrevieja area with an area of 17 hectares. The amazing landscape with the largest and best preserved dune system in the area features fossil, semi-solid and solid dunes. It is the pines that maintain the dunes and thus create vegetation. Inside the park, there are many routes in the middle of dunes and pine trees right by the sea, exactly for hiking lovers.

Molino del Agua Park got its name from the existence of an old water mill. You can see a replica of the old mill here. In addition to the dune system, you may be interested in a waterfall with cascading lakes several meters long in the park. Great place to run.



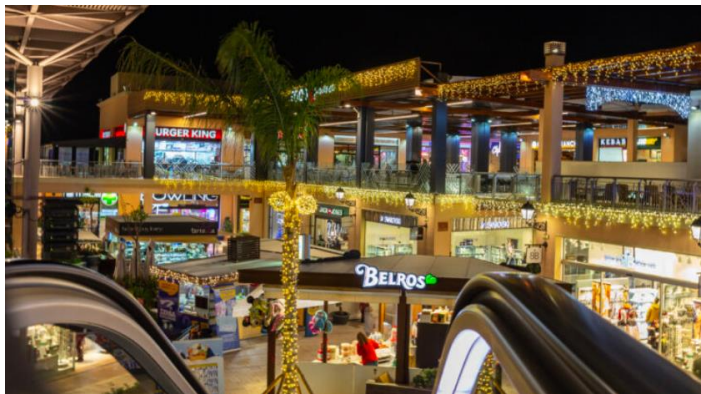
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Torre de Moro *approx. 15 km from the house*

The Moro Tower is located on the coast towards La Mata, where there is a beautiful view of the vast sea. The tower was built in 1312 and served as a watchtower on Cape Cervera. A small group of soldiers was found next to the tower, performing a defensive function in addition to the coastal surveillance function. The tower of La Mata rises again on the ancient remains in the 16th century, when it was rebuilt by the military engineer Juan Bautista Antonelli. From this time, the construction of the Moro Tower is envisaged, which plays the role of a connecting watchtower between Torrevieja and La Mata Tower within the network of towers created to prevent the attack of the Berber pirates.

La Zenia shopping area *approx. 3.5 km, 6 minutes by car from the house*

Those who love shopping, fashion, shops with goodies or cafes will find something to their liking. You can really find everything in this open-air shopping center, and there are also various events for children. People also travel to the center from other cities, as it is renowned for its range of services, shops and large area. He will find shops here world-famous brands such as: Primark, Jack n Jones, Benneton, Swarovski, Levis, Mango, Calzedonia, CaA, Vans, Zar, Guess, Pepe Jeans, Pandora and grocery store Mercadona.



www.zeniahboulevard.es



Shopping area Habaneras Centro Comercial *approx. 10 km, 11 minutes by car from the house*

A slightly smaller shopping center can be found not far from Aquopolis or the salt lake. You can find the total here 60 stores such as: Stradavirus, Zara, Bershka, CaA, Calzedonia, HM, Quess, Massimo Dutti, Kiko Milano, Douglas and many others.

<https://www.habaneras.es/>

Torre Vieja salt lakes (salinas) *approx. 4 km, approx. 5 min from the house*

Have you ever seen a pink lake? You have a unique opportunity in Torre Vieja. The water in the lake is full of salt and other medicinal substances. The microclimate of the area is recommended for everyone who has health problems, e.g.: eczema, psoriasis, asthma, respiratory problems, rheumatism, heart disease, foot and mouth disease and others. That is why the world organization WHO declared the city of Torre Vieja one of the healthiest cities in the world.

The lake has a unique bubblegum color thanks to the unique algae *Dunaliella salina*, which contains a high amount of beta-carotene (Provitamin A). Algae is the only living organism on Earth that can survive in water with a high concentration of salt.

If you want to take a trip to this unique lake, a train leaves the port every day to take you there. The train runs every day at 10:00 a.m., 11:30 a.m., 1:00 p.m., 5:00 p.m., 6:30 p.m. and 8:00 p.m. Price: €8.95 adults and 7, €95 children and over 65 years old.



La Mata Beach *approx. 10 km from the house*



It is referred to as the most beautiful beach in Torrevieja.



Garden of Nations

A very nice, fenced park a short distance from the center of Torrevieja, full of flowers, palm trees, animals and lakes. There is also a large children's playground. We recommend a visit if you want to escape the heat. Great for walking and relaxing.



Tips for a trip around Torrevieja

MARKETS Guardamar *approx. 15km, 15min drive from Torrevieja*

Mercadillo de Guardamar - Sunday markets, probably the biggest of them all. It is located in the middle of a lemon and orange orchard. In addition to the fact that it offers a lot of raw materials and textiles, you can also find yourself here very well. Here you will find a Spanish, British, Irish and Czech restaurant with Czech Pilsner on tap.

Mud Baths San Pedro del Pinatar *approx. 28km, 30min drive from Torrevieja*

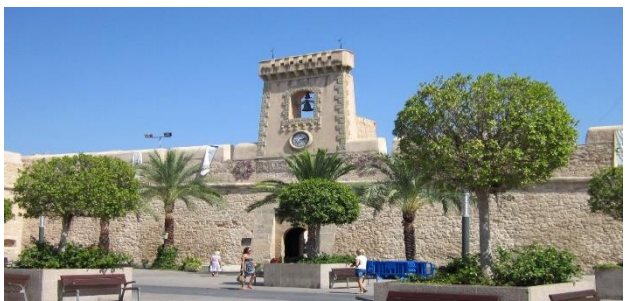
Famous for its mud baths . Here you will find the famous Charcas de la Salinas, small lakes with healing mud, which are considered to be the largest natural mud baths in Europe. The healing mud contains a high percentage of calcium, magnesium, sodium, fluorine and sulfur.

Telasotherapy is one of the most effective methods used to relieve stress and rejuvenate the body. This method consists in using sea water, climate, algae, mud and mineral salts to regenerate the organism. And it is in the Mar Menor lagoon that there are rich deposits of healing mud, which is especially ideal for diseases of the musculoskeletal system, skin diseases and respiratory diseases.



Castillo Fortaleza de Santa Pola *approx. 30km, 30min drive from Torrevieja*

Ancient fortress and castle from around 1558 with a chapel, maritime museum and special cultural events.



Mirador del Faro de Santa Pola *approx. 30km, 30min drive from Torrevieja*

Suspension bridge overlooking Tabarca, Alicante and Benidorm (in good weather). Paragliding can be arranged not far from here. In case of interest, we will forward the contact.



Acuario Municipal – Santa Pola *approx. 30km, 30min drive from Torrevieja*

An aquarium where you can marvel at all the wonderful creatures that live in the Mediterranean and learn about the importance of protecting their natural habitat. Admission adults from 16 years: 2.50 euros, from 4 to 16 years: 1.25 euros, children under 4 years free

More at: <https://www.comunitatvalenciana.com/en/alacant-alicante/santa-pola/leisure-parks/santa-pola-municipal-aquarium>

Rio Safari Elche *approx. 32 km, 30 min. journeys by car from Torrevieja*

Beautiful ZOO-Safari. It is very unusual and quite extensive Mississippi Alligator Crocodile Pavilion.

There are 15 females and 8 males living in the four pools and local the park is rightly proud of their successful breeding.

Rio Safari is available to visitors all year round, opens at 10:30 a.m. and closes at 6 p.m. in winter and at 8 p.m summer season. Don't forget your swimsuit in the summer months and to cover the head, the safari park many opportunities for shade unfortunately it doesn't.

There is a train running through the Safari Park, which passes among wildlife

animals, only dangerous animals are in enclosures. They are next animal shows are organized in various places of the park, for example performances by sea lions (swimming together can also be purchased), as well as elephants, parrots, etc. Part of the safari is a large swimming pool with a water slide.

The entrance fee to the Safari for an adult is approx. 27 euros.



More here: <https://la-mata3.webnode.cz/vylety/vylet-río-safari-elche/>



Balcon de Alicante *approx. 40km, 40min drive from Torreveija*

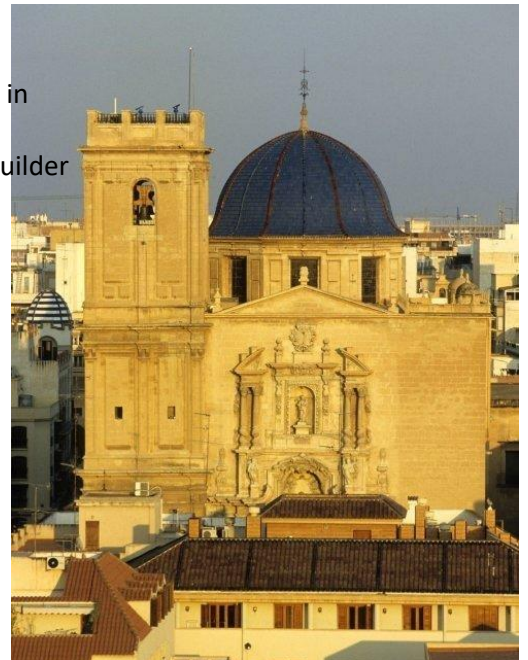
Mountainous natural environment above Alicante. You can get almost to the top by car, then walk up a steep hill for about 20 minutes.

Basilica de Santa Maria *approx. 40km, 40min drive from Torreveija*

The basilica is located in a place where during the Muslim era located the main mosque. After the conquest of the city by Jaime I in 1265 the mosque remained in this place until 1334.

The construction of this church began in 1672 on the order of the builder Francesca Verde, who took over from Pero Quintana and Ferran Fouquet. From 1758, construction work continued with the significant contribution of the architect Marcos Evangelio. The work was finally completed in 1784.

The layout of the church is in the form of a Latin cross with a large nave and four chapels on each side with perforated supports. Baroque facades represent one of the the best examples of the Baroque in Valencia. Both these facades, like the main door of San Agatángelo, is a work by the Strasbourg sculptor Nicolas de Bussi (1680-1682).



Basilica: free entry

Tower: Adults: €2, children under 10: €1, children under 5: free

The basilica is open from Monday to Sunday from 7:00 to 13:00 and from 17:30 to 21:00. The tower is open from 10:30 to 15:00, in June - September from 11:00 to 19:00.

Santa Barbara Castle *approx. 50km, 50min drive from Torreveija*

Santa Barbara Castle is located on top of [Mount Benacantil](#), 166 meters above sea level, and forms a dominant feature of the entire city. From the walls you can see almost the entire bay of Alicante. Archeological remains from the Bronze, Iberian and Roman ages have also been found here, but the establishment of the fortress is dated to the late ninth century under Muslim rule. Although the fortress was founded under Arab influence, almost no elements of this culture have been preserved in its current form.

Currently, the castle is the most visited place in Alicante, also thanks to the number of cultural events that take place here. Tourists are mainly attracted here by the perfect panoramas that they can admire from the castle and the rich

history of the place.



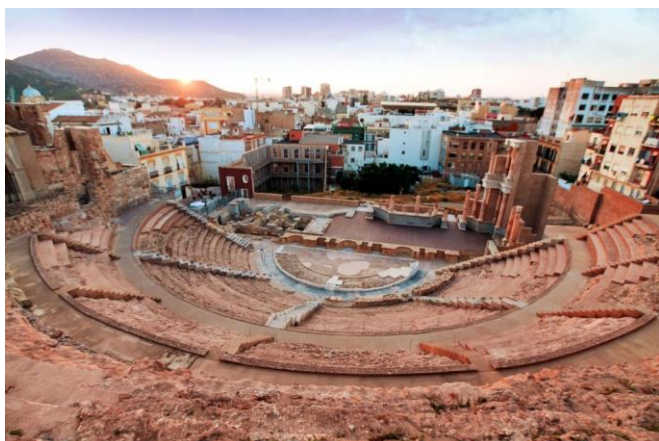
Cartagena *approx. 62 km, 45 minutes by car from Torrevieja*

A city with a history of almost 3,000 years has been visited by many personalities, thanks to which it has gradually become a Punic, Roman, military and art nouveau city, which offers many things to see. So much so that we can call it without scruple one of the most interesting holiday destinations on the western side of the Mediterranean Sea. The city is characterized by a picturesque harbor, an old town, narrow medieval streets that are full of bars and restaurants. During the reign of Hannibal, Cartagena was the capital of the Iberian Peninsula. After all, it was he who named Cartagena after the legendary Carthage, a city in North Africa.

- The biggest monument and TOP attraction of Cartagena is the local **Roman Theater**, which has been standing here for more than 2000 years. The monument was discovered relatively recently, in 1988. It was hidden under the ruins of the old cathedral. A museum is also located here today, as more artifacts were found here during the restoration.
- Cartagena also has some great beaches. These are the beaches of Cala Cortina, Islas Menores, El Galúa Beach or La Gola beach. These are beautiful sandy beaches with small coves that offer privacy when swimming. But the best beaches are Playa del Casteller, Playa de Bahía and Playa de Nares.
- Just 30 minutes from the center of Cartago is **the Bateria de Castillitos**. It is an amazing location that offers a unique view of the surrounding mountainous landscape, a protected nature park.



Obrázek 1,2: Bateria de Castillitos



Obrázek 2: Římské divadlo



Obrázek 4: Pláž Cala Cortina

Tabarca *approx. 30km to Santa Pola, then by ferry (also possible in Torrevieja)*

The island of Tabarca is located north of the city of Torrevieja, specifically opposite the city of Santa Pola. A cruise ship leaves for this island from the port of Torrevieja every day at 11 o'clock and return back at 7 o'clock in the afternoon. The boat trip from Torrevieja to Tabarca takes 40 minutes. Tickets for this trip can be bought directly at the port for 24 Euros per adult, 17 Euros for children from 3-10 years old, free for children under 2 years old.

The island is 1800 m long and 450 m wide. About 60 people live here permanently, which is why it is the smallest inhabited island in Spain. Walking around this island, you will be impressed by the streets and houses in the Spanish style, beautiful views of the bays, the church of St. Peter and Paul, the castle with the Spanish flag and the lighthouse. But we must not forget the beaches with turquoise clear water like in the Caribbean. We recommend that you take diving goggles with you on this trip, as there is a variety of underwater fauna, where you will find several sea fish, starfish and sea turtles.

Canelobre Caves – caves *approx. 79 km, 1:10 h by car from Torrevieja*

It is a karst cave located in the small municipality of Busot, Province of Alicante, in the Valencian Community of Spain. It has an estimated area of at least 18,950 m². It is one of the largest and one of the most popular caves in Valencia. The entrance to the cave is at an altitude of about 700 m on the northern side on the slopes of the mountain ridge known as Cabezón de Oro (literally, "big golden head"). The cave is famous for its large 70 m high vault, similar in shape to a cathedral. The cave contains a wide variety of stalactites.



Aquapark and ZOO Benidorm *approx. 102km, an hour and a quarter by car from Torrevieja*

Aqua Natura, the newest and most modern water park in Benidorm. It is closely adjacent to the Terra Natura Zoo. The park consists of unique attractions such as Tornado, The Crest (unique in Europe), Kamikaze, Adventure River, wave pool with geysers and waterfalls, Black Hole, Adventure River, zigzag-giant slide and more than 700 meters of vertiginous slides and thanks to exclusive areas for children, a day of fun and excitement is guaranteed! Aquapark 40,000 square meters designed for everyone.

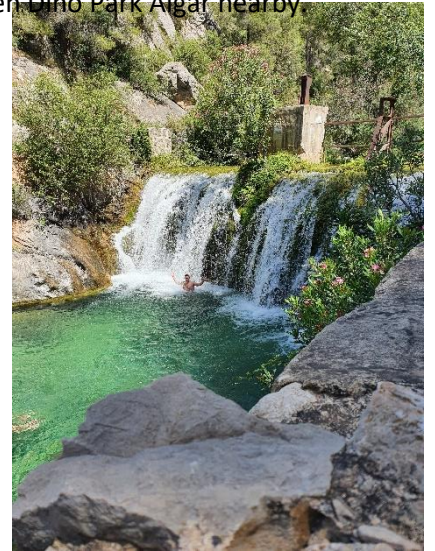
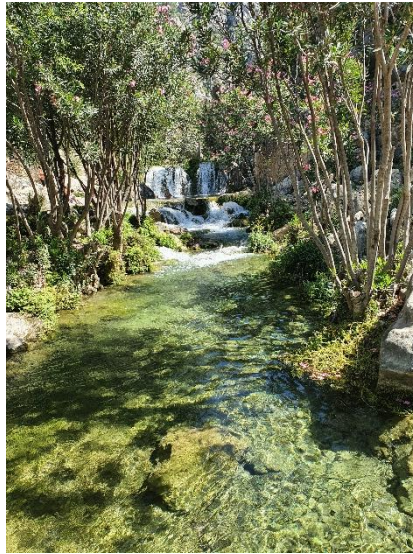
Terra Natura ZOO is divided into 4 parts according to regions (Pangea, America, Asia, Europe), in which you will find animals characteristic of the region in question. In total, more than 1,500 animals from 200 different species are kept here. Almost 50 species are seriously threatened with extinction. The animals live in a free environment and the home atmosphere helps them to create over 150 species of trees, shrubs and ground plants from these areas.

The area includes many educational boards. Families with children will definitely appreciate the various activities and programs related to fauna and flora. Seal and dolphin shows take place here. Photographs with seals and dolphins for a fee (you stand in line for photographs and when you leave the zoo, you will see your photos at the ticket office and can purchase them). We recommend buying a convenient Aquapark + ZOO entrance ticket.



Fontes de l'Algar *approx. 116 km, an hour and a half by car from Torrevieja*

Waterfalls near Guadalest. It can be combined into one trip. The entrance fee is about 4 euros. If you are heading to the waterfalls by car, it is possible to leave your car in one of the paid parking lots near the entrance gate. After paying the entrance fee, a 1.5 km long walking route around the Algar River, which in this section forms beautiful waterfalls and clear lakes, awaits you. You can swim here in the crystal clear water or just lie down on a stone in the middle of one of the lakes and relax. In the vicinity of the outdoor parking lot you will find a restaurant and there is even Dino Park Algar nearby.



Guadalest *approx. 130 km, an hour and a half by car from Torrevieja*

On an impressive rock complex high above a picturesque valley, a medieval castle rises to the sky, which, like the entire region of southern and southeastern Spain, witnessed the struggles of Muslim and Christian rulers. Guadalest is among the main symbols of this region and the most attractive monuments on the Iberian Peninsula. A castle built on a rock, overlooking a turquoise lake, the color of which is breathtaking. The castle is approximately 130 kilometers from the city of Torrevieja, there is a quite spacious (paid) parking lot in front of the entrance to the castle.

