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Marvellous Región de Murcia



The Costa Cálida is blessed with an enviable year-round climate and a coast that remains unchanged over time. The region features two marine reserves, and is only a two-hour flight from the UK

What really sets it apart though is the transparency of its waters – which with an average temperature of 20°C and the highest environmental rating, make the Murcian coast the ideal setting for diving – a sport that can be enjoyed all year round.

The riches of the seabed, the variety of marine life and the beauty of the flora, plus numerous shipwrecks, make this part of Spain exceptional for diving. Here divers can enjoy everything from easy dives in shallow waters to more challenging routes recommended only for those with more experience.

The region also has many dive centres that offer courses and dive experiences for all levels – from beginners to more technical dives, including large shipwrecks, underwater caves and crevices suitable only for the more experienced. See www.murciaturistica.es/en/diving for more information.

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Diving Zones

Cabo de Palos, Islas Hormigas (marine reserve) and Isla Grosa

Cabo de Palos is at a privileged setting open to the sea; a place where plenty of marine species pass by and where you'll be willing to stay. Take it easy! In the north-east the Marine Reserve of Cabo de Palos – Islas Hormigas has fantastic reefs. Dive into history with old shipwrecks. It is definitely one of the best areas in the Mediterranean to enjoy diving. Go through a real underwater garden in Isla Grosa and discover its wide posidonia (seagrass) meadows.

Estación Náutica Mar Menor – Cabo de Palos offers a wide range of nautical activities suitable for all ages, as well as accommodation and other quality services. Phone **(+34) 968 574 994** or see www.enmarmenor.com for more details.

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zones with underwater caves – suitable for experts and enthusiasts.

The Murcian seaside has incomparable seabeds perfect for you and your wetsuit. The diving zone occupies 10 miles around the port, with depths of up to 60m.

Further details from the Mazarrón Tourist Office – **(+34) 968 594 426** or www.visitamazarron.com

Águilas

There is a huge underwater region from Peñón de la Cueva de Los Lobos to Punta Parda. Plenty of diving zones protected by majestic cliffs and beautiful beaches.

The configuration of the Águilas coast and the protection of crags and mountains of Sierra del Cantar, together with the temperature of the water, have turned Águilas into a perfect spot for diving enthusiasts. The feared easterly and northerly winds do not trouble here, and the westerly wind barely affects it. Only the Lebeche (southerly wind) ripples these calm Mediterranean waters of warm temperatures from time to time.

With such unbeatable conditions, you'll definitely get farther than the Nautilus!

Have a good journey! Cartagena Tourist Office **(+34) 968 493 285**
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Cartagena, La Azohía and Cabo Tiñoso (marine reserve)

At the bottom of the sea in Cartagena is the key that will open the door to the past. Here immersing yourself is much more than diving among fish. Let your emotions flow in crystal clear waters over these fascinating seabeds which are perfect for diving.

Cartagena, protected from the easterly wind, offers archaeological remains in Costa Cálida. If you wish to enjoy a water immersion initiation, La Azohía is the perfect place. This delightful fishing village keeps Mediterranean traditions alive with ancestral fishing methods such as the

Almadraba. The cliffs at Cabo Tiñoso Marine Reserve protects this calm sea from currents. The numerous diving zones offer different depths from 12m to 42m, for all kinds of divers. There are some beautiful caves with animals and plants to explore.

For more details call Cartagena Tourist on **(+34) 968 128 955** or see www.cartagenaturismo.es

Mazarrón

The Port of Mazarrón, situated between Cabo de Cope and Cabo Tiñoso, at Golfo de Vera, is a unique Mediterranean setting. Its 35km of coastline offers plenty of deserted coves and impressive diving

