

## **ORIHUELA**

Orihuela offers the visitor a great place to enjoy the sea and sun, a monumental city centre, and three excellent eighteen-hole golf courses.

Passing Torrevieja, going south, we reach the coastal area of the municipality of Orihuela. Vast sands mix with small cliffs, ideal for fishing and scuba diving. In addition, the municipality has two marinas located amid gorgeous settings.

Punta Prima, Playa Flamenca, La Zenia, Cape Roig, and Dehesa de Campoamor are a few of the tourist towns that mark this southern route. Three excellent golf courses are the main attractions at some of them. Small grassed areas dotted by trees provide the perfect setting for playing this sport.

While staying in this municipality, it is imperative to visit the monumental city. Its Historic-Artistic Site has five National Monuments and an urban layout that is the result of its former rank as a University Centre and Episcopal See. We must highlight two of its holiday celebrations: the processions of Holy Week, and the parades of Moors and Christians, in July.

## **WHAT TO VISIT**

- **Museums**

### **Miguel Hernandez Museum**

The house where poet Miguel Hernández lived with his family is not to be missed on a visit to Orihuela.

The house, now a museum, is a modest home from the beginning of the 20th century, typical of the region. It has a small patio, a poultry yard and inside you can see some of the photos, furniture and personal objects that surrounded the life of one of the great literary figures of the "Generation of '27".

Location: Calle Miguel Hernández 73 - 03300 Orihuela (Alicante-Alacant)

<http://www.miguelhernandezvirtual.com>

Tel.:+34 965306327

### **Diocesan Museum of Religious Art. Orihuela.**

The Diocesan Museum of Religious Art in Orihuela holds an interesting collection, including paintings, sculptures, precious metalwork, textiles and furniture.

The museum is situated in the Episcopal Palace, a 16th century building. In the chapel we find the most important painting in its collection: "The Temptation of St Thomas Aquinas", by Diego Velázquez. There are also paintings by Sánchez Coello and the school of Juan de Juanes, amongst others.

Regarding sculptures, there are medieval works such as the Enthroned Virgin, dating from the 13th century. It also holds an important set of precious metalwork items, some of them Italian, such as the Cardinal Despuig's chalice. There are also textile items, manuscripts and incunabula, such as, for example, the "Nuremberg Chronicle" (1493).

Location: Orihuela Episcopal Palace and Cathedral

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Tel.:+34 966743627

Opening hours:

From Tuesday to Saturday - 10:00 to 14:00 / 16:00 to 19:00

Public holidays and Sundays - 10:00 to 14:00

Closing days: Monday

### **El Salvador Cathedral**

Orihuela has had a cathedral since 1564, when the city was granted its bishopric.

El Salvador Cathedral is Orihuela's most important parish church. It was built on the site of the Aljama Mosque in the first third of the 14th century. It is in Gothic style and was made a cathedral in 1564 when the city was granted its bishopric. It has a Latin cross floor plan and three access doors: Las Cadenas and Loreto, which are Gothic, and La Anunciación, in Renaissance style. The Museum of Religious Art is also in the cathedral. It is home to major works, including "The Temptation of Saint Thomas" by Velázquez.

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Tel.:+34 965300638

Opening hours: From Tuesday to Friday - 10:00 to 14:00 - From 16:00 to 18:30  
Saturday - 10:00 to 14:00

### **Santo Domingo Convent**

Originally a Dominican convent but after the bull of 1569, privilege awarded by Pope Pío V, it became a University until its en closing in 1824 by Minister Calomarde. The convent has a rectangular floor plan.The main facade is characterised by its austerity, of note are the horizontal effects, underlined by cornice singularly interrupted by spaces and the decoration of the main fronts.The facade of the convent has three bodies that follow the three classic orders.The main front of the University, built by Pedro Juan Codoñer. Formed of two bodies, finished off with the allegoric figure of the Sabiduría.

Location: Calle Adolfo Clavarana s/n - 03300 Orihuela (Alicante-Alacant)

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Tel.:+34 965300240

Opening hours: From Tuesday to Saturday - 10:00 to 14:00 / 16:00 to 19:00  
Public holidays and Sundays - 10:00 to 14:00

### **San Justa y Rufina Church**

The church was built on a site where Christian worship existed during the Visigothic era.During Moslem rule it was a mosque.During the XV century building work began on the church in Gothic style located under the dedication to Saints Justa y Rufina. The main front is a Baroque layout.The church was never finished for the construction was suspended in 1761. The tower has a square floor plan with massif shapes, finished off on the upper part with gable decoration.The church has one nave with side chapels.It has a sexpartitas vault roof.

Location: Calle Santa Justa s/n - 03300 Orihuela (Alicante-Alacant)

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### **Santiago Apostol Church**

A gothic church but its sanctuary is Renaissance.It has one nave and side chapels.The main building is Gothic (Isabel).It has a pointed and splayed arch with archivolts decorated with plants.In the mullion the image of Santiago can be found.The High Chapel was built between the XVI and XVII centuries.Conceived as an autonomous module, separated by the nave by a triumphal arch structure.In it of note is the cupola with square base decorated with caisson.During the XVIII century the Communion Chapel was added.The main front is divided into two bodies, following the schema of the Baroque reredo.

Location: Plaza de Santiago 2 - 03300 Orihuela (Alicante-Alacant)  
<http://www.aytoorihuela.com/turismo/bienes/mnacionales/santiago/index.html>  
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Opening hours: From Tuesday to Friday: 10:00 to 14:00 - 16:00 to 19:00  
Saturday: From 10:00 to 14:00

- **Beaches**

**La Zenia**

A quiet area. There are several viewpoints on the upper part of the cut that afford fabulous views of the cove.

Type of beach: Golden Sand. Moderate waves

Location: Orihuela (Alicante - Alacant)

**Cabo Roig**

This is a beach with boundaries marked by stone walls and access via a set of steps. Nearby, you have the opportunity to take part in some sporting activity, sailing for example.

Type of beach: Golden Sand. Moderate waves

Location: Orihuela (Alicante - Alacant)

**Capitan beach**

A small cove surrounded by a row of summer houses with their gardens. It has a small island full of vegetation that can be reached by swimming to it. The water is very clean, which is good news for scuba-diving fans.

Type of beach: Golden Sand. Moderate waves

Location: Cabo Roig, Orihuela (Alicante - Alacant)

**Punta Prima**

This is the northernmost beach on the coast of Orihuela, in Punta Prima. It is set among residential developments and has a full range of services. There is also a marina less than three kilometres away.

Type of beach: White Sand. Calm waters

Location: Orihuela (Alicante - Alacant)

**La Mosca**

A little cove for swimming. It has a large car park. It is equipped for playing volleyball.

Type of beach: Golden Sand Moderate waves

Location: Orihuela (Alicante - Alacant)

- **Golf**

**Real Club de Golf Campoamor**

From the N-332 Cartagena-Alicante, km. 48, to 9 km. to the south of Torre Vieja, and from the A-350 via km. 24,300, directly towards the club.

Opened in 1989 - Designer: Carmelo Gracia Caselles

Nº of holes: 18 - Par 72

Location: Carretera Cartagena - Alicante Km. 48 Orihuela (Alicante - Alacant)

Contact details: Tel.: +34 965321366 - [rcgcampoamor@oriolnet.com](mailto:rcgcampoamor@oriolnet.com)

Services: Driving range, Classes, Clubs, Cart rental, Hand trolley, Electric trolley, Restaurant, Bar, Cafe, Pitching green, Putting green, Bunker, Shop, Club repair, Toilets on course, Drinking water on course, Drinks available on course, Changing room, Showers, Car park, Golf school

**Villamartin golf course**

At km. 50 on the N-332 Alicante-Cartagena, turn-off to the right and 3 km away lies Urbanización Golf Villamartín.

Opened in: 1972 Designer: Paul Putman

Nº of holes:18 – Par 72

Location: Carretera Alicante - Cartagena Km. 50, - Orihuela (Alicante - Alacant)

Contact details: Tel.: +34 966765170 - [sales@golfvillamartin.com](mailto:sales@golfvillamartin.com) - [www.golfvillamartin.com](http://www.golfvillamartin.com)

Services: Driving range, Classes , Clubs, Cart rental , Hand trolley, Electric trolley , Restaurant, Bar, Cafe, Pitching green, Putting green, Bunker, Shop, Club repair, Toilets on course, Drinking water on course, Drinks available on course, Swimming pool, Tennis, Changing room, Showers, Credit cards accepted, Car park, Golf school, Call & Play card accepted