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City of Murcia

Murcia is a beautiful city in **the southeast of Spain**. It is the capital of the Region of Murcia and it is known for its **warm weather, friendly people, and rich history**. The city lies near the **Segura River**, which helped the area grow because it provides water for farming. Thanks to the sunny climate, Murcia is sometimes called “**the orchard of Europe**” because many **fruits and**



vegetables are grown there. Murcia has very hot summers and mild winters. It is one of the sunniest cities in Europe. Because of this, many tourists visit the city to enjoy the weather, food, and culture.

History of Murcia

Murcia was founded in the year **825 by Muslims** during the time when much of Spain was under Islamic rule. They built **smart irrigation systems to bring water to the fields**. Some parts of this system are still used today. This shows how advanced they were.

In the 13th century, **Christian kingdoms** took control of the city. After that, many **churches and Christian buildings were built**. During the 17th and 18th centuries, Murcia became richer, and many important buildings were constructed. That is why today we can see many beautiful baroque buildings in the city.

Important Monuments and Sights that we visited or see in Murcia

The most famous building in the city is the **Cathedral of Murcia**. It was built between the 14th and 18th centuries, so it has different architectural styles, including **Gothic, Renaissance, and Baroque**. The front of the cathedral is especially impressive and

highly decorated. The **tower** of the cathedral is about **93 meters tall**. We climbed it and enjoyed an amazing view of the city. We also visited the interior - inside the cathedral, there are beautiful chapels and important historical tombs.

Real Casino de Murcia - Even though it is called a “casino,” it is not a place for gambling. It is a historic and cultural building from the 19th century. It was a meeting place for rich and important people in the past. Inside, you can see many interesting rooms





with different styles. One of the most famous rooms is inspired by the palace of Alhambra in Granada. The decoration is very detailed and beautiful. We visited it and saw all the rooms.

Santuario de la Fuensanta -

This sanctuary is located on a hill outside the city. It is dedicated to the patron saint of Murcia. Many people visit this place for religious reasons, but also because it offers a wonderful view

of the city and the surrounding countryside.

Castillo de Monteagudo is on the outskirts of Murcia with a big statue of Jesus Christ and a museum under it. It was built in the 11th century. From this castle it is possible to walk to the ruin of Islamic castle **Castillo del Rey Lobo**. It was a big Islamic fortress but now it is a ruin surrounded by orange, lemon and pomegranate trees.

Culture and Traditions

Murcia is famous for its festivals. One of the most important celebrations is the Spring Festival, which takes place after Easter. During this time, there are parades, traditional clothes, music, and local food. The local cuisine is very tasty. People often eat fresh vegetables, rice dishes, and seafood. Because the region grows many fruits and vegetables, the food is fresh and healthy.



Murcia also has a **university**, so there are many young people in the city. This makes the atmosphere lively and modern, especially at night when students go out to meet friends.

Nature and surroundings

The region around Murcia is very beautiful. There are mountains, natural parks, and beaches not far away. The Mar Menor, a large saltwater lagoon near the Mediterranean Sea, is a popular place for swimming and water sports. Murcia is a city full of sunshine, history, and culture. It is not as



famous as Madrid or Barcelona, but that makes it special and less crowded. Visitors can enjoy beautiful monuments, delicious food, and friendly people. Murcia is a great place to learn about Spanish history and relax at the same time.

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