

What to do in the Marina?

If you'll allow me to make a recommendation, here are a few, but the area is magical, full of ever-changing places waiting to be discovered...

Beaches

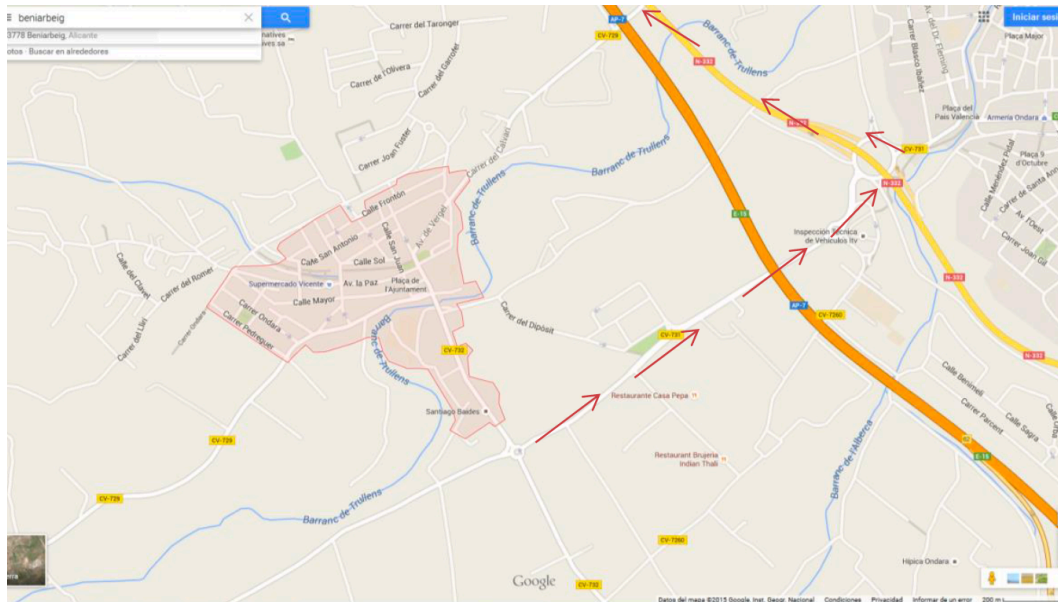
In Denia:

Denia has about 20km of beach and is divided into 2 areas:

- To the right of Denia are "Las Rotas" (about 7km) with rocky beaches, ideal for scuba diving with tanks or snorkeling. They are very peaceful and offer wonderful landscapes.
- To the left, you have "Las Marinas," which have sandy beaches. The best sandy beaches are at the far end of Las Marinas. These are natural sandy beaches and not as crowded. Right where the road of Las Marinas ends at the Molinell River, the beach is excellent, and there are restaurants along the road.

For quick access from Beniarbeig, it's best to take the road to Ondara and, just before entering Ondara, take the roundabout and head towards Valencia. This is like a direct bypass to the beach. Take the second exit that says "Denia Playas," and you can either stay at the first beaches or go to the left all the way to the end of the road where the Molinell River is. I'm providing a link with information about the beach and a map to help you better understand:

<http://www.denia.net/ver/134/Les-Deveses.html>



In Benitachell:



In Cumbre del Sol, you'll find my favorite cove: Moraig Cove in Benitachell. Since it's a bit more remote, go with the intention of spending the entire day. Bring a cooler, an umbrella, and if you can, a small foldable chair since it's pebbly. The beach bar is expensive. It's better to go on weekdays because it gets crowded on weekends. You have to reserve parking in advance, otherwise you won't be able to go down. Nudism is practiced at the far end, but if you stay closer to the beginning, you won't see anything in case you don't like it.

In Javea:

You have two coves and Arenal, which is the only sandy spot but tends to be crowded.

- Granadella Cove
- Portichol Cove: This one is small, but you have a beachfront restaurant where, if you arrive early, you can order a paella. It's not the best in the world, but it's nice to have it while looking out at the sea in a unique setting. In the photo, you can see the cove at the northernmost part and then the restaurant below... those rooftops are from the restaurant.

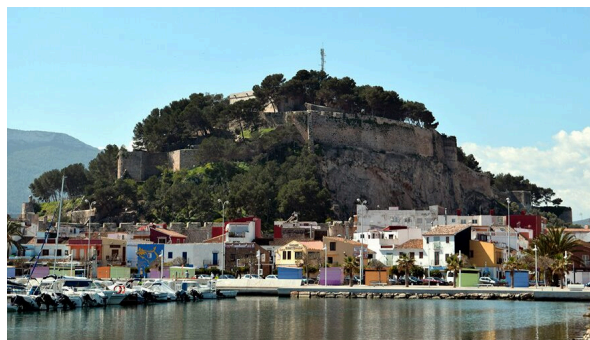


Places of Touristic Interest

- Cabo de San Antonio Lighthouse. Denia-Javea Road



- Denia Castle and Archaeological Museum.



- Cabo la Nao in Javea.
- Skull Caves of Benidoleig.
- Bullring of Ondara.
- Old Town of Dénia and Javea.
- Pego Marjal: The wetland is an extensive coastal marsh separated from the sea by a long sandy bar.



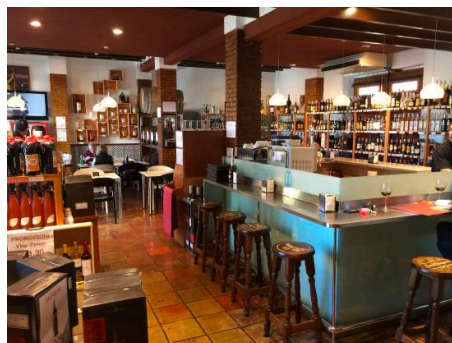
- Moraira Castle, beaches and surroundings.



Restaurants

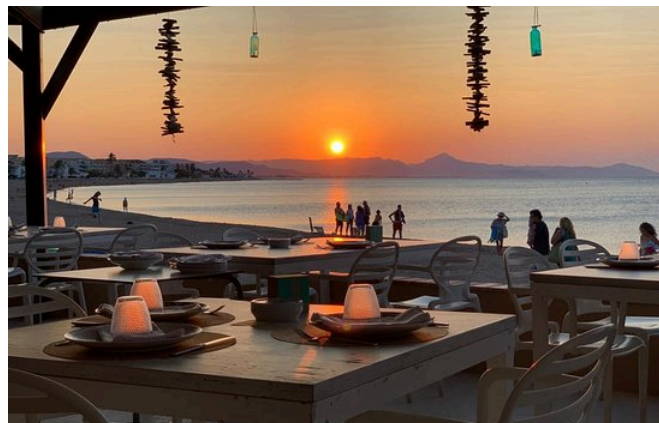
In Denia:

- Morning snack at 11:00 am at Denia's market with 'cocas' de Dacsa.
- TAPAS: Night or midday stop: BODEGA DEL PUERTO. They offer wine and cured meat pairings from both local and foreign sources, which are excellent. Very good quality/price ratio. Try the 'cocas' with sobrasada or tuna... delicious! Address: Carrer de la Fontanella, 8, 03724 Dénia, Alicante. Phone: 965 78 29 21.



- Loreto Street in Denia, full of bars on a pedestrian street. Check out the menu and step in...
 - Bar DIEGO: Affordable and very good midday menu. Rice dishes with fish or meat and reasonably priced tapas, around €15. Phone: 965788816 - Address: Calle Loreto, 21.
 - Els Tomaset: Also serving typical local tapas.
 - MIGUEL JUAN is very good but slightly pricier.
 - El Redolí: Complete lunch menu, average quality and affordable.

- Pizzeria Restaurant San Giuseppe in Dénia: 966432172. They serve pizzas, pasta, and giant meat dishes with a very good price-quality ratio. It's a place to go for dinner, try to get a table on the terrace and make a reservation because it's often full.
- Bar Bus in the bus station square. Very good food, serving typical local tapas (Cocas de Dacsa, sepia combinations, Valencian meatballs, figatell, etc.) at an affordable price for the quality, although the surrounding area is not particularly beautiful. At noon, they offer different rice dishes for a fixed price per person, and they include salad and a tapa. Address: Plaza del Archiduque Carlos, 4, 03700 Dénia, Alicante. Phone: 965 78 11 37.
- El Eriçó del Trampolí: Owned by the same proprietors as Bar Bus, but it's located on the beachfront at Las Rotas. The prices are a bit higher, but the quality is better. Phone: 965 786 498.
- Hotel Restaurante Noguera: Located right on the seafront, it's a fantastic place to watch a sunset, for example. At midday, you can take a swim and then enjoy a paella while looking at the sea. Address: Carrer Llac Major, 3, 03700 Dénia, Alicante. Phone: 966 47 56 50. Next to it is also the Estanyó Restaurant.



- El Raset is a great place for lunch, and it's also enjoyable at night. It's right in front of the harbor, and you'll find many restaurants there. Don't miss the charming little streets behind that also have bars; it's the fisherman's neighborhood.
- El Pegolí: They serve rice dishes on Las Rotas beach. This restaurant has a long tradition, but it's on the pricier side. Phone: 965781035. Address: Calle Fénix 13, Las Rotas, by the sea, 03700 Denia, Spain.
- Helios: Overlooking the sea in Las Rotas. A classic spot, even if just for coffee. The views are breathtaking.



- Pont Sec: They make local "cocas" at a very reasonable price. Located at Camí Vell de Gandia, km1.
- Venta la Posa: Located at Partida Fredat, 9, Dénia. Phone: +34 965 78 46 72. They serve Valencian cuisine and it's a family-friendly option.

In Beniarbeig:

- Asador Restaurant El Baret del Bus: they make high-quality grilled meats and fish and quality, affordable tap. The place is very beautiful with views of the River. Telephone: 622379023
- El Coratje: They serve typical local dishes, rice dishes, and couscous.
- Bar de los Jubilados: Great midday menu, and a pleasant terrace.
- Cal Nay: Good for takeaway sandwiches. They used to have a very reasonably priced midday menu, but the quality has declined.

En Ondara:

- Restaurante Valero: A place to avoid cooking while on vacation. They offer a midday menu from Monday to Friday with a very good price-quality ratio. It's best to dine inside with air conditioning. Address: Av. Alacant, 49. Phone: 965 76 66 88.
- Bar Gallego: Known for its tapas. Located at Av. del Dr. Fleming, 35.
- Tas-tam: A bit more gourmet. Plaça del Pais Valencià, 12. Phone: 966 47 76 95.

En Benimeli:

- Only in the summer, there's a poolside chiringuito that's quite nice for a late afternoon visit. Live music on Sundays. Address: Partida Huertas s/n. Phone: 606 43 15 24.

En Orba:

- Pizzeria de la Piscina: Offers excellent quality for the price. It's run by an Italian who has been in the business for years and won a national pizza competition a few years ago. Reservations are recommended. In case you're staying at the house and feel like going there one night or for lunch. There's a playground. Address: Calle Partida Marjal, 6. Phone: 965 58 33 72.

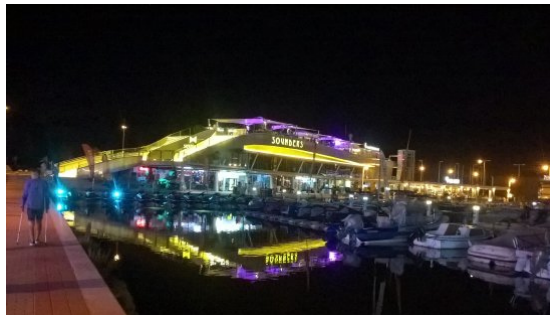
En els Poblets:

- My sister hosts a gastronomic tasting at her house. She has a very pleasant courtyard for a long evening. If you're interested in trying something different, I can put you in touch. Tasting menu with dessert is €27 per guest, and you can bring your own beverages.
- TRESMALL: Serving rice dishes with a view of the sea. Their paella is incredibly fine, and the tapas, starters, and everything else are exquisite. The dried octopus is delicious.
- Restaurante HERO: A classic with international cuisine, offering dishes like duck breast and homemade desserts in a cozy courtyard or a lounge with brick arches. Everything is meticulously prepared and well-crafted. Located at Platja Almadrava. Reservations recommended: 966 47 45 69.

Nightlife drinks

In Denia:

- In the area in front of the harbor: You have the LA MAR SERENA terrace and ZENSA for your first drinks.
- In the Denia Marina area (you'll need to drive there): ZENSA and BUDA... they're on the pier next to the yachts. ZENSA has lounges to relax and a cool illuminated pool in the center.
- SOUNDERS, a trendy nightclub that gets crowded after 2 AM. Also located in the harbor area.



- Inside the town: On Calle la Mar, there are many bars for drinks, but it's more of a winter spot. The only one that's open in the summer is La Chica de Ayer because it has an interior terrace.
- Condado: The place to party starting from 2-3 AM. It used to be an old cinema. The facilities are good, but the music is very commercial.

In Javea:

- In the Arenal, there are several bars for drinks.
- In the area of the pebbly beach: Beach bars like La Siesta and L'Aigua... very pleasant.
- A Chill: A modern beachfront nightclub. Open until 6 in the morning.

Plans with children

- Via Verde Denia: A pleasant place for a walk, go for a run, or bike ride along the orange fields.
- Autocinema: Affordable and nostalgic, you can watch two movies for the price of one and have sandwiches and hamburgers for dinner while watching the film. You can bring your own folding chairs and a camping table.



- Kayaking: www.kayakdenia.com. They offer excursions to Cova Tallada and Granadella Cove in Javea.
- Inflatable Water Park Dénia, located on Carrer Consolat del Mar.



- Toy Museum: Free admission. Located at C. Calderón, 2, Denia.
- KARTS: Located at Km 206, N-332, 46780 Oliva, Valencia, Spain. Phone: +34 962 85 59 09.
- Jet Skiing: There are several companies. It's best to call and inquire about their offers.
- Mundo Marino: Mundo Marino Catamaran Denia | Boat Excursions in Denia - Esplanada Cervantes, 23, 03700 Dénia, Alicante, Spain. Phone: +34 966 42 30 66.
- In Benidorm (a half-hour drive away), you have the Terra Mítica theme park and the Aqualandia Water Park.

Have something sweet

In Denia:

If you fancy something sweet in the middle of the afternoon or after dinner while you're in Denia, try:

- Waffles at 5 y pico: Made by a Belgian for 40 years... they are amazing. [Link: <http://www.denia.com/5-y-pico-gofres-y-crepes/>]
- Horchata at Heladería Verdú on Campos Street or at Miquel's Ice Cream Shop... both are good, but Miquel's is a bit more expensive. Or you can get ice cream.

In Ondara:

- There's the Victoria pastry shop. They make delicious mille-feuille pastries but have a wide variety of treats. They are fourth-generation pastry chefs, and people from Valencia come here specifically to buy or order cakes. Address: Plaça Nou d'Octubre, 1, 03760 Ondara, Alicante. Phone: 687 57 38 69

Shopping malls and supermarkets

Supermarket Vicente:

In Beniarbeig, there's a small supermarket for buying basic items, but it doesn't open on Sundays or at midday. It's located at Avinguda de la Pau, 26. They have very good local fruits and vegetables.

Benimercat Express:

Avinguda de Dénia, 15 - Open every day from 9:00 AM to 9:30 PM.

Street Market:

On Tuesdays, there is a fruit and vegetable market in the town hall square in the morning.

Portal de la Marina Shopping Center:

To 5-minute drive away. It has everything - Carrefour, Aldi, ECO Supermarket, Zara, Mango, mini cinemas, food options, Eroski, etc.

Mercadona: In Ondara, there is a large Mercadona located at Calle Doctor Barraquer, 2.

Winter plans - Inland towns

If you have a bad beach day or feel like seeing different things, you can go on very cool excursions to both Barranco del Infierno and Coll de Rates. You can also go in the summer if you get tired of the beach.

Day in Jalon - Tárben

Spend your Saturday morning at the Jalón flea market, and don't forget to buy mistela and local wines at the wineries across from the market. If you visit the butchers, they have delicious cured meats like sobrasada, garrón, and dried blood sausage – local delicacies.

- Embutidos y fiambres Segui: Calle Mayor, 28
- Carnes y embutidos Galán: Virgen 12, (03727) Jalón, Alicante

Afterward, make a reservation for paella at Ca Pelut in Tarbena, which is perched high in the mountains near Benidorm. You can see it from there if you drive down the other side. The place offers stunning views from lookout points and also from the restaurant. It has a very cozy and welcoming atmosphere.

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Excursion to Benimaurell

- Hiking in Barranco del Infierno: [Link: <https://meraviglia.es/ruta-del-barranco-del-infierno-desde-benimaurell-alicante/>]



If you don't feel like walking but still want to enjoy the valley's views, you can drive up to the top and reserve a table at Venta El Collao. Phone: 649 590 538. Email: ventadelcollao@hotmail.com. You can enjoy a menu with several dishes to choose from in an idyllic location. Their Duck and Mushroom Noodles are incredible. Once you arrive in Benimaurell, just ask for this place and follow a road for about 2 km until you reach it. You'll feel like you're at the end of the world before you get there.