

About Torrevieja



Torrevieja is a seaside town located some 25 miles south of Alicante Airport at the southerly tip of Costa Blanca (white coast). Torrevieja has virtually no hotels and does not therefore suffer the problems often associated with the mass tourist market. This makes Torrevieja a much sought after area for families, especially as it boasts most of the popular tourist facilities, whilst remaining safe and orderly throughout the year.



The town church is a neoclassical nineteenth century construction which houses the image of the town's revered patron saint, the Immaculate Virgin. It was built on the ruins on an earlier structure which was destroyed in an earthquake.



The revenue received from this development has been reinvested to provide an impressive range of modern facilities and services. Underground car parks have been built to prevent the town becoming jammed with vehicles, and the promenades have been repaved and fountains constructed.



Torrevieja means 'Old Tower' (Torre Vieja), its history began in the early 18th century. Around 1759 a little settlement was formed around a tower, formerly used by soldiers as a watchtower for the castle, called 'Torre del Moro'. This was used in the Middle Ages to warn the coastal inhabitants of attacks by Barbary pirates. Fishermen who lived near this place discovered the amazing quality and quantity of fish around the area and formed the settlement. Because of this history, Torrevieja is one of the most important places of tourist interest all over the Mediterranean coast.



With its long maritime tradition and its privileged climate and beaches, it has become a leading tourist destination. Torrevieja has grown a lot during the past twenty years giving rise to large new development projects; however, a regime of strict building control measures has ensured that the new has blended with the old. Today the town is a bustling seaside resort with an attractive seafront promenade. Among the interesting places to visit is the Casino, an eclectic early twentieth century building broadly Art Nouveau in style. It is notable for its elegant ballroom and wonderful Mozarabic style lounge. A popular landmark is the Moor's Tower. It is fourteenth century construction, 9 meters in diameter, and the centrepiece of a pretty municipal park next to the sea. Torrevieja has excellent amenities.



Beaches

It is impossible to talk about Torrevieja without mentioning its beaches. With fine sand and crystal clear waters, they are without doubt the most frequented along this Mediterranean coast. Torrevieja has more than 12 km of beaches along its coastline. Most have held the "European Blue Flag for Clean Seas" for several years, awarded for their quality and excellent installations.



La Mata, Los Locos, El Cura, El Acequión and Los Náufragosis together make up the beaches of the Torrevieja coastline. The Playa de Los Locos (Madmen's beach!) is probably the busiest of all the beaches and is best avoided during July & August. Our personal favourite is the beach at La Mata. This is a nice sandy beach, stretching for approx 2 km with pleasant walks along its promenade, or along the waters edge. The choice is yours – best advice is probably just to explore for yourself.

Leisure Pursuits

Whatever the reason for your choice of holiday break, Torrevieja has everything to ensure that your holiday is both relaxing and enjoyable. Thanks to its warm, dry climate a whole host of open-air leisure activities are possible in Torrevieja. Diving, windsurfing and rowing is on offer while away from the water, there is a aeronautical club, tennis, sauna and international class golf courses. For the less sporty, there are also numerous Spanish and international restaurants and a vibrant nightlife.



Among the many opportunities for recreation, relaxation and amusement, which the town places at the disposal of all its visitors is one of the best Yacht Clubs in Spain.

An international marina has berths for 1,500 boats making it one of the largest in the Mediterranean, and a prestigious yacht club, the Real Club Náutico de Torrevieja. The facilities here were used in the pre-Olympic trials for the Barcelona games in 1992.



The large municipal sports centre, with covered courts, tennis, fronton, athletics and sauna, is just a short walk from the apartment. The sports centre includes all the facilities you would expect of a modern leisure centre, including a superb indoor swimming pool.





There is also a municipal football stadium, bullring, Water Park, fairground, theatre, several cinemas, etc – in fact there are too many places of interest to mention here!

You may also wish to visit the large theme park called Terra Mitica, which is located just south of Benidorm. This is a fairly straight forward journey north from Torre Vieja on the coast road (N332).

More information and prices on the theme park can be found at:
www.terramiticapark.com/ingles_main.html





The history of Torre Vieja is to a large extent centred on the nearby twin lagoons of La Mata and Torre Vieja. The two lakes are separated by just over a kilometre, Torre Vieja is the larger lake, but La Mata has been historically the more important. The salt lakes traditionally belonged to the crown and served as royal hunting grounds. The king however granted hunting licenses and concessions to local allies. Both the salt lakes lie below sea level, and today are a natural park and a protected area for birds. The wetlands provide an important habitat for flamingos, hoopoes and storks. There is an information centre in the park.

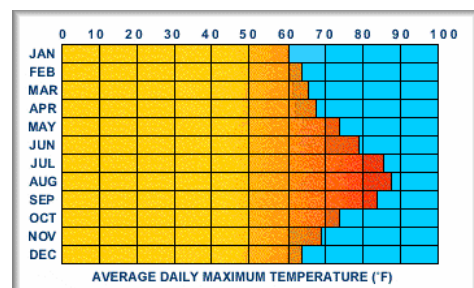
Climate

The climate is typical for this region of the Mediterranean. However, what makes Torre Vieja unique is the healthy micro-climate produced as a result of the two large salt lakes surrounding the city. The local micro-climate is a particularly healthy one and has been recommended by medical specialists the world over. It is of special value to Arthritis sufferers



Weather

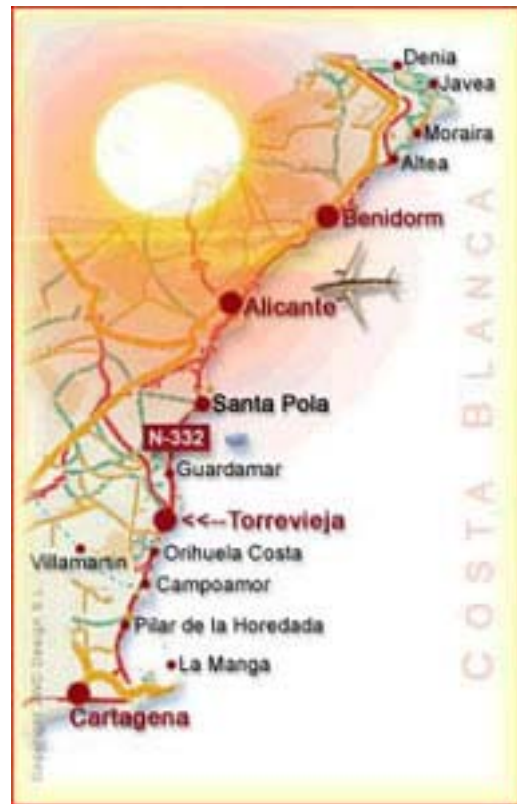
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	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
	15°C	14°C	15°C	19°C	20°C	21°C	22°C	23°C	22°C	20°C	18°C	15°C



The tables above give you some indication of the temperatures you may experience throughout the year: Torre Vieja enjoys over 320 days of sunshine per year, and just 20 days of rainfall – that's less than 2 days rain per month! Most rainfall is likely between January and February (but still nothing like the UK – and temperatures will be on average 18°C).

N.B. Bring along some warm clothing during the winter months – the nights can seem a little chilly after the warm sunshine of the day (heaters and duvets are available in the apartment should you require them)!

Where is Torrevieja?



Torrevieja is located between Alicante (to the North) and Cartagena (to the South). There are two airports servicing this Region – Alicante and Murcia. Both airports are approximately 35 kms from Torrevieja. Whether travelling from Alicante or Murcia, Torrevieja is accessed from the main coast road – the N332.