

Alicante, Valencia, Spain

Sun-drenched and walkable, Alicante rewards cruise visitors with a Moorish hilltop fortress, the wave-patterned Explanada promenade, a beach right by the port entrance, and tapas bars that open for lunch right when you need them.

Docked (deep-water berths)

Typical call: 6–9 hrs

Euro (€)

Spanish (Valencian)

MY DAY IN PORT

Ship/Date: _____ Arrive: _____ All aboard: _____

Excursion: _____ Notes: _____

GETTING ASHORE

Docking: Berthed at the cruise quay (Muelle 14); free shuttle ~1.5 km to port gate

Best For: History, beaches, tapas, easy day-trips to Elche or Tabarca Island

Walk to center: 15–20 min on foot from port gate; Explanada is the landmark to aim for

Don't Miss: Santa Bárbara Castle — free entry, 360° coastal views (lift ~€3)

Getting around: Taxi €5–€7 · Rideshare Uber, Bolt · Hop-on hop-off Alicante Turibus

TOP THINGS TO DO

- Santa Bárbara Castle** — Alicante's defining landmark crowns Mount Benacantil with 360° views over the city, port, and Costa Blanca.
- Old Town (Barrio de Santa Cruz) & Explanada** — Wander the colorful flower-pot lanes of Santa Cruz, drop into the Gothic Basilica de Santa María, then stroll the Explanada de España — 6.6 million...
- Playa del Postiguet** — Blue-flag city beach just east of the port entrance.
- Tabarca Island Day Trip** — Spain's only inhabited marine reserve sits 11 nautical miles offshore.
- Elche & the Palmeral** — 30 km southwest lies Elche, home to the largest palm grove in Europe — a UNESCO World Heritage Site with over 200,000 date palms.

BEST WALKS

- Port Gate to Castle Loop** 3–4 km | 2–3 hrs | Moderate (uphill to castle) — From Plaza Puerta del Mar, walk along the marina to the Explanada de España, then head inland to the Basilica de Santa María.
- Market & Tapas Stroll** 1.5 km | 1 hr | Easy — A flat, leisurely loop through the city center.

WEATHER · DAYLIGHT · MONEY

CLIMATE (AVG °F · RAINY DAYS)

	Mon	High	Low	Rain
Apr		68°	55°	6d
Jun		81°	68°	2d
Aug		86°	75°	3d
Sep		82°	70°	7d
Oct		75°	63°	6d

DAYLIGHT & MONEY

Apr 7:26AM–8:38PM · Jun 6:38AM–9:27PM · Aug 7:16AM–8:55PM · Sep 7:43AM–8:09PM · Oct 8:11AM–7:23PM

Euro (€)

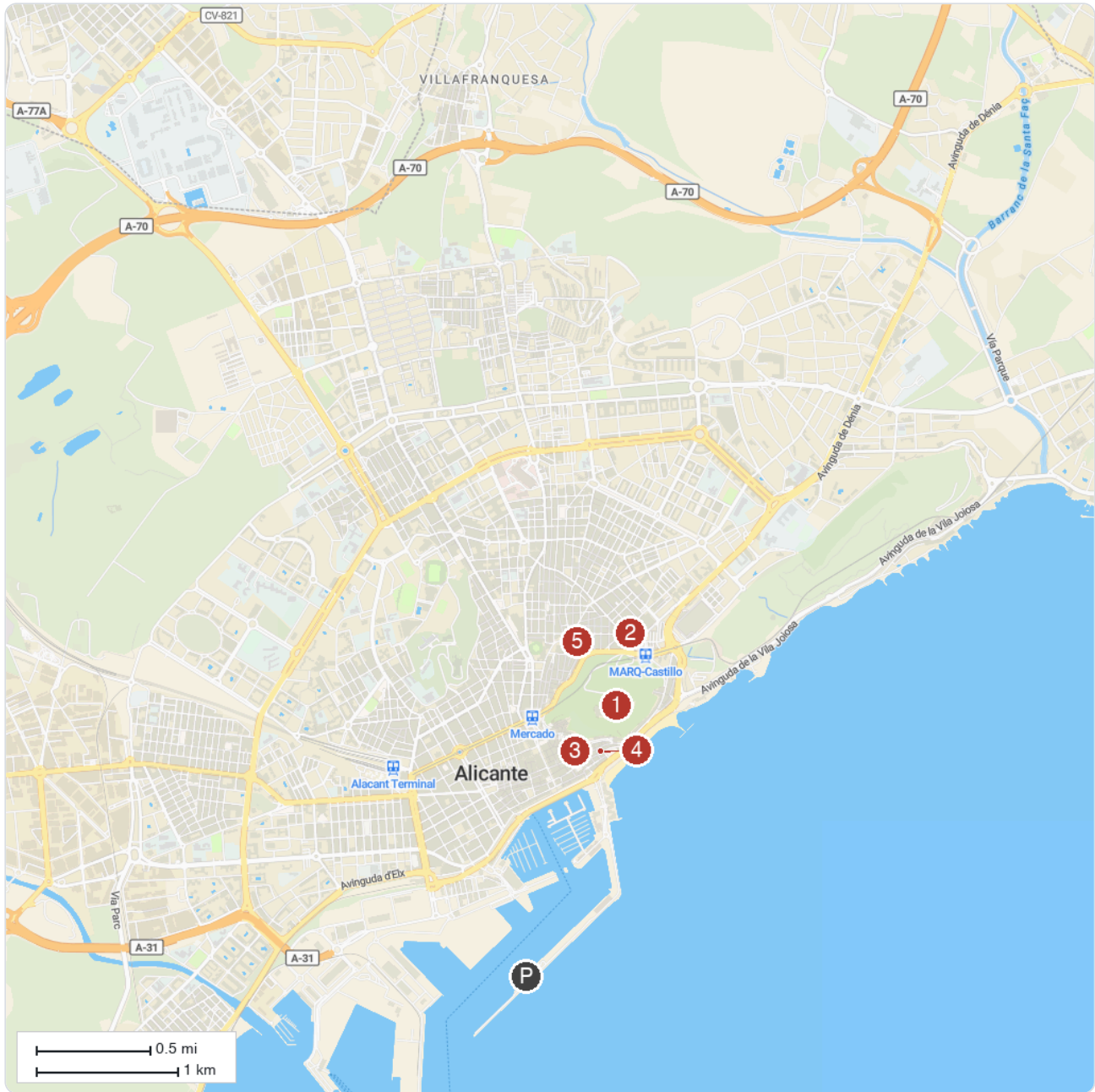
KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- Free shuttle is your friend. Don't skip it — the walk from the actual ship berth to the port gate along the quay is over a kilometre in open sun.
- July–August gets very hot. Start with the castle early, then cool down at Postiguet Beach in the afternoon. Morning calls are more comfortable than afternoon.
- Tabarca Island needs time. The ferry takes about 50–60 min each way. Only attempt it if you have 5+ hours ashore and know your all-aboard time precisely.
- Cash isn't critical but handy. Cards accepted almost everywhere; a little cash is useful at beach bars and market stalls. ATMs near Explanada.
- Fiesta de Sant Joan is late June. If in port around June 20–24, expect crowds and spectacular bonfires citywide — one of Spain's best festivals (the Hogueras de Alicante).
- Lunch is 2–4 PM local. Restaurants don't rush; if you want a proper sit-down meal, plan to eat late by cruise standards or grab tapas at a bar counter instead.

Alicante, Valencia, Spain — Port Map

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Red = walkable sights · Amber = excursions farther out · P = cruise terminal. Numbers match the order you'd typically visit.



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| 1 Castle of Santa Barbara | Historic medieval castle on a mountain overlooking Alicante. | 2 Archaeological Museum of Alicante | Award-winning museum showcasing Alicante's archaeological history. |
| 3 Consell Regulador Denominació d'Origen Vins d'Alacant | Discover Alicante's protected regional wines and their history. | 4 Basilica of St Mary of Alicante | Alicante's oldest active church, a beautiful Gothic basilica. |
| 5 Las Cigarreras | Former tobacco factory now a vibrant cultural center. | P Cruise port / terminal | |