

Almería, Andalusia, Spain

Where Moorish fortresses meet Europe's only true desert — and every drink comes with a free tapa.

⚓ Docked (Muelle de Levante)

🕒 Typical call: 8-10 hrs

🇪🇺 Euro (€)

🇪🇸 Spanish

🍷 MY DAY IN PORT

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

GETTING ASHORE

Docking: All ships dock at Muelle de Levante — no tender required

Walk to center: ~15-20 min (1.5 km) to Plaza Vieja; taxis also available at pier

Best For: History buffs, foodies (free tapas culture), desert & nature lovers

Don't Miss: Alcazaba fortress, free tapas on Calle Lope de Vega, Cabo de Gata

🚗 Getting around: 🚗 **Taxi** ✅ €5-10 center; tours €40-60 per taxi

TOP THINGS TO DO

- **Alcazaba & Cathedral Fortress** — The Alcazaba is Spain's second-largest Moorish fortress (after the Alhambra), perched above the city with sweeping sea views.
- **Tabernas Desert & Mini Hollywood** — Europe's only true desert, 30 min from the port.
- **Cabo de Gata-Níjar Natural Park** — A protected volcanic coastline with hidden coves, crystal-clear water and near-zero development.
- **Free Tapas Crawl** — Almería has one of Spain's last remaining free-tapas cultures — order a drink and a tapa arrives automatically.
- **Civil War Air-Raid Shelters** — Over 4 km of tunnels dug under the city to shelter 40,000 residents from Franco-era bombing raids.

BEST WALKS

- **Port to Plaza Vieja & Cathedral** 1.5 km | ~20 min | flat — Walk west from the port gate along the Paseo de Almería, the main shopping boulevard, to Plaza Vieja (Plaza de la Constitución), then a block south to the Cathedral.
- **Alcazaba Climb & Old Town Loop** 2.5 km | ~60-75 min | moderate uphill — From the Cathedral, follow signs uphill to the Alcazaba entrance.

WEATHER · DAYLIGHT · MONEY

🌡️ CLIMATE (AVG °F · RAINY DAYS)

	High	Low	Rain
Mon	71°	56°	5d
Apr	71°	56°	5d
Jun	84°	70°	1d
Aug	90°	76°	1d
Sep	84°	70°	3d
Oct	77°	63°	3d

🇪🇸 DAYLIGHT & 🇪🇺 MONEY

Apr 7:35AM–8:44PM · Jun 6:50AM–9:30PM · Aug 7:27AM–9:00PM ·
Sep 7:52AM–8:16PM · Oct 8:17AM–7:32PM
Euro (€)

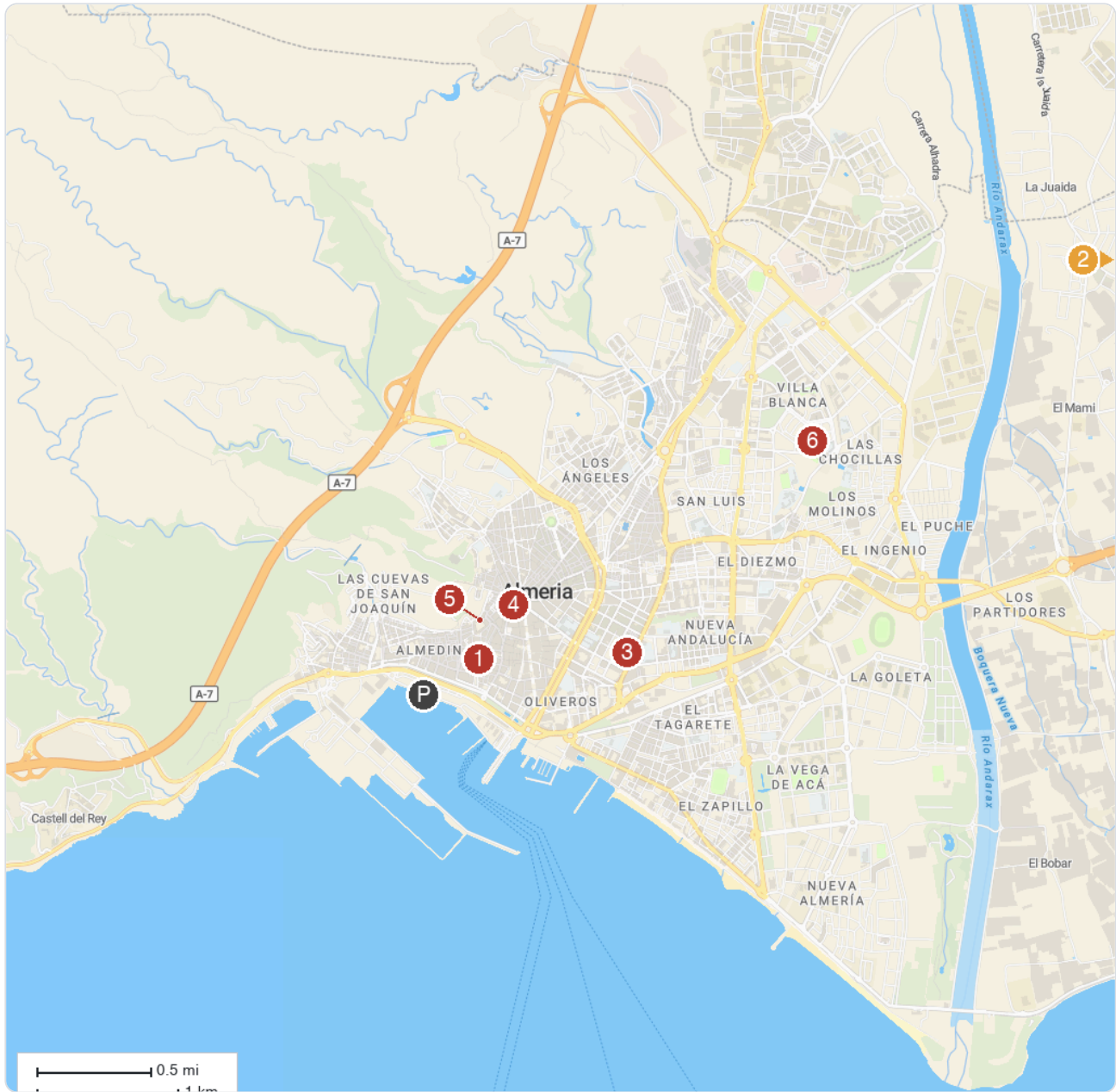
KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- Free tapas culture: In Almería, ordering any drink at a traditional bar earns you a free tapa. This is increasingly rare in Spain — take advantage. Avoid tourist-facing restaurants near the port for this experience.
- Sun and heat: Almería is one of the driest cities in Europe. Summer calls are extremely hot (35°C+). Carry water, start early, and take shelter during midday.
- Tabernas timing: Allow at least 4-5 hrs for the desert excursion. Stunt shows at MiniHollywood run on a schedule — check times when you arrive or you may miss them.
- Alhambra caveats: Granada is 1.5-2 hrs away and entry tickets are timed/limited — never show up without a booking. Only attempt this on a long call (10+ hrs) and with a guided tour that guarantees your return.
- Cash useful: Many tapas bars and small markets prefer cash. ATMs are plentiful in the city center; avoid the ones immediately outside the port gate (higher fees).
- El Cable Inglés: The 1904 iron ore pier (English Pier) is a ~10-15 min walk (about 1 km) from the cruise dock — a striking industrial landmark worth a quick look on your way into town.

Almería, Andalusia, 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 Cathedral
Encarnación de Almería | Almería's fortified cathedral, a unique blend of church and fortress. | 2 El Boticario | Secluded beach cove in Cabo de Gata-Níjar Natural Park. |
| 3 Museo de Almería | Provincial museum showcasing Almería's archaeology and history. | 4 Refugios de la Guerra Civil Española de Almería | Underground air-raid shelters from the Spanish Civil War. |
| 5 Heritage Interpretation Center of Almería | Center interpreting Almería's rich heritage and history. | 6 Casa del Cine Almería | Museum dedicated to Almería's rich film history. |
| P Cruise port / terminal | | | |