

# EUROVELO 8

## MEDITERRANEAN ROUTE REGION OF MURCIA



Región de Murcia

### Bolnuevo

Puntas de Calnegre	14,1	Pto. de Mazarrón	6,1
Calabardina	38,7	Tallante	22,2
Aguilas	47,1	Perin	27,1



Región de Murcia Costa Cálida



## WHAT MEANS EUROVELO?

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The foolproof option to get active, experience incredible landscapes and connect with the purest nature at the same time has its own name: EuroVelo. It is a network of 17 long-distance cycle routes that connects the European continent. Thousands of kilometers of cycle lanes, paths and greenways to enjoy cycling to the fullest.



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## EUROVELO GOALS

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-Promoting travel and sustainable tourism by fostering economic, environmental and social care.

-Ensuring the development of high quality European cycle routes in all European countries, collecting best European practices to implement across the continent and harmonizing standards across all routes.

-Promoting the brand and name of EuroVelo routes according to published standards.

-Providing Europe-wide information on the EuroVelo route network and national cycle routes.

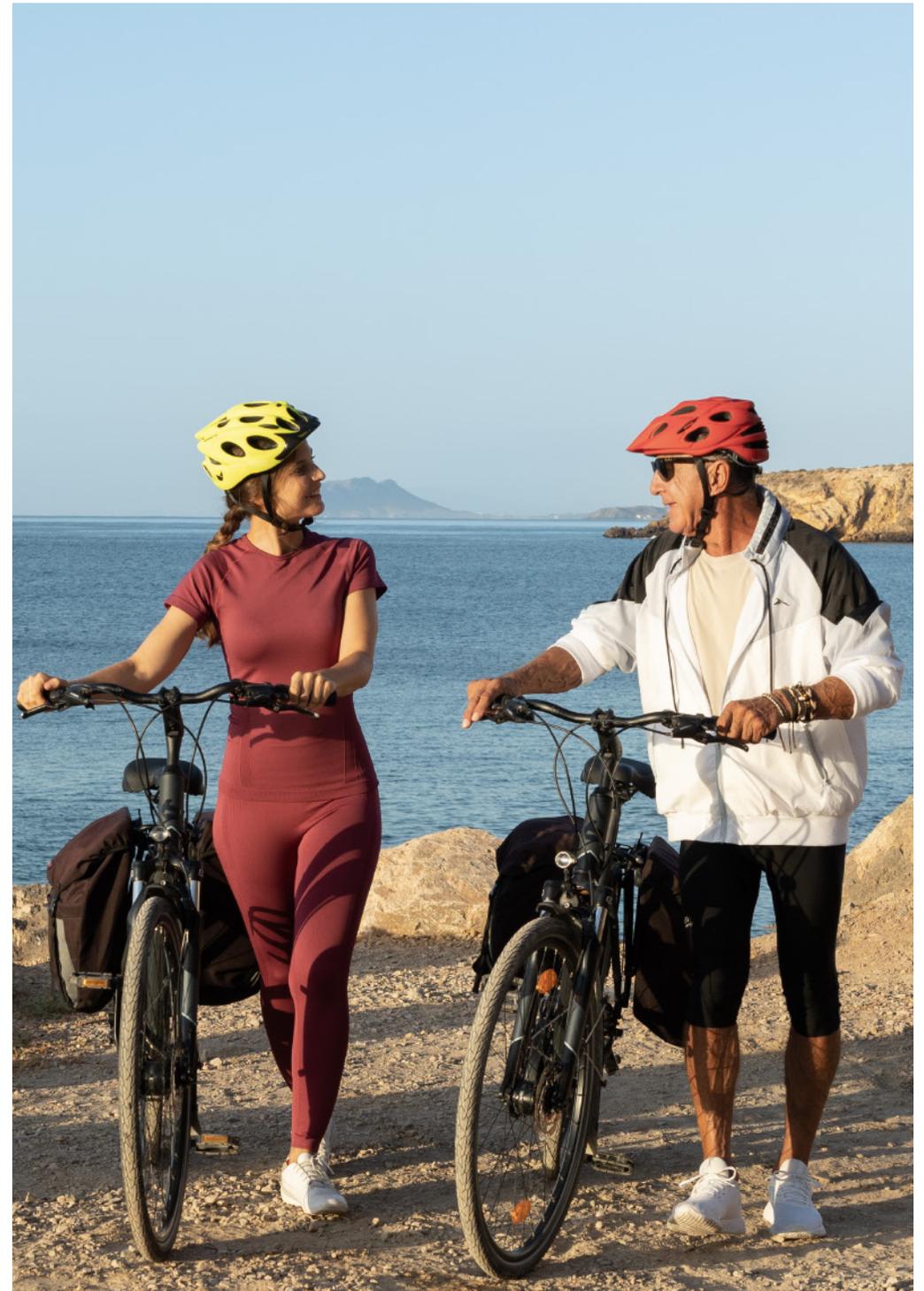
-Supporting the development of national coordination centers for the EuroVelo and national routes.

-Promoting the exchange of information, experiences and best practices between European states and regions, boosting high-quality cycle tourism strategies and infrastructures.

-Broadcasting the existence of these routes to decision makers and potential users, promoting their use and providing an important call port for information on cycling in Europe.

-The aim is to encourage as many European citizens as possible to cycle, promoting a shift towards healthy and sustainable travel, both for daily commuting and cycling tourism.

*The implementation and quality assurance of EuroVelo is coordinated by the European Cyclists Federation (ECF) in collaboration with the EuroVelo Coordinators and Coordination Centers (C/CCEV). In the case of Spain, the CCEV is integrated into ConBici, Coordinator for the Defense of the Bicycle, which brings together 70 cycling associations and groups from all over Spain.*





## EUROVELO 8 MEDITERRANEAN ROUTE

Everything is at your disposal to discover Europe by bike. Touring the EuroVelo 8 Mediterranean Route. Stretching from the coast of Andalusia to the island of Cyprus and covering the coast of Spain, France, Italy, Slovenia, Croatia, Montenegro, Albania, Greece, Turkey and Cyprus. A length of 7,560 km divided into 15 sections.

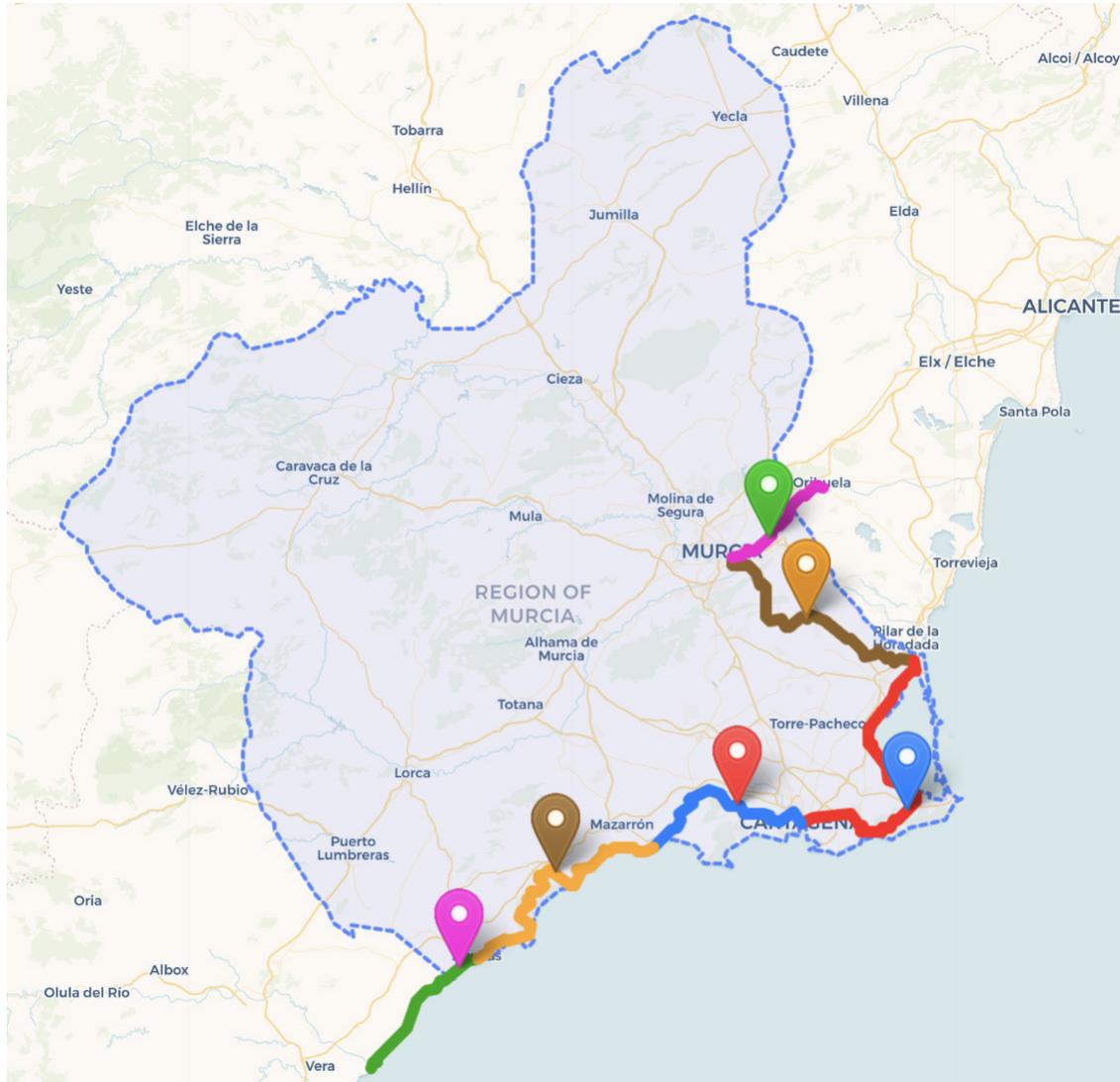
Let yourself be conquered by the unique charm of the destinations bathed in the Mediterranean Sea in Europe. Culture, nature, gastronomy... Find it all on your route through EuroVelo. A real unforgettable experience!



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# EUROVELO 8 THROUGH THE REGION OF MURCIA

The EuroVelo route, as it passes through the Region of Murcia, has 117 km of path divided into 6 stages.



## EUROVELO 8 - REGION OF MURCIA STAGE 16. ALMERÍA PROVINCE - ÁGUILAS

DIFFICULTY

6.40 km

66 m



## EUROVELO 8 - REGION OF MURCIA STAGE 17. ÁGUILAS - PUERTO DE MAZARRÓN

DIFFICULTY

53.20 km

817 m



## EUROVELO 8 - REGION OF MURCIA STAGE 18. PUERTO DE MAZARRÓN - CARTAGENA

DIFFICULTY

37.20 km

585 m



## EUROVELO 8 - REGION OF MURCIA STAGE 19. CARTAGENA - SAN PEDRO DEL PINATAR

DIFFICULTY

58.20 km

569 m



## EUROVELO 8 - REGION OF MURCIA STAGE 20. SAN PEDRO DEL PINATAR - MURCIA

DIFFICULTY

48.50 km

482 m



## EUROVELO 8 - REGION OF MURCIA STAGE 21. MURCIA - ALICANTE PROVINCE

DIFFICULTY

14,60 km

90 m





# STAGES AND LOCATIONS:

- **6 STAGES**
- **9 MUNICIPALITIES CROSSED**
- **5 FINAL LOCATIONS OR START OF STAGE:**
  - ÁGUILAS
  - EL PUERTO DE MAZARRÓN
  - CARTAGENA
  - SAN PEDRO DEL PINATAR
  - MURCIA
- **2 DECLARED HISTORIC SITES**
- **10 PROTECTED NATURAL AREAS**





EUROVELO 8 - REGION OF MURCIA

## STAGE 16. ALMERIA PROVINCE - ÁGUILAS

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Leaving behind the province of Almeria and the area of San Juan de los Terrenos, and passing through the municipality of Pulpí, we begin the first stage of EuroVelo 8 in the Region of Murcia, one of the shortest on the circuit.

And what better to begin this spectacular cycle tourism route than by crossing a protected landscape such as Cuatro Calas in the first few kilometres on the road.

Entering the town of Calarreona we'll enjoy the protection of bike lanes to connect with a stretch of dirt road on the Playa de la Cañada del Negro. From here, we'll cross the urban setting of Águilas until reaching the Tourist Office. This is one of the most iconic cycling and triathlon municipalities at the national level.

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## EUROVELO 8 - REGION OF MURCIA

### STAGE 17. ÁGUILAS - PUERTO DE MAZARRÓN

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On this stage, we'll leave from the Tourist Office in Águilas for its urban environment. It's one of the areas with the largest volume of cycle tourism and triathletes in the Region of Murcia. From the Playa de las Delicias, we'll join a stretch of segregated cycle land from the ring road east of Águilas until the parish of Todosol, and we'll continue on the quiet road which crosses Calabardina until Cabo Cope, with some dream views of the sea.

The route then passes through very quiet rural roads, crossing the Regional Park of Cabo Cope y Puntas de Calnegre before connecting with the RM-D20 to face the main challenge of this stage: the climb to Lomo Bas in its gradient from Águilas, 2.8 km long with a demanding average of 7.5% and some slopes more than 10%.

After a well-deserved descent of almost 4 kilometres, we'll continue through the town of Los Curas until finding ourselves back at the sea in Puntas de Calnegre in the municipality of Lorca. Skirting beaches, in one of the typical landscapes of this route, we'll take the road from Punta to Percheles to arrive at one of the moments of highest visual quality of this stage, with several kilometres of dirt roads to the foot of the Sierra de las Moreras which run parallel to the sea and beaches such as Covaticas, Piedra Mala or Rincón de Bolnuevo, a dream for lovers of gravel or mountain biking, until reaching Bolnuevo in Mazarrón. After passing through the town, we'll use Rambla de las Moreras to connect with the avenues of Castellar and D. José Alarcón Palacios, which run parallel to the Mazarrón and Tierno Galván beaches, crossing the urban environment of Puerto de Mazarrón until ending up at the Tourist Office.



53.20 km.



817 m





## EUROVELO 8 - REGION OF MURCIA

### STAGE 18. PUERTO DE MAZARRÓN - CARTAGENA

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In this stage we'll leave from the Puerto de Mazarrón Tourist office via the Playa del Puerto cycle lane to skirt the Playa del Alamillo by road.

We'll connect with the RM-332, where we'll be able to enjoy a hard-shoulder with separators to improve cyclists' safety. Then, we'll face the main climb of the route: towards the town of Tallante, 9 km at an average of 3.65%, a very long ascent with the last kilometre being the most demanding. At the top we'll be able to visit the Hermitage in Tallante. Leaving towards Perín on the E-16, we'll find a short steep slope before being able to visit the church in the town of Cartagena.

We'll approach the town of Canteras via the path of the Natural Space of La Muela, Cabo Tiñoso y Roldán, from which we'll leave through the Tentegorra urbanization towards the park, always looking for the least travelled areas, to head along the road towards Cartagena via the road for pedestrians and bikes among the trees, and connect with the cycle lane before the Palacio de los Deportes. We'll follow this separated cycle lane until we arrive at the Tourist Office, located in the Cartagena Marina zone.



37.20 km.



585 m





## EUROVELO 8 - REGION OF MURCIA

### STAGE 19. CARTAGENA - SAN PEDRO DEL PINATAR

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In this stage, one of the two longest, we'll leave Cartagena Tourist Office via the cycle lane which leaves from the Marina, and cross Batel Park to take the national road which will take us towards La Unión for 8 kilometres.

We turn to the N-345 to face the climb to Cruz Chiquita, 1.7 km at an average of 5.5%, with a good stretch of descent to the town of Portmán.

After this downhill section, it's time to climb again to Atamaría, with 2 km at 5.85%. In addition, we can do this on an authorised cycle lane, for the greatest possible safety. It's a cycling infrastructure which we can continue to enjoy until Los Belones. From here, along the RM-F54, regularly travelled by local cyclists, we'll pass through Los Nietos and Los Urrutias, with continuous views of the Mar Menor.

After a short stretch of national road, we'll enter Los Alcázares on the cycle lane. We'll mostly pass through its urban area on these cycle lanes, promoting user safety along this route, and in this way we'll reach San Javier.

We'll travel more kilometres by cycle lane, first bordering the protected landscape of the wetland Playa de la Hita and second, the General Airforce Academy, teaching centre for the Spanish Air Force and headquarters of the famous Eagle Squad, to then enter the town by Santiago de la Ribera.

After a short visit to the town centre, we'll return to the sea shore and the cycle lanes from the foot of the Real Club de Regatas and we'll be able to admire the different houses from the end of the 19th to the beginning of the 20th century. Now by road, on the Atalayón and Los Castillitos promenades, we'll enter the town of San Pedro del Pinatar and arrive at the Lo Pagán Sailing Club, where there's a cycle path which will connect with better separated and safer infrastructure starting at Playa de Villa Nanitos, until the roundabout at the entrance to the Regional Park of Las Salinas y Arenales de San Pedro del Pinatar, the last stop on this stage.



58.20 km.



569 m





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## STAGE 20. SAN PEDRO DEL PINATAR - MURCIA

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In this stage, we'll depart from the roundabout at the entrance to the Regional Park of Las Salinas y Arenales de San Pedro del Pinatar, we'll go through the municipality's town centre, passing by the Príncipe de Asturias municipal pavilion, in order to depart on rural roads in the direction of El Mirador, in San Javier. From here, along the service road parallel to the motorway between Santomera and San Javier, we'll reach Sucina, now in Murcia. A section with practically no traffic.

Leaving Sucina and passing through Hacienda Riquelme, we'll go along the quiet RM-F19 to La Tercia. Once we've passed this town, we face the main ascent of this stage, the 3.8 km climb to Garruchal at 2.70%, attainable for all levels. We'll descend on the north side, with a beautiful mountain landscape, entering the city of Murcia via Calle Mayor, until we connect with the Vía Verde in San José de la Vega.

We'll provisionally pass under the AVE train bridge towards Los Dolores, and we'll reach the end of the greenway. Along the edge of the track and the Garres path, we'll connect with the cycle lane which will take us to Auditorio y Centro de Congresos Víctor Villegas, the end of this stage.



48.50 km.



482 m





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## **STAGE 21. MURCIA - ALICANTE PROVINCE**

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In this stage we'll leave from Murcia Auditorium via the Mota del Río cycle lane, in order to connect with the green corridor of Río Segura by cycle lane until the greenway itself.

From the dry land of El Raal past Beniel, we'll briefly abandon the dirt road to connect again with the track at the height of the border with the province of Alicante, an ideal path for family routes, gravel or mountain bikes, which will take you to Orihuela, the last stop on this stage.

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14.60 km.



90 m



# ÁGUILAS



On a 28 km coastline and under the watchful eye of its magnificent **Castillo San Juan de las Águilas**, municipality in the southernmost point of the region.

This city has been populated ever since the Paleolithic, with emphasis on especially the Roman remains, found from the 1st to the 4th century, including the Roman baths.

**Don't miss this great city of the Murcia region!**

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## Featured Festivities

Its carnivals, declared International Tourist Interest, will fill your days with joy, music and dance on your visit to Águilas.



# LORCA

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## Lorca is history, heritage and tradition.

The city center was declared a Historic-Artistic Site in 1964 and its castle was declared a National Monument in 1931. Strolling through Lorca's medieval walls, Renaissance churches, Baroque palaces and theaters.

Among all its monuments, the Castillo de Lorca castle is the most famous. In 2003, it was transformed into a large thematic space dedicated to the Middle Ages known as La Fortaleza del Sol.

Boasting a great scenery diversity on your cycling routes through **Lorca**, from the **Tierras Altas del Norte** (Northern Highlands), the fertile **Valle del Guadalentín** Valley and the tranquil pristine coastline of the **Parque Regional Calnegre y Cabo Cope**.

## Featured Festivities

Did you know that Lorca is home to the only Jewish Synagogue in Spain that has not been modified by any other religion?

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# MAZARRÓN

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In addition to its sun and beach tourism, Mazarrón offers alternatives for those who wish to enjoy their stay in the Region of Murcia in a more active way.

The municipality of Mazarrón is sheltered by the coastal mountains of the Region of Murcia, mainly the **Sierra de la Almenara y de Las Moreras**.

A wide variety of landscapes to discover on your bike. Thanks to its roads and easy access to MTB routes, cyclists who choose this destination return year after year.

Mild beaches, coves with crystalline waters and an idyllic climate all year round define your next cycling getaway in this beautiful corner of the Region of Murcia.

## Useful Information

Did you know that "Las Gredas de Bolnuevo" or "Erosiones de Bolnuevo" are located in an exceptional enclave at the foot of the protected natural area of the Sierra de las Moreras?

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# LA UNIÓN

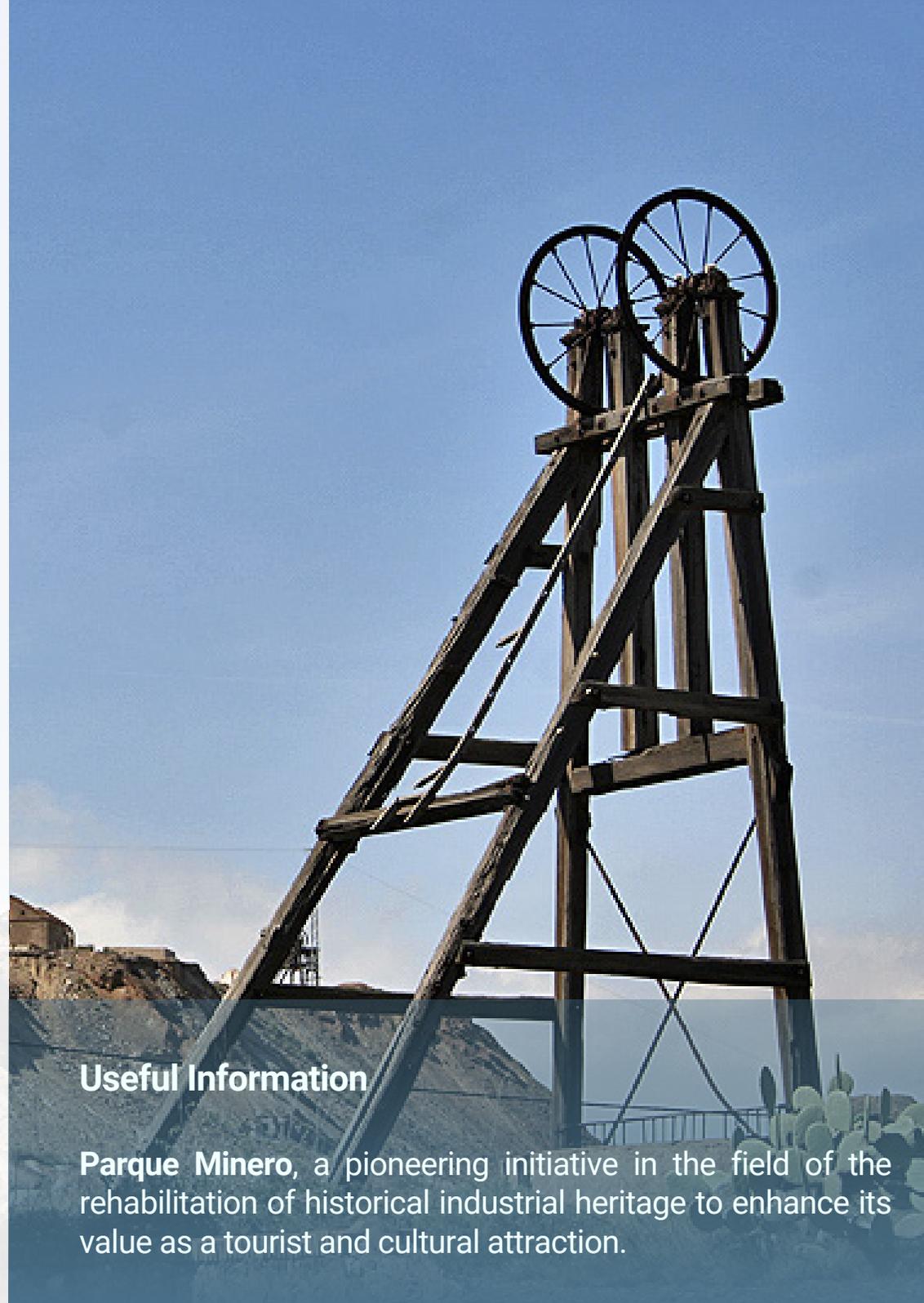


La Unión is a municipality located in the southeast of the region, between the beaches of the **Mar Menor and the Mediterranean Sea**, which enjoys a unique and different landscape.

**Sierra Minera**, declared an Asset of Cultural Interest, painted in lead and silver, mixed with touches of iron, manganese, zinc, blende or pyrite, grants the landscape a unique style, intensely marked by the footprint left by the mining industry over centuries of activity.

Whoever visits La Unión during the **Holy Week** has the privilege of watching a passionate parade, the Minera Holy Week declared a Fiesta de Interés Turístico Regional, Festival of Regional Tourist Interest. The Feria Nacional de Minerales y Fósiles, National Minerals and Fossils Fair, one of the most important in Spain, is also scheduled at this time of year.

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## Useful Information

**Parque Minero**, a pioneering initiative in the field of the rehabilitation of historical industrial heritage to enhance its value as a tourist and cultural attraction.

# CARTAGENA

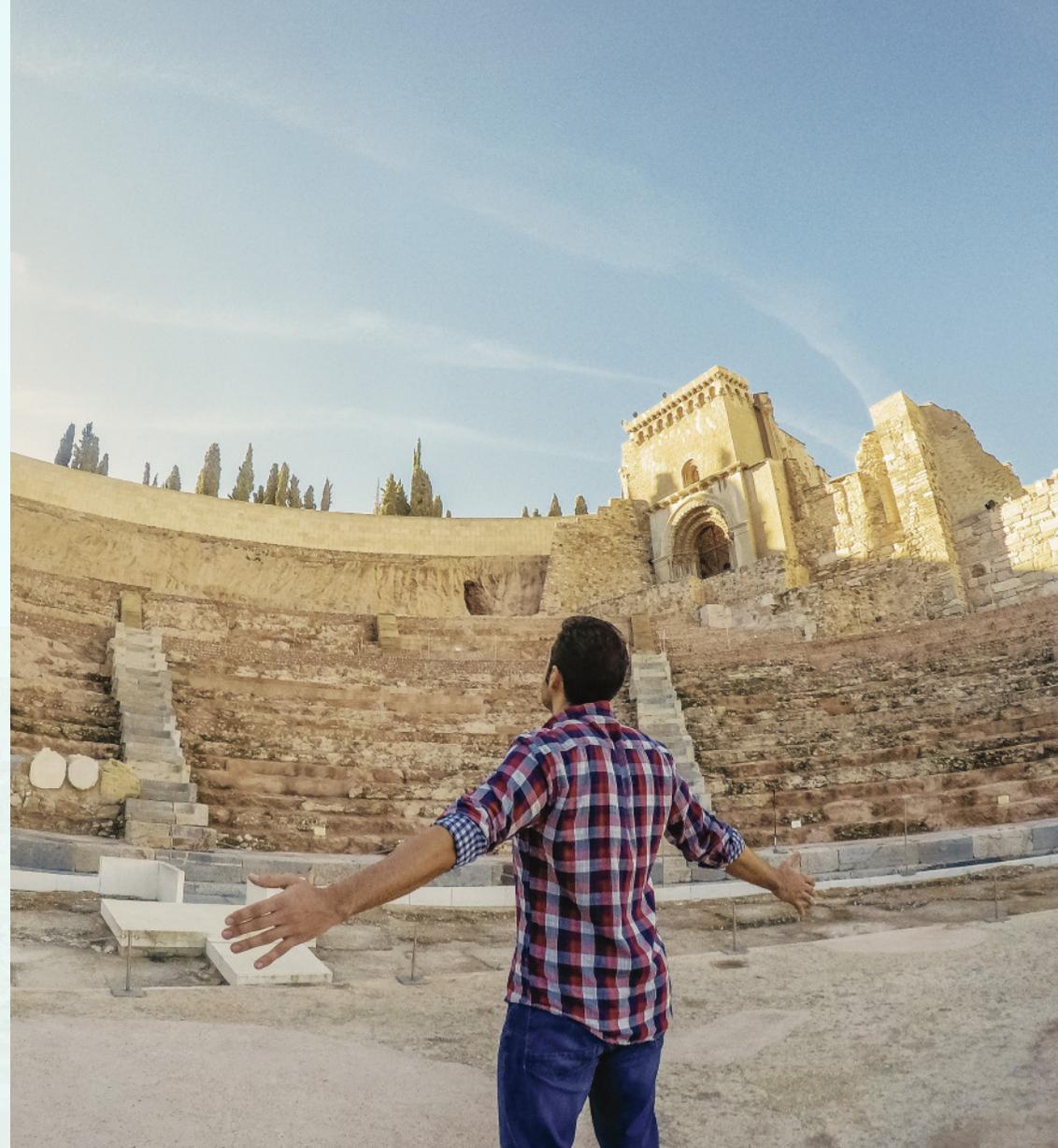


A city with over **3,000 years of history**, Cartagena offers cyclists great testimonies of its wonderful past in each of its streets and squares.

The main legacy of its history is the **Roman Theater**, built in the time of Emperor Augustus and currently restored. But the tourist offer goes beyond that, including the **Museo Nacional de Arqueología Subacuática ARQVA**, or El Barrio del Foro Romano and its museum, making it one of the most fascinating destinations in the Mediterranean.

Need more reasons to experience Cartagena on your next cycling holiday in the Murcia region?

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## Featured Festivities

The Carthaginian and Roman festivities in September and its Holy Week will not leave you indifferent.

# LOS ALCÁZARES



Beautiful town located in the Region of Murcia, stretching seven kilometers of **Mar Menor** coastline. A paradise to enjoy by bike!

**Los Alcázares** is a true paradise for cycling lovers looking for a cycling getaway full of nature, tranquility and beautiful weather.

Countless monuments outline Los Alcázares and its history. Clearly, the Arab presence in the municipality left a great legacy such as the **Torre del Rame o Ramí**; a fortress of Arab origin that belonged to the watchtower system of the Mar Menor coast.

Fancy to experience this town?

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## Useful Information

Did you know that the name "Los Alcázares" [AL KAZAR] means palace or manor house, because the Arabs chose this place for their vacations?



# SAN JAVIER

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San Javier is known for its rich landscape and unique climatic and geographical conditions. Surrounded by the **Mar Menor**, the largest coastal lagoon in Europe, this municipality of Murcia is a wonderful spot to discover by bike.

A privileged corner of the Mediterranean chosen by important civilizations throughout history.

We recommend you get on your bike and tour the coast of the Mar Menor, and enjoy a relaxing swim in the **calm, shallow waters**. This saltwater lagoon offers optimal weather conditions for nautical activities all year round.

**Fancy to experience San Javier and enjoy an unforgettable cycling holiday in a unique setting?**

## Useful Information

Within its territory, the coastal towns of Santiago de la Ribera and La Manga del Mar Menor.

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# SAN PEDRO DE PINATAR



The great climate throughout the year, the smoothness of its orography, as well as the beauty of the **Salinas y Arenales de San Pedro del Pinatar Regional Park**, make San Pedro del Pinatar a unique cycling place.

To experience the town of San Pedro del Pinatar and its surroundings by bike, we suggest a unique tour through the salt flats.

Enjoy the pink colors of the **saline ponds** and from the Park's observatories you can spot the different aquatic birds that inhabit or visit this place.

**Fancy to enjoy Salinas y Arenales de San Pedro del Pinatar Regional Park?**

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## Useful Information

San Pedro del Pinatar is home to the largest outdoor mud therapy area in Europe. Coming here and not smearing yourself from head to toe with its famous mineral-medicinal mud is a true crime.



# MURCIA

In the fertile valley of the river **Río Segura** and sheltered by the **Sierra de Carrascoy y Cresta del Gallo** lies the capital of the Region of Murcia.

Enjoy the city of Murcia and its cultural and historical heritage.

In the historic district, a visit to the Cathedral, the Real Casino, the Palacio del Almuñí and of course tapas in one of the squares such as Las Flores or San Juan is a must.

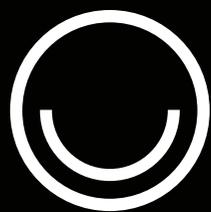
Discovering the Santuario de Fuensanta sanctuary, Monasterio de los Jerónimos or Castillo de Monteagudo at a short distance from the town.

Murcia is a vibrant city, where the cyclist lives a unique experience strolling its streets, savoring its rich cuisine and falling in love with the warmth of its people. A city that enjoys an excellent climate all year round.

## Featured Festivities

The Entierro de la Sardina (Burial of the Sardine), the Bando de la Huerta or Easter Week are essential events to enjoy this city.

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