

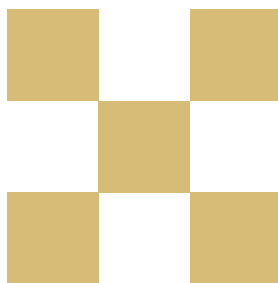
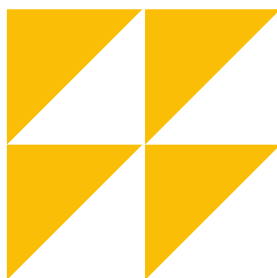
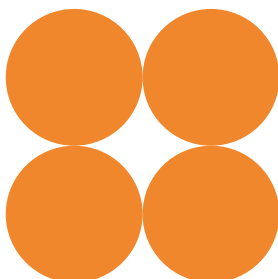


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Bernat Artola Promenade

EXPERIENCE A TRULY LIVELY BENICÀSSIM

*Benicàssim,
quality time*

With more than 6 km of spectacular beaches, it is the ideal destination to enjoy the sea and the sun at any time of year. But its charm does not end there: renowned festivals, a never-ending cultural calendar, nature that invites you to disconnect, and a gastronomy that delights every palate make Benicàssim a vibrant destination 365 days a year.

Heritage, nature, culture, gastronomy, sports, music, wellbeing, and leisure come together in Benicàssim to create unforgettable experiences for all audiences. And thanks to its privileged Mediterranean climate, every visit can be enjoyed to the fullest in every season. Benicàssim awaits you. Come and let it surprise you.



Heliòpolis Beach

BEACHES OF BENICÀSSIM

BENICÀSSIM, MEDITERRANEAN SOUL

With almost 7 km of coastline bathed by the Mediterranean, Benicàssim boasts a seafront to suit every taste. From north to south, it is divided into five beaches:

- Voramar
- L'Almadrava
- Torre de Sant Vicent
- Els Terrers
- Heliòpolis

QUALITY-CERTIFIED BEACHES

All of Benicàssim's beaches stand out for their quality, as they hold the Blue Flag and the ISO-14001 Environmental Certification guarantees of sustainability and excellent services. In addition, the first three proudly display the "Q" for Tourist Quality, a distinction that recognizes the excellence of their facilities and visitor services.

ACCESSIBLE BEACHES

In Benicàssim, we work to ensure that everyone can enjoy the sea. Our beaches feature accessible points with adapted walkways, assistance from qualified staff, and specific equipment such as amphibious chairs and support materials. Come and discover them!

Enjoy the sun and our beaches as you stroll along the seaside





Els Terrers Beach Viewpoint



Villa Elisa Municipal Palace



ROUTE OF THE VILLAS

At the end of the 19th century, Benicàssim became the summer retreat of Valencia's high society, captivated by the beauty of the Mediterranean and the area's privileged climate. It was then that the city's elegant and sophisticated spirit was born, reflected in the majestic Modernist villas that today make up the emblematic Route of the Villas—a tour that reveals how Benicàssim evolved into one of the pioneering tourist destinations of the Mediterranean.

The personalities of their owners gave birth to three well-defined areas: Hell, famed for its lively parties; the Heavenly Court, embodying calm and refinement; and Limbo, a meeting place between both worlds.

Today, l'Espai Cultural Vil·la Ana houses the municipal library, while the Municipal Palace Villa Elisa, also municipally owned, has been transformed into a cultural space that hosts exhibitions and events throughout the year. The remaining villas, owned privately, continue to preserve the charm and history that make Benicàssim unique.

At <https://turismo.benicassim.es/en/audioguides/> you can download free audio guides about the villas and their history in six languages (Spanish, Valencian, English, French, German, and Italian).

Relive the magic of the Belle Époque

TORRE DE SANT VICENT INTERPRETATION CENTRE

Built in the 16th century, the Torre de Sant Vicent rises majestically at the southern end of the Bernat Artola seafront promenade. At that time, it formed part of the 18 watch-towers that protected the coastline of what is now the province of Castellón from attacks by corsairs and Berber pirates.

The Olla de Benicàssim, a natural refuge for boats, was one of the most coveted landing points for pirate incursions. For this reason, in the mid-16th century, the Courts of Monzón ordered the construction of this defensive tower, intended to watch the horizon and warn of any danger.

Today, the tower houses the Torre de Sant Vicent Interpretation Centre, an exhibition and interactive space where you can discover what life was like on the Valencian coast between the 16th and 19th centuries: the fight against piracy, the defence systems, and the history of the watchtowers that once safeguarded the shoreline.

***Torre de Sant Vicent:
a witness of the past***





Torre de Sant Vicent Interpretation Centre



Desert de les Palmes Natural Park



DESERT DE LES PALMES NATURAL PARK

Declared a natural park in 2013, the Desert de les Palmes offers remarkable natural, historical, and cultural wealth, with countless treasures to discover across its 3,200 hectares of protected land.

Along the ten marked hiking routes and three MTB trails that run through the Desert de les Palmes Natural Park, visitors have the opportunity to explore emblematic spots such as Bartolo Peak (729 m), Montornés Castle (11th century), Miravet Castle, Old Castle, the Magdalena Hermitage, and the Carmelite Monastery, where the traditional Carmelitan liqueur was once produced.

The landscape features endemic vegetation and a diverse fauna that finds shelter in this area of unique beauty, where vibrant greens contrast with the reddish tones typical of the rodono sandstone and small springs run along its hillsides. This scenery makes the natural park an exceptional place for sports and outdoor activities, offering spectacular views over the Mediterranean coastline.

Benicàssim Tourist Info organises guided tours through the Desert de les Palmes Natural Park: Buy your tickets here:
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***Desert de les Palmes:
nature in its purest form***

CARMELITE MONASTERY

FORMER MONASTERY

The serenity of the Desert de les Palmes inspired the Discalced Carmelites to build their first monastery on one of its plateaus, nestled between ravines at an altitude of 500 metres. Its construction took place between 1697 and 1733, but in 1783 heavy rains and landslides forced the monks to abandon it in search of a safer location. Today, the monastery's ruins impress visitors with a unique setting: views of the Mediterranean, autochthonous vegetation, and an atmosphere of serene beauty that evokes the simple life and spirituality experienced there for a century.

NEW MONASTERY

A few metres from the ruins, the new monastery—simple yet elegant in its design—follows the layout established by the Rule of the Carmelites and Saint Teresa of Jesus: the church occupies the centre, surrounded by rooms and communal spaces for the religious community and the Spirituality Centre.

Among its notable figures is Antonio de Jesús María, a Carmelite brother known for his studies of aromatic herbs and for creating the famous Carmelitano Liqueur of Benicàssim, a gastronomic treasure that is still produced in the town today.

The sacred art museum housed inside preserves, since 1971, an important collection from various Carmelite convents, with pieces from different periods and countries. It includes ceramics, paintings, sculptures, and goldwork, featuring works by masters such as Juan de Juanes, Ribera, Salzillo, and Mengs. Its most unique piece is a large 18th-century ceramic altarpiece from the Royal Factory of the Count of Aranda. Other works also depict significant events related to the Order.

For more information about the church and the sacred art museum: + 34 964 300 950.

***Spiritual retreat and history
among nature***





Carmelite Monastery



Route to Montornés Castle



MONTORNÉS CASTLE

Benicàssim was once an Arab fiefdom dependent on Montornés Castle, which dates back to the 11th century. Its population lived in scattered farmsteads throughout what is now the municipality. In 1242, it became the property of Pedro Sanz, scribe to King James I, as compensation for his services during the Reconquest.

Located atop a rugged peak in the Desert de les Palmes, this fortress forms a defensive triangle with the Torre de Sant Vicent and the Mas de Salandó, constituting a valuable cultural heritage site that also offers spectacular panoramic views over the coast.

Medieval Benicàssim

SANTO TOMÁS DE VILLANUEVA CHURCH

The parish church was built under the patronage of the Valencian Enlightenment scholar Don Francisco Pérez Bayer, which is why its neoclassical style, typical of the period, is one of pure rationalism, clearly evident in its straight lines, balanced proportions, and absence of the Baroque ornamentation so common in other Valencian churches. Its columns and capitals, as well as its architectural layout, belong to the Age of Enlightenment. Construction began in 1769 and was completed in late 1776, with the church being dedicated to Santo Tomás de Villanueva in November 1781. Inside, in addition to its strictly formal decorations, you can admire paintings by Camarón, an artist born in Segorbe.

The floor plan is rectangular, consisting of a single nave in the shape of a Latin cross but without side chapels. The nave is divided into three sections, with a transept and a presbytery with a straight apse. At the foot of the church, in the first section, is the high choir, which shares its access with the bell tower. On the exterior, the rectangular façade is the most prominent feature.

*Neoclassical
Architecture*





Santo Tomás de Villanueva Church



El Trenet Park



FAMILY ADVENTURE

Benicàssim has established itself as one of the most welcoming destinations for family fun, offering a wide range of activities designed for children throughout the year. The Tourism Department organizes guided tours suitable for all ages and Benicàssim Kids activities, where children discover history through play in iconic locations such as la Torre de Sant Vicent or El Trenet Park— a tribute to the world of trains featuring scale models and steam trains. Children can also enjoy of the workshops during the summer season and on weekends throughout the rest of the year.

The fun doesn't stop thanks to family festivals like Benicàssim, Torre a la Vista! and Imagina Benicàssim, which fill the summer with adventures and entertainment for the whole family. Additionally, the bowling alley and skateparks ensure safe fun for all ages.

Culture lovers will find a varied program of cinema, theatre, and dance at the Municipal Theatre, designed for family enjoyment. For those seeking excitement and adrenaline, Aquarama Water Park and the Benikarts Go-Kart Circuit promise a summer full of fun and adventure.

Benicàssim combines nature, culture, and entertainment, making it an ideal destination for the whole family to enjoy unforgettable experiences.

Enjoy the experience

NATURAL ROUTES AND ITINERARIES

Benicàssim is firmly committed to ecotourism, offering the chance to explore its privileged natural surroundings—a space nestled between the sea and the mountains, boasting a rich variety of flora and fauna and a landscape full of contrasts waiting to be discovered.

One of its main attractions is the Greenway of the Sea, a former railway line connecting Benicàssim with Oropesa del Mar, which has now become an easy route perfect for walking or cycling. Along the way, visitors can enjoy spectacular coastal views and see two of the old watchtowers that once protected the shoreline from pirate attacks.

For those seeking a more adventurous plan, Benicàssim offers various hiking and MTB routes in el Desert de les Palmes Natural Park. Highlighting the climbing to Montornés castle and to the Agujas de Santa Águeda trail, with itineraries leading to some of the most beautiful landscapes in the municipality. These routes give visitors the chance to take home memories of lush, natural scenery that perfectly complements Benicàssim's famous beaches. It is an ideal setting for enjoying active tourism in the heart of nature.

Active tourism





Desert de les Palmes hiking route



Voramar Beach



SPORTS ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS

Benicàssim combines an exceptional climate with a privileged terrain, making it an ideal destination for sports throughout the year. It offers a wide range of sports facilities such as the municipal swimming pool, the sports hall, the Mas de Frares sports centre, and l'Escola de la Mar, as well as numerous outdoor spaces for swimming, team sports and nautical activities in a unique natural setting.

In addition, its hiking and MTB routes allow training among mountains with views of the sea, providing options for both experienced athletes and those looking for recreational exercise. The town also stands out for its full annual calendar of sporting events, including renowned competitions such as the International Half Marathon, the 10k Benicàssim, and the traditional San Silvestre Race.

Beach sports take a prominent place with competitions like the Open Beach Volleyball, the National Futvolley Open, the Beach Rugby Tournament, and the ITF BT50 Beach Tennis. Regarding water sports, Benicàssim hosts popular swimming events such as the Oceanman Costa Azahar, la Travesía Rototom, la Travesía Eurosol, and the Benicat Regatta. Tennis, taekwondo tournaments and open fishing competitions are also held regularly.

Thanks to its combination of modern infrastructure, privileged natural surroundings, and an active sports calendar, Benicàssim is established as a perfect destination for those seeking challenging competitions as well as those who want to stay fit in a fun and healthy way.

***Get in shape in
Benicàssim***

HEALTH AND WELLNESS

Modern life imposes rhythms that directly affect our wellbeing and more and more people are seeking ways to disconnect from stress, fatigue, or unhealthy habits during their holidays, restoring balance between body and mind.

Benicàssim presents itself as an ideal destination for those seeking comprehensive wellbeing experiences, combining the tranquility of its privileged surroundings with some of Europe's most prestigious centers for thalassotherapy and advanced personal care programs.

Visitors can find qualified professionals in physical and emotional wellbeing and enjoy hydrotherapy, Pilates, massages, thalassotherapy treatments, relaxation techniques, fitness programs, nutrition guidance, and beauty care, all designed to provide a complete experience of relaxation and health. Wellbeing facilities feature jacuzzis, saunas, Turkish baths, outdoor pools and gardens, as well as sports and recreational areas such as gyms, football fields, paddle courts, and bike rentals—all close to the sea. Many establishments also meet tourism quality certifications and professional standards, ensuring high-level services in a safe and well-maintained environment.

Thus, Benicàssim combines nature, sea and Mediterranean forests with wellbeing programs, offering holidays that rejuvenate both body and mind.

***Wellbeing and relaxation
in Benicàssim***





Thalassotherapy Centre



Typical local festival decoration



POPULAR FESTIVITIES

The festivities in Benicàssim fill the town with color, tradition, and joy throughout the year. In January, the festivities in honor of San Antonio Abad and Santa Àgueda are celebrated—a week full of popular events, including bonfires, processions, the blessing of animals, and floats distributing the traditional *coqueta* pastry.

The festivities calendar continues with the Day of the Paellas, declared a Festival of Regional Tourist Interest of the Valencian Community, where locals and visitors cook their own paellas in the streets. With over 30 years of history and attendance exceeding 25,000 people, this event has become a gastronomic highlight and one of Benicàssim's most beloved celebrations.

Also part of these festivities is the pilgrimage to the Santa Àgueda Hermitage, a deeply rooted gathering of residents and visitors alike. In September, Benicàssim honors Santo Tomás de Villanueva with popular bullfights, open-air dances, and traditional fireworks displays. One of the most anticipated events is the presentation and proclamation of the senior and junior Queens, accompanied by their courts of honor, who take center stage on the most solemn day of the festive year.

Other notable celebrations include Corpus Christi, when the streets are decorated with natural flowers in a colorful and solemn procession, and Saint John's Eve when thousands gather on the beaches to dip their feet in the water, make wishes and enjoy traditional dances, sweets, and muscatel wine.

*Festivities and
tradition in Benicàssim*

FESTIVALS

They say all roads lead to Rome, but all festivals converge in Benicàssim, a vibrant destination where music, cinema, theatre, and culture can be enjoyed at any time of year. The city attracts thousands of visitors seeking fun, artistic talent, and unique experiences by the Mediterranean.

The musical offerings cater to all tastes: from FIB, with its pop and indie sounds, to the Benicàssim Blues Festival in June, and the tropical rhythms of Rototom Sunsplash, Europe's largest reggae gathering.

Other highlights include the SanSan Festival, the Benicàssim Flamenco Fusión Gastro Festival, and the Benicàssim.Pop series, which promotes local talent. For moments of serenity, there is the Sacred Music Cycle, the Cordes a la Mar Chamber Music Festival, the Benicàssim Lyric Opera Festival, and the Francisco Tárrega International Guitar Competition, where slower rhythms create unforgettable experiences.

Summer in Benicàssim kicks off at Torre de Sant Vicent with Benicàssim, Torre a la Vista!, a festival where history and games captivate the little ones. The magic and fun continue with Imagina Benicàssim, a week full of excitement and laughter for the entire family. To close the season in style, Benicàssim Belle Époque revives Modernist splendor along the Route of the Villas, recreating a unique journey into the past.

Theatre and performing arts are showcased in the Festival de Teatro con Buen Humor, the Mostra de Teatre Reclam, and the Theatre and Biblioteca del Mar Festival, bringing creativity and innovation to all audiences.

In Benicàssim, every festival offers a unique experience: music, theatre, cinema, heritage, and diversity come together in a cultural calendar that makes the city a must-visit destination for lovers of art and entertainment.

***Benicàssim, city
of festivals***





Benicàssim Blues Festival



Typical Valencian esmorzaret



CUISINE OF EXCELLENCE

The province of Castellón boasts a unique gastronomic heritage, reflected both along the coast and inland, with numerous products bearing the denomination of origin of the Valencian Community.

In the privileged setting of Benicàssim, you can enjoy delights such as fresh Mediterranean fish, vegetables from the Castellón coast's orchards, and the famous Valencian rice dishes: *paella*, *arròs a banda*, or *arròs del senyoret*.

The culinary offer is completed with seafood and fish grills, traditional stews, and sophisticated haute cuisine, catering to all tastes. For dessert, don't miss the seasonal fruits, especially muscat grapes and oranges, or the local sweet traditions such as *les coquetes* and *els pastissets*.

Flavours of Benicàssim

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