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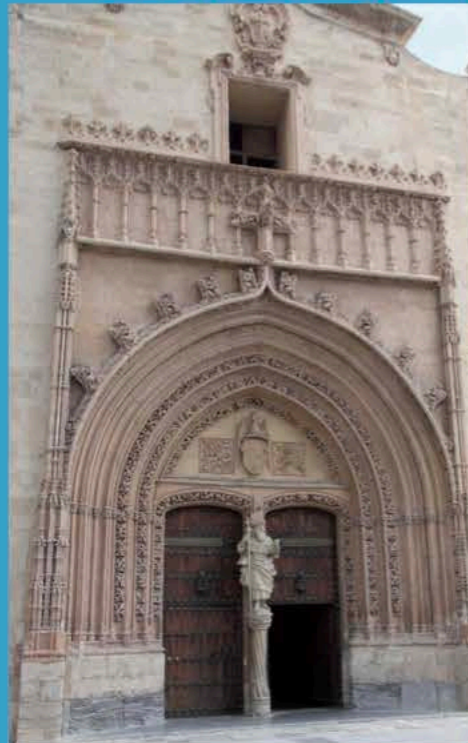


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**PARISH CHURCH OF SANTIAGO (Cultural Heritage)**



Now, what more awaits you? The third Gothic church, dedicated to the Apostle Santiago (14th century) and the Sanctuary of Nuestra Señora de Monserrate (Asset of Cultural Interest) (17th-18th centuries), the city's patroness.

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**MURALS OF SAN ISIDRO**



Lastly, you arrive at the San Isidro quarter, where you can visit the 'outdoor Hernandiano Museum', with the mural paintings that cover the façades all along the streets with art. This itinerary must not be missed by those who want to trace the footsteps and life of the poet Miguel Hernández.

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**PALM GROVE (Cultural Heritage)**



The Orihuela Palm Grove, declared an Asset of Cultural Interest, is the second largest palm grove in Europe. Of Arab origin, this interesting system for the intensive irrigation of farmland has date terraced fields, paths and irrigation channels.

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**CONVENT OF LA TRINIDAD**



Dominican nuns make the traditional home-made convent pastries and sweets of Orihuela in the quiet cloister of the Convent of La Trinidad. Their confections are an important contribution to our city's gastronomic and cultural heritage. The nuns deliver their delicious delicacies via a revolving shelf called a 'turn': zamarras, chatos, mantecados, pasteles de gloria, jelly roles, a variety of jams, and so forth.

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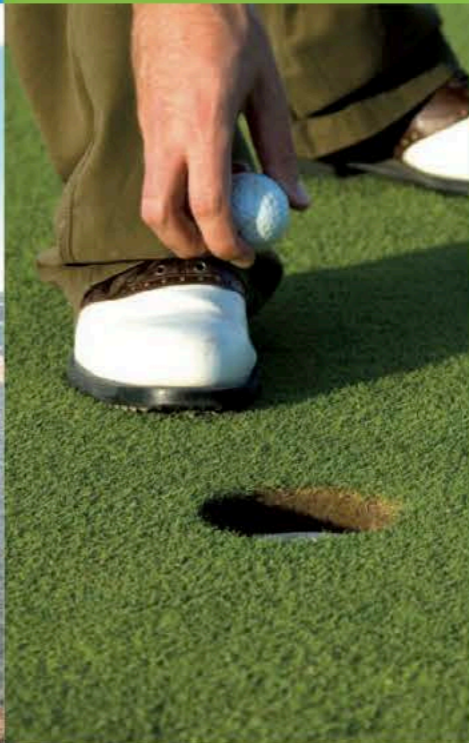
**BEACHES**



Orihuela has got 16 km of coast with 11 coves and beaches of fine golden sand bathed by the warm Mediterranean Sea. The privileged geographic location and excellent weather allow visitors to take advantage of the beaches and practice water sports all year round. Our beaches are recognized and awarded official certifications from organisations and institutions that monitor and control

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**GOLF**



Orihuela has got some of the best and most important golf courses on the Mediterranean coast. Five excellent greens of recognized international renown, making up a total of 90 holes, are the venue for important European championships. VILLAMARTÍN GOLF COURSE, LAS RAMBLAS GOLF CLUB, REAL GOLF CLUB CAMPOAMOR, LAS COLINAS GOLF & COUNTRY CLUB AND VISTABELLA GOLF.

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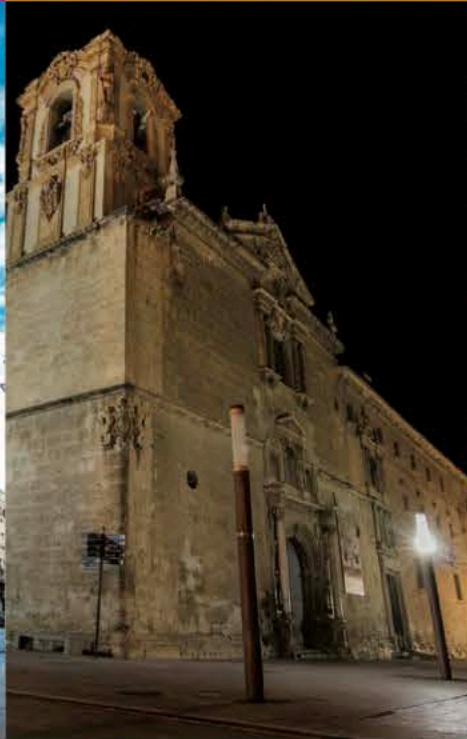
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**CREVILLENTE GATE**

You arrive at the city of Orihuela and, as soon as you cross the threshold...

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**DIOCESAN SCHOOL OF SANTO DOMINGO (Cultural Heritage)**

An imposing building welcomes you: it is the Diocesan School of Santo Domingo, a 16th century former Dominican convent and university. The huge historic building, known as 'The Escorial of the Levant', is the biggest national monument in the Autonomous Region of Valencia.

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**MUSEUM HOUSE OF MIGUEL HERNÁNDEZ**

Behind the Diocesan School lies a traditional, charming house that was home to one of Spain's major 20th century poets: Miguel Hernández. The house invites visitors to enter, recreating a poetic ambience in every corner. (Integral System for Quality in Tourism in Spain as a Destination - SICTED, in Spanish)

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**HOLY WEEK MUSEUM**

Strolling along, you arrive at the old quarter before you know it. You will discover the Holy Week Museum, which is listed as an Asset of International Tourist Interest, with works by Salzilla, Farinés, Díez, Quintín de Torre, Coullaut Valera, Sánchez Lozano, Galarza, Esteve, Bussy, Seiquer Zanón, Balaguer and Enrique Luis... and works from the studios of Orrico, Martínez, Master Sánchez and Vicente Gimeno. (SICTED)

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**HOLY CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF SALVADOR AND SANTA MARIA (Cultural Heritage)**

Continuing along your itinerary, you arrive at Mayor de Ramón y Cajal street, where the Cathedral and the Episcopal Palace stand in an impressive spot. The Gothic Cathedral is one of the smallest in Spain, but its interior is delightful.

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**EPISCOPAL PALACE (Cultural Heritage)**

The Episcopal Palace houses the Diocesan Museum of Religious Art (SICTED), which proudly displays beautiful rooms and works and the mastery of the great Spanish painter, Velázquez.

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**THE WALL MUSEUM**

A short distance away, on the same historic itinerary, the interior of The Wall Museum (SICTED) takes you back in time to the city's Islamic past. Having made a tour of its 2,200 metres of floor space, you resurface, and then...

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**PARISH CHURCH OF LAS SANTAS JUSTA Y RUFINA (Cultural Heritage)**

The city's loveliest tower belongs to the 14th-15th century Parish Church of Santas Justa y Rufina, which has got one of the oldest clocks in Spain (14th century).

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**REGIONAL ARCHAEOLOGICAL MUSEUM OF SAN JUAN DE DIOS**

The Archaeological Museum (SICTED) is worthy of mention for a sculpture of singular importance: 'The Farmers' Cross', the popular 'She-Devil' (17th century), one of the most unique floats ever carried in a religious procession, featuring a she-devil that represents sin.

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**THE RECONQUEST MUSEUM**

You arrive at another museum, the Reconquest Museum (SICTED), opened by the Association for the 'Santas Justa y Rufina' Moors and Christians Festival. The Museum is divided into two main areas, one dedicated to the Moors and the other to the Christians. It provides an overview of many aspects of the Festival, including its history, legend, street parades, organisation committee, music and so forth.

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