

# Dénia's Guide tlcdénia



## **1. GASTRONOMY**

In Dénia, the best products of the sea and the Valencian orchard are merged, resulting in a clear exponent of the variety and exquisiteness of the Mediterranean diet. Thanks to the quality of the raw material, the culinary tradition, and the creative minds, Dénia has been named Creative City of Gastronomy by UNESCO, and there is a wide cookbook loaded with delicacies and signature dishes.

More than 300 restaurants in the city offer one of the most internationally recognized cuisines. Here are some of our recommendations for popular restaurants for all palates at affordable prices:

| Name                 | Туре                             | Address                               |
|----------------------|----------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| Els Magazinos        | Gastronomic Market               | Calle del Pont, 19                    |
| Les Monges           | Tapas                            | Calle de Loreto, 29                   |
| Deniarròs            | Paella, Mediterranean            | Plaza del Raset, 12                   |
| Casa Federico        | Paella, Mediterranean            | C/ Ausias March, 22                   |
| L'Helios             | Café at sea front                | Calle Fènix, 11                       |
| 5 y Pico             | Waffles and Crepes               | Explanada Cervantes 20                |
| Vecchia Roma         | Italian food                     | Calle la Mar 31                       |
| Hotel Nou Romà       | Breakfast, Paellas               | Calle Nou 28                          |
| Sushiber             | Japanese food                    | Passeig del Saladar 34                |
| Meshi.Co             | Japanese/Mexican fusion          | Calle Loreto, 42                      |
| Ca Pepa Teresa       | Grill, Mediterranean             | Calle Loreto, 23                      |
| Verdeando            | Vegan and Vegetarian             | Carretera de les Marines              |
| Els Tomassests       | Tapas                            | Calle Loreto, 35                      |
| Bar Bus              | Tapas                            | Plaza Archiduque Carlos, 4            |
| Cafetería Canela     | Breakfasts, and business meals   | Plaza Archiduque Carlos, 5            |
| Mercado de Dénia     | Tapas (only before 14:30)        | Calle Magallanes, 16                  |
| Galiana              | Wine shop                        | Calle Magallanes, 4                   |
| Chocolatería Valor   | Churros with chocolate           | Calle Marqués de Campo, 14            |
| Bodega Casa Benjamín | Wine shop and tapas              | Carrer Ramón y Cajal, 14              |
| Mala Vita            | Breakfasts and dinner by the sea | Marina de Dénia (Harbor)              |
| Primera Línea        | Paella, Mediterranean            | Carrer de la Mussola, 36, Les Marines |
| Basta                | International                    | Marina de Dénia (Harbor)              |
| Fuego                | Grill                            | Carrer Pilota, 7                      |



### **2. MARKETS AND SHOPS**

#### LOCAL MARKET

Location: Magallanes Street.

It is a food products market where you will find fresh and top quality products (fruits, vegetables, meats, fish, breads, salted meats, spices, coffee shops...). On Friday mornings, there are also stands on the street. Hours: Monday to Saturday, from 6.30 a.m. to 2 p.m.

#### **FISH MARKET**

Location: Denia's Harbor - Fishing Pier (In front of the "Explanada Cervantes")

From Monday to Friday you can see how the boats arrive at the port from 15:30 until 18:00h. After unloading all the product captured during the day, an auction for professionals takes place. This auction is running throughout the year, except for the biological stoppage month, which varies from year to year.

Fish for sale: At the market after 17:30 from Monday to Friday.

#### **STREET MARKETS**

- Weekly market: located every Monday at the "Explanada de Torrequemada" by de courts, from 8:00h to 13:30h.

- Fruits and vegetables market. Located on Magallanes Street next to the local market. It complements the product offer of the market. Only open on Friday mornings.

- Second-hand market: located every Friday at the "Explanada Torrequemada from 8:00h a 13:30h.

-Second-hand and collecting fair. Located every first Sunday of the month at the RiuRau in Jesús Pobre from 9:00h to 14:00h.

-Mercat del RiuRau in Jesús Pobre: Opens every Sunday, it offers local food and handmade products. Winter schedule: 9:00 to 14:00h. Summer schedule: 18:00 to 23:00h.

#### MAIN SHOPING STREETS

- Marqués de Campo Street and surrounding area.
- Cop Street
- Permanent street market (promenade)
- Portal de la Marina Shopping Center: Located on Costa Blanca Avenue, 1, 03760, Ondara
- Souvenir shops: Located on "Explanada Cervantes".



## 3. WHAT TO DO IN DÉNIA

**Dénia Castle**: building used as a fortress at the time of the piracy of the Mediterranean. Its design dates back to Islamic times, between the 11th and 12th centuries. Since then, different alterations are reflected in its architecture. Discover the most important monument in the city together with its archaeological museum.





**The Ethnological Museum:** it is located in a building that is a representative model of a bourgeoisie house of the 19<sup>th</sup> century, enriched by the raisin trade.

The museum has an interesting sample of the luxury clothes and dressings of the bourgeoisie of the time, as well as the costumes and work instruments. Likewise, we observe clear exponents of urban, commercial and social development.

**Toy museum:** a wide variety of toys of the time are exhibited in the museum, which show us the importance of this industry from 1904 onwards. Metal toys and, above all, wooden toys characterize the toy production of the time, creating everything from a fleet of pedal cars and planes to sailing boats, carriages, wooden kitchens, games of bowling or rings, etc.





**El The Museum of the Sea of Dénia:** it is a new museum space that has more than 400 archaeological and ethnological pieces, all related to the sea, belonging to the 6th century BC. until the beginning of the 20th century.

It is located in the premises of the old fish market located in front of the "Explanada Cervantes" (port area)

**El Mongó Natural Park:** it is a natural space that protects the mount of Dénia whose maximum altitude is 753 m. It houses more than 650 species of flora and vegetation. There are numerous hiking trails that can be done in the park throughout the year, and the views of the city and the sea are incredible from all of them. <u>See routes</u>.





La Cova Tallada: It is a huge cave that is located on the clifts of Montgó, in the Cabo de San Antonio, within the Montgó Natural Park and the Cabo de San Antonio Marine Natural Reserve. It can be accessed by land or by hiring a kayak excursion with a local company. The overland path is short (35 min. approx.) but with medium difficulty due to its dangerousness. In the summer months, it is required a prior authorization to visit it.

Boat excursion through the Cabo San Antonio Marine Reserve: One way to enjoy the nature of the city is by going out to sea. The Mundomarino shipping company offers boat trips to contemplate the coast of Dénia from the sea. Some of the options are sailing boat trips, mini cruises to the neighboring city, sunsets from the sea or snorkeling.





**Dénia Beaches:** The city has a total of 20km coastline full of beaches of different types and for all tastes. The sandy beaches, the largest, are located in the northern part of the city. There is a regular bus leaving from the port that runs along this entire coast. Generally, the further away from the city the less crowded the beaches will be.

Las Rotas and Cabo de San Antonio: The Montgó Natural Park gets into the sea in form of a Cape known as Cabo San Antonio. This fact clearly conditions the orography of the coast in the southern part of the city, making it rocky and steep. In this area, you can enjoy a promenade of more than 3 km in length, stone coves with boulders and crystal clear waters where you can snorkel. Also, at the end of the walk there are breathtaking views of Cabo de San Antonio.



**Punta del Raset Beach:** This is the closest beach to the city center. It is located north of the port of Dénia and is accessible on foot from the city. In summer season, from June to September, this beach has services such as beach bars on the sand, beach volleyball nets, lifeguards and attractions for families with children such as inflatable platforms on the water, climbing pyramid and rental of kayaks and other equipment.

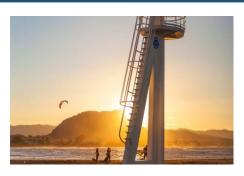




**Les Marines:** On this sandy beach of almost 3 km you will find tranquility to enjoy your the family. It has a surveillance and lifeguard service during summertime, as well as several restaurants on the seafront. As a general rule, in the morning and at sunset there is no wind in the summer season, and the sea remains flat like a pool.

**Les Bovetes:** This sandy beach is located on the Les Marines road between the kilometres 3.7 and 5.4 and it has a length 1800 meters. It has beach bars, hammocks and lifeguards. It is accessible for people with physical disabilities. As it is a bit far from the city, it is less crouwded and it is an alternative on peak weekends.





**Els Molins:** It is a sandy beach with an extension of 2,700 meters. It is somewhat far from the urban nucleus, therefore little overcrowded. Specifically, it is located on the Les Marines road between kilometres 5.4 and 7.7. It has lifeguards, a beach bar and hammocks. Vehicles can be parked without major complications. **It is ideal for windsurfing and kayaking.** 

Les Deveses beach: It is the furthest sandy beach from Dénia, about 16 km. to the north, bordering the beaches of the city of Oliva. It is surrounded by dunes and usually not crowded. This area is usually very windy, specially in the afternoons during summer, making it an ideal place for windsurfing and kitesurfing. Every day, Many fans of these sports practice it there.



**Marineta Cassiana:** It is the closest beach to the south of the city. It has an area of 1,200 meters, has lifeguards, a kiosk and a promenade. It is an accessible beach for people with physical, visual, auditory and intellectual functional diversity and it has a section where smoking is not allowed. It is a beach where the sea is almost always very calm, ideal for paddle surfing or going with small children.





**El Trampolí:** Located in the rocky area of Las Rotas and immersed in the Cabo de San Antonio Marine Reserve, El Trampolí is an urbanized rocky beach where snorkeling is recommended to enjoy the marine flora and fauna. It receives that name from the presence of a springboard by the sea to jump directly into the water. There is a lifeguard service on this beach.

**Cala Punta Negra:** Also located in Las Rotas area and in the Reserve, this cove of boulders at the foot of the promenade offers the opportunity to enjoy crystal clear waters and snorkeling. Without a doubt, a good place for lovers of this activity. The cove has a lifeguard service. Parking limited and 400m away.





Les Arenetes: also known as "the beach at the end of Las Rotas", it is a rocky cove with a small sandy beach in a unique setting with impressive views of Cabo de San Antonio. It is recommended to visit in the early hours of the morning to find the best sea conditions and enjoy snorkeling. The beach has a lifeguard service in summer and is the meeting point for kayaking excursions to La Cova Tallada. Access by car is restricted in summer and parking is 1 km away. There is a public bus.

**Cala D'Aigua Dolç:** also known by locals as "La Cala Nudista", it is within the Arenetes area. Arriving at the end of the Barranc del Monyo road there is a small viewpoint, where some stairs descend to the cove, which is for naturist use. You can access in swimming suit, but be aware that there will be others without it. Access by car is restricted in summer and parking is far.



**Paddy O'Connel**: It is a lively Irish pub with a private terrace, which offers live music several days a week, a good atmosphere and a wide variety of beers. Located on La Mar Street, it is an ideal place for live music lovers. Musicians are usually local, and the main musical styles are Spanish and English Rock and Pop.





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**Els Magazinos**: A modern gastronomic market with more than twenty stops in 3,000 m2 of spaces, where you can find restaurants and market stalls, which are committed to culinary tradition and local products. The idea that unifies the space is the good living, but also claiming the region to which it belongs and its products, which is the Marina Alta.

Lamarserena: Between the harbor and the beach, this terrace takes over the best views of Dénia. Those when the sea is calm, and also when it is choppy. From here, you can enjoy incredible sunsets, accompanied by music, cocktails and a good atmosphere.





**Condado Gastro Show Club**: The old Dénia cinema located in the heart of the city that has been transformed into a modern show room where you can enjoy dinner, during a flamenco spectacle, an opera, a comedian performance, or a concert, which later, at night, becomes a disco.

La Chica de Ayer: It is a Pub inspired by the 80s where you can listen to all the music of that time and the best current hits. Located on La Mar Street, it has an outdoor patio surrounded by vegetation where you can enjoy the afternoon or evening with live music and a good atmosphere.





Valencia's Historic City Center



**City of Arts and Science** 



Albufera de Valencia



Xàtiva's Castle



Gandía's Beach



**Oliva Nova Golf Resort** 



Jávea's Historic City Center



Cala Portitxol in Jávea



Cala de la Granadella in Jávea



**Moraira's City Center** 



Cala El Portet in Moraira



**Altea's City Center** 



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