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The Spirit of Summer: in Costa Blanca

There's a certain joy to summer on the Costa Blanca that's hard to explain until you've lived through it. It's not just about escaping grey skies and soggy afternoons. It's about finding yourself in a place where daily life softens, where people slow down, and where the simple things like a morning coffee in the sun, a sea breeze in your hair, become the main event.

It's not just about the sun

Many people moved here for exactly that. Whether you came from the UK, Germany, the Netherlands or beyond, there's a shared sense among expats that this little stretch of Mediterranean coast offers something we were all missing. It's not just about the sun, although that certainly helps. It's the lifestyle. The rhythm. The way your day unfolds with purpose, but never with pressure. Summer here starts before the calendar says so. By late spring, sandals are out, terraces are busy, and the beaches are already filling up with locals and visitors alike. The coast itself is one of the region's biggest treasures. From the soft golden stretches of La Fossa in Calpe to the tucked-away coves in Granadella, there's a beach for every mood.



You'll find lively spots with beach bars and music, and quiet corners where the only sound is the waves and the distant chatter of children building sandcastles. Picnics on the beach become a way of life. It's not unusual to see full spreads laid out: spanish tortilla, olives, cold wine, even a folding table for good measure. And no one rushes. That's the beauty of it all.

For those who like a bit of activity with their sunshine, the water is your playground. Sailing is huge along the Costa Blanca, and with good reason. The coastline is not only stunning, it's also full of well-equipped marinas. You don't have to be a seasoned sailor either. Boat rental options range from skippered charters to relaxed catamaran trips or even kayaks and paddleboards for something more hands-on. You can take a dive and snorkel in crystal-clear waters, take a sunset sail, or hop between little-known bays that can't be reached by car.

Nothing but nature

Back on land, nature lovers aren't short of options. Inland trails lead to waterfalls, mountaintop viewpoints and sleepy villages where time really does stand still. Cyclists enjoy everything from coastal routes to punishing hill climbs, and there's no shortage of guided walks for those who prefer to keep it steady. You'll also find golf courses with sea views, tennis and padel clubs, and yoga groups that meet at sunrise on the sand. And let's not forget the food. The region is full of excellent places to eat, from rustic seafood taverns to family-run bistros tucked away in cobbled streets. There are elegant spots for special occasions and buzzing chiringuitos where you can kick off your sandals and stay until sunset. Dishes are generous, ingredients are fresh, and there's always something new to try — from local fideuà to just-caught dorada grilled with nothing but olive oil and lemon. The summer months also bring a lovely sense of connection. Towns and villages come alive with fiestas and fireworks. Even if you don't know what's being celebrated, you're always welcome. Many of the traditions go back centuries. Others are more modern but equally joyful such as street concerts, open-air cinema nights, and markets that stretch into the evening.



Importantly, there's something for everyone. Grandparents gather for early swims and morning churros. Children play barefoot in the plaza. Teenagers sneak off to paddleboard or join beach volleyball matches. Friends meet for sundowners at their favourite bar. And those who prefer their summer on the quieter side can simply sit, watch the waves and let it all unfold around them. What makes it special isn't just the beauty of the place — it's the way life feels here. It's in the long, laughter-filled lunches. The way strangers become neighbours.

The shared nod at the market when you see someone you recognise. And the feeling, perhaps for the first time in years, that summer is not something to survive or rush through, but something to savour. So here's to Costa Blanca in the summer. For those of us lucky enough to live it, it isn't only a magical season, but a way of life.



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What You Can't Miss Out on in the Costa Blanca This Summer

Summer on the Costa Blanca is a whole way of living. If you're lucky enough to visit or even to call this coastline home, here are the essential experiences that make the months from June to September truly unforgettable.

Beach Days in Beautiful Towns

Each seaside town brings its own flavour. Start your day paddleboarding across the glassy waters of Jávea's Arenal Bay. In Altea, wander the whitewashed old town before heading down to the pebbled shore for a peaceful dip. Dénia's long and winding beaches are perfect for lazy afternoons, while Calpe is made for golden sunsets and cocktail hours by the calming sea.



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Summer Living from Morning to Midnight

Early swims, terrace coffees, and slow lunches are the rhythm of the season. By night, expect live music, flamenco shows and families still out enjoying ice creams at 11pm. In Albir, the soft sound of guitar drifts from cosy bars, while Calpe turns its paseo into a stage of performers and pop-up entertainment.



Nature, Boating and Local Flavours

Want more than just the beach? Try kayaking through the coves of Cabo de la Nao or take a boat trip past Les Rotes. Inland walks, sunrise hikes, and cycling routes are all on offer. Finish your day with a seafood feast, a glass of local wine, and a slow stroll under the stars. Costa Blanca summers aren't about rushing. They're about enjoying every moment. So get out there and make the most of it!



Sailing the Soul of the Costa Blanca

To truly understand the Costa Blanca, you have to see it from the sea. The coastline that many admire from the beaches or the promenades only reveals its full beauty when you leave the shore behind. From a boat, the landscape changes. It becomes more raw, more peaceful, and far more surprising.

Sailing along this coast an experience that brings you closer to the real heart of the region. One experienced skipper put it perfectly when he said, "People think they know the Costa Blanca, but they haven't seen the best of it until they've been out on the water. There are so many places you'd never find on foot or by car."

From Dénia, one of the best ports to begin your journey, the route south is full of hidden treasures. The cliffs of Les Rotes rise dramatically from the sea, offering quiet coves and snorkelling spots that feel entirely untouched. Moving on towards Cabo de San Antonio, the water becomes even clearer and the cliffs even higher. The marine reserve around the cape is home to vibrant underwater life and small calas where you can drop anchor and swim in peace.

Jávea's coastline is a highlight in itself. Small bays like Cala Sardinera and Granadella sparkle with turquoise water and are only accessible by boat. These coves are the kind of places that make you feel like you've discovered your own private corner of the Mediterranean. The same goes for the caves and rocky inlets that are scattered between Jávea and Altea, where the cliffs start to soften and the pace slows. From the sea, Altea's whitewashed town looks like a postcard. What makes this experience so special is not just the scenery, but the freedom. There are so many ways to explore. You can charter a skippered boat and simply



sit back, or you can hire one yourself and take the day at your own pace. Whether you're up for a short coastal sail, a full-day outing, or just a few hours with a paddleboard or kayak, the marinas in Dénia, Jávea, and Altea make it easy and inviting.

There is something magical about gliding past quiet cliffs, stopping at a cala only reachable by sea, and diving into water so clear you can see the fish before you hit the surface. It is peaceful, yes, but also thrilling. It feels like a secret shared only by those who take the time to leave the shoreline behind. If you do one thing this summer, make it this. Get on the water. Experience the Costa Blanca from a new perspective. Discover the places you can't reach on land, and see why those who sail this coast always return with stories to tell.



Taste Your Way through the Coast

There's a particular joy in eating along the Costa Blanca. It's not just about what's on the plate, but where you are when you eat it. The sound of the sea, the warmth of the sun, the slow pace of a lunch that turns into dinner. This is a place where food is woven into the rhythm of daily life, not something squeezed into it.

Tasteful simplicity

Across the coastline, you'll find traditional tapas bars serving the essentials. Crusty bread with tomato and olive oil. Anchovies sharp with vinegar. Peppers blistered and tossed with sea salt. Dishes are simple, but nothing feels basic. Every bite has the depth that comes from fresh ingredients, passed-down recipes, and the kind of kitchen confidence that doesn't need to show off.

And then there's the other side. The elegant dining rooms tucked into whitewashed hillsides or perched above the cliffs. These are the restaurants where chefs take Mediterranean foundations and build something modern. Spanish flavours are joined by Italian touches, French technique, and a lot of local pride. You might find grilled dorada with artichoke purée, slow-cooked lamb with mountain herbs, or seabass dressed with citrus and fennel.

Seafood, of course, is at the heart of it all. Dénia's famous red prawns are a must-try. So too are octopus, mussels, and salt-baked fish, served whole at the table. Most need little more than a slice of lemon and a drizzle of fresh local olive oil to bring everything together. And if you've never tasted olive oil straight from the press, this is the place to do it. It's grassy, golden, and full of character.

Summer brings its own colours to the plate. Sweet tomatoes, aubergines, courgettes, peppers, and fresh artichokes fill market stalls and menus. Figs, cherries and melons are at their best and often need no more than a spoon.

From the lively chiringuitos of Jávea to the quiet terraces inland near Benissa, dining here is about connection and pleasure. A reminder that when food is this good, there's no need to rush.



The Summer Pour: Wine Culture Along the Costa Blanca

Warm days, sea air, and long lunches make the Costa Blanca an ideal place to enjoy a good glass of wine. Across the region, local producers have been quietly making a name for themselves, especially when it comes to whites, rosés, and light reds that suit the Mediterranean climate.

Much of the wine is made inland, just a short drive from the coast, where vineyards stretch across sun-drenched hills and valleys. You'll find bottles in beach bars, neighbourhood bodegas, and smart restaurants, often poured by people who know exactly where it came from. One of the most traditional choices in the Marina Alta is Moscatel from Teulada. Often slightly sweet but never cloying, it's a natural match for seafood and salty tapas. The Cooperativa San Vicente Ferrer has been making reliable bottles for decades, with a style that's easy to enjoy and widely available in local shops and markets. In L'Alfàs del Pi, Bodegas Enrique Mendoza offers one of the region's best-known rosés. Dry and refreshing, it pairs well with grilled prawns or fresh cheeses and is often the first bottle to disappear at a summer lunch. It's a wine that pops up all over the coast. It's not flashy, but it's consistently good.

If you're after something sparkling, cava from Pinoso is worth seeking out. Although Catalonia is the heartland of cava, winemakers inland from Alicante are producing fresh, fruity versions that are perfect for relaxed celebrations. Bocopa's Marina Espumante is light, crisp, and widely poured at seaside spots. Another type to try is Giró, a lesser-known native grape from the Xaló Valley. Often made into young, chilled reds or rosé-style wines, it offers something a little different. The local cooperativa bottles an easy-drinking version that's ideal for summer evenings on the terrace. You don't need to travel far to explore the Costa Blanca's wines, as they're right on the shelves of your local bar or served by the glass with your lunch. Whether you prefer something crisp, dry, or a touch floral, there's plenty worth discovering in a region that lets its wine speak for itself.



Dress Like You’re Summering on the Costa Blanca

Let’s talk summer style. The kind that actually works when it’s 32 degrees and you’ve got lunch in Dénia, a boat ride in Jávea, and drinks somewhere fabulous by sunset. On the Costa Blanca, it’s not about trying too hard. It’s about clean shapes, natural fabrics, and looking effortlessly polished even when it’s too hot to think.

The Look: Clean, Calm, and Coastal

This summer’s go-to pieces are wide-leg linen trousers, shirt dresses in soft cotton, and oversized button-ups worn open or tied at the waist. Colours are calm and sun-bleached. Think soft white, sand, muted sage and pale blue. Nothing shouts, but everything works. Pair it with undone hair and a glowing tan and you’re done.



Jewellery: Natural with a Twist

Chunky gold still has its place, but we’re seeing more pieces that feel personal. Freshwater pearls, shells, hammered metals and coral accents are everywhere. It’s less about polish and more about texture. Imperfect, handmade, and slightly rustic. Earrings are layered, not matched. Think a hoop in one ear and something beaded or sculptural in the other.

Accessories: The More, the Better

Here’s where the fun really starts. Layered bracelets and bangles are in full swing, from chunky cuffs to colourful beads picked up at little coastal markets. Each one tells a story, or at least looks like it does. Stack them high on one wrist or mix metals and colours across both. Scarves are tied into hair, knotted onto bags, or worn as tops. Oversized sunglasses are essential, the bolder the better.



Shoes: Style You Can Walk In

Heels are out, comfort is in. Leather slides, chunky fisherman sandals, and platform espadrilles are doing all the work this season. You’ll wear them straight from beach to bar and never miss a step.

The Edit: Effortless, But Considered

It’s all about feeling good in what you’re wearing, not just looking good. Think lightweight, easy to pack, and pieces that go from café to coastline without a change. Add a woven tote, a messy bun, and a few bangles you picked up in Altea, and you’re set.



Staying Active in the Costa Blanca

There’s something about life on the Costa Blanca that naturally draws you outside. With sunshine nearly all year and landscapes that stretch from sea to mountains, it feels easy to stay active without overthinking it. Movement becomes part of the rhythm of the day, woven into morning routines, weekend plans, and spontaneous meetups with friends.

Padel

Padel is one of the coast’s most popular obsessions. You’ll spot courts tucked into every town, always busy with locals, expats, and visitors playing everything from casual doubles to competitive league matches. It’s fast and fun, but also one of the best excuses to socialise. People stay after matches for drinks, chats, and sometimes to plan the next game before they’ve even caught their breath.

Tennis

Tennis remains a favourite too, especially with older residents and long-term expats. Many clubs offer a mix of casual sessions, coaching, and friendly tournaments, making it easy to stay in the swing of things. There’s a social rhythm to it — a bit of exercise followed by coffee or a drink on the terrace, often with the same group you’ve been playing with for years.

Cycling

Cycling is another big part of life here. Early mornings often start with groups riding along the coast through places like Altea and Calpe, or heading inland to explore the hillier routes. It’s popular with visiting cyclists, but even more so with locals who treat it as part sport, part therapy. There’s something about covering distance with good company and even better views that keeps people coming back for more.



Hiking

Then there’s hiking. Trails through Montgó and the Sierra de Bernia are favourites among those who prefer their exercise quiet and scenic. Walks often turn into shared moments, whether with a group or someone you meet along the way. It’s another way the Costa Blanca keeps life moving — at your own pace, but rarely alone.



Football

Football is still everywhere, from kids playing in weekend leagues to adults gathering for five-a-side matches after work. It’s more than a sport. It’s part of the culture. Whether you’re on the pitch or watching from the sidelines, it connects people of all backgrounds and ages.

Golf

Golfers are also spoiled here, with scenic courses that make even an average game enjoyable. Community tournaments and social clubs keep things lively, and the courses attract a friendly crowd. You’ll often see people joining a round not just for the sport, but for the chat that comes with it.

Here, staying active isn’t about chasing goals. It’s about enjoying the outdoors, connecting with people, and keeping body and mind in motion without making it feel like work!

The Valencia Edit

Architecture, Art and Beaches Worth Travelling For

Valencia doesn't shout for attention. It draws you in at its own pace. A city where Roman ruins sit quietly beneath your feet, while bold modern architecture rises just a few blocks away. It has a strong sense of where it's been, and an even stronger idea of where it's going.

Step into the old town and you'll find yourself surrounded by history. La Lonja de la Seda, once a centre of silk trade, still impresses with its twisted Gothic columns and stone-carved details. Nearby, the cathedral houses what many believe to be the Holy Grail. Whether you're here for the legend or the architecture, it's a place that leaves an impression.

But Valencia is not frozen in time. Over the past few decades, it has grown into one of Spain's most quietly confident cultural capitals. It blends the past and present in a way that feels natural. Tile-covered houses sit beside sleek cafés. Traditional markets bustle near minimalist design studios. In areas like Ruzafa and Benimaclet, young creatives are reshaping what Spanish style means today.

Named World Design Capital in 2022, Valencia earned its title not through flash but through feeling. Design here is woven into daily life. Santiago Calatrava's City of Arts and Sciences is the boldest landmark, with its futuristic curves and open spaces. Yet just as much beauty can be found in a local ceramics shop, a well-made chair, or a street mural tucked into a quiet alley.

The art scene runs deep. The Fine Arts Museum holds works by Sorolla, Goya, and Velázquez. At IVAM, contemporary exhibitions keep the city in conversation with the world. Beyond gallery walls, creativity spills into the streets, into festivals, and into daily life. Las Fallas is the most famous celebration, filling the city each spring with fire, sculpture, satire, and sound.



Valencia's food culture is just as rich. The region is known for its citrus, with fresh orange juice offered all year round. But the real icon is paella. The original version, made with rabbit, chicken, green beans and saffron, began inland and still defines local Sunday lunches. At Mercado Central, beneath a domed Art Nouveau roof, you'll find everything from saffron and salted cod to glossy vegetables and cured meats.

Unlike many cities, Valencia brings the sea with it. The beach is part of the city's rhythm. Playa de las Arenas and La Malvarrosa are just a short bike ride away, ideal for a morning swim, a seafood lunch, or a stroll at sunset. For something wilder, head to Albufera Natural Park. The quiet of the rice paddies, the reflection of the lagoons, and the golden light at dusk give the landscape its own kind of poetry.

Valencia is not a city that tries to impress you all at once. It grows on you. With every walk, every meal, every unexpected view, it reminds you that beauty often lives in balance. This is a city that gives you room to breathe and every reason to stay.

BENISSA COSTA

NEW LUXURY VILLA WITH SEA VIEWS

FOR SALE

KEY FEATURES

- 4 Bedrooms
- 4 Bathrooms + Guest WC
- 574 sqm build on a 1,371 sqm plot
- 13m x 4.5m private infinity pool
- Chill-out area
- 119 sqm rooftop terrace with sea views
- 251 sqm basement for cinema, gym, or entertainment use
- Underfloor heating & ducted hot/cold A/C
- Smart home system & electric blinds
- Landscaped Mediterranean garden
- Secure parking
- Prime location near La Fustera Beach and Les Bassetes marina

€2,260,000



This outstanding four-bedroom villa in Benissa Costa combines cutting-edge architecture with exceptional craftsmanship, just minutes from the beach and Les Bassetes port. Set on a spacious south-facing plot, the home spans three levels plus a 119 m² rooftop terrace with panoramic views.

From the open-plan living area and infinity pool to the spa-style master suite and versatile basement, every detail has been designed for high-end coastal living. A smart home system, landscaped gardens, and secure parking complete this one-of-a-kind residence.

MORAIRA

SPECTACULAR 4-BEDROOM VILLA

FOR SALE

KEY FEATURES

- 4 Bedrooms | 4 Bathrooms
- 385 sqm build on an 800 sqm frontline plot
- Infinity pool with outdoor shower
- Sea-facing terraces
- Fully equipped designer kitchen and open-plan living area with fireplace
- Private home cinema, wine cellar, mini gym, and office
- Separate guest apartment with private entrance
- Caribbean-style BBQ area and shaded outdoor dining space
- Underfloor heating, hot/cold air conditioning, and fibre-optic internet
- Smart home automation, security cameras, and electric gated entrance
- Prime location near Moraira's marina, restaurants, and boutiques

€4,500,000



This exceptional first-line villa in Moraira offers panoramic sea views, total privacy, and effortless luxury across three levels of beautifully designed living space.

With an open-plan layout, infinity pool, and expansive terraces, the home is made for seamless indoor-outdoor living. Featuring four en-suite bedrooms, a home cinema, wine cellar, gym, and guest apartment, it blends timeless Mediterranean charm with the latest smart technology.

Perfectly positioned within walking distance of Moraira's marina and fine dining, this is a rare opportunity to own one of the Costa Blanca's most coveted properties.

ALTEA LA VELLA

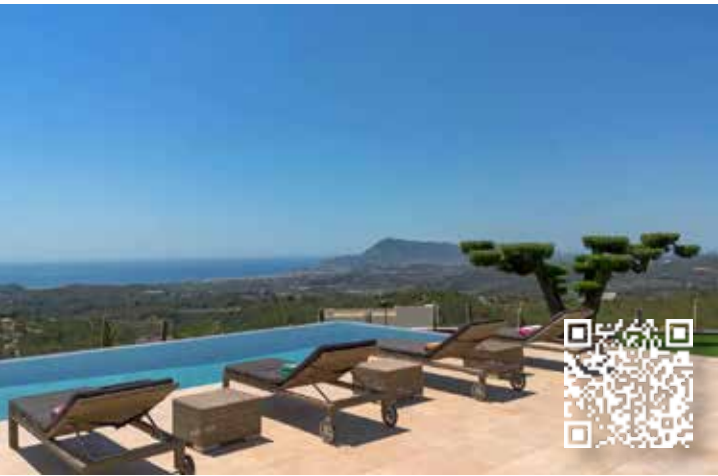
EXQUISITE 6-BEDROOM VILLA

FOR SALE

KEY FEATURES

6 Bedrooms | 6 Bathrooms + Guest WC
960 sqm build on a 2,000 sqm flat plot
Heated outdoor infinity pool with cover
Spa & wellness level with indoor pool, sauna, gym and games room
Self-contained guest/staff apartment
Open-plan kitchen with Miele appliances and Doca cabinetry
Wraparound terraces with panoramic views
Private lift to all floors
Garage for 3 cars with internal access
Separate entrance to lower level
2 aerothermal systems, solar panels, alarm, and electric blinds
Fully retractable glass walls and Italian designer furniture throughout (optional)
Located minutes from Altea town, beach, golf, and marina

€5,595,000



Set on a rare flat plot with unmatched privacy, this spectacular 6-BEDROOM villa in Altea La Vella offers panoramic views of the sea, Benidorm skyline, Altea's iconic dome, and the Sierra de Bernia mountains.

The home combines refined architectural elegance with seamless indoor-outdoor living, featuring a designer kitchen, floor-to-ceiling retractable glass walls, and a stunning infinity pool. A separate spa and wellness level includes an indoor pool, sauna, gym, and games lounge, while a guest or staff apartment adds flexibility.

JAVEA

STUNNING CONTEMPORARY VILLA WITH SEA VIEWS

FOR SALE

KEY FEATURES

4 Bedrooms | 4 Bathrooms + Guest WC
229 sqm build on a 1,024 sqm plot
Sea, mountain, and town views
23-metre swimming pool with sunken lounge and outdoor shower
Fully equipped summer kitchen with gas BBQ and electric pergola
Large kitchen with central island
Underfloor heating and individual hot/cold A/C in all rooms
Bioethanol fireplace and SONOS audio system in the living room
PORCELANOSA bathrooms and floating staircase with double-height window
Private carport with gated entrance

€1,875,000



This exceptional 4-bedroom villa near Arenal Beach offers panoramic sea views, modern design, and luxurious outdoor living. Set across two floors, the home includes a spacious living area with a bioethanol fireplace, a fully equipped BOSCH kitchen with Siemens hob, and expansive terraces that flow seamlessly outdoors. The exterior features a 23-metre pool with integrated loungers and a sunken seating area, plus a kitchen with BBQ and electric pergola. With underfloor heating, SONOS audio, PORCELANOSA finishes, and independent climate control in every room, this villa is the perfect year-round Mediterranean retreat.

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