



## LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

### Cartagena

The Mediterranean city of Cartagena is characterised by the variety of what it \_\_\_\_\_ tourists. The visitor can start with a trip through time contemplating the numerous archaeological \_\_\_\_\_ of the city, then continue by dipping into the \_\_\_\_\_ waters of the Mar Menor, where you can do nautical \_\_\_\_\_ all year round, or alternatively enjoy the Mediterranean; participate in the myriad of local *fiestas* and music festivals; or submerge yourself in nature selecting some of the many trekking \_\_\_\_\_ along the coast or in the interior.

If we start with what probably \_\_\_\_\_ this port so exceptional, its **patrimony**, we will see that in Cartagena history greets us with every step we take. In its streets we can find \_\_\_\_\_ of all the civilisations that have passed through here in the 3,000 years since its \_\_\_\_\_.



The visitor can't \_\_\_\_\_ Cartagena without knowing something more of the **Punic** and Roman cultures, through the **archaeological remains** and with the help of the interactive information centres set up specifically for that \_\_\_\_\_. In this way you can visit and get to

know more about the remains of the cultural, political, religious, leisure and residential \_\_\_\_\_.

Also of \_\_\_\_\_ interest is the **architecture** of many of the buildings in Cartagena, especially those \_\_\_\_\_ in the XVIII century during the **reign** of Carlos III, most of which are of **defensive** or \_\_\_\_\_ character. From the XIX century there are also many sumptuous buildings of modernist and eclectic \_\_\_\_\_, which reflect the prosperity of the city during that time, due to the boom in silver \_\_\_\_\_.



All the civilizations that inhabited Cartagena were \_\_\_\_\_ here by its position on the coast, which permitted them to \_\_\_\_\_ out commercial activities and which today \_\_\_\_\_ tourists to enjoy a privileged place on the Mediterranean coast, that of the **unique** area of the Mar Menor. There, you will find \_\_\_\_\_ unusual places as *La Manga*, a **strip** of \_\_\_\_\_ bathed by two seas. The Mar Menor possesses a microclimate that allows you to enjoy water sports all year round in its \_\_\_\_\_ warm waters, making it ideal for children and more \_\_\_\_\_ citizens to \_\_\_\_\_ in.



For those that \_\_\_\_\_ it, there are the very different beaches of the Mediterranean Sea, with their steep \_\_\_\_\_, the nature \_\_\_\_\_ and the small coquettish little \_\_\_\_\_ villages.



\_\_\_\_\_ in the country, due to the quality of the daises that are paraded, the sculptures that are carried on them and military precision of the \_\_\_\_\_.

The most **unique** festival of the city takes place in September, the 'Cartagineses' and 'Romanos', a week in which \_\_\_\_\_ and Roman history is revived \_\_\_\_\_ theatrical representations and **parades** carried out by the people of the city, and in which \_\_\_\_\_ and typical gastronomic delights are also assured.

In February, Cartagena, as with many cities of Spain, celebrates **Carnival**, \_\_\_\_\_ of colour, a lot of humour and music. And music, in all its forms, is what we can listen to in the many festivals that are celebrated in the city: \_\_\_\_\_ rhythms, jazz, classical, folklore,... music for every\_\_\_\_\_.



As well as this variety of beaches, Cartagena also offers \_\_\_\_\_ that's full of contrasts, from the market \_\_\_\_\_ areas to the mountains. Land dotted with unusual \_\_\_\_\_ and where you can walk and come across imposing **fortresses** and artillery **batteries** of \_\_\_\_\_ gone by. The hills of the mining areas with their characteristic buildings, the 'castilletes', is just another of the possibilities that opens up to us as we walk\_\_\_\_\_.



And for every taste is, as we have\_\_\_\_\_, the variety of what's on offer to tourists to this city, a city prepared to receive you with its \_\_\_\_\_ open and get you to \_\_\_\_\_ its patrimony, its culture, its sun and its sea, its natural **surroundings**. A place in which to have fun, to\_\_\_\_\_, to relax, to enjoy its gastronomy. Many Cartagenas await you in Cartagena, all \_\_\_\_\_ round.

And if, after our walk around the countryside we want to return again to civilization, Cartagena, being rich in *fiestas* and festivals all year round, gives us the perfect excuse to do so.

**Easter** is one of the most important celebrations and that of Cartagena is \_\_\_\_\_ one of the