



Murcia: from the muslim medina to the splendour of the baroque city

Time 3 hours 30m. This is a walking tour which starts in Murcia.

> 00:00

We meet the coach at Glorieta de España, also called plaza del Ayuntamiento (city hall). It is by the river Segura at the very heart of the city. We will introduce the city and its muslim origin. We will see the Baroque south façade of the Episcopal palace, the old bridge over the river and the city hall palace.

> 00:15

We will see the Plaza del Cardenal Belluga where you may admire the Episcopal palace with its Rococco North façade and the breathtaking barroque façade of the Cathedral: a wonderful combination of sculpture and architecture whose complex iconographic program was designed to tell us about the rich history of this historical diocese. We will enter the temple to attend a live lesson of the history of different Christian artistic movements and styles: from international Gothic to Elizabethan, plateresque, Italian Renaissance, Neoclassical and genuine Spanish barroque.

> 01:00

We will visit the Church Museum of San Juan de Dios, a superb example of late Baroque and Italian Roccoco with some works of the famous XVIIIth century sculptor Francisco Salzillo.

> 01:30

Coffe stop in plaza Belluga

> 02:10

Then we will walk by the XIXth century Casino, calle Trapería, Santo Domingo and the remains of the Summer palace of the Emir, etc. (15mm visit).

>03:00

We will also see the Romantic Romea theatre. The quaint picturesque narrow streets and squares of the medieval city whose names still reflect the medieval guilds there established, will take you to ancient history at each step. Murcia is a lively city, not only a museum one. Local people fill the cafés, churches, trendy shoe shops and have tapas in the most popular and crowded squares.

> 03: 30

We will finish in Plaza de las Flores and will accompany the group to the initial point where the coach will be waiting.

* This timetable can be made shorter if once in the tour people feel tired or just prefer to have some shopping time in the center.

* We will book the visit to the church museum on San Juan de Dios and the Emir Summer Palace (Museum of Santa Clara) and visitors do not have to pay any tickets.

Only if they wish to enter the Royal Casino (3€p pax)

* Guide fees: 10€pax (minimum 100€, maximum 150€)



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