

MURCIA



Murcia is an autonomous community of Spain located in the south east of the country, between Andalucia and the Valencian Community, on the Mediterranean coast.

The autonomous community consists of a single province, unlike most autonomous communities, which have several provinces within the same territory. Because of this, the autonomous community and the province are operated as one unit of government. The city of Murcia is the capital of the region and seat of government organs, except for the parliament, the Regional Assembly of Murcia, which is located in Cartagena. The autonomous community and province is subdivided into municipalities.

The Region of Murcia is bordered by Andalucia (the provinces of Almería and Granada), Castile - La Mancha (the province of Albacete, which was historically connected to Murcia until 1980), the Valencian Community (province of Alicante) and the Mediterranean Sea. The community measures 11,313 km² and has a population of 1.4 million, of whom one third live in the capital. The highest mountain is Los Obispos (2,015 m).

The region is a major producer of fruits, vegetables and flowers for the rest of Spain and Europe. Wineries have developed near the towns of Bullas, Yecla, and Jumilla, as well as olive oil near Moratalla. Murcia is mainly a warm region which has made it very suitable for agriculture.



One of the main attractions in Murcia, dating back to 1394, is the **Cathedral Church of Saint Mary** in Murcia city, commonly called the **Cathedral of Murcia**, it is the only cathedral in use in the Roman Catholic Diocese of Cartagena in Spain. The artistic style of the building is very varied because it was finished in the 18th century, its interior is Gothic and the façade is Baroque.