



La Manga del Mar Menor

Surface area: 558,3 Km²

Population: 16.967 (INE, 2016)
70,3% on year 2000

Elevation: 3 meters above sea level.

Kilometers of coastline: 21 Km.

Communications

Road

La Manga del Mar Menor can only be accessed by road and sea. By road there is only one option: **Gran Vía** (Main Avenue), which goes from Cabo de Palos to the very end of the weir area (Escalañadas). This road, which connects to multiple developments, including Veneziola (the very last one), starts at the end of **fast-track RM-12**, connecting to **Cartagena and Murcia via the A-30 and to Alicante via the AP-7**. After that, the Encañizadas natural park begins.

Railroad

Cartagena-Madrid, via Albacete

Cartagena-Barcelona, via Valencia

Cartagena is included in the high speed train line between Madrid and the Spanish Mediterranean Coast

Plane

The closest airport is the International Airport of the Region of Murcia (Corvera), 59 Km.

La Manga del Mar Menor, important tourist town sitting on a coastal destination in the Region of Murcia, was urbanized in the second half of the 20th century.

La Manga belongs to the municipalities of Cartagena (South side) and San Javier (North side), both of which created a consortium to manage it.

The coastline of La Manga is basically a neck of land stretching from Cabo de Palos to the boundary of the Salinas y Arenales natural park in San Pedro del Pinatar. With a width ranging between 100 and 1200 meters, it separates the Mediterranean Sea and Mar Menor.

La Manga has 13 beaches on the Mar Menor shores and 17 on the Mediterranean shores, in addition to 5 islands in Mar Menor and 3 in the Med. A total of 11 of these beaches were awarded the blue flag in 2016.

La Manga del Mar Menor, with a diversified hotel portfolio, is considered the main tourist destination in the Region of Murcia. Due to its geophysical and sociocultural characteristics, La Manga has established itself as a favorite choice for large sports and nautical events.

In this area, the Tomas Maestre Marina, in the North side of La Manga (Mar Menor shores), is also worth mentioning. The marina can be accessed via the Mediterranean by a navigable channel, the only one suitable for sea traffic between the Med and Mar Menor.

Temperature values

JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
12,9°	13,4°	13,8°	16,5°	16,6°	22,8°	25,3°	25,9°	24°	21,2°	15,3°	13,2°

Average temperature: 18,6°

Distances

Distance to Murcia (city): 74,3 Km (freeway).

Distance to Cartagena: 36,8 Km (freeway).

Distance to Alicante: 134 Km (freeway).

Additional information

1 Health center and 1 local clinic in La Manga-Cartagena.

3 Pharmacies in La Manga-Cartagena y 1 en La Manga-S. Javier.

Fortalezas del sector turístico

Variety of consolidated products: nautical-scuba, golf, health rural.

Excellent potential for senior tourism development.

Highly ranked in hospitality, safety and value for money.

Magnificent Mediterranean seabed for scuba and snorkeling tourism.

Two seas: Mediterranean and Mar Menor, the largest seawater lagoon in Europe.

Port of Cartagena, with an increasing development of cruise ship tourism.