

Shopping in and round Villajoyosa

If you are interested in shopping there are a lot of different options. Remember that Spain has siesta, meaning that many shops in the cities are closed a few hours in the afternoon, normally between 2-5 pm. The big shopping centers don't close for siesta.

If you want to find really good shopping the places to go are the big cities or shopping centers. You must experience Alicante or Benidorm. Alicante is maybe more genuine Spanish while Benidorm is more influenced by the tourism

Alicante is the eleventh biggest town in Spain and have 335 000 inhabitants.



Of course Alicante offers more than shopping, but you will find many nice streets offering shops of all kinds. You will also find bigger department stores such as *El Corte Inglés* with many floors. Visit the Old Town ("*El Barrio*") with its steep streets full of shops, restaurants, bars and clubs. Visit www.alicanteturismo.com for more information. You can also find the link on our webpage.

In the northern part of Alicante, approx. 30 km from here (which means on the right side of Alicante seen from Vila Paradís 18) you will find a big shopping center called **Plaza Mar 2**. Plaza Mar 2 offers 120 shops, 16 cinemas, a big grocery store (Alcampo), restaurants etc. Parking and WiFi is free.



Centro Comercial Alicante Plaza Mar 2

Address: Avda De Denia, s/n 03016 Alicante
 Opening hours: Monday - Saturday 10-22. It's open some Sundays, see their homepage under "Horario".
 Webpage: www.plazamar2.com

Centro Comercial La Marina is closer and easily accessed from Vila Paradís. It is located just outside of Benidorm towards the mountains. Follow road N-332 to Benidorm and exit at "Finestrat". CC La Marina offers free parking, approx. 80 shops, restaurants, cinema and on the roof 4,000 m² filled with fun attractions for the kids. Right outside is McDonald's, KFC, Media Markt, a big Carrefour, Lidl, Meradona and much more. Since it is close and easy to access, this is the natural place to go for running errands.



Centro Comercial La Marina

Address: Avinguda País Valencià, 2, 03509 Finestrat (Alicante)
 Opening hours: Monday - Saturday 10-22. It's open some Sundays, see their homepage under "Horario".
 Webpage: <https://www.cclamarina.com/en/>

In central **Benidorm** you find many of the big chains, such as Zara, Springfield and Mango but also lots of smaller shops. The shopping district is concentrated to the area behind Playa/Platja de Llevant and Playa de Poniente where the two beaches meet. For more information visit www.benidormist.com.



Villajoyosa offers some smaller shops that are nice to visit.



To be honest, you probably visit Villajoyosa more for the genuine charm of a Spanish small town rather than the superb shopping. Stroll along the boardwalk and find

souvenirs, beach toys for the kids and stop at one of the cafés or restaurants to enjoy the Mediterranean view.

Something really nice though to visit is the local outdoor market held on Thursdays between 8 am and 2 pm in Villajoyosa. You will find it close to the train station Creueta (Carrer Carles Llorca i Baus, 1, 03570 Villajoyosa). There is also a daily fish market in Villajoyosa.

Villajoyosa is known for its chocolate production. You can for example visit *Valor* who is the most well know chocolate producer in Spain. Villajoyosa is their hometown.



Visit their factory and factory shop in central Villajoyosa (Address: Pianista Gonzalo Soriano, 13, 03570). For more information have a look at www.valor.es/en.

El Campello is another small town that can be described in the same way as Villajoyosa. Try it when you want to explore something new. El Campello is, just like Villajoyosa, located by the sea and has a long boardwalk full of small shops, ice-cream bars, cafés and restaurant.

