



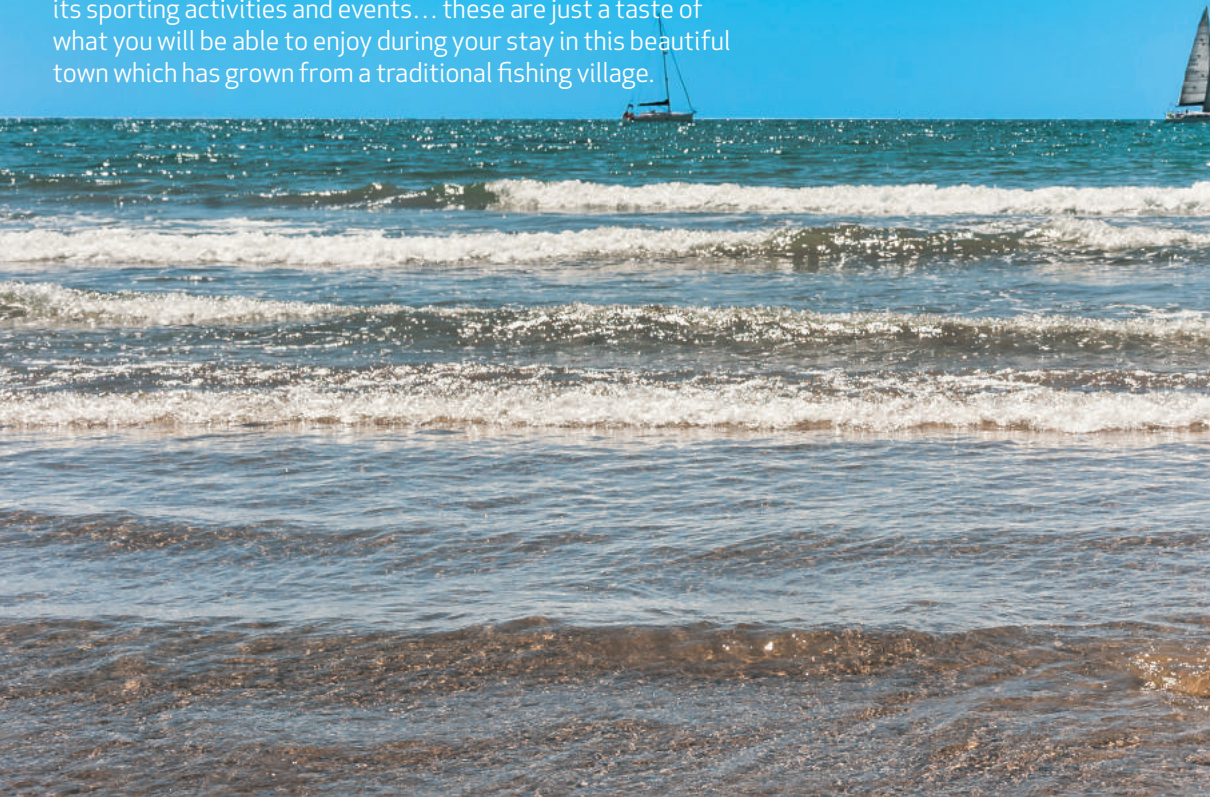
tourist guide
**Oropesa
del Mar**

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Beaches, history, nature... tranquillity

Oropesa del Mar is a typically Mediterranean town on the Costa del Azahar. Its wonderful climate, its natural beauty and the peacefulness of its fine sandy beaches and coves, its cliffs, its seafood-based cuisine, the history of its monuments, its vivacious street parties open to all, its modern tourist infrastructure, its marina, its picturesque old town, its nightlife, its sporting activities and events... these are just a taste of what you will be able to enjoy during your stay in this beautiful town which has grown from a traditional fishing village.







The beaches and their surrounding

The beaches of **Oropesa del Mar** are noted mainly for their diversity and the purity of the water, with awards certifying its environmental quality and management. On a trip from north to south you will see everything from endless sandy beaches, to bays, small sandy coves, cliffs and a virgin coastline of rocks and coarse sand.

Les Amplaries and **Morro de Gos** are classic endless beaches where you can relax with a leisurely stroll along the shore, or experience the adrenaline rush of your favourite water sport. At Morro de Gos you can take out a jet ski or have a go at flyboarding. At both spots you'll find all the services and facilities that are characteristic of accessible and quality certified beaches.

La Concha, in the form of a bay, offers a calm sea that can be enjoyed by everyone. Swings and slides await your children; while sun loungers and sunshades await you.

Totally accessible, the wide, sandy beach at **La Concha** is also a hub for leisure activities. A beautiful dusk will prolong your stay relaxing with a drink, and a star-filled sky will accompany your late-night stroll.

Les Amplaries
Beach

Morro de Gos
Beach

La Concha Beach

Orpesa la Vella and
del Retor coves

Marina

La Renegá Beach

Les Platgetes Beach





The **coves at Orpesa la Vella** and **Cala del Retor** are among the jewels of the zone. Come here to escape the crowds, and enjoy a good book or just a peaceful afternoon rest.

Steep cliffs separate the **marina** from **La Renegà**, revealing the other side of the same sea—at times our accomplice; here it is firm and powerful, armed with the lure of the unconquerable.

La Renegà is a string of small rocky coves filled with coarse sand, sculpted by sea and wind and surrounded by intricate vegetation that brings an almost magical feel to the place. You can



get there by car, by walking along one of our trails, as well as following **the Greenway**. It is a perfect place to spend the day alone, with your partner or even with the whole family.

Remember that nothing you take was there before, and that the conservation of a practically virgin beach depends mainly on you.

Les Platgetes is a secluded cove situated in a peaceful residential area, with a guarantee of very high standards and with the whole day in front of you to enjoy its fine sand and calm water.

First port of call...

... just a stone's throw from our beaches you will discover a port with modern facilities and a capacity of over 700 berths.





Try your hand at loads of different water activities here: courses on dinghy sailing, windsurfing, kayaking, yachting, canoeing and fishing, as well as catamaran trips along the coastline of Oropesa del Mar.

And of course, for lovers of unexplored nature, a visit to the Islas **Columbres National Park** is essential.



The image features a large, ancient stone tower constructed from grey blocks. The tower has a prominent domed section at its base, which includes a small arched opening. Above the dome, the tower rises into a square structure with several arched windows. In the background, a modern white lighthouse with a glass-enclosed top is visible on a hillside. The sky is a clear, vibrant blue with some light, wispy clouds. The overall scene suggests a historical site with a modern maritime landmark.

Our history, a sea... of cultures

Throughout history, Orpesa del Mar - with its unsurpassable strategic position on the Mediterranean coast - has drawn the attention of the many cultures that have passed through the Iberian Peninsula. The first human settlements date back to the Palaeolithic, as can be proven by the remains found at Cau d'En Borrás. The Iberian vestiges at Orpesa la Vella and the Roman discovery in the area confirm a strong presence of these cultures on the Mediterranean shore.



The **lighthouse** was built beside the King's Tower in the 19th Century, an interesting example of civil engineering from the period.

The **Parish Church of the Virgen de la Pacionia**, consists of a nave with side chapels. It houses samples of tiling from neighbouring Alcora that date back to the 18th century, and an image of the town's Patron Saint - La Virgen de la Pacionia- dating back to the 16th century.

During the Middle Ages, Oropesa del Mar belonged to the knights Hospitaller military order. Subsequently, in 1233, King James I Aragon conquered its castle. The town was under the rule of different governors, and it was Jofré de Thous who fortified the castle and walls. Exploring the medieval route through the Old Quarter with its narrow, steep streets, leading to the ruins of the walls and the castle built by the Muslims, will take you back in time.

Among the most emblematic monuments that have stood the test of time, you can find the **King's Tower**. This seaside fortress was built on request of Ferran I of Antequera, and later reformed by the Count of Cervellón into the building that stands today. In 1564, it was finally purchased by Philip II, as a result of which, it changed its name into the **King's Tower**. This tower is a unique example of perfectly preserved Renaissance military architecture still surviving today.



Oropesa del Mar Museum

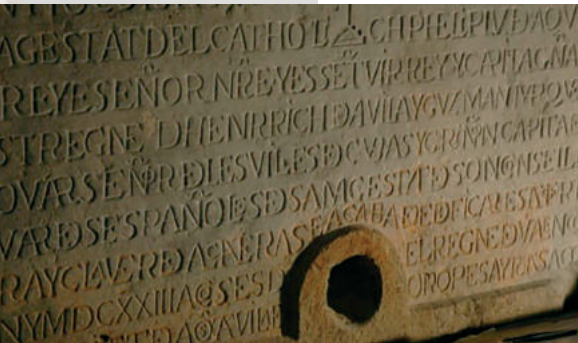
Located in the heart of **Oropesa del Mar's old quarter**, the museum was created as a window into the town's historical heritage, in a dynamic place that invites enlightenment and reflection.

Oropesa del Mar has a strategic location between the old trade road and the Mediterranean Sea, a fact which has shaped its history and architecture: watchtowers, a castle fortifications, etc. These buildings, which once formed part of an extensive network of great historical value, now stand as witness to the many attacks the town has suffered over the centuries. Some of these attacks came at the hands of very well-known historical figures such as Barbarossa, a pirate who was greatly feared in the Middle Ages, and Marshal Suchet, an official in the Napoleonic Wars of the 19th century.

With the help of models, audiovisual materials and archaeological remains, visitors can learn about the history of Oropesa del Mar and connect with its identity, its history and its roots.

Guided visits in July and August.

Visit can be arranged during the rest of the year by phoning +34 964 310 100. Ext:1621 or at info@museodeoropesadelmar.com





Old Quarter

Today, the winding streets of Oropesa del Mar's old quarter are home to a wide range of additional tourist attractions, such as art galleries, exhibition halls and museums, as well as activities related to antiques.

As evening falls, enjoy a peaceful stroll through the lattice of streets that make up the old quarter and discover the antiques displayed in the shops and markets.

On our tour we can enjoy the magnificent views from the imposing castle that dominates the highest point of the Old Town, or visit the Playing Card Museum housing a total of 15,000 packs of cards, making it the second most important collection in the World.

A large indoor waterfall cascades into a pool in the foreground. In the background, there are classical columns, a balcony with plants, and a person standing near a staircase.

Healthy mind, healthy body

In recent years Oropesa del Mar has become a reference point for health tourism. At its epicentre is the oldest sea water spa in Europe, where you can benefit from the healing and relaxing properties of its waters in a modern vision of ancient practices.



Here tranquillity echoes a sea breeze, relaxation takes the form of footprints in the sand, the silence of waves lapping at the shore, the mid-afternoon sun that revitalizes your energy levels. Get the most out of your holiday or any getaway throughout the year by looking after yourself.

For running enthusiasts, between March and May there's the **Charity Race for International Women's Day** and the **Serra d'Orpesa Run**, which includes the Vertical 1K Run up to the Mount Bovalar viewpoint and the ascent of the Orpesa del Mar sierra. August brings with it the popular **Orpesa Town Race** and, in December, the well-known **New Year's Eve Race**.



If cycling is more your thing, then you mustn't miss the **La Titánica International Cycling Event**. For swimmers, August sees the long-awaited **Beaches of Orpesa Open Water Swimming Race**. And if you want to combine these three sports, then sign up for one of several different **triathlons** of varying distances that are held throughout the year.

In July and August you can take part in the range of activities run by instructors on Orpesa del Mar's different beaches: tai chi, yoga, fitness training, pilates and aqua aerobics.

Throughout the year you can also enjoy a range of sporting competitions, such as the **Orpesa Citywide Beach Volleyball Tournament**.

Add to all of this the variety of sports on offer at Orpesa del Mar's public and private facilities: the Coastal Greenway, hiking routes, a town sports complex, paddle and tennis courts, a football pitch, a go-karting track...



Alternative activities

If what you want is peace and quiet all day long, laying on a sun-lounger or taking a stroll along the shore beneath the stars, then you have every right to do so. And here you can. If you prefer to use your free time for alternative activities, you will find events and shows in Oropesa del Mar which you can combine for a fabulous stay at any time of year.

Easter brings the well-known **Aperipuppets** puppet festival and the **5 Days of Cinema** film festival.

Summer sees more entertainment with puppets and film, with the **International Puppet Festival** in July and **Cinestival** evening film sessions in July and August.

During July and August you'll also find **Family Entertainment in the Old Quarter** with a range of shows, the well-known **Antiques Market, Poetry Tour through the Old Quarter, environmental workshops, children's activities,**

the Festival of the Sea (July), **Tourism Day** (August), etc.

Little ones (and not so little ones) will have a whale of a time at the different **theme parks in Marina d'Or**: Mundo Fantasía Theme Park, Aventura d'Or Theme Park, Polynesia Water Park and the Enchanted Garden, among others.

If you love music, in August the city hosts the **Nits de Música Festival** and the **ORFIM International Music Festival**, as well as live music most evenings throughout the summer.

In May there's the **Handicraft Fair** and in December the traditional **Christmas Market**.

You can finish off any day of the year with one of the temporary exhibitions and guided tours of the Old Quarter.





Fiestas with a different flavour

To take part in the Oropesa del Mar festivities is to truly discover its people, its cuisine, its folklore...

To mark the midsummer solstice, the **23rd of June** is the magical evening of **St John's Eve**, with its famous **bonfires** that burn beside the sea — a marvellous spectacle of fire, heat and ritual.

On **28 June** festivities take place to mark **St Peter's Eve**, with the traditional Saint Peter's cake or "Coca de San Pedro" and muscatel wine.

The **Festival of St James** is held on **25 July**, with all kinds of public events attended en masse by locals and visitors alike.

The **Festival of Our Lady of All Patience, the Town's Patron Saint** is celebrated on the first Sunday in October. The following Monday sees a **paella contest**, where you can savour the traditional dish prepared by expert hands.

During the festivals in honour of the town's patron saint, a **Medieval Market** is held, popular among locals and tourists alike.

But if you are unable to visit Oropesa del Mar over these dates, do not despair – fun is also guaranteed the rest of the year.

The town has numerous bars and restaurants on the beach itself where you can relish in rich flavours of traditional Mediterranean cuisine.



Your way to rest

You'll be impressed by Oropesa del Mar's varied, year-round selection of accommodation that includes everything from simple beachfront apartments to big tourist complexes (with shops, restaurants, spa, etc.), as well as hotels and hostels to suit all tastes and budgets.

If you walk along Oropesa del Mar's long beaches or town centre, you'll discover a never-ending stream of bars, pavement cafés, restaurants, pubs, ice cream shops and more, where you'll be able to cool down during the hottest hours of the day or sample the traditional, healthy dishes of our varied Mediterranean cuisine.

Hotels and hostels

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Hotel Baleario
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Hotel Gran Duque
Tel.: 964 391 502

Hotel Kalma

Jardín de Bellver
Tel.: 964 300 004

Hotel Marina D'Or Playa

Tel.: 964 312 800

Hotel Servigroup

Koral Beach
Tel.: 964 310 950

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Hotel Marina d'Or
Tel.: 964 311 000

Hotel-R Marina d'Or Beach

Tel.: 964 727 270

Hotel Neptuno

Tel.: 964 310 040

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Hotel Jardín
Tel.: 964 310 093

Hotel Marina

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Hotel Zapata

Tel.: 964 310 425

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Hotel El Ancla
Tel.: 964 310 238

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Hostal-R Casa Arizo

Tel.: 964 313 887

Hostal-RL'Escaleta

Tel.: 964 310 171

Hostal Oropesa Ruta

Tel.: 964 310 052

Campsites

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Oasis *****

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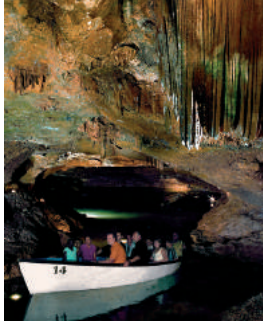
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Local excursions

Nearby you will find some very interesting towns and places.

Only 9 km away you will find two stunning and uniquely beautiful natural sites: **Desierto de las Palmas and the Prat de Cabanes-Torreblanca Nature Park**.

At a distance of 28 km and situated on a hilltop, **Vilafamés** has quaint narrow streets leading up to the Arabic castle. A must is a visit to the Museum of Contemporary Art.

At **Onda**, 42 km away, we will visit its old quarter dating back to Arabic rule, its ceramic and natural science museums.

47 km away you can go for a boat trip down the longest underground river in Europe, visiting the caverns at Las Grutas de San José in **Vall d'Uxó**.

The **Penyagolosa** massif, which is 1,813 m high and located 68 km away from Oropesa del Mar, is the highest peak in the province of Castellón, and the second highest in the Valencian Community.

In the zone of **Montanejos**, 80 km away, you will find one of the most interesting landscapes in the Valencia region, with its rugged terrain and extensive pine forests.

Navajas, at a distance of 81 km, has beautiful surroundings that can be explored by following one of the nature routes, where the Cascada del Brazal waterfall is a must.

Very close by is **Segorbe**, with abundant ecclesiastical and civil architecture (Catedralicio Museum), museums and the modern centre dedicated to the town's famous horseback running of the bulls (Entrada de Toros y Caballos).

Morella, 93 km away, is a walled town situated 1,000 m above sea level. Both the archpriest's Basilica de Santa María la Mayor and the Real Convento de San Francisco are national heritage sites.

And don't miss Castellón's examples of cave paintings, mainly located at two sites: **El Barranco de la Gasulla** near the town of Ares del Maestre and **El Barranco de la Valltorta**, whose painted shelters wind along the ravine by the towns of Coves de Vinromà, Albocacer and Tírig, with the caves "dels Civils" and "dels Cavalls".

The city of **Valencia** lies 90 km away, where you can visit its historic centre, the Valencian Institute of Modern Art (IVAM), the City of Arts and Sciences, the Bioparc, the Ricardo Tormo de Cheste circuit or the Formula 1 Valencia Street Circuit...



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