

Benidorm Beaches

Benidorm's beaches are justifiably famous and the resort's continuing success owes much to those fabulous golden crescents. Stretching for a luxuriant six kilometres from **Levante** Beach in the east to **Poniente** Beach in the west, consistently high quality **blue flag** bathing, lifeguard patrols, a wealth of water sports and an impressive approach to cleanliness mean these beaches are among the best in Europe. Each has its own particular character so take your pick.

Levante Beach

This is the sandy holiday hub for those who are out for fun and frolics, and is known as the sunrise beach. In high season it can get pretty crowded, although there are quite literally thousands of sun beds (over 5000 in fact). It is backed by a broad promenade sporting bars and cafes and in short. . . it's lively! The beach is sandy and slopes gently into the water which makes for relatively safe bathing for the young or less confident. Further out to sea are swinging bridges, diving boards, rafts, slides, a wet playground for the energetic, and lifeguards are on hand throughout the summer season. Families are exceptionally well catered for. The children can enjoy all day entertainment - which can only be good news for parents. Ever experienced that awful moment when having arranged to meet your kids under the sign up yonder, you realise there is a veritable glut of identical signs? Then you will be reassured by the Council's initiative which provides huge, colourful picture boards to be used as meeting points.

Teenagers visit to enjoy a sandy social vibe, to see and be seen, and to generally have a good time. And the rest - well, they get a grandstand seat from which to watch the wet set at play. Most impressively, the sand is pristine each morning thanks to a thorough daily clean up.

- Fine, clean sand which slopes gently
- Close to town, easily accessible on foot
- Life saving timetable: summer 9. 00-20. 00; winter 10. 00-17. 00
- Water ski, Jet ski, Paragliding, Scuba diving
- Play facilities
- Swinging bridges, diving boards, rafts, slides
- Ramps and other provision for people with disabilities



Poniente Beach

Beyond the Old Town, **PONIENTE BEACH** is to the west of LEVANTE, and comprises a mammoth golden curl of excellent fine sand. If you don't want quite such a hectic time having fun in the sun this will be your better option as PONIENTE tends to be slightly less crowded. There's still plenty of facilities close at hand and the inevitable army of sun beds, but in general there is a more relaxed and laid back feel here - and a bit more space. Families, young ones and the not-so-young- but-young-at-heart are very well catered for and have all they need to enjoy great swimming (there're no rocks) and sunbathing. Again, the sand is spotlessly clean each morning. There is also a treat in store at the end of the day as PONIENTE boasts some great sunsets.



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Mal Pas Beach

This beach is close to the harbor, beneath the port and the castle cliffs. Small, pleasant and usually not very crowded, it is different again to Benidorm's two other beaches.

DOGS ARE NOT ALLOWED ON THE BEACHES.

REMEMBER UNDERCURRENTS CAN BE DANGEROUS. TAKE CAREFUL NOTE OF WEATHER CONDITIONS, BATHING FLAGS AND LIFEGUARDS.