

Murcia

Is the smallest province in Spain, with the capital called “Murcia”.

cca. 450 000-500 000 Habitants

So, it’s not that bigger than Bratislava



Expenses per month: rent (160-290), food (80-100), party & restaurants (50-70), transportation (20), university (10- print or books), travel (depends on you, but GO TRAVEL – there are so many beautiful places to visit and there are good connections from Murcia to a lot of surrounding cities; Granada, Sevilla, Morocco,)

Since the sea cost is about 50min to an hour away, you need to take a bus or train which is 10euros (there and back)

Useful info: It has 3 universities, the city is full of students, so you’ll never feel alone, and you can meet people from all parts of the world apart the Spanish, like (Italy, France, Germany, China, Korea, Portugal, Poland, Netherlands, USA, UK, Caribbean, and many more)

Murcia people do not speak English! They have their own dialect and a lot of older people speak only that, so I strongly

Weather: It rarely rains in Murcia and the weather is very warm, in winter min. 16 degrees.

Gastronomy: Murcia has their own beer factory, so everyone loves and drinks “Estrella de Levante”.

Besides that, Murcians love to eat and have great gastronomy, so don’t forget to try the traditional food. And they also love their traditional “siesta”, so be prepared that from 14-17 o’clock a lot of places will be closed, and you won’t get things done.

Transport: the city center is quite compact, so you can get everywhere by foot, but there are also good bus & tram connections, although the busses are not that reliable.

UCAM

Is a private catholic university, which is basically in the desert out of the city (Bus – from center around 50min) & (Tram – from center around 40min)

The business and administration degree are in Spanish/ English. The only thing is that the level of English is a bit low.

As you are on the south of Spain everything takes forever, especially the administration stuff. So, prepare yourself to spend a lot of time at the international office (mostly at the beginning and end of your Erasmus stay).

But UCAM and ESN makes a lot of trips and activities for Erasmus students so trust me you won’t be bored (don’t be fooled by how small the city is, it is very, very alive).

The last thing would be, Murcia loves to celebrate, **so they’ll find any excuse for a party** – I mean free days at school and work. The biggest celebration is just after Easter when they’re celebrating their traditions. Word of advice: **Don’t miss it!**

