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ELCHE OASIS DE INVERSIÓN

Where Business Meets Quality of Life



A CONNECTED CITY
Connectivity, infrastructure and a strategic location.

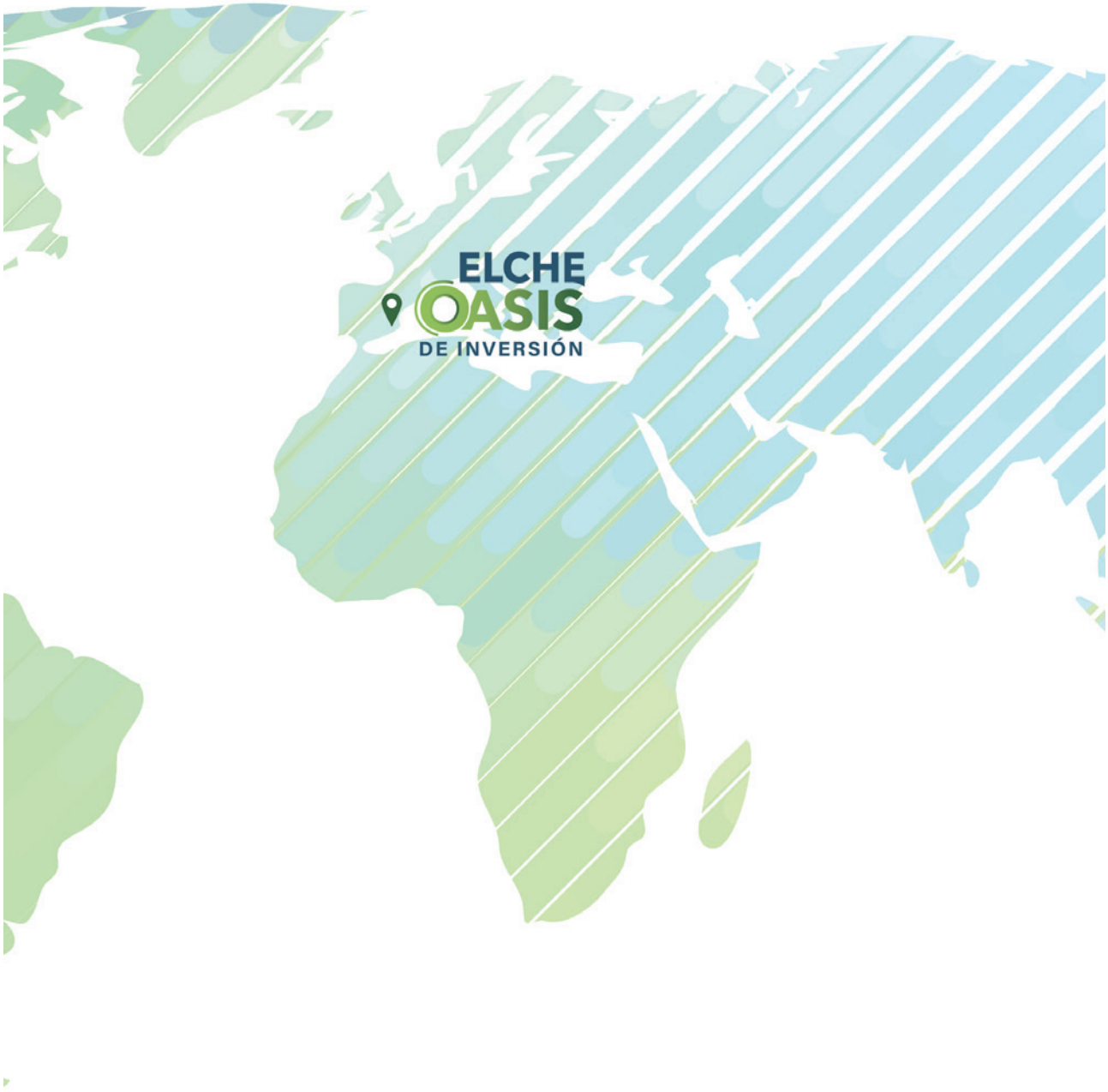
AN OASIS TO ENJOY
Climate, nature, heritage and the Mediterranean quality of life.

A SUCCESSFUL BUSINESS ECOSYSTEM
Companies, industry, entrepreneurship and innovation that promotes growth.

TALENT TO GROW
Talent, knowledge and new career opportunities.






ELCHE
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DE INVERSIÓN

WHY ELCHE?

Elche is in the Mediterranean Region, in a strategic location between Alicante and Murcia, with direct access to the main roads, rail, sea and air transport networks, which makes it easy to get into the national and international markets.

On the 1 January 2025, Elche had 245,557 inhabitants and it has the third largest population in the Valencian Community. Its municipal area covers 326.2 square kilometres that consists of a dynamic city with 30 outlying districts (pedanías), industrial areas, farmland and coastline.

Elche brings together economic, regional, environmental, cultural and heritage assets that favour the development of business projects in a competitive environment with a high quality of life.

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DO YOU NEED 10 REASONS TO BRING YOUR BUSINESS TO ELCHE?



01 A strategic location at the heart of the Spanish Mediterranean Region, with the best transport links.



02 A diversified economic structure in all the sectors: industry, agriculture, trade, services, tourism…



03 Excellent spaces for economic activities, an example of environmental, social and economic sustainability.



04 An innovative, creative business base that is constantly growing.



05 Efficient infrastructure, facilities and urban services, with a high quality of life and a wide range of shops, leisure options and restaurants.



06 Talented entrepreneurs and highly qualified professionals.



07 A high performance research and innovation hub, with three universities.



08 An area with extensive business opportunities.



09 A unique natural environment, with beaches, protected natural areas and an ideal climate all year round.



10 An excellent range of cultural activities, including its three UNESCO world heritage designations: the Misteri, El Palmeral and the Pusol School Museum.



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WHY ELCHE?





Its geographical location, its industrial and commercial activity and the availability of infrastructure and services create a favourable environment for companies that want to set up in south-eastern Spain and operate from the Valencian Community.

Would you like to know more?

https://www.elche.es/historia-de-la-ciudad-elche/

Do you want to bring your business to Elche too?

With 245,557 inhabitants, Elche has the third largest population in the province of Alicante. Its municipal area covers 326.1 square kilometres and its territorial structure combines the city, the outlying districts, industrial activity, agriculture and the coastline.

Elche is part of an urban and economic area that is closely connected to Alicante and the wider functional metropolitan area. This increases the labour market, the consumer base, the suppliers and the business services that are available for companies located in the area.

WELCOME TO ELCHE, AN OASIS FOR YOUR BUSINESS.

¿Quieres saber más?

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2 CONNECTIVITY

Elche and the Mediterranean Region

Elche is a major industrial hub and one of the most dynamic cities in Spain in terms of demographic and urban growth and economic and social development. It has a leading position in the Spanish Mediterranean Region (AME), it is one of Europe's main centres of development and territorial cohesion, which is made up of Catalonia, the Valencian Community, the Balearic Islands, the Region of Murcia and Andalusia.

Given its strategic location, it has excellent land, air and sea transport connections and infrastructure for people and goods.

Elche by land...

Elche is distinguished for its extensive road transport network:
-The A-31 motorway takes us to Madrid and the centre, the west and the north of the country.

-The AP-7 motorway takes us to Andalusia, via Murcia.
-And the A-7 motorway (Mediterranean Corridor) takes us to Algeciras in the south and France in the north, via Valencia and Barcelona.
-The city is connected to Alicante through the Alicante-Elche Vía Parque CV-86, the CN-340 national road and the A-7 and AP-7 motorways.



Would you like to know more?

https://www.transportes.gob.es/carreteras

...by bus

The Elche Bus Station is strategically located in the city centre, with convenient bus routes in all directions. Nine companies currently operate there with lines that go to a wide range of destinations.

Would you like to know more?

https://pimesa.es/estacion-de-autobuses/

...en tren

Elche High-Speed Train (AVE), modern and convenient, is part of the Madrid-Levante line. It only takes two hours to get to Madrid and about twenty minutes to get to Murcia.

Elche has two RENFE stations. One in the city centre, which connects it to Alicante and Murcia through high-frequency train services. Commuter rail (Cercanías) services from the Elche stations are complemented by long-distance services from the Alicante Station: Madrid, Galicia, Asturias, Cantabria, Barcelona and Valencia. There are plans to double the Elche urban rail tunnel, so that the AVE trains can get to the Elche-Parque station and to add a future stop at Alicante-Elche Airport..



Would you like to know more?

https://www.thetrainline.com/es/estaciones/elx-parc
https://www.adif.es/-/03410-elx/elche-av



Elche by sea...

...by pleasure boat, cruise ship or container ship

The Port of Alicante, which is about 20 kilometres away from Elche, has maritime connections to transport goods, cargo and passengers to national and international markets. This closeness consolidates the logistics position of Elche and it increases its distribution and foreign trade potential.

Would you like to know more?

https://www.puertoalicante.com/



Elche by air...

...by private, commercial or freighter aircraft

The Alicante-Elche Miguel Hernández Airport is located in the municipal district of Elche. In 2025 19,950,394 passengers travelled through it, it had 126,081 aircraft movements and it handled 4,129 tonnes of cargo. Around 85% of its passengers were international, which increases the connectivity of Elche with Europe and other markets.

Would you like to know more?

https://www.aena.es/es/alicante-elche-miguel-hernandez.html

3 BUSINESS SPACES

Elche has plenty of land and property available for economic activities, in a strategic, easily accessible location and with quality infrastructure and services, at highly competitive prices. Moreover, on a national and international level, it is a new paradigm of industrial land associated with the principles of **environmental, social and economic sustainability and the values of entrepreneurship, creativity and innovation.**



PIMESA

Promociones e Iniciativas Municipales de Elche, S.A. (PIMESA) is a municipal company whose objective is **to intervene in the industrial land market to promote public and private investment in the city along with the establishment and growth of businesses.**

Business attraction

To favour the establishment of new business projects, an active policy of developing and promoting land for economic activities is being implemented, which is structured around a series of strategic lines of action:

- Promotion and marketing of land that is available.
- Development of land zoned under the Elche General Urban Development Plan.
- Economic Revitalisation and Urban Renewal of Industrial Estates.
- New land developments.
- Real estate exchange.

Would you like to know more?

www.pimesa.es

https://pimesa.es/bolsa-de-inmuebles/

Industrial areas

An extensive infrastructure supports the economic activity of Elche, with various areas of industrial land that has a total surface area of 8,628,268 m². This makes Elche **one of the municipalities in the Valencian Community with the largest amount of business land.**

Elche Parque Empresarial (2,635,316 m²). It is strategically located between Elche and Alicante, just a short distance away from the Alicante-Elche Airport and the Port of Alicante. More than 750 companies are currently established there and over 13,000 people work in the park. There are plans to expand Sector E-49 by 569,000 m² and invest 41.5 million euros, to strengthen its future capacity to host businesses.

Elche Technology Campus (93,000 m²). Next to the Elche Parque Empresarial. It was created to host innovative companies and to be used as a meeting place for the local business community. It has become a **leading centre for the new-era economy.**

Other industrial areas:

» Altabix Urban Industrial Area (468,064 m²).
» Carrús Industrial Estate (1,441,443 m²).
» Butano Industrial Estate (33,281 m²).
» Industrial Area next to the Crevillent road (1,057,196 m²).
» L'Aljub Industrial Estate (511,295 m²).
» Algorós Industrial Area (1,092,283 m²).
» L'Alcudia Agri-Food Park (190,299 m²).
» PLD Aerospace Park (720.821m2).

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BUSINESS OPPORTUNITIES

Elche is a paradise for entrepreneurs, it is a city full of business opportunities for all the sectors and it is **an oasis for investment and business development**, with a solid infrastructure, access to talent and research, a skilled workforce, tax incentives and support programmes.

Footwear and Fashion Sector

Footwear is one of the cornerstones of Elche's economy and the city has become an international benchmark for fashion, design and high quality in this sector. It produces 50% of the footwear from Spain and it exports to more than one hundred countries and some of the leading well-known footwear brands have their head offices in Elche. This makes Elche an ideal place for new companies and start-ups in this sector.

Aerospace Sector

The aerospace sector in Elche is booming, it is leading the way in the development of reusable launch vehicles for small satellites. The access to skilled talent, having research institutions at hand and partnerships with space agencies and technology companies create an environment that favours the development of innovative aerospace projects.

Technology Sector

Elche is becoming a technology hub, thanks to the Science and Technology Park of Miguel Hernández University. The park is home to more than one hundred technology companies that are working on innovative projects in areas such as biotechnology, health, information technology and renewable energy. This environment promotes innovation and the access to technological start-up accelerator and incubator programmes that help them grow and prosper.

Agri-Food Sector

Agriculture is still an important part of Elche's economy. The vast Camp d'Elx produces a wide variety of horticultural crops, vegetables and fruit, including the famous Elche dates and the Mollar Pomegranate of Elche, which has the Protected Designation of Origin status. Business opportunities in the agri-food sector include organic food production, the development of advanced agricultural technology and the export of high-quality products.

Tourism Sector

Tourism has great potential in Elche, which has three UNESCO heritage designations: the Palmeral of Elche, the *Misteri d'Elx* and the Pusol Project. These and other factors, such as the history, culture, festivities, nature and beaches, attract thousands of tourists every year, which is a great business opportunity in the tourism sector: hotels, restaurants, agencies, leisure…

Logistics Sector

Elche has an excellent transport infrastructure, with land, sea and air transport connections, which makes the city **a strategic location for the logistics sector**. In addition to almost twenty million passengers a year, the airport handles large volumes of incoming and outgoing goods, so it is vital for trade.

Services Sector

El sector servicios en Elche es amplio y variado. La presencia de numerosas instituciones y empresas demuestra la gran demanda de servicios y la **excelente oportunidad de invertir en este sector.**

Construction Sector

A city with continuous urban and demographic growth is the ideal place for construction companies and related businesses, such as building materials, heavy haulage, real estate agencies, consultancies and legal services…

Opportunities in Rural Areas

Natural Businesses are a new generation of companies aimed at regenerating the business, social, economic and environmental network in a balanced and prosperous way, placing nature at the centre. This provides business opportunities for new companies providing Health & Care, Leisure/ Culture and Tourism/Wellness services.

Would you like to know more?

https://ceeielche.emprenemjunts.es/?op=13&n=20551



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BUSINESS SUCCESS

Elche is **Spain's leading producer, marketer and exporter of footwear and an international benchmark** in brands, fashion, design, innovation and technological development.

Moreover, **Elche is a major centre of business growth, with a consolidated industrial and business base and a highly diversified and developed economic structure:** agriculture, trade, construction, industry, logistics, hospitality, services, and tourism. All this, combined with the dynamism and innovation that distinguish Elche, gives it a tremendous capacity to develop new business opportunities. That is why **companies in Elche consolidate and grow.**

Would you like to know more?

https://www.elche.es/promocion-economica/emprendimiento/programas-emprendimiento/plan-fomento-cultura-emprendedora/

The Fourth Industrial Revolution

Elche has a business base that is used to accelerate this transformation through talent, knowledge, specialised suppliers and innovation-friendly spaces.

Elche faces the challenge of the Fourth Industrial Revolution, the Industry 4.0, based on digital and emerging technologies, interconnected systems throughout the production process and Artificial Intelligence. To this end, the public and private sectors are working to transform the production model, modernise the business base and upskill the workforce. Being at the forefront of this revolution will make Elche a regional and national leader.

The main objective of the Valencian Community's Industry 4.0 Agenda is to move the production model towards a new sustainable, smart and inclusive industry through digitalisation, which includes robotisation, materials science and new production processes. The progress of digital technologies is fundamental for economic transformation and it is changing the way products and services are designed, produced, marketed and used to generate value.

Institutions at the service of your business

Elche has a business support ecosystem that connects public administration, universities, innovation, financing, sector-specific knowledge and economic promotion.

Its assets include PIMESA, the EUIPO, CEEI Elche, the Chamber of Commerce, INESCOP, REDIT, the Ciutat d'Elx Congress Centre, the Quórum Foundation and other specialised stakeholders that provide knowledge, innovation, internationalisation and business development.
Here are some of them:

- **European Business and Innovation Centre of Elche (CEEI Elche),** it was set up **to promote entrepreneurship and the creation of new innovative companies.**

Would you like to know more?

https://ceeielche.emprenemjunts.es/

- Ciutat d'Elx Congress Centre. Elche is the ideal place to host all kinds of business conferences. **To this end, it has the Congress Centre, with modern facilities equipped with the latest technology, right in the city centre.**

Would you like to know more?

https://www.visitelche.com/congresoselche/

- **Local office of the Alicante Chamber of Commerce.** The Official Chamber of Commerce, Industry, Services and Navigation of Alicante has a whole range of **services available to improve** the resources of companies. The Elche office is strategically located in Elche Parque Empresarial.

Would you like to know more?

https://www.camaralicante.com/red-cameral/vivero-delegacion-elche/
https://www.camaralicante.com/

- **Footwear Technology Institute (INESCOP).** It provides **technological services**, **knowledge and research for the footwear sector**, so that companies can create value and become more competitive. **It has the largest specialised footwear laboratory.**

Would you like to know more?

https://inescop.es/es/

- **Technology Institutes.** Their objective is to supply a wide range of tools for companies, especially SMEs and micro-SMEs, to **improve their competitiveness by promoting Research, Development and Innovation.**

Would you like to know more?

www.redit.es

Innovation ecosystem

The City Council of **Elche promotes collaboration and sharing knowledge between companies and the Science Parks** of Miguel Hernández University of Elche, the University of Alicante and the Valencian Science Parks Network (REPCV), to favour innovation, the development of the industrial network and the growth of start-ups. Collaboration is also encouraged between the City Council, PIMESA and the main stakeholders in entrepreneurship, innovation and research, to encourage companies to set up in Elche through commercial advantages.

Would you like to know more?

www.repcv.net

https://www.elche.es/elche-sede-agencia-espacial-espanola/

- **The objective of the Science Park of Miguel Hernández University of Elche is to promote the transfer of knowledge between the University and the business world** and encourage the creation of start-ups, spin-offs and innovative companies, by providing them with services aimed at their growth and competitiveness:

» » Support in the search for funding.
» » Networking and access to business and knowledge networks.
» » Guidance on protecting R+D+I results.
» » Legal support.
» » Digital services.
» » Processing and management of public grants.
» » Advanced training for companies.
» » Communication services.
» » Business hosting services.

Would you like to know more?

https://parquecientificoumh.es/

- **Elche Technology Campus**. Elche City Council has signed a Collaboration Protocol with Miguel Hernández University of Elche to **promote and coordinate business and university ventures** in the fields of science, technological development, innovation and competitiveness.
- As for PIMESA, it has an Intermediation Services Contract with the Universitas Miguel Hernández Foundation, to provide companies associated with the Science and Business Park **commercial with advantages to set up in the Elche Technology Campus.**

Would you like to know more?

https://pimesa.es/elche-campus-tecnologico-77a1/

Distrito Digital is the Mediterranean Technology Centre promoted by the Generalitat Valenciana (Valencian Regional Government). It is **the perfect place to attract and develop talen**t. A unique technology hub with a character of its own that is a reliable option, which makes the Valencian Community and Elche a different ecosystem where technology companies from all over the world find the incentive they need to turn their projects into success stories.

Would you like to know more?

www.distritodigitalcv.es



Elche Technology Campus

Inspiring stories. Testimonials

Wonders

"After four decades making footwear In Elche, we have witnessed the growth of Elche, a strategic epicentre for industry and innovation."



Grupo Pikolinos

"Elche is an industrialised city that is full of opportunities, great enthusiasm, energy and entrepreneurial initiative."



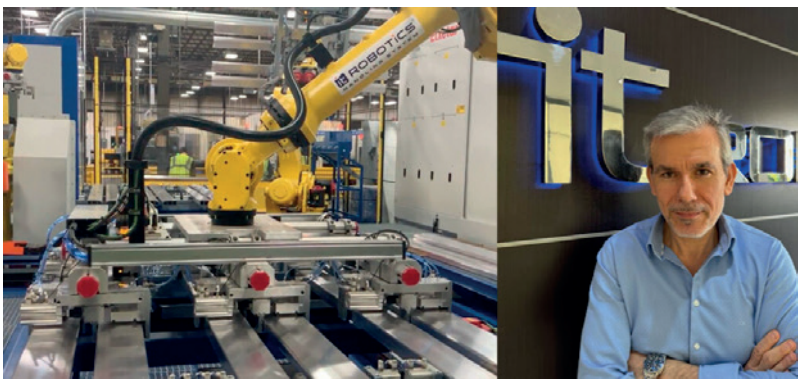
PLD Space

"Elche has a well-established industrial tradition, excellent infrastructure and connections, and high-quality education. This is where the talent, ambition and conditions we need to keep growing come from. From Elche to the world and from the world to Elche."



IT Robotics

"Ever since IT ROBOTICS was founded in 2000, we have always known that we wanted to be in Elche, our city."



Grupo Soledad

"The city of Elche is the perfect place to invest, it has a privileged geographical location and an inquisitive, entrepreneurial spirit."



Manolet

"In Elche since 1946. Elche has always been essential for the success and growth of our company over four generations."



Greene

"Elche is the ideal place for businesses, due to its strategic and unique location at the centre of the Mediterranean Region."



Hidroponia Elche

"Elche is the perfect city for hydroponic farming thanks to its Mediterranean climate, which is ideal for the controlled growth of plants."



Suculentia

"We decided to move our business to Elche mainly because of its excellent climate and quality of life."



6 TALENT



Elche is a breeding ground for research and for a highly qualified workforce.

The city is home to Miguel Hernández University, CEU Cardenal Herrera University and UNED, as well as an extensive network of vocational and specialised training. This ecosystem makes it easier to recruit technical, scientific, digital, business and professional profiles.
Three of the five universities in the province of Alicante are in Elche.

- **Miguel Hernández University of Elche (UMHE)**

Public university with four campuses, it offers 28 bachelor's degrees, 5 double degrees and more than 80 official master's degrees. According to university quality indicators, it is positioned among the best Spanish universities in infrastructure, teaching, innovation, technological development and industrial and business ventures.

Would you like to know more?

www.umh.es

- **CEU Cardenal Herrera University**

Private university with facilities in Elche, it offers 19 bachelor's degrees, 6 double degrees and 3 master's degrees.

Would you like to know more?

www.uchceu.es

- **National University of Distance Education (UNED)**

Public open university that has an associated centre in Elche offering a full range of official studies and an assorted selection of its own qualifications: 30 bachelor's degrees, 75 master's degrees, 21 PhD programmes, 16 languages…

Would you like to know more?

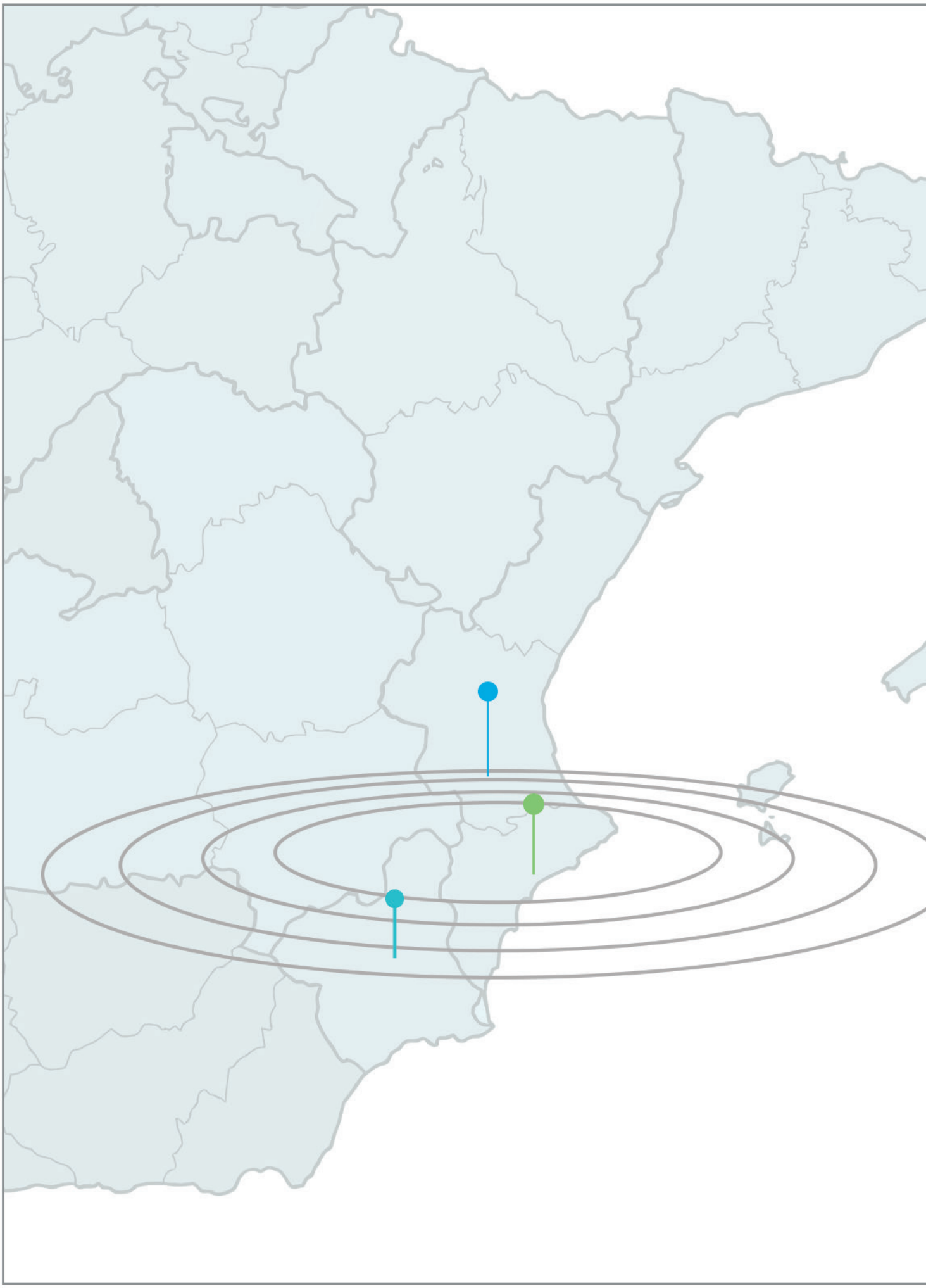
www.unedelche.es

- **Elche Official School of Languages**

In an increasingly globalised world**, language learning is essential to open up new markets and expand businesses.**

Would you like to know more?

https://portal.edu.gva.es/eoielx/



UNIVERSITY EDUCATION

LESS THAN TWO HOURS AWAY BY ROAD

PUBLIC SECTOR	UA	University of Alicante
	UMH	Miguel Hernández dUniversity of Elche
	UNED	National University of Distance Education
	UPV	Polytechnic University of Valencia
	UV	University of Valencia
	UIMP	Menéndes Pelayo International University
	UM	University of Murcia
	UPCT	Polytechnic University of Cartagena

PRIVATE SECTOR	CEU	CEU Cardenal Herrera University
	UCV	Catholic University of Valencia San Vicente Mártir
	CEF	Centre for Financial Studies
	ESIC	ESIC Business & Marketiing School
	FU	Florida Training Centre
	UCAM	Catholic University of Murcia

- **VALENCIA**
  - UPC
  - UV
  - UMIP
  - CEU
  - UCV
  - CEF
  - ESIC
  - FU
- **ALICANTE**
  - UA
  - UMH
  - UNED
  - UPV
  - CEU
- **MURCIA**
  - UM
  - UPCT
  - UCAM

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ELCHE SUPPORTS YOU

Tax incentives

The combination of local, regional and national incentives makes **Elche an attractive destination for investors that want to maximise the returns on their investment.**

- **Municipal Incentives**

Elche City Council has tax incentives with reductions, exemptions and rebates on the taxes within its competence, as regulated in the tax bylaws in force. **Companies can benefit from significant tax reductions through these measures.**

- **Regional Incentives**

The Valencian Community provides incentives such as **Corporate Income Tax deductions** for R+D+I projects, to encourage innovation and technological development in companies, making them more competitive in the global market. Companies that invest in training their employees can also benefit from tax deductions, which therefore promotes the ongoing development of local talent.

- **National Incentives**

Spain has one of the most attractive tax systems in Europe for investment in venture capital and start-ups. Furthermore, companies that choose to reinvest their profits in new business projects can access significant Corporate Income Tax deductions.

We promote your growth

- **Spain**

On a national level, entrepreneurs can access programmes such as those of the Official Credit Institute (ICO), which offers **credit lines with favourable terms to finance business projects.**
The ENISA programme (Empresa Nacional de Innovación) also provides participating loans for innovative projects, which help companies get financing without needing any additional guarantees.

- **Valencian Community**

On a regional level, the Generalitat Valenciana generally has **grants to set up businesses and recruit staff, as well as training programmes** specifically for entrepreneurs. The Network of Technology Institutes of the Valencian Community (REDIT) has a crucial role in supporting business innovation, providing companies with resources and technical expertise.

- **Elche**

On a local level, Elche City Council has developed undertakings such as **Elche Emprende**, a programme that gives free advice, training workshops, grants, awards for entrepreneurs, approved programmes with financial institutions to help gain access to finance, as well as programmes to support business digitalisation.
Elche City Council has also launched the ELCHE OASIS DE INVERSIÓN programme, aimed at attracting companies and investors, whose activities include a committee to welcome new companies and support them while they establish their business in the city of Elche.

Would you like to know more?

https://www.elche.es/promocion-economica/

Fast-track procedures

Elche City Council, in line with its policy of fast-track procedures, has implemented a number of tools to speed up administrative procedures and reduce deadlines as much as possible, so that new companies, as long as they meet the legal requirements, get their **business licences within a maximum period of two months.**

Furthermore, Elche City Council applies Law 19/2018, dated 13 July, on the Acceleration of Investment in Priority Projects (L.A.I.P.). This Law halves the processing time for investors that want to set up in the municipality, with direct dialogue between the City Council, the Generalitat and the investor.

Through its Entrepreneur Service Point (PAE), **a company can also be set up within 48 hours,** with the help of a specialised technician, which significantly cuts down on the costs of incorporating a company.

PIMESA

PIMESA, the municipal public company, manages and markets assets for economic activities and it establishes commercial terms and provides customised space solutions tailored to different business projects, according to the availability and current conditions.

Support might include information on plots of land, commercial premises and offices, as well as initial guidance on setting up firms and the municipal resources available.

The objective is to make it easier for new companies to set up in Elche and support their growth, by connecting projects with land, space, services and stakeholders in the Elche business ecosystem.

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Moreover, the European Business and Innovation Centre (CEEI) in Elche has consultancy, training and networking services available, which **helps companies get in touch with potential investors and** business partners and it provides the resources to create companies and promote their growth, particularly innovative firms and those that diversify the Valencian economic network.

Would you like to know more?

https://ceeielche.emprenemjunts.es/

A Camp d'Elx full of opportunities

Elche has a vast rural area full of business opportunities, the Camp d'Elx, where organisations such as the farmers' unions ASAJA and LA UNIÓ and associations such as GALSUR and ADR have a wide range of services available to support entrepreneurs and business owners whose activities are linked to rural areas.

Would you like to know more?

https://alicanteasaja.com/
https://launio.org/
https://www.galsurdealicante.es/
https://turismoruralelche.es/

Other grants and useful links

- Next Generation-GVANEXT
- GVANEXT
- ipyme.org
- Plataforma One
- INPYME



Would you like to know more?

www.ivace.es/index.php/es/ayudas
www.innoavi.es/es/convocatorias.
www.prestamos.ivf.es/es/prestamos.
www.gva.es/inicio/procedimientos
www.reindus.es
www.cdti.es



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ENJOY THE OASIS

Where Business Meets Quality of Life

Elche, a place where thriving also means living better.



ELCHE, A CITY TO LIVE IN

Elche is much more than a place to invest in and build a professional career. It is an oasis where nature, landscape, heritage, culture, economic activity and human talent coexist in harmony, creating an exceptional environment to live, learn, start a business and grow in.

Its environmental wealth and landscape, it's cultural and heritage identity, its economic dynamism and its open, welcoming character make it a city with a distinct personality of its own, which has well-being, opportunities and a quality of life for those who choose it as the place to pursue their personal and professional projects.

An environment that fosters educational and professional development, promotes innovation and talent and favours the reconciliation of economic growth with people's well-being.

In Elche, quality of life is much more than an advantage: it is part of our identity and a driving force for the future.

Would you like to know more?

https://www.elche.es/urbanismo/

- **Education**

» **Primary Education**

38 state schools in the city, 12 in the outlying districts.
8 state-subsidised schools in the city, 1 in the Camp d'Elx.
1 private school in the city, 1 in the Camp d'Elx.
5 municipal nursery schools (0-3 years).

» **Secondary Education**

17 state schools.
8 state-subsidised schools.
2 private schools offering bilingual English-Spanish education.

There is a significant range of intermediate and higher vocational education courses, in a wide variety of professional fields, some of them are associated with the footwear industry.

» **Higher Education**

2 public universities, UMH of Elche and UNED.
1 private university, UCH-CEU, with two campuses in the city.

The city has an Official School of Languages and a Professional Music Conservatory.

- **Libraries**

» Elche Municipal Historical Archive.
» Manuel Vicente Segarra Mobile Library.
» Pedro Ibarra Central Library.
» And 7 libraries and 8 study rooms spread across neighbourhoods and outlying districts.

Would you like to know more?

https://www.elche.es/educacion/

- **Healthcare**

» 3 hospitals:
» Elche General University Hospital
» Vinalopó University Hospital
» IMED Elche Hospital.
»

And an extensive network of Health Centres, Medical Clinics and Emergency Services spread across the city and the outlying districts.

- **Urban Mobility**

Elche has resources that make it easy for residents to get around the city and its outlying districts, and to reach strategic points such as the airport and the business park.

By bus… By bike… By taxi… By tram…

Would you like to know more?

https://www.elche.es/movilidad/autobus/
https://www.elche.es/movilidad/bicielx/
https://www.visitelche.com/taxi/
https://www.elche.es/2023/09/la-generalitat-se-compromete-a-incluir-el-estudio-tecnico-del-tram-de-elche-en-los-presupuestos-de-2024/

ELCHE, NATURALLY!

Elche's territory combines the city, the countryside and natural areas of great value, including:

» The Palmeralof Elche, a World Heritage Site.
» El Hondo Natural Park. A Special Protection Area for Birds, a wetland ecosystem recognised under the Ramsar Convention.
» Clot de Galvany Municipal Natural Area.
» Els Carrisars.
» Las Salinas Natural Park.
» Elche Reservoir (El Pantano).
» The coastline of La Marina, El Pinet and El Rebollo.
» Carabassí Beach and Dunes.
» The banks of the Vinalopó River.

Would you like to know more?

https://www.elche.es/medio-ambiente/patrimonio-natural/
https://www.visitelche.com/naturaleza/parque-natural-el-hondo/
https://www.visitelche.com/naturaleza/parque-natural-de-las-salinas/
https://www.visitelche.com/naturaleza/paraje-natural-del-clot-galvany/
https://pantanodeelche.es/el-pantano-y-su-entorno/

- **The Camp d'Elx**

The *Camp d'Elx* is famous for its agricultural activity, it has **more than 7,000 hectares of cultivated land**. Its prize crops include the Mollar Pomegranate of Elche, which has a Protected Designation of Origin. There are also plenty of plant nurseries in the *Camp d'Elx.*

The rural area has opportunities for advanced agriculture, the circular economy, agri-food, nature tourism and activities that are compatible with the conservation of the landscape and natural resources.

Would you like to know more?

https://www.elche.es/rural/
https://www.visitelche.com/naturaleza/camp-delx/
https://campodeelche.com/el-parque-agroalimentario-de-elche/
https://www.carrizales.es/pdf/PARC-NATURAL-AGRARI-ELS-CARRISALS.pdf
https://mariaquiles0.medium.com/el-camp-delx-clave-para-la-agricultura-valenciana-b5869d0b1567

- **The Beaches of Elche**

Elche is an attractive tourist destination, with its idyllic beaches. Nine kilometres of fine white sand dunes, pine groves and unspoilt areas. You and the sea… And more than three thousand hours of Mediterranean sunshine a year! What more could you ask for?

These are the Beaches of Elche: El Altet, Los Arenales del Sol, El Carabassí, La Marina, El Pinet and Les Pesqueres-El Rebollo... All of them fly the Blue Flag.

Would you like to know more?

https://www.visitelche.com/playas/



PATRIMONIO MUNDIAL
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ELCHE, WORLD HERITAGE



- **The Palm Grove of Elche**

The Palmeral is the age-old, living, beating heart of Elche. **The Palmeral** was **declared to be a World Heritage Site in 2000.**

The Palmeral of Elche is a vast oasis, a huge urban forest with more than 200,000 date palms, another 50,000 in the municipal nurseries. It is the largest palm grove in Europe.

Would you like to know more?

https://www.visitelche.com/patrimonios-de-la-humanidad/palmeral-de-elche/

- **The Misteri d'Elx**

Proclaimed a Masterpiece of the Oral and Intangible World Heritage in 2001, it was the first play to be awarded with this distinction. It features medieval monodic chants and Renaissance and Baroque polyphonic music.

Would you like to know more?

https://www.visitelche.com/fiestas/misteri-delx/

- **The Pusol Project**

The Pusol Traditional Culture Centre brings the past back to life through everyday objects, homes, schools, shops and farm work. **UNESCO included it in the Register of Good Safeguarding Practices in 2009.**

Would you like to know more?

https://www.visitelche.com/patrimonios-de-la-humanidad/museo-de-pusol/

ELCHE, CITY OF CULTURE

Elche combines the dynamism of a modern city with a rich historical and cultural legacy. Its heritage, archaeology, culture, festivities, gastronomy and traditions shape a distinctive identity that attracts national and international visitors and inspires them to come back.

- **Festivities**

Elche's main festivities are held in August, with the Misteri d'Elx, the famous Nit de l'Albà, the Pobladores and the Moors and Christians. Another festivity of International Tourist Interest is Holy Week, with its Palm Sunday

Would you like to know more?

https://www.visitelche.com/fiestas/festivales/

https://www.visitelche.com/fiestas/


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- **Monuments**

Elche has a long history and there is a wide variety of monuments in its historic centre: the remains of the Islamic and medieval walls along the riverbank, the Alcázar de la Señoría or Altamira Palace, the majestic Calahorra Tower, the Arab Baths, the City Hall, Gothic in style and one of the oldest in the Valencian Community, the Calendura Tower, the Renaissance Convent of La Merced, the Basilica of Santa María with its beautiful façade, a Baroque gem, the Convent of San José…

Would you like to know more?

https://www.visitelche.com/cultura/monumentos/

- **Museums**

A varied network of museums and exhibition halls is home to the important cultural heritage of Elche.

» Archaeological and History Museum of Elche (MAHE).
» La Alcudia Archaeological Site Visitor Centre and Museum.
» Museum of La Festa or Misteri d'Elx.
» Palmeral Museum.
» Hort dels Pontos.
» Arab Baths
» Pusol Museum.
» Palaeontological Museum.
» Museum of Contemporary Art.
» Museum of the Virgin
» Municipal Exhibition Centre
» Las Clarisas Cultural Centre.
» Casa del Belén (Nativity Scene House).
» Friends of the Railway Museum Collection.
» La Almazara del Tendre Shop-Museum.

Would you like to know more?

https://www.visitelche.com/cultura/museos/

- **Theatres and Cultural Centres**

» Gran Teatro.
» L'Escorxador. Centre for Contemporary Culture.
» La Llotja Cultural Hall.
» La Tramoia Hall.
» La Rotonda (open-air auditorium).
» Espacio Hernandiano.
» Las Clarisas Cultural Centre.
»

Would you like to know more?

https://www.elche.es/cultura/



And culture all year round…

- Festival Medieval d'Elx (Medieval Festival).
- Elche Live Festival.
- Elx Guitar Festival.
- Elx Jazz Festival.
- MEED. Electronic music festival.
- National Young Singer-Songwriters Competition.
- Deploy Metal Fest.
- Ángel Alfosea Music Series.
- Bach Week.
- La Música del Cielo International Organ Series
- Festival Medieval d'Elx (Medieval Festival).
- Abril en Danza (April in Dance).
- "Dama d'Elx" Amateur Theatre Festival.
- School Theatre Festival.
- "Óscar Martín" Youth Theatre Festival.
- La Alcudia Classical Theatre Festival.
- Elx al carrer. Street theatre festival.
- Valencian Community Amateur Theatre Festival.
- FITELX. International Amateur Theatre Festival.
- Elche International Independent Film Festival.
- FANTAELX. Fantasy film festival.
- Mostra de Cinema Jove (Youth Film Festival).
- Cinema d'Estiu (Summer Cinema).
- "La dignidad de la palabra" literary series.

Would you like to know more?

https://www.visitelche.com/fiestas/festivales/



IMMORTAL ELCHE

The municipal district of Elche is home to numerous archaeological sites, a timeless legacy of its great history: Caramoro, La Moleta, Limoneros, El Promontori, La Figuera Reona… The highlight among them is La Alcudia, the legendary Ilici of the Iberians, Greeks, Carthaginians, Romans and Visigoths.

Since the early 15th century, La Alcudia has been a renowned archaeological site and today it is one of the most important in Spain. Its most outstanding find is the most universal woman of Elche: the Lady of Elche, the masterpiece of Iberian art and one of the most famous sculptures in the world.

Would you like to know more?

https://www.visitelche.com/cultura/museos/yacimiento-arqueologico-lalcudia/
https://www.visitelche.com/cultura/la-dama-de-elche/



DELICIOUS ELCHE!

Elche has excellent, authentic cuisine, based on the wide variety of produce from the countryside and the coast and a large number of restaurants in the city, the Campo de Elche and the beaches of Elche.

Would you like to know more?

https://www.visitelche.com/gastronomia/





ELCHE, CIUDAD DE DEPORTES

Elche hosts major annual sporting events, such as the Ciudad de Elche International Half Marathon, the oldest in the world, the Torrellano Handball Cup, the Waterpolo KidsTour and the Elche Olympic Triathlon. Hiking enthusiasts have many routes to explore and annual events to take part in such as the Transilicitana or the *Camp d'Elx* Hermitages Route.

There are numerous sports facilities in Elche and its outlying districts, which is home to a large number of sports federation teams competing in local, regional and national leagues in all sports.

Would you like to know more?

https://www.elche.es/deportes/

ELCHE BY NIGHT

Enjoy early-evening outings and Elche's nightlife in the city's many venues. You will find live music, theatre, stand-up comedy, exhibitions, poetry…

Would you like to know more?

https://www.visitelche.com/salir-de-noche/





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