

## Gran Alacant – part of Santa Pola

Gran Alacant is officially part of Santa Pola, but has grown so much it even has its own town hall. It is essentially a large urbanisation which sits high on the cliffs overlooking the clear blue waters of the Mediterranean and the Island of Tabarca.



Gran Alacant has several commercial areas all of which offer shops, bars and restaurants. The largest commercial area is just off the N332, whilst the one with the town hall is located in the middle of the houses. There is a street market every Thursday morning, which swells in size during the busy summer months. A lawn green bowling club known as Monte Mar Bowls, tennis courts at the municipal sports centre and a tourist train that runs all year and links the commercial centres, cliff top walkways and the beach.

The fine sandy beaches of Gran Alacant stretch north to Arenales del Sol and south to the little hermitage which marks the start of the scenic drive to Santa Pola. From here there is a walking and cycling route below the cliffs, lots of tiny beaches and seaweed covered coves that are ideal for rock pooling and snorkelling and during the summer months a number of chill out beach bars.





The Clot de Galvany has been a Municipal Natural Park since 2005. This protected coastal area of sand dunes has a couple of marked walking routes, old bunkers, a recreation picnic area and bird watching observation huts and towers.

At the top of the cliffs is the lighthouse, known as the Faro de Cabo de Santa Pola. An excellent view point it offers stunning vistas and is surrounded by untamed countryside with two signposted, but many unmarked but well worn walking and cycling trails. In 2015 a metal platform called the Sky Walk was constructed, it protrudes slightly over the cliffs and gives the feel of walking in the air. There are two entrance and parking points, one at the top of the Gran Alacant urban area and the other just off the N332.



**Gran Alacant Centre & Town Hall** [38.226792, -0.523326](#)

**Gran Alacant Market Medium** [38.223439, -0.519277](#)

Every Thursday morning, it is larger in the summer months.

**Gran Alacant Tourist Train** [38.233150, -0.549083](#)

The Commercial Centro N332 is one of the the 11 stops for the tourist train. It operates during most of the year and takes just under an hour to complete each circuit, stopping at the beach, lighthouse and other commercial centres, tickets are purchased from the driver.

**Gran Alacant CC N332** [38.233150, -0.549083](#)

The biggest and busiest of all of the commercial centres.

**Gran Alacant Sports Centre** [38.221717, -0.518450](#)

The Jose Antonio Alemañ Valero centre has tennis and padel courts.

**Gran Alacant Lawn Green Bowls Club** [38.233695, -0.542122](#)

**Gran Alacant Lighthouse Sky Walk** [38.218304, -0.518174](#)

Entrance from urban Gran Alacant. Walk or cycle along the road to the turning circle and then follow any of the paths to the lighthouse, there is no right or wrong route. There are benches at both viewpoints on either side of the lighthouse, but the best views of the Island of Tabarca are to be found at the viewpoint just past the lighthouse.

**Gran Alacant Lighthouse Sky Walk** [38.209410, -0.516107](#)

Entrance from the N332. On the N332 heading north, at the top of the hill just after Santa Pola and the El Faro Restaurante there is a small sign FARO, follow this road to the very end, then walk the 200 meters keeping the light house on your left. This entrance can only be accessed on the north side of the N332, so use Santa Pola and Gran Alacant as turning points.

**Gran Alacant Beach Car Park** [38.237750, -0.519217](#)

The car park and spaces beside the road are free.

**Gran Alacant Coastal Trail** [38.224933, -0.513067](#)

For the walking and cycling path below the cliffs go along the road until the first bend, then follow the well worn path towards the base of the cliffs, turn left and continue, there is no right or wrong route, until you reach the small collection of properties around the CIMAR marine research centre which looks like a mini castle. You can return by the same route or walk back beside the sea.

**Scenic Drive Northern Point** [38.224933, -0.513067](#)

**Scenic Drive Southern Point** [38.196350, -0.515467](#)

These are the coordinates for the northern point in Gran Alacant and the southern point in Santa Pola of the scenic coastal road which runs beside the sea underneath the cliffs. It can get extremely busy especially during high season, so is sometimes best avoided in the summer.

**Gran Alacant Clot de Galvany Park** [38.238461, -0.521057](#)



**Bars, Restaurants and Shops**

**Gran Alacant Village Centre** [38.226792, -0.523326](#)

**Gran Alacant CC N332** [38.233150, -0.549083](#)

**Gran Alacant CC Nova Mar** [38.240467, -0.526667](#)

**Gran Alacant CC Orden** [38.232900, -0.528867](#)

**Gran Alacant CC Sueno Azul** [38.231417, -0.524250](#)

**Gran Alacant CC Pl Reino Unido** [38.225083, -0.520617](#)

**Gran Alacant CC Top** [38.226792, -0.523326](#)

**Annual Fiestas and Events**

**Summer Fiesta** middle of July