Torrevieja

Torrevieja is a busy, bustling town that has a lively atmosphere all year round, day and night. There are over 105,000 inhabitants 55% of which are of foreign origin. Torrevieja includes many residential areas which can be grouped together into the following main zones; Los Balcones and Los Altos, Acequión and Náufragos, Las Naciones, Centro and Cura, Habaneras, Torreta, Los Altos, El Limonar, La Siesta, El Chaparral, San Luis, Locos and Calas Blancas, Agua Nuevas, Torre de la Mata and La Mata. All of the areas are well served with local bars, restaurants and shops as well as being highly residential.



Los Balcones and Los Altos

This zone forms the southern boundary and is situated between the Orihuela Costa and the shores of the Pink Salt Lagoon. It is the location of the main Hospital with a 24 hour Accident and Emergency and the wonderful Reina de la Sal Parque which includes free to use basketball courts, table-tennis tables, football pitches, petanca lanes and a special 2,000m2 dog park.

Reina de la Sal Parque 37.958717, -0.725050 Main Torrevieja Hospital 37.962300, -0.715350



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Acequión and Náufragos

This area takes its name form the two sandy beaches. It is located to the south of the Puerto Deportivo Marina Internacional, the older of the two marinas and includes the Parque Dona Sinforosa which has a band stand where concerts are sometimes played during the summer.

Beach Náufragos37.969700, -0.697000Beach Acequion37.974667, -0.691533Parque Dona Sinforosa37.975733, -0.690517Puerto Deportivo Marina37.976067, -0.688067Several restaurants beside the boats and a pay for stay car park.

Las Naciones

This is the area around the popular Las Naciones Parque. The park has an exhibition room, children's play area and a scaled model of Europe formed by a man made lake as the sea and islands in the shape of the countries complete with flags. The old railway line terminates in this area of Torrevieja, although it is now an urban green way, called the Via Verde de Torrevieja, and is used by cyclists and walkers as it runs almost parallel to the CV95 finishing at Ciudad Quesada. Located in the Estacion Park the old station buildings have been renovated and house the Ricardo Lafuente Habaneras and the Natural History Museum. Within the park Chickens run free and there is also a Skateboarding zone. The Nativity or Belen Museum can be found near the Park of Nations.

 Jardín las Naciones
 37.982983, -0.688033

 Old Railway Line Route
 37.978583, -0.691983

 Estacion Parque
 37.978467, -0.690583

Museums and Skatebaord Park

Nativity Belen Museum <u>37.979600, -0.689567</u>



Centro and Cura

These areas are the original heart of Torrevieja and so are packed with amenities including the Town Hall and Tourist Office. The seasonal Tourist Train leaves from beside the wooden huts of the Day and Night Market and is a great way to get to know Torrevieja. The Sea and Salt Museum is situated next to the Municipal Theatre and performances are also offered at the Palacio de Musica and the Virgen del Carmen Cultural Centre. This area is also home to the main shopping zone, the Indoor Daily Food Market, the traditional Inmaculada de Concepción and the more modern Sagrado Corazon de Jesus Church. There is a long beach front Promenade with the iconic Wave Fountain, the impressive and original Casino building and the permanent Day and Night Market. The more modern Marina Salinas is protected by a magnificent 1.3 km long Pier which stretches out to sea and is floodlit at night. There is also the Cura Beach, the Vistalegria Promenade, the Floating Museums of the Albatros Patrol Boat and the Delfin Submarine, year round Boat Trips and the Summer Funfair.





Pay Car Park 1 at the Marina Salinas
Pay Car Park 2 under the Vistalegre

37.974018, -0.679880
37.975667, -0.684017

If spaces are available you can park for free in the surrounding streets, or use either of these car parks for all points of interest in the Centro and Cura zone.

Tourist Office & Vistalegra 37.975617, -0.683417

The helpful information centre is situated above car park 2 beside the Paseo Vistalegre promenade, which is often used for events with its concrete seating and large semicircular concrete overhangs.

Central Plaza & Inmaculada Church 37.977500, -0.683050

Starting from the iconic wave fountain, walk inland about 200 m for the Plaza de la Constitucion, with the Iglesia de La Inmaculada, town hall and the main shopping street of the Ramon Gallud.

Sagrado Corazon de Jesus Church <u>37.976836, -0.676655</u>

Walk along the promenade with the sea on your right side until the statue of the lady on the bench, take the next road on the left, Calle Zoa and continue for 3 blocks to Plaza de Oriente.

Marina Salinas & Promenade 37.973633, -0.678533

The 1.3 km elevated marina promenade stretches out to sea behind the marina with its selection of eateries and chill out bars.

Boat Trips 37.974943, -0.680905

From car park 1 make your way towards the boat warehouses, where you drove in. The boats to the island of Tabarca and other trips depart from here.

Floating Museums <u>37.972417, -0.680000</u>

Located in the dock between car park 1 and the Marina Salinas.

Funfair 37.972950, -0.678817

Open during the summer evenings it is directly beside car park 1.

Day & Night Market

37.974569, -0.678851

Located between the two car parks are the wooden huts of this permanent market. During the summer the market opens around midday and closes at midnight, in the winter there are a lot less stalls and it tends to be open from midday until early evening.

Casino & Wave Fountain 37.975822, -0.681033

Both are opposite the day and night market and are iconic landmarks.

Tourist Train

The stop is behind the day and night market near the wave fountain.

Beach Cura

37.975417, -0.679883

37.976800, -0.671183

Keeping the sea on your right and the shops, restaurants and ice-cream parlours on your left, walk along the promenade for 1 km to the beach.

 Teatro Municipal
 37.976417, -0.683767

 Palacio de la Musica
 37.979300, -0.680733

 Centro Cultural Virgen del Carmen
 37.977167, -0.675217

Habaneras & Street Market

The Habaneras is the location for the shopping mall, the Ozone Entertainment Area with a cinema, bowling alley, crazy golf and restaurants and a couple of large supermarkets. The Habaneras Mall has many of the high street brands, is split over three levels, is open everyday from 10:00 to 22:00 and has great views of the sunsets from the roof top cafes. Just beside the mall is the summer only Aqualandia Water Park with slides and rides to suit the whole family. In 2017 the Friday morning Weekly Street Market moved from its central location to the purpose built site between the Water Park and the Vicente Garcia Stadium, from the Agua Nuevas area.



Habaneras Shopping Mall 37.989500, -0.686167

Park for free in the underground car park below the mall.

Entertainment Area 37.989550, -0.686167

Exit the underground car park, go to level 1 and walk away from the front of the mall, past all of the

shops to the exit at the back, cross the street and continue past the restaurants, the Ozone complex is at the end and the bowling alley is hidden in the far left hand corner.

Aquopolis Water Park <u>37.993900, -0.679817</u>

The water park is open during the summer months only, you can often find discount vouchers in the local shops and at the tourist office.

Friday Morning Street Market <u>37.993900, -0.679817</u>

Torreta, El Limonar, La Siesta, El Chaparral San Luis

These inland suburbs are found on both sides of the CV95 which connects Torrevieja via Ciudad Quesada to the AP7. They are mainly residential and are well served by the many commercial centres which are dotted throughout. Running parallel to the CV95 is the old railway line which is now a marked walking and cycling route that finishes close to the beach in the Acequión and Náufragos area. The pink working salt lake is a major landmark in this area and provides some stunning views, especially at sunset. La Siesta has the added benefit of the Aquapark Flamingo, this water park is open everyday in the summer and offers pools, slides and fun for all.

 Pink Lake & Old Railway Line
 38.023600, -0.708600

 Flamingo Water Park
 38.012933, -0.692850

Park for free on the road, the water park is open during the summer months only.



Locas and Calas Blancas

This zone is named after the beach and coves which stretch from Playa del Cura to Torre la Mata. It runs parallel to the sea and goes inland until the Sports Centre of Agua Nuevas. These streets have ample low rise apartments, plenty of plazas and copious commercial centres.

 Beach Los Locos
 37.983533, -0.660767

 Beach Calas
 37.994300, -0.656217

Agua Nuevas

The large municipal sports complex is situated in this urbanisation area. The centre, known as both the Palacio de los Deportes Infanta Cristina and Sports City, includes an Olympic sized indoor heated swimming pool, two seasonal outdoor pools, courts and pitches for all types of sports, a gym, athletics track and the Vicente Garcia Stadium, with a capacity for 10,000 spectators. All of these facilities can be enjoyed by everyone on a pay per use basis. The Street Market (featured in the Habaneras area) backs onto the sports facilities, making it a busy place with parking difficulties on a Friday morning. On the opposite side of the N332 is the imposing 2,000 seater Auditorio

Internacional which regularly hosts concerts and shows.

Municipal Swimming Pool 37.996300, -0.677700 **Municipal Gym & Tennis Courts 37.998167**, **-0.679333 Vicente Garcia Stadium** <u>37.996833, -0.676850</u> Auditorio Internacional <u>38.000367</u>, -0.680067



Torre de la Mata

This area joins Torrevieja to La Mata. Its coastline includes the steep cliffs of Cabo Cervera and it is the start of the 2.5 km beach front promenade to La Mata. The Torre del Moro Parque, with the former watch tower provides impressive views and the area has several commercial centres situated between the urbanisations.

Torre del Moro Parque 38.001233, -0.651517

La Mata

La Mata with its beautiful beach and Natural Park is officially part of Torrevieja, although it is featured separately on this link

Bars, Restaurants and Shops

There is a huge selection of bars, restaurants and shops in all areas of Torrevieja.

Annual Fiestas and Events

Three Kings 5th January

Carnival beginning of Lent

International Choir Competition beginning of April

Easter daily parades between Palm Sunday and Easter Sunday

Jar of events Patron Saint Fiesta Virgen del Rocio 50 days after Easter during Pentecost.

May Fair Anadlucian Fair beginning of May

Patron Saint Fiesta Virgen del Carmen 16th July

Habaneras Song Competition end of July

Patron Saint Fiesta San Emigdio 5th August

International Band Festival end of August

Patron Saint Fiesta Inmaculada Concepción 8th December

Gastronomy various tapas routes and gastronomy weeks