

## ORIHUELA



**Orihuela** is a large municipality covering an area of 365 km<sup>2</sup> and is the historical capital of the Vega Baja. The region can be split into three distinct zones, the surrounding countryside with the La Pedrera Reservoir, the coastal area known as the Orihuela Costa and the city itself.

The historical centre of Orihuela is packed with museums and religious buildings. Visit the tourist office for a free map and an up to date list of the museums with their prices and opening times. Even if you are not a museum lover, Orihuela is still worth a visit. Pop into the Casino with its beautiful tiled patio or see a concert or play at the Teatro Circo, enjoy a walk beside the Rio Segura which runs through the middle of the city, discover the Palmeral Park, browse the boutique shops, try the tapas bars, visit the Tuesday or Saturday morning market, shop at the Ociopia Mall or take a drive to the Pinar de Bonanza Natural Park with its picnic benches and hiking routes.

There is a modern train station just over 1 km from the historical centre. You can either arrive into Orihuela, parking at a quieter station on the line or catch a train north to Alicante and Elche, or south to Murcia and then beyond.