

2024: A JUBILEE YEAR FOR CARAVACA DE LA CRUZ, REGION OF MURCIA



- Every seven years since 2003, the city of Caravaca de la Cruz, region of Murcia, enters a Jubilee Year which brings celebrations and thousands of pilgrims to the city.
- The last Jubilee year, 2017, saw roughly 500,000 pilgrims and travellers gathering in Caravaca, with figures for 2024 expected to be almost double that.
- The city is the fifth Holy City of Catholic Christianity to be given the distinction to have a “jubilee in perpetuum” by the Pope, alongside Rome, Jerusalem, Santiago de Compostela, and Santo Toribio de Liébana.

The Pilgrimage of Caravaca de La Cruz: The Camino de Levante

The Camino de Levante is a gorgeous 120km hiking route to Caravaca from Olihuela, Alicante. Not only do most pilgrims choose to travel the Camino de Levante to celebrate the Jubilee Year, but it is also incredibly popular among holidaymakers wishing to experience the atmosphere of the celebrations non-theistically. The famous pilgrimage route is full of culture, nature and gastronomic offerings and can be broken down into five sections.

1. Orihuela – Murcia: trek along the Segura River (24km)

This six-hour hike starts near the historic Cathedral of El Salvador before following the bank of the Segura River before arriving in the capital of the region of Murcia, the city of Murcia.

2. Murcia – Alguazas: discover the orchards of Murcia (26km)

The section runs through a large part of the Murcian orchard, where hikers will discover why Murcia is known as the “Europe’s orchard”. Visitors also pass one of the most important sites in Murcia, the Rueda de la Ñora and its aqueduct.

3. Alguazas – Mula: explore ruins and badlands (26km)

This area of Murcia is a rugged landscape home to a plethora of Roman remains. Holidaymakers will visit the Roman Villa of Los Villaricos, a large agricultural villa in the heart of Murcia, and the 12th Century Castle of Alcalá.

4. Mula – Bullas: stroll through vineyards and landscapes (21km)

Hikers will walk close to the Sierra Espuña Regional Park, the first area in the Region of Murcia endorsed by the European Charter for Sustainable Tourism (CETS). Following the Northwest greenways, walkers will arrive at Bullas, the land of vineyards and wine!

5. Bullas – Caravaca de la Cruz: finishing the route in style (21km)

The last stage of the route is the hardest with a 500m ascension. Hikers will pass through an old railway line before arriving at the Taibilla canal, allowing them to explore the pine forests and vineyards before arriving at their final destination: Caravaca de la Cruz.



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