

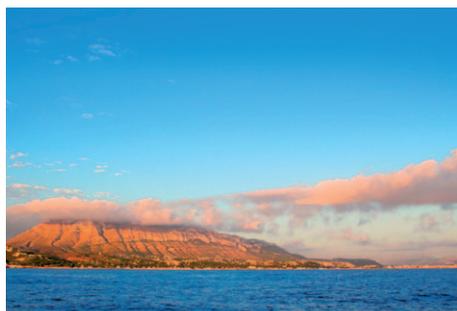
Moraira Magic

Bruce Gibson of VillaSpain reveals his top five tourist 'musts' in and around the sun-kissed resort of Moraira on the Costa Blanca.

1. Take the Lemon Express (the narrow gauge railway that hugs the coastline between Denia and Alicante) from the local station at Teulada. A fascinating excursion, along the Costa Blanca; this snap happy five-hour jaunt passes through Benidorm, Altea, Penon de Ifach and Teulada, along with several other scenic havens you can't reach by car. On the return leg, passengers can soak up the wonderful west Mediterranean landscape from great heights with views of the coast and country, while sparkling wine is served.

2. Head inland from Benidorm and visit the stunning fortress village of Guadelest (below). Consistently ranked one of the top tourist attractions in Spain, this lofty village precariously perched on the pinnacle of a granite mountain boasts panoramic views across the valley. The village's Moorish castle (accessed through a tunnel carved from the rock) is well worth a guided tour.

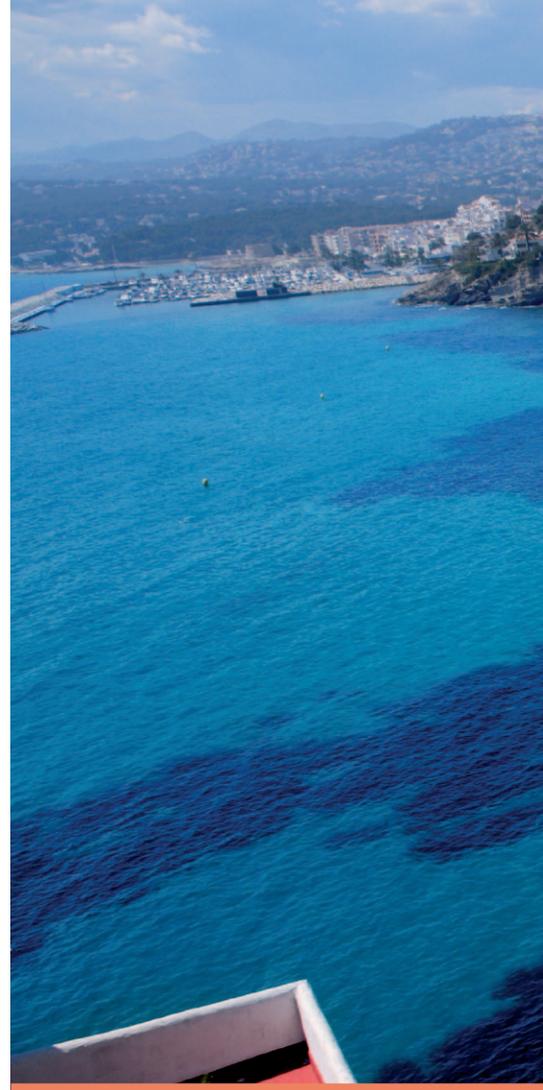
3. Don your walking boots and head to the green and serene National Parks of Montgo (above right), Ifach at Calpe and the Bernia mountain range. Rising 753 feet above sea level, Montgo National Park boasts over 600 species



of flora and fauna including partridge eagles, royal owls and badgers.

4. For families on-the-go, the ever popular Terra Mitica gets the thumbs up. Inspired by the five civilisations of the Mediterranean, Benidorm's full-throttle theme park takes you on a journey through the ancient mists of time. As well as its many rides and attractions, Terra Mitica boasts no less than 20 fantastic live shows with a cast of over 300 actors and dancers. Let them entertain you, but watch out for the pirates!

5. Beaches are a huge part of the region's tourism mix: a firm favourite being the Cumbre del Sol; the cliff opening of which was only created in



the last 20 years. Snorkelling apart, there's a stunning cove, and ridges to explore. The more adventurous can take a blow-up dingy, canoe or hire a small boat and enjoy exploring the tiny inlet bays within a few hundred metres, (some of which are impenetrable from the landside), including the one between El Portet beach and the Cumbre del Sol. Take a picnic and chill out. You'll have the beach all to yourself.

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