



Auxiliares  
de conversación



**Junta de Andalucía**

Consejería de Educación y Deporte



**WELCOME FUTURE ASSISTANTS!**



### CEIP SAN INDALECIO

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In our school, we have approximately 40 teachers and 700 students (3-12 years old). We have been an Eco-School for some years now, we have our own vegetable and herb garden and love learning about our planet! ☺

#### The head-teachers team



José Antonio

Carmen

Reme

Secretario

Directora

Jefa de Estudios

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## PREVIOUS ASSISTANTS

**Rachel**



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Worked at San Indalecio 2017-2019

*"I was so lucky to be given a placement in Almería, and especially at San Indalecio. I worked at San Indalecio as a language assistant for two years. The teachers are so welcoming and make you feel like you're part of the team. The school is a quick bus ride from the city center. Almeria is a wonderful place to live, with its beautiful beaches in Cabo de Gata and amazing gastronomy. I liked it so much that I decided to stay! I've been living here ever since my time at San Indalecio in 2017. If you have any questions about the school or living in Almería, please feel free to contact me!"*

**Garrett**



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Worked at San Indalecio 2021-2022

*"I have had an amazing first year in Almeria teaching at San Indalecio!! I liked it so much that I will return next year to do it again. Almeria is a great beach city that quickly feels like home, and the school is great. The teachers and students here have been so kind to me and they create a great environment to work in. Please email me if you want to hear more about the school, I would love to share more about my experience."*

**Zoe**



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Worked at San Indalecio 2021-2022

*"My experience at CEIP San Indalecio was wonderful! The teachers were very welcoming, kind, and provided guidance in the classroom. The coordinator, Maria Atienza, went above and beyond to make sure that we were comfortable in the school! The students are absolutely wonderful. I cannot express how much these kids have meant to me over the course of the school year. They are so sweet and eager to learn. Almeria itself is a cute medium sized town right on the water! The locals are kind and the environment is comfortable! If you have any questions about this experience, feel free to reach out via email."*

# FAQs ABOUT THE SCHOOL AND ALMERIA

## **What group ages and subjects will I teach?**

As an assistant, you will be working with a teacher in the Natural and Social Science class (6–12-year-old students). It's possible that you'll also help with the music class (6–12-year-olds) and the 5-year-old English groups. This is something that we reorganize each school year depending on different aspects.

## **Will I be assisting one teacher or numerous teachers? Will I be assisting one group of students or more than one class of students?**

You will be assisting several teachers and groups. We will explain the details when you arrive at school.

## **When is the first day of work / what day does the program start?**

The program lasts from October 1st to May 31st, no matter the school: it's the same for all the public schools of Andalucia.

## **What time does school start/when should I plan on arriving to the school for work?**

The school timetable is Mon-Fri from 9:00-14:00. We normally have 2 assistants. One will be working Monday-Thursday and the other Tuesday-Friday. Once you are both at the school the coordinator will prepare your schedules.

## **Is there a dress code that I should abide by at the school?**

There isn't a dress code, we all dress casual 😊

## **Should I install any apps on my phone to have an easier transition?**

In Spain most people use WhatsApp to text, and the Surbus app is helpful while you are learning the bus routes and schedules.

## **Should I live in La Cañada or in Almería?**

La Cañada is a small town. In this area you will find all your basic needs covered: supermarkets, pharmacy, parks, a church, a small hospital and some bars and restaurants. There are also some cultural associations and academies. The suburbs of La Cañada are by the coast but that particular beach isn't too close to the living areas and it isn't too frequented. This area also has the University of Almería.

The city of Almería has a lot more to offer: several hypermarkets, malls, a beautiful beach with a palm tree-lined beachfront, touristic places like the Alcazaba and the Cathedral of Almeria, museums, bigger parks, bars, cafes, libraries, etc. Also, there are often cultural initiatives taking place such as concerts, festivals, language exchanges, workshops, etc. In the city there is also more of a nightlife, in the different tapas bars and night clubs.

It is entirely your decision, but we recommend that you stay in the city of Almería and take the bus or a bike to get to our school. La Cañada is 15-20 minutes by bus or 30 minutes by bike from the main areas of Almería.



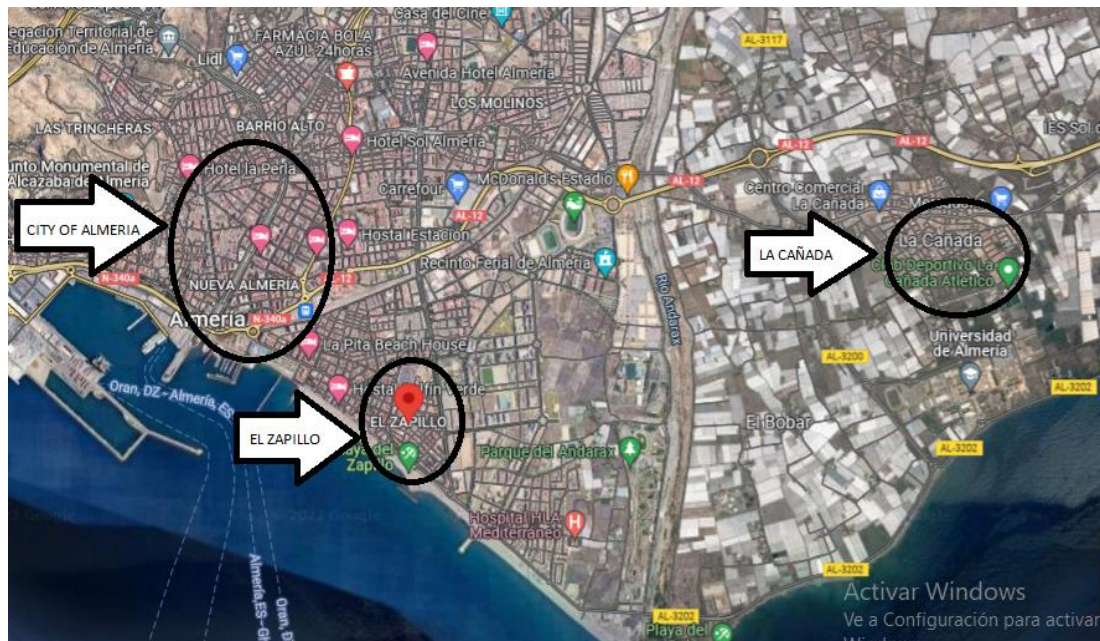
## What is the best area to live in Almería? How can I find an apartment?

One of the most frequented areas is El Zapillo. It's by the sea and there are many apartments. It's very common that 2-4 people share a flat: these can be other assistants, exchange/Erasmus students, or even students from other cities of Spain. However, Almería is a small city so you can probably walk everywhere. Normally students and assistants rent from September - June and the owners prefer to rent it to holiday tourists in July-August. This is why sometimes finding an apartment can be challenging, especially because you will probably move in in October. That is why we recommend that, if you know that you are coming, you start searching as soon as possible to book something. The best ways to find an apartment or a group of people to share a flat with are:

- Facebook groups: "Auxiliares de conversación Almería 2021-2022/ 2022-2023". Try to contact assistants that have already lived in Almería to get their previous apartments or their friends' apartments.

- Use websites like Idealista, Fotocasa, Milanuncios, Airbnb... The challenge with these websites is that the apartments are rented fast so by the time you see the ad it's probably too late.

Here you can see the areas mentioned:

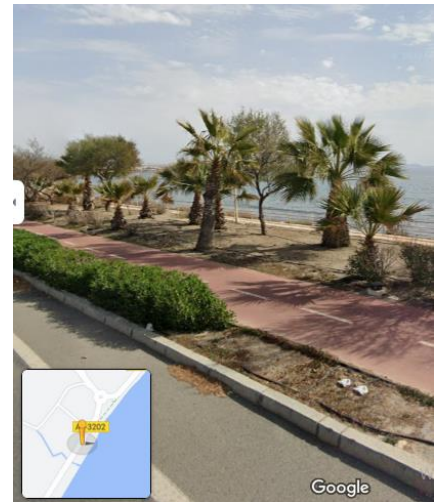
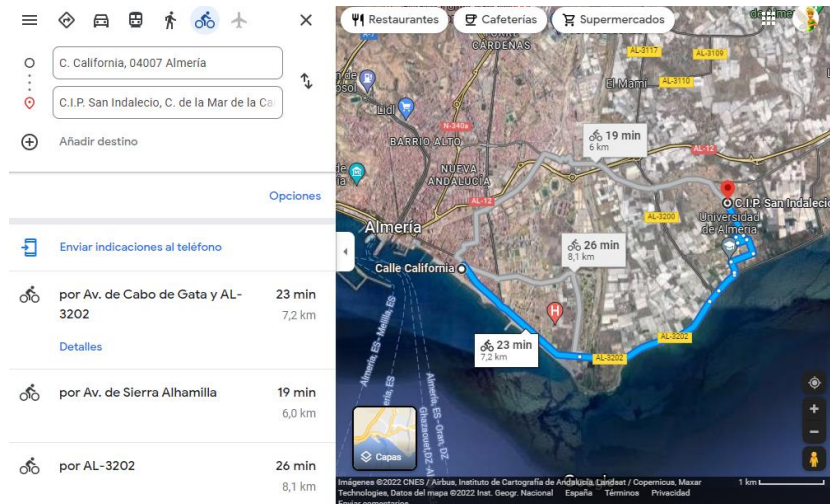


If you want to get to know the city before deciding where to live, a good option is that you get a rental for a week or so (Airbnb, hotel...). This way you have more information before committing to an apartment/area of the city/roommate.

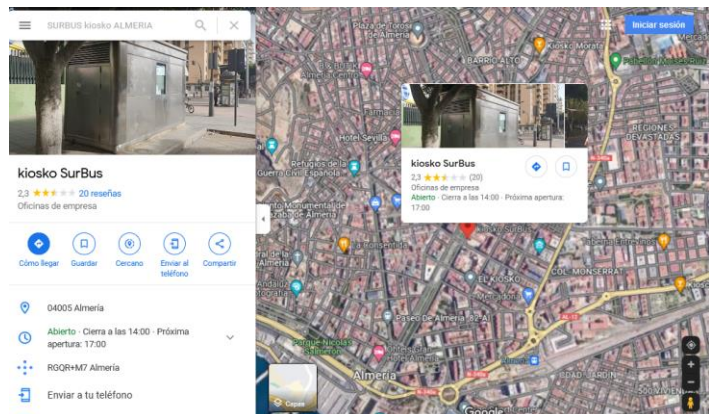


## How do I get to school if I live in Almeria?

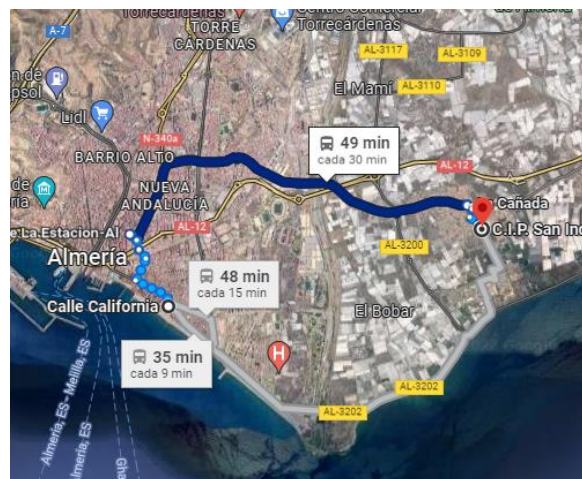
Option 1. By bike. It's a beautiful ride down the coast. Some days it can be tricky because of the wind but there are very few rainy days. It's pretty easy to get a cheap second hand bike in stores or from previous assistants (check the Facebook groups).



Option 2. By bus. The company that runs the buses is called SurBus. You can get a bus pass at this kiosk:



There are two bus options: the L12 will drop you off at the university and the L20 will drop you off in the center of La Cañada.







## WHAT CAN ALMERIA OFFER?



In Almería we have a great gastronomy, cultural programs and activities, and pretty good weather all year long. This video shows Almería pretty well. The singer is David Bisbal, the most famous singer from Almería: [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fOTf1Ci\\_oUE](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fOTf1Ci_oUE)



The Mediterranean Sea is awesome for all the water activities you can imagine: kayaking, snorkelling, scuba diving, jet skiing, hiking the mountains along the coast... Some of our beaches have been recognised as the most beautiful of Spain, especially the ones in Cabo de Gata Natural Park:



We also have the only desert in Europe: El Desierto de Tabernas. Almería was a very popular place to film western movies, they have built several resorts that are fun and simulate the wild west such as Minihollywood, which also has a zoo: <https://www.oasysparquetematico.com/>



In recent years they have recorded several movies and shows here like Games of Thrones. If you are a fan of films, you will probably enjoy visiting the filming locations:



Can you believe that we even have mountains with snow? They are great if you are more into winter activities. This is Calar Alto, our astronomical Observatory:



Pulpí's Geode in Mina Rica, a colossal mineral geode measuring 8 metres in length by 2 metres in height, is made up of huge gypsum crystals. Some of the crystals are 2 metres long! Its transparency and spotlessness make it a real wonder of nature. Its dimensions, as well the crystals size, transparency and perfection, make it a unique phenomenon worldwide. <http://www.geodapulpí.es>





The city of Almería has some attractions as well. There is a nice castle called La Alcazaba, The Cathedral, the Second World War shelters built by the citizens called Los Refugios, the central grocery market, and some cool museums:



And of course our gastronomy is an experience itself! A tapa is a small dish served for free with your drink, which is normally around 2.80€. There are many tapas bars waiting for you! Common tapas include seafood like fish and squid, potatoes (called patatas bravas), croquetas, and perhaps the most famous Spanish tapa is jamón (ham)!





We are also quite close to other nice tourist destinations such as Granada, Malaga, Seville, Valencia, and even Madrid and Barcelona are just an hour by plane from Almeria. As an assistant, you will be working only 4 days a week. This makes it very easy for you to travel within Spain during those long weekends if that's something that you wish to do.



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