

ECO-ROUTES FOR FAMILIES

WALKS AROUND BEACHES AND MOUNTAINS



CALPE, A FAMILY TOURISM TOWN



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Walks for families through Calp

Calp is a Mediterranean town ideal for families' holidays. Its old town, its pedestrian streets, museums and squares, as well as all the children's parks and gardens make this coastal town of Alicante, a nice place to enjoy with children.

The fourteen beaches and coves of Calp, with fine sand and crystalline water have as setting the impressive Rock of Ifach, symbol of the Costa Blanca and the Valencian Community. The sea forms part of the history of Calp, with its fish market, where you can see the fish auction or the many different restaurants in the town, where you can taste nice sea dishes.

A family tourism town offering you contrasts; where the mountains Morro de Toix and Olta sink deep into the sea, with the rock as the greatest exponent of the rough relief of this region.

A town open to the families, with a wide range of entertainment for all, adults and children, with cinema, theatre, activities and guided tours, which make this locality a kind and warm place to enjoy during the entire year.

This book of family excursions presents **six easy walks to do with your children and friends through its pedestrian streets**, seafronts promenades, coastal tracks and mountain paths. These are easy and safe excursions to go walking with children or to initiate the youngest, with pushchair or in baby bag. These are proposals to enjoy with your family in this Mediterranean town, between the sea and the mountain.

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6	PASEO PRÍNCIPE DE ASTURIAS	1.2 km	30'	LINEAR	Cove - Rock Of Ifach

From Calp to Baños de la Reina



DURATION	1 H 45'	MINIMUM AGE	ALL	PUSHCHAIR	YES	BABY BAG	YES	ACCESSIBLE ROUTE	YES
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From the **Tourist Info Centro** in the Mosquit Square ¹ we take the Cervantes Street and turn left to get to the España Square. From this square to the Campanar Street, where we can stop to play at guessing riddles: **Where can you find a golden cat?** We arrive at the Beato Fco. Sendra Square and continue towards the **Torreó de la Peça** and the old walls ². Once we cross the big arch, we will find the **Collection Museum** ³ where you are invited to **have good time**. Once in the La Villa Square, where the **Parish Church** Ntra. de las Nieves is located, we turn left onto the Francisco Zaragoza Street, where the **Archaeology Museum** ⁴ is.

Going down the steps, we continue our route on the Santísimo Cristo Street until we reach the Mestre Llopis Square ⁵ where one can rest while the children play, as the square offers: **games, blackboards, maps... Have fun in this singular school!** Now continuing on the Santísimo Cristo Street we come to the **Museum Casa de la Senyoreta** ⁶ which displays a collection of local paintings. Once we leave the museum, we descend by the Soledad Street, where you will find the fountain of the **Santisimo Cristo del Sudor**, patron saint of Calp.

We arrive at the Mar Street ⁷. Just to the right we can see the Manuel Miró Square and its mural, depicting the story of the Moors and Christians **Miracle**. Back on the Mar Street, we continue to the **Mariners Square** ⁸, so named in honour of Calp's marine roots.

From there, we join the Arrabal by the Puchalt Street ⁹ and turning right onto the Santísimo Cristo Street, we arrive at the San Roque Street, where we will discover the **Museum of Comics** ¹⁰. Later, we follow this street and turning left we arrive at the *Forat de la Mar*.

After having a rest to get our strength back, we continue our route down the commercial Avenue Gabriel Miró reaching the **Beach Arenal-Bol** ¹¹.

Following the **Seafront Promenade Infanta Elena** ¹² we arrive at the **Torre del Molí** ¹³, old flour mill, ending the itinerary with the **Queen's Baths** ¹⁴.

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| 1 | Plaza del Mosquit - Tourist Info | 5 | Plaza Mestre Llopis | 9 | Calle Puchalt | 12 | Paseo Infanta Elena | | Parking |
| 2 | Plaza del Beato Fco. Sendra | 6 | Museo Casa de la Senyoreta | 10 | Museo del comic -
Calle San Roque | 13 | Torre del Moli | | Children's Park |
| 3 | Museo del Coleccionismo | 7 | Plaza Manuel Miró | | | 14 | Baños de la Reina | | Fountain |
| 4 | Museo Arqueológico | 8 | Plaça dels Mariners | 11 | Playa Arenal Boil | 15 | Tourist Info Peñón | | Tourism Office |
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From Calp to Baños de la Reina



Did you know that...

The ecoroute for families starts in the Tourist Info Centro ¹ and ends near the Tourist Info Peñón ¹⁵. The itinerary is lineal, connecting the historical centre with the beaches close to the Rock of Ifach. It can be done in 1 h. 30 - 2 h., although additional time should be left for museums visits.

The route is best done either early in the morning or late in the afternoon. At these hours, one can better enjoy the street, squares and clean beaches of Calp.

An all-day combination: after doing the eco-route, make a boat trip (from Easter to summer). You would discover the traditional flavour of the bay of Calp and the beauty of the Natural Park of the Rock of Ifach.



The Fish Market offers fresh seafood and fish that can also be tasted in the restaurants of the town.

If you have two cars and are short of time, you can leave one car at the starting point of the itinerary and the other one at the end, thereby avoiding having to retrace the route. There are

parking lots marked on the maps that can help you.

The opening hours of the museums in the old town in winter are from Tuesday to Sunday, from 10:30 to 13:30 h and from 17:00 to 20:00 h. Sundays afternoon and Monday closed. In summer, they are open every day from 10:30 to 13:30 h and from 18:00 to 22:00h.



DURATION	1 H	MINIMUM AGE	ALL	PUSHCHAIR	NO	BABY BAG	YES	ACCESIBLE ROUTE	NO
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The start of the walk is in **Avenida Rosa de los Vientos** on the Seafront promenade **Infanta Cristina**, where there is an informational sign **1** and a parking area. We start going up through the parallel street to the **Calalga cove**. Here we will find a sign for a "PR" **2** path marking that in about 15' we will arrive at the port **Les Bassetes**. The downward path towards the **Mallorqui cove** **3** is protected by a railing, here we will also find an informational sign. The road widens out here.

We still stay parallel to the coast, approaching the **Club Náutico Les Bassetes and its marina** **4** , where we find a restaurant, a sailing school, a diving centre and the club itself in a nice entourage to rest with the children.

Duration: One-way: 30' - Round-trip: 1 h.

Activities for families

Cinema on the beach. During the month of July and August films for all ages are shown on the beach of **Levante or La Fossa**.

Boat trips. Glass-bottom boat departing from the port of Calpe and cruise along the coast to the towns of Benidorm or Denia (from Easter and during the summer).

Arts and Crafts Fair. During the summer, in the Old town and by the seafront promenades Infanta Elena and Infanta Cristina, there are attractions for children as well as art and crafts stands.

The **Plaza Mayor** is an ideal place where the children can run and play on the swings situated near a viewpoint that offers a beautiful view of the rock and the Mediterranean Sea. Moreover, there is an underground parking to leave your car.

Voramar Calalga

Map of the Route





-**Next to the cove Les Bassetes** there is a Yacht Club and a sailing school where you can learn to sail in small boats, as well as a diving school.

-**At the beaches, you must be prudent** with sea conditions and obey the indications of the flags. **Green:** enjoy your bath without any danger. **Yellow:** be careful and keep the children away from the shore. **Red:** swimming is prohibited due to dangerous currents, jellyfish, swell, and so on. **White:** Person astray.

-**Calp has coves with clear waters**, ideal for scuba diving and fishing. You can bring children to a diving club or to the Real Club Nautico de Calpe to show them what they are like.

-As for the other routes, you **must be careful** with the sun's radiation and bring sunscreen for the children, as well as a hat and some kind of protector for sensitive areas of the skin. It is also important to drink water quite often.

-**Calp has three Blue Flags** at the beaches Cantal Roig, Levante or La Fossa and Arenal-Bol (the two previous with the qualification for tourist quality), awarded for the quality of its waters and the facilities provided for the bathers.

-**The town has three yacht**

clubs. The Real Club Náutico de Calpe with 264 berths, a sailing and diving school; the Club Náutico Puerto Blanco, with 112 berths and a scuba-diving school and the Club Náutico de Les Bassetes, with 80 berths, a sailing school with diving, windsurfing, kayaking, catamaran and water skiing available.

- **The fish auction.** The Cofradía de Pescadores (Fishermen's Guild) organises from Monday to Friday, from 17:00 to 19:00 approximately, the fish auction. It is one of the most popular and most visited of Calp's activities and consists of the wholesale of fresh fish caught by the fleet of Calp that day.





DURATION	50 M	MINIMUM AGE	ALL	PUSHCHAIR	NO	BABY BAG	YES	ACCESSIBLE ROUTE	NO
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This route starts at the **beach Arenal-Bol** and finishes in the **Manzanera Cove**, next to the **buildings of Ricardo Bofill**. The route starts on the beach itself, going down the stairs located between the hotels Bahía Calpe and Gran **Hotel Sol y Mar 1** (with a private parking open to the public). Once we are on the sand, about 50 m to the right, we will find the path we must take to start the itinerary. The path goes up to a paved road, where we will enjoy wonderful views over the coastline.

In 150 m., the path divides into two ways: The left one would bring us to the beach again, but we take the paved central path upwards. As we keep going up, the path turns sandy and with white stones close to the building **Balcón al mar 3**.

Following our route we will go down crossing the paved road, and taking up the path on the other side. The path goes on horizontally and passes near the first building of the architect Ricardo Bofill. The **Anfiteatro 4** is white and surrounded by cypress trees. The path then leads us down



to the second building of Bofill, a green complex of constructions called **Xanadu 5**. Just opposite we will find the third building of Bofill, with the name **Muralla Roja 6**. From here, we turn left and go down the stairs to an ancient sea water swimming pool and a bar built in the same period as the buildings of Ricardo Bofill. Once on the beach, advance some metres towards the right along the rocky wall to access the Manzanera cove, where our itinerary ends with a superb view over the bay of Calpe.

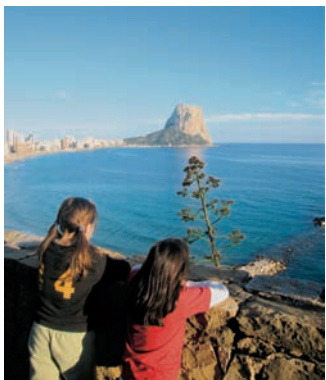
One-way: 25' - Round trip: 50'



Vorammar Borumbot

Map of the Route

Route 3





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1	TOURIST INFO CENTRO-MUSEOS-PLAYA ARENAL-BAÑOS DE LA REINA	YES	YES	Streets Old Town / Seafront
2	CALA CALALGA-CALA MALLORQUÍ-PUERTO Y CALA BASSETES	NO	YES	Path
3	PLAYA ARENAL-EDIFICIOS RICARDO BOFILL-CALA MANZANERA	NO	YES	Path
4	ZONA ACAMPADA-FUENTE Y DEPÓSITO-ERMITA S. FRANCESC	NO	YES	Path / Forest Track
5	ZONA ACAMPADA-ERMITA S.FRANCESC-SOLANA-COLLADO PEÑAS-CANAL-ZONA ACAMPADA	NO	NO	Path / Forest Track
6	PUERTO PESQUERO - CALA EL RACÓ-HELIPUERTO	YES	YES	Seafront



- **The Ricardo Bofill Buildings (Muralla Roja, Xanadu y Anfiteatro)**, receive this name because they were constructed by this famous architect during the sixties and eighties. These are particular houses, so do not forget to respect the privacy of the owners.

- **The Muralla Roja**, whose building project was approved in 1968 and completed in 1972, mimics the walls of a fortified enclosure, which blends with the topography of the cliffs. The building's configuration evokes architectural aesthetics, recalling the Mediterranean tradition of the Kasbah, a walled citadel: passageways, terraces, stairs and patios that interconnect, creating a prolongation of interior living spaces. The decision to paint the building in a wide range of shades emphasises the different architectural elements of its make-up and achieves a stunning contrast with the surrounding landscape, the sky and the natural Mediterranean light.

- **Xanadú** was built between 1966 and 1968 based on a scale model; it belongs to the most fertile period of his work. Architecturally, it is an experimental prototype of the garden city in space, which is achieved with different levels and heights linked together by means of ramps and staircases, each with its own specific function. The building takes the castle as a reference and its shape is inspired by the Rock of Ifach. It is designed following a line joining the cubes which make up each apartment, grouped around a vertical axis formed by staircases. The entire cubic shape is adorned with balustrades and curving roofs.



- **The Anfiteatro** was built between 1983 and 1985, it is located at the top of the cliffs and enjoys splendid views out to sea and the Rock of Ifach. It comprises a complex made up of 27 luxury dwellings, a communal swimming pool and various solarium shaped like a classical amphitheatre. The pool occupies the space used in Greek tradition as the stage and it extends down to the cliffs, framing the scenery. The dwellings are distributed in three buildings surrounding the pool; two of them are straight and rise up on both sides of the latter, parallel to the cliffs. The third building is semicircular and forms a private, enclosed central area. The internal facade is a combination of wide, doubly framed opening finished off with pediments.





Sierra de Oltà - Ermita de Sant Francesc

Route 4

DURATION	1 H 10'	MINIMUM AGE	FROM 5 YEARS OLD	PUSHCHAIR	NO	BABY BAG	YES	ACCESSIBLE ROUTE	NO
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Starting point: Beginning our itinerary in Calp, we leave in direction of the N-332 to Alicante (roundabout Refugio del Viento), we cross the tunnel and we follow the signs towards the Train station / Sierra de Oltà. After about 1 km. we pass the train station and carry on until a crossroad. We keep going in direction Monte Oltà - Zona de Acampada (camping area). The road covers 1'2 km. more and reaches the camping area, in the highest part of the mountain.

This family walk to the Chapel of Sant Francesc is a **simple route** covering a forest track that **connects the camping area of Oltà with the Ermita Vella de Sant Francesc**, located on a natural balcony with magnificent views over the Mediterranean, the Rock of Ifach and the coastal mountains of Alicante.

From the camping area ① next to the parking we cross a chain preventing the passage of vehicles, where some white and yellow signs of the PR track appear. The path climbs parallel to some stone terraces and after 2' it connects to a forest track where we will turn leftwards. If we keep walking, after 5' we will find an **intersecting track ②** with wooden signposts. We will take the left path: La Canal and Oltà Nord 1750 m.

We follow the curved path going upwards and after 10' we find a **chain ③** regulating the passage of vehicles. From here we will have a wonderful view of the Rock of Ifach and the point of the Cape of Moraira to the North.

After 15' we pass a fountain and then a water tank where there is a wooden post marking a **crossroad ④**. We follow the path to the left, signalled Ermita Vella 750 m.

After 25' we discover a new **intersecting track ⑤** with another wooden post. To the right: Circuit principal. 2250 m. Cim d'Oltà (Main circuit. 2250 m. Top of Oltà); we take the track to the right and after about 1' we arrive at the **Ermita de Sant Francesc ⑥** or Ermita Vella, where there is an area with a drinking water fountain, toilets, tables, shades and bins. Furthermore, the place offers a wonderful panoramic view of the entire Calp, the salt flats, the Rock and on bright days, even of Ibiza and Formentera.

Leaving the pine forest here, in the southern face of the mountain we notice how the sun is stronger and the esparto grass is abundant. Lastly, to return we will repeat the itinerary back to the camping area.





Sierra de Oltà - Ermita de Sant Francesc

Did you know that...

Route 4

-**The camping area of Oltà**, is open from April to October with 24h surveillance. However, during the week-end the surveillance service works only from 10:00 to 18:00 hours.

-**From the Sierra de Oltà** one can see the Serra Gelada with Benidorm as a backdrop, the Rock of Ifach, the Morro de Toix, the Mascarat, and other mountain ranges such as Bernia.

-**The Pilgrimage to the Ermita de Sant Francesc or Ermita Vella** takes place every year around the first Sunday of October, the main events organised are the Holy Mass, a popular country lunch and traditional games.

-**You can make a longer route all around the mountain before returning to the camping area** (approximately 2 hours without stops). This route has two very distinct itineraries, in the shade and in the sun. The last one is only recommended for children over 8-9 with a minimum physical condition, equipped with water and proper footwear.



Round route in Oltà



DURATION	2 H 10'	MINIMUM AGE	FROM 8-9 YEARS OLD	PUSHCHAIR	NO	BABY BAG	NO	ACCESSIBLE ROUTE	NO
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00' From the camping area ① next to the parking we cross a chain preventing the passage of vehicles, where some white and yellow signs of the PR track appear. The path climbs parallel to some stone terraces and after 2' it connects to a forest track.

2' We follow the **narrow forest track** to the left.

5' Crossroad of tracks ②. Here we will find two wooden posts. We will take the left path: 1750 m. La Canal and Oltà Nord. We follow the curved path going upwards and then, we find a chain preventing the passage of vehicles.

10' Chain for cars ③. From this point, we will have a wonderful view of the Rock of Ifach and the point of the Cape of Moraira to the North.

15' We pass close to a fountain and then a water tank where there is a wooden post marking a crossroad. We follow the path to the left, signalled Ermita Vella 750 m.

25' Crossroad of tracks. Here we will find two wooden posts with information. To the right: Circuit principal. 2250 m. Cim d'Oltà (Main circuit. 2250 m. Top of Oltà); we take the track to the right and after about 1' we arrive at the hermitage.

26' Ermita de Sant Francesc ④. It is located on a natural balcony with views of the Rock of Ifach and offers an area with toilets, water, picnic area, shades and bins. Take some minutes to relax and enjoy the views, before going upwards to the right.

27' Crossroad of tracks. Here we will find two wooden posts with information. The left post marks: Oltà Sud La Canal 4250 m. We follow the left path downwards, and enjoy the superb views of the Morro de Toix. If we keep walking, we arrive at a stockyard in ruins, to the left. After a while, the view offers us new and marvellous panoramic of the Serra Gelada (Benidorm), the tunnel of Mascarat, the motorway AP-7 and the gully. The path keeps going around the mountain, by the sunny area opposite Bernia and the Puig Campana. At this point, the track turns downwards and continues near some rocky formations (area with strawberry trees).




Round route in Oltà

Map of the Route

Route 5



60' Signpost. There are three wooden directional posts. The left post marks: La Canal 2870 m. We follow this path to the left in the direction of La Canal.


1h. 04' House in ruins to the left  The path is quite flat and we will find some PR signs along the route. We pass close to a second house in ruins, to the right, and a chain preventing the passage of vehicles. Opposite, there are more wooden posts. The left post marks: Ermita Vella 2350 m., Zona de Acampada 3750. We follow the route by the path among the pines towards the walls of the old terraces.


1h. 20' Signpost. The right post marks: Zona de Acampada 4550 m. Circuit Sud. (Camping area. South circuit). The PR marked path turns right where the hillside slopes steeply.

1h. 30' House in ruins in a curve , with wooden benches. We carry on along the track.

1h. 32' Signpost by a crossroad of paths. The left post marks: La Canal 800 m. Zona de Acampada 5220 m. We turn left on the path closest to the point shaped rocks.

1h. 35' The track comes down to a crossroad where the left post marks: La Canal 350 m. Oltà Nord, and the right post marks: Zona de Acampada Oltà Sud 5670 m. We turn right onto the narrow trail.

1h. 40' Hill with house in ruins  with pines to the left and walls to the right. On the open area in front of us, the path crosses to the other slope and allows us to stop here to enjoy the views of the Rock of Ifach. Later, we will pass an old factory. The trail is here very narrow, rocky, and zigzagging, and therefore not advisable for small children.

1h. 55' The path connects with an earthen track , where we will turn right.

1h. 57' We leave this track in the middle of the curve and follow a new trail going into the shady forest. There is another signpost: Zona de Acampada 550 m.

2h. 04' We arrive at the path.

2h. 05' Crossroad which we passed at the beginning of our itinerary. This path will bring us back to the camping area.

Total duration: 2h. 10'



Paseo Príncipe de Asturias

Route 6

DURATION	30 M	MINIMUM AGE	ALL	PUSHCHAIR	YES	BABY BAG	YES	ACCESIBLE ROUTE	YES
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The route begins near the fishing port at the cove El Raco, at the foot of the impressive Rock of Ifach. Before starting we will have to park the car in the area fitted out at this purpose, in the fishing port or around 50 m before it.

The ecological seafront promenade Príncipe de Asturias is a broad pedestrian walkway, ideal for young children. With them we will discover wonderful views of the mountains Oltà, Serra Gelada, Puig Campana and Bernia.

At the entrance of the port there is a panel that points towards the promenade ^①. After this indication, we will continue walking keeping close to the walls of the Natural Park of the Rock of Ifach ^②. In 10' we reach an area fitted out as a heliport ^③, near the end of the seafront promenade, where one can enjoy some impressive views of the Mediterranean Sea.

One-way: 15' - Round trip: 30'

The Natural Park Penyal d'Ifac



-The Rock of Ifach, symbol of the Costa Blanca, is a calcareous rock rising from the sea to a height of 332 m with 50.000 m² of rock. Joined to the land by a narrow isthmus, it is the result of a landslide from nearby Sierra de Oltà.

-To access the Rock of Ifach we can park our car in the area of the fishing port. From there we should walk up to the Information Centre of the park. It has a handicap parking which is accessible only to vehicles with accreditation. The red route allows us to reach the top of the Rock, but we advise families with small children to stop at the tunnel. Visit rather the Information Centre with its exhibition on flora and fauna. The itinerary to the tunnel takes aprox. 30' one way.

- A famous sentence is: "Foc en Ifac, moros en La costa" (Fire in Ifac, Moors on the coast). This was the warning given by the watchtower of the Rock to the inhabitants of Calp, when 5 Tunisian pirate boats landed on the coast in 1744. This warning has been traditionally transmitted from father to son and repeated in the town festivals every year since.

Paseo Príncipe de Asturias

Map of the Route





-The Rock of Ifach was a privileged surveillance point, protecting against raids by pirates and navigators sailing down the coast and used by the townsfolk as a watchtower and refuge. We know that a variety of villages have established themselves on the Rock of Ifach since remote times. At its foot an Iberian population settled, dated by the existence of Greek ceramics from the IV-III centuries b.C.

-At the foot of the Rock is the Real Club Náutico de Calpe, the fishing port and the beaches and coves of fine sand and transparent waters such as Levante or La Fossa to the North and the Cantal Roig and Arenal-Bol to the South. It is also a meeting point for climbers and scuba divers from all over the world, who test its resistance over and over again, challenging nature by climbing its walls and exploring its deep waters.

-The Rock of Ifach has been the property of various individuals over the years. In 1862 it belonged to the municipality of Calp but belonged successively to different people until 1987 when it became the property of the Valencian autonomous government, who then declared it a Nature Reserve.

-In its surroundings we can visit the salt flats of Calp which formed a lagoon. With the passage of time, the salt lake was closed in by wind born sand. The lagoon was turned into salt flats, which were abandoned in the seventeenth century only to be recovered again later.

-The opening hours of the Information Centre of the Rock are:

- Fall / Winter / Spring: Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 9:00 to 14:00 hours. Tuesday and Thursday from 9:00 to 14:00 and from 16:00 to 17:30 hours. Weekends and bank holidays from 9:30 to 14:30 hours.

Summer: Monday to Friday from 8:30 to 14:30 h. Weekends and bank holidays from 9:30 to 14:30 hours. Tel. Nature Centre: 679 195 912 -965837596.





The social and cultural environment

- **Rock of Ifach.** There is a Visiting Centre located in the northern face of the rock. Tel. Nature Centre: 679 195 912 - 96 583 75 96
<http://parquesnaturales.gva.es/espnaturales.htm>

- **The salt flats.** It is a protected area with a wide variety of migratory birds which makes it an interesting natural enclave.

- **The fish market and the port.** Location of the fish auction (from Monday to Friday, from 17:00 to 19:00 h. approximately). It is one of the most attractive and visited activities in Calp.

- **Beaches and coves.** Calp has 13 km. of coast, where you will find beaches and coves perfectly prepared to enjoy a bath and to practice all kind of sports. They are certified with the ISO 9001 and 14001 certifications of quality management and environmental excellence. The beaches Arenal-Bol and Levante or La Fossa have also been awarded with the blue flags and the "Q" of tourist quality. These are accessible during the summer, with an adapted area with amphibious wheelchair and crutches available as well as other services such as toilets, showers and changing room.

- **Baños de La Reina.** Although it was in fact a Roman fish farm, legend tells that a Moorish queen would swim in it, gaining access by means of a secret passage that communicates the pool to the mountain.

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