Our trip to **Alicante** brought us historical and cultural surprises. We enjoyed our week at the province's capital of the same name, part of Valencian Community and a port city on Costa Blanca.

The first place we wanted to visit was the famous **Santa Barbara Castle**, a fortification that has its origins in the 9th century. It is one of the most emblematic places of Alicante and we could not miss it.

That afternoon, we took a stroll through **Barrio Santa Cruz**, a very picturesque old neighborhood near Benacantil Mount.

The next day, we walked along the **Esplanade of Spain**, a characteristic place that fascinates the visitor with its tricolor mosaic floor; also, image of many Spain postcards.

We went shopping on the **Rambla de Mendez Nunez** by the evening. It was difficult to choose between the many options from the variety of cafes and bars in there. We ended up eating at a seafood restaurant with exquisite Mediterranean food.

We could visit many cultural and recreational places, but one of the most memorable stops was the famous **MARQ**, the archaeological museum and a jewel of the city.

During our stay, we spent a whole day relaxing on the **Tabarca Island**, located just a few kilometers from the port. There are clear beaches and a rocky landscape full of charm.

We look forward to returning to Alicante so we can continue enjoying this seaside town that has so much to offer. Useful information: alicanteturismo.com

