Beautiful Beaches at Tarifa by Frederick Pollard

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Tarifa is a great choice for a beachside holiday as it offers many amazingly beautiful beaches. These include Playa de Bolonia and Zahara de los Atunes.

Playa de Bolonia

This beach at Tarifa has been one of the favorite beaches of Tarifa since the 70s. There are many fascinating Roman ruins close by with 2nd century Roman town ruins called Baelo Claudia and ancient Phoenician-Punic settlement ruins. There are 4 temples at Tarifa that were dedicated to Juno, Jupiter, Minerva and Isis; an Egyptian goddess.

The town became wealthy from its fishing and salted fish industries. The Romans started the popular and now renowned â€œgarumâ€• industry. This is a type of fish sauce which the Romans loved.

Urbanism exists in Tarifa that has a town-wall with over forty towers and three preserved main gates. Today, there are administrative buildings, a municipal archive, courthouse and a public square.

There are many shops and markets with roads and thriving industries in Tarifa.

Zahara de los Atunes

Another popular beach nearÂ Tarifa is Zahara de los Atunes. Its name Atun means Tuna; hence, Zahara de los Atunes is quite a new fishing village. It came on during the 1970s when the tourists came to this magnificent and deserted beach.

Today, local fishermen indulge in tuna fishing; especially during early summer when the species migrated. The local tuna is fresh and of extraordinary quality which makes it very popular to the Japanese market although much of it is consumed locally.

Zahara de los Atunes beach is wide with fine golden sand. Its position draws great sunset views and the African coast. The Zahara beach is long; it stretches to Cape Gracia. Its Blue Flag status draws thousands of tourists from all over every summer. Zahara beach faces the sea which attracts fresh winds constantly for tourists to enjoy windsurfing. But the place is quite deserted during other times of the year.

One can enjoy Conil and Zahara together by being based at Tarifa. These lovely beaches are close by and access to both of them is easy.

Tarifa

Tarifa is a great Iberian Peninsula city located at the Strait of Gibraltar. This is a most significant spot as the Mediterranean Sea meets the Atlantic Ocean. Panoramic views of the oceans and the African coast would delight the tourists on holiday here. There are many interesting historical sites in Tarifa; an old town surrounded by an ancient wall with a maze of Moorish streets and whitewashed homes to give the place a quaint atmosphere to relax in.

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