



UNIVERSITY OF MURCIA
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Tapas Bars and restaurants in the City Center

Areas:

- 1- Plaza de las Flores: If you are looking for the most typical place to eat tapas, this is the place. The most significant square for "Tapeo" is Plaza de las Flores". Some of these bars are open for decades but have been renovated and you can find some of the finest taverns in Murcia. Not the cheapest though. Fénix, La Tapa and Parlamento are the most important tapas bars in the square, but you can also visit Gran Rhin (Calle San Pedro 5), Pulpito (Plaza de Santa Catalina), or any of the magnificent bars in Calle Ruipérez that are equally good. If you choose to visit this area, do not miss one of the highlights of our city: Bonache,



- the finest and oldest bakery and patisserie of Murcia: Pastel de Carne, Empanada, Tocino de Cielo are some of the most typical products you can buy there.
- 2- Tascas: Near the university (Campus la Merced) you can find a wide variety of locals where you can take lunch or tapas for a very convenient price. Students usually have lunch and dinner (as well as beer or local wine) in this area of the city that we call "las tascas", that means *the taverns*. Plaza de Europa and Plaza de Santa Eulalia are two of the main squares in this zone. Some of the most popular places are: Gurea (Calle Alejandro Seiquer 16), María Sarmiento (Calle Santa Quiteria 8), La Sidrería Escondida (Santa Quiteria 5), La Tapadera (Calle Saavedra Fajardo 2) , Madre de Dios (Calle Vara del Rey 11), El Rincón de los



Faroles (Plaza de la Universidad), El Togo (Calle Jacobo de las Leyes, 8), La Taberna del Jesuso (Calle Mariano Vergara 3), Los Toneles (Calle Cánovas del Castillo 7), El Girasol (Vegetarian. Calle San José 22), El Jardín de los Dragones (Vegan. Calle Simón García 57). If you want a coffee and maybe a sweet treat, I would recommend Socolá (Calle Mariano Vergara)

3- La Catedral: The most important monument of the city is of course its Cathedral.

This is also a lovely area to take tapas or a full meal if you prefer to go to a restaurant. Plaza de San Juan, that is very near, and its surroundings are also full of tapas bars and nice restaurants. To take tapas you can choose La Catedral (Plaza Cardenal Belluga), Los Zagales (Calle Polo de Medina 4), El Keki Taperia (Calle de la Fuensanta), La Parranda (Plaza San Juan). If you are looking for a restaurant to have a proper dinner, then you could go to La Barra de los XII (Calle de los Apóstoles), Vacanal (Plaza de los Apóstoles), Pura Cepa (Plaza Cristo Resucitado), Continental Bistró (Calle Simón García 1).



For a nice crêpe or waffle you can visit Delices de Paris (Plaza Cardenal Belluga) and in Café Lab (Plaza de los Apóstoles) you will find the finest coffee in town.



- 4- Santo Domingo: This is murcians' favourite square and the main meeting point of the city center. It was known for its gigantic ficus tree, that sadly lose half of its branches last summer as they fell because of the extreme heat. There are many bars, ice cream parlours and nice restaurants around it such as Café Martínez (Plaza Santo Domingo), Tentaciones (Ice cream. Plaza Santo Domingo),



Chambi (ice cream, Paseo Alfonso X El Sabio), Alacena de las Claras (Paseo Alfonso X el Sabio), Nuevo Boulevard (Calle Peligros 3), El Rincón de las Anas (Plaza Santa Ana)... You can also find cosy and lovely little restaurants near the Romea Theater like La Mary (Calle González Adalid), Pistatxo (Vegetarian, Calle Alfaro), Los arroces del Romea (speciality: paella, Plaza del Teatro Romea).