Discover TARIFA (1 Day)

Distance from the apartment 'LAS OLAS' 70km, count about 1H00.

Leave in the late morning to have lunch quietly in the heart of the old town and walk in the afternoon to discover the city.

To get there, **preferably** take the road that runs along the sea, Manilva, Sotogrande, San Roque so that you can admire the seaside.

The road then passes off **GILBRALTAR** and then **ALGECIRAS** before finally reaching your destination **TARIFA.**

The crossing of **ALGECIRAS** is not very attractive, the city is a very important commercial and transit port center and the environment is in the very industrial image of this city.

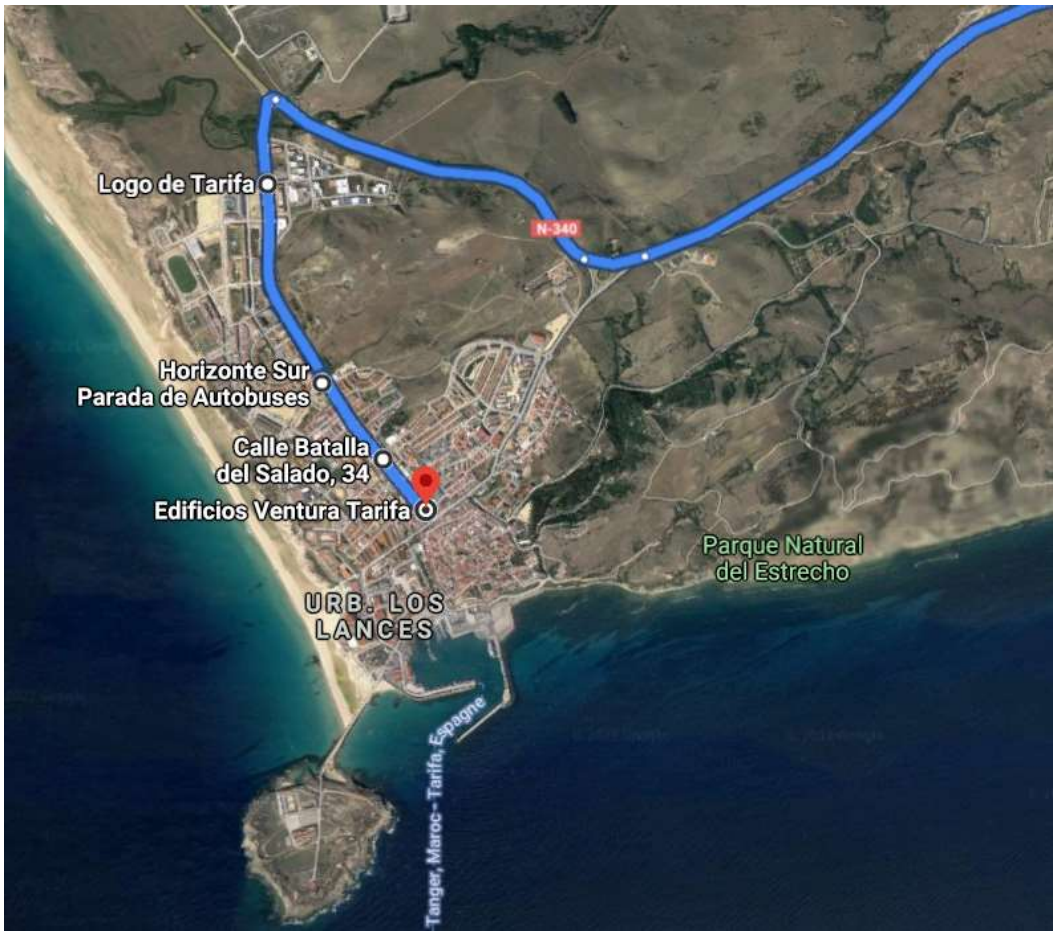


On the N340, just over 7 kilometers from **TARIFA,** stop at the **'Mirador del Estrecho'** from which you will have a breathtaking panoramic view of the strait and the coasts close to the African Continent. (Beware of crossing the main road)



From the N340 at the entrance to the suburb of **TARIFA** continue west on this same N340 for about 1km before turning left at the entrance of the new city by the North of the '**Calle Batalla Del Salado**' which will take you directly near the entrance of the historic center.

This entrance will allow you to quickly discover the new city and its side… a little **'California Coast'**



Park at the end of this street near the entrance to the old town. The car parks are mostly free of charge. Continue on foot towards the **'Porte JEREZ'** entry point to the old town.

TARIFA is a city that has many peculiarities and curiosities:

1. The city is located on the extreme southern tip of Spain and the European Continent
2. The city is also located at the entrance to the Strait of Gibraltar and marks the dividing line between the Atlantic Ocean and the Mediterranean Sea.
3. The distance between the European and African continent is the smallest. We will observe without difficulty the mountainous reliefs of Morocco which are located at a distance of about 15km.

Because of this very particular geographical position TARIFA has always had a privileged strategic position.

The west coast (Atlantic side) of **TARIFA** is bordered by a beautiful sandy beach over a length of about 2km. This beach is very popular with kite surfers and windsurfers who indulge in their favorite sports. Indeed, this coast is famous for its relatively strong and constant winds; however, the waves remain relatively modest, which is ideal conditions for these types of sports.



Make no mistake, the new town of **TARIFA** is punctuated by secondary accommodation buildings and we will no longer count the number of shops specializing in extreme sports.

The summer population is therefore very young (25 to 35 years old) the city has imbued itself with this youth.

The historic city of TARFIA contrasts sharply with the new city. This old town was once fortified and we will still see many vestiges (City gates, towers, fortification walls) in a very beautiful state of conservation.

We will enter the old town through the main gate: **'La** Puerta **JEREZ'**

Of the three gates of the city, only the **Puerta de Jerez,** dating from the 13th century, still remains today. The plaque above the gate commemorates the fighters of Tarifa who, on September 21, 1292, conquered the city alongside King Sancho IV of Castile



As you walk through this door, another universe opens up to you, much like you were crossing a few centuries of history at the same time…. The contrast is striking.



Les cobbled streets are very narrow and delimited by houses with white walls and colored doors. To the delight of the many tourists who venture there, small shops well laid out pace the winding streets.

Do not hesitate to enter these small shops very charming and generally furnished with great care.

At the detours of winding streets, we will come across small squares very charming, where we will usually find some remarkable trees, some benches and sometimes a small fountain or statue.

Some restaurants, breweries have outdoor tables, where you can refresh yourself and, with a little luck, listen to the travelling musicians who come to present themselves there.

Due to the structure of the city, it is almost impossible to locate there. It will be necessary to rely on your common sense of orientation (or on your GPS) to find your starting point. But do not be afraid to venture into the small alleys, they are full of surprises ...

Even in strong heat, the shade of the alleys and the breeze of the wind that rushes into them will be pleasant for you.

Continuing your walk to the SOUTH, you will come across the port of **TARIFA.** This seaport hosts fishing boats, shuttle boats in connection with TANGER**,** military ships and some pleasure boats.

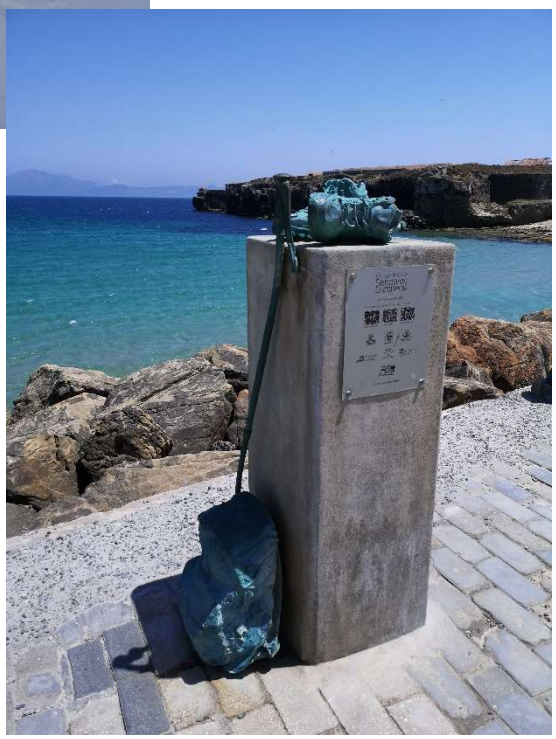
If you wish, along the port, many agencies offer you a walk at sea to discover and meet cetaceans and dolphins.

The port is adjoined by a pier that leads to '**Isla de TARIFA**' with a military vocation and which at its southern tip hosts a lighthouse.









Walk on this dike which constitutes the geographical line of separation of the Mediterranean. This will allow you to observe, in the wind, the Kite surfers, the beaches and some works of art that will accompany your walk.

Get back to your car by crossing the old town and trying to find the **'PUERTA JEREZ'** rallying point before returning to **ESTEPONA.**