Plan Your Trip to Almería, Spain

Introduction

The IFAMA 2024 World Conference is comprised of three primary components: The Symposium (academics presenting their latest research), the Student Case Competition, and the Forum (featuring hot-topic presentations from high-level speakers, roundtable sessions, and case study workshops). The four-day conference occurs in two locations. Each day is filled with rich educational exchanges, networking opportunities and an unforgettable immersion of culture. Please plan to attend every part of the program as your unique perspective and experience will enhance these conversations.

Below is a map and information you need to know to plan your visit. We are looking forward to hosting you in the South of Spain, in Almería, one of the biggest agricultural hubs in the world.

Global Conference program

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Travel Logistics

Getting to Almería

Flying to Madrid

The Airport of Madrid is one of the biggest in Spain and it offers direct flights to Almería every day at three different times. Usually these flights cost 80€ ($100 USD). Also, from Madrid, you can take the train or bus to Almería for less than 50€ ($60 USD).
Flying to Malaga

The airport of Malaga has national and international connections and this city is a 2-hour drive to Almería by car. Depending on your departure city, you can find direct connections to Malaga every day. More info here.

Flights from Europe are around 300–500€. Non-European flights vary. Check with your airlines.

Flying to Almería

Several cities in Europe have direct connections to Almería, apart from Madrid and Barcelona. Check the different connections to Almería on the Almería airport website. For example:

- Brussels
- UK: London, Birmingham, Bristol, Leeds, Manchester
- Rotterdam
- Luxembourg

Also, you can take a 15-minute taxi or bus from the Almería airport to the city center. Taxi fare is 15€ ($17 USD).

Transport from Venue to Venue

From Almería to El Ejido and back

A shuttle bus service will be provided for free to all attendees. Normally, the one-way trip will take 30 minutes.

Attendees can also take a taxi to travel from Almería to El Ejido and back. The fares may change depending on the time of the day, but usually a one-way trip is around 50€ ($60 USD).

From Almería’s Center to Auditorium Maestro Padilla

The walking distance between the Center of Almeria and the Venue of IFAMA Spain 2024 is 33 minutes and it has a view of the beach.

Bus or taxi can also be used. The ticket for the urban bus is 1,05€ ($1.25 USD). The taxi fare will be 5–10€ ($6–11 USD) depending on the distance and moment of the day.

A shuttle bus service will be provided for free to all attendees from Almería’s city center to the venue Auditorium Maestro Padilla at specific times.
Student Lodging

Lodging is not included in the conference registration fee. Hotel reservations should be made ahead of time by participants. Here are some suggested accommodations in the city of Almería.

Civitas Residence
This is a student residence in Almería, where you can find single or double rooms. These are the rates:
- Single room + breakfast: 41€ ($60 USD)
- Double room per person + breakfast: 29€ ($50 USD)

Inturjoven Almería Hostel
This is the youth hostel of Almería and is specially designed for students. These are the rates:
- Per person under 26 years (breakfast included): 29€ ($32 USD)
- Per person over 26 years (breakfast included): 34,5€ ($40 USD)

Airbnb
With Airbnb you can find apartments all over the city center and next to the beach. Rates range from 60-100€ ($70–110 USD) depending on the location or amenities included.

Lodging

Lodging is not included in the conference registration fee. Hotel reservations should be made ahead of time by participants. You are welcome to stay at a hotel of your choice, but here are some suggested accommodations where you will have a discount by accrediting you are attending IFAMA Spain 2024. Rate ranges 60–90€ ($75–120 USD) per night. Torreluz Hotel and Ohtels Gran Hotel Almería are the two recommended by ISAM.

Torreluz Centro Hotel ★ ★ ★
Ohtels Gran Hotel Almería ★ ★ ★ ★
Aire Hotel & Ancient Baths ★ ★ ★ ★

Hotel Costasol ★ ★ ★
Hotel La Perla ★ ★
Meals

Conference registration includes 4 lunches and 2 dinners. Most hotels offer complimentary breakfasts. Participants may have dinners at local restaurants on alternate evenings.

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Travel Insurance

The need for travel insurance depends on your country of origin. In most cases, you require medical insurance for the visa process. The agency will provide you with relevant contacts and suggestions. Sanitas has good prices and provides you with the documents required for the VISA process. They have a mobile app that can be used to make relevant appointments and to keep track of payments.

Learn about the European Health Insurance Card for European Students.

Travel Visa

Depending on the country you are from, you will need to apply for a Tourist Visa. More information on Visas in Spain here.

Every attendee in need of a Visa must contact ISAM at administracion@isam.education to request their Visa Letter.

Budgeting

Use the space below to calculate your approximate budget for the conference. The amount to be spent depends on every particular case.

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Post-Conference Agri-Tours

The IFAMA 2024 Conference Tours are not yet confirmed, but here is a sample of possibilities. We can also design small group tours for your company or university.

Production

Auxiliary Industry: Pest Control Labs

Seeds & Biostimulants

Almería’s Model: Commercialization

Tourist Attractions in Almería

The city of Almería is strategically positioned on the Mediterranean coast and it has been home to different civilizations throughout its history. Click on a photo for more information.

La Alcazaba

La Rambla

Puerta Purchena

El Cable Inglés
Cabo de Gata-Níjar
The natural landscape of the coast of Almería is full of unexplored and pristine beaches.

Oasys in Tabernas
Did you know that +5 Hollywood Westerns were filmed in Almería? Get ready to immerse yourself in a cowboy experience!

Pulpi’s Geoda
In Pulpí (Almería) there is a colossal mineral geode. You can visit it if you book in advance.

The future of the global food system requires a plethora of ideas, knowledge transfer, and collaboration among individuals working in the agri-agrofood sectors. It transcends cultures and borders. It includes members from industry, government, NGOs, academics and the next generation.

We do this together. Join us for IFAMA 2024!

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Learn more: ifama.org/IFAMA-2024-Conference-Overview

Tickets available here!