

COST-IRACON Meetings in Cartagena (Spain), May. 30 – Jun. 1

Local Information

Reaching Cartagena

How to get to Cartagena:

By airplane:

There are two airports close by:

If you arrive at the **Airport of Alicante**, you need approximately 1,5 hours to get to Cartagena (110 km). 88 destinations are available in this airport <http://www.aena.es/en/alicante-airport/destinations.html>.

We suggest to take the regular bus to Murcia Bus Station, and, later, to take a second bus to Cartagena:

- Alicante Airport - Murcia Bus Station:
 - Monday-Friday: from 07:15 until 20:15, every 1 or 2 hours
 - Saturday: from 09:15 until 19:15, every 1 or 2 hours
 - Sunday: from 09:15 until 20:15, every 1 or 2 hours
 - Journey Time: 55 minutes
 - Price: approx. 6 € (one way)
 - More details on timetables: <http://www.alsa.es>
- Murcia Bus Station - Cartagena Bus Station:
 - Monday-Friday: from 7:00 until 22:00, every 1 hour or less
 - Saturday and Sunday : from 8:00 until 22:00, every 1 hour or less
 - Journey Time: 55 minutes
 - Price: approx. 4 € (one way)
 - More details on timetables: <http://www.lycar.es>

Other options are:

- The cost per transfer between Airport and Cartagena Centre is approx. 106 € for Normal Fare and app. 125 € for Night & Public Holidays Fare.
 - Web page: <http://www.alicanteairporttransfer.net>
- By Private Transfer Service: You can book before your arrival a private transfer in several companies to get a more economic price. Some of them are:
 - SHUTTLE DIRECT: <http://www.shuttledirect.com/en/airport/ALC>
 - TAXI SAMBA: <http://en.taxisamba.com>
 - TAXI2AIRPORT: <http://www.taxi2airport.es/en>
- By Rental Car: If you prefer, you can hire a car. The companies working in Alicante International Airport are:
 - Avis: <http://www.avis.es>
 - Centauro: <http://www.centauro.net>
 - Europcar: <http://www.europcar.es>

- Goldcar Rental: <http://www.goldcar.es>
- Hertz: <http://www.hertz.es>
- National Atesa: <http://www.atesa.es>
- Recordgo: <http://www.recordrentacar.com>
- Sixt: <http://www.sixt.co.uk>

You can find more information about Alicante International Airport in the next web pages:

- Alicante International Airport at AENA web page: <http://www.aena.es>
- Alicante International Airport at SPANISH AIRPORT GUIDE web page: <http://www.spanishairportguide.com/alicante/>

The **Airport of San Javier** is the closest airport. It is located approximately 32 km (20 miles) away from Cartagena. All destinies from/to San Javier can be found in <http://www.aena.es/en/murcia-san-javier-airport/airport-destinations.html>.

We suggest using one of the next options:

- By Official Taxi Service: The cost per transfer between Airport and Cartagena Centre is app. 40 € for Normal Fare and app. 52 € for Night & Public Holidays Fare.
 - Web page: <http://www.taxiaeropuertomurcia.com>
- By Private Transfer Service: You can book before your arrival a private transfer in several companies to get a more economic price. Some of them are:
 - SHUTTLE DIRECT: <http://www.shuttledirect.com/en/airport/MJV>
 - TAXI SAMBA: <http://en.taxisamba.com>
 - TAXI2AIRPORT: <http://www.taxi2airport.es/en>
- By Rental Car: If you prefer, you can hire a car. The companies working in Murcia-San Javier International Airport are:
 - Centauro: <http://www.centauro.net>
 - Europcar: <http://www.europcar.es>
 - Goldcar Rental: <http://www.goldcar.es>

You can find more information about Murcia-San Javier International Airport in the next web pages:

- Murcia-San Javier International Airport at AENA web page: <http://www.aena.es>
- Murcia-San Javier International Airport at SPANISH AIRPORT GUIDE web page: <http://www.spanishairportguide.com/murcia/>

By train: (www.renfe.com)

By bus: (www.alsa.es)

By car:



Starting from Madrid you have to take the road A-30 in the direction of Cartagena.

Starting from the south you have to take the motorway N-340. Once you get to Almeria you have to change to the highway A-7.

Starting from the east you have to take the highway Mediterráneo (A-7)

Starting from the west you have to take highway A-91 in the direction of Granada.

Hotel information

A number of rooms are already on hold at the hotels described in the next table. All of these hotels are within walking distance to the conference. When placing a reservation, please mention you are attending "COST IRACON" in order to get the rates mentioned below. These rates apply to the rooms placed on hold and to the rest of rooms only upon availability. Please, note that most of the hotels offered keeps blocking rooms with the price indicated in the table until a month before the start date of the meeting. After that date, reservations are subject to availability and own hotel rates. An interactive map with the situation of hotels can be found in <http://ondm2016.upct.es/accommodation.php>. We also recommend using booking.com

	Hotel Alfonso XIII (****)	Hotel Carlos III (***)	Hotel Habaneros (***)	Hotel NH Campo Cartagena (***)
Web	www Alfonso XIII	www Carlos III	www Habaneros	www NH Campo Cartagena
E-mail	@ Alfonso XIII	@ Carlos III	@ Habaneros	@ NH Campo Cartagena
Map	map Alfonso XIII	map Carlos III	map Habaneros	map NH Campo Cartagena
Phone	+34 968520000	+34 968520032	+34 968505250	+34 968504431
Double Room (Single use)	79 €	61 €	54.00 €	58.00 €
Double Room (Double use)	87 €	69 €	63.00 €	66.00 €
Notes	VAT and breakfast CODE: CONGRESO		Breakfast inc. Contact email title COST IRACON	Free parking Need car

Venue

COST will take place at the School of Telecommunication Engineering of the Universidad Politécnica de Cartagena, Spain. This building was built in the 18th century and it formerly was a headquarter.

http://estudiaencartagena.upct.es/international/english/geographical_location

<http://estudiaencartagena.upct.es/international/english/information/>

Plenary sessions in first floor “Salón de Grados” (SW corner in the first floor)

TD presentations “ground floor” in rooms PB1, PB2 and PB2 (SW corner in the first floor)

Lunches in the Cafeteria of the Building closest to Telecommunications, ground floor



It is located next to the city center where the major attractions, like the Archeological museum, the city Walls, the Roman theater and the city Hall, are found within walking distance.

Address

Antiguo Cuartel de Antigones. Plaza del Hospital, 1. 30202 Cartagena

Maps

<https://www.google.com/maps/d/viewer?ll=37.60169066053141%2C-0.980192258526813&spn=0.003536%2C0.006866&hl=es&t=h&msa=0&z=17&ie=UTF8&mid=1YHheyQX1e7XaDEESAwo8Mte1UXI>

GPS 37.60103, -0.97928

About Cartagena

Cartagena lies on the south-east coast of Spain, in the Region of Murcia. With a population of 250,000 inhabitants, Cartagena is the second largest city in the Region of Murcia. The city is one of the main ports on the Mediterranean Sea. Its climate is Mediterranean, with little rainfall, hot summers and mild winters. Temperatures range between 12 °C in January and 30 °C in July.



Cartagena was founded by general Asdrubal, from Carthage, about 227 BC. However, the Carthaginian presence did not last long since the city was soon conquered by the Romans. During the 18th century, the city became the headquarters of the Maritime Department of the Mediterranean. Since then, Cartagena has gone several periods of crisis and prosperity to become the center we know today, an industrial, commercial and tourist city, and seat of the Regional Parliament of Murcia.

Cartagena has a valuable historical and cultural heritage that is reflected in the numerous museums, monuments and other tourist attractions throughout the city: The Archeological museum, the city Walls, the Roman theater and the city Hall, just to mention a few. Modern Cartagena also offers plenty of opportunities for recreation and entertainment: cinemas, theater, art galleries, music festivals, etc. Cartagena, like its university, is a welcoming city open to change and innovation.

More information about the city of Cartagena, accommodation, transport, etc.: www.cartagena.es

Cartagena tourist information: www.cartagenaturismo.es

Web cameras in the Port of Cartagena: www.apc.es

Other interesting link <http://ondm2016.upct.es/culture.php>

The [Cartagena Congress Office](#) provides an smartphone app which contains useful information about tourism, hotels, leisure, etc.

For Android:



For iPhone/iPad:



Another useful app about Cartagena (for iPhone/iPad:



Program

The COST 7th MC Meeting will be held on May 30 - June 1.

Preliminary Schedule

	Tue., May. 29, 2018	Wed., May. 30, 2018	Wed., May. 31, 2018	Wed., Jun. 1, 2018
	IRACON+WIBEC	COST MCM	COST MCM	COST MCM
9:00-10:30				
10:45-11:15	coffee break			
11:15-13:00				
13:00-14:00	lunch			
14:00-15:30	Localization Seminar			
15:30-16:00	coffee break			
16:00-17:30	Localization Seminar			
17:30-18:00				
18:00-20:00		City tour		
20:00-23:00			Gala Dinner	

Registration

The contribution to the local expenses is EUR 135,00 for the COST MCM on May 30 – June 1. It will cover coffee breaks, lunches, tour guide and dinner on May 31. Accompanying persons may attend dinner, upon seating availability, by paying EUR 70,00. Registration deadline is May. 14.

Seminar

29 May. 14:00-18:00, Seminar on "Radio Localisation Techniques", Jointly organised IRACON+WIBEC (Klaus/ Narcis). (also accessible on-line)

Social Events

A tour guide will be offered on Wednesday 30 May from 18:00 to 20:00 (including tickets for the roman theatre)

A dinner will be offered to the registered attendees of the COST IRACON Meetings, on Thursday 31 May in Auditorio Batel.

<http://auditorioelbatel.es/servicios/restauracion>