

Garrucha

Walk 17

Distance - 3 miles / 4¾ km **Ascent** - Negligible (a few metres for the diversion to the main church). Mapa Topografico Nacional de Espana, 1015 III, Garrucha 1:25,000.

Beginning at the Jesus of Nazareth Castle, cross to the sea front. Cross the road following the sea front road towards the port (sea on the right). The Paseo Maritimo is not unlike a British promenade. Look out for the Town Hall on the left then, on approaching the port, a statue commemorating the Spanish writer Cervantes, at the near end of gardens.

Start/car parking: Plenty of roadside parking close to Jesus of Nazareth Castle at the south end of the marine parade, Paseo Maritimo, map reference [6045 1149](#).

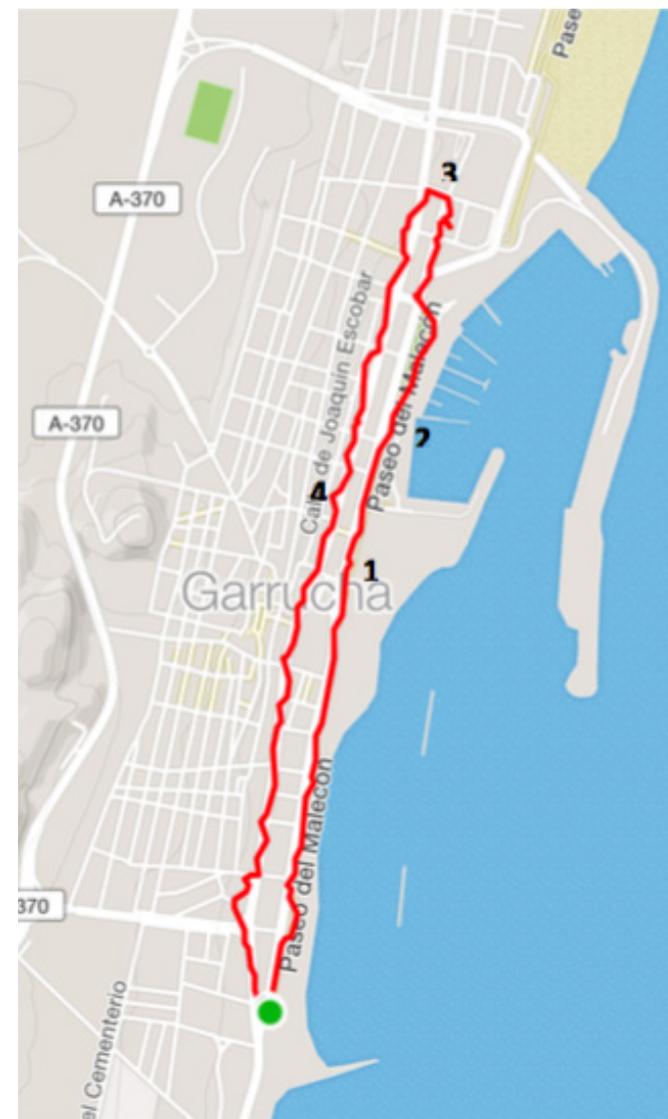
Refreshments: Numerous bars/cafes/ restaurants en route.

Via bike: Yes

This route is entirely within the Garrucha built-up area, combining a very civilised marine promenade with the town's main inland thoroughfare. There are various interesting features along the way, including monuments, a busy fishing port, a town hall and two churches. Another walk suitable for all.

El Route

1. At a road giving access to the port turn right to descend towards a large fish warehouse (lonja), bearing right to reach a fine Virgin and child statue at the harbour entrance.
2. Continue across the fishing port parking area, passing the net drying sheds and then the leisure port.
3. At the far end of the port, by the Harbourmaster's office, bear left up to rejoin the Paseo Maritimo. To visit the fisherman's memorial, go to the end of the gardens, on the right. Leave the Paseo by the Calle del Puerto. In 40 yards turn left to walk along the main street – 'Mayor', with shops bars and restaurants in profusion.
4. Approximately half way along **4** this long thoroughfare watch out for signs to turn right, uphill to visit the San Joaquin (patron saint of Garrucha) church. Return to the Mayor street turning right to continue. Almost opposite is the Ermita del Carmen, with frescoes by a local artist. The parking area is reached by passing a roundabout and slanting slightly to the left to reach the area of **1** the fort.



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