

# La Tomatina



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# Where does the festival take place

It takes place in Valencia town of Bunol, in the east of Spain.  
30 kilometers from the Mediterranean.



# Dates of the festival

The dates are always on the last Wednesday in August.

2019: August 28th

2020: Cancelled (was meant to be August 26th)

2021: August 25th



# What is celebrated at the festival

It's purely for entertainment purposes, no one is completely certain how it even originated.

One popular theory is that disgruntled townspeople attacked city councilmen with tomatoes during a town celebration.



# Who takes part/ visits the festival

The local people and tourists visit  
to join in.

The maximum capacity is 22,000  
people. Only for adults 18+





# History of the festival

It's been going on from 1944 or 1945. It's a free festival and people 18+ can show up and get involved.

La tomatina was banned in the early 50s, but this did not stop the participants who were arrested. It was again banned in 1957, it was banned because according to Francisco Franco it had no religious signification.



# What happens at the festival

People throw tomatoes at each other and get involved in a tomato fight purely for entertainment purposes.



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# Typical food and drinks

People eat tomatoes everyday to prepare them in various ways.

Paella is a traditionally eaten during La tomatina as there is a paella cooking contest at the beginning of the festival. The dish is made with meat, rice and vegetables all cooked in a large pan.





# Typical clothes worn by visitors/ participants

The dress code is wear something you don't mind throwing away after. Some people wear white tops other wear old clothes. Some people say swimsuits under your clothes is not a bad idea because you're going to end up soaked by tomato juice and water hoses.





# Pictures of the festival:



# List of 10 vocabulary spanish words:

- Rojo
- Tomate
- Gente
- Lucha de tomate
- Bunol
- Comida
- Divertida
- Festival
- Celebracion
- Traji de bano

# My opinion

I think the festival would be something that would be on my bucket list. It looks like a fun, entertaining festival that i would love to go to. There's no bad about it because it's in the streets, people having fun no one getting hurt or things being destroyed. I would like to go because again it would be a great thing to be able to say you have done in your lifetime and would be so exciting to attend and get involved with.