



The Bandera Azul (Blue Flag) and its Quality of Bathing Waters

This beach has obtained the Bandera Azul (Blue Flag) this year. This means that a series of standards are fulfilled relating to bathing waters, tidiness of the beach, health services and security. Moreover, the local authority must offer information and develop activities for the environmental education.

It also means that the quality of the bathing waters is regularly controlled, by analyzing during summer some determined types of bacteria, with a maximum interval of 30 days.

You can check on panels the date of the last analysis realized of the water. In case that a small number of bacteria have been detected it stands for a very clean water – a high amount of bacteria means that the water may be contaminated, coming from the sewage. The allowed limit is specified in the above mentioned panel.

The Bandera Azul (Blue Flag) is a campaign that was created and developed, since 1987, through the FEE (Foundation for Environmental Education) which is integrated by Non-Governmental Organizations (NGO), extended in over more than 40 countries in 5 continents. Each member of the FEE, ADEAC in Spain, develops and takes responsibility for each participating state.



Campaign Bandera Azul (Blue Flag)

The Bandera Azul (Blue Flag) is an environmental award which is granted to those town councils, ports and sustainable touristic boats that make a special effort for the literal environment of their interior waters and/or their beaches, ports or sustainable touristic boats by an environmentally and nature conscious management.

The Bandera Azul (Blue Flag) has been created by the FEE (Foundation of Environmental Education), a private entity, and represented by an environmental Non-Governmental Organization in each of the more than 73 participating nations, and is granted by an international jury convened and chaired by the FEE.

Information about the Bandera Azul (Blue Flag): <http://www.fee.global>

The Bandera Azul (Blue Flag) for beaches cover basically 4 areas:

- 1) the quality of bathing waters
- 2) information and environmental Education
- 3) environmental management
- 4) security, services and installations

The concession of the Bandera Azul (Blue Flag) is realized every year applicable for that bathing season and valid only in case the required criterias have been fulfilled. Once they are no longer fulfilled, in judgment the ADEAC national, international or the persons in charge of the beach on local base, the city concil is committed to remove the flag.

The international coordination, makes in turn control visits to a representative number of awarded beaches.



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You also can cooperate in an active way with the program Bandera Azul (Blue Flag) by adopting the following actions to protect the environment:

- Use the bins and containers, offered at the beach or port, and make sure to separate glass, paper and plastics wherever you can.
- Use public transport, go walking or use your own or rented bike to go to the beach.
- Respect the security instructions and the code of conduct at the beach and/or its surroundings.
- Enjoy the nature at the beachside, port or its surroundings, but treat it with respect.
- Control the use of water and electricity during your stay. Be conscious how you use the natural sinews.
- Choose a holiday site where the environment is well maintained and, if possible, also select a hotel that respects this conduct as well, for example an awarded with La Llave Verde (Green Key) Hotel.

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