



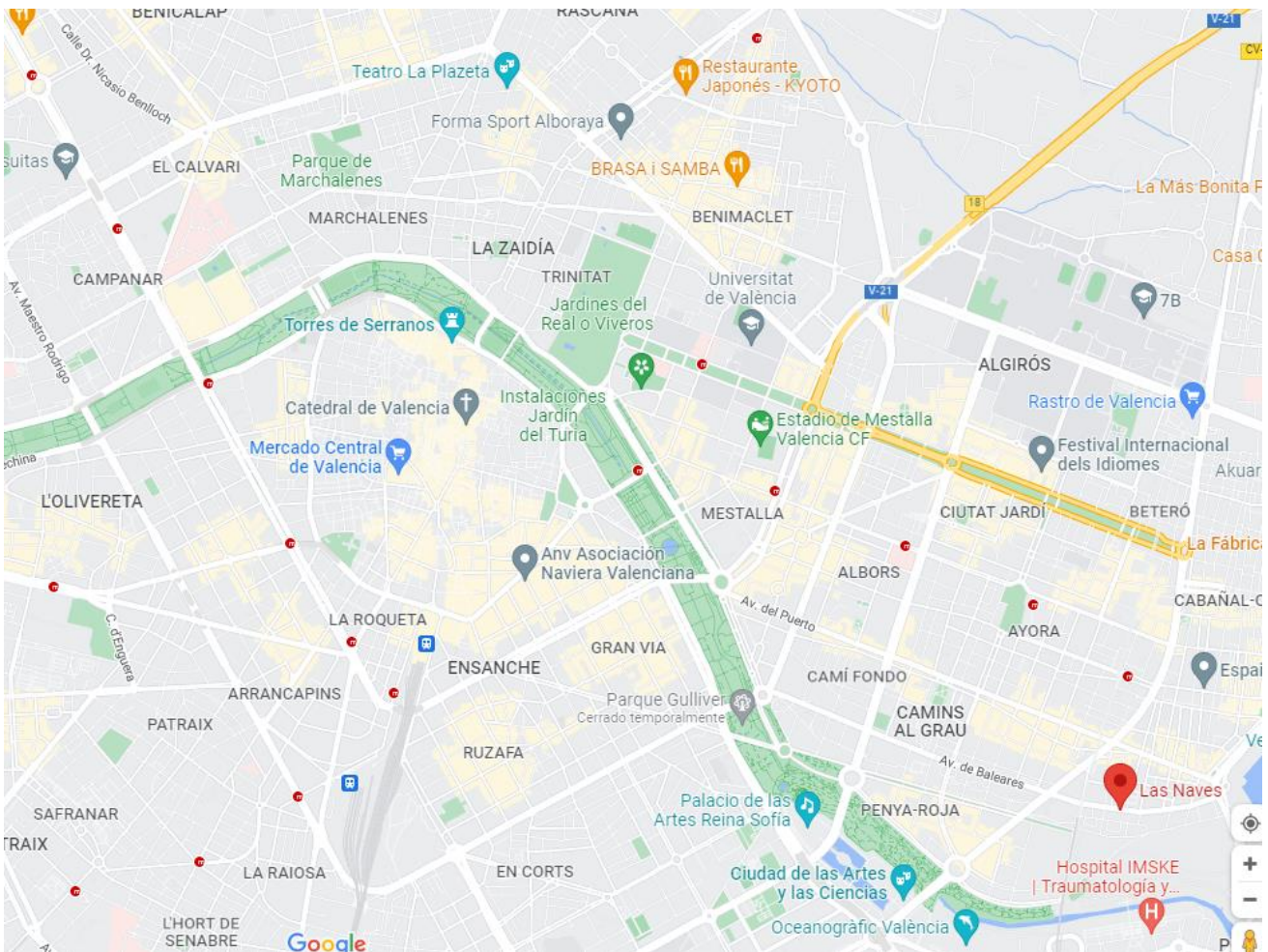
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VENUE 1: LAS NAVES. Calle de Joan Verdeguer, 16,
46024 Valencia, Spain

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- Tren: [C2](#), [C6](#)
- Metrovalencia: [5](#), [6](#)

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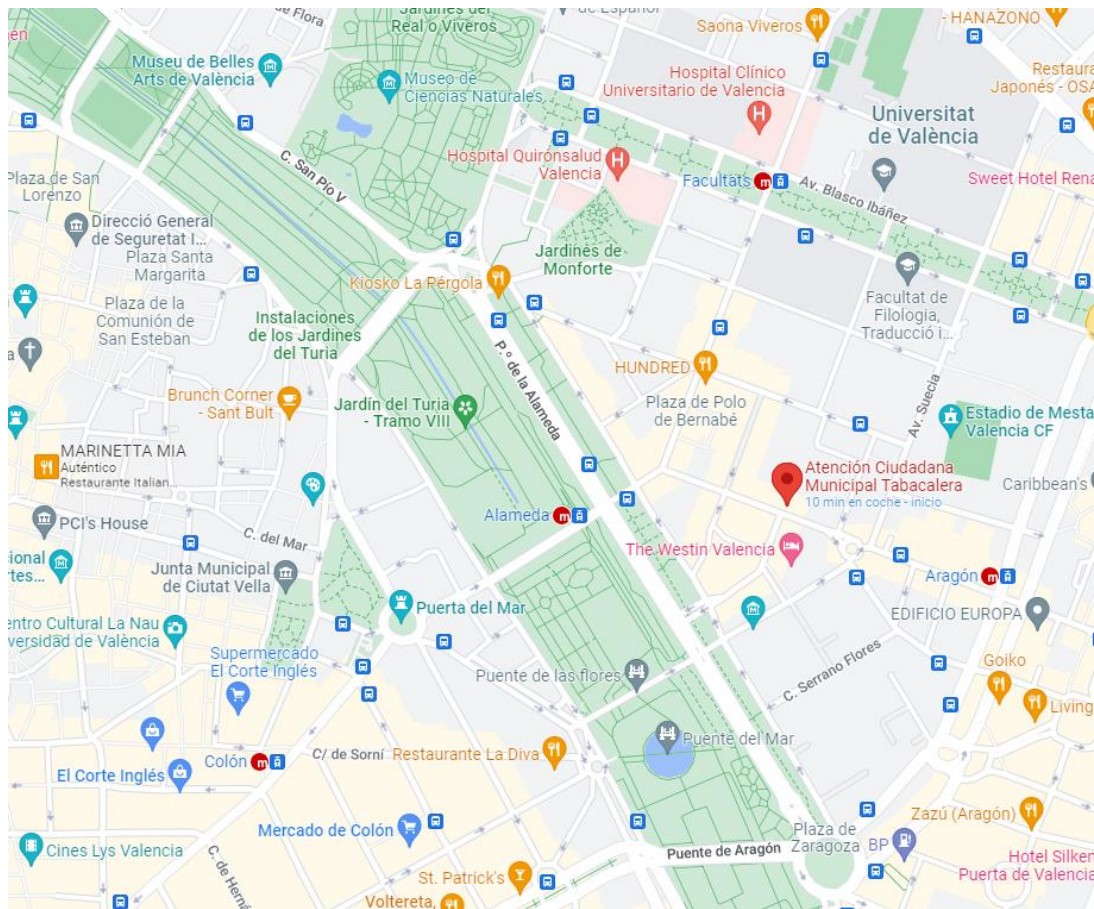
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Calle d'Amadeu de Savoia, 11, 46010 Valencia, Spain

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WELCOME TO VALENCIA

Spain's third-largest city is a magnificent place, content for Madrid and Barcelona to grab the headlines while it gets on with being a wonderfully liveable city with thriving cultural, eating and nightlife scenes.

Never afraid to innovate, Valencia diverted its flood-prone river to the outskirts and converted the former riverbed into a glorious green ribbon of park winding right through the city. On it are the strikingly futuristic buildings of the Ciudad de las Artes y las Ciencias, designed by local boy Santiago Calatrava.

Other brilliant contemporary buildings grace the city, which also has a fistful of fabulous Modernista buildings, great museums, a long stretch of beach and a large, characterful old quarter.

Valencia, surrounded by its huerta, a fertile zone of market gardens, is famous as the home of rice dishes such as paella, but its buzzy dining scene offers plenty more besides.

THINGS TO DO IN VALENCIA

It begins with a view of the historic centre and its rich artistic heritage. You can see the Holy Grail in the Cathedral; the Silk Exchange (Lonja de la seda), a jewel of civil Gothic; the Central Market, one of the most alive and appetizing in Europe; the ancient Roman ruins in the Almoyna Museum, or go up to contemplate an unbeatable panoramic view of the city from the Miguelete or the Torres de Serrano.

Another must see, is the City of Arts and Sciences. We recommend you to combine it with a bike ride along the old course of the River Turia. The Turia Gardens cross the entire city, with the Cabecera Park and Bioparc at one end and the City of Arts and Sciences at the other, and more than eight kilometres of gardens to cover on your walk.

Also, you can't miss enjoying a good Paella by the beach. Nine kilometres of fine sand and a stone's throw from the centre. The beaches of València are waiting for you! You have the urban beaches of El Cabañal and La Malvarrosa, in the area of Poblados Marítimos, next to the famous neighbourhood of El Cabañal. A little further north continues the beach of Patacona, and to the south follow the beaches of Pinedo, La Devesa and El Saler, in the Natural Park of La Albufera. All of them have a blue flag, are accessible by public transport and have good restaurants to enjoy the gastronomy of the area.

And if you still have time, there are many things to see in Valencia. The city has more than 30 museums for everyone, from Fine Arts to Lead Soldiers, Science and IVAM. In addition, you must have to try the authentic Valencian horchata or a good hot chocolate with churros. The Colón Market, the Plaza de la





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Reina or the Plaza de la Virgen have good establishments for this and are also very atmospheric and interesting places to visit in Valencia.

- [València Historic Centre](#)
- [City Of Arts and Sciences Monuments](#) (the nicest one to visit in my opinion is the Oceanographic, but the visit will still take place in their “Winter season”, so on Mondays it’s only open until 6PM 😞... in any case we can just walk around the area which can also be nice since they’re located in the [Turia Gardens](#))
- [Seaside Neighbourhoods, Marina and Beaches](#)

TO GET TO VALÈNCIA

València is accessible by air, land and sea. It boasts travel links to many major Spanish and European cities. The airport, situated just 8 kilometres from the centre of València, has regular daily flights to popular domestic and international destinations.

The city also has two main railway stations, the Estación del Norte, from which the local train network operates, and Joaquín Sorolla, offering AVE high-speed rail services to Madrid, Cuenca, Seville and Córdoba. ALVIA and EUROMED long-distance trains also depart from Joaquín Sorolla, providing connections to cities including Barcelona.

Valencia has its own city center station for the local train network (cercanías), which consists of six lines that connect Valencia to Gandía, Mogente, Utiel, Xirivella, Caudiel and Castellón de la Plana.

València is home to one of the most important commercial ports in the Mediterranean. The port, which operates passenger services to both the Balearic Islands and Italy, is fast becoming a popular destination for cruise ships.

// The bus station

Menéndez Pidal, 11. 46009 Valencia. Tel. 963 466 266 Open: daily, 24 hours.

Metro: L1 - Turia.

Bus: 8, 29, 60, 61,62, 63, 73, 79





INFORMATION OF INTEREST

València Airport

8 km from the centre. Metro (lines 3 and 5), bus (line 150) or taxi (approx €20 for the journey)

Joaquin Sorolla AVE High Speed Train Station

1 km from the centre. Metro (lines 1 and 5), free bus to the centre and taxi rank. Bus 64.

North Station (Station for short distance trains):

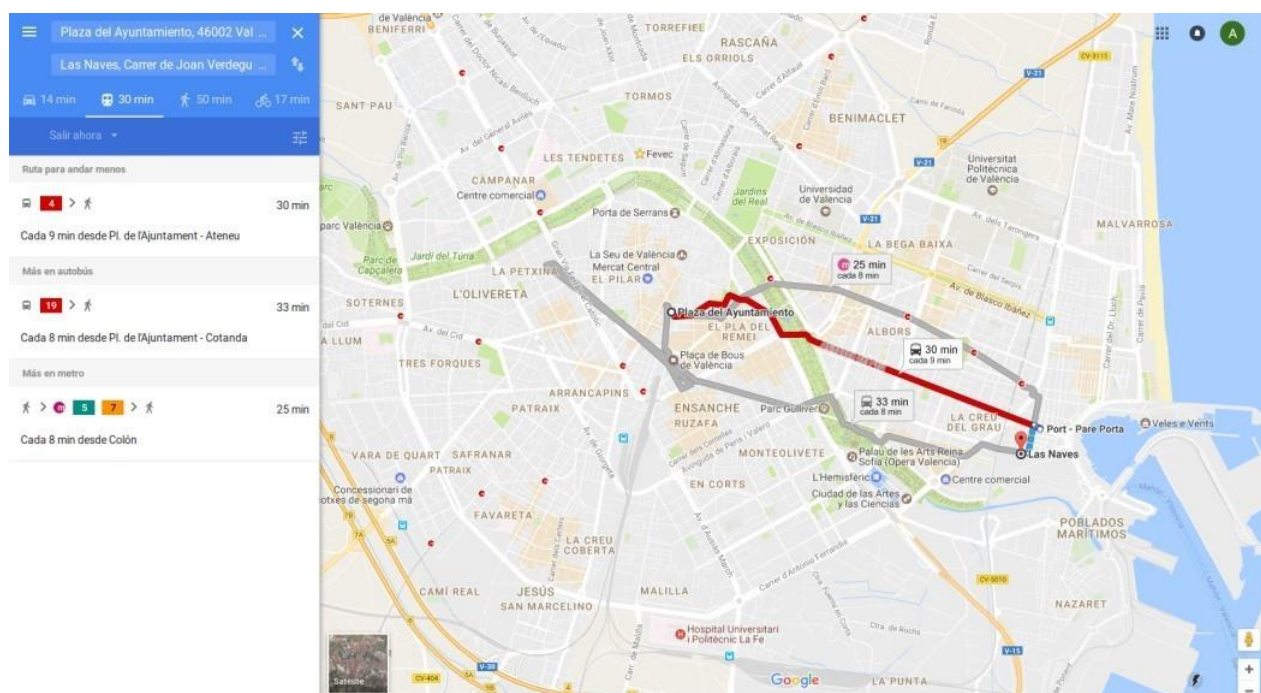
In the Centre: Metro (lines 3 and 5), bus (lines 5, 6, 7, 8, 10, 11, 14, 15, 19, 32, 35, 40, 63, 70, 71, 73, 81) and taxi rank.

Port of València

5.5 km from the centre. Bus (lines 4, 30, 95) and taxi rank. Ferry trips to Ibiza, Mahón and Palma de Mallorca.

Cruise Port

6 km from the centre. There is an internal shuttle service at the port which takes passengers to the main terminal. Bus (lines 4, 30, 95) and taxi rank.





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GETTING AROUND

A stroll through the city's streets is one of the best ways to explore València, given its size, relatively flat terrain and excellent climate. However, if you're travelling from one part of the city to another, it's advisable to make use of the extensive public transportation network, particularly if you're short of time. This serves the whole of València and also provides links to some of the main points of interest in the surrounding area, including Albufera Park and València airport (Manises).

The Municipal Transport Company (EMT) operates a total of 59 bus routes, 44 daytime routes and 13 night routes, serving all areas of the city. The metro offers another great way to explore the city centre, stroll along the old Turia riverbed to the City of Arts and Sciences and even take a trip to La Malvarrosa Beach, after hopping on the tram.

Get the VLC Tourist Card at one of our Tourist Info offices and enjoy unlimited, free public transport around the city. It also offers great discounts on museums, leisure activities, shopping, restaurants, etc.

More info at www.valenciatouristcard.com

Lastly, València is perfect city for exploring by bike. The city's public bike rental service allows visitors to use any bike from any station in the network by purchasing a temporary pass. There are also numerous private companies offering bike rentals by the hour or on a daily basis. It's possible to cycle safely around most of the city thanks to its extensive network of segregated cycle lanes.

// Taxi

Taxis in the city of Valencia are white and are available 24 hours a day. They may be reserved by telephone or via the Internet. There are also taxi ranks across the city and vehicles can usually be seen driving around the main roads. The airport taxi rank is situated in Terminal 1 Arrivals.

Think €10 from the centre to the beach, or €8 to the Ciudad de las Artes y las Ciencias. There's a minimum daytime charge of €4 and nighttime charge of €6. Radio-Taxi Valencia and Tele Taxi Valencia are two of several companies. The total price of journey must be displayed on the taximeter and invoice receipts may be requested. The majority of taxis also carry a chip and pin machine, allowing passengers to pay by credit card.

// Information of interest public transport

Bus	€ 1.50	www.emtvalencia.es
Metro	€ 1.50 + € 1 CARD	www.metrovalencia.com
Radio taxi	963 70 33 33	





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Tele taxi 963 57 13 13

TIPS

Language

There are two official languages in Valencia: "Valenciano", used in the Valencian Community, and Spanish, Spain's official language.

Postal services

The Central Post and Telegraph Office (Plaza del Ayuntamiento, 24) is open on weekdays from 8:30 a.m. to 8:30 p.m. and between 9:30 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. on Saturdays. Telephone: 96 310 27 30. Stamps are also available in all tobacconists.

Time zone

People generally eat later than in other European countries: breakfast (7:30 and 10:00 a.m.) is similar to the continental style. Restaurants serve lunch between 1:00 p.m. and 3:00 p.m., and dinner from 8:30 p.m. until 10:30 p.m. Now you can go shopping in Valencia any day of the year. Although normal shop opening hours are from 10 am to 8.30 pm, you will find malls and shops in tourist areas.

Tipping

Tips are included in all prices and bills, so tipping is not considered obligatory. However, if the service received is considered satisfactory, especially in bars and restaurants, a tip is often left.

Weather

Valencia enjoys a mild temperate Mediterranean climate. The average annual temperature is 17°C with warm summers and very mild winters, rarely below 10°C. There is only light rainfall mainly in autumn and the beginning of spring.

Banks

Most banks are open from Monday to Friday between 8:30 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. Only a few branches open on Saturday mornings. There are 24-hour automatic tellers around the city, and most (Servired, 4B, etc.) offer international services.

Credit cards

Most hotels, restaurants and shops in Valencia accept the main credit cards such as American Express, VISA, Mastercard, 4B, Access y Diners Club.





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Electricity

Standard electrical voltage in Valencia is 220- 240 V AC, 50 Hz. A transformer and an adapter are necessary to use North American electrical appliances whose plugs have two square pins. Adapters are available in most hardware stores.

Exchanging money

RIA Money Transfer & Change:

Currency exchange, traveller's checks and money transfers. Centrally located in the main European cities.

Convento de Jerusalén, 9 46007 - Valencia Tel.:+34 963 525 383 www.riaagent.com
esfx@riafinancial.com

HOTEL BOOKING

Most of the hotels listed below are relatively close to the event place. However, city centre is nearby walking (30 minutes).

Eurostars Acteon (we recommend)

<https://www.eurostarshotels.com/eurostars-acteon.html>

Double room for single use: 129€

Double room: 139€

(breakfast & VAT included)

Contact : eventos1@eurostarsacteon.com

Eurostars Rey Don Jaime. Av. Baleares, 2

More or less equidistant to both venues

<https://www.eurostarshotels.co.uk/eurostars-rey-don-jaime.html>

SH Valencia Palace. Paseo Alameda, 32

Walking distance to Tabacalera and Old Town and well connected with Las Naves

<https://www.hotel-valencia-palace.com/en/>

AC Hotel Valencia Av. de França, 67 -963 31 70 0

<https://achotels.marriott.com/es/hotels/ac-hotel-valencia>

Hotel Primus Valencia Carrer de Menorca, 22 -963 31 84 74

<https://www.hotelprimusvalencia.com/>

Hotel Tryp Oceanic Valencia

Carrer del Pintor Maella 912 76 47 47

<https://www.melia.com/es/hoteles/espana/valencia/hotel-valencia-oceanic/index.html>

Hotel NH Ciudad de Valencia

Avinguda del Port, 214 963 30 75 00





https://www.nh-hotels.com/hotel/nh-ciudad-de-valencia?utm_campaign=local-gmb&utm_medium=organic_search&utm_source=google_gmb

Sea You Hotel Port Valencia

Plaça del Tribunal de les Aigües, 5 963 21 43 30

<https://seayouhotel.es/>

Hotel Valencia Center

Av. de França, 33 963 35 07 00

<https://www.hotelescenter.es/hotel-valencia-center/>

NEIGHBOURHOODS AND AREAS IN VALÈNCIA

Discover the most charming neighbourhoods and areas in València

València is an amazing city full of life, with a Mediterranean atmosphere.

Here you can find a guide on the most notable neighbourhoods in the city, organised into 6 areas so you can plan your time and not miss out on anything.

// HISTORIC CENTRE

València has one of the oldest historic centres in Europe. The city has over 2000 years of profound history and a rich artistic heritage; therefore, it is a must see. Both La Lonja and the Water Tribunal, which meets every Thursday at the Cathedral's Door of the Apostles, are part of the prestigious UNESCO World Heritage Site list, as well as the local festivity, Fallas, which takes place in March.

The list of essential visits in the historic centre is long, with treasures such as the Cathedral and the Holy Chalice, the Central Market, the frescoes in the Church of San Nicolás, the Torres de Serranos, Plaza Redonda or the Palace of Marqués de Dos Aguas, among others.

La Lonja

Carrer de la Llotja, 2

This splendid building, a Unesco World Heritage site, was originally València's silk and commodity exchange, built in the late 15th century when the city was booming. It's one of Spain's finest examples of a civil Gothic building. Two main structures flank a citrus-studded courtyard: the magnificent Sala de Contratación, a cathedral of commerce with soaring twisted pillars, and the Consulado del Mar, where a maritime tribunal sat. The top floor boasts a stunning coffered ceiling brought here from another building.

Mercado Central

Plaça de la Ciutat de Bruges, s/n



www.mercadocentralè.es

València's vast Modernista covered market, constructed in 1928, is a swirl of smells, movement and colour. Spectacular seafood counters display cephalopods galore and numerous fish species, meat stalls groan under the weight of sausages and giant steaks, while the fruit and vegetables, many produced locally in València's huerta (area of market gardens), are of special quality. A tapas bar lets you sip a wine and enjoy the atmosphere.

Torres de Quart

Plaça de Santa Úrsula, 1

Spain's most magnificent city gate is quite a sight from the new town. You can clamber to the top of the 15th-century structure, which faces towards Madrid and the setting sun. Up high, notice the pockmarks caused by French cannonballs during the 19th-century Napoleonic invasion.

Torres de Serranos

Plaça dels Furs, s/n

Once the main exit to Barcelona and the north, the imposing 14th-century Torres de Serranos overlooks the former bed of the R o Turia. Together with the Torres de Quart, it is all that remains of València's old city walls. Climb to the top for a great overview of the Barrio del Carmen and riverbed.

Plaza de la Virgen

Plaça de la Verge, s/n

Busy Plaza de la Virgen, ringed by cafes and imposing public buildings, was once the forum of Roman València. The reclining figure in its central fountain represents the R o Turia, while the eight maidens with their gushing pots symbolise the main irrigation canals flowing from it.

// BARRIO DEL CARMEN

This thousand-year-old city neighbourhood grew between two walls, the Muslim and the Christian. This emblematic neighbourhood is situated in the city's old quarter, the Ciutat Vella. It is, for all intents and purposes, the authentic historical centre of València. Although it was once enclosed by the Muslim wall, it is now the Serrano and Quart Towers that represent the city's most iconic medieval remains. As visitors pass through these gates, they enter a labyrinth of narrow cobbled streets hiding myriad secrets.

Streets including Roterros and Corona descend from the old suburbs. In the heart of the neighbourhood visitors will find the beautiful Portal de la Valldigna, the impressive frescoes of San Nicol s Church, the centennial Plaza del  rbol and the tiny Casa de los Gatos (House of Cats), as well as long-standing businesses boasting centuries of history. Barrio del Carmen is also bohemian territory, rich in street art and home to cutting-edge museums including the IVAM, the MUVIM, the Carmen Centre and the Beneficencia Cultural Centre.

The streets are filled with life whatever the time of day. Pay a morning visit to the famous Mossen Sorell Market, which offers a wide range of gourmet produce. As the day goes on and the outdoor seating terraces fill with people, why not join them in enjoying some typical tapas and eating a great paella? When night falls, the busy pubs and restaurants surrounding Plaza del Tossal are the place to be.



Centro del Carmen CCCC

Carrer del Museu, 2

<http://www.conсорcimuseus.gva.es/centro-del-carmen/?lang=es>

Behind the church on the landmark Plaza del Carmen, this centre occupies the handsome Gothic cloister and rooms of the monastery that once backed it. It's in a fairly severe Cistercian style and devoted to temporary exhibitions; there are usually several on at a time. It's worth a visit for a stroll around the cloister alone.

Palacio del Marqués de Dos Aguas

Calle Poeta Querol, 2

<http://www.culturaydeporte.gob.es/mnceramica/home.html>

Quite a sight from outside, this immoderate palace has a pair of wonderfully extravagant rococo caryatids curling around the main entrance. The exterior also boasts flamboyant Modernista features. The interior offers further sumptuous delights in what is now the Museo Nacional de Cerámica.

Institut Valencià d'Art Modern IVAM

Carrer de Guillem de Castro, 118

www.ivam.es

This impressive gallery hosts excellent temporary exhibitions and owns a small but impressive collection of 20th-century Spanish art. The most reliably permanent exhibition on display is the Julio González collection. This Catalan sculptor (1876– 1942) lived in Paris and produced exquisite work with iron that influenced later artists such as David Smith and Eduardo Chillida. The González collection was a major reason for the gallery's creation and there are some great pieces here – the iron Masque d'adolescent is exquisite – and they are beautifully lit and displayed. Along with some classical nudes and busts in bronze, plaster, terracotta and stone, his offbeat iron forms are very much of his time and are sometimes reminiscent of the painted works of Picasso. The modest scale of González' pieces prefigure more monumental works later in the 20th century. The gallery's cafe makes a pleasant spot for a drink.

// ALAMEDA, CITY OF ARTS AND OCEANOGRÀFIC

As it is a large area of the city, the best way to discover it all is on foot or by bike through the Turia Gardens and see the 18 bridges that cross them. You can start at Alameda with the Viveros and Monforte Gardens and the Museum of Fine Arts, a spectacular classical picture gallery. Afterwards, you can then move on to the old Turia river bed, where you can visit the City of Arts and Sciences, Puente de la Exposición and Palau de la Música.

Jardines del Turia

Stretching the length of Río Turia's former course, this 9km-long lung of green is a fabulous mix of playing fields, cycling, jogging and walking paths, lawns and playgrounds. As it curves around the eastern part of the city, it's also a pleasant way of getting around. See Lilliputian kids scrambling over a magnificent, ever-patient Gulliver south of the Palau de la Música.



Museo de Bellas Artes

Carrer de Sant Pius V, 9

www.museobellasartesvalencia.gva.es/va/

Bright and spacious, this gallery ranks among Spain's best. Highlights include a collection of magnificent late-medieval altarpieces, and works by several Spanish masters, including some great Goya portraits, a haunting Velázquez self-portrait, an El Greco John the Baptist and works by Murillos, Riberas and the Ribaltas, father and son. Downstairs, an excellent series of rooms focuses on the great, versatile Valencian painter Joaquín Sorolla (1863–1923), who, at his best, seemed to capture the spirit of an age through sensitive portraiture.

Ciudad de las Artes y las Ciencias

Av. del Professor López Piñero, 7

www.cac.es/es/home.html

This aesthetically stunning complex occupies a massive 350,000-sq-metre swath of the old Turia riverbed. It's occupied by a series of spectacular buildings that are mostly the work of world-famous, locally born architect Santiago Calatrava. The principal buildings are a majestic opera house, a science museum, a 3D cinema and an aquarium..

The promenades and pools around the buildings make for pleasant strolling and you can hire bikes, paddleboards and various other contraptions to enjoy them.

Bombas Gens

Av. de Burjassot, 54

www.bombasgens.com/es/

This conversion of a handsome art deco factory that once made hydraulic pumps has created an intriguing space for modern art. There's a particularly good photography collection, displayed to great advantage in the high-ceilinged spaces. The project, which receives no public funding, also has a cafeteria for underprivileged youths and holds the new restaurant of local master chef Ricard Camarena.

// THE MARINA, BEACHES AND THE CABAÑAL NEIGHBOURHOOD

This area is ideal to enjoy Valencian cuisine with a sea breeze and spectacular views. The València Marina is a famous area with plenty of space to walk, ride a bike, enjoy the local cuisine and do water sports. The Cabañal and Malvarrosa beaches, the promenade and the Cabañal seafaring neighbourhood area trendy areas due to their lifestyle.

It is a large area with a varied leisure and cuisine offer, therefore we recommend you take your time when visiting it. You can go for a swim at the beach, ride a bike, try a Valencian paella and enjoy the lively atmosphere on the terraces next to the beach.

Playa de las Arenas

Stretching north from the marina, this is the beginning of València's beach, the closest to the centre and the focal point of seaside life. Backed by hotels and rice restaurants, it's a lively, busy strip that's also a major zone for summer nightlife. The beach is over 100m wide, so there's room to move even in high summer.



Playa de la Patacona

The northern stretch of València's main beach has a quieter, more local scene, but still gets busy in summer. It's backed by lovely traditional houses that have been converted into eateries, and there are also several appealing chiringuito (beach-bar) options on the sand. Like the rest of the strip, it's a wide, flat stretch of beach with plenty of room to move even in peak season.

Albufera natural park

The Albufera natural park is only 10 kilometres from the city. It is a Mediterranean ecosystem with a combination of wild dune beaches, pine forests, rice fields and a huge freshwater lake. You don't need a car to reach it, bus number 25 takes you straight there or you can take the Albufera Bus Turistic for a panoramic visit.

In order to learn more about the area's biodiversity, take a boat ride on the lake's calm water or take a bike ride or stroll along one of the six marked routes in the park. Paella was invented in this area, so why not try one? You can also discover other local culinary delights, such as all-i-pebre or llisa adobada.

We recommend you spend at least 6 hours on this visit in order to take a boat ride, discover a part of the park and try some of the local cuisine.

// RUZAFÀ

The new town's most captivating corner, the district of Russafa may be comparatively compact but it packs a weighty punch. A downmarket barrio turned trendy, its collection of quirky galleries and vintage shops keep people entertained by day, while by night it becomes the city's best zone for eating and cafe-bar nightlife – a buzzing hub of quality tapas, modish vermouth bars, literary cafes and innovative cultural offerings. It's a district with its own very distinctive feel and an essential Valencian evening experience, particularly at weekends.

Russafa does bohemian so well, and this is one of many quality cafe-bars of this type, offering a lounge-room-like ambience with books, art exhibitions and decent drinks, including well-made cocktails. Loads of atmosphere. It does language-exchange sessions, which can be a good way to meet locals.

RESTAURANTS

// Valencian food

Goya Ruzafa

Carrer de Borriana, 3

goyagalleryrestaurant.es/

Decorated with style and featuring real dedication to guests' comfort and pleasure, this local classic is outstanding. The menu takes in Valencian favourites such as delicious seafood rices and typical tapas, and also includes some more avant-garde foodie bravura. It's all strong on presentation and great on taste. Its blend of traditional values and modern cooking makes it stand out.



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Casa Carmela València's Beaches

Carrer d'Isabel de Villena, 155

<http://www.casa-carmela.com/es/>

Casa Carmela's paella is one of València's best. The expansive restaurant has been serving rice since 1922 and remains a favourite with families. Huge paellas are cooked over an orange-wood fire and served with a traditional wooden spoon. Book your rice in advance unless you want to wait 45 minutes when you arrive.

Ricard Camarena

Av. de Burjassot, 54

<https://www.ricardcamarenarestaurant.com/>

València's most highly rated current chef showcases the range of his abilities here, in a new location in the Bombas Gens factory-turned-art-centre. A range of tasting menus focuses on the Valencian ideal of fresh market produce, presented here in innovative ways that bring out exceptional and subtle flavours. There's a weekday lunchtime set menu for €55.

El Poblet Ciutat Vella

Carrer de Correus, 8

www.elpobletrestaurant.com/

This upstairs restaurant, overseen by famed Quique Dacosta and with Luis Valls as chef, offers elegance and fine gastronomic dining at prices that are very competitive for this quality. Modern French and Spanish influences combine to create sumptuous degustation menus. Some of the imaginative presentation has to be seen to be believed, and staff are genuinely welcoming and helpful.

// Vegetarian

Copenhagen Ruzafa

Carrer del Literat Azorín, 8

grupocopenhagen.com/

Bright and vibrant, the buzz from this popular vegetarian restaurant seems to spread a contagion of good cheer all along the street. It does a very toothsome soy burger as well as top homemade pasta, but the truth is it's all pretty tasty.

La Tastaolletes Barrio del Carmen

Carrer de Salvador Giner, 6

latastaolletes.es

La Tastaolletes does a creative range of vegetarian tapas and mains. Pleasantly informal, it serves good, wholesome food created from quality prime ingredients. Salads are large and leafy, and desserts (indulge in the cheesecake with stewed fruits) are a dream. There's a daily lunch for €12 and outdoor seating.





// Tapas

Tasca Àngel Ciutat Vella

Carrer de la Puríssima, 1

This no-frills place has been in business for 70 years and is famous for its fishy tapas, but in particular grilled sardines, which are delicious. Order them with a cold beer or white wine and find inner peace.

La Pilareta Ciutat Vella

Carrer del Moro Zeid, 13

www.barlapilareta.es

Earthy, century-old and barely changed, La Pilareta is great for hearty tapas and clóchinas (small, juicy local mussels), available between May and August. For the rest of the year it serves mejillones (mussels), altogether fatter if less tasty. A platterful comes in a spicy broth that you scoop up with a spare shell. It's got atmosphere in spades.

Casa Guillermo València's Beaches

Carrer del Progrés, 15

casaguillermo1957.com

Looking spruce and modern these days, this renowned Cabanyal spot has a stratospheric reputation for its anchovies, which are very tasty, if rather pricey. Other dishes are innovative, delicious and more reasonable.

Bodega Casa Montaña València's Beaches

Carrer de Josep Benlliure, 69 www.emilianobodega.com

One of València's most characterful spots, with venerable barrels and an older-era atmosphere, this place has been around since 1836. There's a superb, changing selection of wines and a long list of exquisite tapas, including many seafood conserves. We fell in love with the smoked eel, but it's all great.

Bodega Anyora València's Beaches

Carrer d'en Vicent Gallart, 15

www.anyora.es

An evocation of old València through a modern design eye, this rehabilitated old bodega is visually lovely, with gleaming handmade tiles, a traditional floor and fresco vegetables on the walls. It does snacks to accompany your vermouth as well as quality fuller plates, which are based on nose-to-tail local tradition with a few modern twists and something for vegetarians, too.

Bodega La Peseta València's Beaches

Carrer del Crist del Grau, 16

This Cabanyal alternative icon has had a bit of a makeover and seems a little gentrified, but it's still an enjoyable, eclectic place next to the Grao market. Tasty tapas and decent wines and vermouth make it a good pre-lunch stop.



Convent Carmen

Plaza Portal Nuevo, 6

conventcarmen.com/comer

In the heart of Carmen, this old convent has left behind its original function to become a center of cultural leisure with a powerful gastronomic market, offering more than 100 dishes, served in their gardens.

CAFÉ

Dulce de Leche Russafa

Carrer del Pintor Gisbert, 2

www.pasteleriadulcedeleche.com/

Delicious sweet and savoury snacks with an Argentine twist are the stock-in-trade of this delicately decorated corner cafe. The coffee is organic, the juices delicious and the service quality. It looks posh but prices are very reasonable. The weekend brunch is well priced and tasty.

La Más Bonita València's Beaches

Passeig Marítim de la Patacona, 11

lomasbonita.es

Pretty in turquoise and white, this idyllically situated beachfront place has comfy outdoor seating, a hipster vibe and a big interior and patio. It's a charming venue for breakfast in the sun, or for muffins, cheesecakes or other delicacies any time of day. There's also a terrace right on the promenade and a chiringuito (beach bar) on the sand itself.

FUSION

Mattilda

Barrio del Carmen Carrer de Roterros, 21

The decor is stylish, modern and unpretentious – just like Francisco Borell and his cheery young team, who offer friendly service, an imaginative à la carte selection and a particularly good-value lunch menu (€11.90 weekdays). Portions are small but tasty.

Canalla Bistro Russafa

Carrer del Mestre Josep Serrano, 5,

<http://www.canallabistro.com/val/>

Chic but commodious, with an interior featuring packing crates, cartoon chickens and other decorative quirks, this is where top Valencian chef Ricard Camarena can be a little more light-hearted. Sensationally presented dishes draw their inspiration from street food from around the world. Creative, fun and delicious.



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Refugio

Barrio del Carmen Calle Alta (Dalt), nº 42

www.refugiorestante.com/

Named for the civil-war hideout opposite and simply decorated in whitewashed brick, Refugio preserves some of the Carmen barrio's former revolutionary spirit. Excellent Med-fusion cuisine is presented in lunchtime menus of surprising quality: there are some stellar plates on show, though the veggie options aren't always quite as flavoursome. Evening dining is high quality and innovative.

