

## PRACTICAL INFORMATION ABOUT THE CITY OF VALENCIA

Valencia is a regional capital and Spain's third largest city with about 1.500,000 inhabitants. The city was founded by the Romans, taken by the Visigoths, and prospered under the Moors. Each civilization has left its mark and the historic center includes a 13th century cathedral with paintings by Goya, and La Lonja that is a splendid gothic building 15th century where silk was exchange.



Valencia's geographical location makes it an excellent operational base from which to explore the rest of Spain. At just an hour and a half from Madrid by train, three hours from Barcelona by car, and with daily departures to the Balearic Islands, the capital of the Mediterranean is well worth staying.

The old Turia River, diverted due to frequent flooding, has given way to a 9 km garden that crosses the city from west to east with interesting museum proposals on each side, sports facilities, children's parks and 18 bridges.

Moreover, by crossing the Flower Bridge, you will find yourself in the Pla del Real district, which consists of buildings erected on the occasion of the Valencia Regional Exhibition in 1909. This is where the Cité des Arts et des Sciences and the recently renovated Fallero Museum are located, just across the street.



The City of Arts and Sciences is an essential part of the city of Valencia. The work of the Valencian architect Santiago Calatrava, it consists of several

buildings that have become symbols of the city. It is a scientific and cultural leisure complex to visit with family or friends, which nowadays occupies about two kilometers of the old bed of the Turia River.

Valencia's mild climate is another reason to come for a stay. Its warm atmosphere is always inviting and hospitable. Ready to be enjoyed. Valencia means commerce and culture, cinema, theatre, museums, music and business. It is a center for industrial design and avant-garde movements. Valencia is a city that never sleeps, with an extensive cultural line-up.

During your stay in Valencia, you will also be able to enjoy the peace and quiet of several exceptional natural sites. Between the sea and the rice paddies, closed in by two river mouths, the Albufera Natural Park is a paradise for migratory birds and a recreation area for the city. Along the coast next to the Albufera are broad sandy beaches. There are pleasant recreation areas where people come to enjoy the sun and the sea



No visit to Valencia would be complete without a taste of its ample Mediterranean cuisine based on a fertile 'huerta' or market garden, and fresh fish and shellfish. The queen of local products is rice, served in an infinity of manners as the internationally acclaimed Valencian paella. Traditional

Valencian cooking is a five-star pleasure!

For further details about the city, the Comunidad Valenciana and Spain you can visit the following sites (in English):

**Tourism information about Valencia:** <http://www.comunitatvalenciana.com>  
<http://www.turisvalencia.es>

**Interactive map:** <http://www.orangesmile.com/travelguide/valencia/interactive-map.htm>

## HOW TO REACH THE CITY

Valencia is accessible by air, land and sea. The city also has two main railway stations, "the Estación del Norte", from which the local train network operates, and "Joaquín Sorolla station", offering AVE high-speed rail services to Madrid, Cuenca, Seville and Córdoba. There are some long-distance trains departing from Joaquín Sorolla, providing connections to cities including Barcelona.

If traveling by car, Valencia is equipped with a modern motorway network. AP7 on north (Barcelona direction), A3 (Madrid) and the southern AP7 make the city easily accessible from any city on the mainland.

The airport, situated just 8 kilometers from the city center, has regular daily flights to popular national and international destinations.

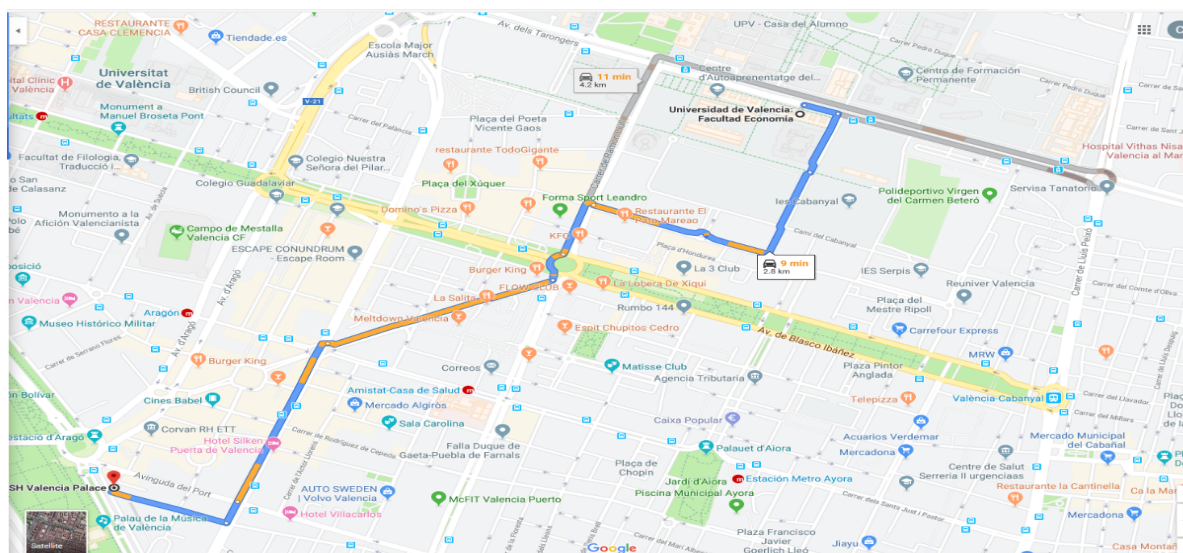
There is a metro service straight from the airport to the city center: lines 3 (red) and 5 (green). The station is situated on the ground floor of the arrival's hall in the Regional Terminal. Journey time to the city centre is approximately 25 minutes. Both lines follow the same route to Xativa and Colón stations, which are close to the city center.

Valencia's taxis are white and run by local companies. They all charge the same rates in the city center – airport runs (20€) and are available 24 hours a day.

Hotels can also provide a personal transfer service straight to the airport.

## LOCATION OF THE FACULTY OF ECONOMICS

The Faculty of Economics (Facultad de Economía) is located at Avenida Los Naranjos s/n (please note that in catalan this street is also known as Avenida Tarongers s/n).



## USEFUL INFORMATION

### CLIMATE

With an average annual temperature of 20°C (68°F), enjoys mild sunny winters and hot summers. Typically, in March, the temperature is 15-25°C, and raining is not as common as northern latitudes.

### SHOPPING HOURS

Shops generally open from 10.00 to 14.00 and from 17.00 to 20.00 hours, Mondays through Saturdays. Department stores and malls usually open from 10.00 to 21.00 and do not close for lunch.

### BANKS

Banks open from Monday to Friday from 8.30 or 9.00 to 14.00 or 14.30 and some banks open certain afternoons in the week. Almost every bank has a 24-hours cash machine.

### PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION

An extensive public transportation network covers the whole of Valencia, including 6 metro lines and public buses which can bring you everywhere in the city. As well as single tickets, which can be bought at metro stations and on the buses, there are 3 and 5-day travel passes, and even 10 – travel passes as well.

Public and private bicycles are also a nice way of moving along Valencia. Good weather and flat orography make the perfect combination for doing so. There are plenty of bike

rentals, and also bicycles can be rented at public stations (Valenbisi).

Sustainable urban mobility has arrived here to stay as well. It has become a very popular way of city moving. Electric motorbikes, electric scooters or segways can be provided by several companies. You would only need to download an app on your phone and upload a picture of your driving license and ID.

## **RESTAURANTS**

Spanish eating habits are characterized by late hours, we normally have lunch around 14:00 and dinner around 22:00. Most restaurants open from 14:00 to 16:00 for lunch and from 21:00 to 23:00 for dinner; however, some tourist and informal places have longer opening hours. Breakfast (7:30 and 10:00 a.m.) is similar to the continental style. 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.

## **ELECTRICITY SUPPLY**

Electricity is supplied at 220 V - 50 HzAC with European norm plugs.