

VALENCIA CITIES CLIMATE WEEK

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WELCOME TO VALENCIA

Valencia has been selected as the European Green Capital for 2024. This prestigious recognition, awarded by the European Commission, recognises the city's efforts to enhance the environment and the quality of life, both for residents and visitors alike. The abundance of green spaces and the implementation of several sustainable mobility initiatives throughout the years make Valencia the perfect scene for a far-reaching event such as Valencia Cities Climate Week.

As Spain's third-largest city, Valencia stands as a remarkable destination, brimming with vibrant cultural, and culinary scene. The city, always unafraid to innovate, redirected its flood-prone river to the outskirts and transformed its former bed into a magnificent green park (Jardín del Turia) winding through the city. Here stands the strikingly futuristic buildings of the Ciudad de las Artes y las Ciencias, designed by the local talent Santiago Calatrava. The city also boasts other brilliant contemporary buildings alongside a handful of fabulous modernism structures, excellent museums, a long stretch of beach, and a distinctive old quarter.

THINGS TO DO IN VALENCIA

You can begin your visit with a walk through the historic centre and its rich artistic heritage where you can discover the Cathedral; the Silk Exchange (Lonja de la seda), a jewel of civil Gothic; the Central Market, one of the most alive and appetising in Europe; the ancient Roman ruins in the Almoina 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, a modern marvel blending seamlessly with the city's skyline. Enhance your experience with a bike ride along the serene Turia Gardens, a verdant oasis winding its way through the heart of Valencia, stretching from the lush Cabecera Park to the futuristic horizon of the City of Arts and Sciences.

No visit to Valencia would be complete without tasting a paella by the beach. With nine kilometers of sandy beaches just minutes away from the city center, Valencia's beaches vary from urban beaches like El Cabañal and La Malvarrosa to the tranquil stretches of Pinedo, La Devesa, or El Saler. Accessible via public transport, all these beaches offer an unforgettable seaside experience.

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 can try the authentic Valencian horchata or a good hot chocolate with churros. The Colón Market, the Plaza de la Reina or the Plaza de la Virgen have good establishments for tasting these local delicacies.

Valencia Historic Centre Seaside Neighbourgoods, Marina and Beaches

<u>City of Arts and Siences Monuments</u> <u>Turia Gardens</u>

HOW TO GET TO VALENCIA:

Valencia boasts excellent transportation connectivity via air, land, and sea, offering convenient links to major Spanish and European cities. The city's airport, located just 8 kilometres from the centre, has regular daily flights to domestic and international destinations.

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In addition to its airport, Valencia features two primary railway stations.

 The Estación del Norte serves as a hub for the local train network, while Joaquín Sorolla offers AVE high-speed rail connections to Madrid, Cuenca, Seville, and Córdoba. Longdistance ALVIA and EUROMED trains also depart from Joaquín Sorolla, providing routes to cities such as Barcelona.

Estación del Norte (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. **Joaquin Sorolla AVE High Speed Train Station:** 1 km from the centre. Metro (lines 1 and

5), free bus to the centre with Ave, Alaris or Alvia train tickets and taxi rank. Bus 64.

GETTING AROUND

A stroll through the city's streets is one of the best ways to explore Valencia, 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 Valencia and provides links to some of the main points of interest in the surrounding area, including Albufera Park and Valencia 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 (Valencia Tourist Card) at one of the 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: Tarjeta Turística de València | València Tourist Card (visitvalencia.com)

Lastly, Valencia is a 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 hour or daily . It's possible to cycle safely around most of the city thanks to its extensive network of segregated cycle lanes.

- **Tourist information:** if you need more Tourist information about Valencia, don't hesitate to visit: <u>Valencia Tourism Official Site | Visit Valencia</u>
- 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.

Taxi fares: Around €10 from the centre to the beach, or €8 from the centre to the venue. There's a minimum daytime charge of €4 and night-time charge of €6. Radio-Taxi Valencia and Tele Taxi Valencia are the two main taxi companies. The total price of journey must be

displayed on the taximeter and invoice receipts may be requested. Most taxis also carry a chip and pin machine, allowing passengers to pay by credit card.

Taxi contact number:

Radio Taxi 963 70 33 33

Tele Taxi 963 57 13 13

Prices public transport:

Bus: €1,50 - Home (emtvalencia.es)

Metro: €1,50 + €1 CARD - Home - Metrovalencia

THE VENUE:

Palau de la Música, Valencia Instalaciones de los Jardines del Turia

Pg. De l'Albereda, 30, El Pla del Real, 46023 València, Valencia.

Website: https://palauvalencia.com/



Figure 1:Parcial view of the Palau de la Música

The Palau de la Música de Valencia is a magnificent auditorium located in the center of Valencia. It is known for its modernist design, created by the architect José María de Paredes, and its ornate facade. It is an important cultural center that hosts classical music concerts, opera, ballet, and other artistic events. Its interior is equally impressive, with exceptional acoustics and exquisite decoration that combines traditional elements with contemporary touches. It is an emblematic venue for both Valencia residents and visitors looking to enjoy music and culture in a unique setting.

Within Palau de la Música, Valencia Cities Climate Week main events will be held in the Joaquín Rodrigo hall, José Iturbi hall and the Hall Naranjos.

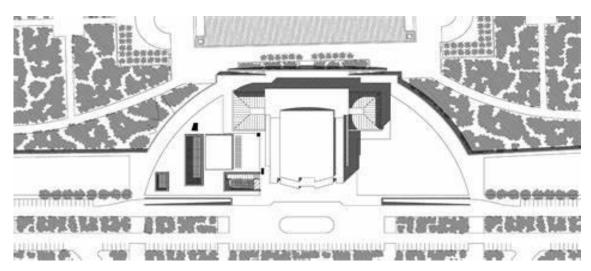


Figure 8: Palau de la música Map



Figure 9:José Iturbi Hall



Figure 10:Joaquín Rodrigo Hall



Figure 11: Hall Naranjos

HOW TO GET TO THE VENUE:

From the airport

By car: (A3 o autovía V-30)

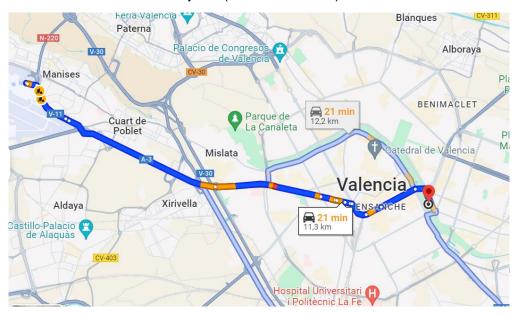


Figure 2: Car route from the airport to the Palau de la música

By train:

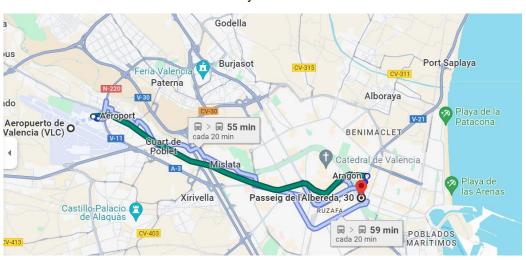




Figure 3: Train route from the airport to the Palau de la música

From the train stations:

From Joaquín Sorolla Train Station

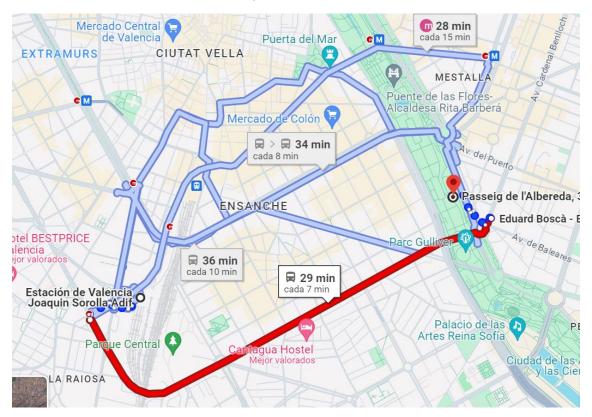


Figure 4: Route from Joaquín Sorolla station to the Palau de la música



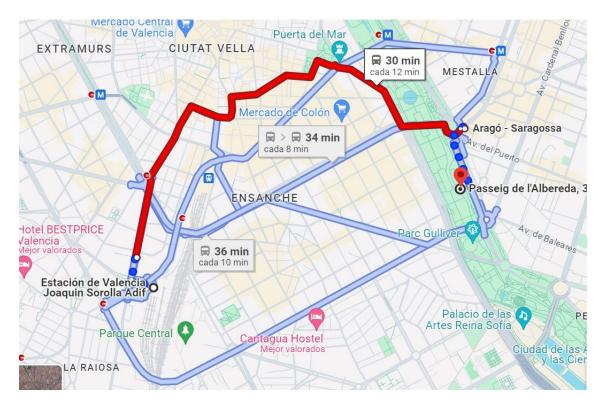


Figure 5: Route from Joaquín Sorolla station to the Palau de la música

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From Estación del Norte:



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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 to 10:00 a.m.) is similar to 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.

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.

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.

HOTELS

Participants are requested to select and pay for their own accommodation. For recommendations on where to stay, please see the Visit Valencia webpage. https://www.visitvalencia.com/planifica-tu-viaje-a-valencia/alojamiento-valencia

Additional hotel recommendations:

Caro Hotel

10% discount with the code Valencia Cities

https://www.carohotel.com/es/

Hotel SH Colón

15% discount with the code CNFVALENCIACITIES

https://www.sh-hoteles.com/es/hotel-sh-colon-en-valencia/

Hotel SH Inglés

15% discount with the code CNFVALENCIACITIES

https://www.inglesboutique.com/es/

Hotel SH Suite Palace

15% discount with the code CNFVALENCIACITIES

https://www.hotel-suitepalace.com/es/

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