

# VALENCIA

## SPAIN



Discover Valencia, where old world charm meets modern sophistication.



**Explore the Gothic appeal of Valencia, a city with its feet firmly in the past and present.** Palaces and mansions from its golden age in the 15th century abound while new shops, boutiques, cafes and restaurants dot the streets today.

The markets are still a serious presence here, a throwback to mercantile traditions of yore — complete with banter, bartering and exceptional produce and crafts — while the city's architecture ranges from remnants of the Knights of St. John's to ultra-contemporary museums.

Experience the satisfying indulgences of Spain's third largest city on the Iberian Peninsula.

### LOCAL CUISINE



**Valencian cuisine involves plenty of flavorful comfort food.** Paella, one of the region's signature dishes, is a mix of rice and seafood or rice and chicken and rabbit. Both versions were born just south of the city.

Other local specialties include fideuà, a dish of noodles and seafood and gazpacho, a cool soup

made of cucumber, tomato and onion.

Drink cava, the dry sparkling wine made nearby, originally created in caves. Cava is less heavy than champagne and just a little sweeter. For a sweet wine, try any of the region's Moscatels, white wines that vary from meal pairings to dessert wines.

### SHOPPING



**The Mercado Central is absolutely the place to stop for a real Valencian shopping experience.**

Mostly comprising locals on regular shopping rounds, the vibe alone makes it worth the trip.

At the Plaza Redonda, look for traditional handicrafts, like ceramic, ironwork,

silver and inlaid marquetry, a historic technique of laying wood in gorgeous geometrical patterns in furniture and home accessories.

Valencia is also home to some of Spain's best pottery. Look for porcelain, stoneware, glassware and more, particularly azulejos, brightly colored, decorative ceramic tiles.

### CURRENCY

Spain uses the euro

Some major banks' ATMs exchange money

Tipping is not common

### PLACES OF INTEREST

#### 1. CITY OF ARTS AND SCIENCES

Discover this unique complex designed by local architect Santiago Calatrava.

#### 2. LA LONJA DE LA SEDA

See the Silk Market, a UNESCO World Heritage Site and Gothic wonder.

#### 3. MERCADO CENTRAL

Explore the excitement of this lovely square's friendly mercantile bustle.

#### 4. EL MIGUELETE BELL TOWER

Gaze up at this 14th century Gothic-style bell tower, 150 feet high and weighing over ten tons.

#### 5. PLAZA DE LA VIRGEN

Enjoy the elaborate fountain in this charming plaza which dates back to the Roman times.

#### 6. TORRES DE SERRANOS

View the whole city from the top of Valencia's original fortress, built in the 1300s.

#### 7. INSTITUTO VALENCIANO DE ARTE MODERNO (IVAM)

Delight in the creative excellence of Valencia's impressive modern art museum.

### BEYOND CITY CENTER

#### REQUENA

Tour this town outside Valencia, home to cava, the region's dry sparkling wine.

### TOP 3 LAND DISCOVERIES

#### VALENCIA AND IVAM ART MUSEUM



See the vibrancy of Valencia. Begin the day in the Mercat Central, admiring the square and its Gothic buildings. Next, take a tour of IVAM, the Valencia Institute of Modern Art, before winding down in Torres de Serrano to view the Plaza de Virgen and Cathedral.

#### PANORAMIC VALENCIA

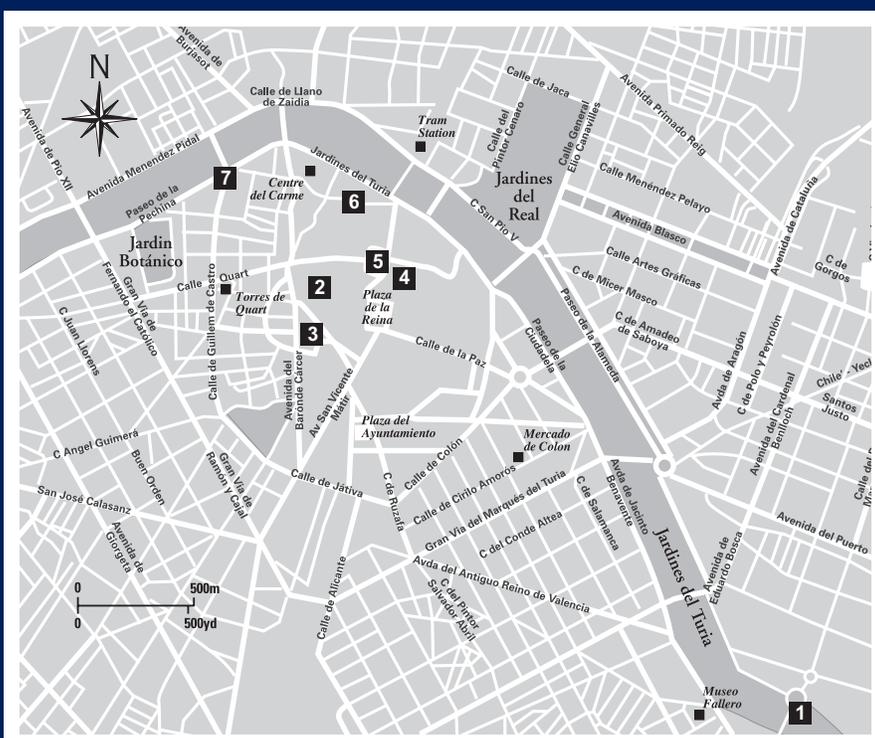


Experience the panoramas of Valencia. First, enjoy taking photos of the modern City of Arts and Sciences building. Pass the Turia Riverbed, Puente de las Flores, la Alameda and take a relaxing stop at a local bar before more Gothic marvels unfold.

#### VALENCIA AND REQUENA WINE CELLARS



Visit one of Valencia's most important wine cellars. Explore the town of Requena, including the Church of San Salvador and "La Villa" Caves, before stopping at the Requena Wine Cellar to sample wines and local snacks.



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