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Citytrip



a travel guide

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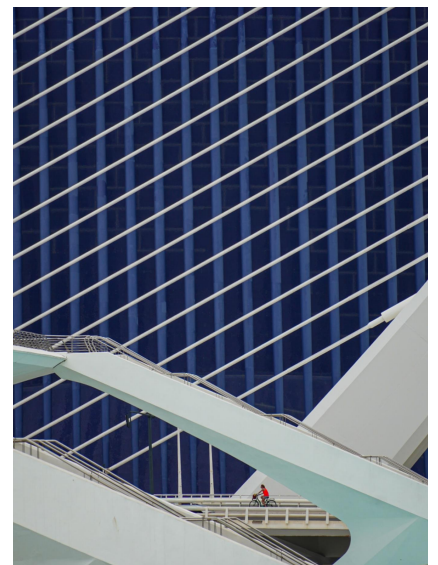
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INTRO

Valencia—the coastal city in southeastern Spain, known for its futuristic buildings, the old town, paella, and oranges—is an ideal destination for a city break.

A long weekend (3–5 days) offers plenty of time to experience Valencia’s main highlights and combine it with some time to relax on the beach.

This southern Spanish city is served by flights from several European airports.

From the airport, you can take Metro Line 3 for a direct and easy 30–40 ride to the city center.

Valencia’s sights are easily accessible on foot, but a bicycle is also an ideal way to get around.

Turia Park provides a quick way to get from one part of the city to the next.

A visit to Valencia is often combined with other highlights along the Costa Blanca, such as the beautiful beaches and coves, the city of Alicante, or the small coastal towns.

If you plan to explore this region as well, renting a car is definitely worth it.

A trip to Valencia is especially nice in the spring or fall; in the summer, temperatures can soar well above 40°C.

In addition to the classic sights, we were impressed by the pleasant atmosphere, the beautiful streets and alleys, and the Mediterranean cuisine.

HIGHLIGHTS



01.

Cathedral

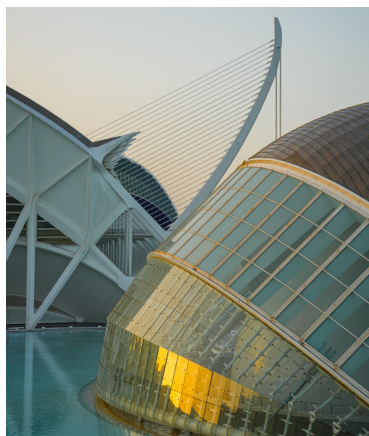
As in many cities in Spain, the cathedral is one of Valencia's top attractions.

Located right in the heart of the Old Town, it is an impressive structure.

A visit inside the cathedral is also well worth it, as the Holy Grail is housed there. The chalice used by Jesus at the Last Supper is on display here.

You can also enjoy a great view from the El Micalet bell tower.

Check out guided tour here:



02.

Ciutat de les Arts i Ciències

Just outside the city center lies one of Valencia's more modern landmarks—the so-called

Ciutat de les Arts i Ciències, the City of Arts and Sciences. It consists of several futuristic buildings, which house, among other things, the opera house, the science museum, and Europe's largest aquarium. Tickets are available online, or you can simply take a stroll through the park.

Tickets here:



03.

Jardín del Turia

The Jardín del Turia is a dried-up riverbed approximately 9 km long that has since been landscaped with greenery. This was prompted by a major flood in the mid-20th century, which led to the river being rerouted.

Today, the area features numerous walking and biking paths, and by bike, you can quickly and easily get from downtown to the City of Arts and Sciences.



04.

Lonja de la Seda

Valencia's former silk exchange, the Lonja de la Seda, is also a UNESCO World Heritage Site and one of the city's highlights. It's definitely worth taking a look inside to see the curved columns; it's located right next to the Central Market.



05.

Palacio de dos Aguas

The Palacio de dos Aguas is particularly striking from the outside, with its ornate and elaborate facade.

Inside the building is the National Museum of Ceramics. Unfortunately, during our visit in the summer of '26, the facade was covered.

06.

Beaches

Valencia is located right on the coast, making it the perfect place to combine a stroll through the old town with some relaxation on the beach. La Malvarrosa Beach, with its lively boardwalk, is particularly popular.

07.

Oldtown

The Old Town itself, with its beautiful squares, is another highlight. The street art in El Carmen, the Plaza de Ayuntamiento, the Plaza de la Reina with its horchaterías, the Plaza de la Virgen, and the Plaza de la Redonda are especially worth seeing.



08.

Mercat Central

Overall, Valencia also has a few culinary highlights to offer—from horchatas and fartons to fresh fruit, seafood dishes, and Paella Valenciana.

And what better place to sample local dishes than the central market hall? A visit to this bustling market is well worth it.

09. Torres de Serranos

The Torres de Serranos used to be the city gate to the Old Town and were built as early as the 14th century.

You can either view the towers from below or climb to the top and enjoy a spectacular view—the climb costs 2–3€.



10.

Ruzafa

In recent years, the colorful, trendy Ruzafa neighborhood in the south of the city center has become increasingly popular.

Here you'll find small boutiques, cafés, and charming, colorful alleys. In the evening, the streets fill up with people, and the many authentic bars and restaurants come alive.





DAY TO DAY

Day 1 – On our first day, we arrived in the late morning and started by having breakfast at Dulce de Leche in the city center. Afterward, we went on a classic sightseeing tour of the old town—from the Plaza de Ayuntamiento to the Plaza de Reina and the cathedral, where we enjoyed the view from El Micalet, then on to the Plaza de la Virgen and the basilica, and finally to the Plaza de Redonda, the Silk Exchange, and the Mercat Central for an afternoon snack. In the afternoon, we strolled through the old town and to the Torres de Serranos. For dinner, we went to La Lateria del Carmen.

Day 2 – On the second day, we had breakfast at the traditional horchaterías near Plaza de Reina before driving through the Jardín del Turia to the Ciutat de les Arts at noon. Although we didn't go inside any of the buildings, we took our time and strolled through the park. In the afternoon, we drove toward La Malvarrosa Beach, where we had a snack at La Más Bonita. After we got back to the city in the early evening, we had an aperitif at Café Sant Jaume and then had the classic paella for dinner at Restaurant Navarro.

Day 3 – We started our third and final day back in the city center. We had breakfast at Kofu and then stopped by the Palacio de dos Aguas, which was unfortunately covered up due to renovation work. We spent our last few hours in Valencia in the Ruzafa neighborhood, where we bought a few souvenirs, had some ice cream, and then it was time to head back to the hotel, where we checked out, picked up our luggage, and took the train back to the airport, from where we flew home.

WHERE TO EAT

Restaurants & Bars:

★ **Restaurant Navarro**

Delicious Paella & more

C/ de l'Arquebisbe Mayoral, 5, Valencia

● **La Pepica**

Traditional Paella Restaurant

Passeig de Neptú, 6, 46011 València,

● **PISCOLABIS BARRA**

Very good Tapas & Drinks

Av. del Regne de València, 23, Valencia



● **La Latería del Carmen**

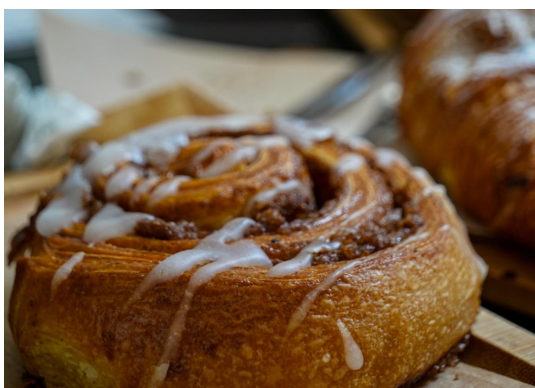
Also delicious Tapas (Fish & more)

Plaça de Mossén Sorell, 11, Valencia

● **Café Sant Jaume**

Nice ambiente, good Drinks

C/ dels Cavallers, 51, Valencia



Cafés:

★ **Kofu**

Delicious cinnamon buns & coffee

C/ de les Comèdies, 21, Valencia

● **La Más Bonita**

Café & Lunch Spot at the beach

Passeig Marítim de la Patacona, 11, Valencia

● **Dulce de Leche (mehrere)**

Good variety – sweet & hearty

Carrer de Sant Vicent Màrtir, 52, Valencia

● **Cult Café**

Cool Spot, nice coffee and baked goods

C/ de l'Arquebisbe Mayoral, 7, Bajo, Valencia

● **Blackbird**

Cool Café in Ruzafa

C/ de la Reina Na Maria, 7, Valencia

● **Mercat Central**

Good selection to try (Horchatas)

C/ de Palafox, 13, Ciutat Vella, 46001

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WHERE TO SLEEP

There are plenty of good hotels and Airbnbs in Valencia. We booked on relatively short notice and chose the BYPILLOW Sinfonia, which offered good value for the money, nice rooms, and a convenient bike rental service—the bikes, in particular, are a real plus in Valencia.

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