



Valencia

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Valencia is one of the most vibrant cities in Europe. With a privileged location by the Mediterranean sea, it offers a perfect combination of beaches and culture, past and present. The birthplace of paella, it boasts a thriving food scene featuring Michelin-starred restaurants as well as quirky tapas bars. Its neighbourhoods come to life during traditional festivals like Las Fallas, and every night is lively in trendy districts like Ruzafa or El Carmen.



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Valencia oozes history. A walk around the old quarter will transport you from the days of the city's Roman foundation in the year 138 B.C., whose remains are preserved in the museum of the Almoina, to the times of El Cid and the Moors, witnessed by the medieval wall gates of Serranos and Quart, and beyond. The beautiful Gothic building of La Lonja (Silk Exchange) is a reminder of the city's Golden Age in the 15th century when Valencia was the heart of the silk trade. You will also find jewels of Modernist art like the Central and Colón markets, as well as extravagant Baroque churches and palaces like the Palacio del Marques de Dos Aguas, now home to the Ceramics Museum.

But the city also has a very modern side, where you can spend the days in department stores or high-end boutiques, and the nights sipping cocktails like the typical Agua de Valencia in the trendy bars of the bohemian Ruzafa district. The Turia Gardens were created on the Turia Riverbed after disastrous flooding diverted its course in 1957, and are today lined with futuristic buildings. Here, the stunning City of Arts and Sciences, a complex designed by the renowned architect Santiago Calatrava, has become the city's number one tourist attraction.

Above all, Valencia is a city that embraces the

sea and offers an authentic Mediterranean atmosphere. The beaches of Las Arenas and Malvarrosa are buzzing in the summer, and also at weekends throughout the year, as locals head for a stroll in the sun followed by a paella at one of the restaurants along the seafront. Nearby you will find the old fishermen's quarter of Cabanyal, with its colourful tiled buildings and traditional tabernas. The Marina Real Juan Carlos I revamped to host America's Cup in 2007 and 2010, is now becoming the new gastronomic and cultural hub of the city.

One more thing is guaranteed in Valencia: wherever you go, you will find a warm welcome from locals who are immensely proud of their city and their traditions and are more than happy to share them with visitors.

EVENTS



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With hundreds of events planned throughout the year, from boisterous festivals and religious celebrations to major sporting events and open-air concerts, it's very likely you'll find something going on whenever you visit Valencia. Check the local press for what's on listings or plan your trip around one of the key dates throughout the year.

Las Fallas (March)



Valencia welcomes spring with its most colourful and famous festival.

Gigantic papier mache monuments, known as fallas, with effigies

usually representing celebrities or politicians in a satirical way, are set up on streets and squares throughout the city and burnt to a cinder in spectacular bonfires on the last day of the celebration.

The Flower Offering to the Virgen de los Desamparados, when thousands of falleras and falleros in traditional costumes parade through the city, is also a sight to behold.

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Great Valencia Fair (July)



The whole month of July is a fiesta in Valencia. Concerts, al fresco cinema, stand-up comedy, fireworks displays, folk dances, parades, street

markets... the programme of the Gran Fira (Great Valencia Fair) features more than 100 events at different locations throughout the city. Don't miss the Battle of Flowers on the last Sunday, when brightly coloured floats and horse-drawn carriages parade through the city, with men, women, and children in lavish, traditional costumes tossing flowers out into the cheering crowds.

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Internet: granfiravalencia.com/en

Day of the Valencian Community (9 October)



Día de la Comunidad Valenciana, which commemorates the liberation of the city from the Moors, brings along one of the most peculiar and charming Valencian traditions. In a kind of "alternative Valentine's day", men give their loved ones a special gift of marzipan figurines of fruits and vegetables wrapped in a silk scarf known as the mocadora.

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Moto GP Valencia



The Gran Premio de la Comunidad Valenciana is a key annual fixture in the Moto GP calendar. Thousands of motorcycling fans head to the Ricardo Tormo Circuit in Cheste, about an hour from the city, to cheer on their national and international heroes.

Photo: Mark_studio / Shutterstock.com
Address: Salida 334, A-3, Cheste, Valencia
Internet: www.circuitricardotormo.com/en
Email: info@circuitricardotormo.com

Valencia Marathon



The Trinidad Alfonso EDP Valencia Marathon is the highlight of the annual calendar of running events that take place in Valencia, an ideal city for

the practice of this sport because of its flat seaside location and mild climate.

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Internet:

www.valenciaciudaddelrunning.com/en/marathon/maraton

DO & SEE



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Many of Valencia's main attractions can be found within its old quarter, a compact area around the Cathedral which is best explored on foot or by bike. Buy a Valencia Tourist Card of 24, 48 or 72 hours to get discounts at monuments and museums and free transport to reach some of the other key areas of the city.

Central Market



Opposite La Lonja, you will find the oldest food market in Europe, housed in a fascinating building in a true Valencian style.

The market is just as lively now as it was a hundred years ago as if time had stood still. This is a great place to buy some local delicacies and experience Valencia's daily life.

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Address: Mercat Central de València, Plaça de la Ciutat de Bruges, Valencia
Opening hours: Mon-Sat 7:30am-3pm
Phone: +34 963 82 91 00
Internet: www.mercadocentralvalencia.es

City of Arts & Sciences



The Ciudad de las Artes y las Ciencias, or City of Arts and Sciences, is a cultural and architectural complex designed by Santiago Calatrava that has become the number one attraction in Valencia. Walking around and taking photos of the stunning buildings is a pleasure in itself, and that does not cost anything. However, it is well worth the entrance fee to explore the various exhibits inside.

Photo: zebra11/Shutterstock.com
Address: Avenida del Professor López Piñero 7, Valencia
Opening hours: Daily 10am-7pm
Phone: +34 961 97 46 86
Internet: www.cac.es/en/home.html

Cathedral & Miguelete Tower



Valencia's Cathedral is a beautiful example of Gothic architecture and the home of the Holy Grail—the only one certified by the Vatican. Its tower, the Miguelete, is a true icon of Valencia. Climb up to the top for great views of the city.

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Address: Plaça de l'Almoina, Valencia
Phone: +34 963 91 81 27
Internet: catedraldevalencia.es

Turia Gardens



Since the Turia river was diverted south of the city after serious flooding in the 1950s, its former riverbed has become one of the best places in

Valencia to go for a stroll, offering 9 km of gardens, children's playgrounds and sports facilities.

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Address: Jardí del Túria, Avenida de Manuel de Falla, Valencia

Opening hours: 24/7

Silk Museum



The museum is housed in the former headquarters of the Colegio del Arte Mayor de la Seda (Silkmakers Guild), a beautiful 15th-century

Gothic building restored to its former glory. It takes visitors through Valencia's Golden Age when it was the epicentre of the silk trade.

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Address: Carrer de l'Hospital 7, Valencia

Opening hours: Tue-Sat 10am-7pm, Sun & Mon 10am-3pm

Phone: +34 963 51 19 51

Internet: www.museodelasedavalencia.com/en

Email: reservas@museodelasedavalencia.com

Bioparc



With no visible barriers, visitors to this 10-hectare zoo park can immerse themselves in the amazing wild habitats where lions, elephants,

hippos, gorillas, and many more species live. The emphasis is on the preservation of endangered

species and protecting the environment.

Photo: haak78 / Shutterstock.com

Address: Avenida Pío Baroja 3, Valencia

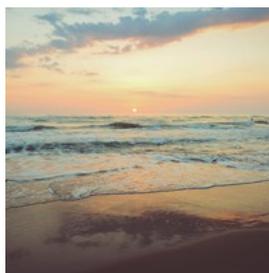
Opening hours: Daily 10am-6pm

Phone: +34 960 66 05 26

Internet: www.bioparcvalencia.es

Email: info@bioparcvalencia.es

Malvarrosa Beach



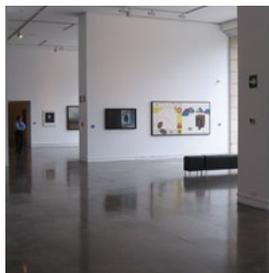
Valencia is a vibrant city with the added bonus of being right on the beach. Playa de la Malvarrosa is a 1km long promenade with clean white sands,

just a few minutes walk from the city centre attractions. In the evening, head to one of the promenade's bustling bars and restaurants.

Photo: Camille Minouflet/Unsplash

Address: Playa de la Malvarrosa, Valencia

Institut Valencià d'Art Modern (IVAM)



Spain's oldest centre of modern art, this institute features over 10,000 pieces of art and photography from the 20th century. Temporary

exhibitions are housed in the basement-once part of the city's medieval fortifications.

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Address: Carrer de Guillem de Castro 118, Valencia

Opening hours: Tue-Thu 10am-7pm, Fri 10am-9pm, Sat & Sun 10am-7pm

Phone: +34 963 17 66 00

Internet: ivam.es

Email: ivam@ivam.es

La Lonja de la Seda



If you only manage to see one sight while in Valencia, it has to be La Lonja, the old silk exchange. It is heralded as one of the foremost Gothic buildings in Europe, and in 1996, it became a UNESCO World Heritage Site. The actual market is the size of a cathedral, covering 21,420 square feet.

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Address: Carrer de la Llotja 2, Valencia

Opening hours: Mon-Sat 10am-7pm, Sun 10am-2pm

Phone: +34 962 08 41 53

San Nicolás Church



This small church in the district of El Carmen is known as Valencia's Sistine Chapel. The spectacular frescoes that cover its ceiling, dating from the 17th century, have recently been restored to their full glory.

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Address: Carrer dels Cavallers, 35, Valencia

Phone: +34 963 91 33 17

Internet: www.sannicolasvalencia.com

Colon Market



One of the most beautiful examples of Modernist architecture in the city, the Colon Market is home to several cafes and restaurants, and a good place to pick up interesting crafts and gifts, particularly at the Christmas market.

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Address: Colon Market, Carrer de Jorge Juan 19, Valencia

Opening hours: Sun-Thu 7:30am-2am, Fri & Sat 7:30am-3am

Phone: +34 963 37 11 01

Internet: mercadocolon.es

Email: info@mercadocolon.es

Plaza de la Reina & Plaza de la Virgen



The two squares that surround the Cathedral are at the heart of Valencian life. The many bars and restaurants lining the squares are always buzzing and their terraces are great places to relax in the sun and watch the world go by.

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Gulliver Park



This playground is quite unusual and very much appreciated by the children. If you look closely you will see that the whole playground consists of a large giant, hence the name "Gulliver".

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Address: Parc Gulliver, Jardí del Túria, Valencia

Rice Museum



In this museum located in a restored mill built at the beginning of the 20th century and that was commercially functioning until the 1970s, you will learn about the procedure of processing rice in the mill's machinery and understand an interesting part of Valencia's cultural memory.

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Address: Museo Del Arroz de Valencia, Carrer del Rosari 3, Valencia

Phone: +34 963 52 54 78

Internet: museodelarrozdevalencia.com

Museum of Fine Arts of Valencia



Located in a 17th-century Baroque building, this art gallery is the second-largest in Spain. It features approximately 2,000 works of art, most of which date from the 14th to 17th centuries. Artworks by Goya, Velázquez, José Ribera, and Sorolla cover its red, peach, and green walls.

Photo: Rrainbow / Shutterstock.com

Address: Museu de Belles Arts de València, Carrer de Sant Pius V 9, Valencia

Opening hours: Tue-Sun 10am-8pm

Phone: +34 963 87 03 00

Internet: museobellasartesvalencia.gva.es

Email: museobellasartesvalencia@gva.es

Fallas Museum



This small museum's exhibits focus on Valencia's huge Las Fallas festival. Las Fallas is a traditional celebration held every year in March, and people use this festive event to ridicule those in power. The term Fallas refers to both the celebration and the monuments created during the celebration. A number of towns in the Valencian Community have similar celebrations inspired by the original one in Valencia.

Photo: Isabel Rodenas / Shutterstock.com

Address: Museu Faller de València, Plaça de Montolivet 4, Valencia

Opening hours: Tue-Sat 10am-7pm, Sun 10am-2pm

Phone: +34 963 525 478

Internet: www.visitvalencia.com/en/what-to-do-valencia/valencian-culture/museum-in-valencia/fallas-museum

Botanical Garden



The University of Valencia's Botanical Garden has its roots in the orchard that was established in the 16th century to facilitate the teaching of botany. The garden boasts an impressive collection of over 3,000 species of trees and plants from various regions of the world. Its collection of palm trees, tropical shrubs, cacti, and desert flora is particularly noteworthy.

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Address: Jardí Botànic de la Universitat de València, Carrer de Quart 80, Valencia

Opening hours: Daily 10am-6pm

Phone: +34 963 15 68 00

Internet: www.jardibotanic.org

Email: cicbotanic@uv.es

San Juan del Hospital Church



Constructed around 1261, this Gothic church is one of the oldest in the city and is believed to be the first church to be built following the Christian conquest. It has a single nave with a pointed barrel vault ceiling. Visitors can appreciate the beautiful Santa Barbara chapel and other chapels adorned with Gothic-era painted murals while inside.

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Address: Carrer del Trinquet de Cavallers 5, Valencia

Phone: +34 963 92 29 65

Internet: sanjuandelhospital.es

Serranos Towers



The Serranos Gate, also known as the Serranos Gate or Towers, is a Valencian Gothic structure built at the end of the 14th century. It is one of the twelve gates that used to be part of Valencia's ancient city wall, known as the Christian Wall. The towers were originally designed as defensive structures for one of the busiest city gates and now offer breathtaking views of the city and the Turia River.

Photo: Brian Kinney / Shutterstock.com

Address: Plaça dels Furs, Valencia

Opening hours: Tue-Sun 10am-2pm; Fri & Sat 10am-2pm / 3pm-7pm

Hemisfèric



Designed by Santiago Calatrava, The Hemisfèric was the first building in the City of Arts and Sciences to open to the public in 1998. It features an impressive ovoid roof that spans over 100 meters and houses a large sphere inside, which serves as the projection room. The Hemisfèric is a 3D IMAX cinema that provides a comfortable and educational respite for tired feet. You can relax in comfortable chairs and enjoy a visually spectacular film of your choosing.

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Address: Avenida del Professor López Piñero 3, Valencia

Opening hours: For the cinema program, check the website

Phone: +34 961 97 46 86

Internet: www.cac.es/en/hemisferic/descubre-el-hemisferic/descubre-el-hemisferic.html

L'Oceanogràfic



The Oceanogràfic is an oceanarium, which is part of the Ciudad de las Artes y las Ciencias. With a surface area of 110,000 m² and 42 million litres of water, it is the largest aquarium in Europe. Here you can see dolphins, sea lions, penguins, turtles, sharks and rays.

Photo: Fernando Cortes / Shutterstock.com

Address: Carrer d'Eduardo Primo Yúfera 1B, Valencia

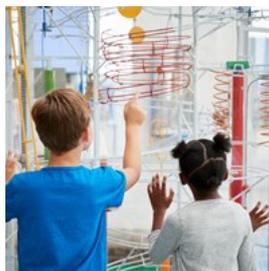
Opening hours: Mon-Fri 10am-6pm, Sat 10am-4pm, Sun noon-6pm

Phone: +34 960 47 06 47

Internet: www.oceanografic.org/en

Email: info@oceanografic.org

Príncipe Felipe Science Museum



The Príncipe Felipe Science Museum is an interactive museum, part of the City of Arts and Sciences complex, dedicated to science, technology, and the environment. It features several floors of exhibits that will definitely put your brain cells to the test, all in a fun and educational way.

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Address: Avenida del Professor López Piñero 7, Valencia

Opening hours: Daily 10am-7pm

Phone: +34 961 97 46 86

Internet: www.cac.es/en/museu-de-les-ciencies/museu-de-les-ciencies/descubre-el-museu.html

Palau de les Arts Reina Sofía



The Palau de les Arts Reina Sofía is part of the City of Arts and Sciences. This opera house/performing arts centre has four

auditoriums dedicated to music and scenic arts. The great acoustics, location, and surroundings are some of the reasons why this is becoming one of the most prestigious opera houses in Europe.

Photo: Pongsagorn Suanake/Shutterstock.com
Address: Avenida del Professor López Piñero 1, Valencia
Opening hours: Daily 10am-8pm
Phone: +34 961 97 59 00
Internet: www.lesarts.com

DINING



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Valencia is not just the birthplace of paella, but a city where you will find everything from Michelin-starred restaurants to traditional bars specialized in local tapas. With plenty of fresh produce from the sea and the surrounding huerta, delicious local wines, and creative chefs, eating out in Valencia is a joy. Beware Valencians eat late and many restaurants won't serve dinner before 8:30 pm.

La Pepica



La Pepica is a popular dining destination that has been frequented by a long list of celebrities, including Ernest Hemingway and various actors and footballers. It has been a beloved institution in Valencia for over 100 years, serving excellent paellas and seafood dishes right on the city's seafront.

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Address: Passeig de Neptú 6, Valencia
Phone: +34 963 71 03 66
Internet: lapepica.com
Email: info@lapepica.com

El Ocho Y Medio



The location in the Old Town, as well as the interior of wooden beams and original design by Daniel Torres, provide a warm ambience to this restaurant. The cuisine can best be described as creative, with one of the specialities being black paella.

Photo: AS Food studio / Shutterstock.com
Address: Plaça de Lope de Vega 5, Valencia
Opening hours: Daily 10:30am-1:30am
Phone: +34 961 60 42 62
Internet: www.instagram.com/elochoymedio

Al Pomodoro



A classic Italian restaurant in the city centre with an authentic atmosphere serving pasta, pizzas, meat dishes, and even gluten-free pizza options.

Photo: Ivana Lalicki / Shutterstock.com

Address: Carrer del Mar 22, Valencia

Opening hours: Daily 1:30pm-4pm / 8pm-midnight

Phone: +34 963 91 48 00

Internet: www.pizzeriaalpomodoro.com/en/home

Vuelve Carolina



This modern restaurant, located in the heart of Valencia, is the brainchild of award-winning chef Quique Dacosta from the small town of Dénia. It is

a bright and contemporary space that serves innovative global dishes, tasting menus, tapas, and champagne.

Photo: JaysonPhotography / Shutterstock.com

Address: Carrer de Correus 8, Valencia

Phone: +34 963 21 86 86

Internet: vuelvecarolina.com

Email: vuelvecarolina@vuelvecarolina.com

Vertical



Vertical is a Michelin-starred restaurant located on the top floor of the Ilunion Aqua 4 hotel. It offers elevated set menus

featuring regional seafood and meat, as well as an attractive design and excellent views of the city.

Photo: Ditty_about_summer / Shutterstock.com

Address: Carrer de Luis García-Berlanga Martí 19, Valencia

Opening hours: Tue-Sat 1:30pm-3:30pm / 8:30pm-10pm;

Sun 1:30pm-5pm

Phone: +34 963 30 38 00

Internet: restaurantevertical.com

Email: info@restaurantevertical.com

Casa Carmela



A traditional restaurant by Malvarrosa Beach established in 1922, Casa Carmela has been serving wood-fired paella, fish, and seafood for four generations. For many, it offers the best rice dishes in Valencia.

Photo: Davide Scio / Shutterstock.com

Address: Carrer d'Isabel de Villena 155, Valencia

Opening hours: Tue-Sat 1pm-4pm

Phone: +34 963 71 00 73

Internet: www.casa-carmela.com

Email: reservas@casa-carmela.com

More Info: Only open for lunch

Contrapunto Les Arts



Traditional Mediterranean cooking with an innovative twist in the striking environment of the Palau de les Arts concert hall, inside the City of Arts and Sciences.

Photo: evantravels / Shutterstock.com

Address: Avenida del Professor López Piñero 1, Valencia

Opening hours: Mon-Sat noon-midnight, Sun noon-5pm

Phone: +34 675 36 54 74

Internet: www.restaurantecontrapuntolesarts.com

Dolium



Dolium is an elegant and welcoming establishment with a modern flair, where customer service is the top priority. The steak tartare, prepared tableside, is a must-try dish.

Photo: Marian Weyo / Shutterstock.com

Address: Carrer d'Emili Panach i Ramos "Milo", 4, Valencia

Phone: +34 963 93 07 09

Dos Estaciones



Innovative Spanish cuisine using the best seasonal produce in the trendy neighbourhood of Ruzafa. Founded by two friends and top chefs who

have previously worked at some of the top establishments in Valencia.

Photo: miszaszym / Shutterstock.com

Address: Carrer del Pintor Salvador Abril 28, Valencia

Opening hours: Wed-Sat 1pm-3:30pm / 8:30pm-10:30pm

Phone: +34 963 03 46 70

Internet: restaurante2estaciones.com

Email: info@2estaciones.com

El Palmar



Near the Albufera Natural Park, you'll find El Palmar, an award-winning restaurant which has been around for over 100 years. Four

generations dedicated to serving the best traditional Valencian cuisine, including a variety of classic seafood, rice, and tapas dishes to be enjoyed in their airy, tiled dining area or on their large terrace.

Photo: Konstantin Kopachinsky / Shutterstock.com

Address: Carrer dels Redolins 4, Valencia

Opening hours: Fri-Wed 9am-5pm

Phone: +34 961 62 01 62

Internet: restaurantelpalmar.es

Entrevins



Experience haute cuisine and fine boutique wines in an elegant setting at this sophisticated yet affordable wine bar. Their expert sommelier,

Guillaume Glories (winner of the 2010 Madrid Fusion national championship), carefully pairs each dish with the perfect wine to create a truly memorable culinary experience. Don't miss out on this opportunity to indulge in some of the best cuisine and wine the region has to offer.

Photo: Boris-B / Shutterstock.com

Address: Carrer de la Paz 7, Valencia

Opening hours: Tue-Sat 1:30pm-3:30pm / 8:30pm-10:30pm

Phone: +34 963 33 35 23

Internet: www.entrevins.es

Email: v.entrevins@entrevins.es

La Cigrona



Come to La Cigrona to enjoy classic Mediterranean dishes, including paellas, seafood, steaks, and tapas, in an elegant and

contemporary setting.

Photo: Taddown Kamyodjai / Shutterstock.com

Address: Carrer dels Serrans 22, Valencia

Phone: +34 963 15 37 52

Internet: www.lacigrona.com

Email: info@lacigrona.com

Marisquería Civera



Marisquería Civera is a highly regarded seafood restaurant in Valencia that is known for its contemporary Valencian cuisine. With large rooms

available for special celebrations and a personalized service that caters to the most discerning customers, it's no wonder that they are considered one of the best seafood restaurants in the region. The menu features seafood platters, fish dishes, paella, and cured meats, all served in a long-standing locale with nautical decor.

Photo: Paul_Brighton / Shutterstock.com
Address: Carrer de Mossèn Femades 10, Valencia
Opening hours: Daily 1pm-3:30pm / 8pm-11pm
Phone: +34 963 52 97 64
Internet:
www.marisquerascivera.com/marisqueria-valencia.html
Email: civera@marisquerascivera.com

Mateu



Mateu is a Mediterranean restaurant located in the village of El Palmar, near the Albufera Natural Park. They serve an array of tapas, paella, and grilled fish dishes, all expertly paired with a glass of excellent wine. The beautiful sunsets and some of the best paella in the region make the trip out of town well worth it.

Photo: frantic00 / Shutterstock.com
Address: Carrer de Vicent Baldoví 17, El Palmar, Valencia
Phone: +34 961 62 02 70
Internet: www.restaurantemateu.com/en
More Info: Be sure to make a reservation

Puerta del Mar



Puerta del Mar is a stylish Mediterranean restaurant located in the heart of Valencia. They have been serving traditional Valencian cuisine since 1985 and offer a variety of seafood paellas and

fish-based tapas dishes, all accompanied by a selection of regional wines.

Photo: Denis Kornilov / Shutterstock.com
Address: Carrer dels Transits 4, Valencia
Opening hours: Daily noon-midnight
Phone: +34 963 94 00 08
Internet: www.restaurantepuertadelmar.com/en
Email: puertadelmar@grupogomez.es

Ricard Camarena Restaurant



The menu at this fine-dining restaurant is a successful combination of taste, absolute respect for the product, and an understated creative cuisine grounded in tradition with cosmopolitan and Mediterranean influences based on seasonal produce.

Photo: diamant24 / Shutterstock.com
Address: Avenida de Burjassot 54, Valencia
Opening hours: Tue-Sat 1:30pm-3pm / 8pm-9:30pm
Phone: +34 963 35 54 18
Internet: ricardcamarena.com/en
Email: info@ricardcamarena.com

La Bulería Tablao Flamenco



La Bulería offers one of the best venues in the city to enjoy live flamenco, performed by high-quality artists, together with top-notch Spanish food.

Photo: mighty chiwawa / Shutterstock.com
Address: Carrer del Bisbe Jaume Pérez 24, Valencia
Opening hours: Thu-Sat 8pm-10:30pm, Sun 7pm-8:30pm
Phone: +34 963 15 30 58
Email: reservas@labuleria.com

CAFES



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Valencian cafes are great places to relax and watch the world go by. Here you can also try some of the typical pastries or the Valencian tiger nut drink, horchata.

Locals start the day with a cafe con leche for breakfast and usually go for an espresso or a cortado — espresso with a drop of milk. In summer, order a café del tiempo, an espresso served with ice.

Horchatería Daniel



Horchatería Daniel is a great place to take a break from shopping and enjoy a refreshing ice cream or a glass of horchata, the typical

Valencian tiger nut drink, with fartons (doughnuts) in the beautiful surroundings of the Colon Market.

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Address: Mercado de Colón, Carrer de Jorge Juan 19, Valencia

Phone: +34 963 51 98 91

Internet: horchateria-daniel.es

Email: info@horchateria-daniel.es

Bertal



Located in the heart of Valencia, Bertal is a great place for breakfast, brunch, or a coffee break while sightseeing in the Old Town. It serves a variety of both sweet and savoury options at affordable prices, plus a selection of artisan ice creams, iced drinks, and milkshakes.

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Address: Plaça de la Reina 12, Valencia

Opening hours: Daily 9am-9pm

Phone: +34 961 66 61 71

Internet: bertal.es

Horchatería Santa Catalina



As its name suggests, Horchatería Santa Catalina is the ideal spot to try horchata, a traditional Valencian drink made from tiger

nuts. You can enjoy it with a side of fartons (long doughnuts), or opt for another local speciality: churros with hot chocolate. Don't miss out on this unique culinary experience when you're in the area!

Photo: Olaf Speier / Shutterstock.com

Address: Plaça de Santa Caterina 6, Valencia

Opening hours: Daily 8:15am-9:30pm

Phone: +34 963 91 23 79

Internet: www.horchateriasantacatalina.com/en

Chocolatería Valor



Chocolatería Valor has been around since 1881, and its location in Plaza de la Reina is ideal. The café offers a range of desserts, but the real star

here is its churros. These treats are crispy on the outside and soft on the inside, and are served with a side of warm chocolate for dipping. If you're in the area, be sure to give them a try!

Photo: nito / Shutterstock.com

Address: Plaça de la Reina 20, Valencia

Opening hours: Mon–Thu 9am–9pm, Fri–Sun 9am–11pm

Phone: +34 963 15 21 98

Internet: www.valor.es/en/valor-chocolate-shops

Email: chovalor@valor.es

BARS & NIGHTLIFE



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Many Spanish cities are often described as party destinations in foreign travel guides. But Valencia is considered to have the best nightlife of them all, even by the Spaniards themselves. This is partly because of the large student population. The locals go out late, usually after 11 pm, and most bars stay open until 3 am or even later. The city's main party street is Carrer dels Cavallers in the Del Carmen neighbourhood. Come here for a mix of tascas (taverns), bars, and clubs. You can simply ask around to find out which nightclubs are in vogue at the moment, but here are some recommendations:

Mya



This chic, futuristic dance club offers cocktails and champagne under an arched glass roof adorned with palm trees. It is considered one of the essential night spots in Valencia, with its stylish interiors and beautiful outside view of the modern buildings of the City of Arts and Science. Here, you can dance the night away or relax in the outdoor lounge.

Photo: Pressmaster / Shutterstock.com

Address: Avinguda del Professor López Piñero 5, Valencia

Opening hours: Thu–Sun midnight–7am

Phone: +34 960 00 03 00

Internet: www.instagram.com/myavalenciaoficial

Johnny Maracas



Johnny Maracas is the place to go for a fun, Latin-inspired night out. The venue features a popular cocktail menu with options like mojitos and Agua de Valencia (a mixture of cava or champagne, orange juice, vodka, and gin). When you're ready to dance, the Latino culture at Johnny Maracas will have you feeling the rhythm all night long.

Photo: Lifeinviewfinder / Shutterstock.com

Address: Carrer dels Cavallers 39, Valencia

Opening hours: Daily 8pm–3:30am

Phone: +34 656 30 12 15

Internet: www.instagram.com/johnnymaracas53

Hawaika



Tiki Bar in Valencia offering colourful, tropical drinks made with natural fruit juice, exotic essences, and top-quality distillates. In addition to their signature cocktails, they also serve natural juices, smoothies, artisan ice cream, and homemade crepes. These refreshing treats are sure to awaken your senses and provide a taste of paradise.

Photo: bondburn / Shutterstock.com

Address: Carrer de l'Herói Romeu 6, Valencia

Phone: +34 963 38 21 88

Internet: www.instagram.com/hawaikavalencia

Negresco English Pub



If you're a fan of whiskey, you'll feel like you're in heaven at this small and cosy pub, which offers over 600 types from all over the world. Whether you're a seasoned whiskey connoisseur or just looking for a comfortable place to unwind, Negresco English Pub has something for everyone.

Photo: PopTika / Shutterstock.com

Address: Carrer de Carcaixent 16, Valencia

Opening hours: Tue-Sat 10pm-3:30am

Phone: +34 601 12 52 96

L'Ermità Café



Located in the heart of Valencia's downtown area, L'Ermità Café is the perfect spot to relax and enjoy a great selection of imported beers, high-quality cocktails, and other drinks. This

artistic café attracts beautiful groups of intellectual and laid-back people. It offers a good music playlist and hosts cultural activities every day. There are outdoor seating options for those who want to enjoy the fresh air while sipping on a drink.

Photo: DGLimages / Shutterstock.com

Address: Carrer del Bisbe en Jeroni 4, Valencia

Opening hours: Daily 5pm-1:30am

Phone: +34 615 69 25 80

Espit Chupitos



Espit Chupitos is a bar chain with locations throughout Spain that specializes in shots. Their signature shot is the "chupitos de fuego" or fire shot. Since its inception in 1989, Espit Chupitos has been dedicated to innovation and creativity in the world of shot bars. They have developed more than 600 original shots and 180 jugs and cocktail shakers using their own brand of high-quality, competitive beverages. Whether you're looking to try something new or stick to a classic, Espit Chupitos has got you covered.

Photo: wavebreakmedia / Shutterstock.com

Address: Carrer del Dr. Chiari 8, Valencia

Opening hours: Thu-Sat 11pm-3:30am

Internet: www.espitchupitos.com/en

Email: luluespit@espit.info

Radio City



Radio City is a popular venue renowned for hosting a variety of performances, including flamenco dancing and jazz music, plus theatre events, international short film festivals, exhibitions, and more.

Photo: Pressmaster / Shutterstock.com
Address: Carrer Santa Teresa 19, Valencia
Phone: +34 963 91 41 51
Internet: radiocityvalencia.es/en
Email: oficina@radiocityvalencia.com

Moon Valencia



Moon Valencia is the place to be if you want to see some of the best DJs and top artists perform. This venue is sure to provide a wild and unforgettable night out. Make sure to wear your best dancing shoes and get ready to party all night long.

Photo: Maxim Blinkov / Shutterstock.com
Address: Carrer de Sant Vicent Màrtir 200, Valencia
Phone: +34 672 61 99 33
Internet: www.instagram.com/gruposalamandra

Black Note Club



At Black Note Club, you can enjoy live music most nights of the week. The venue hosts rock, soul, and blues bands in old-school surroundings.

Photo: Monkey Business Images / Shutterstock.com
Address: Carrer de Polo y Peyrolón 15, Valencia
Phone: +34 619 39 46 65
Internet: www.blacknoteclub.com
Email: info@blacknoteclub.com

Café Bolsería



Claimed to be one of the most popular disco bars in Valencia, this venue is the place to be for a night out. You can enjoy drinks, dance to R'n'B music, and make new friends, all while having a great time.

Photo: Kzenon / Shutterstock.com
Address: Carrer del Moro Zeid 12, Valencia
Opening hours: Daily 5pm-4am
Phone: +34 615 18 80 85
Internet: www.cafebolseria.es

Jimmy Glass



Since 1991, this cosy, urban jazz bar has been showcasing international and emerging artists while serving tapas and cocktails. It's the perfect spot for a night out if you're a fan of jazz music. Check out their website to see what's on while you're in town.

Photo: Danko Mykola / Shutterstock.com
Address: Carrer de Baix 28, Valencia
Phone: +34 656 89 01 43
Internet: www.jimmyglassjazz.net
Email: reservasjimmyglass@gmail.com

Tyris On Tap



Located near the Central Market, Tyris On Tap is a popular meeting place for the people in Valencia. A down-to-earth brewpub featuring 10 taps of craft beer, great music, a selection of pizzas, and a friendly atmosphere.

Photo: Rawpixel.com / Shutterstock.com
Address: Carrer de la Taula de Canvis 6, Valencia
Opening hours: Daily noon-12:30am
Phone: +34 961 13 28 73
Internet: cervezatyris.com/en/tyris-on-tap

SHOPPING



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Valencia is a shopper's paradise, with a wide range of options including department stores, high street brands, luxury boutiques, and speciality shops. The main shopping district is located between the Colon Market and Plaza del Ayuntamiento and can be found along several streets near the Colon subway station. Look out for good quality leather goods and check out some of Valencia's top fashion designers.

Mercado Central de Valencia



Located in one of Valencia's most iconic modernist buildings, the Central Market is the largest fresh produce market in Europe. It features over 1,200 stalls selling a variety of items, including fruits and vegetables, meats, cheeses, spices, nuts, fish, and seafood. The market is bursting with colour, aroma and flavour, and is a must-visit destination for anyone in the city. Don't forget to stop at the Central Bar for some tapas while you're there!

Photo: Tono Balaguer / Shutterstock.com
Address: Plaça de la Ciutat de Bruges, Valencia
Opening hours: Mon-Sat 7:30am-3pm
Phone: +34 963 82 91 00
Internet: www.mercadocentralvalencia.es
Email: info@mercadocentralvalencia.es

Rastro Market



El Rastro de Valencia is a weekly flea market that takes place on Sunday mornings and attracts over 500 vendors each week. It is one of the largest flea markets in Spain and offers a wide variety of items, including old books, ornaments, toys, household items, jewellery, vinyl records, vintage clothing, ceramics, and more. The market is a great way to spend a few hours exploring and finding unique treasures but is open for a short time, so it's best to arrive early to avoid the largest crowds.

Photo: IgnacyS / Shutterstock.com
Address: Near the Beteró Metro Station
Opening hours: Sun 9am-2:30pm
Internet: www.instagram.com/vicenteantiguedades

Adolfo Domínguez



Adolfo Domínguez is a Spanish fashion brand with a history dating back to the 1950s. Today, it has stores all over Spain and around the world. With an emphasis on sustainability, the brand offers stylish and elegant clothing, bags, and shoes for both men and women.

Photo: Creative Lab / Shutterstock.com
Address: Carrer d'Hernán Cortés 12, Valencia
Phone: +34 963 94 18 82
Internet: www.adolfo Dominguez.com

El Corte Inglés



Spain's department store colossus is both loved and hated, but successfully performs the main task of a department store, which is to offer most things to most people. Designer fashions, their own low and medium-priced lines, enormous perfumery and make-up departments, accessories, toys, children's and baby's clothes, art materials, souvenirs, food and delicatessen, household furniture and decorations, electrical goods, books, and a range of services can be found here.

Photo: puhhha / Shutterstock.com

Address: Carrer de Colón 27, Valencia

Opening hours: Daily 10am-10pm

Phone: +34 963 15 95 00

Women'ssecret



As the name reveals, this boutique sells women's underwear, lingerie, swimwear, and cosy homewear. This Spanish brand offers everything from comfy pyjamas to sleek, sexy bras and panties.

Photo: Artie Medvedev / Shutterstock.com

Address: Carrer de Don Juan de Austria 22, Valencia

Opening hours: Mon-Sat 10am-8pm

Phone: +34 963 94 23 57

TOURIST INFORMATION



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Valencia Airport (VLC)



Valencia Airport is located approximately eight kilometres west of Valencia. Bus line 150 departs to the city and the port, and the journey takes about 45 minutes. You can also take one of the two underground lines that connect the airport to the city, the journey takes about 25 minutes.

The taxi service in València is provided by the urban taxis of the joint service area. Please note that there is a supplement for journeys from the airport, and make sure that the taxi driver starts the taximeter at the beginning of the journey. It is advisable to request a receipt in case you need to file a complaint or claim.

The metropolitan bus line 150, also known as the Metrobus, connects the airport to the city centre of València, with intermediate stops at Mislata, Quart de Poblet, and Manises.

The Metrovalencia line 3 links the airport to the city centre, the university area, and the northern part of the metropolitan area. The station is

located on the ground floor of the regional flights terminal, and there is an information office available in the airport's arrivals area.

Photo: Juan Garces

Address: Aeropuerto de Valencia, Carretera del Aeropuerto, Manises, Valencia

Internet: www.aena.es/va/valencia.html

Passport / Visa



Spain can be visited visa-free for up to 90 days by citizens of most European countries, Australia, New Zealand, Japan, South Korea,

Taiwan, Malaysia, Israel, UAE and most countries in America. If you are unsure whether or not you need to apply for a visa, we recommend contacting the embassy or consulate in your country. International (non-Schengen) travellers need a passport that is valid for at least 3 months after the end of their intended trip in order to enter the Schengen zone. Citizens of Schengen countries can travel without a passport but must have a valid ID with them during their stay.

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Best Time to Visit



April-June and September-October are the best months for a trip to Valencia when it comes to cultural events, as well as for the weather, which

should be warm and mostly sunny. June and the first couple weeks of September are also good for beach holidays: the weather is still warm, but the place is less crowded and the prices are lower. The high season at the seaside is in

July-August, but the weather can get very hot then.

Whichever dates you choose, don't worry about missing out on nightlife: Valencia is a lively university city, so something is always going on.

Last but not least, take a look at the "Event" section of this guide if you haven't: many interesting festivals take place in Valencia during the year, and you might want to include one in your trip. Las Fallas in March is particularly popular, thus very crowded, but so very worth it.

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Public Transport



The public transport system consists of a network of buses, underground trains, and trams. It is easy to get around Valencia and the

metro is both the fastest and the easiest. Ticket prices vary for a single journey. You can buy combination tickets that include all means of transportation. The Valencia Tourist Card is a good option for tourists.

Photo: Pierre-Luc Auclair

Internet: www.emtvalencia.es/ciudadano/index.php

Taxi



Taxis in Valencia are white and are available 24 hours a day. You can easily get hold of one in the city. You can either hail a taxi on the street or

call for one.

Here are a couple of taxi companies operating in Valencia:

Teletaxi Valencia:
+34 963 57 13 13

Radio Taxi Valencia:
+34 963 70 33 33

Another option for lower fares is the rideshare company Uber.

Photo: Taxi

Post



Spanish post offices are known as Correos. Stamps can be purchased from post offices and kiosks.

Photo: Andy Fuchs

Address: Main Post Office, Plaça de l'Ajuntament 24, Valencia

Opening hours: Mon-Fri 8:30am-8:30pm

Phone: +34 963 51 23 70

Internet: www.correos.es/es/es/particulares

Pharmacy



Pharmacies in Valencia have alternating opening hours at night and at weekends.

Photo: Gemma Garner

Address: Pharmacy "Farmacia Boix", Carrer de Xàtiva 2, Valencia

Opening hours: Mon-Thu 8:30am-9:30pm; Fri 10am-2:45pm / 5:30pm-9:30pm; Sat 9am-9:30pm; Sun 10am-2:45pm / 5:30pm-9:30pm

Phone: +34 963 52 89 85

Internet: www.farmaciboix.com

Email: farmacia@farmaciaboix.com

Electricity

230 V / 50 Hz



Photo: Stirling Tschan

Telephone

Country code: +34 Area code: 096



Photo: Jardson Almeida

Population

Metro area: 837,000 Valencians (2022)

Currency

Euro (EUR) €1 = 100 cents

Opening hours

Traditional opening hours are Mon-Sat 9am-1:30pm, and 4:30pm-8pm, though many shops in the city centre stay open all day, and are also open on Sundays. Large department stores open daily from 10am to 10pm (9pm on Sundays).

Internet

www.visitvalencia.com

Newspapers

El País — elpais.com

El Mundo — www.elmundo.es

ABC — www.abc.es

La Vanguardia — www.lavanguardia.com

Las Provincias — www.lasprovincias.es

Levante — www.levante-emv.com

Valencia Plaza — valenciaplaza.com

Emergency numbers

Emergency Number: 112

National Police: 091

City Police: 092

Fire Brigade: 080

Red Cross: +34 963 677 375

Tourist information

Tourist Info Valencia City Hall
Plaça de l'Ajuntament 1, Valencia
+34 963 52 49 08
Opening Hours: Mon-Sat 9:30am-6pm; Sun 10am-2pm





Avenida Campanar	A1	Calle de Jose Iturbi	D2	Calle del Conde de Altea	D3
Avenida de la Constitucion	B1 C1	Calle de Juan Liorens	A2	Calle del Doctor Sumsi	D4
Avenida de Menedez Pidal	A1 B1	Calle de la Corona	B1	Calle del Doctor Vila Barbera	B4
Avenida de Navarro Reverter	D2 D3	Calle de la Correjeria	C2	Calle del Doctor Zamenhof	A2
Avenida de Perez Galdos	A3	Calle de la Estrella	B3	Calle del Gisbert Pintor	C4
Avenida de Peris Y Valero	C4 D4	Calle de la Nave	C2 D2	Calle del Grabador Esteve	D2 D3
Avenida del Baron de Carcer	B2 B3	Calle de la Paz	C2	Calle del Liberato Gabriel Miro	A2
Avenida del Reino de Valencia	D3 D4	Calle de Las Barcas	C3	Calle del Maestro Aguilar	C4 D4
Avenida Tres Forques	A4	Calle de Lepanto	A2 B2	Calle del Maestro Beliver	A3 A4
Calle de Albacete	B3 B4	Calle de Literato Azorin	C4	Calle del Maestro Gozalbo	D3
Calle de Alberique	A3	Calle de Lorca	A3	Calle del Mar	C2
Calle de Alboraya	C1 D1	Calle de Los Centelles	C4 D4	Calle del Marques de Zenete	A4 B3
Calle de Alcira	B3	Calle de Los Derechos	C2	Calle del Musico Maestro Sosa	A4 B4
Calle de Alicante	C3	Calle de Luis Oliag	D4	Calle del Musico Peydro	B3 C2
Calle de Angel Guimera	A3	Calle de Mae Marti	D3	Calle del Obispo Jaime Perez	D4
Calle de Avellanas	C2	Calle de Maldonado	B2	Calle del Padre Ferris	B1
Calle de Ayora	A3	Calle de Matias Perello	D4	Calle del Paller	A2 A3
Calle de Azcarraga	A2	Calle de Minana	C2	Calle del Pie de la Cruz	B2 C2
Calle de Bailen	B3 C3	Calle de Murillo	B2	Calle del Pintor Domingo	B2
Calle de Bailia	C2	Calle de Na Jordana	B1	Calle del Pintor Genaro Lahuerta	D1
Calle de Blanquerias	B1 C1	Calle de Navellos	C1 C2	Calle del Pintor Salvador Abril	D3 D4
Calle de Borrull	A2 B2	Calle de Pelayo	B3	Calle del Pintor Vilar	C1 D1
Calle de Buenos Aires	C4	Calle de Puerto Rico	C4	Calle del Pintor Zarinena	B2
Calle de Burriana	D3	Calle de Quart	A2 B2	Calle del Professor Beltran Baguena	A1
Calle de Caballeros	B2 C2	Calle de Quevedo	B3	Calle del Retor	D4
Calle de Cadirers	B2 C2	Calle de Ricardo Mico	A1	Calle del Torpedero	A1 B1
Calle de Cadiz	C4	Calle de Ripaldo	B1	Calle del Triador	B2
Calle de Calixto III	A2 A3	Calle de Roger Almirante Lauria	C3	Calle del Turia	B1 B2
Calle de Camaron	B2	Calle de Roterros	C1	Calle del Virrey Duque de Calabria	D4
Calle de Camiceros	B2	Calle de Ruzafa	C3 C4	Calle General Urrutia	D4
Calle de Carlos Cervera	C4	Calle de San Jacinto	A2	Gran Via de Las Germanias	C3 C4
Calle de Castellon	C3	Calle de San Jose de Calasanz	A3 B3	Gran Via del Marques del Turia	C3 D3
Calle de Cervantes	B3	Calle de San Pablo	C3	Gran Via Fernando El Catolico	A2 B2
Calle de Cinio Amoros	C3 D3	Calle de San Pio V	D1	Pasarela de la Exposicion	D2
Calle de Ciscar	D3	Calle de San Vicente Martir	B3 C2	Paseo de la Alameda	D2
Calle de Correos	C3	Calle de San Vincente Martir	B3 B4	Paseo de la Ciudadela	D2
Calle de Cristobal Colon	C3	Calle de Santa Amalia	C1	Paseo de la Pechina	A1 B1
Calle de Cuenca	A3 A4	Calle de Santa Rita	C1	Paseo de Ruzafa	C3
Calle de Denia	C4	Calle de Santa Teresa	B2	Plaza de America	D3

Calle de Filipinas	C4	Calle de Serranos	C1	Plaza de Canovas del Castillo	D3
Calle de Gregorio Gea	A1	Calle de Sorni	D3	Plaza de la Reina	C2
Calle de Guillem de Castro	B1 B2	Calle de Sueca	C4	Plaza de La Verge	C2
Calle de Isabel La Catolica	D3	Calle de Trinitarios	C1 C2	Plaza de Manuel Granero	C4
Calle de Jacinto Labaila	A4	Calle de Vicente Lieo	D4	Plaza de Tetatuan	D2
Calle de Jativa	C3	Calle de Vivons	C4 D4	Plaza del Horticulton Corset	A2
Calle de Jeronimo Munoz	A4 B4	Calle del Actor Dramatico Liadra Y Malli	A4	Plaza del Mercado	B2 C2
Calle de Jesus	A4 B3 B4	Calle del Bany	B2	Plaza del Real	D1
Calle de Joaquin Ballester	A1	Calle del Beato Gaspar Bono	A1 A2	Plaza Redonda	C2
Calle de Jorge Juan	D3	Calle del Buen Orden	A3	Puente de Ademuz	A1

Puente de la Trinidad
Puente de Las Artes

C1 Puente de Madera
B1 Puente de San Jose

C1 Puente de Serranos
B1 Puente del Real

C1
D1 D2