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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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 - From the centre by Metro (lines 3 and 5), bus (line 150) or taxi (approx €20 for the journey)

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. Bus 64, Metro (lines 1 and 5), free bus to the centre with Ave, Alaris or Alvia train tickets and taxi rank.

GETTING AROUND VALENCIA

By walking

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).

By public transport

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.

Prices public transport:

Bus: €1,50 - Home (emtvalencia.es)

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

You may also 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)

By bike

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.

Ву Тахі

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.

<u>Taxi contact number:</u> **Radio Taxi** 963 70 33 33 ; **Tele Taxi** 963 57 13 13

THE VENUE

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

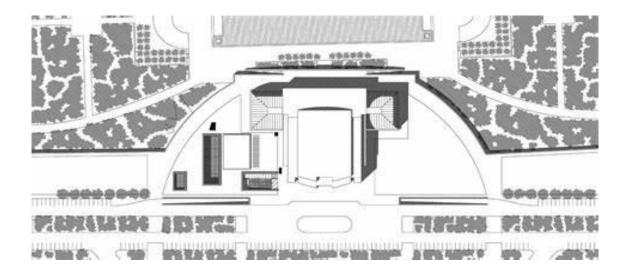
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Website: https://palauvalencia.com/



Parcial view of the Palau de la Música

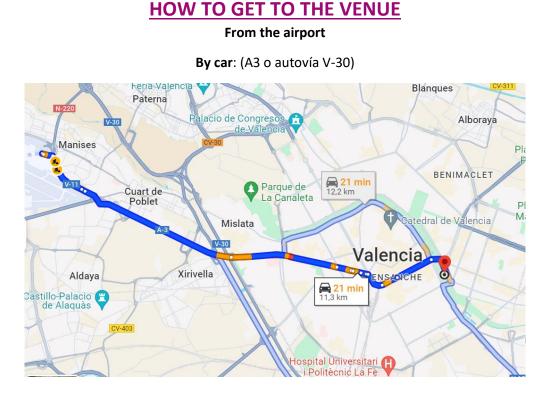
The Palau de la Música de Valencia is a magnificent auditorium located in the center of Valencia. It is known for its modernist design, created by the architect José María de Paredes, and its ornate facade. It is an important cultural center that hosts classical music concerts, opera, ballet, and other 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.



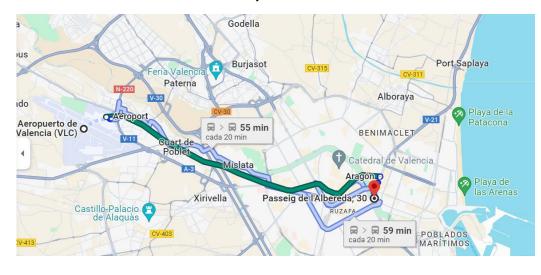








Car route from the airport to the Palau de la música



By metro:



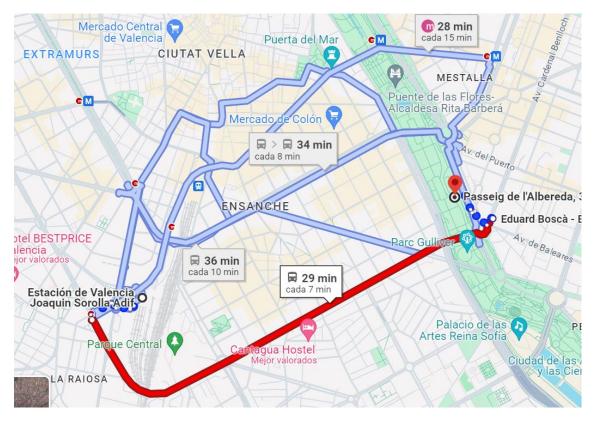
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From the train stations:

From Joaquín Sorolla Train Station



Route from Joaquín Sorolla station to the Palau de la música

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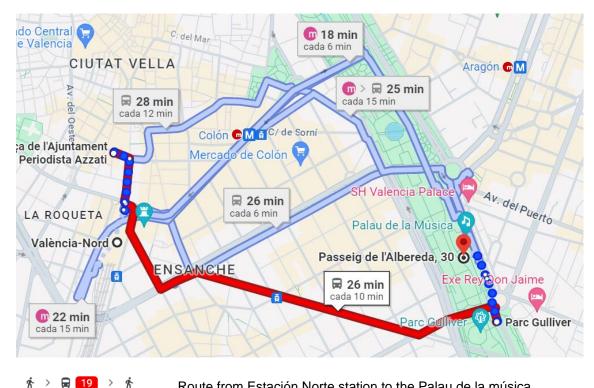
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HOTELS

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 <u>https://www.inglesboutique.com/es/</u>

Hotel SH Suite Palace

15% discount with the code CNFVALENCIACITIES https://www.hotel-suitepalace.com/es/

Hotel SH Valencia Palace

15% discount with the code CNFVALENCIACITIES https://www.sh-hoteles.com/es/hotel-shvalencia-en-valencia/

Hotel Olympia Universidades

Special Price with the code VALENCITIES

https://www.hotelolympiauniversidades.com/en/

Hotel Estimar Valencia

15% discount with the code VALENCIACITIES.

https://estimarhotels.com/valencia/estimar-valencia/

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

City of Arts and Siences Monuments

Turia Gardens

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

Language

There are two official languages in Valencia: "Valenciano", used in the Valencian Community, and Spanish, Spain's official language. You can manage with English, it is spoken widely especially in the touristic areas of the city.

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 conceptions

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. 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.