

GSE TRAVEL GUIDE

Valencia, Spain



CITY OF ARTS AND SCIENCES

Step into the future at Valencia's architectural masterpiece, the City of Arts and Sciences. Wander through its futuristic buildings, starting with the **Oceanogràfic**, Europe's largest aquarium, where you can explore marine habitats from around the world. Then, head to the **Hemisfèric** for a mind-blowing IMAX experience, and don't miss the **Science Museum** for interactive fun. Take a walk along the surrounding **Turia Gardens**, a lush park built on a former riverbed, and soak in the modern vibe of this cultural hub.



OLD TOWN CHARM

Get lost in the winding streets of **El Carmen**, Valencia's historic heart. Start at the stunning **Valencia Cathedral**, where you can climb the **Miguelete Tower** for panoramic city views and visit the chapel said to house the **Holy Grail**. Then, stroll to the **Lonja de la Seda**, a UNESCO World Heritage site and former silk exchange with breathtaking Gothic architecture. Don't miss **Torres de Serranos**, the medieval gates that once protected the city, now offering a glimpse into Valencia's storied past.



BEACHES & THE MARINA

Soak up the Mediterranean sun at **Playa de la Malvarrosa**, Valencia's beloved city beach, perfect for a relaxing day or a scenic stroll along the promenade. Enjoy fresh seafood at a beachfront restaurant or sip a cocktail while watching the sunset. Nearby, explore **La Marina de Valencia**, a vibrant waterfront area with modern bars, restaurants, and sailing tours.



ART AND CULTURE

Dive into Valencia's artistic side with a visit to the **IVAM (Institut Valencià d'Art Modern)**, home to striking contemporary art. Then, explore the **Museum of Fine Arts (Museo de Bellas Artes)**, which boasts an impressive collection of Spanish masters like Velázquez, Goya, and Sorolla. Cap off your culture fix with a live flamenco show or a performance at the elegant **Palau de les Arts Reina Sofia** opera house.



TOURS AND HIDDEN GEMS

Bike through the green stretch of **Jardín del Turia**, passing playgrounds, fountains, and cultural landmarks. Stop at **Gulliver Park**, a whimsical space with giant slides built into a sculpture. For a truly unique experience, venture to the **Albufera Natural Park** just outside the city to enjoy a peaceful boat ride among rice fields and spot local wildlife. And don't forget to check out the colorful **Central Market** for a taste of local life.



OUR FAVORITE RESTAURANTS

1. Casa Carmela
2. El Poblet
3. La Pepica
4. Canalla Bistro
5. Bodega Casa Montaña
6. Bar Ricardo
7. Restaurante Navarro
8. Ruzafa Market Tapas
9. Trencadish
10. Voltereta, Bienvenido a Casa



LOCAL DISHES

Valencia is the birthplace of paella, and its cuisine celebrates bold Mediterranean flavors with local flair. Try these traditional dishes at one of our go-to spots:

- Paella Valenciana
- Fideuà
- Esgarraet
- All i Pebre
- Buñuelos de Calabaza
- Horchata and Fartons
- Turrón

