

Castellón de la Plana, Valencia, Spain

Valencia's lesser-known coast delivers medieval towers, wide sandy beaches, and easy access to the walled hilltop town of Peñíscola — without the crowds of Barcelona or Valencia.

Docked (cruise terminal) Typical call: 8–10 hrs Euro (€) Spanish / Valencian

MY DAY IN PORT

Ship/Date: _____	Arrive: _____	All aboard: _____
Excursion: _____	Notes: _____	

GETTING ASHORE

Docking: Ships berth at Puerto de Castellón (El Grao), ~4 km from the city centre; free shuttle bus provided

Best For: History lovers, beach days, foodies, day trips to Peñíscola or Valencia

Walk to centre: Not walkable from port — free shuttle or taxi to Plaza Mayor (~10 min ride)

Don't Miss: Climbing El Fadrí bell tower for panoramic rooftop views over the city

Getting around: Taxi €5–10

TOP THINGS TO DO

- **El Fadrí Tower & Cathedral** — The 16th-century octagonal bell tower stands 60 m tall beside the Concatedral de Santa María.
- **Day Trip to Peñíscola** — Drive about 50 minutes north to the 'Papal City,' where Papa Luna Castle — a 13th-century Templar fortress that later housed Antipope Benedict XIII...
- **Coves de Sant Josep** — Float through Europe's longest navigable underground river in these stunning limestone caves at La Vall d'Uixó, about 25 km southwest.
- **Valencia City Day Trip** — Spain's third city is under an hour away and delivers the City of Arts and Sciences, La Lonja market (UNESCO), and the birthplace of paella.
- **Cumbretes Islands Boat Trip** — These remote volcanic islands about 30 nautical miles (~50 km) offshore are a protected marine reserve — superb snorkelling, diving, and seabird...

BEST WALKS

- **Historic Centre Loop** 2–3 km · 1.5–2 hrs · Easy — A stroll taking in all the main monuments within a few blocks of Plaza Mayor.
- **El Grao Seafront Stroll** 2 km · 45 min · Easy — Walk the maritime promenade in the port district, past the fishing harbour and seafood restaurants, ending at Playa del Pinar.

WEATHER · DAYLIGHT · MONEY

CLIMATE (AVG °F · RAINY DAYS)				DAYLIGHT & MONEY	
Mon	High	Low	Rain	Apr 7:22AM–8:38PM · Jun 6:30AM–9:30PM · Aug 7:11AM–8:56PM · Sep 7:41AM–8:08PM · Oct 8:10AM–7:19PM	
Apr	66°	52°	6d	Euro (€)	
Jun	80°	66°	4d		
Aug	85°	72°	4d		
Sep	80°	67°	7d		
Oct	74°	60°	6d		

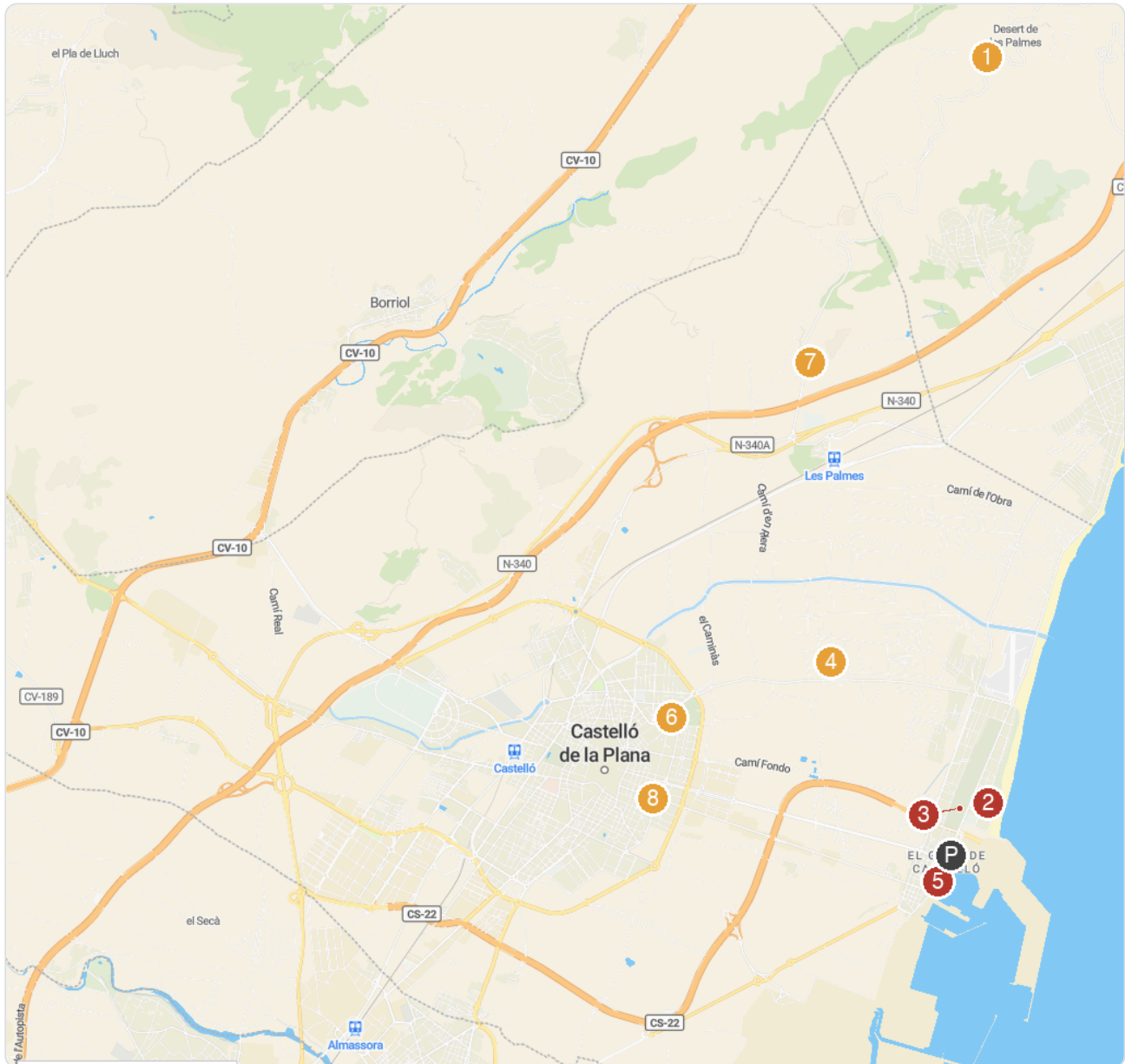
KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- Take the free shuttle. The port is too far to walk to the city centre — the complimentary bus saves you ~€10 in taxi fares each way.
- Peñíscola needs a full half-day. Allow at least 4 hours for the drive, castle visit, and old town — don't try to squeeze it in with Valencia on the same call.
- Eat in El Grao, not the tourist centre. The port neighbourhood's seafood restaurants serve fresher paella and arroz a banda at local prices — avoid the places near Plaza Mayor that cater to groups.
- Cards accepted almost everywhere. You'll rarely need cash, but keep a few euros for the market, small cafes, or El Fadrí tower entry.
- Summer calls are hot. July–August temperatures regularly exceed 30°C. Carry water, wear sunscreen, and plan beach time or caves in the middle of the day.
- Best photo spot: the view from El Fadrí tower looking west over the terracotta rooftops toward the mountains — go early before tour groups arrive.

Castellón de la Plana, Valencia, Spain — Port Map

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Red = walkable sights · Amber = excursions farther out · P = cruise terminal. Numbers match the order you'd typically visit.



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| 1 Desert de les Palmes | Mountain natural park with stunning views and hiking trails. | 2 Litoral Park | Coastal park with playgrounds, green spaces, and sea views. |
| 3 Parque Del Pinar | Large pine forest park with recreational areas and walking paths. | 4 Meridiano Park | Quiet urban park with green spaces and children's play area. |
| 5 Puerto Azahar | Lively marina with restaurants, shops, and boat excursions. | 6 Parque de Rafalafena | Historic urban park featuring beautiful gardens and walking paths. |
| 7 Castell Vell | Ancient castle ruins offering panoramic views of the city. | 8 Museo de Bellas Artes de Castellón | Fine Arts Museum showcasing local and regional artworks. |
| P Cruise port / terminal | | | |