

Valencia, Valencian Community, Spain

Spain's third city fires on all cylinders — the birthplace of paella, home to one of Europe's most spectacular science museums, and graced with a long sandy beach just minutes from the Gothic old town.

⚓ Docked (Muelle de Poniente cruise terminal)

🕒 Typical call: 8–10 hrs

🇪🇺 Euro (EUR)

🗣️ Spanish & Valencian · Good English in tourist areas

🍷 MY DAY IN PORT

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

GETTING ASHORE

Docking: Muelle de Poniente, Valencia Port Authority

To city center: ~6 km — cruise-line/Cruise Card shuttle or taxi (15–20 min)

Best For: Paella · Old Town · City of Arts & Sciences

Don't Miss: Mercado Central & La Lonja de la Seda (Silk Exchange)

🚗 Getting around: 🚗 **Taxi** ✅ €15–€20 · 📱 **Rideshare** ✅ Uber, Bolt · 🚏 **Hop-on hop-off** ✅ Hop-on hop-off · from €21

TOP THINGS TO DO

- **City of Arts & Sciences** — Santiago Calatrava's futuristic complex houses the Hemisfèric IMAX, the Museu de les Ciències Príncipe Felipe, the Oceanogràfic (Europe's largest...
- **Old Town: Cathedral, Silk Exchange & Mercado Central** — Valencia's historic core packs three UNESCO-worthy landmarks into a walkable triangle: the Gothic Cathedral (claimed home of the Holy Grail), La...
- **Paella Cooking Class or Paella Lunch** — Valencia is the birthplace of paella — the real thing, made with rabbit and chicken over orange wood.
- **Albufera Natural Park & Rice Fields** — Just 10 km south of the city, the Albufera lagoon and its surrounding rice paddies are the cradle of Valencian paella.
- **Playa de la Malvarrosa & El Cabanyal** — Valencia's main city beach is wide, clean, and lined with seafood restaurants.

BEST WALKS

- **Turia Riverbed Gardens Walk** 3 km · Flat · 45–60 min — The old Turia riverbed was converted into a 9 km linear park after the 1957 floods.
- **Old Town Circuit** 2 km · Easy · 1 hr — Link Valencia's top historic sights on foot: start at the Mercado Central, cross to La Lonja de la Seda, walk up to the Cathedral and climb the Miguelete bell tower for...

WEATHER · DAYLIGHT · MONEY

🌤️ CLIMATE (AVG °F · RAINY DAYS)

	Mon	High	Low	Rain
Apr		69°	53°	6d
Jun		82°	66°	4d
Aug		87°	72°	4d
Sep		82°	67°	8d
Oct		75°	61°	6d

🌅 DAYLIGHT & 💰 MONEY

Apr 7:24AM–8:39PM · Jun 6:34AM–9:30PM · Aug 7:14AM–8:56PM · Sep 7:43AM–8:09PM · Oct 8:11AM–7:22PM

Euro (EUR)

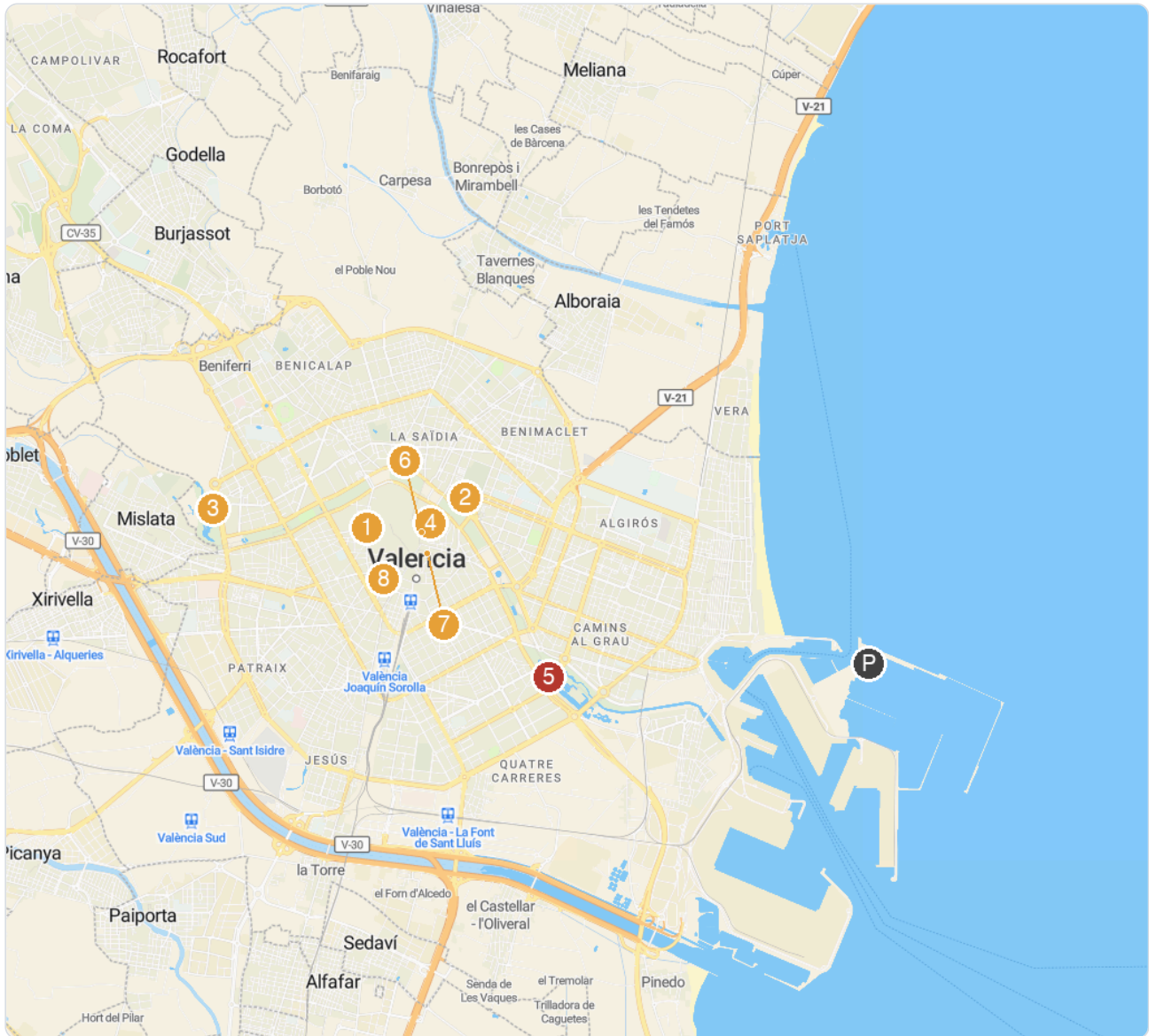
KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- Eat paella at lunch, not dinner. Locals consider paella a midday dish. For the real thing, head to a traditional restaurant in El Palmar village on the Albufera or along the Malvarrosa beachfront.
- Mercado Central opens early but closes by 3pm. Arrive before noon to see it at its best and to buy saffron, smoked paprika, and local almonds at fair prices.
- Taxis from the terminal are metered and honest. Expect €15–25 to the old town, including a small cruise-terminal surcharge. Agree on the destination before you get in.
- Valencia gets hot June–September. Wear sunscreen and a hat; the old town has little shade. The Turia gardens provide the best relief.
- Book the Oceanogràfic ahead of time. It's Europe's largest aquarium and sells out on busy port days. Pre-purchase tickets online or via your ship's excursion desk.
- Cards accepted nearly everywhere. You'll rarely need cash, but small market stalls and some tapas bars are still cash-only. ATMs are plentiful in the city center.

Valencia, Valencian Community, 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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| <p>1 Quart Towers</p> <p>3 Bioparc Valencia</p> <p>5 Palau de Les Arts Reina Sofía</p> <p>7 Museo Nacional de Cerámica y Artes Suntuarias "González Martí"</p> <p>P Cruise port / terminal</p> | <p>Historic medieval city gates, once part of Valencia's wall.</p> <p>Immersive zoo showcasing African animals in natural habitats.</p> <p>Stunning modern opera house and performing arts center.</p> <p>Exquisite ceramics and decorative arts in a grand palace.</p> | <p>2 Natural Science Museum of Valencia</p> <p>4 La Almoína Archaeological Museum</p> <p>6 Valencia Cathedral</p> <p>8 Museo Valenciano de la Ilustración y la Modernidad</p> <p>Explore dinosaurs, fossils, and natural history exhibits.</p> <p>Discover ancient Roman and Visigothic ruins beneath the city.</p> <p>Historic cathedral housing the Holy Chalice and art.</p> <p>Museum exploring Enlightenment, modernity, and contemporary culture.</p> |
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