

VALENCIA - GENERAL INFORMATION

Founded by the Romans in the year 138 BC Valencia has accumulated enormous wealth from all the cultures which have resided here over the centuries (Muslims, Goths ...). Stroll through Valencia and feel the plurality and evolution of a city where prosperous historical tradition and recent and innovative architecture stand side by side. The historic centre with its religious temples, Gothic Baroque and Modernist monuments, the varied and renowned museums, the architectural projects such as the city of Arts and Science, and the Conference Palace are but a few of the many attractions which Valencia has to offer its visitors.

Valencia is one of the main industrial centres on the Mediterranean. It has also become a European Congress Centre as well as an important focal point for international business and trade fairs. Valencia is a cosmopolitan city and is ideal for commerce and cultural exchange. Heavily influenced by the sea since its foundation, the city of Valencia's maritime links are as strong now as they have ever been.

This beautiful Mediterranean city enjoys a mild temperate climate and offers a wealth of gastronomical delights, festivals and cultural events. Browse through the site and find out everything you need to know about your stay

LANGUAGE

There are two official languages in Valencia: "Valenciano", used in the Valencian Community, and Spanish, Spain's official language

TIME ZONE

People generally eat later than in other European countries: breakfast (7:30 and 10:00 a.m.) is similar to the 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.

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

WEATHER

Valencia enjoys a mild temperate Mediterranean climate. The average annual temperature is 17° C with warm summers and very mild winters, rarely below 10° C. There is only light rainfall mainly in autumn and the beginning of spring.

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.

ELECTRICITY

Standard electrical voltage in Valencia is 220-240 V AC, 50 Hz. A transformer and an adapter are necessary to use on many electrical appliances whose plugs have two square pins. Adapters are available in most hardware stores

WORKSHOP VENUE

The venue for this workshop will be held at the Hotel Ópera in Valencia

Hotel Opera Valencia

C/ Menorca, 22

Valencia

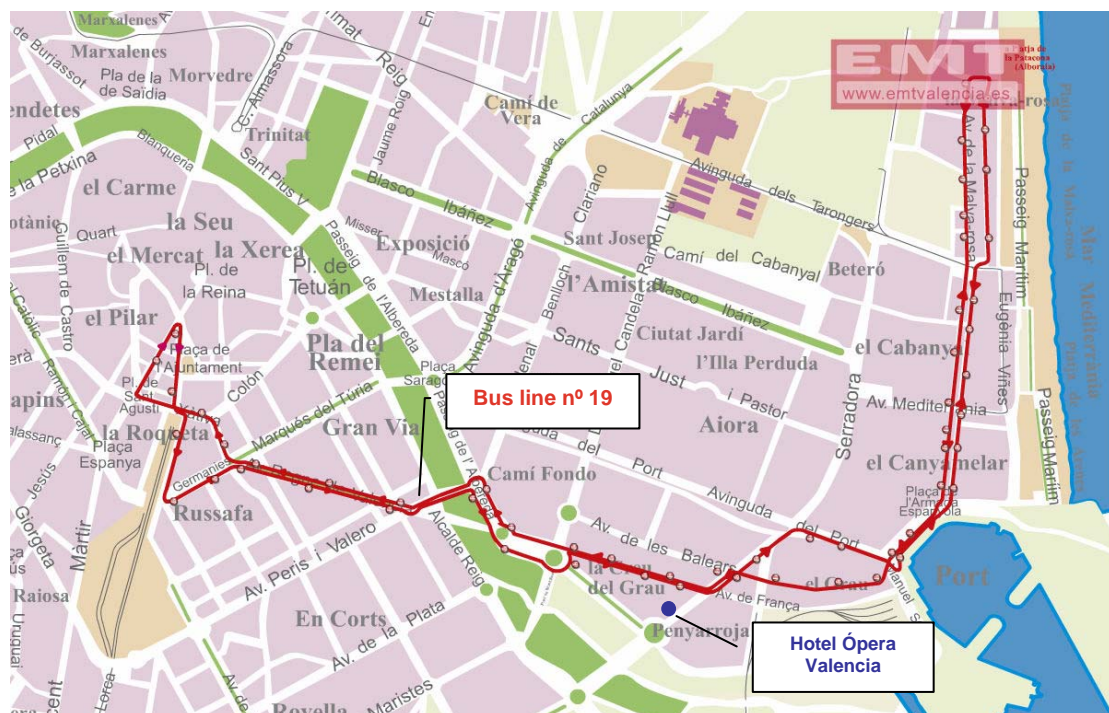
Tel.+34 902 16 16 20

Fax.+34 96 331 21 29

To the City Center

The best way is to take bus nº 19 located at C/ Menorca, s/n (stop Francia – Trafalgar). This bus has a stop just at the Plaza del Ayuntamiento, right in the heart of the city centre.

To come back to the hotel, you can take the bus at the same Plaza del Ayuntamiento and stop at Avd. de Francia, 44 (stop Menorca - Francia).



Buses Estimated Timetable

Days	Timetable	Frequency
Working day	From 06.00 AM to 22.30 PM	10 – 14 min
Weekend or holiday	From 07.18 AM to 22.30 PM	14 – 15 min

Bus Fares

Type	Price	Comments
Single ticket	1,15.- €	Only for one way bus travel. You can buy it on the bus.
Bonobus	5,45.- €	10 journeys You can buy it at tobacconist's or newsagent's.
T1	3,20.- €	Unlimited journeys for 1 day on buses or underground (Zone A, only). You can buy it at tobacconist's, newsagent's or underground stations.
T2	5,50.- €	Unlimited journeys for 2 days on buses or underground (Zone A, only). You can buy it at tobacconist's, newsagent's or underground stations.
T3	8,00.- €	Unlimited journeys for 3 days on buses or underground (Zone A, only). You can buy it at tobacconist's, newsagent's or underground stations.
Valencia Card	1 day: 7,00.- € 2 days: 12,00.- € 3 days: 15,00.- €	Combined card that offers free public transport and discounts in Museums, leisure activities, shops and restaurants, during 1, 2 or 3 days. (AB Zones) The establishments that offer discounts on presentation of the Valencia Tourist Card are identified with a sticker. You can buy it at the authorized establishments. For more information, please visit www.turisvalencia.es

Taxi Fares

	Fare nº 1	Fare nº 2	Fare nº 3
Minimum fare	1,25 €	1,60 €	
Each km.	0,77 €	0,89 €	0,97 €
Waiting hour	14,40 €	16,74 €	17,56 €

Timetable	Zone A	Zone B
Working day From 06.00 AM to 22.00 PM	Fare nº 1	Fare nº 2

Working day From 22.00 PM to 06.00 AM	Fare nº 2	Fare nº 3
Weekend or Holiday	Fare nº 2	Fare nº 3

	Day	Night
Route minimum payment	2,75 €	5,00 €
Route from Valencia's Airport	3,50 €	

BUS SERVICE - GALA DINNER:

The Workshop Dinner will be held at:

Mar de Bamboo
Port America's Cup
Edif. Veles e Vents
46024 Valencia

Buses will pick up participants from the hall of the Hotel Ópera at 20.30 hrs. The estimated timetable to return to the hotel will be at 24.00 hrs.

REACHING IFIC

The IFIC-UV site is located close to the Burjassot Campus, one of the three campuses of the University of Valencia.

- Reaching the IFIC-UV site by car:

Go to "Nuevo Centro", by the old river way (now transformed into parks and entertainment facilities). Then take Pio XII Avenue towards North (This avenue and the following highway is commonly known as "Pista de Ademuz"). Take the exit number 4 (Paterna, Burjassot) by its variant to "Burjassot, Centre TVV, Fira de Mostres y Universitat". At the roundabout take the fourth exit towards the lateral side of the Television centre. The IFIC is the red building you will be looking at ahead slightly to the left.

- Reaching the IFIC-UV by Bus:

Line 63 (to *Facultades*), at the *Facultad de Farmacia* stop and 15 min. from there on foot. 5-20 min. frequency only during university class time.

- Reaching the IFIC-UV from Manises airport , aprox. 8 km from city centre:

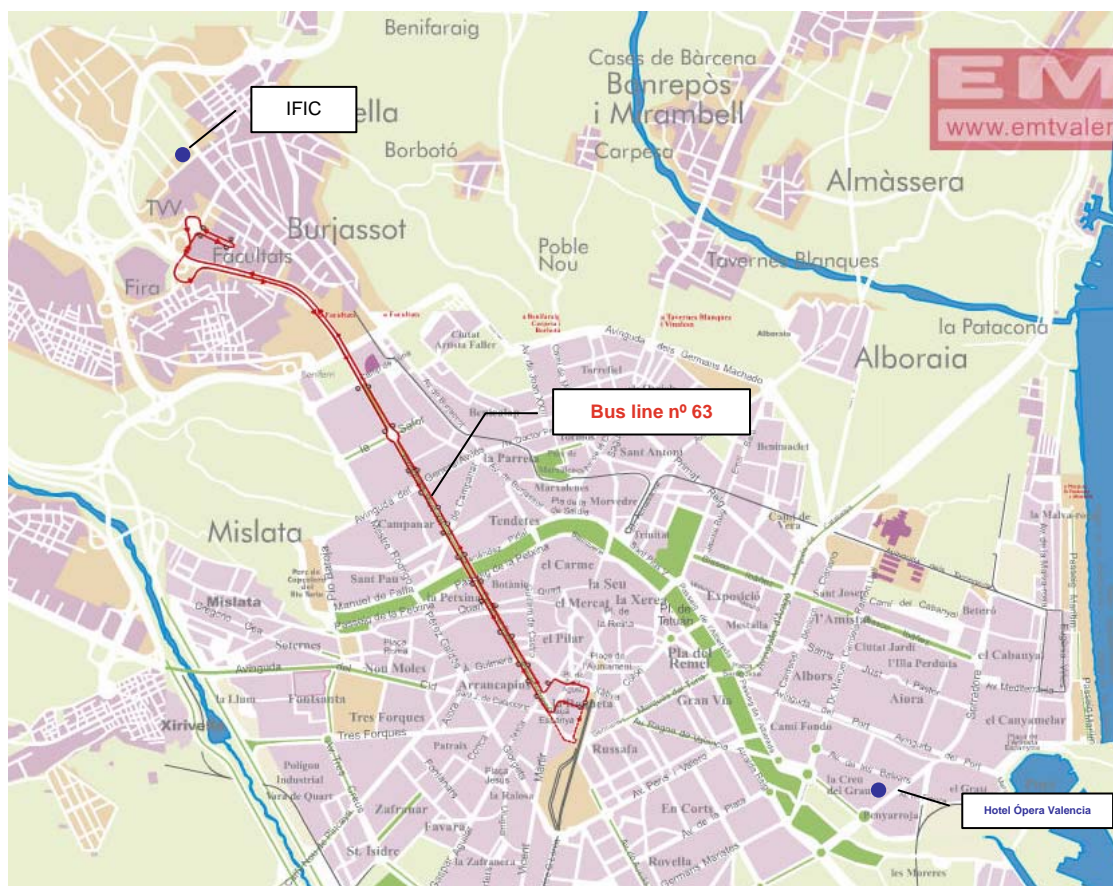
From Valencia's airport you can reach the IFIC-UV site at normal working hours by taxi in 10 minutes (approximate price 15,00 €).

- Reaching the IFIC-UV site from Valencia's main train station:

In order to reach the IFIC-UV site from Valencia's main train station (Estación del Norte, just two blocks below "Plaza del Ayuntamiento"), you may use the underground at Estación Xativa (red line) or either Estación Plaza de España or Estación Angel Guimera (orange line). Note that you must change from underground to the tram line, in order to reach TVV. Alternatively, you may take bus 63 at Calle Bailen, which is direct. Either way you reach Valencia' s local TV station Canal Nou, at the TVV stop, but note that this bus does not run on weekends nor university holidays.

- Reaching the IFIC-UV site from Valencia's bus station:

To reach the IFIC-UV site from Valencia's bus station the best route is to take bus 63 at Avenida Pio XII, just in front of Centro Comercial Nuevo Centro. If you use the metro you start at the Turia station (orange line) and change at Empalme to the tram (blue) line shown on the map. Either way you reach Valencia' s local TV station Canal Nou, at the TVV stop. While bus 63 will take you directly to the TVV stop, note that it does not run on weekends nor university holidays. From TVV stop just proceed straight, past the roundabout, our building is a red brick building about 10 minutes away on foot, there is a clear indication on it: UNIVERSITAT DE VALENCIA (left side) and CONSEJO SUPERIOR DE INVESTIGACIONES (right side)



SAFETY RECOMMENDATIONS

New research places Spain among the safest countries. This is something that provides Spaniards with quite quality of life. To ensure this, we take a few preventive measures. Follow our advice for self-protection and you will have a thoroughly enjoyable trouble-free stay.

AT YOUR HOTEL

- Do not leave keys, money, or objects of valuables in sight. Use the safe.
- Do not leave your luggage or personal belongings unattended.

ON THE STREET

- Take special care of your handbag or wallet in crowded places.
- When going to the beach or the swimming pool take along only the bare essentials.
- Protect your video or camera at places of entertainment.
- Avoid street gambling stalls. They are a fraud.
- Be wary of suspiciously helpful gestures (unsolicited warnings as to stains on your clothing or damage your car, etc.)
- Steer clear of easy business propositions. They could well be a swindle.
- Do not walk alone in lonely places.
- Should you be using a vehicle of any kind, never leave any objects of value in sight.

**SHOULD YOU THE VICTIM OF ANY CRIME,
SEEK HELP CALLING 091,
OR REPORT IT ON 902 102 112**

FROM THE AIRPORT TO THE HOTEL ÓPERA

Aero-Bus

Itinerary:

Airport-Valencia-Airport.
Direct service

Stops:

Airport departures-Avda del Cid (opposite the Local Police)-c/ Bailén-c/ Ángel Guimerá
(junction with c/ Juan Llorens)-Avenida del Cid-Airport departures.

Timetable:

from 06:00 to 22:00.
every 20 minutes.

Price:

2.50 Euro

You have to stop at C/ Bailén and then go to Plaza del Ayuntamiento to take bus nº 19.

Taxi

Airport Stops:

Opposite arrivals.

Price:

From the airport to the city centre, approximately 14,00 – 16.00.- €

Underground:

There are two underground lines which link the airport, the city centre and the port.

- **Line 3. Rafelbunyol-Aeroport**
- **Line 5. Marítim Serrería - Torrent Av. / Aeroport**

Stops:

At the ground floor of the regional flights terminal.

Timetable:

from 06:05 to 22:05.

Fares: Zone A: 1,25.- €

Zone AB: 1,70.- €