

## VALENCIA - PRACTICAL INFORMATION

### 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.



Thanks to this close relationship with the sea, its expertise in staging important events and the unstinting efforts of central, regional and local government, Valencia has been selected ahead of 65 other cities around the world as the host of the 32nd America's Cup. In hosting this international event in Spring 2007 Valencia will become an exceptional vantage point overlooking the Mediterranean, affording visitors an unrivalled view of the action.

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.

## **HOLIDAYS**

- New Year Day: 1st January
- San Vicente Mártir: 22nd January
- San José: 19th March
- San Vicente Ferrer: 5th April, moved to the Monday following Easter
- Good Friday and Easter Monday: (dates change every year)
- Labour Day: 1st May
- Sant Dionís: 9th October, Valencian Community National Day
- All Saints: 1st of November
- The Day of the Constitution: 6th of December
- The Feast of the Immaculate Conception: 8th of December.

## **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 North American electrical appliances whose plugs have two square pins. Adapters are available in most hardware stores



## **Travel Information:**

Valencia Airport

## **Location:**

Valencia airport is located 8 km West of the city.

### **- Road:**

Access is gained via the national road N-220, which connects with the A-3 and the N-335.



### **- Bus:**

#### **- Direct Bus:**

Every 20 minutes

Airport – City

Stop: G.V. Ramón y Cajal – Esq. C/ Bailén

Price: 2,50 €

- **Line 150 Valencia-Airport**

Itinerary:

Valencia-Mislata-Quart de Poblet-Manises-Airport

Stops:

Airport: departures area

Valencia: Central bus station (Avda. Menéndez Pidal)-Gran Vía Fernando el Católico-C/ Cuenca-Avda del Cid.

Mislata: C/ Valencia-C/ San Antonio-Military Hospital

Quart de Poblet: Avda. Reina de Valencia-Town Hall-C/ Trafalgar-C/ Esteban Bilbao-C/ Bilbao.

Manises: C/Valencia-C/ Ibañez-C/ Ribarroja-C/ Ferrandiz Luna-C/ Alfonso Blat-C/ Ángel Nadal-C/ Játiva.

Timetable:

**Airport – Valencia**

First pick-up: 6:30am, 7:00am; thereafter every 20 minutes.

Last pick-ups 10:00pm, 10:30pm, 11:10pm, 11:15pm.

**Valencia- Airport**

First pick-up: 6:30am, 7:00am; thereafter every 20 minutes.

Last pick-ups 10:00pm, 10:30pm, 11:10pm, 11:45pm.

Price: 2.50 €

Information telephone: + 34 96 316 07 07

- Taxi:

Stops:

opposite arrivals

Price: From the airport to the city centre is approximately € 20.00

Airport Supplement, € 2.75.

Minimum fee: € 1.20 (6:00am to 10:00pm), € 1.50 (10:00pm to 6:00am).

Minimum charge: € 2.95 (6:00am to 10:00pm), € 4 (10:00pm to 6:00am).

Per km: € 0.73 (rate 1); € 0.84 (rate 2); € 0.93 (rate 3).

Waiting time per hour: € 13.10 (rate 1); € 15.94 (rate 2); € 16.88 (rate 3).

Radio Taxi Manises: +34 96 152 11 55

Radio Taxi Valencia: +34 96 370 33 33

Teletaxi: +34 96 357 13 13

**General Information about Valencia on the Web:**

[www.turisvalencia.es](http://www.turisvalencia.es)

[www.ayto-valencia.es](http://www.ayto-valencia.es)

[www.comunidad-valenciana.es](http://www.comunidad-valenciana.es)

[www.valenciaterraimar.org](http://www.valenciaterraimar.org)

[www.valencia.lanetro.org](http://www.valencia.lanetro.org)