TRAVEL INFORMATION

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Valencia is a medium-sized port city (the third largest city in Spain) and an industrial area on the Costa del Azahar in Spain. It is the capital of the Autonomous Community of Valencia and of province of Valencia. Population of the city of Valencia is about 800,000 inhabitants and 1,600,000 in the metropolitan area. Valencia has a Mediterranean climate, with warm dry summers and mild winters. The temperature in April is between 10.8°C and 20.2°C.

Valencia is famous for the Las Fallas festival in March, for paella valenciana and for horchata. La Tomatina, an annual tomatoe fight, draws crowds to the nearby town of Buñol in August. The city of Valencia and the surrounding area are expected to attract millions of visitors from around the world given that the city of Valencia has been chosen to host the 32nd America's Cup in 2007.

The ancient winding streets of the Barrio del Carmen contain buildings dating to Roman and Arabic times. The Cathedral, built between the 13th and 15th century, is primarily of gothic style but contains elements of baroque and Romanesque architecture. Beside the Cathedral is the gothic Basilica of the Virgin (Basilica de la Virgen de los Desamparados). The 15th century Serrano and Quart towers are part of what was once the wall surrounding the city. UNESCO has declared the gothic silk exchange (La Lonja de la Seda) as a world heritage sight. The modernist Central Market (Mercado Central) is one of the largest in Europe. The main railway station (Estacion del Norte) is built in art deco style. World-renowned valencian architect Santiago Calatrava produced the futuristic City of Arts and Sciences (Ciutat de les Arts i les Ciencies), which contains an auditorium, a science museum, IMAX cinema, and oceanographic park. Calatrava is also responsible for the bridge named after him in the center of the city. The Music Palace (Palau de la Musica) is another good example of modern architecture in Valencia.

ACCESS TO VALENCIA

Arriving by plane

The airport is in the town of Manises, about 8 km from Valencia. Flights from the main cities of Spain and Europe land there. Moreover, Valencia has connecting flights via Madrid and Barcelona for destinations all over the world. From there you can take a taxi or a bus to arrive to the Universidad Politecnica Valencia.

By taxi: You can take a taxi from the airport to the Universidad Politecnica Valencia; it takes around 25 minutes and costs 15-20 euros. The trip to hotel is similar. For going to the hotels, taxi is recommended.

By bus and metro: the service is called Aero-bus

Detailed itinerary: Airport – Avenida del Cid – Bailen – Angel Guimera – Avenida del Cid – Airport.

Although the proper metro line can be taken from ‘Angel Guimera’, the best option is to get off in ‘Avenida del Cid’ and walk to the metro entrance of the same name. There you can take line 3 (direction:
‘Rafelbunyol’) get off at the sixth stop (‘Benimaclet’) and change to line 4 (direction: ‘Doctor Lluch’) and get off at the fourth stop (‘Tarongers’).

Timetable: From 6:00 to 22:00 every 20 minutes.
Price: 2.50 € (bus) + 1.20 € (metro).

Arriving by train

If you fly to Madrid or Barcelona, a good solution is to use the train to arrive to Valencia. If you go to Madrid you can take the Alaris train, and if you travel from Barcelona you can take the Euromed train. For more information go to http://horarios.renfe.es/hir/ingles.html

The trains coming from any point of the country stop at the ‘Estacion del Norte’, located in the heart of the city. From the ‘Estacion del Norte’ you can get a taxi, a bus or the metro to the Universidad Politecnica Valencia:

**By taxi:** A taxi will cost you about 8-12 €.

**By bus:** If you prefer the bus, there is a stop 100 m from the train station, on the right hand side, in a street called ‘Calle Alicante’. Take bus number 40 towards ‘Universitat Politecnica’. The price is 1.10 €, or you can buy a travelpass (called ‘bonobus’) at the post office/tobacconist’s (‘estanco’) which are more economical. The trips take approximately 20 minutes.

**By metro:** In front of the main façade of the train station, you will find a metro entrance (‘Xativa’). Take line 3 (direction: ‘Rafelbunyol’), get off at the fourth stop (‘Benimaclet’) and change to line 4 (direction: ‘Doctor Lluch’) and get off at the fourth stop (‘Tarongers’). A single ticket is 1.20 €.

Arriving by car

The main entrances to Valencia are from Madrid and Barcelona, but also from Alicante (Altet Airport).

**From Madrid** (Motorway N III) The Motorway from Madrid leads into the avenue ‘Avenida del Cid’ that in turn takes you to the square called ‘Plaza de España’. Once you are in ‘Plaza de España’, you have to turn right and go through the underpass that leads into the avenue ‘Gran Via Marques del Turia’. Continue along to the end of the avenue until you get to the bridge ‘Puente de Aragon’, which is straight ahead. On the other side, you will find a large roundabout (‘Plaza de Zaragoza’). You need to follow the avenue ‘Avenida de Aragon’ and at the end you will find a second roundabout (in the avenue ‘Avenida Blasco Ibañez’). Just after this and following the same direction towards Barcelona, take a right turning following the signs for ‘Universidad Politecnica’ and go on 200 m down a street that crosses the tram line. Just after crossing the tram line, you have to turn right again to the avenue ‘Avenida de los Naranjos’. On the left hand side you have the main entrance of the University.

**From Barcelona** (Motorway AP7 and National Road N221) Coming from the AP7 motorway, take the N221 that will lead you to the city of Valencia. Before you reach the urban area, turn right following the signs for the ‘Universidad Politecnica Valencia’. Following the road signs, after passing under a bridge, you’ll be at the ‘Avenida de los Naranjos’. On your left you will find the University’s main entrance.

**From Alicante** (Motorway AP7 and ‘Pista de Silla’) The AP7 motorway, coming from Alicante, connects with the ‘Pista de Silla’, that will take you to the city of Valencia. The ‘Pista de Silla’ turns into the

* A 10 trip travel card is an interesting choice as its cost is 5.60€ and can also be bought in ticket machines in every metro stations.
avenue ‘Avenida Ausias March’ when it gets to Valencia. Keep on the right side of the road and, when you reach the NH Abashiri Hotel, turn right into the street called ‘Calle Ebenista Caselles’. Go along this road until you get to a roundabout and go along the avenue ‘Avenida del Instituto Obrero’. Cross the ‘Puente de la Ciudad de las Artes y las Ciencias’ (bridge) and on the other side you will follow the street ‘Calle Padre Tomas Montañana’. Go along this road, which leads you to the street ‘Calle Manuel Candela’. This road will change its name to ‘Calle Ramon Llull’. At the end of this road, after crossing the tram line, you will find the University entrance.

You can check the different ways to get to Valencia and the location of the ‘Campus de Vera’ in the following link: [http://www.upv.es/perfiles/planos/imagen/pvalupvi.swf](http://www.upv.es/perfiles/planos/imagen/pvalupvi.swf)

* Please note that the airport metro stop is still under construction.
### RECOMMENDED HOTELS

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<td>1. Hotel Melia Rey Don Jaime</td>
<td>Take the EMT bus number 40 (red buses) in the direction to the Universidad Politecnica Valencia. The itinerary of that bus is detailed in the annexed map.</td>
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<td>2. Hotel Solvasa Valencia</td>
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<td>3. Hotel NH Ciudad de Valencia</td>
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<td>4. Hotel Olympia</td>
<td>Opposite the hotel, take the metro line number 3 (dark red line) in the direction of ‘Mislata Almassil’. Get off in the second stop (‘Benimaclet’). Then take the tram (blue line, number 4) in the direction ‘Doctor Lluch’ and get off at the fourth stop (‘Tarongers’).</td>
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<td>5. Hotel Renasa</td>
<td>There are two choices:</td>
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<td>1. Walking. Follow the annexed map, it is about 15 minutes.</td>
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<td>2. Follow the annexed map to take the tram (blue line, number 4) in Universidad Politecnica in the direction ‘Doctor Lluch’ and get off at the second stop (‘Tarongers’).</td>
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<td>6. C.M. Galileo Galilei</td>
<td>It is already into the Universidad Politecnica Valencia, close to the conference site.</td>
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In the annexed map it is shown the location of the different hotels (marked with the numbers defined before), the University (in yellow) and the main public transport lines that can be used (bus number 40 in red, tram in blue and metro line 3 in dark red).

### INTERESTING LINKS

- [http://www.emtvalencia.es](http://www.emtvalencia.es) : Bus information (Spanish version only).
MAP OF SURROUNDING AREA