# WHAT TO DO IN VALENCIA

# 1. WALKING

The **North Train Station**, the main train station in Valencia in modernist style.

The **Bullring**.

The **Town Hall Square**.

Lonja de la Seda, inside, (the Silk Market), the gothic civil building most representative of the Peninsula. Built for commercial transactions, it's divided in three parts: el Salón Columnario (the Columned Salon), el Torreón (the Tower) and el Consulado del Mar (the Sea Consulate).



<u>Mercado Central</u> (Central Market), a modern building and one of the biggest markets in Europe.

You can tasting local products with red wine, orange juice, cheeses, cold meat and cured jam of the Region of Valencia.





La <u>Plaza Redonda</u> (the Round Square), with sale's stalls and a fountain in the centre. As a curiosity, we will see the narrower building in Europa.

<u>El **Tribunal de las Aguas**</u> (the Water Court). Its meetings take place every Thursday from more than 1000 years ago at the gothic façade of the Cathedral.

The Cathedral, mainly in gothic style, with laters in which we will see the



superposition of different times and styles. Inside there's the altarpiece painted by Fernando Yánez de la Almedina, disciple of Leonardo Da Vinci; the Holy Grial chapel; the saint Francisco de Borja chapel with paintings of Goya and the **Miguelete**, the tower of the Cathedral.

The Cathedral of Valencia was the subject of some of the early works by Joaquín Sorolla. It was also the highlight of his nostalgic amble through the city whenever he visited after settling down permanently in Madrid.

Visit the chapel of the Holy Grail and the pyx of the Cathedral of Valencia. The Holy See has recently declared Valencia as the city of the Holy Grail, and has approved the celebration of a Holy Jubilee Year every five years.

Guided visit in its museum. An unique Museum with exclusive artworks by renowned artists, where you can enjoy special events of high-quality together with the design of the new Museum, an authentic historical value from the city of Valencia. The new Museum offers a variety of cultural and didactic events with the objective of disseminating information about its collections of painting, sculpture, architecture, drawing, music, textile and goldsmithing.



La **Basílica de la Virgen de los Desamparados**. Dedicated to the patroness saint of the city, built in the XVII century in baroque style.

## San Nicolás church.

One of the most emblematic churches in the city of Valencia has recovered its splendor after being restored in the beginning of 2016. San Nicolas and Baroque frescos captivate visitors.



It maintains its 15th-Century-Gothic structure and amasses 17th-Century Baroque frescos along 2000 square meters of domes, ribs and columns where Dionís Vidal (1670-1719) painted the programmed created his pupil and prestigious painter Antonio Palomino. Saint Nicholas has been given the nickname the "Valencian Sistine Chapel". It is not about comparing Dionís Vidal's work with that of Michelangelo; it is more about giving value to the temple and putting emphasis on the difficulties of painting 1904 square meters of irregular surface in front of 800 square meters on the sky of the most famous chapel of the Vatican Basilica.

<u>Palau de la Generalitat</u>, façade, (the Regional Government Palace). Façade. It's a central building of the later gothic with two towers. Nowadays it's the seat of the Valencian Government.

<u>Palacio de Benicarló</u> nowadays it's the seat of the Valencia Regional Parliament. It's the ancient Borgia's family Palace.

**Serranos Towers**, considered the most important military gothic door of Europe.

# 2. WITH PUBLIC TRANSPORT, CYCLE ETC (it is in Valencia, but not near from the city center)

#### Fallero Museum.

It has all the saved art pieces reprieved from the fire since 1934, photos, posters and many other elements of the history of the Fallas. Brief tour to see the most representative pieces or *ninots* and the historical facts of this festivity.

#### MUSEUM FALLERO ADDRESS

- MONTEOLIVETE, 4
- 46006 VALENCIA
- Teléfono: 96.208.46.25
- email: museufaller@valencia.es
- url: http://www.fallas.com

#### **OPENING HOURS::**

- From Monday to Saturday from 10.00 to 19.00 hours.
- Sundays and Festives: from 10.00 to 14.00 hours (it is Festive in Valencia on April 13, 14, 17 y 24, August 15th, October 9th and 12nd, November 1st and December 6th and 8th)
- CLOSED: January 1st and 6th. 1st of May and December 25th.

**Guided Visits:** are included on the entrance's price and are done from Tuesday to Friday at 10.30h until the group of 15 persons is completed.

Guided visits are available in english. In case of a group please send an email

to: visitesmuseufaller@valencia.es



<u>Ciudad del Gremio de Artistas Falleros</u> where are located the falleros workshops and studios. You can visit the Museum of Gremio de Artistas Falleros.

The public transport (red bus) reaching that place are:

. bus line: 12 and 28.

http://www.gremiodeartistasfalleros.es/Museo

#### Museum address

Street Av. San José Artesano, 17 46025 VALENCIA Phone 96 3479623 e-mail gremio@gremiodeartistasfalleros.es

## **Opening hours**

From January to July and from September to December From Monday to Friday from 10 to 14 and 16 to 19 hours Saturday from 10 to 14 hours Sundays and holydays Closed (possibility to arrange visits for groups). During the month of August the Museum will be closed

# 3. OUTSIDE VALENCIA

Ask for the Turistic Bus (ask at any tourist info, you have at Plaza del Ayuntamiento / Marie's place)

## Albufera Natural Park and Palmar:

La Albufera is undoubtedly the reference point for anyone who wants to witness the most beautiful sunset and admire one of the most enchanting sites in the district of Valencia.

**El Palmar**, once a fishing village and island which offer a wide selection of paella, the most traditional being the chicken, rabbit and duck paellas and the eel all i pebre.

You can enjoy the opportunity to take a ride in a **rowboat** and make headway into some of the hundreds of lake canals.

Some restaurants own **traditional adobe house ("barraca")** and before or after lunch, you can visit it.







# Here a nice place to have lunch.

I personally recommend to visit and Ancient Adobe House, very near from Valencia, and far away from the palmar.

https://www.barracatonimontoliu.com/

# You can reach that place:

- Metro: line 3. Get off at Meliana Stop.
- by cycle: ask for the "Via churra" which is a way for cycles through orchads. Here a map of this green way, for cycles. You can arrive to km.0 also by cycle, from the city center (they will give you info at any shop for renting cycles).



