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# Prawns: from the sea to the market

### VINARÒS

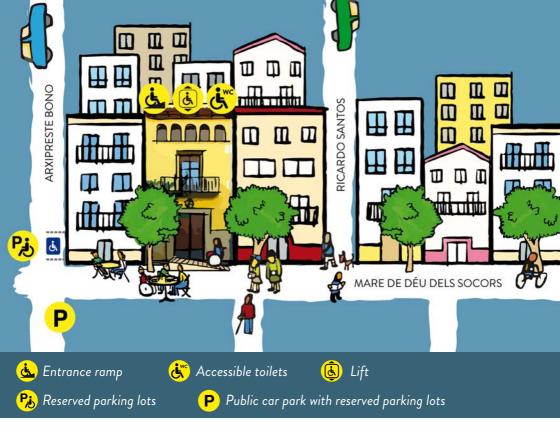


This is a route that takes visitors round a characteristically Mediterranean town, where fishing forms part of the base of its economy. The abundant fishing grounds provide a wide variety of fish and shellfish, and visitors can go out to sea on an adapted fishing boat. They will experience a morning's fishing using traditional techniques, see how the catch is taken to the fish market and how it is auctioned off. They will also be able to interact with customers and traders at the town's Central Market. Visitors can also learn more about aspects of this mainstay of the town's economy in the Casa Membrillera, an aristocratic home that has been turned into a museum.

### TAKE INTO ACCOUNT

- Length of route: 8 hours approx.
- Auto guide available at both the fish market and Central Market. Guide included in the fishing activity. Guide optional at the Casa Membrillera.
- · Check opening times.
- Cost: fishing tourism activity
- Use private transport or walk between stops (1.2 km).
- Use suitable protection against the sun and adverse weather conditions.





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### Casa Membrillera

The "Casa de los Membrillera" (also known as "Casa de les Coroneles) is a Renaissance-style mansion built during the 18th century. It was purchased and restored by the foundation Fundació Caixa Vinaròs and has become the headquarters of this organization. It is also a cultural centre that enables visitors to learn more about the economic past of the town with a permanent exhibition on the different areas of work and the town's economy: agriculture, trade, industry and, above all, fishing. The first floor houses Espai Mar, a look at fishing in the town with replicas of traditional vessels such as the *xabec*, *falucho* and *pailebote*.

Further information at www.fundaciocaixavinaros.com









### ♠ ACCESS



Exit 42 // Ulldecona-Vinaròs

Exit 43 // Peñíscola-Benicarló-Vinaròs

Vinaròs can also be reached by the national roads N-340 and N-232



### **ADMISSION PRICES**

Free admission. Book guided visits in advance.



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fundacio@caixavinaros.org www.fundaciocaixavinaros.com



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## Fishing Tourism in adapted fishing boat

The port of Vinaròs is one of the most important ports in the region of València. It stands out particularly for preserving traditional fishing methods for both fish and shellfish, which guarantee the ecological balance of the fishing reserves. On board an adapted fishing boat, this activity makes it possible for visitors to experience the life of a fisherman for the day and find out more about traditional fishing techniques at sea. The boat has a capacity of four people.

Further information at www.turisme.vinaros.es









Adults: 65 € Children: 50 € (4-17 years)



### **CONTACT**

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### 3 Central Market

The market at Vinaròs was built in 1928 and is a perfect example of cast iron architecture with a blue and white exterior. It has a basilica floor plan, with a lattice structure of iron girders upon cast iron pillars and elegant capitals with geometric motifs. The building was completely restored in 2011. The fresh regional produce is a delight for the senses and visitors can take part in the hustle and bustle of the market as a mere spectator or even as a customer, enjoying the variety of smells and colour amidst the numerous traders at work. Visitors can also sample and buy prawns or other types of shellfish that are cooked on the spot.

Further information at mercatdevinaros.es









### CONTACT

Plaza San Agustín, 11 12500 **Vinaròs** +34 964 455 931 / 630 890 931 mercatdevinaros.es



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### Fish market and fish auction

Vinaròs fish market is an amphitheatre with tiered seats, which has a place for people with reduced mobility. Visitors can see how the fresh fish that has been unloaded from the fishing boats, is packed into plastic boxes and moves along a conveyor belt. Bidding takes place instantly by wholesalers and individuals authorized to purchase. Each seat in the amphitheatre has an electronic device into which the details of who wants to buy fish are typed. Bidders use this device to purchase the freshly caught prawns, cuttlefish, octopus and hake, which is then served at the tables of local restaurants.

Further information at www.turisme.vinaros.es









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# Enjoy your surroundings

### INCLUSIVE PLAY AREA FOR CHILDREN

Complete the visit for the youngest members of the family in the inclusive play area for children, which has facilities adapted for children with reduced mobility. It can be found in the Plaza de España, next to the bullring (Plaza de Toros).

### **ACCESSIBLE BEACH**

The Playa del Fortí beach is an accessible beach with technical equipment and staff on hand to help with adapted bathing.

### Did you know...?

- ...a prawn has between 8 and 12 teeth.
- ...Vinaròs is the northern-most coastal town of the autonomous region of València.
- ...in 1712 the Duke of Vendôme died from stuffing himself with prawns. After being appointed Viceroy of Catalonia and Commander-in-chief of the Spanish army, he ate so many prawns on a visit to Vinaròs that he died a week later.
- ... for many centuries Vinaròs was the coveted target of Berber pirates.
- ...prawns are rich in essential nutrients. They have a high content of proteins, and are rich in vitamins and minerals. They are also a source of Omega 3 fatty acids and are low in fat.
- ... Vinaròs port is one of the most important fishing ports in the autonomous region of València, due to the volume of fish unloaded there.
- ...Vinaròs Carnival was declared to be a Festival of Regional Tourist Interest in 2014.
- ...the prawn festival has been held in Vinaròs in August of each year since 1963.

### Where to eat and stay

### BAR LO TÍPIC

Inside the Vinaròs Market, this bar (stop n° 23) cooks freshly caught fresh fish and seafood at the time.

Plaza San Agustín, 11 / **Vinaròs** +34 964 455 931 / 630 890 931 mercatdevinaros.es

### HOTEL TERUEL

This accommodation has an adapted access for people with reduced mobility and two rooms with adapted bathrooms, in addition to other facilities and services such as free wifi, restaurant, café-bar and lift.

Avenida Madrid, 11 / **Vinaròs** +34 964 400 424 / www.hotelteruel.es

# Starlit Castelló

### CASTELLÓ DE LA PLANA AND CULLA



This route is a different way to experience and enjoy the night sky, as well as a chance to get to know the province of Castelló, from the Grao (the maritime district of Castelló) to villages inland. It includes a visit to the planetarium in the capital of the La Plana region, and a visit to the observatory in the nearby village of Culla. At any time of year, visitors can relax and contemplate the moon, Jupiter or its satellites, and discover the most important stars and constellations in our solar system.

### TAKE INTO ACCOUNT

- Length of route: 8 hours approx.
- Auto guide available at the planetarium and guide included at the observatory in Culla.
- Check opening times. Opening times vary depending on hours of daylight.
- Cost: cost of activities at the observatory in Culla and admission to the planetarium of Castelló.
- Use private transport between stops (63.5 km).
- Access for people with reduced mobility available through the side door at the planetarium of Castelló.





Accesible beach

- - - Accesible route

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### Planetarium of Castelló de la Plana

The planetarium of Castelló, on the shores of the Mediterranean, is a key location for the popularization of science in the autonomous Region of València. Visitors can enjoy the exhibitions and talks held at this outstanding architectural venue. The planetarium theatre is equipped with a hybrid projector and an advanced system of special effects. It is also a meeting point for talks on astronomy dedicated to studying eclipses and planetary transits.

Further information at www.planetari.castello.es











### **ACCESS**

### From València



AP-7 Barcelona/Castelló

N-340 Exit Castelló

A-7 Exit Castelló CV-10

\*Take the turning towards El Grao along CS-22

### **ADMISSION PRICES**

General rate: 4 €

Reduced rate:  $3 \in$  (concession for disabled people, pensioners, seniors, minors and members of large families (familia numerosa))



### CONTACT

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# Astromaestrat. Astronomical Observatory of Culla

The Astronomical Observatory of Culla can be found in the unspoilt terrain of St Christopher's Hermitage (*Ermita de Sant Cristòfol*). Situated at the highest point of the Maestrat, at around 1060 metres above sea level, and far from any source of light pollution, visitors are offered an extensive view of the night sky. The observatory consists of a sliding dome and an apochromatic refracting telescope. It can accommodate 25 people and has a wide collection of different lenses which provide great versatility when observing stars and constellations.

Further information at www.astromaestrat.es









### **ADMISSION PRICES**

General rate: 10€

Disability of 33%: 25% reduction Disability of between 34% and 65%: 50%

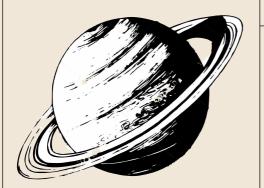
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Disability of 66% and above or accredited level of dependency: free admission



### **CONTACT**

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# Enjoy your surroundings

### PLANETARIUM OF CASTELLÓ

Visit the exhibitions at the planetarium, take part in scheduled observations held in the terraced area in front of the building, and attend projections on astronomy (except Mondays). To find out more about the projection sessions, consult the schedule on the planetarium web page.

### **ASTRONOMICAL OBSERVATORY OF CULLA**

Visitors to the Astronomical Observatory in Culla can observe the night sky in several ways: a sky guide, night observation and a talk on astronomy. They are all guided viewing sessions led by a specialist and adapted to the knowledge of the group.

### **EL PINAR ACCESSIBLE BEACH**

El Pinar beach of Castelló de la Plana, with its fine golden sand, is one of the most popular beaches in the area. The fact that it is a long wide beach means there is always a peaceful relaxing atmosphere. Amphibious chairs are available together with the services required by people with reduced mobility, so that they may safely access the beach and enjoy bathing in the sea.

### Did you know...?

...the highest mountain in the solar system is Mount Olympus on Mars? It is 23km high, almost triple the height of Mount Everest!

...the UNESCO defends the right of future generations to have no light pollution and an unspoilt night sky?

...Castelló is the second largest city in the world through which the Greenwich Meridian passes, only preceded by London?

... it is possible to see the Milky Way from the astronomical observatory of Culla?

...with a margin of error of 800 million years, the oldest star (known as the Methuselah star) is 14,500 million years old?

# Where to eat and stay

### HOTEL MAS EL CUQUELLO

This 19<sup>th</sup> century country house has been converted into rural accommodation and a restaurant. It has a swimming pool, stables and a massage service. It is fully accessible and is located 20km from Culla.

Av. Rey Don Jaime nº 49 Hotel: Ctra. Ibarsos a Culla, km 1, Castelló / +34 964 762 501 www.maselcuquello.com

# Els Estanys Green Route

### **ALMENARA**



Els Estanys is located in the town of Almenara, in the province of Castelló. This route visits one of the least known natural areas of the autonomous Region of València, which is of great ecological value. The circular route round the largest lake of Els Estanys enables visitors to enjoy a wide variety of flora and fauna and learn more about the surrounding countryside.

### TAKE INTO ACCOUNT

- Length of route: 4 hours approx.
- · Visit with auto guide.
- Check opening times. Take advantage of the hours of daylight.
- Use suitable protection against the sun.
- · Cost: no additional cost.
- Respect the environment.
- Free reserved parking for disabled parking permit holders.
- 2€/vehicle for drivers without a disabled parking permit.





# 1 Els Estanys

Els Estanys is situated in the marsh of Almenara. Covering an area of 1,550 hectares, it has a rich biodiversity and is one of the most important wetlands in the autonomous Region of València. This circular route follows the edge of the largest lake, an area of high ecological value where visitors can see a wide variety of flora and fauna, in addition to characteristic habitats of the Mediterranean coast. There are several services available to visitors, such as a recreational area for picnics, benches and perch seats, observation points for bird watching and platforms to practice fishing as a leisure activity.

Further information at www.almenara.es



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### ♠ ACCESS

### From València or Alicante





Exit junction 293 // Almenara and continue along CV-2310



### **ADMISSION PRICES**

Free admission



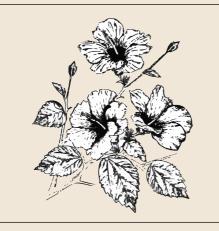
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# Enjoy your surroundings

### PLAYA CASABLANCA BEACH

The accessible Casablanca beach is a bathing area prepared for the disabled. There is a changing area, shower, toilets, 5 amphibious chairs (1 of which is for children), crutches, floaters, ramps, wheelchairs, and shaded areas. Personal assistance is available from the first week in June until the first week in September, and the wooden walkways that are installed in summer make it possible to walk along the beach.



### Did you know...?

- ...the marsh of Almenara is one of the 13 richest wetlands regarding fauna and flora in the autonomous Region of València?
- ...Els Estanys is made up of three freshwater lakes and has been declared an area of interest in addition to a bird protection area?
- ...the vegetation on the shore of the largest lake is made up of rushes, reeds and oleander, as well as trees such as weeping willows?
- ...many birds live in this area such as ducks, cormorants, grey herons and moorhens, as well as indigenous turtles in danger of extinction?
- ...the water in the lake comes from a natural spring known as the Ullal, until it meets the underground water coming from the Sierra Espadán mountain range?
- ...Almenara is one of the stops along the Way of El Cid (Camino del Cid)?

### Where to eat and stay

### **BAR ELS ESTANYS**

Ctra. de la Mar, s/n / 12590 **Almenara** (Castelló) +34 675 600 030

### BAR VIVA LA PEPA

Calle de Aranda, 74 (Parque Municipal) +34 684 450 455 12591 **Almenara** (Castelló) algemel21@qmail.com

### HOTEL ELS ARENALS

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### The Art of the *Ninot*

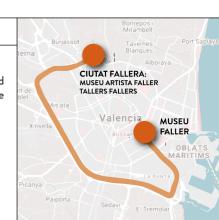
### VALÈNCIA



The Fallas festival, also known as Festes de Sant Josep (the Festival of Saint Joseph), is held between 15 and 19 March in honour of Saint Joseph, the patron saint of carpenters. It is the most widely known festival of the city of València and enjoys great international fame, attracting a large number of visitors each year. Visitors to the city enjoy the week of Fallas to the full, discovering the idiosyncrasies of the Valèncian people through the music, flowers, traditional dress, satire, fire and the ephemeral art of the artistic monuments (known as fallas). But it is not such common knowledge how these fallas are built, how they are created, or where they are designed and who designs them. This is exactly what this route proposes: to reveal the hidden aspects of the Fallas festival, out of the week of celebrations.

### TAKE INTO ACCOUNT

- Length of route: 4 hours approx.
- Visit with auto guide. Book in advance for a guided visit round the Museu de l'Artista Faller (Museum of Falla Artists) and the Ciudad Fallera (falla workshops). See conditions.
- · Check opening times.
- Cost: Admission to the Museu de l'Artista Faller and the Museu Faller (Falla Museum).
- Use private transport between stops (9 km).





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### Museu de l'Artista Faller

The Artisan Guild of Falla Artists (Gremio de Artesanos Artistas Falleros) brings together in one place the different professions that help create the fallas, in what is known as the Ciutat de l'Artista Faller. It is a kind of industrial park, between the neighbourhood of Benicalap and the Ronda Norte orbital road around the city, where numerous workshops create fallas, floats, themed environments and ninots (figures). Visitors can stroll round this industrial park and enter the workshops which are open and operational throughout the year. Amongst the buildings of interest is the Escola d'Artistes Fallers (School of Falla Artists), which trains future creators of fallas.

Further information at www.gremiodeartistasfalleros.es









### ACCESS



From Barcelona/Castelló:

Exit junction 325 // Direction València CV-35 Ronda Nord

From Alicante:

A-7

Exit junction **355** // V-31 Exit junction 12A // V-30 Exit junction 11 // CV-30 Ronda Nord



### **ADMISSION PRICES**

Adults: 4 € / Students: 2,5 € / Pensioners, disabled people (and groups) and children under 12 years: 2€



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### Els Tallers

Another place of interest in the *Ciutat de l'Artista Faller* industrial park is *Els Tallers* (workshops). This is one of the industrial units open to the public, where visitors can learn first-hand about the creative and artisanal processes of the *falla* artists. They can also learn about the materials used to make the *ninots* (figures) through the exhibitions on display. Scheduled activities enable visitors to experiment with the different textures used in the creation of the artistic monuments.

Further information at www.gremiodeartistasfalleros.es













### **CONTACT**

Free admission

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### Museu Faller of València

The Falla Museum can be found not far from the City of the Arts and Sciences complex in València and is situated in an old convent belonging to the Mission of St Vincent de Paul. It has a collection of the *ninots* (figures) which have been saved from the fire by popular vote, some of which date back to 1934. There is also an interesting display of publicity posters and photographs of themes related to the Fallas festival. Visitors to the museum can learn about the origin of the festival and its evolution over time, as well as confirm the historical and artistic value of the creation of the ephemeral artistic monuments, with an exciting journey through the history of the Fallas festival. Guides and auto guides in several languages are available.

Further information at www.festesdeValència.org









### **ADMISSION PRICES**

General: 2 € Reduced rate: 1€

Free admission for disabled people and their carers, school groups and falla committees.



### CONTACT

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### Did you know...?

...that, originally during the festival, carpenters made a bonfire with their old junk for good luck?

...firefighters have attended the burning of the fallas since 1891 for safety reasons?

...the ninots (figures) were originally made from paper, card and wood, and now the larger more central figures are made from expanded polystyrene because it is possible to make larger and lighter figures with this material?

...two ninots are saved from being burnt each year from each falla committee, and are known as 'ninots indultats'?

...fallas nowadays can reach 30 metres in height and have the most spectacular large central figures known as 'remates'?

...the artistic monuments are based on current popular themes, which are treated with great wit and a sense of humour?

...nowadays 19 mascletàs take place in the Town Hall Square, one a day between 1 and 19 March, at 14'00 hrs?

...during the festival, over 300 music bands can be heard playing through the streets and taking part in the ceremonies that are organised?



# Enjoy your surroundings

### **ELS TALLERS**

At Els Tallers workshops figures can be made with polystyrene, others with paper, and all finished off with cardboard. There are also group activities to learn about the papier-mâché stage, assembling smaller figures or preparing larger figures. There is also a chance to visit the Ciutat de l'Artista Faller industrial park or attend talks on the construction of fallas. Book on +34 963 476 568 for groups of 15 members. See conditions for larger groups.

### Where to eat and stay

### BAR NINOT

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### HOTEL ILUNION AOUA 4

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### Science in València

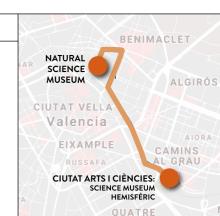
### VALÈNCIA

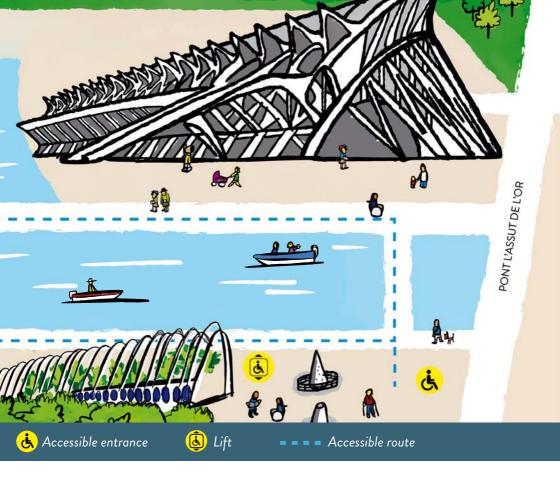


The Valèncian culture has always been marked by its contributions to science, something that dates back to the Islamic age with the development of medicine, and reaches our present day through numerous historic milestones and important scientists. For this reason, the route 'Science in València' includes two of the places in the city of València where science is the main attraction: the Science Museum and L'Hemisfèric, as points of reference where science is taught interactively, and the Natural Science Museum. Visitors may take part in workshops and recreational activities at these museums to complement a day of experimentation and learning.

### TAKE INTO ACCOUNT

- Length of route: 6 hours approx.
- · Visit with auto guide.
- · Check opening times.
- Cost: admission to museum and complementary activities.
- Use private transport between stops (4.4 km).





### 1 Science Museum

The Science Museum is one of the iconic buildings that forms part of the Ciutat de les Arts i les Ciències (City of the Arts and Sciences complex), together with the Hemisfèric (planetarium and IMAX cinema), Umbracle (terrace), Oceanogràfic (aquarium), Palau de les Arts (opera house) and the Àgora (covered enclosure). This architectural ensemble is, at present, one of the most spectacular constructions of avant-garde architecture in the world. In addition, the La Ciencia a Escena workshops (which are suitable for all ages) are designed to transmit scientific concepts in a fun and educational way, and visitors can enjoy science live and take part in the experiments proposed.

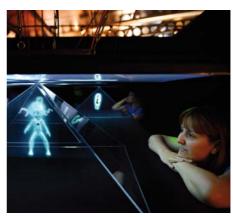
Further info at www.cac.es and www.cac.eslinfolaccesibilidad













Adults: 8.80 € Reduced rate: 6.20 €

Admission prices may be modified by the organization, so it is best to check the web www.cac.es before your visit.



### **CONTACT**

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# 2 L'Hemisfèric

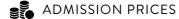
L'Hemisfèric is a spectacular building with a large sphere that holds the largest projections room in Spain and is equipped with three different projection systems in large format: IMAX DOME, 3D digital cinema and digital projections and 3D projections. It also shows visual representations to explain astronomy and also for entertainment purposes.

Further information at www.cac.es and www.cac.eslinfolaccesibilidad









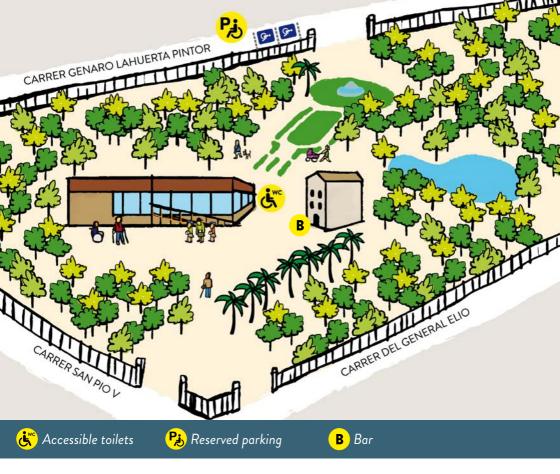
Adults: 8 €

Reduced rate: 6.20 €



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# Natural Science Museum

Located inValència, this cultural centre is dedicated to the popularization of science as well as the study and conservation of the scientific and natural patrimony in València. Visitors can learn about the importance of science throughout history from its different collections, one of which is the best collection of fossils belonging to the American Pleistocene Age. This museum, which is situated in a unique enclave such is the *fardin de Viveros* public gardens, shows the relationship between science and technology, the history of life and evolution on our planet, and the Valèncian ecosystems of La Devesa, L'Abufera and L'Horta, amongst other aspects.















General: 2 € / 3-day pass: 6 € Admission free:

- for disabled people and their carers (proof required).
- on Saturdays, Sundays and bank holidays between 15 and 19 h. Book in advance for guided visits and workshops on: reservarciencias@gmail.com / 685 530 840



### CONTACT

General Elío (Jardines Viveros), s/n 46010 València +34 962 084 313 museociencias@València.es



# Enjoy your surroundings

#### SCIENCE MUSEUM

The La Ciencia a Escena workshops held at the museum are a chance for all ages to experience science live, by watching and taking part in experiments, in an aim to surprise both the young and old and teach them scientific concepts in a fun way. There is no need to pay the museum admission fee, although there is an additional cost. La Ciencia a Escena workshop: 3.5€

#### NATURAL SCIENCE MUSEUM

This museum offers several workshops and activities according to the age of those taking part. Cost of workshop: 4€. Cost of activities: 3€. Book in advance on: reservarciencias@gmail.com

# Did you know...?

- ...an ant is the animal with the biggest brain in relation to its size, and is capable of lifting 50 times its own weight?
- ... Pilar Mateo is a scientist from València, famous for developing an insecticide paint that effectively controls the presence of arthropods and the diseases they transmit, such as Chagas disease?
- ...when the first dinosaur fossils were discovered in China, people thought they were the bones of giant dragons?
- ...the Y chromosome is three times smaller than the X chromosome and has many less genes, around 75 compared to more than one thousand genes of the X chromosome?
- ... astronauts grow up to 5 centimetres in space because there is no gravity and pressure on the spine therefore decreases?
- ...light takes 8 minutes and 17 seconds to travel from the sun to the surface of the Earth?
- ...rainbows are really circular, but we only see half because the Earth's horizon hides the other half?
- ...L'Hemisfèric was the first building of the Ciutat de les Arts i les Ciències complex to open its doors to the public in April 1998?

# Where to eat and stay

### HOTEL ILUNION AQUA 4

C/ Luis García-Berlanga, 19 / València

+34 963 187 100

reservasaqua4@ilunionhotels.com www.ilunionaqua4.com

# From the silkworm to the woven fabric

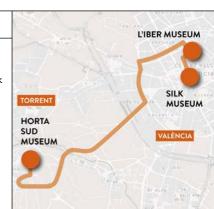
### VALÈNCIA AND TORRENT

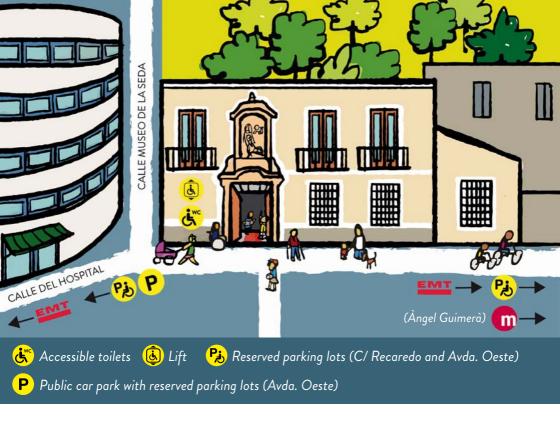


València is one of the cities included on the Silk Road, a route that covers thousands of kilometres and brings to mind the silk merchants that travelled between China and Europe. This touristic route around València includes several points of interest related to this delicate fabric. Visitors can discover how silk was brought to Europe at a Miniature Museum, learn about sericulture and the breeding of silkworms in a traditional house, in addition to visiting the former Silk Guild headquarters that has now been made into a museum.

### TAKE INTO ACCOUNT

- Length of route: 6 hours approx.
- Guided visits or auto guides available at Museo de la Seda silk museum (audio guide), Museo L'Iber and Museo Comarcal de l'Horta Sud regional museum.
- · Check opening times.
- Use suitable protection against the sun and adverse weather
- Use private transport between stops (15.4 km).
- Cost: reduced admission at the Museo de la Seda silk museum and Museo L'Iber.



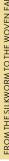


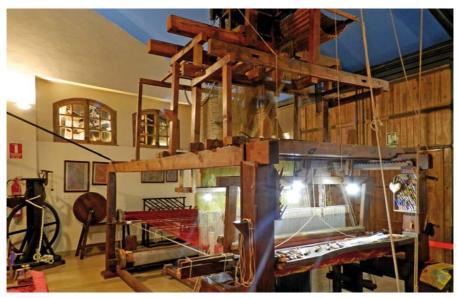
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# Museum of the Arte Mayor de la Seda

The Colegio del Arte Mayor de la Seda is one of the most outstanding buildings of the cultural heritage of València. It was built in the 15th century and was remodelled in the 18th century. It is home to a significant patrimonial wealth in the form of fresco paintings and baroque ceramic floors. The archive at the Colegio del Arte Mayor de la Seda is the most important in Europe and houses a large number of samples dating from its beginnings up to the present day. It also has a large collection of old silk garments and hundred-year-old looms. Temporary exhibitions show the diversity and heritage of working with silk around the world.

Check opening times at www.museodelasedaValència.com













### **ACCESS**



#### From Alicante:



AP-7 / V31 direction of València

From Castelló:

AP-7 / A21 exit at junction València norte



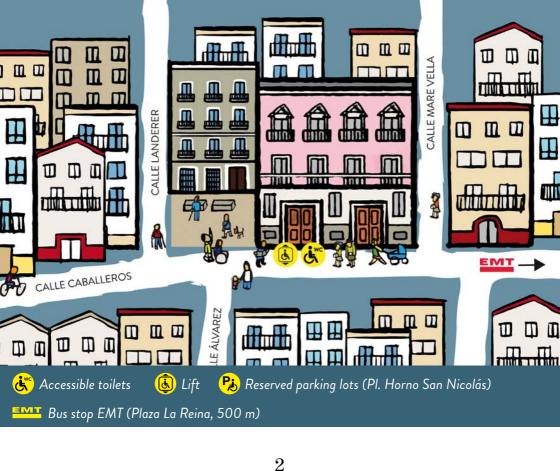
### **ADMISSION PRICES**

General: Includes audio guide: 6€ / With guide: 7€ Reduced: Includes audio guide: 4,5€ / With guide: 5,5€



### CONTACT

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# L'Iber Museum

The L'Iber Museum is a museum of lead soldiers in the historical centre of València. Located inside the gothic-style Malferit Palace, it is the largest museum of historical miniatures in the world. The different rooms in the palace are home to a large collection of all types of figures and scenes from a range of historical eras -especially significant historical events- from prehistoric times up to the present day. In one of the halls, visitors can admire scenes of daily life in China, India, Japan, Persia, Turkey and other countries found along the legendary Silk Road.

Check opening times at www.museoliber.org













General: 8 € Reduced: 5 €



### CONTACT

Calle Caballeros, 20-22 46001 València +34 963 918 675 info@museoliber.org www.museoliber.org



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# Museum Comarcal de l'Horta Sud Josep Ferrís March

The Museo Comarcal de l'Horta Sud Josep Ferrís March is a study centre aimed at the diffusion of the cultural heritage of the region. It is situated in a traditional farm worker's house that dates from the early 20th century (Estudiante Boqueta house). A variety of objects, furniture and tools on display in the different rooms of the house, help reproduce family life during the pre-industrial era. One of the ways of earning a living was sericulture, in other words the breeding of silkworms, on the top floor of people's homes. Visitors can see a reproduction of a silk *andana* (shelving made of wood and wattle) upon which the silkworms were bred and fed.

Check opening times at www.museuhortasud.com













Admission free Free guided tour (with prior reservation)



## CONTACT

C/ Mare de Déu de l'Olivar, 30 46900 **Torrent** +34 961 588 221 museu@museuhortasud.com www.museuhortasud.com

# Did you know...?

...silkworms arrived in Europe during the 6th century hidden in a bamboo cane. They were brought over from China by monks.

...in China, whoever divulged the secret of how silk was made was sentenced to death.

...each cocoon is made from one single silk thread and can measure up to one kilometre in length.

...silk is the silkworm's saliva.

...silkworms only eat fresh mulberry leaves.

# Enjoy your surroundings

The city of València has several accessible beaches with reserved parking, ramps and special walkways for wheelchairs, shaded areas, accessible huts and staff on hand to help. The accessible beaches are at El Cabanyal, Pinedo and La Malvarrosa. Check the exact location of accessible beaches in València at www.Valencia.es

#### MUSEO HORTA SUD

The museum offers three educational workshops (consult conditions on web page) dedicated to explaining sericulture —the breeding of silkworms—, which coincide with the breeding season (March-April): Memory of Silk, Silkworm Workshop, and "Qui tinga cucs, que pele fulla". Cost 50€ for groups of up to 27 people).



# Where to eat and stay

#### VALÈNCIA

#### RESTAURANT ESPAI SEDA

The restaurant Espai Seda is set in the garden area of the museum. It specialises in rice dishes and Valèncian cuisine, and there is also a set menu.

Calle Hospital, 7 / València
+34 961 063 165

www.museodelasedaValència.com

#### HOTEL ILUNION AQUA 4

Adapted rooms and bathroom facilities. Accessible communal areas. Animals allowed.

C/ Luis García Berlanga, 19 / **València** +34 963 187 100

reservasaqua4@ilunionhotels.com www.ilunionhotels.com

#### **TORRENT**

#### HOTEL CISCAR

10 adapted rooms. Accessible communal areas and adapted pool. 4 reserved parking spaces.

Av. Alquería de Moret, 31 / **Picanya** +34 961 594 300 reservas@hotelciscar.com www.hotelciscar.com

# Music in València

### VALÈNCIA



Music plays a distinct role in the Valèncian culture. This musical tradition can be observed and enjoyed along this route, which takes in several of the emblematic buildings of the city of València: El Musical theatre, the Palau de la Música auditorium, the Palau de Les Arts Opera House and La Rambleta theatre. To complement the visit, several venues are recommended where it is possible to enjoy live music, take part in workshops or enjoy an evening meal at a restaurant with live performances.

### TAKE INTO ACCOUNT

- Length of route: 5 hours approx.
- Guided visit or auto guide and guided visits available at the Palau de les Arts Opera House.
- Check opening times and scheduled performances at venues in advance.
- Cost: concession for the disabled at the Palau de les Arts Opera House
- Use private or public transport between stops (7 km). Check transport services on www.emtValència.es and www.metroValència.es.









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# Teatre El Musical (Cabanyal)

Teatre El Musical is a theatre built in what was once a cinema, located in the Cabanyal-Canyamelar neighbourhood of València. The main entrance door is singled out for being the tallest door in the city of València. Visitors can enjoy a theatre programme of a contemporary nature through drama, dance, music and performance art.

Further information at www.teatreelmusical.es











**ACCESS** 

Bus: Lines 19, 92, 95, 99 and N9

Metro: Lines 5 and 7 / Marítim-Serrería stop

Tram: Lines 6 and 8 / Francisco Cubells stop



Those applicable to each performance.





Plaça del Rosari, 3 46011 València +34 962 085 691 info@teatreelmusical.es www.teatreelmusical.es



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# Palau de la Música (auditorium)

The installations of the Palau de la Música auditorium include several halls that play host to musical performances, exhibitions, conferences, shows, cinema projections and other cultural activities. The acoustics of the José Iturbi hall, the largest in the auditorium, has been praised by musicians of great international fame. Both the Orchestra of València and the Municipal Band of València are based here.

Further information at www.palaudeValència.com







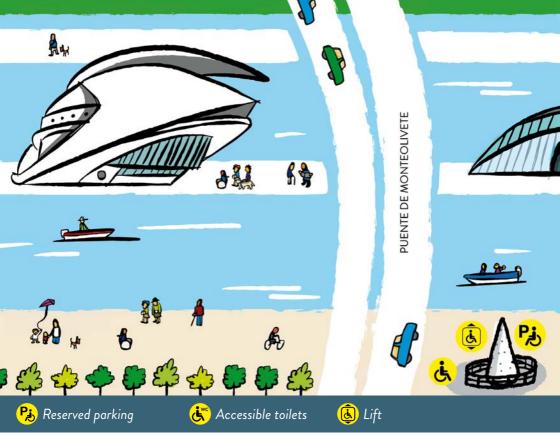


Those applicable to each performance.



### CONTACT

Paseo de la Alameda, 30 46023 València +34 963 375 020 info@palauValència.com www.palauValència.com



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# Palau de les Arts (Opera House)

The Palau de les Arts forms part of the City of the Arts and Sciences complex. First opened in 2005, it is equipped with the most modern technologies for educational, artistic and cultural activities. Guided visits are available of the halls where the great opera and musical performances are staged. It houses the Centre de Perfeccionament Plácido Domingo, headquarters of one of the best training centres for lyrical artists, and the Galeria dels Arcs, an open space of great minimalist beauty for putting on performances. Visitors can enjoy a closer look at the unique architecture of the building, designed by Santiago Calatrava, in addition to discovering technical and artistic details.

Further information at www.lesarts.com











#### Guided visits

Adult: 10.90€ / reduced rate: 8.50€ Admission free for children 0-4 years

Reduced rate for children 5-12 years, seniors and/ or pensioners, disabled people, the unemployed, Carnet Jove (young person's card) and students



### CONTACT

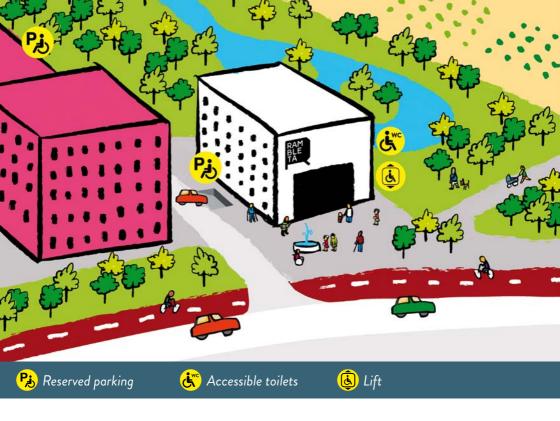
Avenida Profesor López Piñero, 1 46013 València

+34 961 975 800

Info and ticket office: 902 202 383

Guided visits: 672 062 523

info@lesarts.com www.lesarts.com



# 4 a Ramb

# La Rambleta

Espai Rambleta is a highly regarded multipurpose cultural venue in València and one of the most outstanding on a national scale, which welcomes all types of artistic and vanguard performances.

Further information at www.larambleta.com









Check web: www.larambleta.com



## CONTACT

Bulevar Sur, esquina Carrer Pío IX 46017 València +34 960 011 511 info@larambleta.com www.larambleta.com

# Enjoy your surroundings

#### TEATRE EL MUSICAL

Each season Teatre El Musical offers a series of workshops and educational activities related to dramatic art under the name FormaTEM. Workshops include dance, circus, capoeira, etc.

#### PALAU DE LES ARTS OPERA HOUSE

The Palau de les Arts offers the chance to carry out a guided visit during rehearsal time, when visitors can sit in on 30 minutes of a rehearsal or staging of one of the productions running at that time. Guided visits during rehearsals last 1 hour and are given in Spanish or English. Cost 16€. Bookings on 672 062 523 or visitalesarts@dtaocioyturismo.com.

#### BERKLEE COLLEGE OF MUSIC

Next to the Palau de les Arts is the first international campus of the Berklee College of Music, a leading educational institution in the world of contemporary music, whose headquarters are in Boston (USA). If you are interested in visiting its installations, there is the option of a guided visit free of charge, prior booking. Check dates and times on València.berklee.edu



# Other suggestions

An ideal complement to this route is to enjoy live music at some of the following venues. In addition to evening performances, there are morning sessions for children and families.

#### 16 TONELADAS

Rock Club C/ Ricardo Micó, 3 / València www.16toneladas.com

#### Loco Club

Rock and Roll · Soul · Country Rock · R&B · Power Pop · Indie Rock · Garage C/ Erudito Orellana, 12 / València +34 963 518 521

#### **DELOREAN LOUNGE RUZAFA**

Gran Vía Germanías, 23 / València +34 696 642 996 www.deloreanlounge.com

# Where to eat and stay

#### MAR D'AMURA

C/ Progreso, 159 / **València** +34 961 227 324

#### CC EL SALER

Av. Profesor López Piñero, 16 / **València** +34 963 957 012 www.elsaler.com

#### HOTEL ILUNION AQUA 4

C/ Luis García-Berlanga, 19 / **València** +34 963 187 100 reservasaqua4@ilunionhotels.com www.ilunionaqua4.com

# La Albufera and rice growing

### València and el palmar.



The Albufera Nature Reserve of València covers 21,000 hectares in total and is one of the most highly valued natural areas in the autonomous Region of València. It is also a magnificent example of the interaction of man and nature in creating landscapes and ways of life. València has been the birthplace of the cultivation of rice since it was introduced by the Arabs in the 8th century and counts on one of the oldest and most traditional areas dedicated to the cultivation of this crop, called La Albufera. This tourist route goes from the Gola de Pujol viewpoint to El Palmar island, one of the boroughs delimited by La Devesa and which contains one of the most emblematic locations in our region. The route comes to an end at the Rice Museum, a living example of the region's industrial and cultural patrimony.

### TAKE INTO ACCOUNT

- Length of route: 3.5 4 hours approx.
- · Visit with auto guide.
- Use suitable protection against the sun.
- Cost: activities in the form of boat trip, visit to a barraca (typical Valèncian house) and cooking demonstration.
- Use private transport between stops (10.4 km in total).





# Gola de Pujol Viewpoint

There are marvellous views of the Albufera lake to be enjoyed from the viewpoint, and it is also possible to make out the towns of Catarroja, Sollana, Silla and even València, on the distant shores. The viewpoint provides the best view of the whole lake and visitors can also enjoy the spectacular sunsets over the Albufera, which are amongst the most frequently photographed in the region. The best time of year to watch and photograph birds is between October and March, when different species perch on the posts that have been left by fishermen.

Further information at www.parquesnaturales.gva.es













### ACCESS







From Madrid and inland:

A-3 / V30 direction Puerto / CV-500 El Saler

From Alicante:

AP-7 / A-7 / V30 / V31

direction Puerto / CV-500 El Saler

From Castelló:

AP-7 / V30 / CV35

direction Puerto / CV-500 El Saler

Free of charge



# El Palmar Island

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El Palmar is a borough of the city of València belonging to the Poblados del Sur district and is situated on the banks of the Albufera Nature Reserve. El Palmar island is surrounded by canals and rice fields that enable visitors to take a closer look at how this crop is grown, the stage of the cereal as it is growing and learn about how the flooding system works. There are several experience-based activities for visitors to enjoy on this route, such as a trip on an adapted boat, a visit to a typical Valèncian house known as a *barraca*, or attending a cooking demonstration of the most universal dish from our region: the paella.

Further information at www.València.eslalbufera







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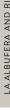


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# Rice Museum

The old Serra mill can be found in the neighbourhood of El Cabanyal in València and it is home to the Rice Museum. This mill was operational at the beginning of the 20<sup>th</sup> century and, despite the fact that the process had hardly changed during the many years it was operative, the machinery was modernised to carry out the most complex tasks at a faster rate. The building was restored and the machinery recovered, and visitors can now observe the whole process undergone by the rice from its cultivation to its consumption, on an authentic journey through the industrial cultural patrimony in full operation.

Further information at www.museoarrozValència.es













General: 2 € Reduced rate: 1€ Free admission for disabled people and their carers.



## CONTACT

Calle del Rosario nº 3 46011 València +34 962 084 075 / +34 963 525 478 (ext. 4075) www.València.es



# Enjoy your surroundings

#### **BOAT TRIP**

Visitors to El Palmar can enjoy a relaxing boat trip on an albufereny, a boat traditionally used by the inhabitants of the Albufera to cross the lake, which has been adapted for the disabled. This activity must be booked in advance on Albufera Parc (666 672 974).

#### VALÈNCIAN BARRACA

Albufera Parc also offers the chance to visit a typical Valèncian house known as a barraca. An authentic ethnographic collection reveals more about the traditional life of the Albufera with implements for hunting ducks, nets for fishing eels, sickles used to reap rice and domestic objects of daily use.

#### PAELLA COOKING SHOW

The restaurant El Rek offers a cooking demonstration with a tasting session included, to learn how to make a Valèncian paella, the dish par excellence of Valèncian cuisine and the most well-known internationally.

# Did you know...?

...València has been the birthplace of the cultivation of rice in Spain since it was introduced by the Arabs during the VIII century?

...after the Reconquest of València in 1238, Jaime I prohibited the cultivation of rice in the environs of the city of València for health reasons, due to it being associated with the spreading of malaria?

.....the current name of l'Albufera comes from the Arabic Al-boeira or Albuhera, which means "the lake"?

...the Albufera originally covered around 21,000 hectares, but the progressive extension of rice cultivation has reduced it to its current size of 2,100 hectares?

...the Gola de El Pujol is an artificial canal that directly communicates the Albufera lake with the Mediterranean Sea?

...each November 1<sup>st</sup> the "Perellonà" is held, an event that involves closing the floodgates of the golas which communicate l'Albufera with the sea, and subsequently flooding the rice fields until January 1<sup>st</sup>?

# Where to stay and eat

RESTAURANTE EL REK C/ Pintor Martí, 1 / El Palmar +34 961 620 297 www.elrek.com

#### HOTEL ILUNION AQUA 4

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# Fauna up close

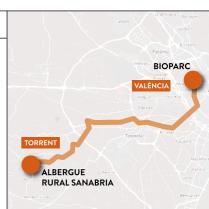
### València and torrent



Several places in València provide visitors with a chance to come into close contact with nature and observe the life of other species. This route combines a visit to BIOPARC València, an area within the city where visitors learn about the wildlife of the most beautiful and threatened landscapes in Africa, with the Sanabria Rural Hostel (Albergue Rural Sanabria) in the nearby town of Torrent. On a fun day out, this route will raise awareness amongst both the young and old of the need to protect the fauna and flora of our planet, as well as helping them to be more conscious of the consequences of our actions.

### TAKE INTO ACCOUNT

- Length of route: 6 hours approx.
- · Visit with auto guide.
- Check opening times. Take advantage of the hours of daylight.
- Use suitable protection against the sun.
- Cost: concessions for the disabled at BIOPARC València.
- Use private transport between stops (23 km).





# 1 Bioparc València

A walk round this park enables visitors to immerse themselves in the African habitats of the savannah, jungles, Kitum cave with its marvellous wetlands and the exotic island of Madagascar. Elephants, giraffes, rhinoceros, lions, chimpanzees, leopards, crocodiles and lemurs are just some of the species that can be seen like never before, -even in other impressive mixed-species enclosures- where they live together as they would in the wild. BIOPARC València is both an awareness platform to understand the need to preserve the environment and an international preservation centre for the most endangered species.

Further information at www.bioparcValència.es















### **ACCESS**



### **ADMISSION PRICES**

Seniors: 17,50 € / Under 4 years: free



From Madrid A-3

Comunitat Valènciana A-7 / N-340

Northern peninsula A-23 / N-234

Bus: Lines 67, 73, 95, 98 and 99 Metro: Lines 3, 5 and 9 - Nou d'Octubre stop



#### CONTACT

Avda. Pío Baroja, 3 / 46015 València +34 960 660 526 info@bioparcValència.es / www.bioparcValència.es

General: 23,80 € / Children (4-12 years): 18 €

15% reduction off general price for disabled people. Free admission for their carers (check conditions).



# 2 Albergue Rural Sanabria

This rural hostel and teaching farm is situated in Torrent, in the heart of the Serra Perenxisa and Montserrat, 30km from the city of València. It is an excellent opportunity for the youngest members of the family to learn about nature and animals from their own personal experience of being in direct contact with them. It is also an ideal alternative to the pace of city life, where they can experience first-hand the smells and colours of the forest.

Further information at www.albergueruralsanabria.com



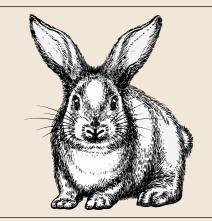






### **CONTACT**

Corral de Máñez 325-L, 46900 **Torrent** +34 962 110 190 / +34 658 933 686  $in fo @alberguerural sanabria.com\\www.alberguerural sanabria.com$ 



# Enjoy your surroundings

### ALBERGUE RURAL SANABRIA

Guided visits of the teaching farm are available, with a chance to interact with the animals and take part in activities related to agriculture and livestock.

Food and workshop: 16 € Other activities: 9 €

Minimum groups of 12. Book in advance

on 962 110 190

# Did you know...?

...the stripes on the backs of the meerkats is unique for each individual, just like our fingerprints?

...the name "royal python" comes from the legend that it was the snake that wound itself around the wrist of Cleopatra?

...the sex of the young of some reptiles, such as crocodiles and turtles, is determined by the temperature at which the eggs are incubated?

...the giraffe is the only mammal that does not have vocal chords and for this reason is completely mute?

...foals can run only a few hours after being born?

...the heaviest hen's egg weighed 454g and had a double yolk and double shell?

# Where to eat and stay

BIOPARC València has several cafeterias and restaurants such as: Kidepo, Samburu, Ndoki and BioParc Café. There are also two play areas for children.

ALBERGUE RURAL SANABRIA Corral de Máñez, 325-L 46900 Torrent +34 962 110 190 / +34 658 933 686 info@albergueruralsanabria.com www.albergueruralsanabria.com HOTEL ILUNION VALÈNCIA 3
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reservasValència3@ilunionhotels.com
www.ilunionValència3.com

HOTEL ILUNION VALÈNCIA 4
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www.ilunion València.com

# Toy Valley

### IBI AND ONIL



A small valley in the province of Alicante is where the majority of toys and dolls in the country are made. The Foia de Castalla, more commonly known as Toy Valley, is made up of the small towns of Onil, Ibi, Biar, Tibi and Castalla. A visit to Toy Valley is a fun day out for all ages as, after all, everyone has had a childhood and has grown up playing with different toys depending on the tendencies of the time, the materials, technological advances, etc. This route includes visits to the Doll Museum, the Paola Reina Doll Factory, the Casa Tàpena Hedge Maze in Onil and the València Toy Museum in Ibi.

### TAKE INTO ACCOUNT

- Length of route: 4-5 hours approx.
- · Guided visit and also with auto guide.
- Cost: admission to museums and complementary activities.
- Use private transport between stops (17km).





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## Doll Museum of Onil

The Doll Museum, which is located in a house known as the *Casa de l'Hort de Onil*, has over 1,200 dolls on display which date from the XVIII, XIX and XX centuries, amongst which are original unique pieces that have been restored. Visitors to the museum can learn about the manufacturing process and visit the permanent exhibition, in addition to temporary exhibitions that are also housed in the building. Onil is the 'Doll Town' *par excellence*, where 80% of the national production of dolls is concentrated, including famous Spanish dolls such as Nancy and Mariquita Pérez.

Further information at www.facebook.com/onildollmuseum















**ACCESS** 



Admission free and guided visit free of charge.
Dramatized visits 10€ (book in advance on +34 655 123 484)



From Alicante:

A-7 exit 469, Onil-Castalla/CV-80

From València and Castelló:

A-77 exit 468, Onil-Castalla/CV-80



CONTACT

Avenida Paz, 2 03430 **Onil** +34 965 565 365 / +34 606 023 307 turismo@onil.es www.facebook.com/onildollmuseum



# 2 Paola Reina Doll Factory in Onil

The Paola Reina factory has been manufacturing dolls for decades. It offers one of the widest and most varied catalogues of dolls, ranging from classic collection dolls to modern dolls of today, dolls with mechanisms, educational babies and heads for hairdressing. A dramatized visit shows the traditional process of making a doll, at the end of which a gift is given to those who have taken part in this visit.

Further information at www.paolareina.com











# ADMISSION PRICES

Dramatized guided visit 10€. Book in advance on +34 655 123 484



### CONTACT

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# Casa Tàpena Maze in Onil

The Casa Tàpena green space offers a wide range of leisure activities. There is a recreational area equipped with all types of facilities: BBQ tables, fountains and adapted toilets, and it has one of the largest hedge mazes in Europe (measuring 7,056m<sup>2</sup>) formed by cypress trees. Inside the maze is a cedar tree, a pond and an intercommunication game for children.

Further information at www.alicantenatura.eslcasa-tapena





Photo: Daniel Estruch





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## **ADMISSION PRICES**

Free admission.



### CONTACT

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# València Toy Museum of Ibi

This centre was created for the preservation and cultural promotion of the patrimony of toys. It was first opened in 1990 and moved premises in 2013 to its current location in the buildings which formed part of the first toy factory (the Pavà factory). From tin to plastic and displayed according to themes, around 450 toys dating from 1903 up to the 1980s are on display in the permanent hall of the museum. Some of these toys were manufactured in Ibi, others in other places in Spain and other toys from all over the world. The temporary hall of the museum welcomes periodic exhibitions, when it is possible to see toys from the museum's own collections which are not on permanent display, in addition to exhibits belonging to private collections.

Further information at www.museojuguete.com











## **ADMISSION PRICES**

General: 2€

Reduced rate: 1.50€ (pensioners, students, children, members of large families (familias numerosas), the unemployed, disabled people, groups).

Groups (20 members minimum) without guided visit: 1.50€. Guided visit Tuesdays to Fridays (except in August): 2€. Book one week in advance.



### CONTACT

Glorieta Nicolás Payá Jover, 1 03440 **Ibi** +34 966 550 226 info@museojuguete.com

# Enjoy your surroundings

### INCLUSIVE PLAY AREA IN IBI

The ideal complement to this visit is the accessible and inclusive carousel game situated in front of the Toy Museum of Ibi, in a children's play area.



# Did you know...?

- ...the oldest toy known to date, and which dates back to 5,000 years ago, is a miniature carriage with four wheels found in the tomb of a child who lived during the Bronze Age?
- ...a group of craftsmen made a 30-metre tall rag doll called "Maria Parchitos" to commemorate the 505th anniversary of the Cuban city Camagüey?
- ...the largest Barbie collection belongs to the German lady Bettina Dorfmann and is made up of over 18,000 dolls?
- ...Mr. Potato was the first toy to be advertised on television?
- ...the word "LEGO" comes from the Danish leg godt, which means "play well"?
- ...Ern Rubik took more than a month to solve the cube he invented?
- ... "yoyo" means "come back" in Tagalog, the native tongue of the Philippines where, up until 400 years ago, it was used as a hunting weapon?
- ...the toy company Payá Hermanos started out as a tinning factory?

## Where to eat and stay

### CAFETERÍA GLOBAL

Avinguda de La Pau, 4 03430 **Onil** +34 616 174 272 info@albergueruralsanabria.com www.albergueruralsanabria.com

# Confectioner's Route

### JIJONA AND LA VILA JOIOSA

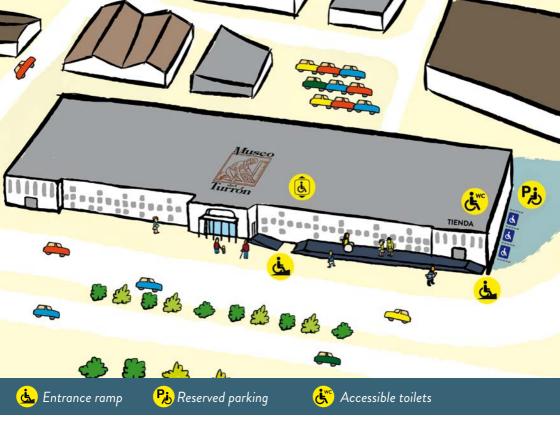


The gastronomy of the province of Alicante is very varied and its confectionery in particular stands out. Made following traditional methods since the xx century, the turrón and chocolate from the province of Alicante enjoy considerable national and international fame. What's more, the turrón has been awarded a certificate of origin. On this route, visitors learn about the production processes of these two types of confectionery as well as their evolution over time, and there is also a chance to experience innovative ways of eating them. The Turrón Museum in Jijona and the Factory and Museum of Chocolates Herederos de Gaspar Pérez in La Vila Joiosa both offer an experience where the most delicious aromas play a leading role, within the context of the industrial patrimony of the birthplace of confectionery in the autonomous Region of València.

### TAKE INTO ACCOUNT

- Length of route: 5 hours approx.
- Guided visits at the Turrón Museum and Chocolates Pérez.
- Cost: free admission for disabled people at the Turrón Museum and free admission at Chocolates Pérez.
- Use private transport between stops (42 km).





# 1 Turrón Museum of Jijona

The privately owned *Turrón* Museum of Jijona is located in the installations of the *turrón* factory belonging to the brands El Lobo and 1880. The museum's collection made up of utensils, machinery, packaging and publicity takes visitors on a historical journey through the manufacturing processes of *turrón* and its commercialisation. From the middle of July until November (except for the second fortnight in August), a visit to the museum includes observing the production and packaging area from an enclosed glass viewing point. At the end of the visit, there is a brief sampling session and products can be purchased from the museum shop.

Further information at www.museodelturron.com











### ACCESS



By CV-800 from:

València/Castelló A-7

Alicante A-7

Madrid A-7 A-31 CV-80

\*Free private parking for cars and coaches.



### **ADMISSION PRICES**

Prices vary according to season. Check on www.museodelturron.com/web Admission free for children up to 10 years of age, disabled people, inhabitants of Jijona and, exceptionally, organisations with a previous agreement. Book in advance for groups.



### CONTACT

Polígono Industrial Ciudad del Turrón (Espartal II) (Turrones El Lobo y 1880)

03100 Jijona

+34 965 610 712

info@museodelturron.com / www.museodelturron.com



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# Chocolates Pérez Museum and Factory

Visitors to the Chocolates Pérez Museum in La Vila Joiosa learn about the most traditional aspect of this industry. Having manufactured chocolate for over 120 years, the installations have on display an interesting collection of machinery and utensils used over the years, which also provide visitors with a deeper insight into the manufacturing process. The museum shop offers a free sample and the chance to purchase a range of produce made by the company.

Further information at www.chocolatesperez.com











### **ADMISSION PRICES**

School groups: 1€/person Book one day in advance for groups of over 15



### CONTACT

Herederos de Gaspar Pérez, S.L. Partida Mediases, 1 03570 La Vila Joiosa +34 965 890 573 infoventas@chocolatesperez.comwww.chocolatesperez.com

# Enjoy your surroundings

### TAPAS WITH TURRÓN

Spring in Jijona has a special attraction. During the month of May the town holds 'Tapas with turrón', an event revolving around innovation and creation in gastronomy. For two weeks, the bars and restaurants in the town that form part of this tapas route offer appetisers made with turrón and there is an award for the best recipe.

### MOORS AND CHRISTIANS

If you visit Jijona in autumn, you mustn't miss the Moors and Christians festival. The ice-cream vendors in the town organize this event at the end of October, giving out ice creams to all who attend. The festivities also include the Embajada humoristica del helador, which is a humorous review of topical issues in Jijona and other popular issues of the time recounted with a touch of irony. (www.jijonaturismo.com)

### CARREMÍ TURRÓN SHOP

An ideal complement to a visit to the Chocolates Pérez factory is a trip to the Carremi shop, also in La Vila Joiosa, which sells handmade turrón.

# Did you know...?

...the Arabs brought turrón to our Mediterranean coast?

...the present-day recipe for turrón was first used in the province of Alicante around the XV century, and turrón was a type of confectionery that was highly regarded by royalty?

... during the XVI century many workers in Alicante were paid part of their Christmas wages in turrón?

...the 'Abeja Maya' (or Melipona bee) is stingless and is mainly responsible for pollinating the cocoa flower?

...there are medical studies indicating that dark chocolate has antioxidant and anti-inflammatory properties, amongst others, and can even help prevent heart problems? However, it is toxic for dogs, so they must never be given chocolate.

...one of the most expensive chocolates in the world is made by the brand To'ak? It is made with cacao from the region of Manabi (Ecuador) and one 50g bar costs almost 230€.

# Where to eat and stay

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# The Depths of the Mediterranean

### TORREVIEJA AND SANTA POLA



The biodiversity of the seabed off the Mediterranean coast makes it an area of particular natural wealth. With an underwater theme, this route gives visitors the chance to learn more about this biodiversity. The route starts in Torrevieja with a visit to the world's first adapted submarine (S-61 Delfin) and ends at the aquarium in Santa Pola. Here, visitors can see native species and learn about the work that is done to preserve the marine environment. The route also includes an adapted diving activity and accessible beaches in both towns.

### TAKE INTO ACCOUNT

- Length of route: 8 hours approx.
- Auto guide available in the adapted submarine and at the aquarium. Diving activity with monitors.
- · Check opening times and activity times in advance.
- Use suitable protection against the sun and adverse weather conditions.
- Use private transport between stops (34 km).
- Cost: admission fees for the submarine and aquarium, and fees for the adapted diving activity.





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# Delfin S-61 Submarine: floating museum

The Delfin S-61 submarine (a Daphné-class submarine) was launched in 1972 and given to Torrevieja town council in 2004 by the Spanish Navy. It has become the first floating museum in Spain, and belongs to the Museo de la Mar y de la Sal (Marine and Salt Museum). It is the first submarine to be adapted to people with reduced mobility. Visitors have the chance to learn about the submarine over the 30 years it formed part of the Navy's fleet, and also to imagine what it was like for the crew to live inside.

Check opening times at www.turismodetorrevieja.com













### ACCESS





From València or Alicante: AP-7 Exit at junction 528, direction Torrevieja/Cartagena

Also from Alicante by travelling south on the N-332



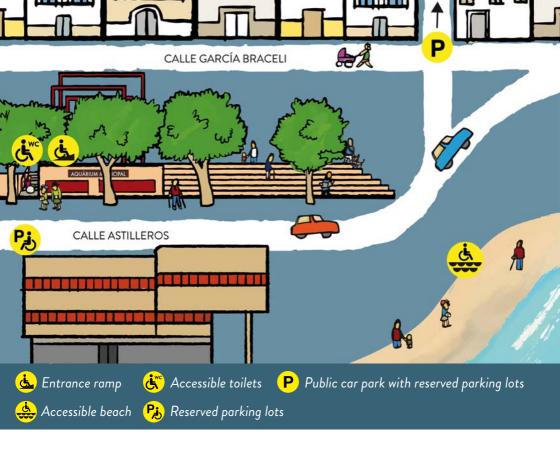
### **ADMISSION PRICES**

General: 2€ (with prior reservation)



### CONTACT

Avenida del Puerto 03181 Torrevieja 661 374 257 www.turismodetorrevieja.com



# Santa Pola Aquarium

Opened in 1983, this is the oldest aquarium in the autonomous region of València. Visitors to the aquarium learn about the fauna and flora of this part of the Mediterranean Sea, more specifically the bay of Santa Pola and the island of Tabarca. In addition to its educational and entertainment aspect, the aquarium recovers protected species that are stranded or caught by fishermen, such as the loggerhead sea turtle. The visit begins with an audiovisual presentation (with subtitles) followed by a large hall with 9 aquariums, set out in such a way that visitors have the feeling they are underwater.

Check opening times at www.turismosantapola.es













### **ADMISSION PRICES**

Adult: 3 € Children (up to 3 years): free Children (4 to 16 years), students, young person's card and senior citizens: 1,50€ Groups (15 people or more): 1,50€/person



### CONTACT

Plaza Fernández Ordóñez, s/n 03130 Santa Pola +34 965 416 916

# Enjoy your surroundings

### TORREVIEJA

### Adapted bathing

Torrevieja has three accessible beaches: Juan Aparicio, Náufragos and Los Locos (the latter also with adapted shower facilities). Each beach has technical equipment and staff on hand to help with adapted bathing. Essential to book in advance.

Tourist Info Torrevieja Av. De los Marineros, 1 +34 966 702 284

### Adapted diving activity

Bubbles Dive Torrevieja and Odissea Diving offers adapted diving activities. Contact company for information on fees, times and conditions.

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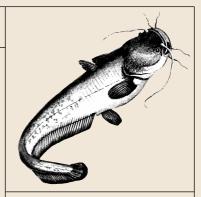
Odisea Diving C/ Huerto, 6 +34 966 704 901 info@odiseadiving.com www.odiseadiving.com

### SANTA POLA

### Adapted bathing

Santa Pola has two accessible beaches: Gran Playa and Playa de Levante. Both have technical equipment and staff on hand to help with adapted bathing. Essential to book in advance.

Tourist Info Santa Pola Pl. Constitución, s/n +34 966 696 052 santapola@touristinfo.net



# Did you know...?

- ...Torrevieja and Santa Pola have been connected throughout history to defending the coast from being attacked by corsairs and pirates because of their watchtowers.
- ...the island of Tabarca was repopulated during the 18th century with Genoese people rescued from the hands of the corsairs.
- ...the majority of the species at the Santa Pola Aquarium have been donated by the fishermen of the town.
- ... Torrevieja extracts salt from the seawater and exports it all over the world.
- ...the Delfin S-61 is the first submarine in the world to become an adapted floating museum.
- ...it can submerge to up to 300 metres and carry 12 torpedoes.
- ...the maximum time of immersion was 206 hours due to lack of oxygen.
- ...it could carry provisions for up to 30 days.

## Where to eat and stay

### TORREVIEJA

### EL PISCOLABIS RESTAURANT

Bar specialising in fish dishes. Full meals and tapas.

C/ Ramón y Cajal, 1 / **Torrevieja** +34 965 719 162

### KEEPER BAR

Restaurant-bar with spacious terrace and sea views. Mediterranean cuisine. Serves breakfast and tapas.

Paseo Juan Aparicio, 1 / **Torrevieja** +34 966 708 850 www.keeperbar.com

### HOTEL PLAYAS DE TORREVIEJA

Adapted rooms and adapted restaurant dining area.

Calle del Cabo s/n / **Torrevieja** +34 966 92 17 11 reservas.torrevieja@hotelesposeidon.com www.hotelplayasdetorrevieja.com

### SANTA POLA

### La sidrería

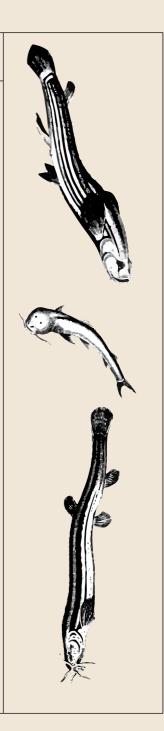
Asturian restaurant. Full meals and tapas. Typical dishes include chorizo cooked in cider.

C/ Sacramento, 15 / **Santa Pola** 611 475 221

### **BOULEVARD PUERTO**

Tapas restaurant specialising in grilled octopus.

Paseo Marina Miramar, s/n / **Santa Pola** +34 966 845 705





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