

VALENCIA



OCEANOGRAFIC



CENTRAL MARKET



PEÑISCOLA

HIGHLIGHTS:

- Valencia city center
- Central Market
- Silk Exchange
- Oceanographic
- Peñíscola
- Altea
- Benidorm
- Sunset Cruise



Itinerary

DAY 1 - VALENCIA:

Arrival to **Valencia** Airport and private transfer to **the hotel**. Check in at the hotel and free day to explore the city on your own. Night in Valencia

DAY 2 - VALENCIA:

In the morning, you will meet with the guide at the hotel lobby to start your *2-Hour Tour*. You'll explore the old town of Valencia starting in the **Plaza de los Fueros**, in front of the **Torres Serranos Monument**. Did you know that this bastion of medieval origin housed several works of art from the Prado Museum during the Spanish Civil War? Other places you'll visit will be Plaza de la Virgen square. Here, we will admire the architecture of the **Basilica of the Virgen de los Desamparados** church and the rear side of Valencia cathedral. You will also admire the famous **Miguelete bell tower**. Later, we will walk to the impressive Lonja de la Seda (**Silk Exchange**) This Gothic building was declared a World Heritage Site by UNESCO. And don't miss the **Central Market**, where your senses will be delighted by the sight and smells of the different local delicacies on offer at the many food stalls that fill the beautiful Modernist building. You will have the rest of the day free.

DAY 3 - MORELLA & PEÑISCOLA

In the morning, you will meet your driver to start a 10-Hours trip to Morella and Peñíscola. Starting with Morella we'll wander along the steep, characteristic cobblestone streets, and we'll stop at the different local craft stalls. We'll end at the historic castle, which stands tall at the top of the town. We'll enter this Islamic fortress built in the 13th century, and you'll discover how it gained importance for the Crown of Aragon. After the tour of the castle, you'll have some free time to keep exploring Morella and even try some of the delicious local cuisine. After lunch, we'll head east to Peñíscola. On the journey, we'll reveal the origins of this historical city, famed for a very controversial historical figure, Pope Luna. In Peñíscola you will visit the castle, the old town of Peñíscola, which is home to Islamic, Roman and Templar architecture and the old wall. After a full day trip you will be driven back to Valencia.

DAY 4 - ALTEA, VILLAJYOYOSA, BENIDORM:

You will meet with your driver who'll take you on a *10-hours trip*. First, you will discover the town of **Villajoyosa**. This village will captivate you with the vibrant colors of the houses, a distinctive feature of the town. You'll also learn about *Arab and Christian festivities*. Next on the agenda is **Benidorm**. We'll pause at the famous Mediterranean Balcony for some of the best views of the Costa Blanca. We'll continue the journey to **Altea**, a small and picturesque fishing village. Don't forget to admire the blue dome of its church. We'll wander through cobblestone streets and along the promenade in search of the best panoramic views. You'll then enjoy 2 hours of free time for lunch at a restaurant and further exploration of the town. Finally, we'll make a stop at the Russian Orthodox Church of Altea - a surprising find in the heart of the Mediterranean!

DAY 5 - VALENCIA:

You will have the morning free. Later you will join a *Sunset Catamaran Cruise*. The **Malvarrosa** beach, the port, and the **city skyline** will be tinged with reddish, purple, and orange tones, a beautiful sunset that will remain forever etched in your memory! You can also take the opportunity to photograph the coastline from the catamaran. These afternoon hours are the best time to capture the stunning Valencian light, that **Joaquín Sorolla** portrayed so well in his canvases. After a wonderful 1-hour 30 minutes trip, we'll conclude by returning to the original departure dock.

DAY 6 - VALENCIA:

This day you will have tickets to **Oceanographic, Hemispheric, and Science Museum** to visit on your own. Located in the famous City of Arts and Sciences, the Oceanographic is Europe's largest aquarium complex with 45,000 animals and a huge 26,000,000-litre dolphinarium. To complete the visit you would access the Prince Philip Science Museum and the Hemisfèric, which houses a huge IMAX cinema and planetarium.

DAY 7 - VALENCIA:

You will meet with the driver at your hotel lobby and he will drive you to Valencia Airport.

RECOMENDED HOTELS

4* HOTELS

- SENATOR PARQUE CENTRAL
- ILUNION AQUA 4
- NH COLLECTION VALENCIA COLON
- SILKEN PUERTA VALENCIA
- ZENIT VALENCIA
- SH INGLES BOUTIQUE

5* HOTELS

- SH VALENCIA PALACE
- HOSPES PALAU DEL MAR
- THE WESTIN VALENCIA
- ONLY YOU VALENCIA
- BALNEARIO LAS ARENAS
- PARADOR EL SALER