

ARCHITECTURE TRIP TO VALENCIA, CALPE AND BENIDORM

October 5th to 8th 2017



Welcome in Valencia - Bienvenido a Valencia!

During the last few years, the city of Valencia has been rediscovered. Filled with treasures, though unknown to many, Valencia has begun to regain its importance as a Mediterranean Capital, along with Barcelona. Originally built by the Romans, for centuries Valencia's walls have traced the river bed of the Turia. Over the last few years, the city, surrounded by lush green lands, has grown towards the sea, integrating nearby villages to form a varied and complex territory, maintaining a careful contrast between history and modernity. The City of Arts and Science, by Valencia architect Santiago Calatrava, and new urban strategies, have thrust Valencia into the international limelight; restoring well deserved attention to the historic buildings and streets of the Mediterranean city.

At its heart, the city is undergoing substantial modifications: the transformation of the Turia River into one of the largest linear urban parks in Europe, the integral renovation of the Historic District, the planning of the Waterfront and the expected restoration of modern sea villages. These are, among others, evidence of the appealing opportunities for not only architects and urban planners, but visitors and inhabitants of Valencia.



I. Day
Thursday
05.10.2017

WELCOME INTRODUCTION & CITY CENTER

During 2000 years, the urban layout of the old town of Valencia has undergone an interesting historical evolution due to great architectural and urban improvements. Monumental buildings such as the Mercado Central; drastic urban changes as the opening of the Calle la Paz in the early twentieth century, co-exist with risky and brilliant contemporary innovations, for example the MUVIM by the architect Guillermo Vazquez Consuegra.



16:00 Meeting in the hotel lobby and start of the guided tour.

Torres de Serranos, Pere Balaguer, 1398

Urban-historical Introduction: from the origins to the present day
 Plaza de la Virgen, s. II b.c.

Plaza Redonda, Salvador Escrig Melchor, 1848

La Lonja de la Seda, Pere Compte, 1498 (interior visit)

Plaza del Ayuntamiento, several authors, 1905-1933

Estación del Norte, Demetrio Rives, 1917 (interior visit)

MUVIM, Guillermo Vazquez Consuegra, 2001 (main hall visit)



End of guided tour at the hotel

19:00 Meeting at the hotel and walk to the restaurant



20:30 Welcome dinner

TURIA RIVER I CALATRAVA CITY I SEAFRONT

After the flood of 1957 and the decision of moving the Turia out of the the village to avoid periodical damages, began a long process of conversion of what today Valencian people still refer to as "the river". In fact it is one of the longest urban parks in Europe housed in the former Turia. Besides being the favorite place of leisure, it houses the extensive work by the Valencian architect Santiago Calatrava, and other interventions of wellknown professionals like Ricardo Bofill.



09:30 Meeting and start of tour at the hotel lobby

Pick up bikes at the bike rental



Mercado Central, Alejandro Soler/Francisco Guardia Vial, 1928

Rio Turia, Masterplan Ricardo Bofill, 1985

Parque de Cabecera, Eduardo de Miguel, 2004

Puente 9 de Octubre, Santiago Calatrava, 1989

11:00 Coffeebreak

La Pexina, 2003, Carlos Campos y Carlos Payá

Puente de la Exposición, Santiago Calatrava, 1995

Gulliver playground, several authors, 1989



14:00 Individual lunch and free time

- 16:00 City of Arts y las Science, Santiago Calatrava, 1989-2009
- Puente Assud de l'Or, 2008
 Agora, 2009
 Hemisferic, 1998
 Umbracle, 2000
 Palau de les Arts Reina Sofía, 2005,
 Museo de las Ciencias Príncipe Felipe, 2000
 Marina Valencia, the new city sea front
 Veles e Vents, 2006, David Chipperfield
 El Cabanyal neighbourhood



- 19:00 Return of bikes and end of tour at the seafront
 Individual dinner



BENIDORM AND CALPE

3 Day
Saturday
07.10.2017

- 09:00 Meeting in the Hotellobby and private bus transfer

- 11:00 Arrival in Benidorm
 Benidorm is the highest and highly populated town in Spain. Many people are shaking their heads, when the name of the Spanish Manhattan of tourism is mentioned. But this unique model of tourism is very successful, 2010 has been the highest occupancy ever. And still more buildings are constructed.



- 14:00 After Benidorm we will drive to Calpe, where we have a Paella lunch next to the harbour.



- 14:30 Group Lunch at Calpe

- 16:30 Calpe is an idyllic fishing village at the sea. Built between the 70s and 90s it is mainly owned by German and Suisse people, who managed to buy cheap property as holiday homes. Like a carpet, they are covering the hills towards the sea, which is a complete different setting to the high density plans of the Spanish architect Ricardo Bofill in his plans for „la Manzanera“.



- 19:30 Bus transfer back to Valencia
 21:00 Arrival at the hotel

4 Day
Sunday
08.10.2017

- VALENCIA**
 Day off in Valencia
 Plunge into the Spanish lifestyle! Beach, sports, outdoor activities are waiting for you. Explore charming neighborhoods visit galleries, museums, shops.

Program can be subject to change.



Pricing	Per Person in double room 990.- Euro Single supplement 200.- Euro Individual extension and extra night on request
Services (Included in the price)	3 nights in Valencia, Hotel Zenit Valencia (incl. breakfast) Program according to description, admission fees included Tours and guiding in English by local architect Boris Strzelczyk, GA Valencia 1x dinner (welcome dinner) 1x lunch (Benidorm)
Services (Not included in the price)	Flights and airport transfers Travel cancellation insurance
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