



## Our tips for organizing your visit to Valence's City of Arts and Sciences

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Of all the things you can visit in Valencia, **the Cité des Arts et des Sciences** is clearly a must. We loved this complex where science, nature and art intertwine to create an unparalleled space for learning and discovery for everyone. Yes, yes, you'll see.

Wondering how to get there? Which museum is best? We had the same questions, as the Cité des Sciences brings together several buildings and museums.

To help you find your way around, we've put together a list of **our top tips**, from the impressive **Príncipe Felipe Science Museum** to the extraordinary **Oceanogràfic**, there's something for every taste and age.

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## The 5 must-sees in the City of Arts and Sciences

Even if you don't want to visit the various museums, we recommend you at least take a look, as this futuristic collection of buildings, the work of Valencian architect **Santiago Calatrava**, have become the symbols of the city of Valencia. We really loved it, especially as it's on the way to the beach.

Plus, the large ponds all around, with the architecture reflected in them, are a thing of beauty! During our two visits to Valencia we went there once to visit the Oceanographic and a second time to visit the Science Museum.

Of course, you won't be able to visit all the museums in a weekend, but we recommend that you at least get out there and cycle or walk around this immense area, crossing the **Umbracle**. If you have only one museum to visit, the **Oceanografic** is your best bet. It's obviously an ideal activity in winter or when it's raining.

## **L'Oceanogràfic: Europe's largest aquarium**

It's Europe's largest aquarium, and faithfully recreates different marine habitats. Stroll through underwater tunnels, discover sharks, penguins, dolphins and much more. Even if we're not big fans of aquariums and zoos, it's well worth the detour. The aquarium's main aim is to make as many people as possible aware of the importance of preserving marine areas and the environment in general.

We've written a comprehensive article to help you [plan your visit to the Aquarium de Valence](#).

We advise you to [book your tickets](#) online to avoid queuing at the ticket office (€33.70 per person - €25 for children aged 4 to 12).

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## **Príncipe Felipe Science Museum: a place for interactive learning**

As soon as you set foot in the **Príncipe Felipe Science Museum**, you're transported to a world where science comes to life. Here, it's not a question of simply observing, but of participating.

Interactive exhibits await you, each offering a fun and fascinating way to explore complex scientific concepts.

From genetics to astronomy and physical phenomena, this museum will arouse the curiosity of young and old alike. We'll be devoting an entire article to helping you prepare for your visit.

You can also [book your tickets here](#), to avoid queuing at the ticket office(€9 per person).

## **L'Hemisfèric: a window on the world**

Then head for the **Hemisfèric**, an IMAX cinema in the shape of a gigantic eye. The dome offers an immersive experience through planetarium projections, 3D films and educational documentaries.

Imagine gazing at the stars or diving into the heart of the oceans, all in unrivalled comfort and with state-of-the-art technology.

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## **The “Palau de les Arts Reina Sofía”: a temple to artistic culture**

This **palace of the arts** is a veritable hymn to culture. With its **futuristic architecture**, it hosts a variety of shows ranging from opera to classical concerts and ballets.

### **Terassa Gardens: a botanical walk**

For a relaxing break, the **Terassa Gardens** are the ideal place (free of charge). This open-air space is home to a botanical promenade where nature and modern art meet. Stroll among the varieties of local plants, admire the contemporary sculptures and enjoy a breathtaking view of the entire Cité des Sciences.

## Family and educational activities

Valence's Cité des Arts et des Sciences is not only a place of discovery for curious minds, it's also a paradise for families.

With a multitude of workshops, interactive exhibits and educational programs, it offers an enriching experience for all ages.

### Workshops and interactive exhibits for children

Lots of workshops designed especially for them. Imagine your children building a bridge, taking part in an archaeological dig or discovering the mysteries of DNA. Each workshop is an adventure, a chance to play and learn at the same time.

Here are a few examples of the activities that museums usually offer:

- **Robotics workshop:** In this workshop, children can learn the basics of robotics by building and programming small robots. It's a fun way to introduce them to science, technology, engineering and mathematics. (science museum)
- **Water show:** these activities are offered at l'**Océanografic**.
- **Screening of children's cartoons and animal documentaries** such as Toy Story and Animal Kingdom at the**Hemisfèric**.
- **Journey into Space:** A workshop that takes children on a journey through space. They can learn more about planets, stars and galaxies, and even explore space physics concepts interactively. (science museum)

These workshops and exhibitions are designed to be both educational and entertaining, encouraging curiosity and learning-by-doing in young visitors. Please note that exhibitions and workshops may vary according to museum programming.

## When should you go?

To avoid the crowds, consider visiting during the week or early in the day. The summer months are often the busiest, so if you prefer a quieter experience, opt for spring or autumn. These are the best times to visit Valencia.

What's more, there are plenty of places to eat inside the Cité des Sciences, but you can also bring your own picnic and enjoy the surrounding green spaces. Finally, for a truly complete experience, consider the guided tour, which offers a more in-depth

look at this fascinating complex.

## What to do in the area

After exploring the wonders of the Cité des Sciences, why not discover what else Valencia has to offer? The city is packed with treasures, from relaxing strolls through lush gardens to local culinary delights. We've written a full article with [all our tips for visiting Valencia](#).

## Walks in the Turia Gardens

The Turia Gardens, right next to the Cité des Sciences, are the perfect place for a soothing stroll. This huge **park** crossing the city, was built in the old bed of the **river Turia**. This river was diverted following the frequent floods that the city knew and then transformed into a park, but what a good idea! We love cities with real, open green spaces.

This park is the **meeting** place for Valencian sportsmen and women, families for picnics or birthdays, walkers, dancers... on weekends it's lively and **the place to be!**

## Where to eat near the Cité des Sciences

- **Burritos**: a Mexican restaurant (or felt like a change from Spanish food) with good quality products, located right next to the **City of Arts and Sciences**.
- **El Trompo**: to eat an excellent **paella** and moreover in **front of the sea**, in short the perfect place, think of reserving! La cité des sciences is just 2km from the beach.

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We hope this article has inspired you to visit Valencia's Cité des Sciences and discover for yourself all that this exceptional destination has to offer.

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