

## La Tomatina: Food Fights & Delights - ESVV

4 days: Valencia to Valencia

### What's Included

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- Your Welcome Moment: Welcome Moment - Meet Your CEO and Group
- Your First Night Out Moment: Connect With New Friends
- Orientation walk in Valencia
- Entrance to La Tomatina Festival in Buñol
- All transport between destinations and to/from included activities

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**VALIDITY:** Valid for all trips departing January 1st, 2017 - June 1st, 2020

### Itinerary

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**NOTE:** Accommodations vary per departure and are subject to change until tour start date; they are not final and should be used as examples only. Travellers may login to the G Adventures App to view accommodations specific to their departure.

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#### Day 1 Valencia

Arrive at any time.

When in Spain, do as the Spanish do. Kick-off your journey by heading out with your CEO and group for some traditional Spanish paella. Then, head to historic and buzzing Plaza del Negrito for drinks and a fun time. Unwind, socialize, and take plenty of photos to commemorate the beginning of an incredible adventure.

Welcome to Valencia. This city is the home of paella, the Holy Grail, the birthplace of the inimitable architecture of Santiago Calatrava, and one of Europe's newest and most impressive science museums.

#### **Your Welcome Moment: Welcome Moment - Meet Your CEO and Group**

Your opportunity to meet your CEO and fellow travellers, and learn more about your tour. Opt to join the group for a local meal afterwards. Don't forget to see the notice in the lobby (or ask reception) for the official time and place to meet up with the group.

#### **Your First Night Out Moment: Connect With New Friends**

Connect with new friends on your first night out in a new destination. Only available on 18-to-Thirtysomethings tours.

#### **Optional Activities - Day 1**

##### **Carmen District Visit**

Valencia 3h-4h

Free

Make new friends and meet locals in the bustling open terraces and street cafés of the Carmen district; its cobbled streets come alive in the evening.

##### **Malvarrosa Beach Visit**

Valencia 2h-3h

Free

Head to Malvarrosa beach once the sun goes down, where people flock to romantic dance clubs with live music.

### **Plaza de Cánovas del Castillo Visit**

Valencia 30m-1h

Free

Join the action at the Plaza de Cánovas del Castillo – at night people fill the bustling open terraces and street cafés.

### **City of Arts and Sciences Visit**

Valencia 1h-2h

40EUR per person

Take a tour of the City of Arts and Sciences, a cultural and architectural complex designed by the famous Spanish architect Santiago Calatrava with Félix Candela – it's well worth a visit.

### **Miguelete Tower**

Valencia

7EUR per person

Wander through the heart of the city's historic centre to come across Miguelete Tower - a Gothic-style octagonal tower built between the 14th and 15th centuries. Climb up the tower's 207 steps for great views over the city.

### **Fallas Museum**

Valencia

2EUR per person

The Fallas Museum contains life-sized papier-mâché sculptures called "ninots" that are truly unique to Valencia. According to tradition, locals would collect scraps of wood to turn into ninots, and every year since the 1930s a particularly special one was saved from the burning pyres of the Fallas Festival. Cartoonish, satirical and outrageously fun, it's a museum not to miss!

## **Day 2 Valencia**

Take an orientation walk of the Old Quarter, then spend some free time exploring the city's winding streets, museums, and galleries.

Opt to visit the Valencia City of Arts and Sciences or relax at one of the city beaches. Experience famous discos, nightclubs and pubs, which earn Valencia the title of Spain's "fiesta" capital.

Make sure to try Valencia's famous dish, paella!

### **Free Time**

Valencia Full Day

Get out and explore the beautiful streets of this coastal town.

### **Orientation With CEO**

30m-1h Morning

Enjoy a brief walk with your CEO. He/she will give you some tips on finding things like supermarkets, main squares, and ATMs. For more specific or in-depth information, an official guided tour is recommended.

### **Optional Activities - Day 2**

#### **Plaza de Cánovas del Castillo Visit**

Valencia 30m-1h

Free

Join the action at the Plaza de Cánovas del Castillo – at night people fill the bustling open terraces and street cafés.

#### **Playa de las Arenas (Beach) Visit**

Valencia 30m-1h

Free

Head to the beautiful coast of Valencia and spend the day relaxing and playing in the sun at the Playa de las Arenas.

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## **Day 3 Valencia**

Travel to Buñol for one of the most exhilarating fiestas in Spain - La Tomatina. Gather in the main square with the locals, grab a couple of tomatoes, and paint the town.

### **Private Vehicle**

Valencia – Buñol 30m-1h 40km

Take a private transfer to Buñol for the Tomatina festivities.

### **Private Vehicle**

Buñol – Valencia 30m-1h 40km

Return to Valencia by private vehicle after the festival.

## **Day 4 Valencia**

Depart at any time.

### **Departure Day**

Not ready to leave? Your CEO can help with travel arrangements to extend your adventure.

## **What's Included**

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## **Highlights**

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Experience Valencia — the paella capital of the world, Throw tomatoes at complete strangers on the streets of Buñol

## **Dossier Disclaimer**

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## Itinerary Disclaimer

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While it is our intention to adhere to the route described below, there is a certain amount of flexibility built into the itinerary and on occasion it may be necessary, or desirable to make alterations. The itinerary is brief, as we never know exactly where our journey will take us. Due to our style of travel and the regions we visit, travel can be unpredictable. The Trip Details document is a general guide to the tour and region and any mention of specific destinations or wildlife is by no means a guarantee that they will be visited or encountered. Aboard expedition trips visits to research stations depend on final permission.

Additionally, any travel times listed are approximations only and subject to vary due to local circumstances.

## Group Size Notes

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2019 departures: Max 16, avg 12.  
2020 departures: Max 20, avg 12.

## Meals Included

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No meals included

## Transport

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Shared shuttle, walking.

## Solo Travellers

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We believe solo travellers should not have to pay more to travel so our group trips are designed for shared accommodation and do not involve a single supplement. Single travellers joining group trips are paired in twin or multi-share accommodation with someone of the same sex for the duration of the trip. Some of our Independent trips are designed differently and solo travellers on these itineraries must pay the single trip price.

## Accommodation

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Hostel (3 nts, multi-share with 4-6 people)

## Joining Hotel

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For details of your joining hotel please refer to your tour voucher, G Account, the G Adventures App or contact your travel agent.

## Joining Instructions

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There are a variety of ways to get to the Red Nest Hostel Valencia depending on your means of arrival into Valencia.

### 1) From the airport

By metro: Catch the red (#3) or the green (#5) line and get off at Colon metro stop. When you get out of the metro station walk down Calle Poeta Quintana with El Corte Ingles on your left hand side and go to the end of Plaza Alfonso Magnanimo. Turn left and you are on Calle La Paz.(Carrer Pau in Valencian language) We are on the left hand side, number 36.

Taxi: A taxi from the airport should cost about 15-20EUR

### 2) From Valencia North railway station (Estacion del norte)

By foot: Walk out of the train station and turn right on to Calle Xativa. This road turns into Calle Colon. Walk down until you get to the metro stop. Walk down Calle Poeta Quintana with El Corte Ingles on your left hand side and go to the end of Plaza Alfonso Magnanimo. Turn left and you are on Calle La Paz.(Carrer Pau in Valencian language) We are on the left hand side, number 36.

By metro:

Catch the underground line 3 towards 'Palmaret' or 'Rafelbuñol' or number 5 going to 'Ayora'. Get off one stop later at Colon. When you get out of the metro station walk down Calle Poeta Quintana with El Corte Ingles on your left hand side and go to the end of Plaza Alfonso Magnanimo. Turn left and you are on Calle La Paz.(Carrer Pau in Valencian language) We are on the left hand side, number 36.

### 3) From Valencia JS railway station (Estacion Joaquin Sorolla)

By foot: Walk out of the train station, and walk straight from calle san vicente to Calle Xativa. Turn right from this street, and you'll see that this road turns into Calle Colon. Walk down until you get to the metro

stop. Walk down Calle Poeta Quintana with El Corte Ingles on your left hand side and go to the end of Plaza Alfonso Magnanimo. Turn left and you are on Calle La Paz.(Carrer Pau in Valencian language) We are on the left hand side, number 36.

By metro:

Catch the underground in Bailen stop, and take line 5 towards 'Maritim-Serreria' . Get off one stop later at Colon. When you get out of the metro station walk down Calle Poeta Quintana with El Corte Ingles on your left hand side and go to the end of Plaza Alfonso Magnanimo. Turn left and you are on Calle La Paz. (Carrer Pau in Valencian language) We are on the left hand side, number 36.

4) From the bus station

From outside of the bus station catch the number 1 bus (in the direction of La Malvarrosa) and get off at General Palanca - Porta de la Mar. We are on the left hand side of Calle La Paz n. 36.

To arrange an arrival or departure transfer, we recommend you book through our preferred transfer provider - HolidayTaxis - by copying the link below into your web browser:  
<https://partner.holidaytaxis.com/?ref=GADVE>

Choose from a range of transport options including both private and shared transfers at a discounted rate.

We advise that you book both your arrival and departure transfers in advance. Please make sure you have the following details before booking:

- Flight number
- Flight Arrival Time and Date
- Flight Departure Time and Date
- Passenger's Name
- Number of Passengers
- Email
- Valid Mobile Telephone Number
- Drop off and/or Pick Up Address

Please note that Day 1 is an arrival day and no activities have been planned for that day other than your welcome meeting in the evening, so you can arrive at any time. Similarly the last day is a departure day during which no activities have been planned.

A G Adventures Representative will organize a short meeting soon after arrival, during which you will meet other tour participants and receive information about general and specific aspects of the trip. A welcome note will be left for you in the hotel so you have all the necessary information regarding the meeting time. If you arrive late, s/he will leave you a message detailing what time and where you should meet the next morning.

## Arrival Complications

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We don't expect any problems, and nor should you, but if for any reason you are unable to commence your trip as scheduled, please refer to the emergency contact details provided in this dossier and contact us as soon as possible. If you have a pre-booked transfer, and you have not made contact with our representative within 30 minutes of clearing customs and immigration, we recommend that you make your own way to the Starting Point hotel, following the Joining Instructions. Please apply to your travel agent on your return for a refund of the transfer cost if this occurs.

## Emergency Contact

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Should you need to contact us during a situation of dire need, it is best to first call either the G Adventures Local Representative (if one is listed below) or our G Adventures Local Office. If for any reason you do not receive an immediate answer, please leave a detailed message and contact information, so they may return your call and assist you as soon as possible.

### EMERGENCY CONTACT NUMBERS

G Adventures Office London, United Kingdom  
During Office hours (Weekdays, 9am-5:30pm Local Time)  
+44 20 7243 9870

For absolute emergencies after office hours please contact: +44 7817 262 559

If you are unable for any reason to contact our local office, please call the numbers listed below which will connect you directly with our Sales team who will happily assist you. Hours of operation by region can be found [here](#).

Toll-free, North America only: 1 888 800 4100  
Calls from UK: 0344 272 0000  
Calls from Germany: 0800 365 1000  
Calls from Australia: 1300 796 618  
Calls from New Zealand: 0800 333 307  
Outside North America, Australia, New Zealand, Germany and the UK: +1 416 260 0999

## What to Take

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We recommend using a backpack for your convenience, or a medium-sized suitcase if you prefer. A daypack is also essential for carrying everyday items. Space is limited on transportation, so there is a limit of one main piece of luggage per person. You will be responsible for carrying your own luggage. You must be prepared to carry your luggage up and down stairs, as well as on and off transportation.

## Packing List

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### Documents:

- Flight info (required) (Printouts of e-tickets may be required at the border)
- Insurance info (required) (With photocopies)
- Passport (required) (With photocopies)
- Vouchers and pre-departure information (required)
- Visas or vaccination certificates (With photocopies)

### Essentials:

- Toiletries (required) (Shampoo, bodywash, soap, etc.)
- Binoculars (optional)
- Camera (With extra memory cards and batteries)
- Cash, credit and debit cards
- Day pack (Used for daily excursions or short overnights)
- Ear plugs
- First-aid kit (should contain lip balm with sunscreen, sunscreen, whistle, Aspirin, Ibuprofen, bandaids/plasters, tape, anti-histamines, antibacterial gel/wipes, antiseptic cream, Imodium or similar tablets for mild cases of diarrhea, rehydration powder, water purification tablets or drops, insect repellent, sewing kit, extra prescription drugs you may be taking)
- Flashlight/torch (Headlamps are ideal)
- Fleece top/sweater
- Footwear
- Hat
- Locks for bags
- Long pants/jeans
- Moneybelt
- Outlet adapter
- Personal entertainment (Reading and writing materials, cards, music player, etc.)
- Reusable water bottle
- Shirts/t-shirts
- Sleepwear
- Small travel towel
- Sunglasses
- Swimwear
- Watch and alarm clock
- Waterproof backpack cover
- Windproof rain jacket

### Warm Weather:

- Sandals/flip-flops
- Shorts/skirts (Longer shorts/skirts are recommended)
- Sturdy water shoes/sandals
- Sun hat/bandana
- Swimwear

## Visas and Entry Requirements

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All countries require a valid passport (with a minimum 6 months validity). Contact your local embassy or consulate for the most up-to-date visa requirements, or see your travel agent. It is your own responsibility to have the correct travel documentation. Visa requirements for your trip will vary depending on where you are from and where you are going. We keep the following information up to date as far as possible, but rules do change and sometimes without warning. While we provide the following information in good faith, it is vital that you check the information yourself and understand that you are fully responsible for your own visa requirements.

Visa information specific to your destination and nationality can be found in our Important Pre-Departure Information page [here](#)

For other nationalities, travelling in Europe has been simplified with the introduction of the Schengen visa. As a visitor to the Schengen area (Austria, Germany, Netherlands, Belgium, Greece, Norway, Denmark, Iceland, Portugal, Finland, Italy, Spain, France, Luxembourg, Sweden, Czech Republic, Hungary, Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania, Malta, Poland, Slovakia, Slovenia and Switzerland) you will enjoy the many advantages of this unified visa system. Generally speaking with a Schengen visa, you may enter one Schengen country and travel freely throughout the Schengen region during the validity of your visa. There are limited border controls at Schengen borders, if any at all.

Please note that the UK and Ireland are NOT part of the Schengen agreement.

A Schengen visa is applied for at the Embassy or Consulate of the Schengen country in which you will be spending the most nights on your trip to the Schengen space. If you are only visiting one country on your trip then you apply for your visa at the Consulate of this Schengen country.

## Emergency Fund

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Please also make sure you have access to at least an additional USD \$200 (or equivalent) as an 'emergency' fund, to be used when circumstances outside our control (ex. a natural disaster) require a change to our planned route. This is a rare occurrence!

## Tipping

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While conventions can vary from country to country, tipping is customary in Europe. A general rule is 10% of the bill for wait staff, and a smaller amount (€1 or €2) for other service providers.

Tipping is an expected - though not compulsory - component of your tour program, and an expression of satisfaction with the persons who have assisted you on your tour. Although it may not be customary to you, it is of considerable significance to the people who will take care of you during your travels. There are several times during the trip where there is opportunity to tip the local guides. You may do this individually, or your CEO will offer to collect the money and tip as a group. Recommendations for tipping local guides would range from €3-5 per day, depending on the quality and length of the service; ask your CEO for specific recommendations based on the circumstances and culture.

At the end of each trip, if you felt your G Adventures CEO did an outstanding job, tipping is expected and appreciated. The precise amount is a personal preference, however €30-€40 per person, per week can be used as a guideline.

## Optional Activities

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Valencia

- Carmen District Visit (Free)
- Malvarrosa Beach Visit (Free)
- Plaza de Cánovas del Castillo Visit (Free)
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- Fallas Museum (2EUR per person)
- Playa de las Arenas (Beach) Visit (Free)

## Safety and Security

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Many national governments provide a regularly updated advice service on safety issues involved with international travel. We recommend that you check your government's advice for their latest travel information before departure. We strongly recommend the use of a neck wallet or money belt while travelling, for the safe keeping of your passport, air tickets, travellers' cheques, cash and other valuable items. Leave your valuable jewellery at home - you won't need it while travelling. Many of the hotels we use have safety deposit boxes, which is the most secure way of storing your valuables. A lock is recommended for securing your luggage. When travelling on a group trip, please note that your group leader has the authority to amend or cancel any part of the trip itinerary if it deemed necessary, due to safety concerns. Your Chief Experience Officer (CEO) will accompany you on all included activities. During your trip you will have some free time to pursue your own interests, relax and take it easy and explore at your leisure. While your CEO will assist you with options available in a given location, please note that any optional activities you undertake are not part of your itinerary, and we offer no representations about the safety of the activity or the standard of the operators running them. Please use your own good judgement when selecting an activity in your free time. Although the cities visited on tour are generally safe during the day, there can be risks to wandering throughout any major city at night. It is our recommendation to stay in small groups and to take taxis to and from restaurants, or during night time excursions.

Water based activities have an element of danger and excitement built into them. We recommend only participating in water based activities when accompanied by a guide(s). We make every reasonable effort to ensure the fun and adventurous element of any water based activities (in countries with varying degrees of operating standards), have a balanced approach to safety. It is our policy not to allow our CEOs to make arrangements on your behalf for water based activities that are not accompanied by guide(s).

Swimming, including snorkeling, is always at your own risk. [Read more about travel safety](#) for ways to further enhance your personal safety while traveling.

## A Couple of Rules

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Illegal drugs will not be tolerated on any trips. Possessing or using drugs not only contravenes the laws of the land but also puts the rest of the group at risk. Smoking marijuana and opium is a part of local culture in some parts of the world but is not acceptable for our travellers. Our philosophy of travel is one of respect towards everyone we encounter and in particular the local people who make the world the special place it is. The exploitation of people in the sex trade is completely contrary to this philosophy. Our CEOs have the right to expel any member of the group if drugs are found in their possession or if they utilize the services of paid sex workers, in any capacity.

## Travel Insurance

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Travel insurance is compulsory in order to participate on any of our trips. When travelling on a group trip, you will not be permitted to join the group until evidence of travel insurance has been sighted by your leader, who will take note of your insurance details. When selecting a travel insurance policy we require that at a minimum you are covered for medical expenses including emergency evacuation and repatriation. A minimum coverage of USD200,000 is required. G Adventures can provide you with the appropriate coverage. We strongly recommend that the policy also covers personal liability, cancellation, curtailment and loss of luggage and personal effects. Some tours include adventure activities that require extra coverage (e.g. crampon use); please review your itinerary and make sure that you are covered for all included activities. If you have credit card insurance we require proof of purchase of the trip (a receipt of credit card statement) with a credit card in your name. Contact your bank for details of their participating insurer, the level of coverage and emergency contact telephone number.

## Planeterra Foundation - the non-profit partner of G Adventures

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Planeterra International Foundation is a non-profit organization committed to turning travel into impact by helping local communities earn an income from tourism. Planeterra connects underserved local communities to the benefits of tourism by developing and supporting small community-owned businesses. These businesses support Indigenous people, empower women, grant youth access to employment opportunities, and protect the environment. Planeterra also works to ensure these businesses have a thriving customer base by integrating their projects into G Adventures' itineraries globally.

G Adventures is Planeterra's largest corporate donor, covering all operating costs, so 100% of your donation will bring opportunity to people in need.

G Adventures Dollar-a-day Program - Make Every Day Count - Turn your travel into impact with [Planeterra Foundation](#).

Did you know? Most communities around the world do not benefit from tourism. Give back to the places you visit on your travels by creating opportunities for local people to earn an income, and protect the environment.

Make every day count by donating \$1/day for the length of your trip, and join us in empowering the communities you will visit when you travel. 100% of your donation goes directly to Planeterra projects.

## Newsletter

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Our adventure travel e-newsletter is full of travel news, trip information, interesting stories and contests. To avoid missing out on special offers and updates from G Adventures, subscribe at [www.gadventures.com/newsletters/](http://www.gadventures.com/newsletters/)

Stay current on how our company invests in our global community through our foundation - Planeterra. Sign up for [Planeterra's monthly news](#) to learn more about how to give back and support the people and places we love to visit.

## Minimum Age

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Minimum age of 18 years for this trip.



## **International Flights**

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Check-in times and baggage allowances/restrictions vary by airline and can change at any time. For the most up-to-date information for your flight, please contact your airline. We recommend checking in online in advance to avoid potential delays at the airport.