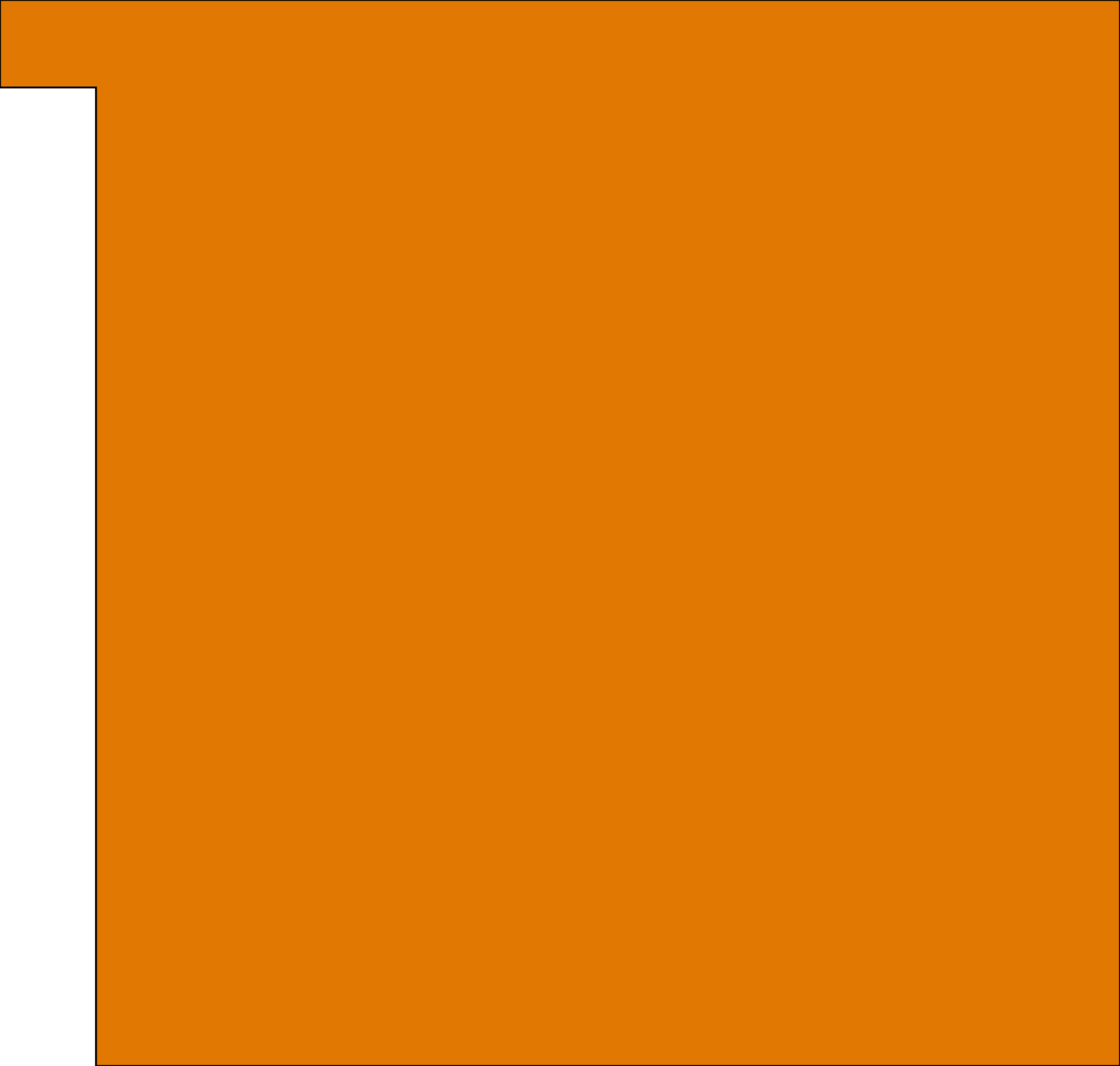


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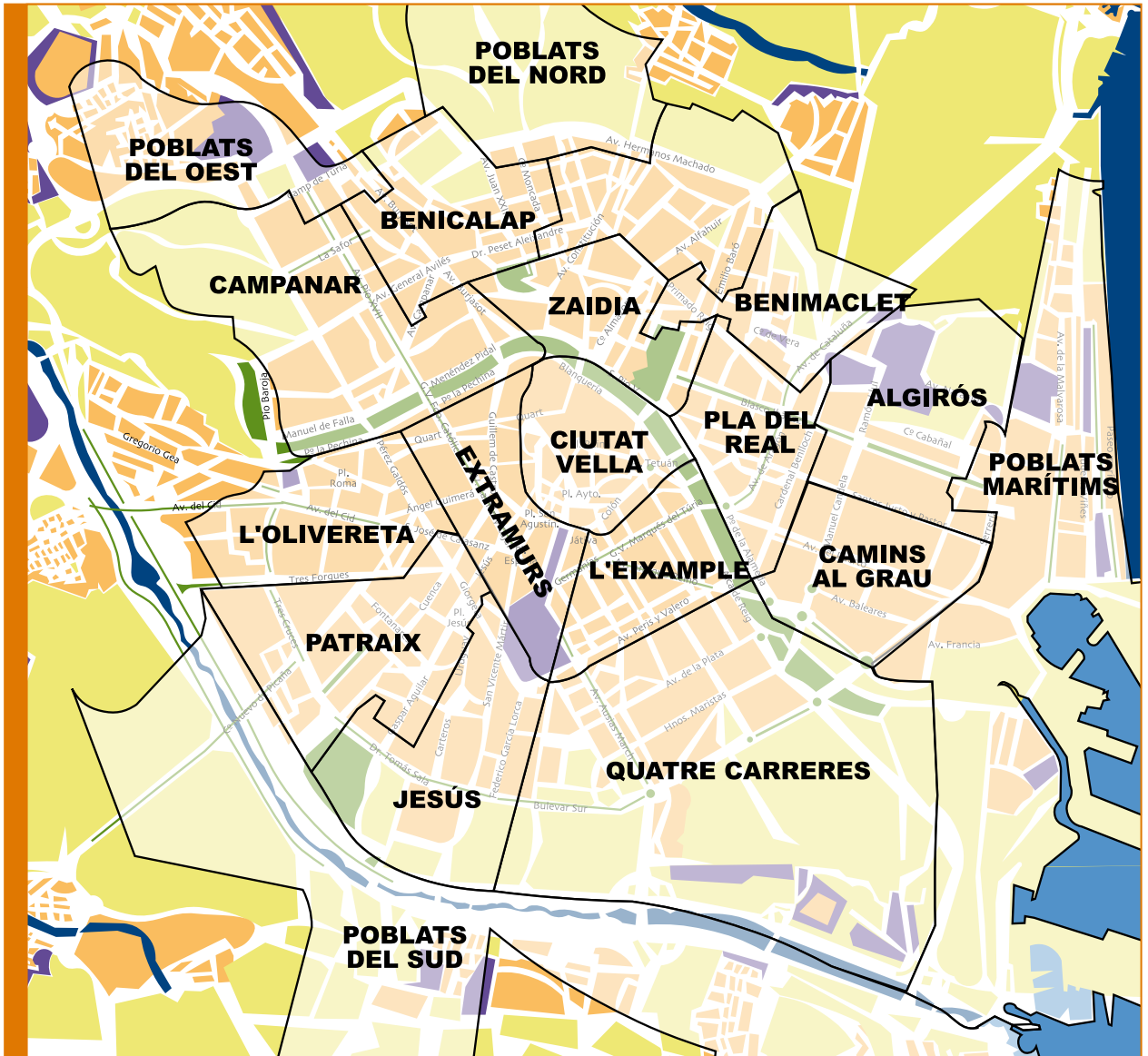
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## 1.2. DEMOGRAPHICS



Valencia has a current population of 782,846, and has a metropolitan area with a population of over one and a half million. With 18% of the total population of the Region, Valencia ranks as the third largest city in Spain.



CITY OF VALENCIA AND ITS METROPOLITAN AREA

## 1.3. POLITICAL SYSTEM

As established by the Spanish Constitution of 1978, Spain is a social democratic state in law that has adopted the parliamentary monarchy as its political system. Legislative power resides in the General Parliament, made up of the Congress and the Senate. In territorial terms, Spain is organised into municipalities, 51 provinces, 17 autonomous communities or regions, and 2 autonomous cities.

The autonomous Region of Valencia comprises three provinces: Castellón, Alicante and Valencia. The regional capital is Valencia. The regional instrument of government is the "Generalitat", comprising a legislative body or parliament (Corts Valencianes), and executive branch (el Consell) and a judicial body, a higher court of justice (Tribunal Superior de Justicia de la Comunidad Valenciana).

## 1.4. CLIMATE

Valencia has an excellent climate: the city enjoys over 300 days of sunshine every year, due to which it is often called the city of light and colour. In the summer the average temperature is around 21°C and winters offer mild temperatures of 13°C. Located on the coast, humidity is usually high, and in autumn and spring there are often heavy rains.

## 1.5. HISTORY

Founded in the year 138 BC, the city of Valencia has a layout and architectural heritage comprising remains of Roman, Visigoth and Moorish civilisations, which all left their imprint on this city. The Moorish influence is the strongest due to its intensity and span over the centuries. The Arab legacy is still visible today in some of the region's characteristic features - the irrigation system, the growing of rice and the market gardens and orange orchards.

Valencia was taken from the Moors by James I in 1238, initiating its Christian period, in which Valencia became part of a Kingdom under the crown of Aragon. The city obtained its statutory rights and experienced a transformation into a Christianised city, with the construction of the cathedral of Valencia and the appearance of Gothic architecture.

The 15th century was Valencia's Golden Age. The city experienced unprecedented cultural, economic and political growth, becoming one of the strongest powers on the Mediterranean. Dating from this time are the emblematic buildings of the "Lonja" or Silk Exchange, the Miguelete cathedral tower and the city gates Torres de Serranos.

Following the War of Spanish Succession and the arrival of the Bourbons to the Spanish throne, Valencia was stripped of its traditional

regional rights. After another flourishing epoch in the 18th century, during which Valencia developed its textile industry, the 19th century brought incipient industrialisation and economic growth in exports and finances. The demolition of the city walls in 1865 symbolised the start of an age of expansion and the rise of the bourgeoisie, reflected in the development of the city in the area known as the Ensanche, or extension.

In the early 20th century, the city underwent significant urban and architectural development due to the Regional Exhibition of 1909 and the development of modernism in middle-class areas. Some examples of this period are the buildings along Calle de la Paz and the main railway station Estación del Norte.

Following the Spanish Civil War, Valencia, which had initiated a new cycle of urban development, started on the road to recovery. However, it suffered an important setback due to flooding in 1957. After this Valencia began to experience a new phase of transformation, with the so-called "South Plan" of the 1970s taking the Turia river to the south of the city and opening up new possibilities for development.

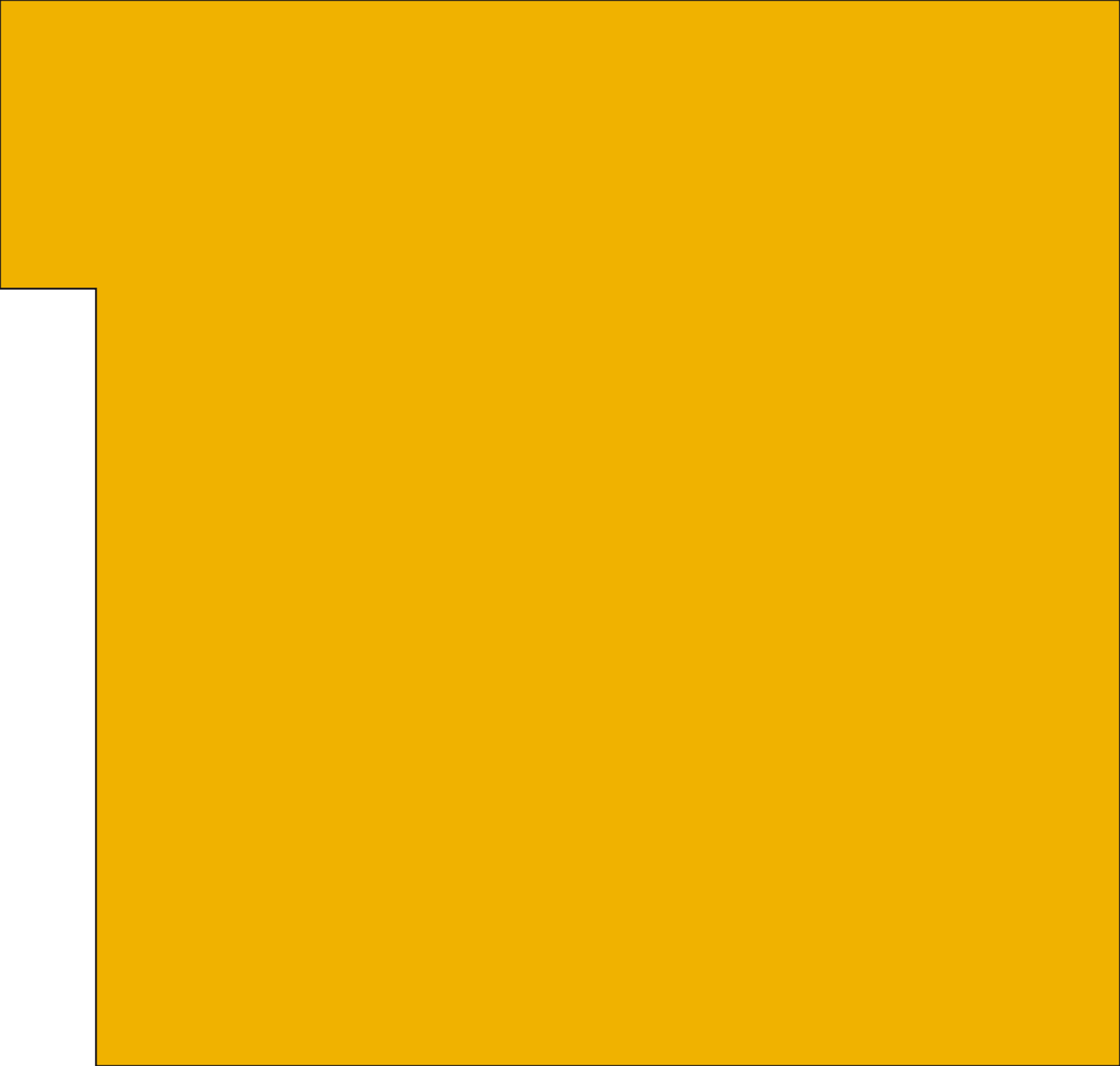
In the 1980s and 90s the city once again started on the road to urban transformation,



with the start-up of projects such as the City of the Arts and Sciences, the Valencia Conference Centre, the music auditorium Palau de la Música and the Modern Art Institute IVAM.

The staging of the 32nd America's Cup event in 2007 will undoubtedly spark off renewed urban development for the whole city of Valencia, thanks to which an old dream will come true - the recovery of the inner harbour of the port for the use and enjoyment of all citizens.





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**CAXTON COLLEGE**

**BRITISH SCHOOL ALZIRA**

**BRITISH SCHOOL OF VILA-REAL**

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## 4.1 THE SPANISH EDUCATIONAL SYSTEM

The Spanish educational system comprises Pre-school Education, School Education and University Education. Education in Spain is mandatory and free of charge for all children between the ages of 6 and 16. The following table lists all educational levels:

Pre-school Education		For children between 0 and 3 years of age.
School Education	Infant Education	For children between 3 and 6 years of age (three academic years).
	Primary Education	For children between 6 and 12 years of age (six academic years).
	Secondary Education	<p>Secondary Education is divided into:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Mandatory Secondary Education: For children between 12 and 16 years of age (four academic years).</li> <li>- Bachillerato: For children between 16 and 18 years of age (two academic years).</li> <li>- Vocational Training Medium Degree: For students that hold the Mandatory Secondary Education Degree ("Graduado en Educación Secundaria Obligatoria").</li> </ul>
	Vocational Training Higher Degree	For students that hold the Bachillerato Degree ("Titulo de Bachiller") or students of 20 years of age and over that pass the corresponding exam.
University Education		University Education

## 4.5. BILINGUAL SCHOOLS

There are various bilingual schools in Valencia authorised to teach the official Spanish curriculum both in English and Spanish. IALE School and Complejo Educativo Más Camarena are two of the largest bilingual schools.

### IALE School

**SCHOOL ADDRESS:** Avda. Dr. Peset 4, 46183 L'Eliana, Valencia

**TELEPHONE:** +34 962 740 272

**FAX:** +34 962 744 150

**E MAIL:** elians@elians.com

**SCHOOL WEB SITE:** www.elians.com

**SCHOOL DIRECTOR:** Alejandro Monzonis

**SCHOOL DEPUTY DIRECTOR:** Carmen Valero

**NUMBER OF FULL TIME (EQUIVALENT) TEACHERS:** 100

**AGE RANGE IN SCHOOL:** 4 months to 18 years (Pre-school, Infant School, Primary and Secondary)

· IALE School is located only a few minutes from Valencia, set in a landscaped area. The school has 45,000 m<sup>2</sup> with facilities where students can practice different sports in a quiet, happy and creative atmosphere.

· IALE is a bilingual school, authorised to teach the official Spanish curriculum both in English and Spanish.

· IALE has also a complete sport complex where

throughout the year students can practise a variety of sports activities. The school has the following facilities: six sports complex courts, four tennis courts; four handball courts; four basketball courts; one gymnasium for children, one covered sports complex court; one football pitch, two paddle courts, one paddling pool; one semi-Olympic swimming pool.

· IALE has both a boys and girls boarding school.



## Complejo Educativo Mas Camarena

**SCHOOL ADDRESS:** Autovía de Ademuz exit 9. Urbanización Mas Camarena 46117 Bétera

**TELEPHONE:** +34 961 687 535

**FAX:** +34 961 686 007

**E MAIL:** mascamarena@colegios-sigloxxi.com; maite@colegios-sigloxxi.com

**SCHOOL WEB SITE:** www.colegios-sigloxxi.com

**SCHOOL DIRECTOR:** Jose Luis Marín and Maite Marín

**NUMBER OF FULL TIME (EQUIVALENT) TEACHERS:** 75

**AGE RANGE IN SCHOOL:** 3 months – 18 (Pre-school, Infant School, Primary and Secondary)

· Complejo Educativo Mas Camarena is a private bilingual school inaugurated in 1997. The school caters for children from pre-school to upper secondary school. The Syllabus follows the Spanish National Curriculum, whereby 50% of the classes are taught in English, with early learning and personalised attention in all courses.

·The Centre is certified by AENOR according to the International Norm ISO 9001: 2000.

·The school has a sports centre with many facilities, including an indoor swimming pool, five sports courts, two tennis courts, a jogging circuit, aerobics and body building facilities.



#### INTERNATIONAL SCHOOLS



- 1.- The British School of Valencia
- 2.- El Plantío International School (Paterna)
- 3.- English School Los Olivos (Godella)
- 4.- Cambridge House Community College (Rocafort)
- 5.- Caxton College (Puzol)
- 6.- British School Alzira
- 7.- British School of Vila-Real



- 8.- The American School of Valencia (Puzol)



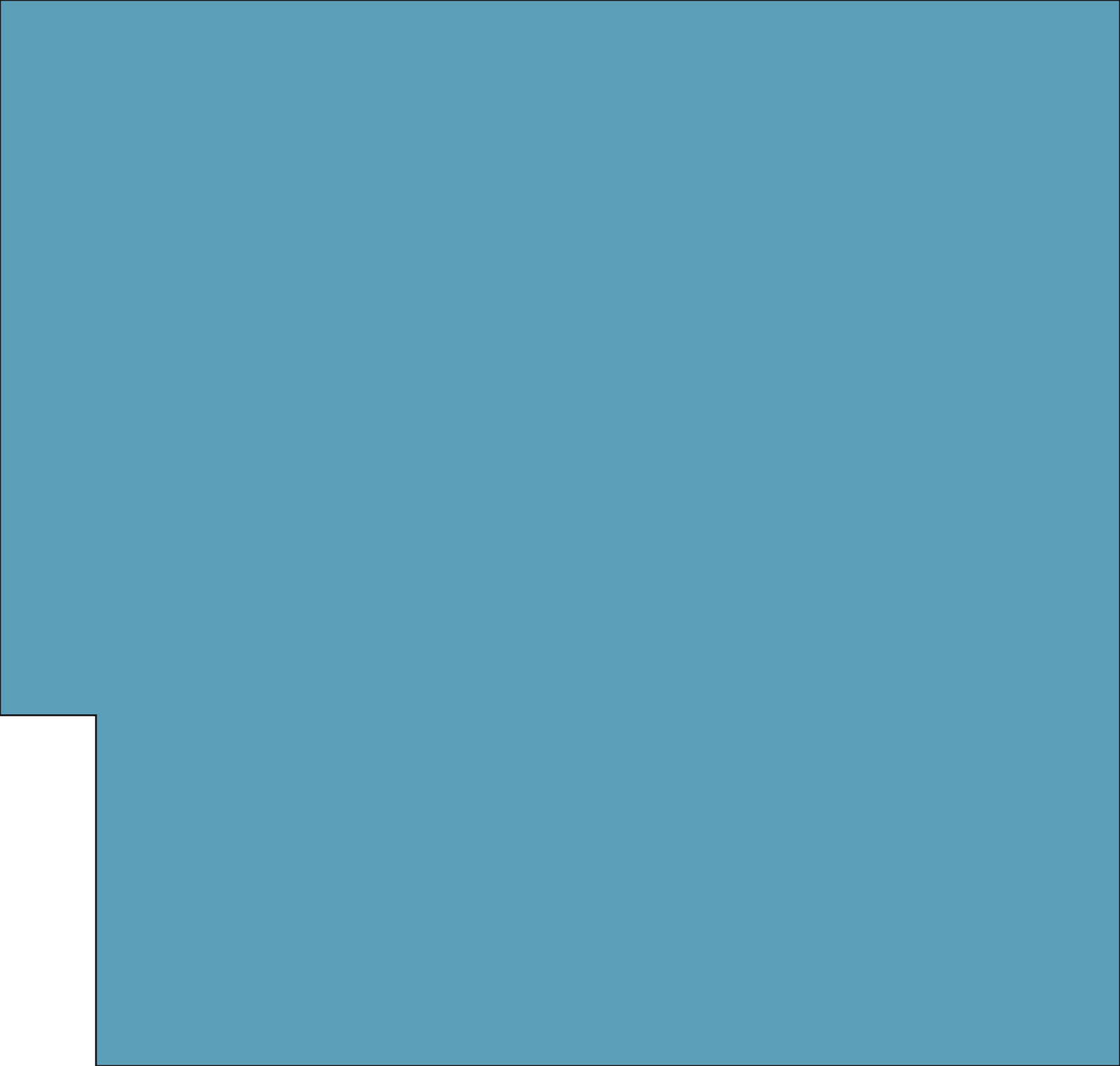
- 9.- Deutsche Schule Valencia



- 10.- Lyceé Français de Valencia (Paterna)

#### BILINGUAL SCHOOLS

- 11.- IALE School (L'Eliana)
- 12.- Complejo educativo Mas Camarena (Bétera)



A close-up, high-angle photograph of a waterfall, showing numerous vertical streams of water falling over rocks, creating a misty and dynamic scene. The water is a light, frothy white color, contrasting with the darker, mossy rocks.

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## 8.1. SPORTS

### 8.1.1. Golf Courses

Valencia is a paradise for golf fans: its mild climate makes the Valencia Region a privileged place for this sport. There are a total of 21 golf courses in the Region, 6 of them located in the province of Valencia.

#### **Club de Golf Escorpión**

Ctra. Bétera - San Antonio Benagéber Km. 2,5  
46117 Bétera (Valencia)  
Phone: +34 961 601 211  
E-mail: [escorpion@clubescorpion.com](mailto:escorpion@clubescorpion.com)  
Website: [www.clubescorpion.com](http://www.clubescorpion.com)

#### **Campo de Golf El Saler**

Ctra. Nazaret-Oliva Km. 19 Parador Nal. El Saler  
46012 El Saler (Valencia)  
Phone: +34 961 610 384  
E-mail: [saler.golf@parador.es](mailto:saler.golf@parador.es)  
Website: [www.parador.es](http://www.parador.es)

#### **Club de Golf El Bosque**

Ctra. N-III Godolleta Km. 4,100 Urb. El Bosque  
46370 Chiva (Valencia)  
Phone: +34 961 808 000  
E-mail: [info@elbosquegolf.com](mailto:info@elbosquegolf.com)  
Website: [www.elbosquegolf.com](http://www.elbosquegolf.com)

#### **Club de Golf Gandia**

Con. Viejo Grao de Gandia, s/n Playa de Gandia  
46730 Gandia (Valencia)  
Phone: +34 962 873 208

#### **Club de Golf Manises**

Maestrat, 1  
46940 Manises (Valencia)  
Phone: +34 961 534 069  
E-mail: [golfmanises@factoryw.com](mailto:golfmanises@factoryw.com)

#### **Campo de Golf Oliva Nova**

Partida Aigües Mortes, s/n  
46780 Oliva (Valencia)  
Phone: +34 962 857 666  
E-mail: [golf@clig.es](mailto:golf@clig.es)

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## GOLF COURSES

- 1.- Club de Golf Escorpión (Bétera)
- 2.- Club de Golf El Bosque (Chiva)
- 3.- Club de Golf Manises
- 4.- Campo de Golf El Saler
- 5.- Club de Golf Gandia
- 6.- Campo de Golf Oliva Nova (Oliva)

**Poliesportiu Nazaret (Sports Complex)**

Parque s/n  
46024 Valencia  
Phone: +34 963 677 948  
Opening Hours  
Mon-Sun: 8.00-22.00

Sports that can be practiced: tennis, football, rugby, pétanque, basketball, handball, volleyball and indoor football.

**Poliesportiu Marxalenes (Sports Complex)**

Economista Gay s/n  
46009 Valencia  
Phone: +34 963 400 490  
Opening hours:  
Mon-Fri: 8.00-22.00

Sat: 8.00-14.00  
Sun: 9.00-14.00  
Spots that can be practiced: indoor football, handball, tennis, gymnastics and body building.

**Poliesportiu Orriols (Sports Complex)**

San Vicente de Paúl, 10  
46019 Valencia  
Phone: +34 963 650 564  
Opening hours:  
Mon-Fri: 8.00-22.00

Sat: 9.00-14.00  
Sports that can be practiced: body building and gymnastics.

**Pavelló Malvarrosa (Sports Pavilion)**

Isabel de Villena, 1  
46011 Valencia  
Phone: +34 963 560 020  
Opening hours:  
Mon-Sun: 8.00-22.00

Sports that can be practiced: basketball, handball, volleyball, indoor football and body building.

**Poliesportiu Rambleta (Sports Complex)**

Carretera Vieja de Picassent, s/n  
46017 Valencia  
Phone: +34 963 782 849  
Opening hours:  
Mon-Fri: 8.00-22.00

Sat: 8.00-14.00  
Sun: 9.00-14.00  
Sports that can be practiced: gymnastics, basketball, indoor football, handball and body building.

**Complex Esportiu – Cultural Patraix (Sports & Cultural Complex)**

Azagador de las Monjas, 10  
46017 Valencia  
Phone: +34 963 573 029  
Opening hours:  
Mon-Fri: 8.00-22.00

Sat-Sun: 8.00-14.00  
Sports that can be practiced: body building, weightlifting, squash and paddle tennis.

## SPORTS INSTALLATIONS

- 1.- Polideportivo Benicalap
- 2.- Pabellón Font de Sant Lluís
- 3.- Pabellón San Isidro
- 4.- Polideportivo Racó del Boix
- 5.- Polideportivo El Saler
- 6.- Polideportivo Nazaret

- 7.- Polideportivo Orriols
- 8.- Polideportivo Rambleta
- 9.- Polideportivo Marxalenes
- 10.- Pabellón Malvarrosa
- 11.- Complejo Deportivo-Cultural Patraix
- 12.- Polideportivo Benimaçlet
- 13.- Polideportivo El Cabañal
- 14.- Complejo Deportivo Torreñiel

- 15.- Complejo Deportivo-Cultural Abastos
- 16.- Complejo Deportivo-Cultural La Pechina
- 17.- Polideportivo Doctor Lluch
- 18.- Polideportivo El Carmen
- 19.- Polideportivo Monteolivete
- 20.- Velódromo Luis Puig
- 21.- Polideportivo Benimamet
- 22.- Polideportivo La Hípica

## LEISURE ACTIVITIES



## 8.4. LEISURE FOR KIDS

Valencia is a city where leisure and children's education are often closely connected: museum workshops, parks, children's plays, language courses, etc. are all some of the possibilities that Valencia has available for the smaller members of the family.

The good climate is also an advantage for kids, who can enjoy lots of time outdoors.

### 8.4.1. Language Schools

Most language schools offer special courses for kids.



## British Council Valencia

**ADDRESS:** Avenida de Cataluña, 9  
46020 Valencia  
**PHONE:** +34 963 392 980  
**WEBSITE:** [www.britishcouncil.org/es](http://www.britishcouncil.org/es)

The youth programme (six to seventeen years old) is staged on the premises of the Colegio Alemán (Jaume Roig, 9).

There are three levels: primary (six to ten years old), juniors (eleven to fourteen years old and seniors (fifteen to seventeen years old).

## Instituto Francés de Valencia

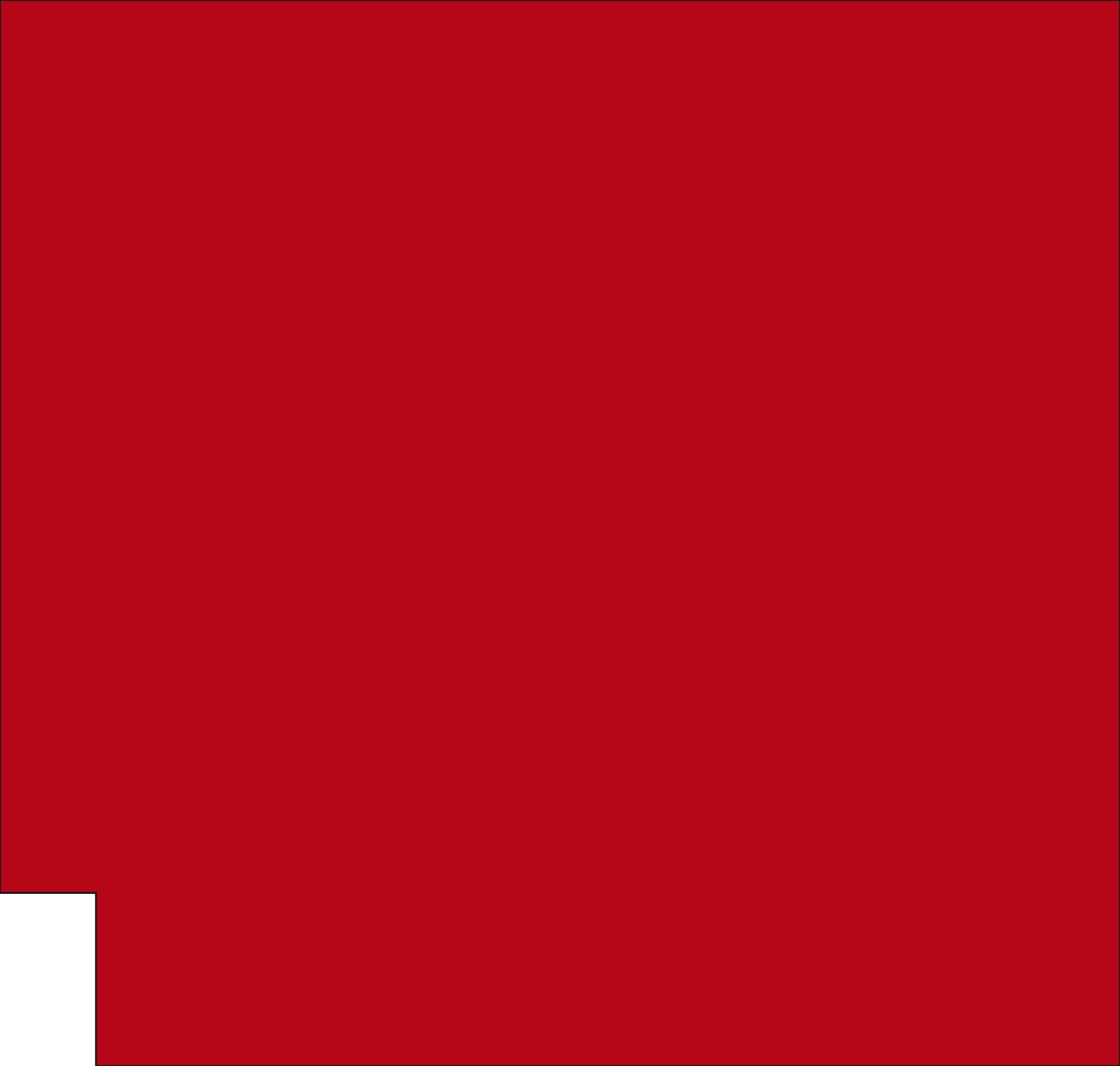
**ADDRESS:** Moro Zeit, 6  
46001 Valencia  
**PHONE:** +34 963 153 095  
**WEBSITE:** [www.ifvalencia.org](http://www.ifvalencia.org)

The Instituto Francés de Valencia runs courses for young learners (from nine to fourteen years old).

## Centro Alemán

**ADDRESS:** María Cristina, 9  
46001 Valencia  
**PHONE:** +34 963 511 702  
**E-MAIL:**  
**WEBSITE:**

The Centro Alemán runs courses for young learners (from nine to fourteen years old).







## **10. TRANSPORT**

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# 10.1. AIRPORT

Valencia International Airport is located at Manises, 8,5 km from the city centre. Currently, there are direct air connections between Valencia and the following European cities: Cologne, Hanover, Frankfurt and Munich (Germany); Lisbon (Portugal); London (UK); Milan and Rome (Italy); Paris (France); and Zurich (Switzerland).

**Airport information line: +34 961 598 500**

The following chart shows the contact information of airlines operating from Valencia:

<b>Airline</b>	<b>Telephone</b>	<b>Website</b>
Air France	Information & bookings: +34 901 112 266 Information at the airport: +34 961 522 524	<a href="http://www.airfrance.es">www.airfrance.es</a>
Alitalia	Information & bookings: +34 902 100 323	<a href="http://www.alitalia.es">www.alitalia.es</a>
British Airways	Information & bookings: +34 902 111 333	<a href="http://www.britishairways.com">www.britishairways.com</a>
Iberia	Information & bookings: +34 902 400 500 Information at the airport: +34 961 540 750	<a href="http://www.iberia.com">www.iberia.com</a>
Portugalia	Information & bookings: +34 902 100 145	<a href="http://www.pga.pt">www.pga.pt</a>
Swiss International Airlines	Information & bookings: +34 901 116 712	<a href="http://www.swissairlines.com">www.swissairlines.com</a>

## 10.2. PORT

The Port of Valencia is a major trading port in Spain and one of the busiest in the Mediterranean basin.

Passengers and recreational craft traffic has acquired much greater importance in the last few years, and shipping companies are increasingly opting for stopovers in the city.

Today, the city welcomes over 50 cruisers and over 40,000 cruiser tourists each year.

Festival, Sea Cloud Cruises, Arcalia Shipping, Mediterranean Shipping Cruises and Swan Helene are some of the cruiser companies that make stopovers in Valencia.

Currently, there are passenger routes between Valencia and the following European cities: Ibiza, Palma, Mahon Livorno-Florence, Palermo, Salerno-Naples, Malta and Tunis (La Goulette).



Two companies operate regular passenger lines to and from the port of Valencia:

Company	Telephone	Website
TRANSMEDITERRANEA	Information & Bookings: +34 902 454 645	<a href="http://www.transmediterranea.es">www.transmediterranea.es</a>
GRIMALDI	Information & Bookings: +34 963 061 300	<a href="http://www.grimaldi-ferries.com">www.grimaldi-ferries.com</a>



## 10.6. TAXIS

Taxis in the city of Valencia are all coloured white, with the word “**taxi**” on top and a licence number stamped on the side. They also carry an ID plaque with the licence number inside. When a taxi is free, it normally shows a white flipdown sign with red letters saying “**LIBRE**” inside the front windscreen, and it will always have a

green light on the roof of the vehicle. If no green light is showing, the taxi is occupied.

Valencia and its metropolitan area are divided into two tariff zones: **Area A**, including the municipal area of Valencia, and **Area B** including the metropolitan area.

In addition there are two different rates depending on the time:

	<b>Zone A</b>	<b>Zone B</b>
Weekdays from 6.00 to 22.00 hrs	<b>Tarifa 1</b>	<b>Tarifa 2</b>
Weekdays from 22.00 to 6.00 hrs	<b>Tarifa 2</b>	<b>Tarifa 3</b>
Saturdays and holidays	<b>Tarifa 2</b>	<b>Tarifa 3</b>

Prices are established each year and should be clearly visible inside the vehicle. There is a flat rate for starting out, an authorised supplement for trips to the airport, and a minimum rate per service. It is not permitted to charge a supplement for transporting suitcases or other objects in taxis. The driver is obliged to provide change up to a limit of a 20-euro banknote. The user has the right to ask for a receipt for the service provided.

Taxis can be taken at any point in the city by hailing one down using your arm, or at established taxi ranks, or over the phone using the services provided by taxi companies.

This chart shows the taxi companies operating in the city of Valencia:

<b>Company</b>	<b>Telephone</b>
Auto – Taxis	+34 963 959 560
Cooperativa Valencia Taxis	+34 963 740 202
Onda Taxi	+34 963 475 252
Radio Taxi	+34 963 703 333
Taxi Ingles	+34 629 055 810
Tele Taxi	+34 963 571 313



## 10.7. BIKE LANE

Due to its flat geography and its pleasant climate, Valencia is the ideal city to cycle around in. The city has an extensive network of bike lanes called "carril bici", which are being increased on a daily basis as the city expands.

### Cycling regulations

On city streets it is not compulsory for cyclists to use protective headgear, but it is obligatory on interurban roads. Children up to seven years of age may be transported on a bicycle as long as it is equipped with an approved children's seat. For the information of cyclist drinkers, the general alcohol in blood levels for drivers of motor vehicles (0.5) may also be applied to cyclists.





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