



RETOUR D'EXPÉRIENCE

Valencia, Espagne



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I had a great time in Valencia. The city reminded me of Montpellier in a way, so it always felt comfortable and familiar. It is enjoyable to live there, whether it was the city itself, the activities, the people I met, the school, the location, or the weather... Everything just made life really pleasant. It is a place where life feels easy and enjoyable, and that feels great.

If I had to do it all over again, I'd go back there. It's a city with lots of wonderful things to offer, from the old town to the modern part and the beach. Added to that, the student life there is very pleasant. It's very easy to meet people, and there's lots to do. Thanks to the activities organised by the Erasmus groups, you never get bored.



Practical informations

As a British student, I chose to not apply to a Visa as I acquired the French nationality during my time in Spain. Some people I know applied for the NIE (Número de Identificación de Extranjero) and/or resident card, but it wasn't of any use to me, so I didn't.

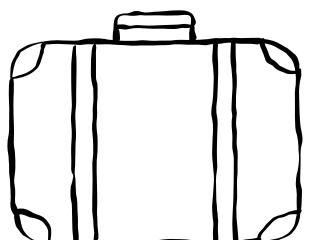


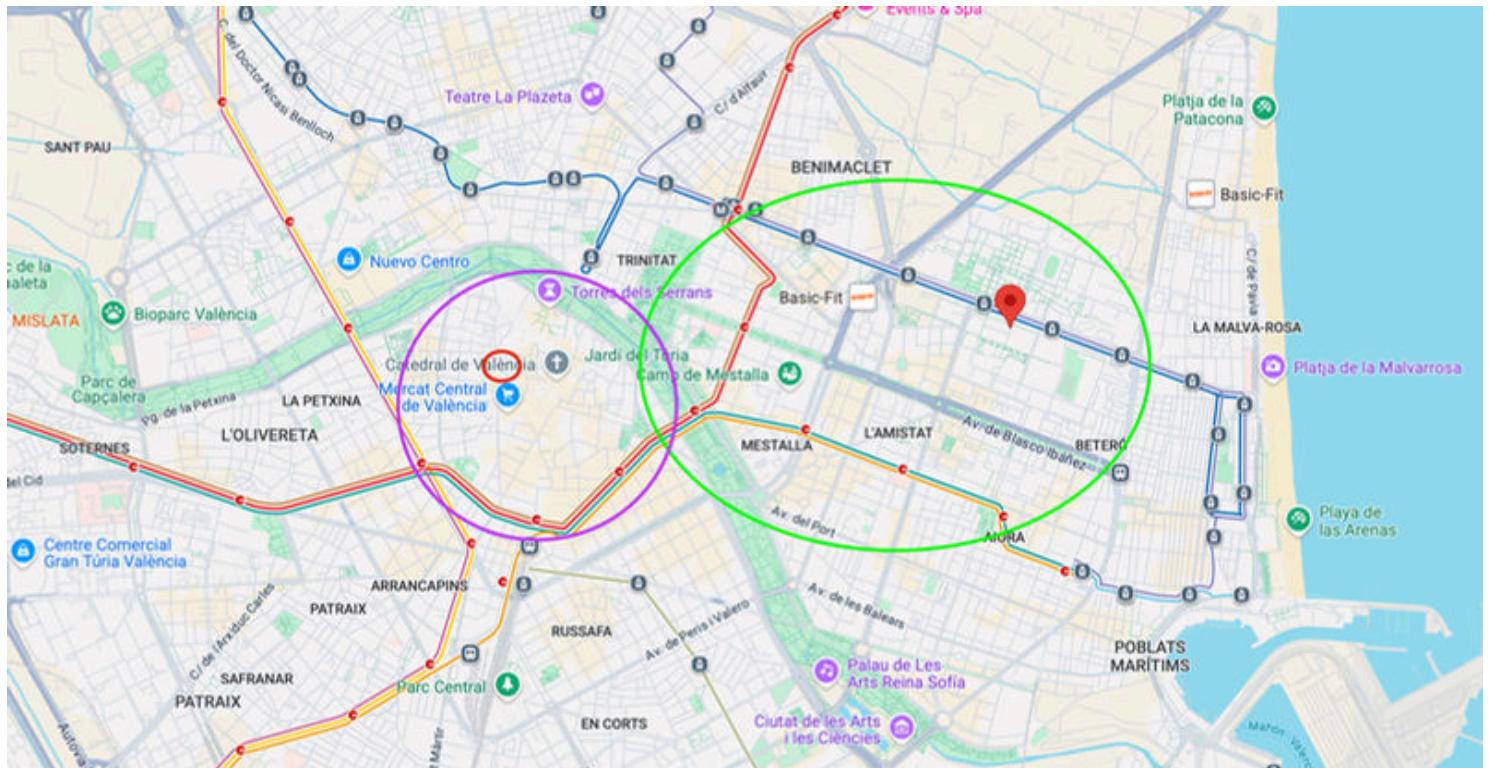
I flew with Ryanair from Marseille, which I would highly advise to do. The flight can cost as little as €14.99, and in the winter, it rarely goes above €30. Even when you add luggage (depending on the amount) the trip stays under 100€. The flight is very short, barely 90 minutes, and the airport in Valencia is great because it isn't too far out, so you can get a relatively cheap taxi depending on the time of day or the metro for 5€ directly into the centre of town.

Valencia is also accessible by bus from Montpellier, which is around 11 hours, but sometimes prices are higher than by plane. So, if you are able to get to Marseille, I would recommend flying.

Erasmus starts in the winter (for the 2nd semester), you need to plan for 2-3 colder months. I would suggest winter essentials for those months, but also clothes to layer as the sun still shines strong on those days. I would also recommend a raincoat and umbrella because you get a lot of unexpected rain.

Some flats may not provide bed linen. From my experience, my flat wasn't very well insulated, and I heard from other people in the same situation. So, in the winter the room was freezing cold, and from May it became a furnace. So, if your flat doesn't provide heating/cooling, try to be prepared!





Since the faculty is in the Algirós area, it's generally easier to live in Benimaclet or near Avenida Blasco Ibáñez. Public transport is great, with the tram lines 4 and 6 that stop right in front of the university, and there are also several buses like 93, 98, 70, 41, etc.

I lived in the old town and had no issue getting to class. It just changes your lifestyle, as near the university, you'll find more student areas and it's more residential. In the center, things are always buzzing and busy. From March onwards, for example, with Fallas, the crowds can be overwhelming. Also, in the centre, there are more little corner stores than big supermarkets. If I were to do it again, I'd probably live a bit further out, near the Jardín del Real.

As for areas to avoid, I don't have a definite answer, but I've heard you should be a bit more cautious around Malvarrosa Beach and Benimàmet (north Valencia).

- Ciutat Vella (Old Town)
- Where I recommend living
- Where I lived

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You can find accommodation through websites like Idealista (similar to Leboncoin) or platforms like HousingAnywhere and Spotahome.

I found mine through HousingAnywhere and was later redirected to a rental agency ([helphousing.com](https://www.helphousing.com)).

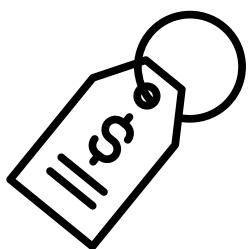
What mattered to me was making sure the listing was real, so I preferred paying a bit more to know for sure I would get the keys upon arrival. Many landlords don't offer viewings because everything is very transactional as they are used to students coming for short periods of time. So just make sure you know what you're signing for: check for hidden fees, number of bathrooms for how many tenants, exact location, is it a loud area, heating/cooling situation, natural light, etc.

<https://www.helphousing.com>

<https://www.idealista.com>

<https://www.spotahome.com/fr>

<https://housinganywhere.com>



On average, I think flat prices range from **350-500€** for a room in a shared flat.



Courses selection

Corporate Strategies



The teacher made the class very interesting and accessible to all levels of knowledge on the subject. The course is about business strategies, including business portfolios, business growth and development, international expansion... The continuous case studies helped to better understand and apply the theory to real world situations, which we sometimes had to look up ourselves to make sure we understand.

Consumer Behaviour



I found this class very interesting and liked the way the teacher went through it. It touches on the internal and external factors affecting consumer behaviour (which is useful for marketing classes).

Cross-Cultural Management



Interesting class on how to manage cultural differences in business, and how to successfully conduct international negotiations. Lessons about cultures of different countries, cultural dimensions, and culture shock. I enjoyed the classes and found the different assignments quite interesting and insightful.

Marketing Management

I found this class very insightful, as the teacher presented marketing under another lens than what I was used to. However, I sometimes found the class content too heavy on the theoretical part. I also sometimes found the teacher very demanding without giving much guidance, so it is very important to ask for clarifications.

Mathematics II

I regret choosing this class. It was an error of judgement from my part to keep it, as it is the second part of Mathematics I they did during the first semester. The content isn't similar to what we do in MOMA, so I found myself lost quite quickly. However, it still is interesting to discover problem optimisation as you can actually apply mathematics to business cases

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- Follow Erasmus Student Network Valencia and UV Faculty of Economics on Instagram
- Get the free student pass to use the public transport or subscribe Valenbisi for 29€/year to use the city bikes.
- Attend the celebration of the Fallas festival during March
- Plan a trip to Mallorca, Morocco or Tenerife

