

## Partner tour - Valencia City and Albufera Natural Park by boat - Monday 25 October 2021

The tour is included in the fee for registered partners, but separate booking must be made by 15 September: [nicole.ryden@esta.biz](mailto:nicole.ryden@esta.biz)

09:00 Meet our guide English speaking in the lobby of Melià Valencia Hotel

Heading for a panoramic tour around Valencia including the Torres de Serranos which are the only other major city gates that remain, the Baroque Palace of the Marques de Dos Aguas and the impressive Town Hall Square. A section of the oldest part of town will be done on foot including the Santa Maria Cathedral and the 14th century Micalet Bell Tower. The tour follows the route of the Turia riverbed and gets to the futuristic part of the city, the City of Arts & Sciences

This activity comprises a trip to the Albufera which features a 90-minute boat ride on the lake in one of the traditional fishing boats of the area. The Albufera lagoon Park is located just 11 kilometres in the south of Valencia and lies between the mouths of the Turia and Júcar rivers. This huge expanse of freshwater is cut off from the sea by sand dunes and

pine forests and is a paradise for migrating birds and home to a bewildering variety of wildlife. Hunting and fishing are highly controlled, and licences are rarely granted to anybody outside the community who lives around the lakeside. The town of El Palmar, effectively an island in the middle of the lagoon, is accessed via a narrow road which crosses canals and is bordered by market gardens and wild oleanders. Combined with the main local crop of rice it is not surprising that the paellas in this area are legendary.

Lunch at the character restaurant Nou Racó by the lakeland Albufera. Rice is grown inside of this Natural Park, making it a very famous area for its paellas, a typical Valencian dishe.

15:30 Arrival back at the Melià Valencia Hotel

