

SUNDAY 04TH JUNE **ALTEA & CALPE**

09:45 AM

MEETING POINT - Palacio de la Música

Altea sits on top of a hill dominated by the bell tower of the parish church of the Virgin of Consuelo. The magnificently jumbled and cluttered centre of the Old Town provides the city with a special charm. From its major square, steep narrow cobble-stoned streets with balconies and small circular intersections, many of which are lined with small overlooking points, begin their descent towards the sea. Typical whitewashed houses, which were formerly protected by a solid wall, mark the way to the foot of the hill where a 6 km long and wide sea promenade lies as well as the commercial street, with both beach and cliffs alternating with shingled bathing areas. The town's peacefulness and tranquility have made it a paradise for artists and craftsmen and their shops and stalls are scattered throughout the Old Town center.

Calpe sits close to the Rock of Ifach, which was called the Northern Rock by the Phoenicians to distinguish it from Gibraltar, the Southern Rock, as these were at that time the only spectacular promontories they encountered in their travel to the western shores of the Mediterranean. Calm and very clean beaches, little bays and cliffs, valleys and mountains in the inland, Calpe will surprise you with its contrasts and the mild climate all year-round.



MONDAY 05TH JUNE **AIP ORIENTATION PROGRAM**

09:30 AM

MEETING POINT - AIP Language Institute

We have planned an orientation in which students will learn all about the institute and in which we will try to answer all your questions and get you off to the right start at AIP. There will be information sessions on student life, transportation, health, safety and cultural adjustment. The aim is to make your first few days in Valencia as smooth and fun as possible.

At Orientation you will receive a lot of essential information so it is **mandatory** for you to attend. Information covered includes both specific AIP material as well as advice on meeting Spaniards, playing sports, traveling and getting the most out of your time here. Orientation session will cover travel abroad, academic issues, living abroad, cultural shock, etc...



MONDAY 05TH JUNE **HISTORICAL DOWNTOWN TOUR**

02:00 PM

MEETING POINT - AIP Language Institute

The route suggested is of great interest for visitors to Valencia, who won't want to leave without getting to know the best of the city's architecture, its most noble and beautiful buildings and the different styles which have prevailed through the centuries, each one leaving its mark on the city.

This route serve as a compass to guide you into the different neighborhoods, to get to know its streets and squares and to take delight in the beauty of its most exceptional buildings, churches and palaces.

IMPORTANT NOTE

Keep in mind that if group size is big enough we may split this tour in two consecutive days to allow our students a better experience.

TUESDAY 06TH JUNE **BICYCLE TOUR**

02:00 PM

MEETING POINT - AIP Language Institute

Valencia with its manageable size, nearly 80 km of cycle tracks and large green areas easily reachable, is a perfect place to enjoy a bicycle ride all year round. Discovering the city on two wheels is a different, original and a funny experience. The tour, escorted by an AIP representative covers the streets, squares, gardens and most outstanding riverbed monuments of the city with several stops for the guide to explain. Most of the journey takes in the Turia Gardens, a result of a deep urban study and an ambitious project which produced a fantastic river-bed park with all sorts of facilities for children, sporting activities, fountains and the wonderful Gulliver's kid's park.





PRICE 55 EUROS

TUESDAY 13ND JUNE WATER CANYONING (OPTIONAL)

TIME TBA

MEETING POINT - SANT ISIDRE subway stop

Not for the fainthearted, canyoning is a white water ride down gorges and waterfalls. Participants run down wet slabs of rock, jump off blind escarpments, scramble up rocks and abseil down drops. You get fully kitted out before you go with helmets and wetsuits so you're well protected.

Dive into a unique world far from any trails and experience the power of water. Take a deep breath, overcome your fears, enjoy moments of peace – explore a gorge with all your senses - that's canyoning. Adrenaline assured!!

TUESDAY 20TH JUNE OCEANOGRAPHIC

02'00 PM

MEETING POINT- TBA

The *Oceanographic*, considered as one of Europe's largest oceanographic parks is an impressive underwater city with over 10.000 specimens of 500 different species with all planet's marine ecosystems. Over 44 million liters of water and 11 underwater towers located around the perimeter of a large central lake allows visitors to get a glimpse of all the oceans in the world through its long underwater tunnels.



TUESDAY 27TH JUNE BIOPARC VALENCIA

02'00 PM

MEETING POINT - AIP Language Institute

Bioparc Valencia opened its doors on 28th February 2008 and it will be without doubt one of the coolest zoos you've ever been to. This innovative park covers some 80,000 square meters and is located in the Parque de Cabecera within the former Turia Riverbed.

Contrary to traditional zoos, this park has the unique feature of bringing the visitor totally into the habitat of the animals by being nerve-wracking close to them - only a small stream separates them -. This is particularly wonderful in the Madagascar lemur area, in which there are no cages of any sort and animals run along the same paths as you, coming really close without any fear whatsoever. Leopard, lemurs, hyenas, lions, giraffes, gorillas, rhinos, hippos, porcupines, ostriches, elephants, otters ... all coexist in this amazing zoological world. However, Bioparc is not limited to Africa, since the plan is to expand it over the next few years by 20,000 meters in order to dedicate a portion to animals from Southeast Asia and South America.



THURSDAY 29TH JUNE FAREWELL LUNCH

TIME TBC

MEETING POINT- AIP Language Institute

On our last day at school, we have scheduled a farewell lunch and a fun slideshow with pictures taken throughout the program. Be ready, our camera reaches everywhere!!

Once done with diplomas and AIP staff speeches we will enjoy a meal in a nearby restaurant.

FRIDAY 30TH JUNE TRANSFER VALENCIA-MADRID

TIME TBA

MEETING POINT - Palau de la Música

As the program reaches the end, a private bus will provide students with a direct transfer to Madrid airport. Journey takes around 4-5 hours including a stop halfway.