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Title: Valencia, One of Spain's Oldest Cities

The Spanish city Valencia is was founded over 2,000 years ago by retiring Roman soldiers using the land Caesar had given them as a reward for their bravery. Today, it is known as for the dish paella and the Calatrava's City of Arts and Sciences. It is also said to have the best weather in the entire country. Below are even more reasons for you to visit Valencia. Make sure you have a [Valencia Travel Guide and Offline City Map](#) downloaded on your mobile device for the best experience.

Brilliant weather

Historians believe that the incredible weather is what prompted the soldiers to build a city on the land they were given. The location guarantees at least 300 sunny days per year and temperatures only reach 25 degrees during the hottest month of August and go down to only 9 degrees during the coldest month of January.

Amazing Beaches

Don't let the city's urban sparkle keep you away from its outstanding beaches, especially since the terrific weather keeps the water temperature in these beaches desirable throughout the year. Most of the beaches around Valencia are quite underdeveloped and that just adds to their appeal. It means less people and less noise. Most notable among these beaches are the Arenas beaches, the La Malvarorrssa Beach, and the La Garrofera Beach.

Grand Festivities

Fiestas are deeply embedded in Spanish culture. In Valencia, the annual Ninots Festival held from the 14th to the 19th of March is the most popular. In the said festival, each neighborhood creates a giant wooden effigy that is then paraded across the city. On average, the cost of building all of the ninots is around 22 million dollars. Just remember to book your accommodation in advance as the festival attracts half a million tourists each year.

Ancient Atmosphere

Numerous ancient relics can be found as you venture around the city. The city gates are the last remaining parts of the town's original defensive wall built in the 14th century. The Plaza de Virgen is almost as old as the city itself. The plaza's centerpiece is its fountain surrounding by sculptures of eight women, representing the eight irrigation channels that supplied water into the city since its foundation.

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