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The Valencia region has a real treasure, a great artistic and cultural legacy of ancient civilizations. Walk around the Valencia region, its towns and villages and cities, and discover that they are full of culture and history. Find the treasure of their invaluable historic and artistic heritage.

The **Costa Blanca** ^[1] hides many cultural attractions, starting with the archaeological sites that reflect the presence of ancient civilizations in our province. Among others, guests can visit the Neolithic sanctuary of **Pla de Petracos** ^[2], discovered 4 kilometers far from Castell de Castells, the Iberian Roman city of **Lucentum** ^[3] in Alicante or the **Illeta dels Banyets** ^[4] in Campello. The castles in the area of Vinalopó are a part of one of the most representative of the province cultural routes. Towns such as Elche, with the largest palm grove in Europe. Novelda and Alcoy, two towns included in the European route of modernist architecture, Orihuela and its many monuments or the Fortress of Guadalest. Benidorm with the best known skyline of Spain and across the territory many other popular constructions, like farmhouses, *riu-raus*, snow pits, ditches or ponds.



The **Castellón Mediterráneo** ^[5] program connects Levantine rock art with examples of Romanesque in Castellfort and the avant-gard of **l'Espai d'Art Contemporani** ^[6] (Modern Art Space) of Castellón de la Plana. Also medieval gems such as the villages of Catí, **Morella** ^[7]

or Vilafamés.

The towns of Benicàssim, Oropesa del Mar or Peñíscola [8] stand next to Castellón de la Plana to display a rich legacy of history and culture. Monumental buildings like the Papa Luna Castle, the modernist villas in the Voramar beach of Benicàssim, and an endless network of museums [9].



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Discover in **Valencia** [11] old traditions such as the Water Tribunal close to the modernity of the City of Arts and Sciences. The capital, Valencia, built around the old Turia riverbed, transformed into the largest urban garden in Spain.

We must qualify as essential the Lonja de la Seda [12] [the Silk Exchange], the old town, its cathedral, its towers and jewels of modernism, such as the Central Market or North Station. Museums include the Fine Arts, the IVAM and the National Museum of Ceramics González Martí in the Palacio del Marqués de Dos Aguas.

Come and meet other destinations in **Valencia terra i mar** [13] as Cullera and its castle, Gandia [14] and its Ducal Palace, Sagunto and its Roman remains, Xàtiva [15] and its historic town and Requena and its medieval district...



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