<u>Valencia CF vs Chelsea FC travel</u> advice



Date: Wednesday 27 November 2019

Venue: Mestalla Stadium, Valencia

Kick off time: 6.55pm (local time)

As well as this advice, check out our travel advice for Spain.

Passports and visas

- British nationals don't need a visa to travel to Spain, but your passport should be valid for the proposed duration of your stay. No additional period of validity beyond this is required
- remember your <u>European Health Insurance Card (EHIC)</u> is valid for Spain but you should still take out <u>travel insurance</u> even if you're only going for one night — it could save you a lot of money if you get into difficulties
- you must provide ID (your passport) if requested by a police officer.
 The police have the right to hold you at a police station until your identity is confirmed
- always take care of your passport, as getting a replacement is costly and time-consuming. Remember to keep a photocopy or scanned copy of your passport somewhere safe
- if you lose your passport, you'll need to apply for an <u>Emergency Travel</u>
 Document online

Getting to the stadium

Stadium address:

Avenida Suecia s/n, 46010 Valencia

Estadio de Mestalla is located just east of Valencia's historic city centre.

The walk from the cathedral or the main railway station (Estación del Norte) is approximately a 30 minute walk.

Alternatively, you can <u>travel to the stadium by metro</u> Metro stop Aragón, on line 5, is next to the stadium. Line 5 will also take you to <u>Valencia airport</u> Another option is taking metro line 3 to station Facultats, which is a 5-minute walk north of the stadium.

At the match

- access to the stadium can be slow. There will be ticket checks and body searches at the entrance to the turnstiles. To avoid a last minute bottleneck you should get to the stadium early — doors will open at least 90 minutes before kick-off
- police and stewards may ask to see the ID of ticket holders to prevent ticket fraud, so you should carry photo ID with you
- Chelsea fans should enter the stadium at the away supporters end through gates N15 and N16
- you should follow Spanish police instructions and avoid physical contact of any type (including requests to take photos etc)
- fans found in the general home area will be removed from the stadium
- anyone who is obviously drunk will not be allowed into the stadium.
 Also, any banners bearing political slogans will not be allowed in the stadium
- flares, fireworks, alcoholic drinks, cans, glass, bottle tops, or containers over 500ml are not allowed in the stadium. Snacks, soft drinks and water can be purchased inside the stadium. Flag and banner poles should be removed before entering
- Spanish police will decide on match day whether visiting supporters will be kept behind after the match to allow the home fans to disperse

Tips

- the area around the bar "Manolo del Bombo" close to the stadium can be a popular meeting point for away fans visiting Valencia. In previous matches, Spanish police have moved fans away from this area if it is seen to be getting too crowded or rowdy. If this happens, please follow the instructions of the Spanish police at all times
- petty criminals often operate in areas where there are large crowds, so be vigilant and keep your valuables secured
- in Valencia, as in any other city, beware of pickpockets and bag snatchers at airports, railway and stations, around the town centre and when using public transport. Only carry what you need, leave spare cash and valuables in hotel safety deposits
- drinking in the streets in parts of Spain, including Valencia, is illegal, and on-the-spot fines may be issued

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The local emergency services contact number is 112.

Further information

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