

Welcome to Casa Roberto Grande



Guest Information



Have a wonderful stay in the Valencian countryside!

Essential Info

Important:

If there is anything you need or are unhappy with please tell us as soon as possible and we will always do our best to help you. We are happy to answer all of your questions.

Key Contacts:

Bernard Moran	Property Manager	Tel & WhatsApp: +34 671 503 831 bernardfmoran@telefonica.net	Bernard is your main contact on the day of your arrival and during your stay.
Mark Jones	Rental Agent	Tel & WhatsApp: +34 655 144 440 msjones.mark@gmail.com	Mark is your main contact before your arrival day.
Sandy Jamieson	Owner	Tel & WhatsApp: +44 7810 444 823 sandy.jamieson8@gmail.com	Please contact Sandy in an emergency if you can't reach Bernard or Mark. Also for feedback about the house / Bernard / Mark
Fire/police/ambulance		112	Emergencies only

Directions:

Please see separate map and instructions for finding the house. **Important:** these are essential to find the house as the address cannot be found on Google maps or in GPS / Sat-Nav systems.

Wifi:

Network: Flybox –B319
Code: TBEGHBDQ107

Check In & Out:

Check-in: 17:00
Check-out: 10:00

Earlier check-ins (before 17:00) and later check-outs (after 10:00) are sometimes possible especially if we don't have a same-day changeover. Please ask in advance if required. Of course don't forget to leave the keys when you leave.

Please also take a moment to fill out a feedback form (found in the Guest Information folder) before you leave to help us understand more about your experience with us.

Cleaning:

The whole house is professionally cleaned ahead of your arrival. If you require additional cleaning during your stay please ask Bernard at the earliest opportunity. There is an additional charge for this service.

Smoking:

Smoking is not allowed inside the house. You may smoke on the terrace and in the gardens.

Supplies:

You have fresh bed sheets and towels provided upon arrival. There are spare sets of everything if you need them. In the bathrooms/utility/kitchen areas feel free to use any of the products you find. We have also left any useful items of food from previous guests for your use such as olive oil, salt, pepper, herbs, spices etc.

Local Information:

Please read the guide notes on the next few pages. Additionally, in the living room you can find a local information folder plus a box with leaflets, guide books and maps. Please also ask us any questions about the local area.

Bikes:

There are two bikes available which guests may use. They can be found in the former chicken shack – next to the car port.

Pets:

Well behaved pets are welcome and will love exploring the gardens. You are however responsible for any damage caused by your pets. If this is a risk please only bring pets if you can keep them away from anything they might damage.

Television:

The TV can receive both Spanish and British channels. Use the regular TV control for Spanish channels. For British channels switch TV on and then use Sky control.

Terrace table:

The large table on the terrace can extend so that up to 10 people can eat around it.

Heating and Cooling:

There are several portable fans available for keeping you cool during the hot Valencian summer. Although the winter is mild there is central heating in many rooms plus portable heaters available.

Power:

The house is mostly powered by electricity. The heating and hot water are through an oil burner though.

For anyone coming from the UK there are several UK power adapters available in the house.

There are three fuse boxes in the house. One is in the kitchen immediately on your right as you enter from outside. There are two further fuse boxes on the far wall of the utility area. If the electricity stops try switching on the power from the fuse boxes. If this doesn't work please alert us.

Swimming pool:

The pool is 10m long and 5m wide. It is usually filled so that the deep end is 2.1m and the shallow end is 1.5m. It comes with a pool pump and vacuum which you may use if you need.

Child safety:

We are trying to make the house as safe as possible for children. There is still some work to do therefore please be careful with young children. In particular beware of the following:

- The pool fence may not currently be strong enough to stop a determined 2 year old from getting through.
- The pool (see above) is too deep for very young children to swim unsupervised.
- The cactus in the garden next to the drive has sharp spikes.
- There are chemical cleaning and pool maintenance products in the kitchen and utility areas.
- The store rooms at the side of the house may not yet have suitable locks when you arrive. If so please keep young children from entering.

Child safety is important to us so **please advise us** if there anything you think we can improve.

Feedback:

Casa Roberto Grande is a former home which we have only recently started to rent out as a holiday home. It is owned by Maxine and Sandy who have now returned to Scotland. Maxine and Sandy want you to enjoy your experience of staying in their home. It is important to tell us at the earliest opportunity of anything you are unhappy with so we can resolve the issue for you as soon as possible.

We also value your feedback after your stay so we can improve the experience for future guests or yourselves if you wish to return. Please let us know what you liked and didn't like and how we can improve. There are some feedback forms in the Guest Information folder you can use for this purpose.

Local Info

The villa is located in a beautiful rural area in the Valencian countryside surrounded by delightful orange groves and close to a small range of mountains. The nearest village is Náquera with views of picturesque green hills. Nice beaches and coastal villages are a short drive away plus the city of Valencia is less than 30 minutes away.



Náquera:

The village of Náquera starts 1.8km (1.1 miles) away with the centre being 3.4km (2.1 miles) away. It can be reached with a pleasant walk through the orange groves, a short bike ride or a very quick car journey.

Náquera is a pleasant and peaceful village with views of the surrounding hills and mountains. In Náquera you can find all the practical things you'll need – including a large supermarket, banks and convenience stores. For eating and drinking there are plenty of options including a selection of cafes, bars, restaurants and bakeries. Please see our guide to local services combined with their locations marked on the map of Náquera.

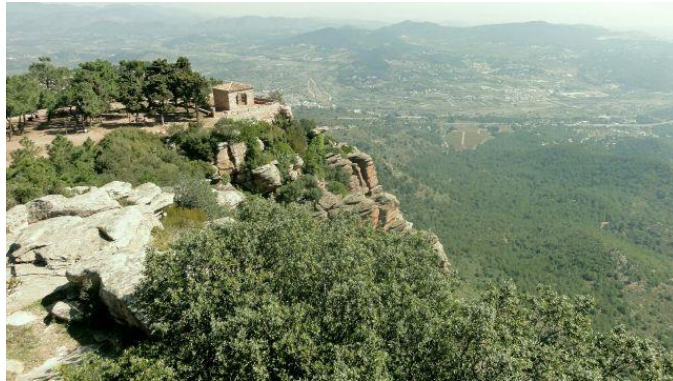
To learn more about Náquera click: <http://valencia-property.com/new/2016/05/19/10-things-to-love-about-naquera/>



Serra

8km (5 miles)

10 minutes up the road by car, into beautiful hills is the more picturesque village of Serra, with several interesting bars and restaurants. Serra has an open air picture house, a cultural experience not to missed even if you cannot speak Spanish. Further up the mountain from Serra are superb views from El Garbi.



Sierra Calderona

Náquera is in the middle of the Sierra Calderona, a series of beautiful hills with a range of interesting walks. Try the Pi de Salt one which ends up at a fascinating Pine Tree with picnic area and rugged views. Or the Font d'Or (Fountain of Gold) a more gentle one with a bar at the end! The region is also popular for both road and off-road cycling.



The Mediterranean Sea and Beaches

Nearest beach: 16km (10 miles) / La Pobla de Farnals: 19km (12 miles) / Port Saplaya: 22km (13.7 miles)

Turn left onto the main road. Straight through all roundabouts. Follow Masamagrell signs but don't go into the town just head straight down until the main road hits the sea. When you reach the sea you can park straight ahead for a large sandy beach or turn right on to motorway and go to Port Saplaya for cafés, a beach and a big supermarket. Or turn left to la Pobla de Farnals - again nice cafés and bars on the beach.



Bétera

8.5km (5.3 miles)

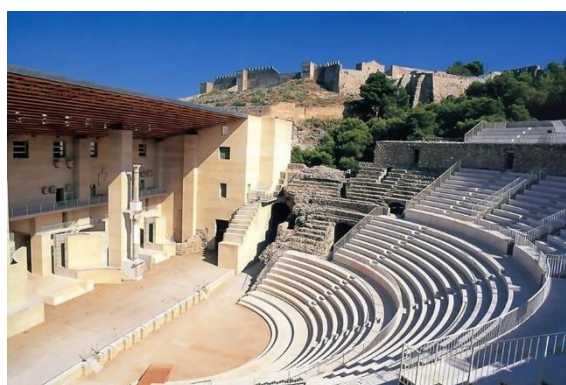
Bétera is the nearest main town. Turn right out onto the main road, then left at the first roundabout and Bétera is straight along this road. It has a good local market every Tuesday in the dry river bed. As well as many more shops, bars and restaurants than Náquera, Bétera also has the Metro line which takes you straight into the heart of Valencia in a 25-minute trip.



Sagunto

22km (13.7 mile)

Sagunto (or Sagunt), a town 20 minutes away by car, is also well worth a visit for its roman arena and the fabulous hilltop fort, both Roman and Moorish.



Valencia

28km (17.4 miles).

The beautiful city of Valencia is less than 30 minutes away by car, or 25 minutes by Metro from Bétera.

The Old City centre is a must-visit as is the brilliant modern City of Science and Arts. There are several guide books & maps in the villa for all there is to do and see in Valencia. Children of all ages will love the Bioparc - a kind of small safari park - and the massive Oceanogràfic aquarium featuring spectacular dolphin shows.



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The City of Arts and Sciences

The work of Valencia's own Santiago Calatrava, this is an example of architecture at its most futuristic. The colossal structure houses an IMAX cinema (situated in the Hemisfèric), as well as Europe's largest aquarium – the Oceanogràfic, interactive educational exhibits in the Príncipe Felipe Science Museum and the avant-garde opera house - Palau de les Arts Reina Sofía. Furthermore, the impressive l'Assut de l'Or bridge and the Agora are all a delight for the senses.



Barrio del Carmen and its mansion houses

This ancient district of the city grew between two walls; the Islamic and the Christian city walls. A wander through these labyrinthine cobbled streets, lined with towering mediaeval buildings will transport you back in time to another era in history. Enter the mansion houses, cross the mediaeval gates of the Serrano and Quart towers, and meander into every corner – don't miss it!



Plaza de la Virgen and the cathedral quarter

Twenty-one centuries of history right at the heart of the city, where you'll find such historical treasures as Valencia Cathedral, the Micalet, the Basilica of the Virgin and the Almoina. Don't miss the Tribunal de las Aguas (Water Court), a UNESCO Intangible Cultural Heritage (noon on Thursdays).



Plaza del mercado y Lonja de la Seda (Silk Exchange)

Immerse yourself in one of Europe's biggest markets, the Mercado Central, situated inside a jewel of pre-modernista architecture, and enter into one of the most iconic examples of Gothic architecture in Europe, the Lonja de la Seda, declared an Intangible Cultural Heritage site by UNESCO. As well as these, make sure you squeeze in the Santos Juanes Church.



Museums

34 museums to choose from, offering art, history, architecture... Soak up 18th century Valencia at the Museo Nacional de Cerámica (National Ceramics Museum), situated in the Palacio del Marqués de Dos Aguas. Muse over pieces by Sorolla, Goya or Zuloaga in the Museo de Bellas Artes San Pío V, get familiar with the Fallas in the Museo Fallero or contemplate the contemporary art pieces on offer at the IVAM and the MUVIM.



Plaza del Ayuntamiento

In a triangular layout, eclectic architecture, a central fountain and colourful flower stalls brighten the landscape. It's surrounded by some of the city's most iconic buildings, such as the Plaza de Toros, the Estación del Norte, the Ayuntamiento de Valencia (town hall), the Edificio de Correos (post office) and Plaza Redonda, to name but a few. It's best known for playing host to the "mascletàs" celebrations, which take place during March, and during the Fallas.



The Royal Marina and Valencia's beaches

The Juan Carlos I Royal Marina is one of the city's most important landmarks, not only due to the events that are held there, but also due to its unique buildings. It houses the 19th Century Harbour Sheds, the Edificio del Reloj and the Veles e Vents building, the emblem of the new Marina. There are also shops, terraces and restaurants with spectacular views, as well as a children's park, the Superyachts Berthing with its amazing yachts, and the North and South Marinas, filled with numerous boats.

Just a few metres away are the beaches of El Cabanyal (Las Arenas) and La Malvarrosa, next to the attractive Paseo Marítimo promenade. We suggest you try a delicious paella in one of the seafront restaurants, or have a drink in one of the bars. For those who prefer a wilder kind of beach, we recommend El Saler, next to the Albufera Natural Park.



The Albufera Nature Park

The Albufera Nature Park will transport you to a world of untouched, pure nature where the only sounds you'll hear are the birds singing and the sound of the water. Unspoiled by and protected against man, the reserve is located just 10 km out of the city. A visit here will show you the Valencian passion for the environment and help you to discover the origins of our gastronomy.



The Turia Gardens

Known locally as 'the river' - this is a large park covering 9 km and situated in the old bed of the River Turia. This is a true green area, stretching from the west of the city to the east, reaching as far as the City of Arts and Sciences. A great place to walk, cycle, run or have a picnic. Also absolutely worthwhile is a pit stop at the Palau de la Música, pausing to enjoy the unique bridges which cross it from north to south.



Bioparc and Oceanogràfic

From east to west, Valencia is brimming with activities – both leisure and educational – to familiarise you with the animal kingdom, with such activities as an African safari through the Bioparc or a tour of the underwater world in Oceanogràfic, where you'll be able to see tropical fish from as far as the Arctic and the seas of Japan. Get the 'nature pack' for lots of great offers.



Activities for Children



Our top ideas for entertaining children are:

Bioparc

A unique and innovative zoo or small safari park where visitors are immersed in the habitat of the animals. Features mostly African wildlife including leopards, lemurs, hyenas, lions, giraffes, gorillas, rhinoceroses, hippopotamuses, porcupines, ostriches, elephants, otters and more.

Oceanographic

Europe's largest Aquarium. Here you can see wildlife from all of the world's major seas and oceans. The highlight is the dolphin acrobatics show. Also on show are sharks, Beluga whales, walruses, sea lions, penguins and manta rays.



Gulliver's Park

A magical adventure park in the heart of the Turia Gardens in Valencia. Children will love climbing up and sliding down Gulliver the giant. Also features a scale model of the city of Valencia, surrounded by a mini-golf course, a giant chessboard, tracks, skateboard area and lots of playground equipment.

Waterparks

Have a great day out at one of the water parks in the Valencia region. Enjoy a variety of swimming pools plus water slides, river rapids, kamikaze slides, wave machines and a hydro massage.

Mestalla Tour

Visit the iconic home stadium of Valencia football club the legendary stadium that has hosted many important games and where many of the world's greatest players have played. Includes the changing rooms pitch benches private and presidential boxes and the press room where the players are interviewed.



Further Info & Other attractions:

Bioparc	www.bioparcvalencia.es
Oceanographic	www.oceanografic.org
Gulliver's Park	http://www.atlasobscura.com/places/parque-gulliver
Waterparks	www.cullera.aquopolis.es / www.aquaval.es / www.aquarama.net
Mestalla Tour	www.valenciacf.com
City of Arts & Sciences: <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Hemisferic (IMAX cinema)- Science Museum- Oceanographic	www.cac.es
Tours Valencia guide	http://www.toursvalencia.com/activities-for-kids
Visit Valencia guide	http://www.visitvalencia.com/en/what-to-visit-valencia/childrens-valencia

Valencian Food & Drinks

During your trip to Valencia don't miss the opportunity to try some authentic Valencia food.

Paellas and Rice dishes

Paella is Valencia's most famous dish – especially popular for Sunday lunch! Great locations are along the beach promenade in Valencia and in El Palmar just south of Valencia.



Paella Valenciana

The most typical paella dish. Spanish rice cooked with chicken and rabbit (and sometimes snails), sweet pepper, tomatoes, green beans, olive oil, saffron, and sometimes artichokes and peas.

Similar versions are available with chicken only or vegetarian.

Also try 'Paella Marinera' – a seafood paella with mussels, calamares, shrimp, lobster, clams, garlic, olive oil, tomatoes, saffron- plus any other shellfish that the cook feels like throwing in.

Other rice dishes include 'Arroz a banda' (rice stewed in fish stock), 'Arroz negra' (rice with seasoned squid cooked in its own ink) and 'Arroz al horno' (baked rice with beans, sausage, vegetables and potatoes)

Horchata

Horchata is a sweet and milky non-alcoholic drink made from tiger nuts. Typically drunk at breakfast time and served with 'fartons'. Fartons are a like long and thin iced buns. Traditionally they are dunked into the horchata. Look out for 'Horchaterias' - small cafes that specialise in horchata and fartons – especially in the old town (El Carmen) in Valencia.



Agua de Valencia

An alcoholic cocktail usually made from cava, vodka and orange juice. Very refreshing on a hot day.

Orange Juice

The Valencian Community is a vast orange producing region. Make sure you drink freshly squeezed orange juice every breakfast time.

Seafood

Very typical are sardines, hake, red mullet, anglerfish, octopus, mackerel, cuttlefish, mussels, shrimp and prawns.

Other Dishes

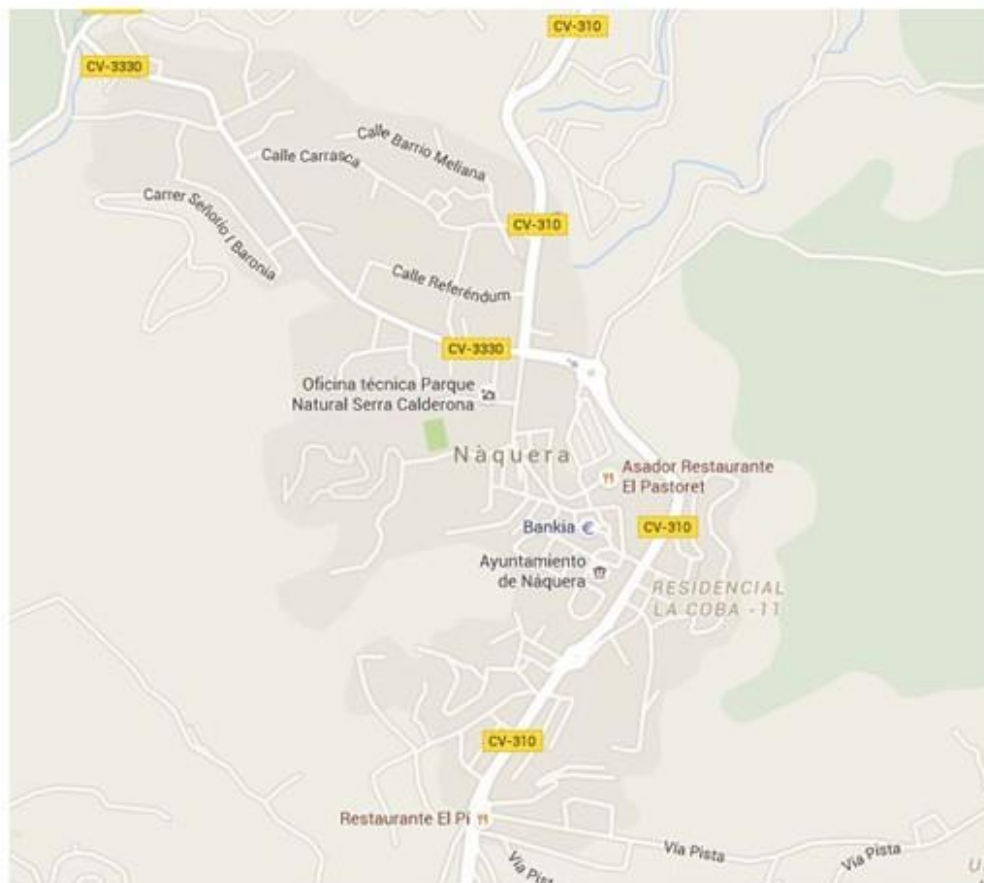
<i>Allioli</i>	A sauce made essentially of garlic and oil and served along with anything: meat, potatoes, fish, rice dishes, etc.
<i>Fideau</i>	Fideau is essentially the same as paella, the difference being that this dish is made with noodles instead of rice.
<i>All i pebre</i>	Eels fried in oil, paprika, and garlic.
<i>Suquet de peix</i>	A stew of eels, potatoes, garlic, and fish
<i>Grilled vegetables</i>	Grilled fresh vegetables simply brushed with oil and garlic.
<i>Salmueros and salazones</i>	Dried and salted fish and roe.

Please ask us for restaurant tips and info about food tours!

Directions to Náquera

From the CV-315 road:

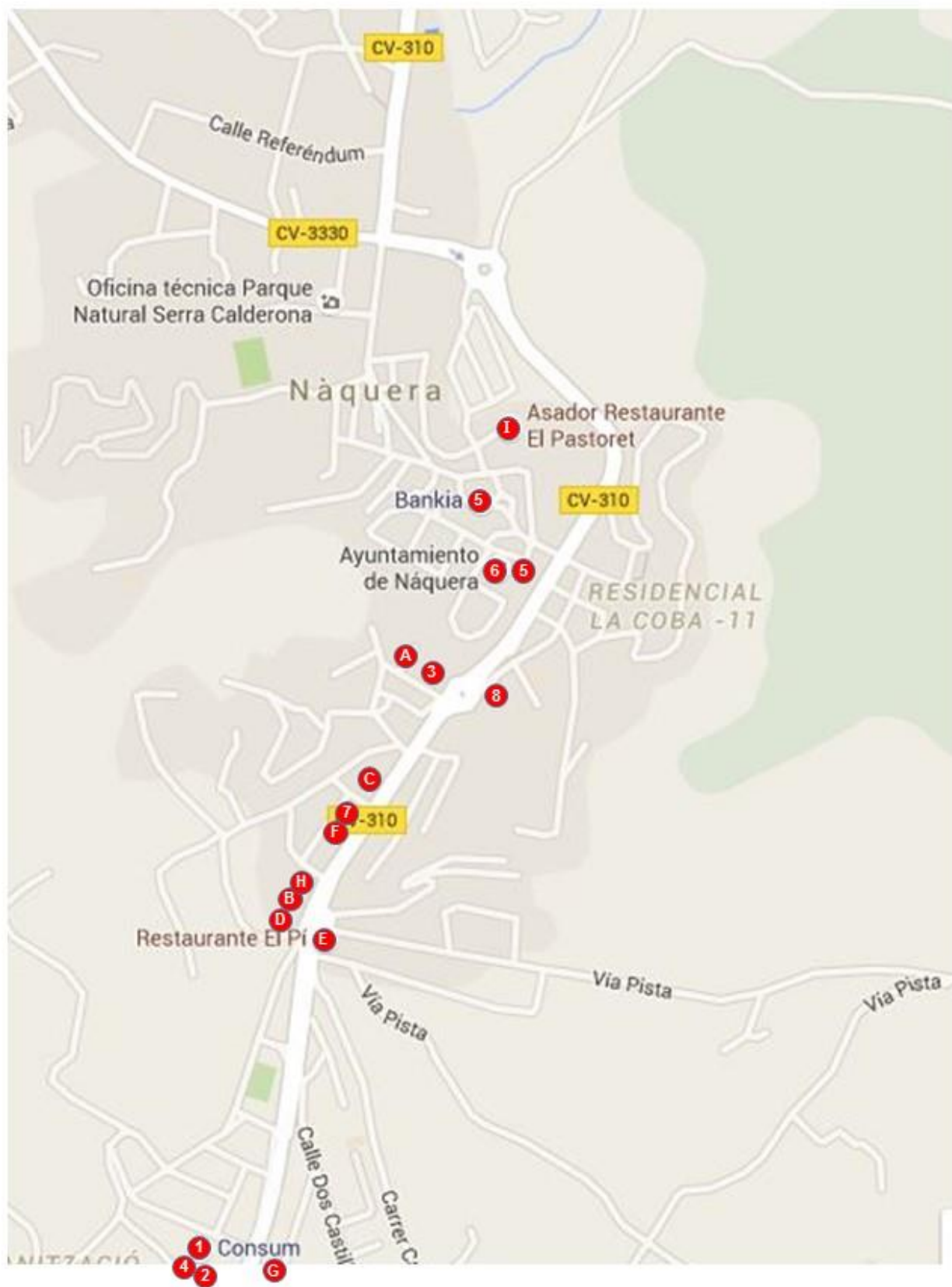
- 1) Turn right onto the main road (CV-315).
- 2) Go to the end of the road and at the roundabout turn right.
- 3) This is the start of Náquera. You will see a large supermarket (Consum) and a petrol station (Repsol) on your left.
- 4) Continue on this road to reach the centre.



There is a car park near the Ayuntamiento (town hall).

From there you can easily find banks and shops plus many cafes and restaurants.

Náquera



Useful Local Services

Náquera – Amenities

All are marked on the Náquera map.

1 (Map ref)	Supermarket (Consum)	Large supermarket. Open 09:30-21:30 (Sun 09:30-13:00)
2	Petrol station (Repsol)	
3	Chemist (Farmacia)	English speaking staff & very helpful
4	Mega (MN) Naquera	Sells everything for the house/pool/basic clothes etc
5	Banks	
6	Tourist Info Office / Town Hall	
7	Hardware store (Ferreteria)	
8	Microbrewery	Local craft (artesan) beer to take away

Náquera - Restaurants & Cafes

Most restaurants open only 14:00-16:00 for lunch and after 20:30 at night. Most are marked on the map.

A (map ref)	Wilma's Cafe	Recommended! Run by a Basque who specialises in selling coffee with (good quality) brandy. Also quite good food.
B	Sierra Calderona	Basic but cheap café.
C	Pizzeria Piccolina	Italian restaurant & pizzeria. Cheap and reasonable food.
D	La Tasca Romero	Tapas bar & restaurant. Fixed price lunch menu (menu del día) and tapas (anytime). Free wifi.
E	El Pi	Good quality restaurant. Recommended for a paella (best to pre-order) - including vegetarian or seafood (nice for Sunday lunch)
F	Café Cazolo	Café selling ice creams & beer. Free wifi.
G	El Parador	Spanish restaurant/bar. Good for steaks.
H	Tang	Chinese restaurant. Cheap set menu for lunch. Reasonable quality.
I	Asador El Pastoret	Upmarket BBQ food. Good quality.
	La Noria	A short walk from the house. Immediately left on the main road. Quite formal. Fantastic set lunch (not open evenings). Better to book ahead.

Practical Info

Taxis			
Taxi Náquera	www.taxinaquera.es	+34 630 72 88 36	Náquera (Bétera)
Taxi del Turia	www.taxisdelturia.com	+34 670 00 90 93	Bétera (Náquera)
Radio Taxi Valencia	www.radiotaxivalencia.es	+34 96 370 33 33	Valencia
Local Transport			
Náquera Buses	www.edetaniabus.com		Route 230 – Bétera-Náquera-Serra
Valencia Buses/Trams	www.emtvalencia.es		
Valencia Metro	www.metrovalencia.es		Nearest stop - Bétera (line 1 - yellow). Drive or bus 230 to Bétera.
Valenbisi	www.valenbisi.com		Communal city bikes in Valencia.
Tourist Information			
Náquera	www.valenciaturisme.org/en/municipio/naquera	+34 961 68 43 99	
Valencia	www.visitvalencia.com	+34 963 60 63 53	City of Valencia Official Site
	www.valenciaturisme.org		Valencia Province Official Site

Valencia

Tours & Attractions

City Tours

Bus Tours	Tour por Valencia	www.busturistico.com
Walking Tours	Discovering Valencia	www.discovering-valencia.com
	Liber Tours	www.libertours.com
	Valencia Explorers	www.valenciaexplorers.com
	Free Tour Valencia	www.freetourvalencia.com
Cycle Tours (& bike hire)	Passion Bike	www.passionbike.net
	Cycle Tour Bike	www.cycletourbike.es
	Discovering Valencia	www.discovering-valencia.com
	Valencia Bikes	www.valenciabikes.com
Segway Tours (& Segway hire)	Segway Trip Valencia	www.segwaytripvalencia.com
	Segway Valencia	www.segwayvalencia.com
Food Tours	Tapas Tour Valencia	www.discovering-valencia.com
	Gastronomic Tour (Central Market)	www.discovering-valencia.com

Attractions & Guides

Tourist Information	www.visitvalencia.com	Official Tourist Info Site
City of Arts & Sciences	www.cac.es	Superb futuristic buildings in the river bed. Includes Science Museum, Opera House, IMAX cinema and Oceanographic aquarium (see below).
Oceanographic	www.oceanographic.org	Aquarium. Dolphin acrobatics show.
Bioparc	www.bioparcvalencia.es	A small safari park.
Flamenco Show - La Buleria	www.labuleria.com	
Mestalla Tour (football stadium)	www.valenciacf.com	Home of Valencia football club
Shopping	www.visitvalencia.com/en/whats-on-offer-valencia/shopping	Choose from boutiques, food markets, flea markets, clothes shops and more.
Museums	www.visitvalencia.com/en/whats-to-visit-valencia/museums	Valencia has more than 45 museums where you can enjoy art, history, culture and architecture.
24/7 Valencia	www.247valencia.com	Listings magazine (English only) – for events, concerts, nightlife etc. Hard copies can be found in many cafes and pubs.
Love Valencia	www.lovevalencia.com	Tourist guide
Inspection & Progress	https://inspectionandprogress.wordpress.com/2015/08/25/why-there-is-more-to-spanish-city-life-than-madrid-and-barcelona/	Blog article about Valencia

Adventure Activities & Excursions

Adventure Activities

AquaVal	www.aquaval.es	Water park in Valencia
Aquarama	www.aquarama.net	Water park in Castellon area, north of Valencia
Aquopolis	www.cullera.aquopolis.es	Water park in Cullera, south of Valencia
Fun Quads	www.funquads.com	Jet Ski / Kayak / Paddle Surf / Flyboard
Ruting	www.ruting.es	Rafting
Kalahari	www.kalahariaventuras.com	Rafting / Kayak / Hidrospeed & more
Ayahuasca Aventuras	www.somosaventura.es	Rafting / Paintball / Caving & more
Escola Municipal Vela	www.velavalencia.com	Sailing

Excursions

Albufera	www.valenciataxi.net	Just outside Valencia, Albufera is a big lagoon amongst the rice fields and near the sea. Great for a boat ride and spotting wildlife. Nearby El Palmar is a very well-known place for eating paella.
Cullera	www.valenciataxi.net	A small coastal town south of Valencia.
Wine Tour - Valtournative	www.valtournative.com	
Wine Tour - Ruta del Vino	www.rutavino.com	
Caves of Sant Josep	www.riosubterraneo.com	Underground caves
Riba-roja de Túria - Parque Natural del Turia	http://en.comunitatvalenciana.com/places-to-visit/vilamarxant/nature/turia-river-natural-park	Beautiful natural park with the river Turia flowing through.