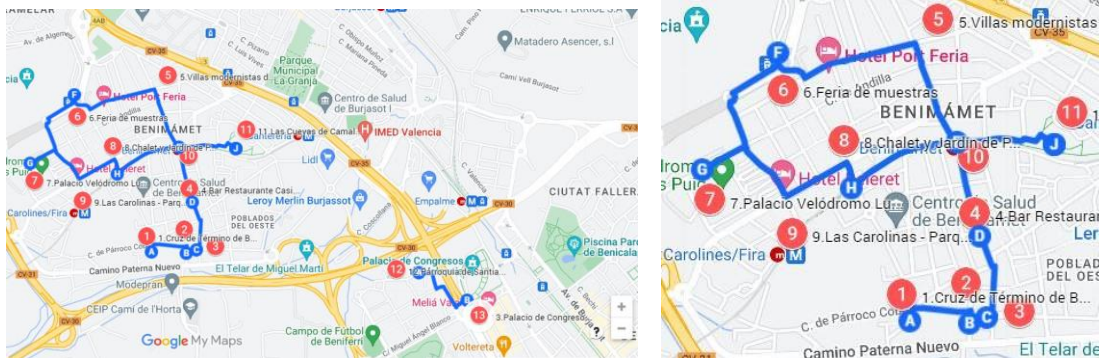


## 6. Trade fair



The **Estación del Norte** the first fairground in 1917.

Its first headquarters were at **Pla del Real**, from 1922 to 1969.

Located at **Benimàmet since 1969**, it occupies a plot of land with an area of more than 200,000 square metres which belonged to the army.

VALENCIA FAIR is the oldest organiser of events in Spain and one of the ten largest in the world by exhibition space.

**The fairground** has three sections, the so-called **Central Forum**, consisting of four large halls; the **North Forum**, which houses two pavilions; and the **Convention Centre**, an ellipsoid-shaped glass structure.

### General information

Address: Avenida de las Ferias sn, 46035, Valencia

Telephone: [963 86 12 00](tel:963861200)

Located on a flat street, without obstacles, with a homogeneous pavement.

It allows guide dog access.

It has two wheelchairs exclusively for emergencies

There are contrasting signs with approved pictograms, with information about spaces and routes.

### Car park

It has 45 spaces reserved for PRM over two floors of its own car park. Its dimensions are 330x500 cm and it has horizontal signage. There is an approach area greater than 120 cm on the sides in some of them. There is an accessible route as far as the exhibition areas with a lift. The access to lifts has a clear passage width of more than 120 cm.

## **Access**

There are three main accesses or Forums. Two from Avenida de las Ferias, Foro Norte and Foro Centro, used normally and Foro Oeste, with access from the Terramar Gated Community. The latter is used only once a year.

Access from Avenida de las Ferias to the North Forum is via seven steps 18 cm high and with a tread of between 71 and 34 cm. No handrails. There is an alternative route via side ramps 180 cm wide with a 10% slope and approx. 11 m long.

There is a 90 cm-high handrail on one side. No side protection. Non-slip floor.

Access to the Forum Centre from the main entrance rotunda opposite the former Hotel Feria, no slope.

Access doors are generally double-leaf, with variable opening, and with a clear passage width of more than 120 cm with both leaves open.

## **Reception**

At each forum there are reception points, with slope-free access.

There are 74-109 cm-high counters, with 69 cm of clearance underneath and a depth of 20 cm at the bottom.

## **Indoor mobility (in general)**

The Centre has four floors. Level 1, non-commercial, Level 2, exhibition, the Mall, floor with services, restaurants, meeting rooms, etc., and Level 3, also exhibition. It also has its own car park on two floors: P-1 and P-2. Another free-standing building houses the Events Centre.

There are information and visitor registration points in all the Forums.

On each floor, there is a slope-free route with homogeneous, non-slip flooring.

Passage areas and doors with a clear passage width of more than 120 cm.

There is furniture for resting throughout the areas of passage.

## **Toilet in common areas**

The Centre has adapted cabins in all the toilets located on each floor of the exhibition and services area, and in all the toilet modules located around the perimeters of the exhibition areas. They all have similar characteristics.

There is signage on door with an approved symbol.

The toilet door has no slope, it opens inwards with a handle and has a clear passage width of more than 80 cm. It has a return spring. In front of the door there is a space equal to or greater than 120 cm.

There is a cabin door that opens inwards, which has a handle as a clear passage width of 77 cm. It has a return spring. A circle with a diameter of 140 cm can be traced inside the door.

In case of emergency, the bolt can be opened from the outside.

A circle with a diameter of 120 cm can be traced inside the cabin.

There is an 84 cm-high washbasin with a pedestal. There is 73 cm of clearance underneath and a depth of 19 cm at the bottom. It is not possible to use it from the toilet. There is a single-lever tap. It is mirrorless.

### Lift

There are panoramic lifts with similar characteristics connecting floors P-2 to Level 3.

The door has a clear passage width of 90 cm and a minimum cabin size of 130x120 cm. There are call buttons at an average height of 115 cm, internal buttons at a height of 84-120 cm and handrails 90 cm high. It is mirrorless.

### Staircase

Floors P-2 to level 3 are connected by several modules of stairs and escalators, located both in the Forums and in the spaces between pavilions.

One flight of stairs per floor with sixteen steps, with a height of 18 cm and a tread of 29 cm. There are handrails on both sides at a height of 90 cm. They do not extend into embarkation-disembarkation areas.

There are 100 cm-wide escalators, with two flush steps at the start and end of the escalator. It has a non-slip and homogeneous surface. 80 cm-high handrail.

There is an alternative route by lift.

Communication from pavilion 6 level 2 to pavilions 1-4 level 2 is via a staircase with two flights of eight and nine steps that are 18 cm high and 30 cm wide. There are handrails on both sides and in the centre, which extends into intermediate landings but not into embarkation/disembarkation areas. There is an alternative route through a two-section ramp approximately 13 m and 20 m in length, with an 8.5% slope and 98 cm wide. There are double handrails on each side at a height of 63-104 cm. There is a lower side protection.

### Access

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Access from Avenida de las Ferias to the North Forum is via seven 18 cm-high steps with a tread of between 71 and 34 cm. No handrails. Steps with no nosing, no protective skirting board and no tactile-visual strips on each step. The start and end of the stairs have no tactile-visual signage. There is an alternative route using side ramps 180 cm wide, with a 10% slope and approximately 11 m long. There is a side handrail at a height of 90 cm, which does not extend into embarkation and disembarkation areas. No side protection and no tactile-visual signage at the start and at the end. Non-slip floor.

Access to the Forum Centre from the main entrance rotunda opposite the former Hotel Feria, no slope.

There are glazed and semi-glazed access doors, with low-contrast visual signage.

### **Reception**

At each forum there are reception points, with slope-free access.

There are 109 cm-high counters without direct lighting.

### **Indoor mobility (in general)**

The Centre has four floors. Level 1, non-commercial, Level 2, exhibition, the Mall, floor with services, restaurants, meeting rooms, etc., and Level 3, also exhibition. It also has its own car park on two floors: P-1 and P-2.

On each floor, there is a route with no slopes, no obstacles and no unmarked overhanging elements.

There is homogeneous, rim-free flooring, except for small slopes in expansion joints, less than 5 mm high.

There is homogeneous illumination of more than 300 lux.

### **Lift**

There are panoramic lifts with similar characteristics connecting floors P-2 to Level 3. They have non-contrasting, Braille and embossed buttons. There is a 90 cm-high handrail. Some of them with audible signals indicating the stop floor and the direction of travel. The floor facing the door is not marked with a tactile-visual strip. There is an audible alarm signal and intercom / telephone.

### **Staircase**

Floors P-2 to level 3 are connected by means of several escalator modules, located both on the Forums are in the spaces between pavilions.

One flight of stairs per floor with sixteen steps, with a height of 18 cm and a tread of 29 cm. It has no nosing, it has a protective skirting board on both sides and it lacks tactile-visual strips on each step. There are handrails on both sides at a height of 90 cm. They

do not extend into embarkation-disembarkation areas. the start and end of the staircase have no tactile-visual signage.

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### **Car park**

It has its own two-storey car park fitted with information panels with pictograms or short texts.

### **Reception**

There are 109 cm-high counters, without a partition and without a magnetic induction loop.

### **Indoor mobility (in general)**

There is written information about the services provided.  
Throughout the site, there is signage with approved symbols indicating spaces and routes.

### **Toilets in common areas (not adapted)**

The Centre has toilets on each floor of the exhibition and service area. They all have similar characteristics.

There is a lower clearance strip on the cabin door.

There is a visual engaged/vacant system.

### **Lift**

There are panoramic lifts with similar characteristics connecting floors P-2 to Level 3.

There is a stop indicator and visual information in the cabin and outside.

There is an emergency warning light.