

EUROPE
SPRING
SPAIN
LAS FALLAS FIRE FESTIVAL



• *Dates of Organization:*



✚ *Las Fallas is one of Europe's most unique festivals, held every March in Valencia, Spain.*



+ This festival is full of energy and spirit, with vibrant colors, fire and lots of noise and smoke, attracting visitors from every corner of Spain and around the world.

● *Festival Details:*



✚ *The origins of Las Fallas are somewhat of a mystery, but many believe it stems from a pagan tradition in the Middle Ages where artifacts were burned to celebrate spring and the harvest season.*



✚ It is also a celebration of Saint Joseph, the patron saint of carpenters, who has evolved over the years into the electrified festival it is today.



✚ The five-day event revolves around the creation and destruction of giant puppets called “Ninnots,” which are crafted year-round using materials including wood, mache, plaster, and cardboard.



✚ Valencia's Plaza de Toros displays several bullfights during Las Fallas, which officially kicks off the bullfighting season. Most shows take place at 5pm, and prices can range from 11 to 140 euros, depending on whether you want to sit in the sun or shade.



+ Be prepared to be dazzled by the amazing costumes, colors and music, and thrilling show! While you're there, you can also visit the adjacent Bullfighting Museum

✚ Ruzafa District Light Show:



+ During Las Fallas, the entire city is illuminated in displays of bold and colorful lights. The most spectacularly lit neighborhood is the Ruzafa District where more than 750,000 lights shine brightly along three streets - a sight not to be missed

🇪🇺 Cabachata del Fuego:



+ While there are many standout parades in Las Fallas, the highlight is the Cabasmata del Fuego fire parade, which showcases vibrant costumes, street performances, music, floats, and of course, rows. tons of fire! The parade begins at 7:00 p.m. on March 19 along Porta de la Mar Avenue and Square.

La Crema:



+ You can't miss the La Crema finale on the 19th. Tonight, the Ninots are stuffed with fireworks. As the sun went down, the city's lights went out, the crowds started chanting, and at midnight the Ninots were burned - all but one lucky Ninot whose life was spared and displayed in a local museum.



+ Traditionally, the last Ninots are burned at Plaza Ayuntamiento, where the daily La Mascletá takes place. Here, like everywhere else, you will find the city playing, singing, dancing and celebrating with joy.

Fallero Museum (Fallas Museum):

+ For lovers of art, culture and puppetry, we recommend a visit to the Fallas Museum to see the lucky Ninots whose lives have been spared over the years. We suggest about an hour to see the time. The entrance fee is usually 2 euros although it is free on Saturdays, Sundays and public holidays.

✚ Street food:



+ In Las Fallas, the city is awash with food stalls selling an array of Spanish specialties including roasted chestnuts, calamari bocadillo, fried buñuelos, churros and porres – all at incredibly reasonable prices. Don't hold back, try them all!