

The port of Valencia is open to public visits

- The Port Authority of Valencia has already enabled the system to attend the visits of all those citizens who want to know the port of Valencia closely.
- Guided tours will be held on Saturdays prior to sending a request through the website www.valenciaport.com
- School and University visits will remain unchanged

Valencia, January 2nd 2017. – The Port Authority of Valencia opens the port to citizens and has enabled the mechanism to receive visits from individuals and groups interested in learning about the activity that takes place in the port of Valencia. This initiative is framed within the commitment of the PAV to open the enclosure to the general public since, until now, only schools, universities, etc, could visit the port.

Citizens, who wish to do so, may request a guided tour consisting of a bus tour through the commercial port with stops at both the Príncipe Felipe Pier and the northern extension. This tour allows citizens to know firsthand the operation of the port and aims to help to understand better the operation of the site and its importance for the business community of the Valencian Community and Spain.

Guided visits to the port of Valencia will be organized on Saturdays, departing from the Clock Building and will last approximately an hour and a half in hours of 10.00 and 12.00. The capacity for visits is a minimum of 20 and a maximum of 60 people. Children under 16 must be accompanied by an adult. The course is subject to weather conditions.

Those interested in visiting the port of Valencia must complete an application form available on the website www.valenciaport.com and send it signed along with the rules of the visit to the email address visitasapv@valenciaport.com. This procedure is necessary to comply with the International Code for the Protection of Ships and Port Facilities (PSPF) and for security reasons as the port is restricted access.

School visits will be maintained

The program of school visits to the Port of Valencia that is organizing the Port Authority of Valencia will remain unchanged, as it has been consolidated among the educational community. In 2016 more than 5,000 students from more than 100 different centers had the opportunity to take a guided tour of the Port of Valencia to learn about the operation of the Valencian site.

In addition to Valencia and its metropolitan area, the port of Valencia received visits from students from other parts of Spain such as Alicante, Castellón, Murcia, Cuenca, Albacete, Madrid or Galicia, and from outside our country like France or the United States. The visits, which are free of charge, are held weekly between February and June and from September to November and aim to publicize, in a didactic and informative way, the importance of the work carried out in the port.

The visits program carried out during 2016 has had two different modalities: a basic one directed to schools of Primary and Secondary Education; and another one destined to training centers specialized in foreign trade and logistics as well as students of Baccalaureate and Formative Cycles. In particular, primary and secondary school students take a sea tour through the hour-long commercial port. The operation of the port is shown during the visit, the environmental and safety measures adopted and the type of goods that enter and leave the premises, affecting the variety of objects of daily use that are channeled in a container.

On the other hand, in the visits of the specialized training centers, they make a presentation and, later, a visit by sea. These two-hour meetings focus on presenting the ports managed by the PAV (Valencia, Sagunto and Gandía) from the point of view of the role they play in the economy of the Valencian Community and the whole Spain.

The visit of the facilities of the Port Authority of Valencia is one of the most cared activities by the presidency of the port, since it is a demonstration of the desire to show the importance of a logistics infrastructure so powerful for the Valencian economy. Willingness to transparency that is appreciated by an increasing number of schools and universities in the Valencian Community.

School and university visits failed to incorporate the opening of the port to all citizens, an option that now opens with excursions to individuals or non-school groups.