

International Congress on Accessible Cruise Destinations



Organizers













Partners



























Monday, 2 December - Pre-congress

10:00-13:00 h Scheduled guided tours of the city of Valencia

16:00 h Guided tour of the Port of Valencia (prior registration required)

20:00 h Cóctel-cena de bienvenida en Edificio del Reloj

(Muelle del Grao, s/n. 46024 Valencia)

Discussion

Moderator: Fernando Valmaseda, CEO of the RV Edipress Group

Francisco Sardón Peláez, President of PREDIF

Luis Vañó Gisbert, President of CERMI for the Region of Valencia **Laura Soler Azorín,** Member of the Regional Parliament of Valencia

Francesc Sánchez Sánchez, Director General of the Port Authority of Valencia

Tuesday, 3 December - Congress

8:30 h Delegate registration and presentation of the welcome pack at the Santos Hotel

(Balneario Resort Las Arenas, Eugenia Viñes, 22-24, 46011 Valencia)

9:30 h Official opening of the Congress

Official welcome from dignitaries:

Presented and conducted by Fernando Valmaseda, CEO of the RV Edipress Group

Francisco Sardón Peláez, President of PREDIF

Airam Diaz Pastor, President of MedCruise

Aurelio Martínez Estévez, President of the Spanish Ports Authority

Emiliano García Domene, Delegate Counsellor of Tourism and Internationalisation at Valencia City Hall

Herick Manuel Campos Arteseros, CEO of Valencia Region Tourist Board

María Pérez Herrero, Regional Secretary of Public Works, Transportation and Mobility.

Isabel María Oliver Sagreras, Spanish Secretary of State for Tourism

10:30 h Inaugural panel session: stakeholders of the accessibility value chain of cruise tourism

Moderator: Juan Daniel Núñez Sánchez, Editor of Smart Travel News

Virginia López Valiente, CEO of Cruises News Media Group

Marco Pizzio, Head of the Department of Social and Accessible Tourism at AISM and Board Member of ENAT

Inés Ayala Sender, President of the International Social Tourism Organisation (OITS-ISTO)

Ana Lope Carvajal, Head of the Department of Infrastructures, Spanish Ports Authority

Joan-Carles Cambrils i Camarena, Deputy Director of the Valencia Tourism Foundation

11:30 h Coffee break

12:00 h Experiences and requests of travellers with accessibility needs

Moderator: Fernando Valmaseda, CEO of the RV Edipress Group

John Sage, Founder and President of Accessible Travel Solutions

Sylvia Longmire, CEO of Spin the Globe

Juan José Medina Macho, Partner of PUNTODIS

Javier García Pérez, Managing Director of the Spanish Confederation of Organisations for the Elderly (CEOMA)

Tatiana Alemán Selva, Technical Director of Universal Accessibility, Tourism and Culture, PREDIF

13:30 h Cruise companies and the experience for passengers with accessibility needs

Moderator: Virginia López Valiente, CEO of the Cruises News Media Group **Carmen Morosan,** Global Shore Excursions Manager, Inter-cruises Shoreside and Port Services

Raquel Gallego Martín, Charter Specialist at Pullmantur Cruises

Rafael Fernández-Álava, Director of Communication and Marketing at Costa Cruises

Agustín Quesada Melgares de Alguilar, Director General of Mundomar Cruises

Representative of Princess Cruises and Cunard Line

14:30 h Lunch at the congress venue

15:30 h Accessibility best practices at cruise tourism destinations

Moderator: Enrique Martínez Marín, President of SEGITTUR

Sara Duarte, Director General of Accessible Portugal

Josep Maria Gómez Gómez, Head of Sustainable and Accessible Tourism at Barcelona Tourist Board

Ulrike Bohnet, Director of the German National Tourist Office for Spain and Portugal Iván González Trigo, Director of Customer Service and Tourist Information at Madrid Destino

16:30 h Coffee break

17:00 h The role of travel agencies and tour operators in accessible cruise tourism

Moderator: Gerda van 't Land, Director of Buitengewoon Reizen
Mirjam Versteegh, CEO of Disabled Accessible Travel
Veroniek Maat, CEO of Accessible Travel Netherlands
Malik Alkarea, Director of the Cruise Division of the Ávoris Group (B The Travel Brand).
Joan Gatnau i Florensa, CEO of Barcelona for all needs

18:00 h Challenges and opportunities for accessible tourism in cruise experiences

Vittorio Lepre, CEO of "Cosy for you" Tour Operator

Moderator: Juan Antonio Ledesma Heras, Journalist and Board Member of PREDIF Carmen Morosan, Global Shore Excursions Manager, Inter-cruises Shoreside and Port Services

Rafael Fernández-Álava, Director of Communication and Marketing at Costa Cruises

Josep Maria Gómez Gómez, Head of Sustainable and Accessible Tourism,

Barcelona Tourist Board

Mar Chao López, Director of Business Generation and Trade at Valenciaport **John Sage,** Founder and President of Accessible Travel Solutions

19:00 h Presentation of the conclusions of the Congress

Presented by Fernando Valmaseda, CEO of the RV Edipress Group

19:15 h Cierre oficial del congreso

Presented by Fernando Valmaseda, CEO of the RV Edipress Group

Francisco Sardón Peláez, President of PREDIF

Isabel Palafox Gamir, Deputy Director of Valencia Region Tourist Board

20:00 h Closing cocktails and gala dinner with dignitaries at the Santos Hotel (Las Arenas Spa & Resort)







Be part of the TUR4all platform

The TUR4all platform provides the public with latest accurate information about accessible destinations, experiences and tourist resources.

It has a presence in Spain and Portugal and will shortly include additional countries

TUR4all users will find:



- A platform available in both a Web and App format.
- Detailed information verified by experts about the
 accessibility of hotels, restaurants, museums, natural
 spaces and adapted transport, among others, so that
 everyone can find resources that are best suited to
 their needs.
- The ability to assess, score and add comments about the accessibility of establishments.
- Contents available in 11 languages: Spanish, Catalan, Valencian, Galician, Basque, Portuguese, English, French, German, Italian and Chinese.