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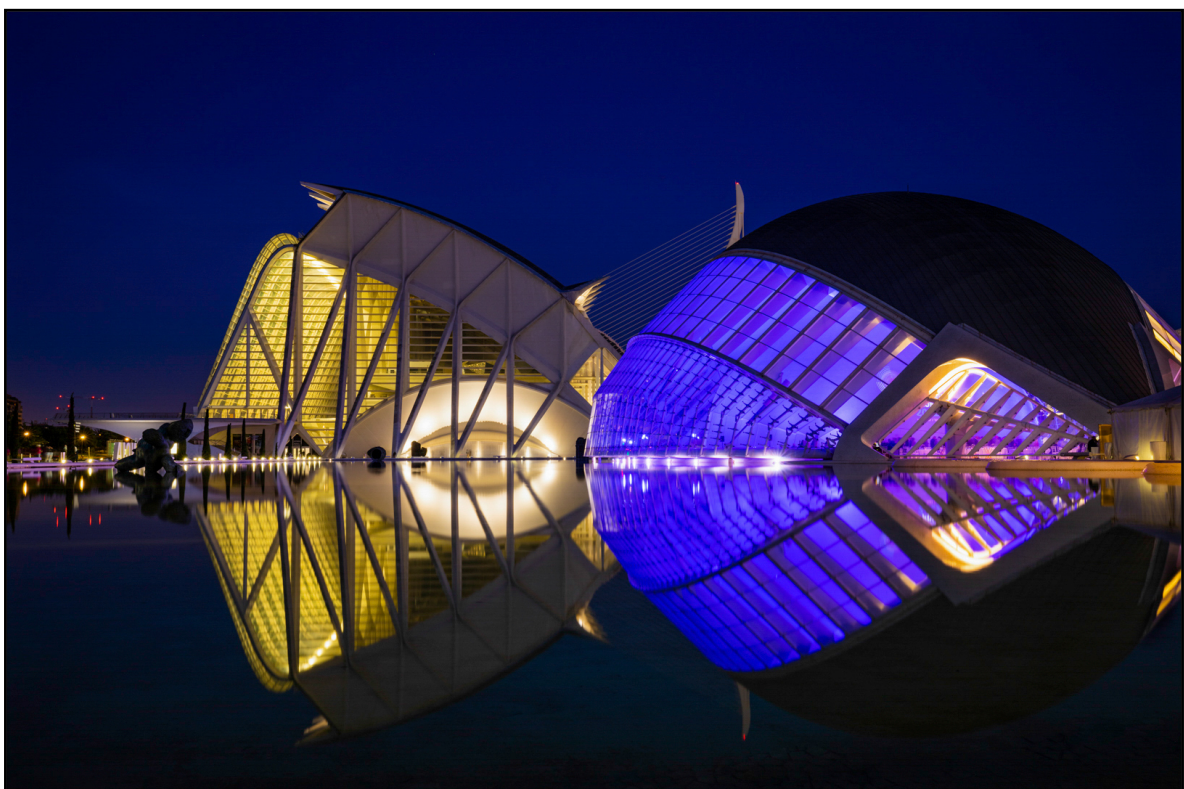
Valencia 16-21 October 2025



THE CITY OF ARTS AND SCIENCES in VALENCIA SPAIN is a veritable photographers' playground.

It is the magnus opus of Valencian-born world-renowned innovative architect **SANTIAGO CALATRAVA**

For this 5 night workshop we will be based at a nearby Barcelo hotel and The City of Arts and Sciences is easily accessible on foot. The surreal modern cultural buildings are surrounded by shallow pools which lends itself to capturing amazing reflections as well as more detailed, abstract architectural images. We will shoot for several hours at dawn and dusk every day to take full advantage of the blue hour to capture the warmth of the illuminated buildings against the inky blue skies.





As the sun rises, interesting shadows are cast by the architectural details and these can create stunning black and white compositions. The area is also a great opportunity for those interested in infra red photograph



We will also venture into the old city to visit the Mercado Central, the biggest indoor market in Europe as well as La Llotja (the historic silk exchange) with its Hall of Columns and courtyard of orange trees.

We will wander the colourfully graffitied streets of Valencia and visit the Gothic cathedral of San Nicolas with its heavily adorned baroque ceiling dubbed the “Sistine chapel of Valencia”.

A day outing to El Cabanyal is also on the cards...an area reminiscent of Cuba for street photography. And depending on whether we get good skies we will travel by bus to the Albufera National Park for sunset.

We will also take a guided tour of the magnificent Opera house which has unique opportunities for architectural abstract images.

There will be some down time during the midday for self exploration or editing in the communal areas.

The hotel has a rooftop bar and pool with great views of the City of Arts and Sciences .I will be on hand to assist with all things photographic.



Opportunities abound for long exposures, architectural abstract and street photography images.

Cost **€ 2200** per photographer for single occupancy in a superior room including wonderful breakfast/ brunch

Initial deposit **€ 400 pp and balance due by 30/09/25**

Discount for photography couple sharing a room **€ 400 ie €4000 per couple**

Sharing with non-photography spouse **€ 2600**

Maximum 6 photographers

Contact me at **kim@limelightfoto.com** for more information.

I will arrange a 4 day add on tour to Barcelona to photograph the Sagrada Familia and other Gaudi buildings amongst others, depending on interest.



Reviews

"When Richard and I heard that Kim was organizing a trip to photograph the incredible city of Valencia, we immediately booked our place on her guided tour.

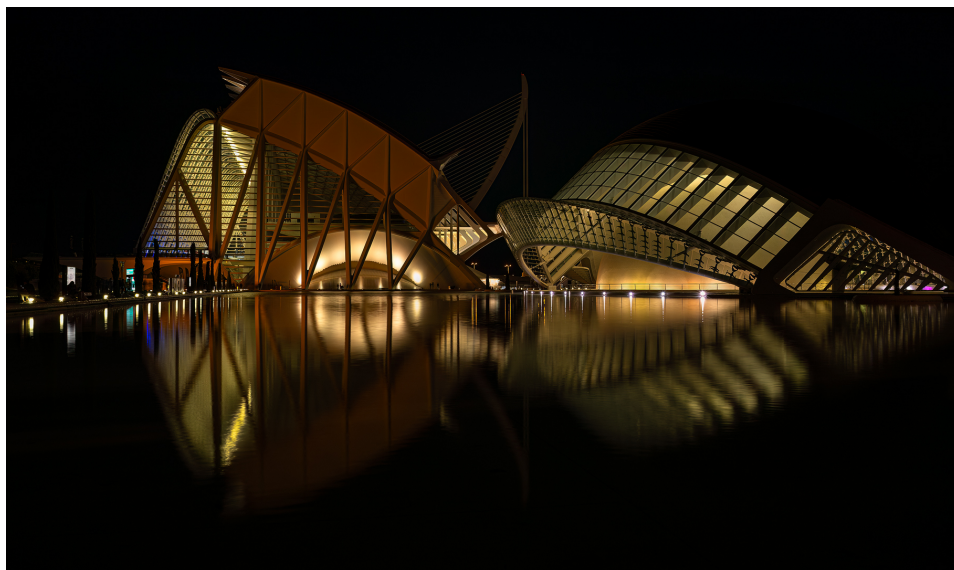
Kim met us on arrival and settled us in at our hotel which was a short distance from the incredible City of Arts and Sciences and Opera house - designed by Santiago Calatrava, the **Spanish architect**, structural engineer, sculptor and painter.

Each evening, we talked about what we would do the following day. Most days, we met in the foyer of the hotel and walked across to photograph the blue hour, slow shutter and sunrise over these incredible buildings. Kim pointed out interesting vistas and made sure everyone was safe and assisted where help was needed. After a return to the hotel for breakfast, we would set out once again to explore the many wonderful sights on Kim's agenda. Highlights were a visit to the fishing village of El Cabanyal where we shot sunset over the fishing boats; exploring Valencia's old town and Valencia Cathedral. We so enjoyed our trip, meeting the other participants and coming home with fabulous photos – which not only did well in our Club competitions, but also in the national Salon competitions.

We had such a brilliant time that we are joining Kim on another of her photographic guided tours – this time to shoot the misty vistas of the ancient city of Venice. “ **Joyce Goldschmidt** ”



“In late October 2024 I was lucky enough to go on a wonderful photographic workshop to Valencia, Spain, with Kim. The opportunities for photography in this highly photogenic city are many. The focus of the visit was the incredible architectural wonder of Calatrava’s City of Arts and Sciences. This amazing modern complex offers so much to the photographer. It is situated in a beautiful park with plenty of water surrounding the buildings which allows for incredible reflections of the buildings in the water. At that time of year, the light was soft which meant we could shoot all day, and we were lucky to also have some interesting clouds to give dramatic skies to our compositions. There are so many different possible compositions that we spent many hours there with different light conditions, creating fabulous images. I am so happy with the images I came home with. Of course, Valencia offers so much more than that one special location. The city has incredible gothic architecture, cathedrals, churches, and historical buildings to photograph that one is spoilt for choice. I also particularly enjoyed the trip to the quaint suburb of El Cabañyal with its interesting narrow streets, reminiscent of Cuba. This was ideal for some street photography. I highly recommend this workshop with Kim. Her attention to detail and expert organisation and photographic knowledge make it an absolute pleasure to travel with her. “ **Lesley Parolis** ”



“Our trip to Spain was amazing. The sunrises and sunsets were wonderful for taking photographs of the City of Arts and Sciences area. Valencia old town was also great, the fresh market and the Cathedral interior were amazing to photograph.

Then we went to Barcelona which was also a great experience. There were plenty of places to take pics and the architecture was a sight to see! We stayed in great hotels, close to lovely places to eat and sample the cuisine. I would highly recommend this well organised tour with Kim as the architecture is amazing in both Valencia and Barcelona.” **Cheryl Brooks**

