



**The Ducal Palace of Gandia** is one of the biggest and representative buildings of the old Kingdom of Valencia. Located in the heart of the town the palace has witnessed the evolution of the capital of its region since very early.

The Royal Dukes from de Crown of Aragon, its first dwellers, established a sophisticated court compounded by the intellectual elites like the poet Joanot Martorell the writer Ausiàs March or the knight Joan Roís de Corella. By this way, the Palace became a very important cultural centre, which is known as "the Valencian Golden Century (15th Century)"

The Borja family (Borgia in its Italian form) arrived in the Palau Ducal in 1485 when the cardinal Rodrigo of Borja, the future Pope Alexander VI, bought the Duchy of Gandia for his descendants. Established then an eleven Borgia dukes dynasty, which lasted until 1740. During this period stands out the figure of Maria Enriquez, pope's daughter-in-law, as an arts patron, whose regency turned the palace in a meeting point for important artists. Among the dukes, the one who highlights is the fourth, Francis Borgia, known as a duke an also for being the 3rd general of the Jesuits order. He was canonized in 1671.

The external austerity of the building contrasts with its surprising inside that the successive owners transformed throughout the centuries. Nowadays, the Ducal Palace offers a wide variety of different artistic styles from the 15th to 19th century.

In addition to being as important as a historical and artistical building, Palau Ducal dels Borja offers nowadays a wide cultural programme made up with activities for every kind of public. One experience for each day!



# TOURS

#### AVAILABLE ALL YEAR ROUND

Daily guided tours. (Sp). Guided tours in different languages for groups. (Sp, Val, Eng; Must be booked in advance). Without-a-guide tours or audio-guided (Sp, Val, En, Fr, It, Russ, Ger). Visits for scholar groups "Jugapalau" (Val, Sp; Must be booked in advance). Combined tours: Palau Ducal dels Borja + Sant Jeroni de Cotalba Monestry, for individuals (Spanish) or groups under booking (Sp, Val, En).

FROM OCTOBER TO JUNE

**Dramatized tours\*** (On pointed out Sundays at 12:30; Must be booked in advance)

### JULY/ AUGUST/ SEPTEMBER

#### Night tours

(Tuesday, Thursday and Friday (Spanish Language). Must be booked in advance).





## **GASTRONOMICAL EVENTS**

JULY/ AUGUST /SEPTEMBER

**Duchess' Tasting:** Culinary tastings with craft products.\*

**Borgian Dinners:** Dinner accompanied by jazz music in live.\*

SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER

**"Fira i Festes" Dinner (Fair of Gandia):** Dinner accompanied by ancient music in live.\*

# **CULTURAL ACTIVITIES**

#### Moreover, in the palace you can enjoy much more activities:

- · Temporary exhibitions
- · Special programme for christmas time
- · Special programme in march (women's day)
- Concerts
- · Conferences
- · Audiovisual projections

## SPACE RENTAL AND PHOTOGRAPHIC REPORTAGES

If you want to celebrate your event or do a photographic reportage in the inside of the Palau Ducal dels Borja just tell us it and ask for our fees.

\*More information and dates: www.palauducal.com



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