

Why go?

The Valencia Street Circuit is a bit of a curiosity. Designed to create exciting racing around the marina which hosted the 32nd America's Cup yachts, its sweeping bends (which can be driven flat out between the concrete walls) have provided very little overtaking as far as F1 is concerned, making this grand prix quite a forgettable one to watch on TV. The lack of luxury yachts in the harbour has also failed to recreate the magic and glitter of Monaco or Singapore.

Despite all this, spectators flock in high numbers (85,000 in 2011) and it gives the race an atmosphere (albeit Alonso biased) other Tilke designed Formula 1 tracks would relish. The city is enjoyable, easily accessible, the event is well organised and the weather is usually (very) warm and sunny at the end of June. The venue is also easily reached by public transport. These ingredients make it a perfect race to attend for a first grand prix experience, as well as for anyone in need of F1 live, coupled with a European city break or as part of a bigger holiday.

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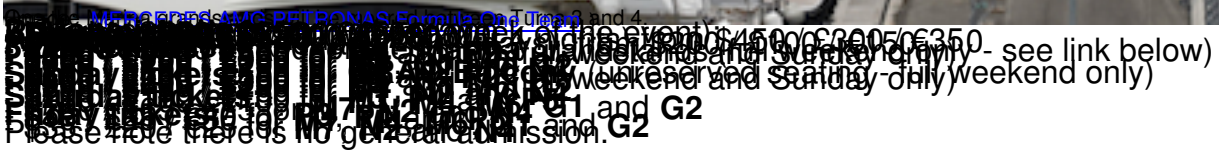
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Formula 1 pit stop at the Valencia Street Circuit. The image shows a Mercedes AMG Petronas Formula 1 car being serviced by a pit crew. The car is white with blue and yellow accents. The pit crew members are wearing white and black uniforms. The background shows the Valencia Street Circuit grandstands and other pit buildings. A sign with the text "BRAKES ON" is visible in the foreground.

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Grandstands and apartment buildings at the Valencia Street Circuit. The grandstands are filled with spectators, and the apartment buildings are visible in the background. The track is visible in the foreground.