



Our Folklore

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Traditional Instruments:

- **Dolçaina:** it is a very famous instrument in Valencian region. Dolçaina is a wind instrument of arabic origins.
- **Tabalet:** It is a percussion instrument that always goes along with the dolçaina. It is also an instrument of arabic origins.
- In a lot of festivities in our cities you can see groups of “**dolçainers and tabaleters**” playing together in the street.



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Traditional clothes:

- We have several traditional regional clothes but the most famous are the falleros clothes. These suits are used for our most important festivity, "Les falles" that take place in march.
- These are very old suits that come from the ancient clothes of peasants. Of course, the clothes have evolved with the years.



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Traditional clothes:

- We have others traditional clothes in our region. For exemple traditional clothes from Castelló (first image) and Alacant



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La muixeranga:

- This is the name given to certain performance of ancient street dances and human pyramids. It comes from the valencian village of Algemesí. It appeared about the beginning of 18th century.
- People involved in the human castles or pyramids, get dresses in colourful clothes.
- Nowadays, this celebration has extended to lots of valencian cities as Gandia.



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Les falles:

- Falles are our most important and famous festivity. In march, with the arrival of spring, we celebrate a worldwide famous tradition in which fire and gunpowder are the kings.
- The origin of this festivity comes from a carpenter's tradition. Carpenters, many centuries ago, used to welcome the spring burning pieces of wood. With the pass of the years, that tradition gave pass to the modern monuments that we can see nowadays in the streets of Valencia and a lot of cities and villages of the region such as our city, Gandia



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Les falles:

- During the week of 12th to 19th of march, the falles are planted in the street and the celebration starts.
- We throw firecrackers, we have music concerts at night, we have the famous “mascletà” (and incredible pyrotechnic show) and “la nit del foc” (fireworks with another pyrotechnic show), street parades with falleros and falleres and so on. Finally, in the night of 19th of march, the falles are burnt.



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Other valencian festivities:

- Moros i cristians d'Alcoi (Moors and Christians): in which we celebrate the attempt of barber pirates of assaulting the city of Alcoi.
- La Magdalena de Castelló: in which we celebrate the transfer of the city of Castelló from the Magdalena hill to the plains near the see.

