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FLEX TAKES FLIGHT

VALENCIA LAUNCH CELEBRATION



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PUBLIC PROGRAMME • NIGHT OF 14–15 SEPTEMBER 2026

Only YOU Hotel Valencia → ADEIT – Universitat de València

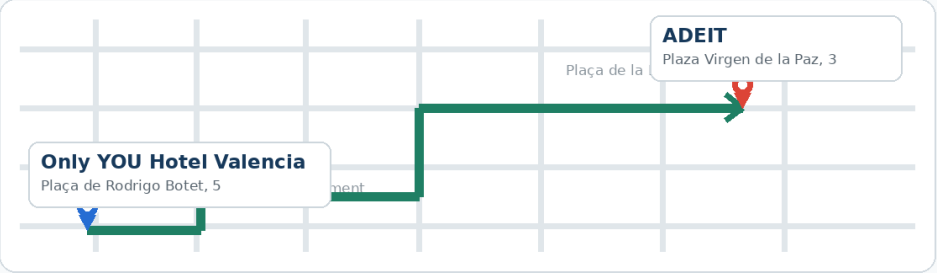
21:00–23:30	FLEX Celebration Dinner — Only YOU Hotel Valencia
23:30–00:00	Transfer to ADEIT — Move together to the launch-night venue.
00:00	Welcome — Arrival and opening of the FLEX Launch Celebration.
00:10–01:20	Block I — The Road to FLEX: From an Idea to a Mission — A journey through the history, preparation and people behind FLEX.
01:30–01:45	Break — Drinks & Networking
01:45–02:10	Block II — FLEX: The Science Starts Now — Forward-looking perspectives on the science that begins with FLEX.
02:15–02:40	Block III — FLEX Memories, Messages & Awards — Messages, memories and a few surprises from the FLEX community.
02:45–03:10	Live Connections — Checking in with mission teams shortly before launch.
03:15–03:20	Countdown to FLEX — ESA livestream, collective toast and final countdown.
~03:20	FLEX & Sentinel-3C LAUNCH 🚀 — Live from Kourou.
03:25–03:45	First Celebration & FLEX Family Group Photo — Toast, reactions and the official launch-night group picture.
03:45–04:15	Late-night FLEX Activities — A light and interactive celebration while Vega-C continues its flight.
04:23	Sentinel-3C Separation
04:30–05:10	Informal Break — Drinks, refreshments and networking while we wait for the final FLEX milestones.
05:17	FLEX Separation from Vega-C — FLEX is released into orbit.
05:23	FLEX First Acquisition of Signal (AOS) — First ground-station contact.
After 05:23	FLEX is in orbit! 🐼 — Final celebration and closing of the FLEX Launch Night.

Programme timings are indicative and may be adjusted according to launch operations.

Venue map

Indicative walking route

Only YOU Hotel Valencia → ADEIT – Universitat de València • approx. 8–10 min on foot



Schematic orientation map; use the QR code for turn-by-turn directions.

Walking note

Both venues are in Valencia's historic centre.

Please allow a few extra minutes for the group to move together.

Scan the QR code below for live Google Maps walking directions.

Indicative route between the dinner venue and ADEIT.

Open walking directions



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The QR code uses the exact Google Maps venue locations and opens in walking mode.