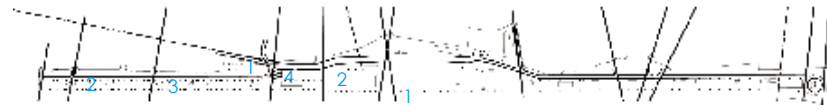


## Vinaròs Promenade

**Location:** Vinaròs, Castellón, Spain **Designer:** Guallart Architects **Photographer:** Guallart Architects **Completion date:** 2009 **Site area:** 3,400 sqm



1. Trees
2. Buildings
3. Street Lamps
4. Car Parking Entrance

Reform of the seafront promenade, as the interface between the centre of the town and the sea, offered a great opportunity for a public initiative to define the desired standards of urban quality for future growth.

The main decision here was to transform the entire promenade into an area for pedestrian use, in order to take full advantage of the place's latent tourist and civic potential, restricting vehicle access for loading and unloading to certain times of the day, and allowing freer access out of season, when this is compatible with the reduced level of pedestrian activity. The structure of the town's road system is such that traffic in the part closest to the port could be routed behind the buildings on the streets parallel to the promenade. However, the absence of any such parallel streets in the central and northern sectors prompted the decision to construct a tunnel between the end of the promenade and the 250-place car park to be laid out beneath the central plaza.

It was also decided to eliminate the concrete wall separating the beach from the promenade to enable the whole area to be perceived as a continuous space composed of a variety of materials. Another significant decision was that the promenade, which at present has an irregular topography, should have a constant level that would set off its eight-hundred metre horizontal line against the natural line of the sea's horizon. This serves to resolve the difference in level between the beach and the promenade by means of a system of tiers that can be occupied in a variety of ways.

Right: General view of the promenade

