



# La Manchuela

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## La Manchuela Wine Route

La Manchuela Wine Route is an experience that you have to live to fully appreciate. Unforgettable lands, high quality wines, exquisite Manchegan recipes with Mediterranean touches and people of great humanistic value are just some of the reasons to immerse yourself in this once in a lifetime experience.

The Manchuela is a small terroir anchored in the lands of Castilla La Mancha, but it is in a league of its own compared to its surroundings. Cuenca and Albacete **cover this region that has been marked by nature with the purpose of offering high quality crops with unique flavours, for this reason today it has numerous products** with Denominations of Origin, among them the wine. La Manchuela Wine Route was born with the intention of showing the world the benefits of this noble town.

The waters of the **Júcar and Cabriel rivers converge and give respite to the growth and development of La Manchuela**; a noble and fruitful region, which for decades has left its mark on the world of winemaking in Spain and now is regaining more and more recognition. The new proposal is to give life and development to La Manchuela Wine Route whose environment is essential to the riches of the regions of Cuenca and Albacete, in Castilla La Mancha.

With the intention of giving shelter to those who are eager to learn about the benefits of wine, La Manchuela Wine Route, of great **tourist and wine interest, goes into the countryside to project traditions, cultures**, as well as the value of the people. People that refuse to overlook tenacity and quality of in winemaking work as a premise. This route stands as one of the most promising bids for tourists, but also for specialists in the world of wines.

The richness of the landscapes of La Manchuela Wine Route **makes it a benchmark, almost obligatory for those who want to enter the world of winemaking**. This region of about 5,658.55 km<sup>2</sup> mixes the characteristic plain of La Mancha and the Serranía de Cuenca. The natural colour of La Manchuela owes its beauty to the vegetation, namely the typical crops of almond trees, cereals and vine, among others. It also has sunrises and sunsets unique for their colours and formations. Drawn between the plains and the hills, they display a particular light show that is intense as well as special.

**Being able to explore places in the heart of Castilla La Mancha, but with an especially Mediterranean seal, is made possible thanks to La Manchuela Wine Route.** This cultural and geographical mixture means that those cultural riches and traditions are more nourished, thanks to the thousands of people who came from Navarra, Aragon and Catalonia to repopulate these lands dedicated initially to agriculture.

In the midst of a captivating natural beauty spot filled with plains and imposing hills, La Manchuela Wine Route is born with the premise of offering hundreds of both national and international visitors the **benefits of the wonders of this land, portrayed in the form of art, tradition, culture, and above all, wine**. If you would like to learn about history while you contemplate the beautiful nature of Spain and enjoy the best wines and dishes, you must come to La Manchuela.





# Wine and Terroir

Framed between the valleys of the emblematic rivers Júcar and Cabriel, the perfect characteristics for the vineyard come together in this land. History suggests viticultural evidence in the area for more than 2,400 years, having passed on the know-how from generation to generation until today. All this has given rise to a precious wine culture. A particular climate gives the grape an extraordinary evolution. Sun, lack of humidity and a singular continental and Mediterranean fusion, with the east wind, favour the ecological character of the wine. All the charm and know-how of centuries-old tradition is combined perfectly with advanced techniques of development which after rigorous quality control, offers unique wine. As for the varieties, the Bobal stands out as the emblematic native grape.

Wine quality is a special topic that many people are passionate about, experts in oenology or not. **La Manchuela Wine Route has stood out in recent years for the quality of its wine. Today you can enjoy a Denomination of Origin wine** that endorses the quality and care that is put into the vitivinicultural crops found along this route.

Today La Manchuela Wine Route stands as an excellent option to get to know the rich flavours and aromas of the wine of this land that remains anchored in a privileged point of the Iberian Peninsula. Seeing the surroundings will help you to understand the authenticity of the wine. Spain is the cradle of high quality wines and the winemakers of this noble region continue to raise industry standards with their daily work.

La Manchuela Wine Route boasts **Denomination of Origin that has become one of its most distinctive features**. The Manchuela Denomination of Origin is a collegiate body of participation between the groups of producers and the sectorial organisations of the wine sector in the region of La Manchuela. Its mission is to guarantee the quality and image of its unique wine, valuing five strategic variables: history, land, climate, tradition combined with technology and native varieties. These elements generate specific conditions in the area which in turn have an enormous influence on an excellent final result: a high quality wine.

In order to maintain the high quality standards established throughout Spain, La Manchuela Wine Route works with the intention of offering very diverse wines of great value. The character of its producers means that work culture goes beyond standards and focuses on a respect for the values of nature and cultivation as a starting point.

La Manchuela Wine Route **shows a diverse and extraordinary variety of wine** made with the most advanced techniques, but at the same time accompanied by a century-old wine tradition in the different regions, in domestic caves or jaraíz. From these production processes a young red wine with a strong colour is achieved, with an intense fruity aroma and persistent tannins, made mostly with bobal.

The white wine produced in La Manchuela Wine Route stands out for its yellowish and pale tone, although it is bright with some green tones. Aromatic and fruity, upon tasting it you can perceive a bit of acidity. Also the rosé wine stands out for its good visual aspect and the elegance of its



flavour and aroma. Its color and tone qualify the youth that is evident to the eyes of experts in winemaking.

Each one of the types of wine cultivated in La Manchuela Wine Route, presents a variation, according to the way it is produced or preserved, but all have the Denomination of Origin. Similar wines with specific characteristics can be elaborated in many other regions, but they will never have the same flavours and aromas, **thanks to the special lands or terroirs that make up the Manchuela** region and that serve to cultivate the raw material. In summary, a singular wine, which leaves nobody indifferent, with a surprising history, born in a privileged land, pampered by its own climate, guided by tradition and technology, which highlights the value of indigenuity.





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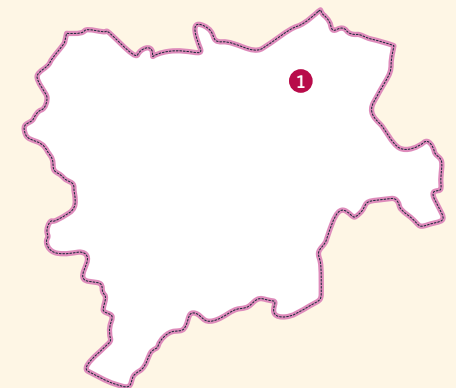


## *The perfect combination of history, nature and culture*

On a small hillside at just over 630 metres of altitude, you can admire the small locality of Abengibre, a town bathed in a picturesque stream, known to local residents as La Cañada. It was founded by Arabs, which is where the gentile name Ibn-Yabr comes in, meaning 'son of the radiant one'. In the 19th century the town was separated from Jorquera, making it a separate municipality.

Apart from being placed in a privileged area of natural beauty, this town has a rich patrimonial history. In 1996 the doors of its Abengibre Museum opened, whose permanent collection of archaeological artefacts belong to different periods of history and their respective occupation. One of the main archaeological findings is the Vajilla Ibérica – The Iberian Dishes – which is also known as the 'Treasure of Abengibre' given its importance compared to other findings in the area and with regards to Iberian culture. The original pieces are in the National Archaeological Museum in Madrid, in Abengibre you will find eight exact replicas of the plates, all of different sizes.

If we are talking about festivities, you have a choice between Lardy Thursday (the Thursday before lent), San Isidro, San Miguel "The Small," Cultural Week (second week of August) and the Shows of San Miguel in September, where the battles between Moors and Christians are brought to the stage. The latter is the most representative festivity of Abengibre.



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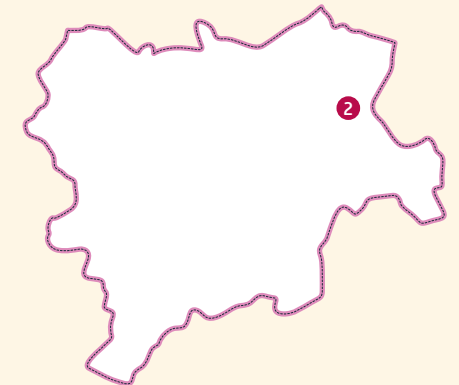


## Natural beauty

Alatoz is a municipality in Albacete which belongs to the region of La Manchuela. The basis for its economy is agriculture, mainly the cultivation of cereals, almonds, olives and saffron which is one of the main sources of wealth for the town, and its flower can be seen in the town's coat of arms.

Situated in the gorge of the Júcar, Alatoz offers surroundings full of natural beauty. So much so that La Ruta de La Lana (the wool route) of the Camino de Santiago passes through the town, crossing the Vallejo del Hontanares and the Camino de Alpera walking routes. What's more, when the almond trees are blossoming the whole town is painted in colour, unveiling all its splendour.

A good way to enjoy Alatozan culture is to visit the Patron Saint festivities of San Juan Bautista and the Virgen del Rosario (Rosary Virgin) which are celebrated on the 24th June and the first Sunday of October respectively. All this, added to the area's wealth of gastronomy will mean you can enjoy a unique getaway.



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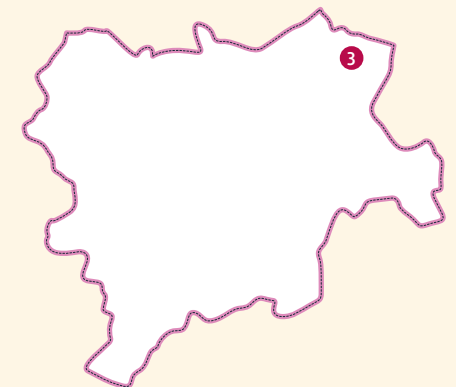


## Pure charm

Among extensive plains in the north-east of La Manchuela, in Albacete, you will find this small municipality in the Cabriel valley. It has splendid natural space of great environmental value and beautiful landscapes. One of the most noteworthy buildings is the 16th century church known as the Cathedral of La Manchuela, given the colossal size of its central dome.

Walk under the arches of the impressive Roman-style road bridge and discover the history behind the famous thatched huts (old refuge for farmers), accompany these with the best gastronomy and good local wines and your visit to Alborea will be particularly special.

Soak up the culture, discover the historical legacy that is still echoed today and enjoy the more natural side by taking one of the diverse walking routes. A marvellous experience in one of the most remarkable natural beauty spots in the region of La Manchuela.



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# Alcalá del Júcar

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## Genuine beauty between mountains

Alcalá del Júcar is one of the most spectacular, picturesque towns in the Albacete province; its location and exceptional landscape forms part of the Júcar gorge and makes you feel the need to stop completely to contemplate its immense beauty when you have it in front of your eyes.

The houses of popular architecture excavated in the mountain adapt to the terrain in the narrow and steep streets, climbing towards the castle that looks out at the gorge and the river that forms at its feet. Be surprised by a visit to the 12th century castle of Muslim origin, restored in the seventies and consisting of a pentagonal tower and two circular turrets. Its rooms are currently dedicated to exhibitions.

The Roman Bridge, which gained importance during the fourteenth and fifteenth centuries as a customs office and its Bullring, unique in its style for its irregular shape, will surprise you. This destination full of history, culture, nature and gastronomy in a privileged environment invites you to discover it.



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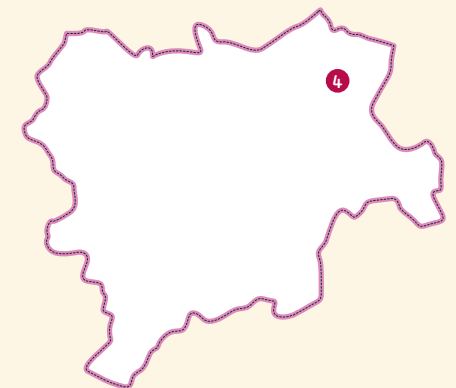
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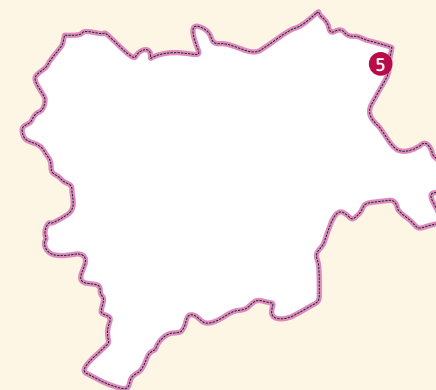


## Corner of peace and nature

Balsa de Ves is a small municipality with a quiet and welcoming character, whose landscape is dominated by dry stone constructions called chozos or thatched huts, similar to those of Alborea and which also served as a refuge for farmers. Taking a walk through its landscapes we will find the Páramo de Ves chozo, a refuge for the farmers, built stone by stone that will not leave the visitor indifferent.

Walk through its streets contemplating its 18th century baroque church and experience first-hand the patron saint festivities in honor of San Antón and Santa Cruz.

Enjoy a pleasant hiking route through the fountains that supplied water to Balsa de Ves, among them you will find the Fuente Larga, the Fuentecilla, the Fuente de la Morchonar, the Fuente del Curavie or the Fuente del Tollo, all connected by a network of walking routes.



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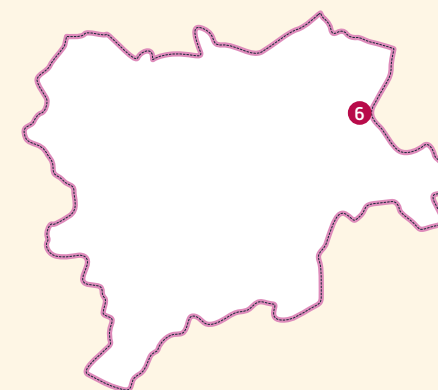
Carcelén, a village which for many years was fought over by nobles, counts and gentlemen, has a wide cultural, historical and natural heritage that the visitor can discover in its authentic location between two great mountains.


Stroll through its streets contemplating its historic buildings, savour the popular cuisine and let yourself get carried away by the guided hiking and cycling routes. We invite you to delve into its caves and rock formations, visit its imposing 16th century castle or take a break admiring some of its 40 natural springs.


Its wide range of shops, restaurants, rural accommodation and nightlife makes Carcelén without doubt one of the perfect destinations to enjoy as a family, as a couple or with friends. You will fall in love with the identity, kindness, respect and hospitality of its people.




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# Casas de Ves

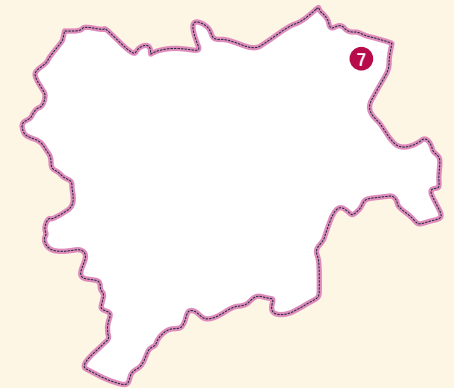
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## *Nature in its purest form*

In the plain where the Júcar River and the Cabriel River converge, we arrive at Casas de Ves. This small rural town in the province of Albacete has rich natural landscapes and forests of diverse fauna and flora that makes it an ideal destination for hiking. The Las Salinas route and the Tranco del Lobo route are some of the trails where you can enjoy contact with nature.

In this setting with incredible landscapes you can also enjoy Las Salinas de Lázaro with its water with medicinal properties, the Natural Tranco del Lobo or the Santa Quiteria church, declared a Cultural Heritage site in 1995. In addition, in its ornithological observatory located at a kilometer from the urban center you can learn about the great diversity of birds in this amazing countryside.



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# Casas Ibáñez

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## Historical memories

This welcoming town located in the center of the region of La Manchuela, whose origins date back to the Bronze Age, was the most populated centre of Albacete. This has made it possible that today the municipality retains various buildings and historical monuments which are witness to the making of history.

Casas Ibáñez offers a unique wealth of landscape that aspires to be declared by UNESCO as a Biosphere Reserve. This area enjoys environmental protection and is classified as a place of community interest and of special protection area for birds within the framework of the EU Natura 2000 Network.

This natural enclave makes it the perfect destination for nature lovers for its options in terms of hiking, ecotourism and mountain biking routes of varying difficulty. Besides being able to enjoy a variety of activities in the middle of nature, the Ermita-Sanctuary of the Virgen de la Cabeza, the hill of San Jorge and its chozas and small houses are a small sample of the historical and architectural heritage that you can visit. All this together with its exquisite cuisine make Casas Ibáñez the perfect municipality for a getaway.



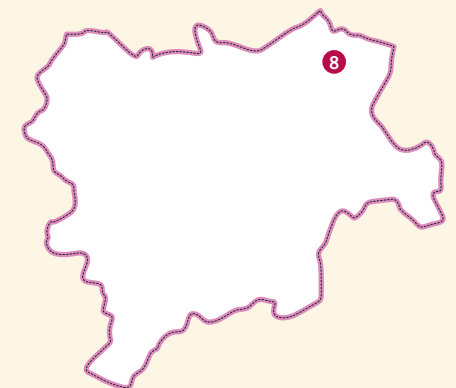
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## Centuries of history and tradition

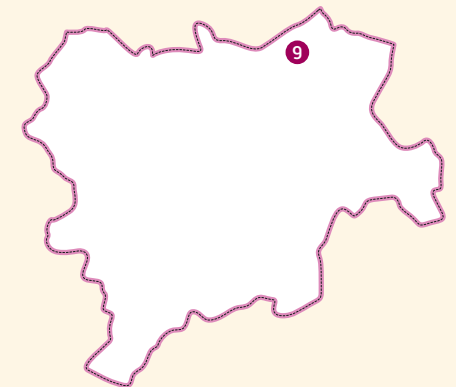
Cenizate is a town located northeast of the province of Albacete that dates back to 1343. The passing of time has left a great cultural legacy that is reflected in the various traditions that are still part of the lives of its inhabitants and in the diversity of styles of its architectural buildings. Great proof of this is its magnificent Parish Church of Las Nieves or the Hermitage of Santa Ana, which take a leading role during the traditional patron saint festivities.

The patron saint celebrations take place from 24th to 29th August where various events are on offer, such as wine tasting offered by the local countryside cooperative or the fiestas in honour of the Grandmother of Santa Ana, which have been a tradition since 1744 and these together can be considered some of the most important events of this town.

Cenizate also boasts a rich traditional cuisine and diverse places of great environmental and ethnographic interest, such as the Tejar. It has everything you need to enjoy yourself!



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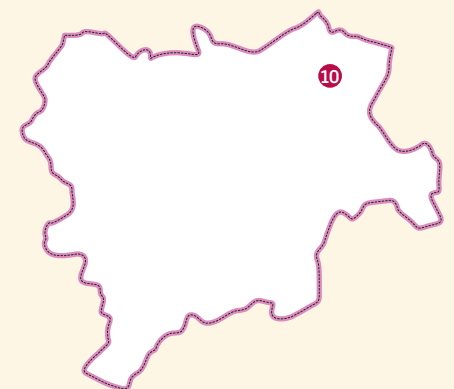


*The hometown of the most famous La Mancha personality*

Municipality of Roman origin famous for being footballer Andrés Iniesta's hometown. However, Fuentealbilla is much more than that: its people, its cuisine and its history should not be cast aside.

The war between Carthage and Rome brought the Romans to the peninsula during the Second Punic War where they build bridges, aqueducts and causeways. Fuentealbilla was also in the crosshairs of the Romans, who left an emblematic building, the Fuente Grande, a Roman cistern that today is still in good condition. However, one of the most surprising Roman discoveries was a stone-carved figure of a human head from Roman times, which was found by a farmer.

Its Parish church of Santiago, of baroque style, and its salinas of possibly Roman origin are two features of great importance in Fuentealbilla. Discover its rich and varied cuisine and sample escarileras, collejas, minchos, pumpkins and the famous Manchegan gazpacho.



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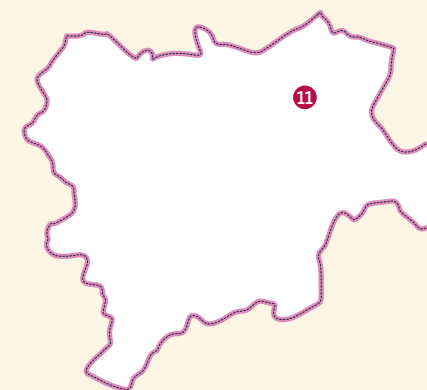


## *The watchtower of the Júcar*

At the peak of the mountain between the furrows of the river Júcar, stands the imposing municipality of Jorquera. Guarded by Almohad walls, the town preserves the essence of different periods throughout history that have left behind architectural treasures such as the White Tower or the 16th century church.

In this setting surrounded by riverside forest and a traditional area of orchards, Jorquera offers its visitors the best cuisine and a wide range of sporting activities in nature.

Stroll through its narrow alleys, discover the traditional way of life of its people, explore its cave houses and visit some places of cultural interest – examples of just some of the things you can do to enjoy your stay and that will make your visit an unforgettable experience.



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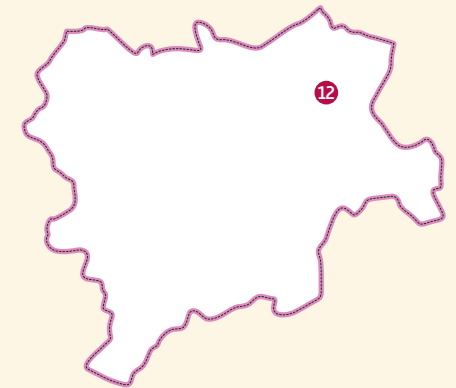


## *A place full of tradition*

Following the road through the mountain, La Recueja appears nestled in the Júcar river valley and you can appreciate the beauty of the landscape whilst either fishing, hiking or simply admiring the impressive stone walls that have formed from the erosion of the river since the very beginning of the formation of the valley.

After a great walk along the river Júcar and the Constitution square where the Town Hall and its Parish Church are located, it is essential to taste its official drink ambi, whose name is not a coincidence. The creator was named Ambivio, a neighbour of the people who invented it during the economic crisis so that people with few financial resources could also go into the bars and enjoy a drink.

Its most representative tradition and one that can still be seen today, is the Hachos, a bunch of esparto (a type of straw) that is set alight and had the simple function of providing light. Today esparto is burned on the day of San Blas and San Antón.



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# Mahora

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## *An enclave full of history*


Mahora, a municipality surrounded by the Júcar and Valdemembra rivers, has a name of Arab origin, which is believed to come from the word tavern.

The romanization of this territory from the 1st century BC is manifested by the existence of archaeological sites in Casa de la Matosa, Villares de Tochosos or the remains of San Roque Street. Upon exploring its streets you will also find the gothic style Church of Our Lady of the Assumption, which has been declared a site of cultural interest, highlighting the Baroque chapel dedicated to the Holy Rosary. The semi-ruins of Convent of Our Lady of Grace is one of the most emblematic and important buildings for the inhabitants, who work specifically to restore and protect the local historical-artistic heritage.


Its array of bars, restaurants, guesthouses, rural accommodation, cultural services and sports facilities make Mahora an ideal destination to unwind and enjoy a few days of relaxation.




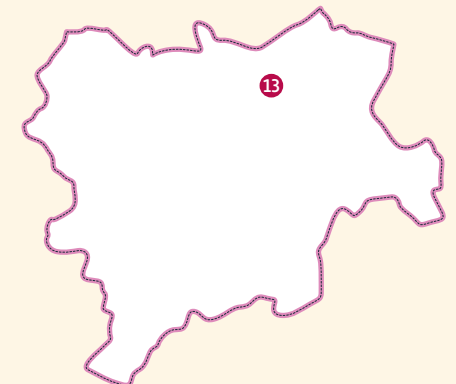
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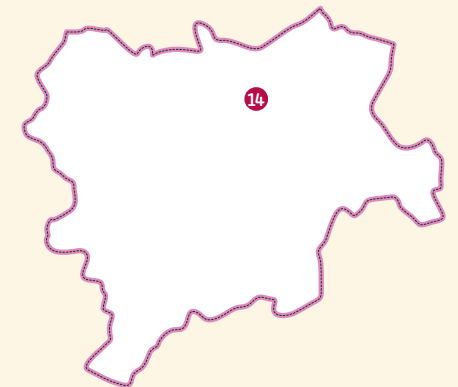


## *Delve into its natural heritage*

Nature, heritage, tradition and craftsmanship are the words that best describe this Manchegan municipality located less than 2 km from the river Júcar.

Motilleja is known for its great variety of fauna and flora found in and around the waters of the river, for example countless numbers of crayfish and other species characteristic of the banks of the Júcar. Strolling through its long Manchegan-style streets, you will find the Baroque Parish Church which is well worth visiting. At the foot of the church is the Plaza Mayor, small and welcoming with its old sundial. In addition, you can see the motillejanos making lace, a tradition par excellence in Motilleja.

Las Cuasiermas square stands out, because it is located next to the Júcar river, making it the perfect place to spend the day with the family. Native flora, and archaeological remains of dams and mills built with stone ashlar are some of the attractions found in this charming corner.



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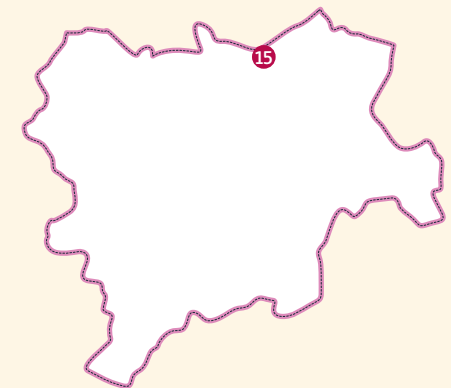


## *The charm of rural life*

Navas de Jorquera is a municipality in Albacete dedicated mainly to rainfed agriculture, vineyards, olive trees and cereals.

The Parroquial Church of San Gregorio Magno, the Mirador Park and the Jardinillos Park, where the festivities of Navas de Jorquera are held, are the main areas of the town where you can enjoy and contemplate its beauty. In this municipality you will find the only heathenist temple of Spain, handmade with stone and where this religious community meets several times a year to practice its rituals and ceremonies.

Discover its rich gastronomy through its traditional stews, the gazpachos from La Mancha, the atascaburras and the mataero garlic, and to sweeten the palate do not forget to try their delicious fritillas or bocaillos.



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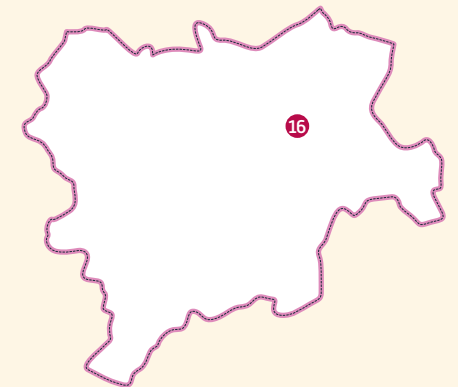


## Reliving the past

This small municipality formerly belonged to the State of Jorquera, which was part of the marquissate of Villena. Among its main monuments is the parish church of Santa Ana, whose history dates back to the 18th century. On the other hand, in the Hermitage of San Isidro, we can find a modern and arched architectural landmark.

At the beginning of May this town is full of life thanks to its patron festivities, dedicated to the Holy Cross. Among its main activities are parades of floats, bonfires, chocolates, competitions and other cultural, religious and leisure events.

Just three kilometers from the town you can see an ancestral rodano pine that is witness to the passing of time in this charming town with a great history.



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# Villa de Ves

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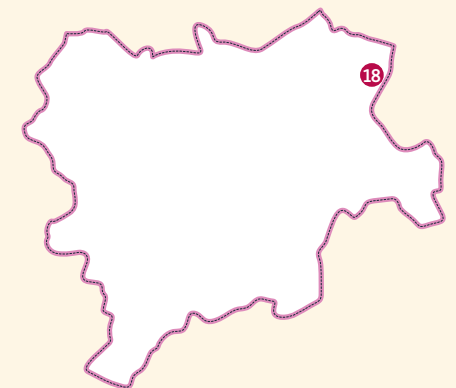


## Natural paradise

Very close to the gorges of the river Cabriel you will find a very unique town: Villa de Ves. In its surroundings there are several landmarks that will leave you fascinated if you are a lover of outdoor tourism. The first, the Sanctuary of Cristo de la Vida, a small Gothic style church that stands on top of an impressive stone wall and falls into the river Júcar, dating back to the 16th century. Its interior is worth visiting, as it conserves an intact musical organ from the era. The surroundings have abundant fauna and flora, which really sets the scene as you hike, bike or fish, and why not take advantage of the river waters to cool off on warm days or simply enjoy the natural scenery.

Another tourist attraction is the Molinar Reservoir, the largest in La Manchuela and one of the most unexpected, yet it is accessible to all those who want to visit its forests, canyons and gorges.

Thanks to its water resources, the surroundings of this municipality stood out at the beginning of the 20th century. In 1910 a hydroelectric power plant was built, which was a fundamental pillar in the second industrial revolution in Spain, thanks to the fact that the river tension rose considerably, giving service to Madrid and Levante. A town was built deliberately for the workers of the hydroelectric power plant, with a school, police station, church, etc., however it was abandoned when the power plant closed.



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# Villamalea

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## *A valley full of tradition*

Villamalea is a municipality located north of the province of Albacete. It has a wide variety of attractions that you can enjoy whether you are more athletic or simply want to take in the natural beauty of the area. The river Cabriel runs through the town, which, together with its valley, make up the two most important natural resources. The town is connected by a path to the small village of Tamayo, where its centennial banana tree stands out, as do the Fuente del Piojo and the Cueva de los Ángeles.

If you are a culture lover, in Villamalea you can find a wealth of attractions from religious architecture to civil and military architecture. Of these, the Hermitage of the Conception and the Church of the Annunciation stand out, both monuments declared sites of cultural interest. In terms of civil architecture, we can find several flour mills that are located on the banks of the river, as well as the old school of cigar makers, which was in working order until the sixties. Only the structure has been conserved.



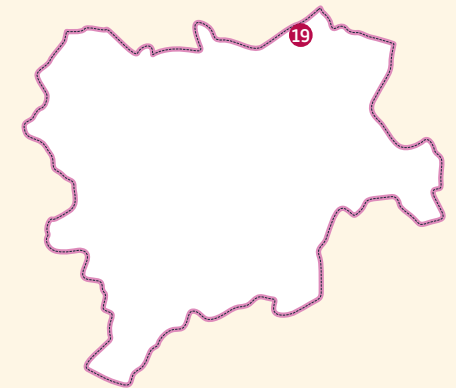
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# Villatoya

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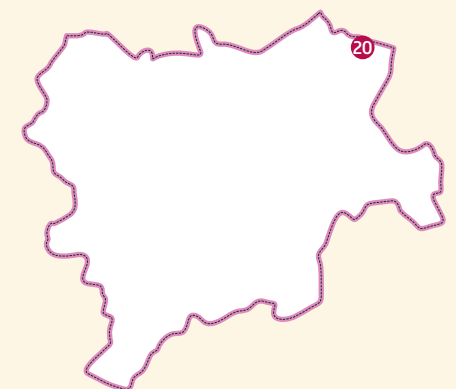



## Nature on the Banks of the Cabriel

Villatoya is in a privileged location, in the valley of the Cabriel River. Nature lovers will surely appreciate the slopes of the river, the sources and the various fountains, all in an exceptional spot where you can enjoy a refreshing swim in the summer in natural spas such as the Baños de la Concepcion, fishing or practising water sports in the same river.


Historically, this valley has been inhabited since the Neolithic age. Iberians, Arabs and Romans have passed through it, but the latter are the ones who have used the sources' medicinal properties outside of Villatoya, the same ones that are still in use to this day. Very close to this village is the village of Cilanco, where the old laundries are preserved, the old irrigation system and the part of a Roman road, which are worth visiting.

This small town will not leave you indifferent, because it has an astronomical observatory for astrotourism lovers, where you can observe the stars on a clear night.



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# Alarcón

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## A trip through medieval times

Leaving behind green landscapes and crossing the Puerta de Campo, one of the three accesses to the walled enclosure of Alarcón is the great castle which is the starting point of this trip in time. Medieval charm in every corner.

Its magical enclave allows you to enjoy nature in its maximum splendour through the Hoces de Alarcón trail which is the perfect place from which to admire the beauty of the surroundings. A remarkable place of singular beauty is the Pantano de Alarcón, built on the upper reaches of the Júcar River and which holds in its depths the Gascas de Alarcón, an old sunken town that emerges to the surface when the water level decreases.

We suggest you enter the streets of Alarcón, discover its rich gastronomy and enjoy the breathtaking beauty of its historic buildings: The Church of Santa Trinidad, the Medieval Castle and its wall, the Church of Santo Domingo de Silos, the Palace of the Council, the Palace of the Castañeda or the mural paintings in the Church of San Juan Bautista. Travel back in time in Alarcón.



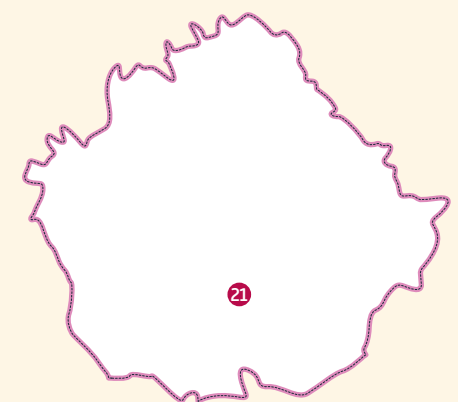
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# El Herrumblar

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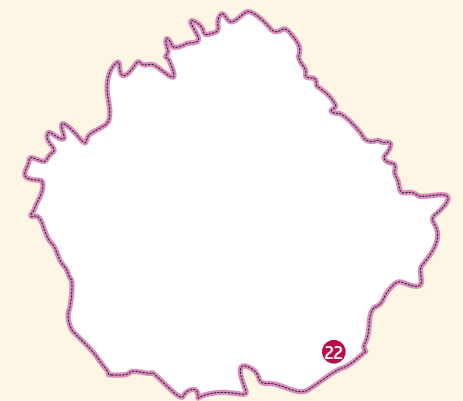


## Wine Tourism in its finest form

El Herrumblar is a municipality whose economic base is the wine production. It has received numerous awards for the quality of its Antares wine, produced in these lands. In addition, olive and almond crops contribute to the economy of the area.

The municipality has great character and cultural identity, represented in several popular festivals that happen throughout the year. For example, in January, the day of the patron saint of the municipality, San Julián, is celebrated. Undoubtedly, the most anticipated parties are those that take place in the summer months, where the 'queens' and their courts are chosen, bullfights are also organised as are other events. To close the calendar of festivities, at the end of September you can enjoy those that honour Our Lady of the Star. These are perhaps the most authentic, as there is a great procession with the Virgin accompanied by a band, and where there is also a special place for the Cooperativa Nuestra Señora de la Estrella, which organises another procession including images of its patron saint and tasting of its wines.

If you are a culture lover, you simply have to visit monuments such as the parish church with the Hermitage of Our Lady of the Star, built in 1777. It can be found next to the cemetery of the town, the hermitage of San Julián, dating from 1680.



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# Enguñados

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## Natural attraction

Located in the Serrania de Cuenca and bathed by the river Cabriel, Enguñados is history, nature, heritage and tradition. In this welcoming town, every era has left its legacy. Enguñados was in the crosshairs of the Romans and Celtiberians which you can still see today in the archaeological remains of Cabeza Moya, La Vega, La Escarehuela, La Hoz del Agua, Panjarinos, El Pozuelo, El Retamal, Fuente de la Higuera y de la Plata and the Charco de las Palomas.

Venture into its urban center and be surprised by the charm of the Plaza Rafael Torrella where you can find beautiful photo-worthy balconies, wooden doors and windows. Visit the 15th and 16th century gothic and Mudejar style parish church of the Assumption and its Town Hall. Enguñados retains tradition, conserving a 20th-century laundry room which is still in use today by the inhabitants of the town. In the distance, its emblematic castle stands at 734 meters of altitude and was built to keep a lookout over the Levantine kingdoms, built by the Arabs between the 10th and 11th centuries.

Nature lovers can enjoy the location of the Chorreras, an icon of Enguñados with highly unique rock formations and characterised by great beauty and transparent waters where you can take a refreshing dip. Nature in its purest form! Enguñados awaits you with open arms whether you come alone, with your family, friends or your partner to spend a few days of tranquility and peace. Nobody ever visits Enguñados just once!

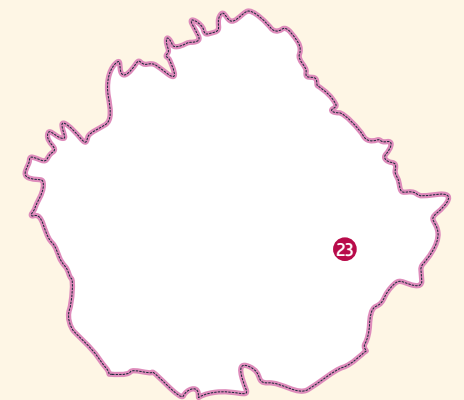


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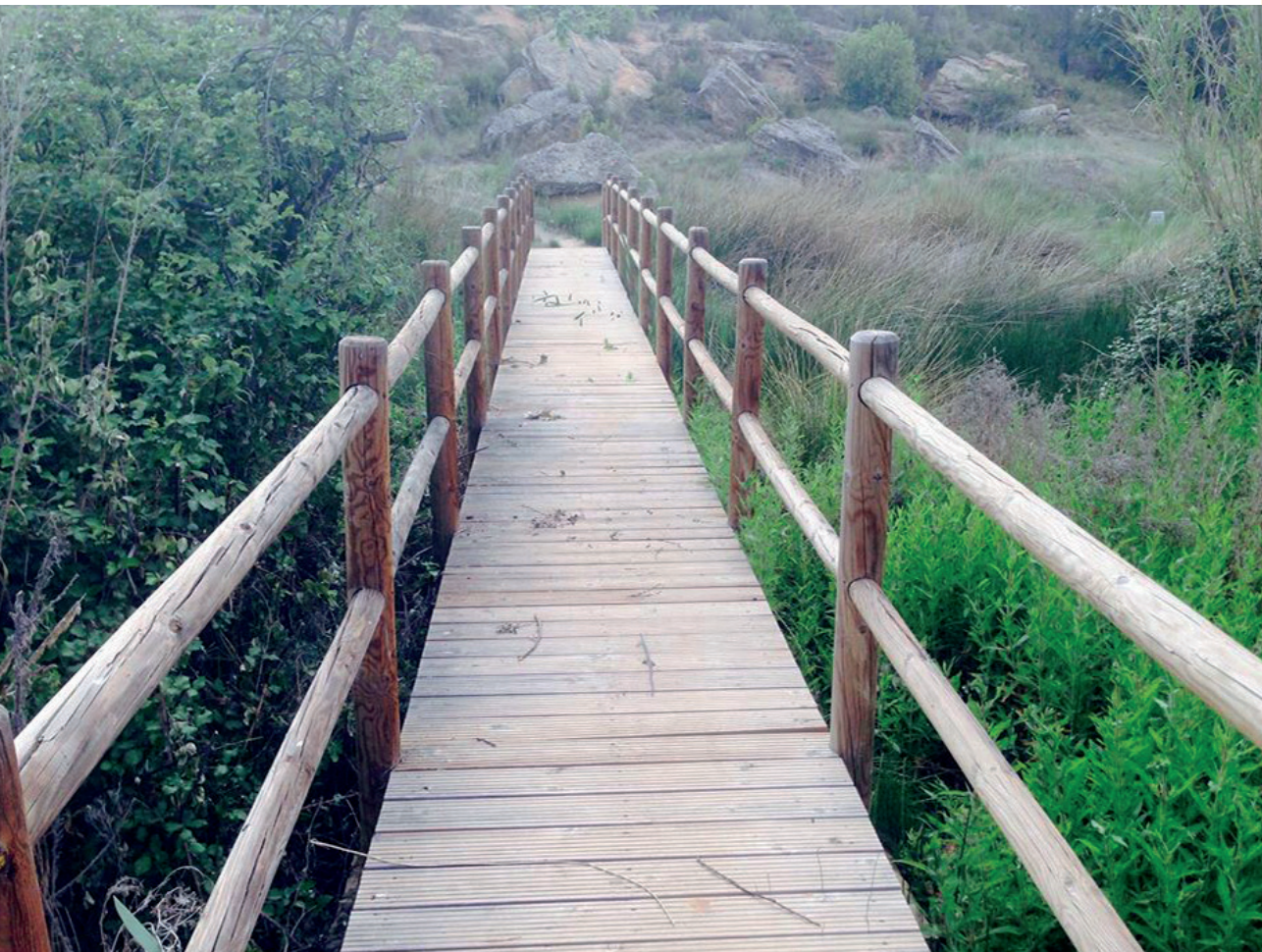
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# Graja de Iniesta

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## The Graja illustration

A small Cuenca municipality of 365 inhabitants whose name even has its history. The name of Graja is due to the presence of this class of birds and Iniesta was used in order to differentiate the town from other locations of the same name in close proximity.

The Tower of Optic Telegraphy of Graja de Iniesta is an invention that goes back to the century of the Illustration, the tower is the twentieth one of the section between Madrid and Valencia and was constructed in 1849. Its reach neared the city of Barcelona, making it one of the most important cultural resouces of this locality.

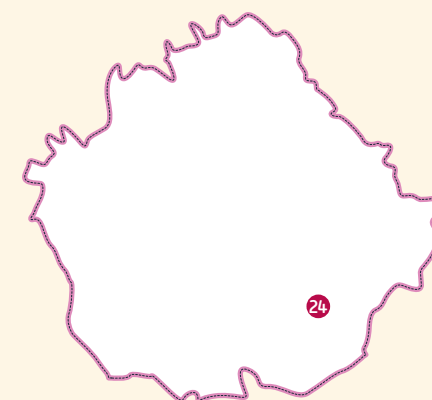
Be surprised by its patrimonial legacy reflected in the Parroquial Church of San Jorge, the Park of San Cristóbal, the Town Hall and its Plaza Mayor, which undoubtedly form a small but very special architectural ensemble.



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# Iniesta

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## Historical Town

Iniesta is a town located on top of a hill. One of its main patrimonial jewels is Plaza Mayor which is framed by monuments such as the castle tower (11th century) and the Town Hall of the Villa (15th-16th centuries) that houses Renaissance mural grisailles. Next to the Plaza Mayor is the bullring (19th century) excavated at the top of the hill and a viewpoint with panoramic views of the manchuelo fields of the west. There are many houses emblazoned with heraldic shields of other eras and lords, with stone lintels, pilasters, noble arms, plateresque decorations ... that give the streets of Iniesta a vintage flavor, essence of its long and exciting history.

Its parish church is Renaissance, of remarkable size, with a Latin cross plan, two parallel doors and an imposing and grandiose bell tower. Near to Iniesta is the Consolation Site, with buildings of traditional architecture, a pilgrim guesthouse from 1710 and the magnificent sanctuary of the Virgin of Consolation, inaugurated in 1765. Celebration and pilgrimage is celebrated on Pentecost Sunday, declared of Regional Tourist Interest of Castilla-La Mancha. Last but not least, the Archaeological Museum of Iniesta shows local vestiges of the Bronze Age, Iberian Culture and Romanization, highlighting an Iberian mosaic from the 5th century BC, unique in Spain.



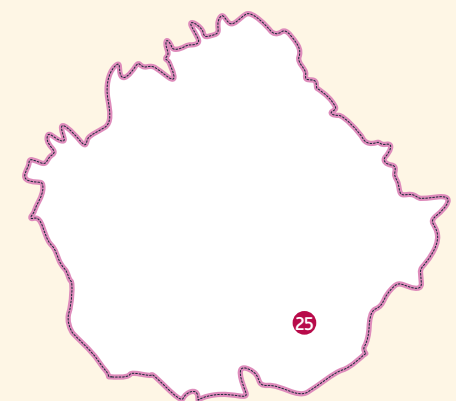
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# Motilla del Palancar

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## *A charming destination*

The name of this town has a lot of history related to the mounds in which archaeological remains have been found. The original name comes from the prehistoric culture of Las Motillas of the Bronze Age of La Mancha.

Touring its charming streets you will come across monuments of great interest such as its church dedicated to San Gil and the house of the Lujanes, a 17th century palace with two floors, windows with grating and a noble shield.

With regards to its cuisine, the quality of its products and the desire to maintain traditions, are two essential characteristics. Traditional dishes such as ajoarriero, made with cod and garlic, migas and calderetas are on offer to visitors in all the different restaurants of Motilla.

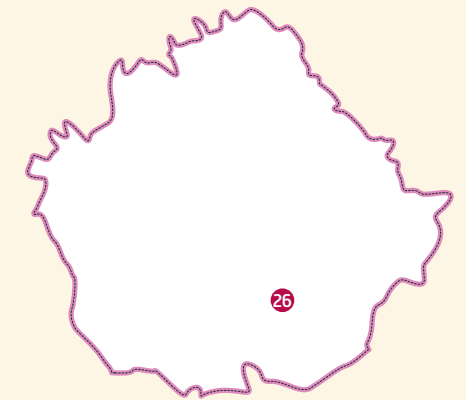
The neighbours of Motilla del Palancar will welcome you with open arms to discover the secrets of their land, their archaeological and architectural gems, and you can sample some of the dishes prepared with utmost care.



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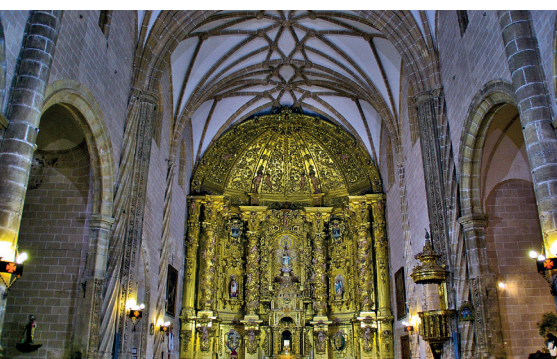
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# Villanueva de la Jara

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## Footprints from the Renaissance

Marvel at the richness of a beautiful and extensive heritage, accumulated over the centuries, the epitome of treasure. Declared a National Monument, you will be amazed at the impressive Basilica of Our Lady of the Assumption which is a beautiful example of a mixture of Gothic, Renaissance and Baroque architecture, full of magnificent works of art and hidden mysteries. The Plaza Mayor, with its Renaissance buildings of the Town Hall and Posada Massó, both declared of Cultural Interest; the old Pósito and royal prison, with its clock tower; and last but not least, Villa Enriqueta, a 3-storey palace, which combines neo-Mudejar style and modernism.

Immerse yourself in a stroll through squares and streets where you will find several manor houses of the sixteenth, seventeenth and eighteenth centuries, with coats of arms and shields, stone doorways, balconies and bars, until you reach the Convent of Santa Ana, XIII Foundation of Santa Teresa de Jesús. The Barefoot Carmelites also arrived after Teresa's footprint, and proof of this is in the great Church of Carmen, which reflects a style of "Carmelite architecture".

Villanueva de la Jara, pioneer in the cultivation of mushrooms and other fungi, which along with other popular dishes, you can taste and pair perfectly with excellent local wines. The sunsets are a spectacle of fire and light in the La Mancha plain and encourage you to stop and take in the beauty of the village, an excellent final destination on a trip defined by the small pleasures in life.



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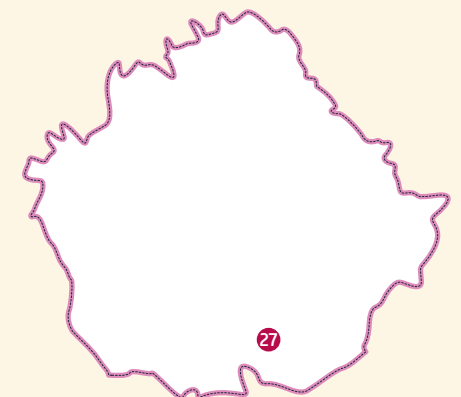
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