



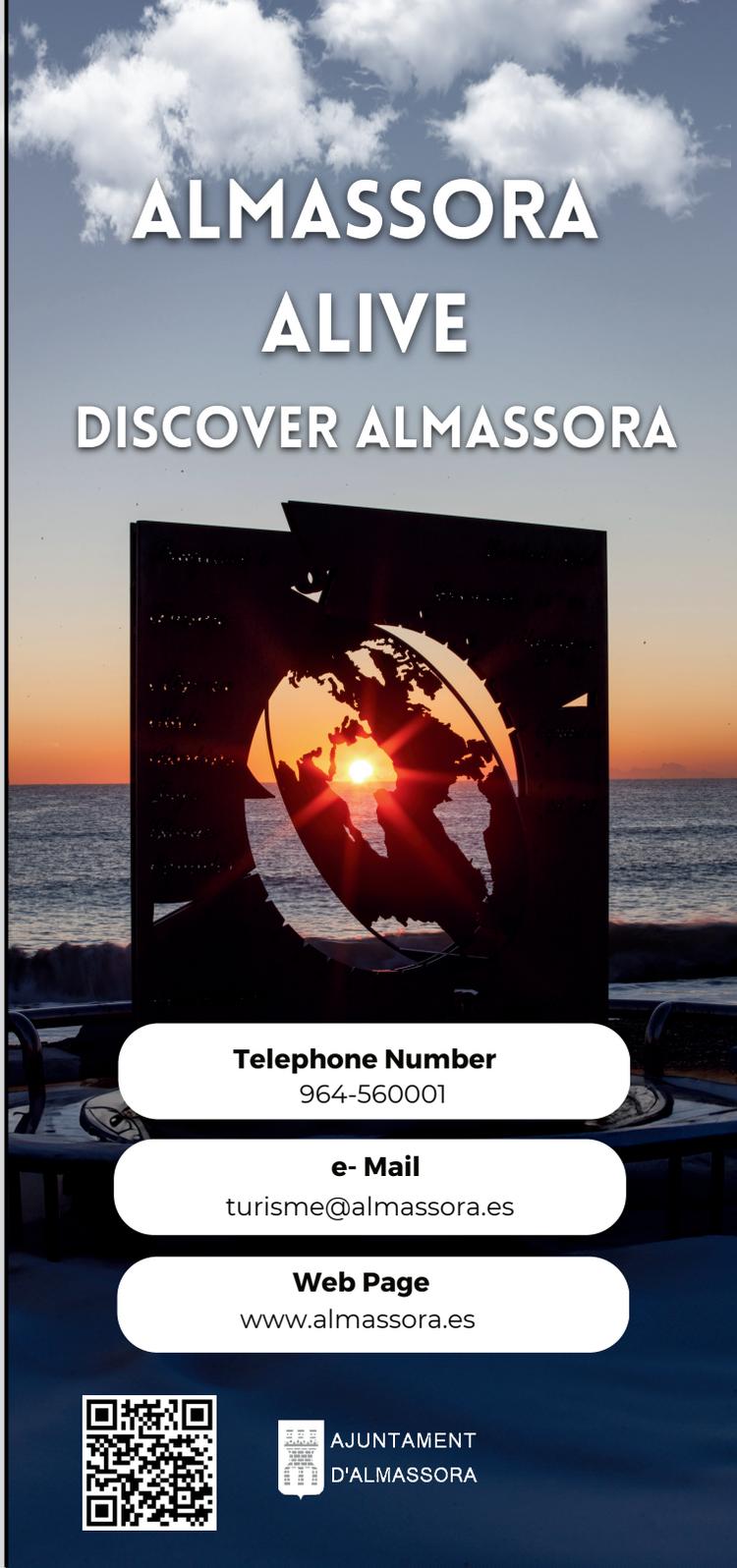
### ROUTE OF THE HERMITAGES

The route around the hermitages in the vicinity of the town of Almassora is a pleasant stroll. This walk will ensure you visit all of the emblematic hermitages: the hermitage of Santa Quiteria, San José (1912); Saint Juan Bautista (1900); San Antoni (18th century); and the contemporary hermitage of Roser del Mar (1993).



### EASTER

Declared a Festival of Provincial Tourist Interest and organized by the Central Board of Holy Week, the celebrations begin with the Pregó and the representation of the Passió. This is followed by different processions and sacramental acts, among which the washing of the feet is one of the most memorable. The Rompida de la hora has become the most crowded event of Holy Week in Almassora starring Tambors de Passió at midnight on Holy Thursday. The Sermon of the Descent, which is unique in the province of Castelló features a model of Christ with articulated arms so that he can be decrucified and later placed in the Holy Sepulcher with his arms folded. The celebrations culminate with the procession of the Holy Burial and Easter Sunday.

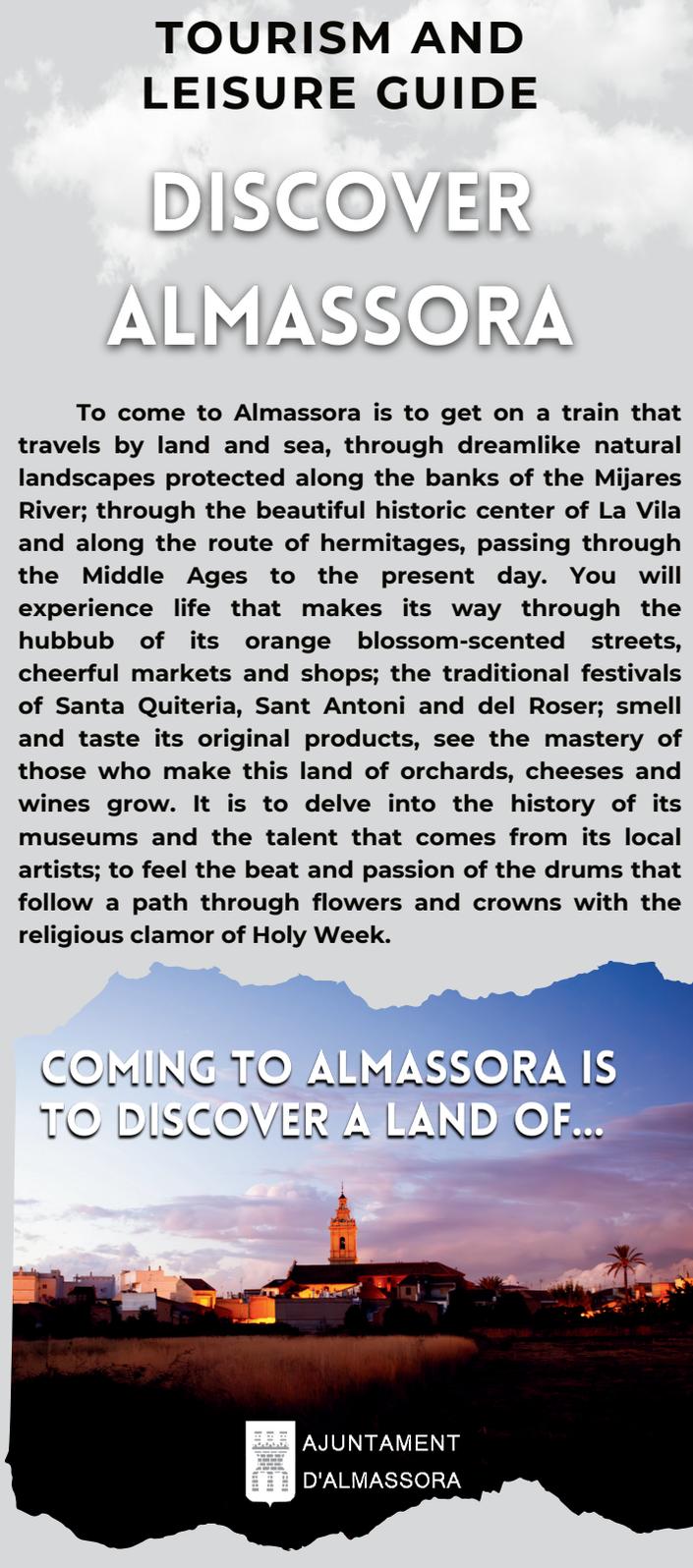


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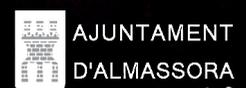


## TOURISM AND LEISURE GUIDE

# DISCOVER ALMASSORA

To come to Almassora is to get on a train that travels by land and sea, through dreamlike natural landscapes protected along the banks of the Mijares River; through the beautiful historic center of La Vila and along the route of hermitages, passing through the Middle Ages to the present day. You will experience life that makes its way through the hubbub of its orange blossom-scented streets, cheerful markets and shops; the traditional festivals of Santa Quiteria, Sant Antoni and del Roser; smell and taste its original products, see the mastery of those who make this land of orchards, cheeses and wines grow. It is to delve into the history of its museums and the talent that comes from its local artists; to feel the beat and passion of the drums that follow a path through flowers and crowns with the religious clamor of Holy Week.

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## HISTORY

Located in the Plana Alta of Castellón, 4 kilometers from the capital, is the beautiful town of Almassora. Located in the beautiful natural setting of the Mijares River, along whose route stand the first traces of the history of the town, showing the survival of its ancestors from the first millennium BC, until 1234. In this year, the town resurfaces with its refoundation, after its conquest by Pedro Cornell under the command of James I, who gave the municipality a leading role in many of his chronicles.



## HERITAGE

The Torrelló del Boverot archaeological site is located on the inner edge of the town, a reference for excavations and scientific studies of the last two millennia BC in the Iberian Peninsula. A fortified settlement that dates back nearly 1500 years. Historical remains exist from the Bronze Age, through the Phoenician merchants, the Iberian culture, to its participation in the Second Punic War and its conquest in the Middle Ages by James I. You can explore the history further in the Torrelló del Boverot Monographic Museum, in the historic center of the city.

## FESTIVALS OF TOURIST INTEREST

In May Almassora celebrates the main festival in honor of its patron saint, Santa Quiteria. It begins with a pilgrimage down to the Saint from her hermitage, to mark the beginning of the celebrations, which include: proclamation, bous al carrer, concerts, fireworks, cultural and religious events, gastronomic displays, sports and children's shows. The main festival day is May 22, when "les calderes" are cooked, declared a Festival of Provincial Tourist Interest and in which rice is distributed in clay pots among neighbors and visitors. The first week of October the festivities are celebrated in honor of the Virgin of the Rosary and in January the 'Matxà' of Sant Antoni is celebrated, with the blessing of the breads and traditional monas. During the afternoon, the animals are blessed and there is the distribution of ribbons and the lighting of the monumental bonfire.



## MUSEUMS

One of the attractions of the town is the route which visits all of the museums. The archaeological museum showcases the amazing past of the municipality that represents the society from the Iberian civilization to the 8th century BC. In the Toy Museum, one of the only ones of its kind in Spain, a collection of more than 1,200, cars, trains, small planes, tricycles and all types of ancient and contemporary toys tell their own story of the century of play. The Parish Museum, in the Nativity parish, is considered one of the most important in the province.

## NATURE

Pebble and sandy beaches glow turquoise in the morning, a mix of pinks and violets at sunset. With a wide range of fauna and flora, the beaches of Almassora invite you to relax in the beautiful environment created by the union between the countryside and the sea. Benafelí, Pla de la Torre and Les Goles, are all examples of where the natural route connects the Mediterranean with the Mijares River. 424 hectares of protected area are home to more than 200 species of birds, giving the town the privilege of biodiversity and allowing you to enjoy the Almassora Birding project.



## MARKETS, TRADE AND HOSPITALITY



The Central Market, located in the Plaza de España, dates back to 1934, and is an essential point of local commerce in the town where commercial and hospitality activities come together, selling and tasting the best local products.