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Carcaixent

Carcaixent was one of the main silk hubs of Valencia from the 16th to the 19th century. It was regarded as “the cradle of oranges” as the first orange tree was planted here in the 18th century, thanks to the initiative of the dean Monzó.

Apart from the route that we provide, this place has much more to offer:

Nature

- Natural spot Hort de Soriano – Font de la Parra
- Green Route l'Antic Trenet Carcaixent-Dènia

Monuments

- Ribera storehouse **1**
- Chapel of San Roque (12th century)
- Monastery of Santa María de Aguas Vivas
- Navarro Darás Park **2**
- Palace of the Marqueseta (Valencian cuisine) **3**

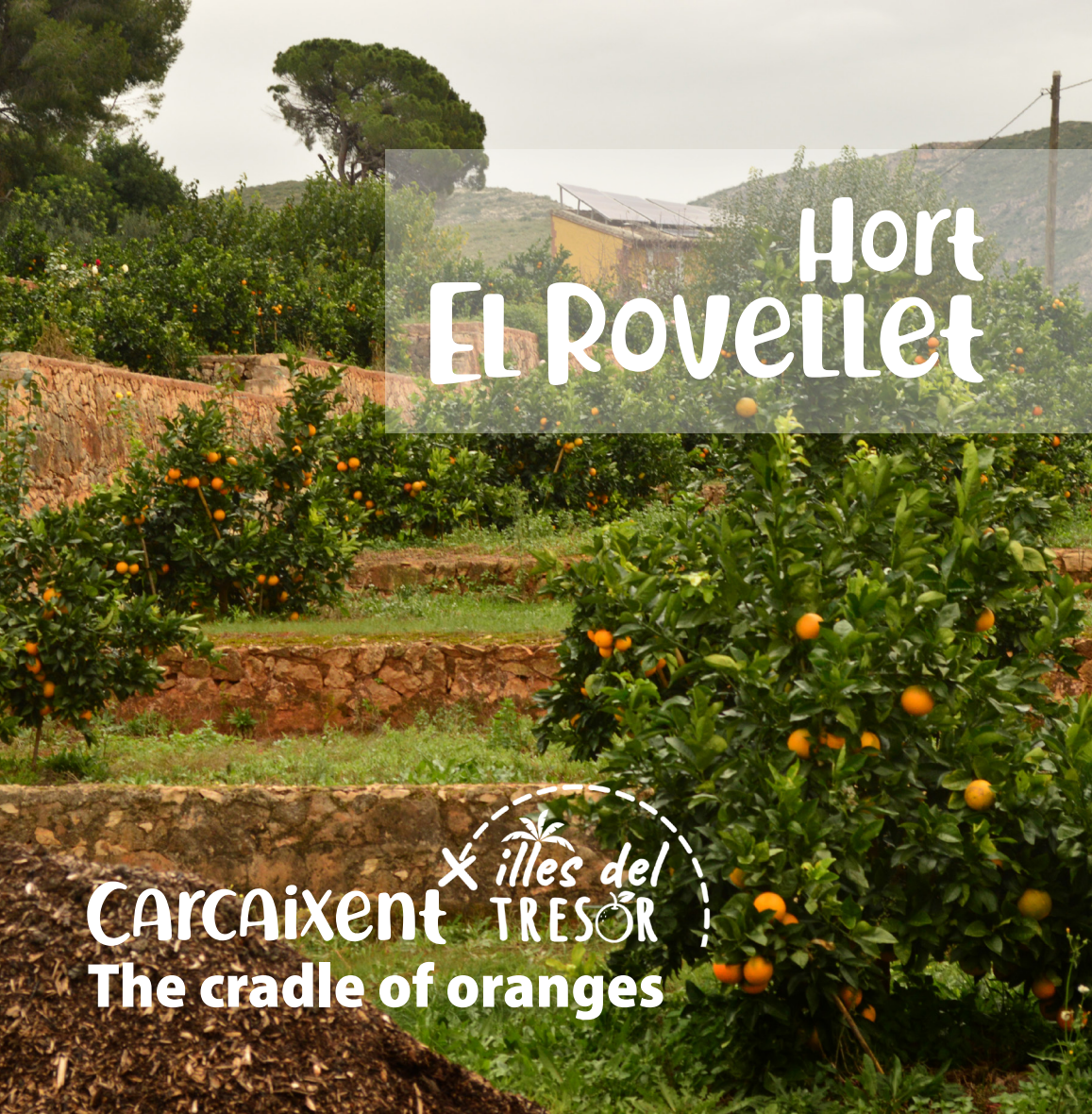
Festivities

- Fallas
- Comical Rally
- Easter
- Modernist Fair

Cuisine

- Paella
- Oven rice
- Cristina cake
- “El suquet” (during Easter)

IVIA's Experimental Station of Carcaixent (Valencian Institute of Agricultural Research):
seed bank with over 40 breeds of seeds relevant for agriculture from Valencia



Hort EL ROVELLET

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The cradle of oranges



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Those from Carcaixent knew that orange trees thrive in sandy fields if manure and irrigation are granted: the nature of the fields was inviting; but they lacked water, hidden by the land...

Don Antonio Josef Cavanilles

Hort EL ROVELLET ✕

Rafa Gandia and Natxo Soriano take care of this lovely treasure, an agroecological project formed by three hectares of citrus and another two of **Mediterranean forest**.

They have been applying ecological technology, permaculture, and regenerative agriculture since 2007.

Rovellet is an ongoing project where new ideas and new challenges are embraced every day, always taking into account their main goal: to be a **biodiversity hideout**, both natural and farmed.

This is a project of sustainable agricultural management, based on the idea of taking care of and respecting nature.

At the end of the route, we will arrive to Hort del Rovellet, where we will visit the vegetable gardens guided by Natxo and Rafa, so they can explain which agroecological techniques they use. To recharge a bit, we will have the chance to taste some oranges and orange juice. We can also buy some of their products to keep enjoying the experience at home.



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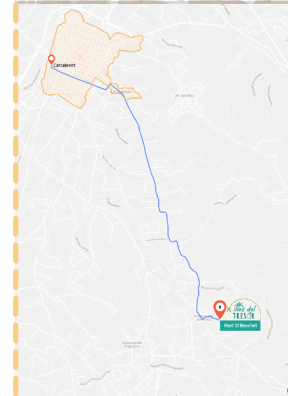
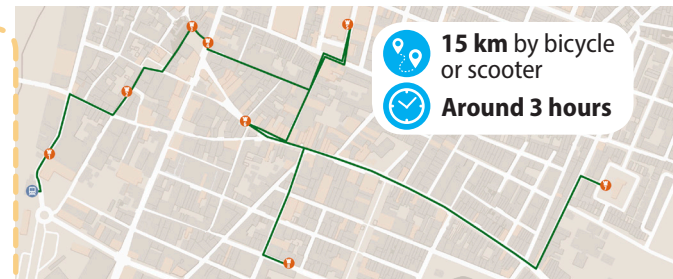
The cradle of oranges

The route starts at Renfe train station, from where we will head towards Ribera storehouse, also known as the “**Cathedral of Oranges**”, which is a modernist building. From there, we will pass by one of the oldest houses in town from the 17th century and head towards the main square. There awaits the Parish of Asunción and the **Palace of the Marqueseta**, which holds a neoclassic Valencian kitchen from the beginning of the 19th century.

We will visit the modernist market on our way to the **Royal Irrigation Canal**, hub of the Community of Irrigators since the 17th century.

We will continue to Hort de Carres, a silk house from the 18th century, and pass by Navarro Darás Park while heading towards today's **treasure island**, the **Hort of Rovellet**.

Once we finish visiting the vegetable gardens, there is a chance to come by the PNM Hort de Soriano-Font de la Parra for anyone who wants to.



1. Ribera storehouse
2. Old Carcaixent house
3. Main square – Parish of Asunción
4. Palace of the Marqueseta
5. Carcaixent Market
6. Royal Irrigation Canal of Carcaixent
7. Hort Carreses
8. Navarro Darás Park
9. Hort El Rovellet
10. Natural spot Hort de Soriano- Font de la Parra