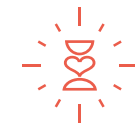




## Region of Valencia: Holy Grail Route.



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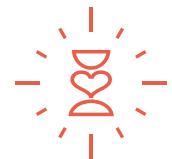


## The Holy Grail Route in Valencia.



- 1. Jardines del Real (Royal Gardens).** Site where the Grail first reached Valencia.
- 2. San Pío V Museum.** This is the second art gallery in Spain, pictures by Juan de Juanés, inspired by the Grail.
- 3. The church and Temple Palace.** Next to the door of Arabic origin that once existed, which the Grail passed through en route to the Cathedral of Valencia in 1437.
- 4. Church of San Juan del Hospital.** Order of the Knights of the Hospital of St John of Jerusalem.
- 5. Plaza de la Virgen.** Historic city centre. Vestiges of its Roman foundation.
- 6. Cathedral of Valencia Museum.** Home to treasures of the Crown of Aragon.
- 7. Chapel of the Holy Grail.** Final destination on this Route.





## HOLY GRAIL ROUTE

Valencia was declared a perpetual Jubilee City by the Vatican in 2015. This celebration will take place every five years, in acknowledgement of the Grail's authenticity. Since then, Valencia has been one of the world's seven jubilee cities.

The map of Grail Territory's is a set of interesting heritage sites near Valencia that connect to the Route from Aragon. From Barracas to Valencia, the traveller can discover a territory that runs between two Natural Parks (Sierra de Espadán and Sierra Calderona), to do active tourism and be in contact with the waters found in rivers, falls,



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canyons and reservoirs. The traveller can visit monuments declared Sites of Cultural Interest, such as Jérica, view the monumental, picturesque wealth of Segorbe, drink in the impressive Roman past of Sagunto and view the spiritual beauty of the El Puig Monastery or the magnificent "Catedral de l'Horta Nord" in Massamagrell, in addition to other attractions. Cuisine and agricultural products also await: oil, almonds, oranges, mushrooms and truffles grace the table, along with traditional rice dishes. Rural Mediterranean in pure form.

This is a territory of contrasts, just a few kilometres from Valencia. A journey to feel the pleasure of thermal waters, to draw delight from the landscape dotted by cork, olive, persimmon and orange trees, and ending the Route with the warm sensation of the Mediterranean and its beaches.

### Grail Territory

This transnational route, based on the Holy Grail Route European Cultural Heritage Project, takes us back to our millennial past so we can better learn about our cultural history. In this case, it is based on the tradition of the Holy Grail, from Jesus' Last Supper. The Grail is the most important relic known. It was at the forefront of The Crusades, the secret of the Knights Templar, and inspired legends such as King Arthur and Parsifal. Film, literature, music and painting have portrayed the legend of this cup. It began its journey in Jerusalem, and was then worshipped in 3rd-century Rome until, besieged by Christian persecution, Saint Lawrence of Rome ordered it to be transferred to the Iberian Peninsula, to the lands of Aragon. It ended its journey in the Cathedral of Valencia, with Alfonso V the Magnanimous in 1432. This long voyage, rife with vicissitudes, fights, traditions and intrigue, gave shape to the myth of the Grail: one of Europe's most important spiritual legacies. A legacy we now invite you to discover.



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01 Monasterio de Santa Maria del Puig, El Puig

02 Catedral de Valencia 03 Barracas

04 Convento Capuchino de Santa María Magdalena, Massamagrell

05 Santo Espiritu de Gilet Monastery 06 Navajas

07 Sierra de Espadán 08 Roman Theatre of Sagunto

**LIVE** the "Entrada de Toros y Caballos (Entry of Bulls and Horses)" in Segorbe, a festival that harkens back to the 14th century, declared of International Tourist Interest.

**ENJOY** the experience of sleeping in the Santo Espiritu de Gilet monastery, founded in 1403, right in the middle of the Sierra Calderona.

**FEEL** the greatness of Roman civilisation in the Theatre of Sagunto, (built in the year 50 AD), and in its imposing fortress-castle, declared a National Monument in 1931.

**VISIT** the Massamagrell church, known as the "Catedral de l'Horta Nord," and the Capuchins Convent, from the 15th century, home to a library with several incunabula.

**ACTIVATE** your body and your mind by trekking the trails in the two natural parks you will come across along the Route: the Sierra Calderona and the Sierra de Espadán.