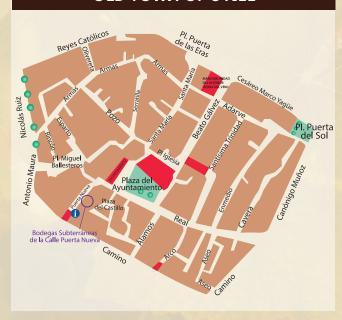


OLD TOWN OF UTIEL



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· Entrance: 2€

· Concession: 1,5€

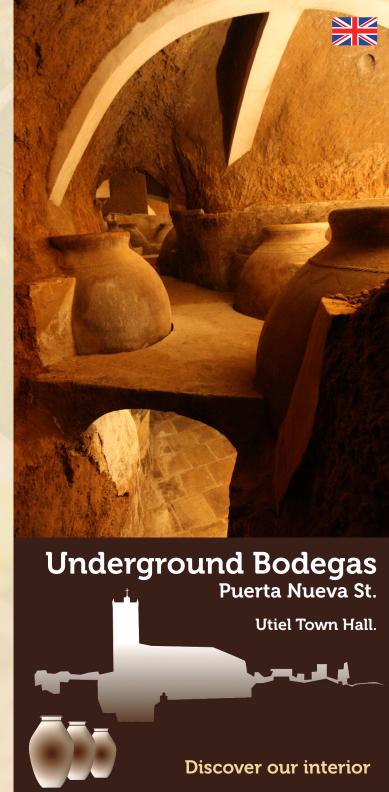
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· Children under 12yrs free.

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These Cellars occupy an ancient network of passages that run underground bellow the old town. According to the historian Miguel Ballesteros most of these tunnels have their origin in medieval times and were made to communicate the forts along the wall with the main fortress. Others were made by the excavation of the ground which was then used for the construction of houses in Utiel until well into the 20th century. Preserved in the historic centre, and of great ethnological value and uniqueness, there is a dense network of galleries which accommodated more than 400 bodegas created for the elaboration and conservation of wine with outstanding zones which are unique models of excavational architecture and one of the most outstanding examples of traditional bodegas currently in existence in the Valencian community.

The town of Utiel in the interior of the Community of Valencia and only 30 minutes from Valencia boasts an extraordinary historical, cultural and natural heritage. Here you can find various buildings and sites that have been declared to be of historical and cultural interest: Nuestra Señora de la Asunción Church, the late medieval defence system of the castle and wall, the noble coats of arms that emblazon ancient houses in the original historical town centre together with first class ethnological underground caves created for the production and storage of wine, "Cellars".



The Town Council of Utiel committed to restore their heritage and return it to its original value. This has led to this ambitious project in the underground bodegas in the street called Calle Puerta Nueva, creating a circular route through the interconnecting underground cellars in the town with rooms dedicated to reflect the historical development and the diverse range of trades and occupations associated with the ancient craft of wine making which has a history of more than 25 centuries in the region. Today the grape growing and wine making are the economic engine and identity of this area. We cordially invite you to discover and get to know this part of our history.

