













## THE HISTORY OF ARGELITA



Argelita's city centre was relevant in the Era of Christian conquest during the thirteenth century, when it entered in the territories which were in the power of one of the most important leading figures of this era, wich was Zeit Abu Zeit, the last Mozarab King of Valencia.



Feeling that was cornered, he moved away to Argelita's palace where he converted to Christianity. He was an ally of King James I and he took part in the conquest against his own congeners.

When he died, in 1269, his son Fernando Perez turn into the owner of Argelita's properties.



The old Argelita from Zeit Abu Zeit left its essence of a Moorish core in the Islamic Era with vestiges such as the structure of its streets, wich conserve the urban aspect of the old Muslim streets, as well as the canal systems for the irrigation of crops. In the church square preside over two towers, which belonged to the already demolished Zeit Abu Zeit Palace (BIC)

As well as the ruins of what was the Buey Negro Castle (BIC), which can be found on the top of the mountain "La muela". One of the biggest fortrees from Valencian Community of the twelfth century.





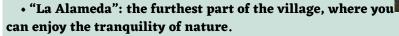


The refuge, located in the Saint Cross square of Argelita, was built in 1937 and dug directly by the population in order to protect themselves from the bombardment. It has a five-metre depth and has a gallery and some rooms which allowed to be home to 200 people.

Argelita was part of the war front during eigth months during the Spanish Civil War. The Villahermosa river, which goes through its municipal area, divided during that time the two armies. The bomb shelter was opened till the 22 July 1938, when is neighbours mortared the entrance, covering it with soil in order not to be discovered by Franco's troops which occupied the village.

# **NATURAL BEACH**

In the Villahermosa River, on its way through Argelita, bathing area have been provided. 450 linear metres of river, divided in three areas. They are a place of big importance for the break, expansion and free time of the resident population and visitants, that focuses, in the summer, both in and around the village.



- Natural swimming pool: Next to the sport area, we find the natural water pool.
- Swimming area with pets: a good pool to enjoy the fresh waters together with your pets.



Near the natural swimming pool, you can find the sports and recreational area of Argelita.

With a court wall, a multi-sport field and a ping-pong table. This area is perfect to have fun with the little and big ones.



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#### **CANALETA TRAIL**

17 km trail running and a slope of 1028 metres, which runs mostly along trails of high technical difficulty of the Alto Mijares.

HIKING TRAILS



SL-CV91 CLIMB TO "LA MUELA". 3.668 metres linear path, with a 362 metres slope. Length: 1 h 20 min. This trail joins together Argelita with Buey Negro (Black Ox) Castle. Along the path you can see Spanish wild goats, eagles and vultures.



stages:

Long-distance footpath that unites fifteen municipalities Mancomunidad Espadan-Mijares and that covers a total distance of 104 km. From Argelita can be completed in

STAGE 11 TOGA-ARGELITA of 2830 m. **STAGE 12 ARGELITA-VALLAT of 5080** 



Argelita has some natural water fountains, where you can come to have a nice walk and enjoy of a nice brunch or snack.

- Saint Cross Fountain ("La fuente de la Santa Cruz"). 1930. It is a 30-minute walk from the village.
- Sabinar Fountain. It is a natural water birth. The flowing waters are exploited by the river to form ditches that irrigate the area.



Ignacios Fountain: From the source arises a pipeline that provides water to the municipal washing place. We can find it dry, depending on the seasons, if the rains are few and far between.

# **CELEBRATIONS AND EVENTS**

From the idea of bringing the history and culture of Argelita, the region and Valencian Community, to the population, different cultural events and ceremonies during the whole year. Argelita has its own celebrations, two of them are declared of Cultural Tourist Interest, like Saint Anton's/Anthony (last weekend of Saint Anton's) and the Saint Cross Ceremony (on 3 May).

Other events:

• Easter

• August celebrations (15th week)

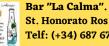
 October celebrations (first Sunday)

#### **Cultural events:**

- MillArts Festival
- A day "per la llengua" (for the Valencian language)
- Medieval day



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## LOCATION



• Average temperatura: Max 23 º in summer and 12º in winter.

