

CASTELL DE CABRES

Gateway to Tinença
de Benifassà



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NATURAL CHARM

Castell de Cabres is one of the smallest and highest municipalities in the Valencian Community. It is the gateway to the Tinença de Benifassà, and from its 1137 metres above sea level, it offers extensive and impressive panoramic views.

Its streets give a glimpse of the passage of time and its Plaza Mayor has two points of great interest: the Square Fountain, which has always supplied water to the town, and the Church of San Lorenzo, from the 18th century, which has three naves and three bays and a quadrangular bell tower. Inside, the Baroque paintings from the 18th century, with bright colours, are outstanding.

The town was protected by its castle, located in the upper part of the village, now known as Calvari. Only the perimeter of the base, approximately 118 metres of wall, has been preserved. The old church was located in this area, whose materials were used for the construction of the current church, although the baptismal font has been preserved.



Rafa Ruíz

CHURCH OF SAN LORENZO

Built in the 18th century, it was blessed in 1769 and has three naves with three sections at the same height, transept, choir loft and bell tower. The central nave is covered with groin vaults and the side naves with dome vaults. This architectural combination is an unusual peculiarity in Els Ports.

The bell tower, built in masonry, is located at the foot, on the epistle side, integrated into the church. It is a curious square tower with the belfry flanked by pilasters. This bell tower is crowned with a cross at the top.

One of the distinctive features of this church is the brightly coloured, popular interior decoration, which has been preserved almost in its entirety. The walls and vaults preserve the original stucco and fresco paintings. The frieze and the top of the pilasters are decorated with garlands. The four Evangelists are depicted on the pendentives of the dome and the four Doctors of the Church and the four cardinal virtues on the vaults.

The 12th-13th century baptismal font from the old church has been preserved.

HERMITAGE OF SAINT CHRISTOPHER

Located in the Sant Cristòfol mountain range. It consists of a single nave facing east. Almost completely destroyed, only the walls, part of the arches and the doorway formed by a semicircular voussoir arch remain.

It was considered an example of a hermitage built during the Reconquest. It was built in 1565. The building was burnt down in August 1936. From here there are extensive panoramic views of the upper valley of the Escalona river and the leafy pine forests. The pilgrimage was revived in 2017.



EL POU DE LA PLACETA

Truncated cone-shaped well of Arab origin with a mouth of 1.10 by 1.10 and a depth of 6 metres. The base is made of clay and the walls are made of perfectly fitted crushed stone.

It has always been called a well, but it is actually a cistern that collects water from the main street. The stored water is used to water the animals.



LAUNDRY AREA

Located in Font D' Avall and Fontanal. Both recently restored.



NATURE

FOR NATURE, RELAXATION AND TRANQUILLITY LOVERS, CASTELL DE CABRES IS AN IDEAL PLACE TO SPEND YOUR TIME.

Castell de Cabres is the gateway to the Tinença de Benifassà. Surrounded by valleys and mountains, its natural environment is ideal to let yourself be enveloped by nature. Moreover, this town stands out for its tranquillity and for having an interesting offer of rural tourism, which allows you to enjoy a village where time seems frozen.



Paraje Pins de la Coveta

Juane Alemany

EL BOVALAR

POINT OF INTEREST

A public common mountain, traditionally used by the neighbourhood for collecting firewood, pasture and mushrooms.

It has two areas, a valuable oak grove, unique in the region, and an important pine forest.

The Font del Cami, in the vicinity of which there is a micro-reserve intended mainly to protect the orchids that grow there, is particularly noteworthy.

READING ROOM

Located in the Town Hall building, it has more than 2,000 catalogued books, as well as music records and movies. It has been enriched thanks to private contributions.



Xumenera del Moll

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FESTIVITIES

Sant Vicent Festivities

Easter weekend

Local Festivities in honour of Sant Llorenç

First weekend of September

Sant Cristòfol's Rogation

Takes place in May or June



LA ROSCA

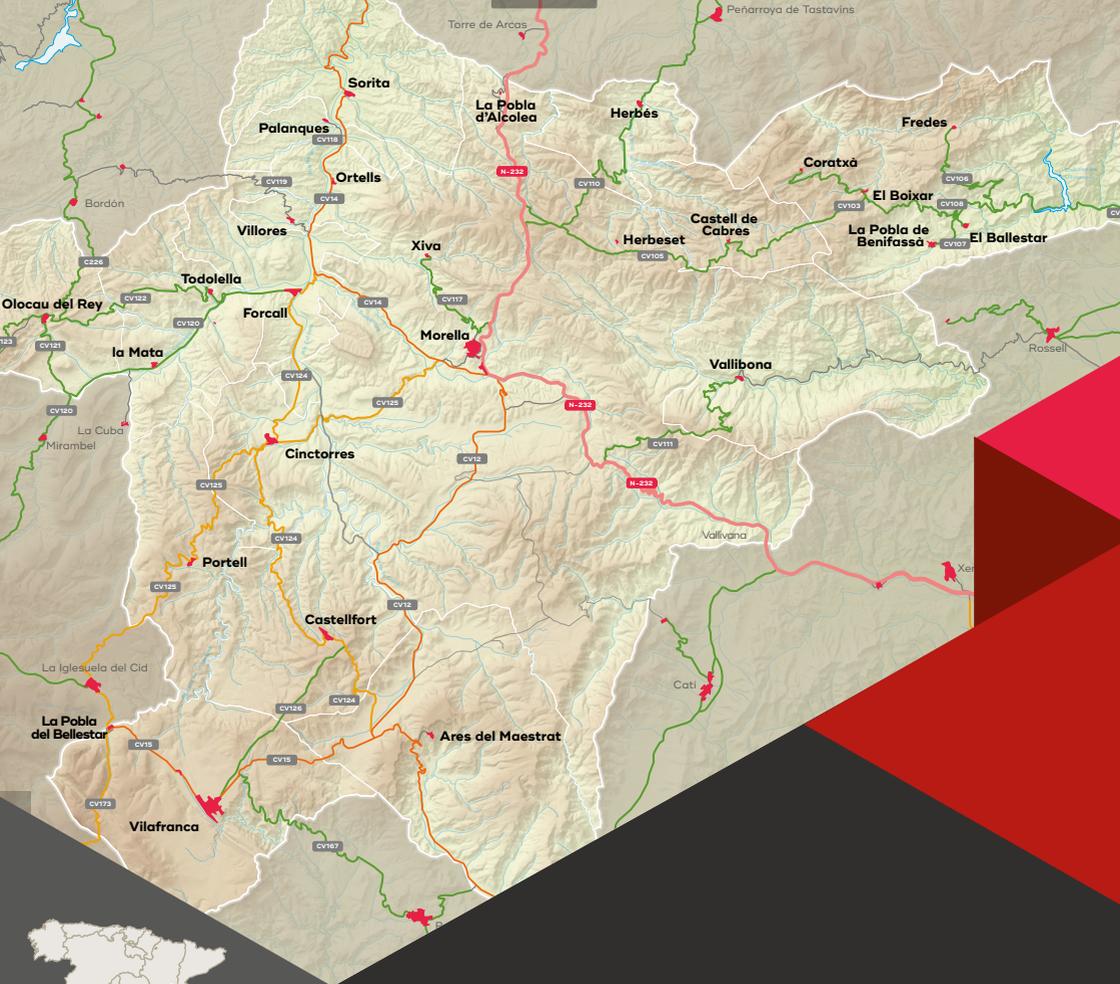
Rectangular-shaped pastry consisting of three dozen eggs covered by a crown of dough. We do not know the origin.

It is made to celebrate the feast of San Vicente Ferrer (currently the days of Easter). It is raffled and the proceeds go to pay for the festivities.

In the past, there were four "mayoralesas", two from the farmhouses who were in charge of making the "acapte" (eggs, flour) and two from the village.

The pasta is made in the village oven, which has recently been renovated and enlarged, yet the oven has been preserved as it was in the past.





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