

## Templar Route in The Setena of Culla or Comunitat d'Herbatge

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Discover the Templar past of the municipalities of Castellón which make part of the Setena de Culla also known as Comunitat d'Herbatge.



There are trips that mark a turning point because you connect with History. It is the example of the Setena de Culla, born in 1345 to defend the interests and regulate the activities in the forests of towns such as Culla, Benassal, Vistabella del Maestrat, Atzeneta del Maestrat, Benafigos, Vilar de Canes and La Torre d'En Besora. Earlier, in 1319, after the elimination of the Order of the Temple, Culla passed into the hands of the Order of Montesa, who took care of all the Templars properties, and was chosen as the headquarters of the Tinença. The municipalities of the Setena of Culla bought to the Order of Montesa the rights of exploitation of the livestock and forestry resources in this territory, creating an effective organization that today can still be seen.

Communal spaces, meadows and grazing fenced and well-limited, and monitoring in the mountains resulted in the Comunitat d'Herbatge maintained as a trade union and community for more than four centuries. They were pioneers in environmental law and its contribution in forests is more than noticeable.

Shall we go on a ruta templaria? The historic centre of Culla was declared Heritage of Cultural Interest in 2004. The traveller's essential: the ruins of the 13th century Muslim castle, built on a fortress, the granero del Comendador from the 13th century; former prison which keeps intact and preserved the original chains and drawings made by the prisoners in its walls, the old hospital from the 17th century; it was headquarters of the Social Work founded by Domingo Serrana where school materials and a classrooms from the beginning of the 20th century are shown, and the Parish Church, built at the beginning of the 17th century on the site of an old Arab mosque.

Follow the medieval footprint in the municipalities of the Comunitat d'Herbatge: the facade of the arch in La Mola in Benassal, the door in the Wall in Vistabella del Maestrat, the castle of Atzeneta, the Ermitorio of the Virgen de la Ortisella in Benitachell, the 'house' in dry stone close to Vilar de Canes or the ravines of the Morrera in La Torre d'en Besora.

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