

ROUTE 3: VALL DE GALLINERA-VALL D'ALCALA

From Calpe to Ondara (29 km), by the N-332 A-road or by AP-7 motorway towards Valencia, exit 62. From Ondara you have to go towards El Vergel, by the N332 A-road, and take CV-700 B-road towards Pego. The you have to follow the indication to Adsubia.

LA VALL DE GALLINERA

The winding road crossing this valley follows the river bed which gives the valley its name. This road connects the villages settled in this valley between the Sierra Foradà and the Sierran de la Safor. This natural corridor, which connects the regions of the inland with the seaside, has been a strategic watch path and a military center where the Arabs built numerous forts to have a better control of the territory. The Vall de Gallinera, an ensemble of villages of agricultural traditions devoted to the cultivation of almond trees, cherries and olives, is a region which, thanks to its geographic conditions, offers the natural contrast of the cultivated areas just a few kilometres from the seaside, giving rise to beautiful panoramic views of great interest. The villages imposing this valley are listed next, following their appearance in the itinerary.

ADSUBIA

Situated at the beginning of the Vall de la Gallinera coming by the road of Pego. It is an agricultural village, with the production of citrus fruits as its main dedication

BENIRRAMA

Situated at the top of a small hill, this is the lowest village of the valley.

BENIALI

We find this village at the end of Benirrama. It is the capital of the valley and one of the most interesting examples of rural urban structure.

BENISSIVA

Situated at 240 m. above sea level, on the right side of the torrent Gallinera, at the foot of the Sierra Foradà

BENITAIA

Situated at 240 m. above sea level, on the right side of the torrent Gallinera, at the foot of the Sierra Foradà.

LA CARROJA

Visits:

La Serra Foradà, a rocky peak with a natural stone arch at an altitude of 700 m. - Mirador de La Vall (panoramic views) - Casco Antiguo (Old town) - Lavadero (Washing place) - Iglesia de San Francisco de Borja (Church)

ALPATRO

Visits:

Iglesia Parroquial de la Asunción de Nuestra Señora (church) - Font d'Alpatró (fountain)

BENISSILI

Situated at 490 m. above the sea level, on the head of the valley, at the foot of the Penyal Gros (rock), where the remains of the castle are to be found.

LA VALL D'ALCALÀ

This used to be the capital of the Arab leader Al-Azraq fief. It is composed by Alcalà de la Jovada and Benicia. These villages are typically agricultural, devoted to the cultivation of the cherry. This product holds the Guarantee of Origin.

ALCALÀ DE LA JOVADA

Visits:

Mayor square – fountain (with Al-Azraq's sphinx as a mouth) - Despoblados árabes - Los Pozos de nieve de Dalt y Baix (snow wells)

BENIAIA

Situated at 683 m. above sea level, at the foothills of the Sierra de Alfaro, at the mouth of the Barranco de la Encantada (ravine)