

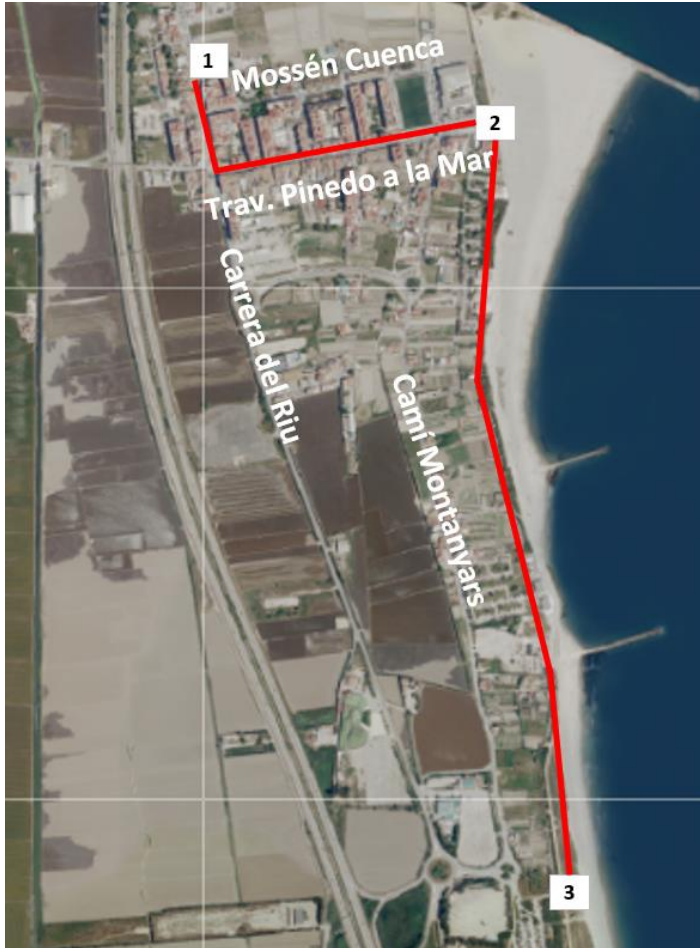


2. LA CREU DE LA CONCA

TOURIST ROUTE THROUGH SOUTHERN VILLAGES – PINEDO

TURISMO DE BARRIOS

GENERAL MAP OF THE ROUTE



LOCATION OF THE TOURIST ATTRACTION



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HISTORY

At the confluence of Travesía de Pinedo a la Mar with the beach, we find La Creu (the cross) de la Conca: an ancient monument dating back to 1496, which, according to tradition, marked (in its original location slightly further south) the point where King James I of Aragon's troops disembarked during the conquest of the city in the 13th century.

The stone cross, restored to its current location in 1995, stands on an octagonal column about 2 meters high. Behind it, you can see the beach, the sea, and the mouth of the Turia River (**photos 1, 2, and 3**).

This area has seen interesting archaeological discoveries, including a bronze statue of Apollo from the Roman period (1st or 2nd century), now preserved in the Museum of Prehistory of Valencia (**photo 4**).

Pinedo Beach hosts the most iconic celebration in the area: "*les corregudes de joies*" (races or runs for jewels) (**photos 5 and 6**). Around August 15th, riders on bareback horses compete to win the "jewel". The race, held at sunset, covers a distance of about 700 meters. Currently, the "jewels" awarded to the winners are two large silk scarves, one for the rider and one for the horse, adorned with a laurel crown. Originally, this prize was given to the rider's beloved at the end of the race, reflecting a tradition where young men and women from Pinedo and nearby villages competed to demonstrate which farmer owned the best horses or "haques" (small and sturdy horses typical of the Valencian huerta).

The tradition of these races took place in Alameda until it was urbanized, then relocated to other locations such as the Turia Riverbed, Montolivet, Carrera de Malilla, Caminot in La Punta, Fonteta de Sant Lluís, or Forn d'Alcedo. Today, it is preserved only in Pinedo and Picassent. The event is now organized by the Pinedo Town Hall and the Municipal Sports Foundation.

However, these races are not the only celebrations in Pinedo: the second week of July sees the "festa de la joventut" (youth festival) along this waterfront. The "festa grossa" (big or grand festival) is celebrated on the third Sunday of August and includes a procession of ten thrones kept in the church. On the eve, Saturday, the image of the Virgin of the Rosary or "del Roser," the patron saint of Pinedo, is carried to the Els Tres Camins neighborhood, processing to the "forn de Rafelet," the traditional boundary between Pinedo and La Punta. On Sunday, the main feast day, members of l'Associació de Portadors de la Verge (an inherited role passed from parents to children) lead the procession of the "Mare de Déu" through the entire village, along the seaside. The procession concludes at the church entrance, where the image of the Virgin is turned in the presence of other images: the Virgin of the Forsaken, Saint Vincent Ferrer, Saint Joseph, the Virgin of Carmen, the Sacred Heart of Jesus, Saint Raphael, the Immaculate Conception, and the Holy Family, each adorned and accompanied by their respective brotherhoods (**photos 7 and 8**).

GENERAL INFORMATION

Address: Pinedo Seafront

ACCESSIBILITY

Parking: There are several disabled parking spaces (PMR) throughout the urban area, including along Canal Road, Camí dels Montanyars at numbers 44 and 46, and in various parking areas adjacent to the seafront promenade.



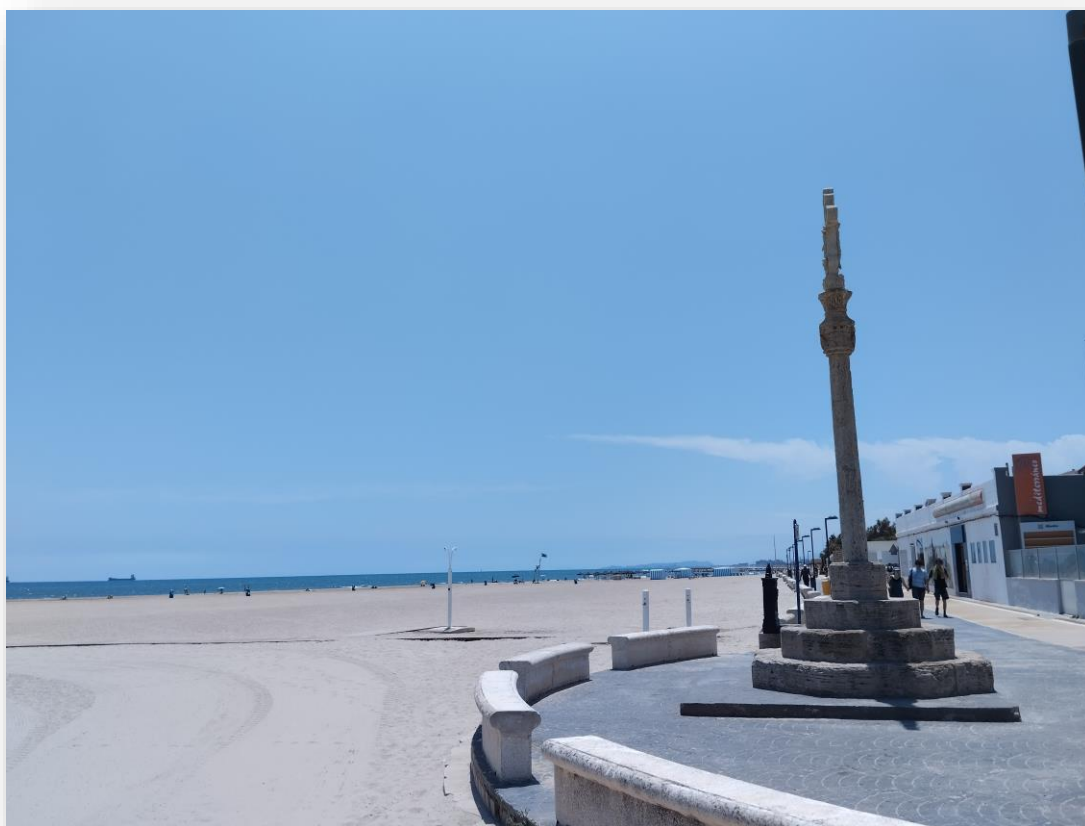


PHOTO 1 and 2. *La Creu de la Conca* on Pinedo Beach



PHOTO 3. Details of the *La Creu de la Conca*



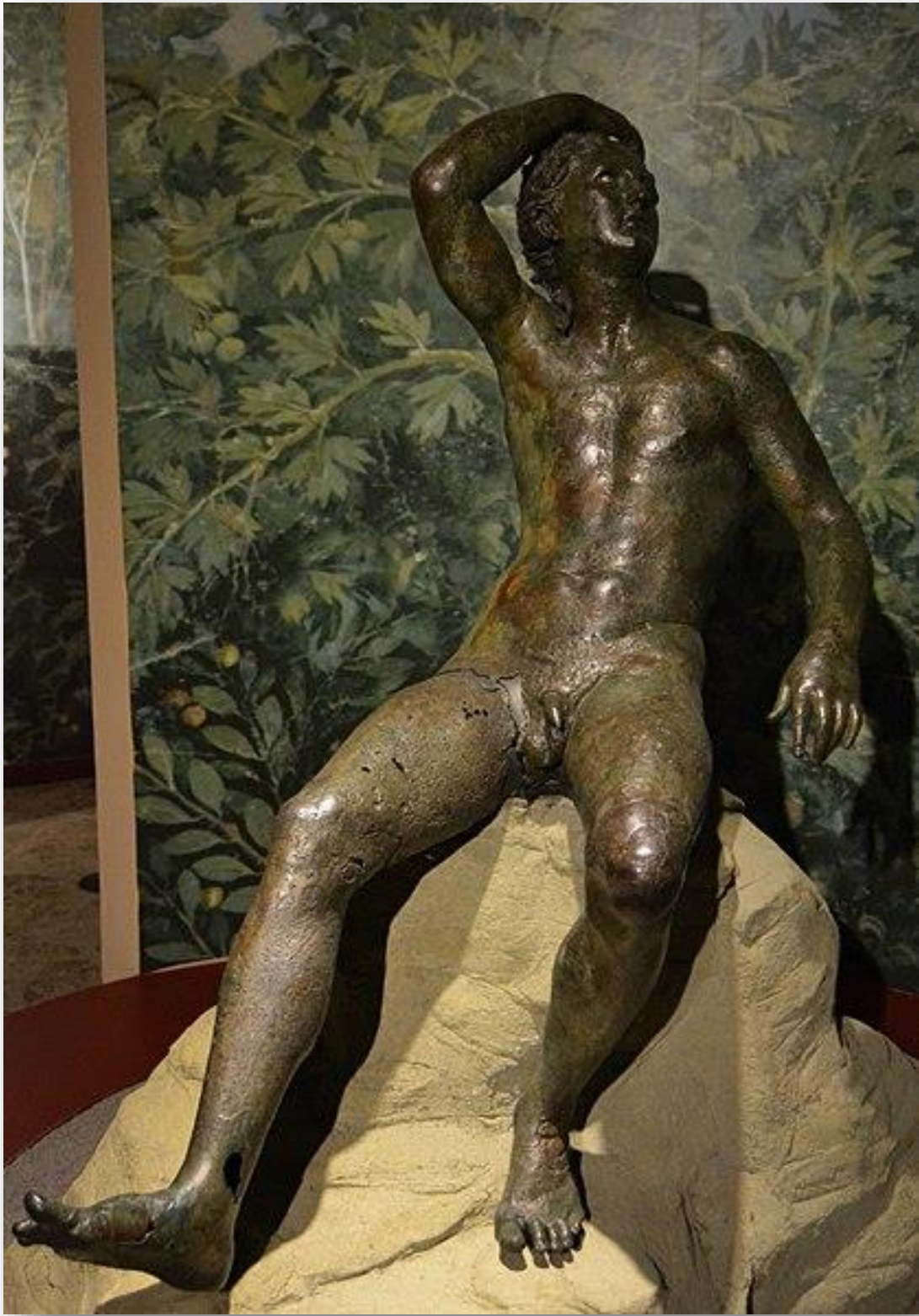


PHOTO 4. Apollo of Pinedo. Municipal Historical Museum (photo: Joanbanjo, Wikipedia)



PHOTO 5 and 6. "Corregudes de joies". Old and current photos (lower photo: <https://www.fdmvalencia.es/>)





PHOTO 7 and 8. The *Festa Grossa*. Procession and images (fiestasancristobal.es).

