

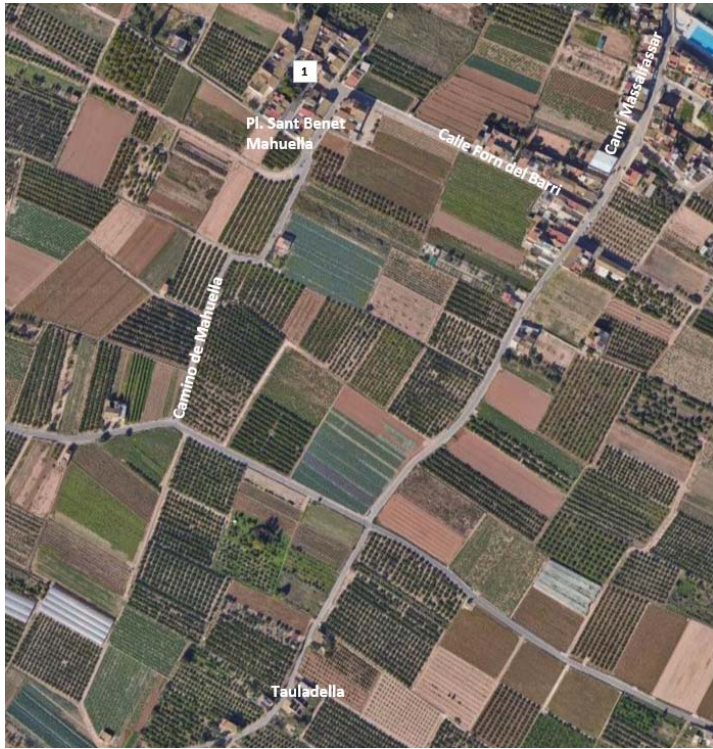


1. HISTORICAL CENTRE OF MAUELLA AND TAULADELLA

TOURIST ROUTE THROUGH NORTHERN VILLAGES
- MAUELLA Y TAULADELLA



GENERAL MAP OF THE ROUTE



LOCATION OF THE TOURIST ATTRACTION



HISTORY

The origins of Mauella stem from an old Muslim farmhouse, like most of the settlements located to the north of the city of Valencia. According to Alcover, its name comes from the Arabic word "*nawwela*" meaning hut.

The farmhouse was donated by Jaime I in 1238 to Arnaldo de Vement, as recorded in the Llibre de Repartiment de València. Over the years, the territory had several owners, including the Carthusian Monastery of Porta Coeli (1450), Nicolau Faix (1562), Dr. Micel Vallés (1610), and by the end of the 17th century, it belonged to the Boil family.

Finally, in 1804, the lordship passed into the hands of Don Antonio Palavicino. The main activity of this settlement was agriculture, specifically the cultivation of fruit and mulberry trees, which supplied the city's silk industry. In 1891, it was annexed to Valencia, when it had 12 houses and 26 huts, with 160 inhabitants.

Comparing the current urban layout with existing historical references, it is observed that it has been preserved almost intact, with houses and buildings related to agricultural work surrounding a square that serves as the centre of the village, where the Parish Church of Saint Benedict Abbot is also located. The church of Saint Benedict dates back to the 19th century (**photos 1 and 2**). The façade features a belfry in the centre, which originally had a single bell opening, according to old photographic references, while it now has two bell openings, a pediment above, topped with a weather vane and cross. The nave has a barrel vault with transverse arches between Corinthian pilasters. The main altar rests on columns, and the large niche has a neoclassical style. Here, the image of Saint Benedict Abbot appears, holding the shield in his hand, with the mitre at his feet. On the wall, there are two niches with the Child Jesus and the Virgin of Pilar, and on a side altar, the image of the Virgin of the Rosary, Patroness of the town.

In addition to the church, the Barraca de Pablo (**photo 5**) stands out as a notable building. It is located on the Massalfassar road and opposite the Albuixech sports centre. It has undergone modern restoration and is currently used as occasional housing. It has the classic appearance of Valencian huts, with a rectangular floor plan and a sharply pitched gable roof. However, the roofing materials no longer correspond to those of traditional barracas, which used to be thatch, as this one has a roof made of fibre cement sheets.

Both the primitive centre (**photos 3 and 4**) and the church were declared Sites of Local Relevance in 2015 in the "Catalogue of Protected Assets and Spaces" of the General Urban Plan of the city of Valencia.

As for Tauladella, it is a garden area located to the south of Mauella. With a dispersed settlement pattern, the Alquería de Burgos stands out as one of the oldest rural buildings in the area, dating back to the 16th and 17th centuries. The farmhouse has the traditional typology but includes architectural elements from periods subsequent to its construction (**photo 6**).

The main door is constructed with large rectangular ashlar in the shape of a symmetrical arch, which may indicate a manor house. The ground floor appears to retain more original elements, while the first floor seems to have undergone more significant modifications.

In the 18th century, there was likely a major renovation that altered the arrangement and order of the openings, as well as a considerable raising of the building. On the right side, the remains of a tower, currently in ruins, can be observed.

There is evidence of a second, more modern renovation between the 19th and 20th centuries, transforming the existing openings into the current balconies, and modifying the roof to the current gable roof. At the back of the main body of the farmhouse, a more modern single-pitch roof is also observed, attached to the upper opening, completely blocking it. It requires extensive restoration.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Address:

Parish Church: Plaza de Sant Benet, 12

Barrack of Pablo: camino de Massalfassar, 7

Burgos Farmhouse: camino de Meliana, 3

ACCESIBILITY

Access: Sidewalks less than 1.80 m wide in the urban core.

Parking: Due to the small size of the Mauella centre, there are no designated parking spaces for people with disabilities in the area.

As for the farmhouses in Tauladella, there are no sidewalks to reach them. The rural garden paths must be travelled with due caution.





PHOTOS 1 and 2. Parish Church of Saint Benedict, in the square of the same name



PHOTOS 3 Y 4. Houses in the centre of Mauella





PHOTO 5. Barrack of Pablo or del Amo



FOTO 6. Burgos Farmhouse (Tauladella)