



# 1. CHURCH OF THE ASSUMPTION OF SANTA BÁRBARA

TOURIST ROUTE THROUGH NORTHERN VILLAGES- MASSARROJOS

 TURISMO DE BARRIOS

## GENERAL MAP OF THE ROUTE



## LOCATION OF THE TOURIST ATTRACTION



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## HISTORY

The church of Massarrojos was built in the 16th century, with a significant renovation in 1929. It is located in the city center.

The temple has two facades on the exterior. The most important one is the lateral facade located on the Epistle side wall, built in 1929. It is made of rendered and painted brick. The facade features a stone lintel door with triglyphs and a cornice. Above it, there is a second section with an empty niche topped by a split pediment and an oval with a relief depicting a hand gripping a hammer. On the left side, there is a window, and on the right side, two rectangular windows with small balustrades. The facade at the feet end is also rendered brick with a double-sloped roof and a simple stone lintel door. Above the door, there is a rectangular stained glass window **(photo 1)**.

The dome of the transept on the exterior is covered in blue tiles with white ribs **(photo 3)**. The church has a Latin cross plan, originally with a single nave, to which two lateral naves were added in 1929 as extensions of the transept arms. The central nave is covered with a barrel vault with lunettes, and the lateral naves have ribbed vaults. The separation between the naves is marked by semi-circular arches supported by Corinthian columns, on which rests a cornice that separates the arches from the vaults. Below this cornice, there is a band decorated with sgraffito motifs that repeat on the lintel doors providing access from the lateral naves to the two chapels flanking the sanctuary. Above the transept, there is a half-dome dome on a drum, with four rectangular windows. The key features plaster and sgraffito decoration, and at the feet, above a lowered arch, is the choir loft **(photo 4)**.

The bell tower has a square plan with a large dome covered in blue and white glazed tiles. It is constructed with stones from local quarries, using wedge-shaped stones without any binding material, showcasing the community's strong tradition in stone craftsmanship **(photo 2)**.

The patron saint festivals, honoring the patrons of the town—Mare de Déu d'Agost, Santa Bàrbara, Mare de Déu dels Desamparats, and the Saints of the Stone—take place from mid-July to August 1st. On the evening of August 1st, a solemn procession involving all brotherhoods is held **(photos 5 and 6)**. A torchlight procession in honor of Santa Bàrbara also stands out on the night of July 30th.

The church was declared a Site of Local Relevance in 2015 in the "Catalogue of Protected Assets and Spaces" of the General Urban Plan of the city of Valencia.

## INFORMACIÓ GENERAL

**Address:** Plaza de la Llotgeta.

## ACCESSIBILITY

**Parking:** The closest parking spaces for people with reduced mobility are located at c/ Senent Ibàñez 15 and c/ Cura Bau 12-15.

**Access:** The church is situated in a pedestrian-friendly square. Access to the interior is through a step-free door.







**PHOTO 1.** Church of the Assumption and Saint Barbara, Massarrojos.



**PHOTO 2.** Detail of the bell tower of the Church of the Assumption and Saint Barbara, Massarrojos.





**PHOTO 3.** Bell tower and dome of the Church of the Assumption and Saint Barbara, Massarrojos (photo: [fiestasancristobal.es](http://fiestasancristobal.es))



**PHOTO 4.** Interior of the temple (photo: [fiestasancristobal.es](http://fiestasancristobal.es))





**PHOTO 5 and 6.** Saints Abdón and Senén and the Virgin of the Forsaken, processing during the festivals of Massarrojos  
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