TRAILS ON THE BENACANTIL

MOUNT BENACANTIL is one of the most emblematic green areas in the municipality of Alicante. Here we can find flora and fauna elements which are worth knowing and conserving.

The Santa Bárbara Castle, built during the 8th and 9th centuries, and modified throughout the history of the city, interrelating and influencing its development, stands out in this area.

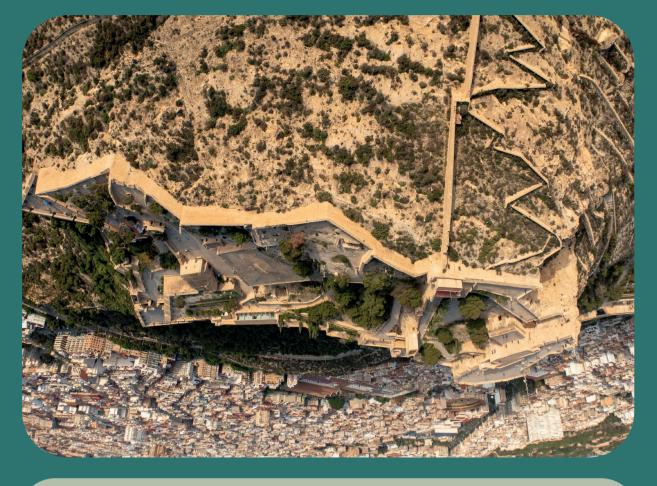
The zone of the hill that has been chosen to develop all the different routes is the northnortheast slope as it is the most accessible and most interesting area from an environmental point of view.

All the routes set off from the same point: the Environmental Education Centre (CEA) on Mount Benacantil, and all of them show the most important features of the area through which they pass, with the most complete being Itinerary 1 or Red.

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muy amplia, actividades todos los fines disfrutar de una programación cultural

diversas exposiciones y paneles informativos. conocerás detalles de su historia, a través de city, known as 'La Cara del Moro', situated on playa del Postiguet. Durante tu paseo por we find one of the most iconic images of the que se encuentra justo en frente de la Cultural Interest in the 20th century. Here caminando o bien en un comodo ascensor Historic-Artistic Monument and an Asset of Se puede subir al castillo de Santa Barbara

Alicante). Ten rooms have been fitted out, to house the MUSA (Museum of the City of the Guard Corps, whose construction was Some of its rooms have been refurbished

remains of the presence of the Iberians parts of the castle are located, such as the tourist site in Alicante, where a multitude experiencias gastronomicas, entre otras.

opened to the public in 1963. dismantled and after being restored, it was En el castillo de Santa Bárbara podrás

> needs in the art of war, and was declared a and 19th centuries, is adapted to the new the city.

> > ordered by King Philip II.

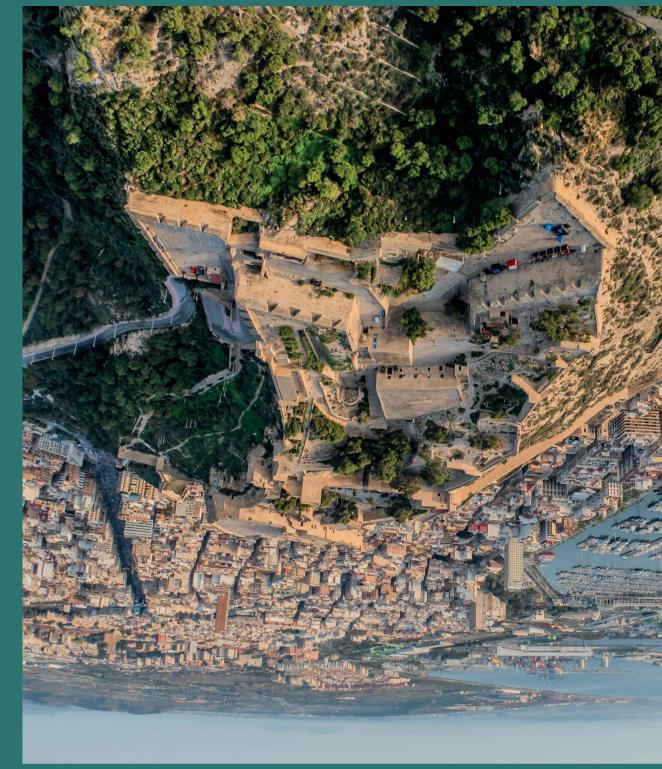
from the 16th century, where the main. The castle is the most visited monumental de semana, visitas nocturnas, conciertos y

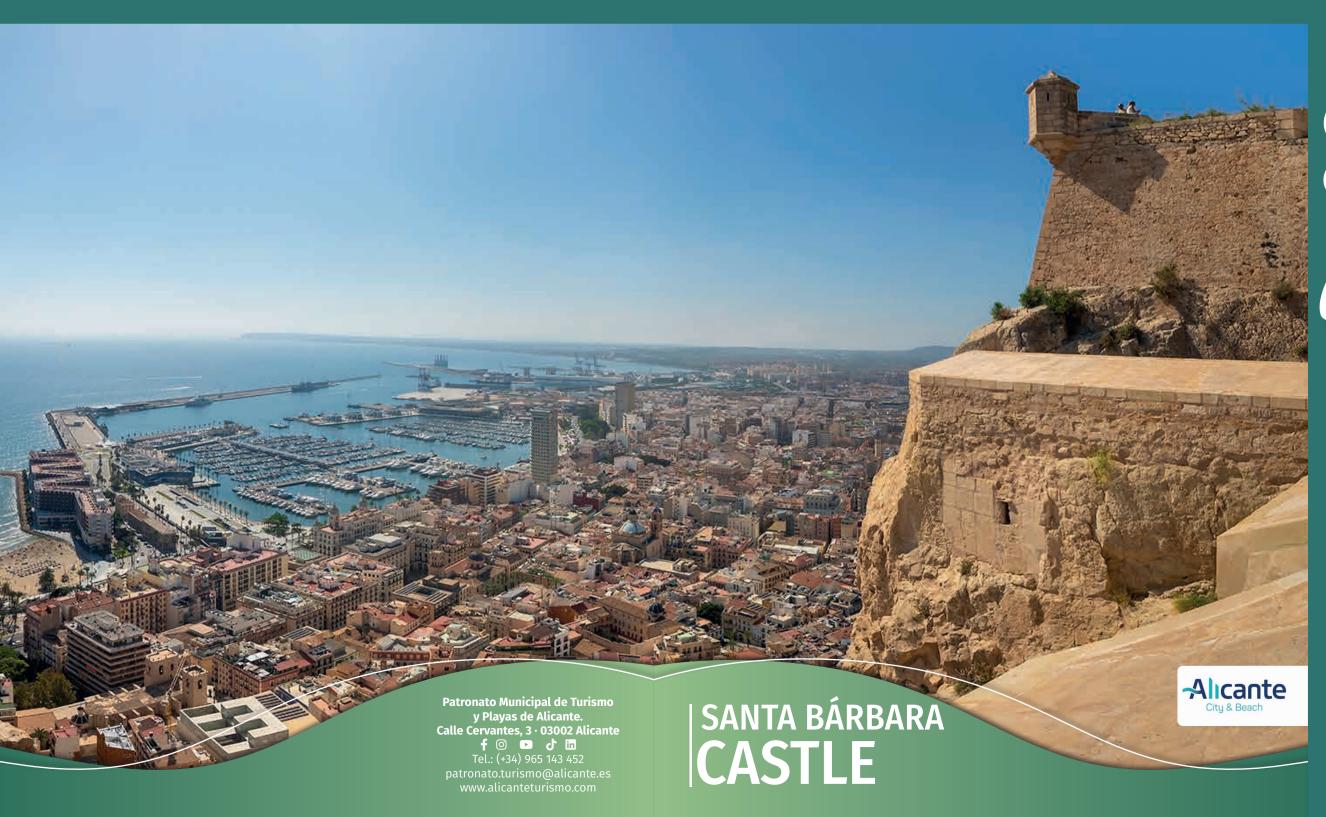
remains of the fortress can be found here. views of the bay and the city. The oldest At the end of the 19th century the castle was point you can enjoy formidable 360-degree from the original Arab fortress. From this admired from Postiguet Beach. and whose foundations still contain stones the rocky profile of the hillside, which can be la fortificación y en sus diversos recintos (enclosure A), which housed the old citadel The highest, known as the 'Macho del Castillo' and from different periods can be identified. Today, four enclosures of different heights

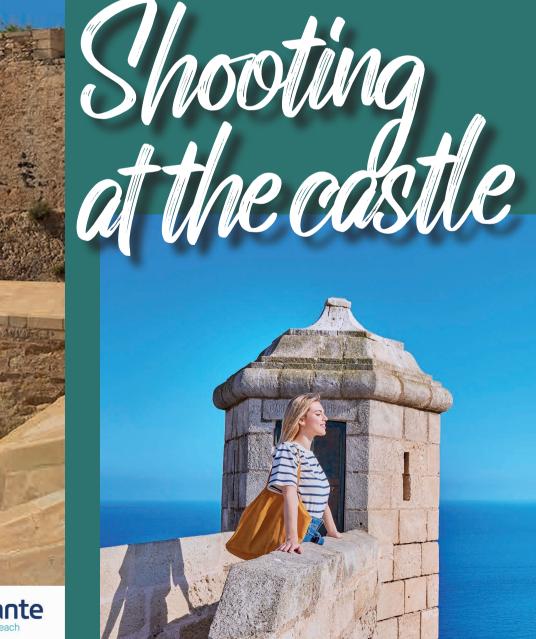
1246, the fortress was taken from the Arabs The D enclosure, which dates from the 18th offering a journey through the rich history of On the feast of Santa Bárbara, in December

during the Muslim occupation, although Barbara date back to the 9th century, Secondly, enclosures B and C, an extension War. The origins of the castle of Santa from both sides during the Spanish Civil as it served as a dungeon for prisoners been actively used until relatively recently, the city are related to the castle, and it has historical events that have taken place in of San Juan and Campello.almost all the but you will also be able to see the beaches of Alicante, its port and its surroundings, have the best panoramic views of the city From its walls and towers you will not only by the Christian King Alfonso X El Sabio.

medieval fortresses in Spain. 166 metres. It is home to one of the largest top of Mount Benacantil, at an altitude of where the fortification stands. The Castle of Santa Barbara is located at the and Romans have been found in the area Troop Barracks, the Courtyard of Arms and of institutional and cultural events are held.







The majestic Santa Bárbara Castlea has witnessed some memorable film productions. Its first great moment in Golden Age. the cinema was with Count Dracula (1970), directed by Jesús Franco, a master of Spanish horror, which was a faithful adaptation of Bram Stoker's work and starred Christopher Lee in the title role. The castle became a key setting for Gothic cinema. The access slope to the castle played host to the most shocking scene: the death of the mythical vampire. There, Dracula's coffin is opened, his body burns under the sun and ends up being thrown from the walls in a spectacular shot that has gone down in the history of the genre. In addition, scenes were also shot in the The Castle turned into Athens during the of gloom to the film.

La dama boba (2006), based on Lope de Revellín del Bon Repós. In addition, the the Renaissance cistern into an eerie Vega's comedy, takes us back to the 17th Parc des Enginyers Militaires served as the torture chamber, and the Patio de Armas century with a story of love, wit and social backdrop for the comical training scenes and the Blacksmith's Gate into one of challenges. Silvia Abascal and Macarena of the athletes in this film production shot the majestic entrances to the walled city. Gómez bring to life Finea and Nise, two in the City of Light's film studios. sisters stuck between the demands of a patriarchal society and their personal Road to Bethlehem (2023), directed desires, while José Coronado brings his by Adam Anders, offers a fresh and iconic appearance to the crew.

Santa Bárbara Castle was one of the original pop songs. This American main settings for this film, evoking the musical follows Mary and Joseph on atmosphere of Baroque Spain with its their epic journey, full of challenges and historic architecture. Together with the moments that reflect the strength of old Tobacco Factory and the film studios their faith and love.

of the City of Light, the filming turned Alicante into a vibrant reflection of the

Asterix at the Olympic Games (2008), one of the most spectacular and comical instalments of the French saga, brought its mix of adventure and humour to Santa Barbara Castle. Featuring stars such as Gérard Depardieu and Alain Delon, the movie takes viewers back to ancient Greece, where Asterix, Obelix and Alaffolix face off against Brutus in an epic Olympic competition.

emotional take on the birth of Jesus, combining Christmas classics with The legendary Antonio Banderas plays Herod, and Santa Barbara Castle comes to life as the king's majestic fortress. Its imposing walls and historic corners are transformed into the perfect setting to reflect the power and intrigues of the

El Cautivo (2025) directed by Alejandro Amenábar, a film that explores a crucial episode in the life of Miguel de Cervantes. Set in 1575, the story follows the young Cervantes after he is captured by Algerian corsairs and spends five years as a prisoner in Algiers, awaiting ransom.

Quijano Pantheon, adding an extra touch triumphal entrance of Brutus and his Santa Bárbara Castle became Algiers for Roman legion, a memorable scene filmed this production, transforming the Santa on the stunning slope and gate of the Ana Bastion into a bustling marketplace,

SANTA BARBARA CASTLE **CINEMA ROUTE**

