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Plaza fernandina novelda

Enviado por Carmen Payá Abad el Lun, 23/11/2020 - 17:56 Durante los días de celebracrión de las fiestas patronales, la mayor parte de las actividades fesivas se realizaban en la Plaza de Fernandina -hoy Glorieta-, incluso se colocaban a su alrededor los puestos de la feria. En la fotogrífía, se puede apreciar en primer plano el momento en que se está celebrando una carrera de cintas en bicicleta. Las imágenes exhibidas en esta página son propiedad de sus autores. Aquí se muestran exclusivamente con fines científicos, divulgativos y documentales. Cualquier otro uso fuera de esta página está sujeto a las leyes vigentes. Hidden away from the regular tourist trail, Novelda is around a 30-minute drive west of Alicante city on the A-31. While you might not imagine that a small town a little way inland would hold all that much intrigue, there is actually a surprising variety of things to see and do around here. With exceptional features such as salt ponds in nearby valleys to stunning architectural marvels, you will be impressed by the beauty on offer. If you are staying in Alicante, this is a convenient journey for a day trip. Here are some of the most popular things to do in Novelda... Museum of Modernism Novelda is home to some attractive modernism to visit to obtain a greater insight into the history of this cultural movement. More correctly described as a converted house, the museum is distributed across three floors, with everything from murals and paintings to carved sculptures and modernist furniture. Monastery of Santa María Magdalena. You can pop in to enjoy the architecture or dine in a restaurant on the terrace and enjoy stunning views of the surrounding area if you have a little more time. Designed by a disciple of the legendary Antoni Gaudi, the church possesses more than a passing resemblance to a downsized version of the famous Sagrada Familia in Barcelona. A little distance from the centre of town, this is a magnificent example of Spanish art nouveau architecture that is relatively unusual around the Costa Blanca. In a nod to the marble industry that has been hugely important for Novelda, the organ in the church utilises this rock material in its design. Castillo de la Mola Located behind the monastery is another imposing sight, La Mola Castle, highlighted by its most memorable architectural aspect - a triangular tower. The castle is mostly a ruin now, although it was designated an "Asset of Cultural Interest" back in 1931 and the authorities have been committed to its preservation. Pick a category to filter your recs\$\$ - \$\$\$ • Mediterranean, Spanish, Vegetarian friendly\$\$ - \$\$\$ • Italian, Mediterranean, Healthy\$\$ - \$\$\$ • Mediterranean, Healthy\$\$ - \$\$\$ • Mediterranean coastline since ancient times. Despite its advantageous location - less than 30 kilometres from Alicante and easily accessible from the main highway to Madrid - Novelda remains relatively undiscovered and off the beaten path for most tourists. Although it may not seem like a particularly intriguing destination, this small inland town offers a surprising array of attractions. Novelda is a convenient day trip option for those staying in Alicante, similar to Elche. Here are some popular sights to enjoy in Novelda. Modernism in Novelda Modernism in Novelda Modernism, popular in the late 19th and early 20th centuries, is known for its elaborate art characterised by a high degree of freedom in shapes and predominately curved and delicate waving forms, often incorporating floral and plant elements. This artistic movement went beyond architecture, influencing various art forms, including sculpture, painting, printmaking, literature, music, and more. There are differing opinions on whether modernism and art nouveau are synonymous or distinct, but many consider them interconnected within the same artistic movement. With my hometown Riga renowned as the Art Nouveau capital of Europe, I am strongly interested in Art Nouveau and Modernist architecture and art worldwide. In Novelda, affluent upper-class families pursued new architectural and decorative designs to reflect their taste and social status. The city, which had experienced significant growth since the mid-18th century, saw the construction of many houses in the Modernist style. Important examples of Modernist architecture in the Valencian region can be found in Novelda, including the Casa-Museo Modernist at Centro Cultural Gomez-Tortosa, Casal Fester, and Casa Mira (not open to the public). The Casino and St Mary Magdalene's Sanctuary were also built during this period. Modernist House Museum The Navarro House, also known as the Pichocha House, was constructed by Antonia Navarro Mira, a prominent woman from Novelda. Antonia developed an interest in Modernist architecture during her travels in Europe and lived in the house with her daughter Luisa. Despite being widowed after a short marriage, Antonia was a successful businesswoman and used her inheritance to hire architect Pedro Cerdan Martinez to design the house, which was completed in 1905. The house is meticulously designed, with every detail, including the light switches, reflecting the distinctive Modernist style of each room. Today, the Modernist House Museum, managed by the Mediterranean Foundation, showcases a collection of modernist furniture and exhibits. The museum provides insight into the lifestyle and aesthetics of the Modernist era, making it a compelling destination for history and design enthusiasts. Some museum rooms are dedicated to Jorge Juan y Santacilia, a renowned sailor and mathematician from Novelda. Guests are not permitted to take photographs inside the museum but are welcome to do so in the yard. Instead, they are provided with a colourful booklet containing images of the interior. Address: Carrer Major 24 Gomez Tortosa Cultural Centre Antonia Navarro Mira purchased and renovated a building in the Modernist style for her daughter Carmen and her husband, located just down the street. This three-storey property was originally built at the end of the 19th century and underwent a significant restructuring and expansion in 1901 when it was acquired by Mrs Antonia. The renovation incorporated decorative elements and architectural features of Modernism. While the exterior of the building may not stand out, resembling more traditional 19th-century architecture, the interior showcases the elegance of Modernism through its decorative elements. Upon entering the building, visitors are greeted by a spacious foyer with oak panels. Beyond the foyer lies a magnificent rectangular courtyard surrounded by columns and covered by a large glass roof, allowing natural light to flood the space. Visitors have the opportunity to experience various spaces that feature well-maintained interiors and furniture from the Modernist era. The building now houses the Gomez-Tortosa Cultural Centre and Novelda's tourist office. It is open Monday to Friday from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. and 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. and on Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., with free admission. Address: Carrer Mayor, 6 Casal del Fester, originally a savings bank and retirement home designed by architect Jose Sala, was transferred to the Association of Moors and Christians Comparsas Santa Maria Magdalena in 2008. Address: Replaceta dels Sants Metges 6 Town Hall The Town Hall's exterior is a prime example of 17th-century Valencian civil architecture, known for its sturdy and imposing design. Notable features include a sundial from the mid-18th century, an ironwork balcony added in 1754, and a municipal coat of arms carved in stone in 1903. In 1905, a clock face and a bell tower were installed, featuring Canseco system clocks with a central register needle that ensures accurate timekeeping year-round. Plaza de Espana Across from the Town Hall, located in the Plaza de Espana, stands the monument dedicated to Jorge Juan y Santacilia, a renowned sailor and mathematician. Unveiled in 1913, the sculpture was created by Alicante artist Vicente Banuls Aracil. Jorge Juan y Santacilia, born in Novelda in 1713, was a mathematician and seaman known for his involvement in the Spanish-French expedition to South America. He played a key role in measuring the degree of the meridian at the equator to determine Earth's equatorial diameter. Additionally, he introduced the study of Newtonian physics to Spain, oversaw the modernisation of the Spanish Academy of Sciences. Throughout his career, he dedicated himself to advancing mathematics, nautical sciences, and engineering in Spain. Casa Bonmati The Casa Bonmati, a bourgeois house constructed around 1920, is situated just behind the monument to Jorge Juan. An intriguing detail about this house is that its owner, Manuel Bonmati, invented the popular 'grape sacks' used for bagging grapes to slow down their ripening process, thus enabling the tradition of eating twelve grapes on New Year's Eve to continue. Address: Plaza de Espana 12 Sant Pere Church, situated adjacent to the Town Hall, was constructed between 1553 and 1609 when the burial crypts were installed. In the early 18th century, extensive renovations were carried out to accommodate the growing congregation. The Chapel of Communion, also known as La Aurora, is particularly notable for its continuous availability for worship and its rich religious symbolism centred on the Eucharist. The baroque-style pipe organ is also a prominent feature of the church. During my visit, I only had access to the chapel because the church was closed. Address: Carrer Jorge Juan 5 Casino cultural society The historic Novelda Casino, once a gathering place for the town's elite, is also designed in the Modernist style. It features two floors with spacious rooms for social events and entertainment, adorned with ornate panelled ceilings and beautiful paintings. Built in 1888, the building has been expanded over the years. While it may not shine as brightly as it once did, it remains a worthwhile destination. The 7,000 m2 garden surrounding the casino is enclosed by an iron fence atop a stone base, with a temple at its centre for musical performances. Visitors can relax with a cold beer in the Casino Gardens. Address: Carrer Emilio Castelar 23 Parque del Oeste The park reflects the Modernist style prevalent in the city, as seen in the mosaics and lattices that adorn it. It is a significant green space that offers leisure and outdoor activities to visitors. The park features an amphitheatre where various performances take place, as well as public barbecues, playgrounds, sports courts, and other amenities. Despite its original facilities, the park is a significant green space that offers leisure and outdoor activities to visitors. appreciated as a natural retreat, with paths lined with diverse vegetation. While the park has potential, it requires more maintenance to become a truly attractive destination. Adjacent to the park is the Municipal Cemetery is a prime example of a bourgeois burial ground, featuring a square layout. It was established in 1884 following a devastating cholera outbreak that ravaged the town. The elaborate pantheons, designed in an eclectic architectural style, and crypts with Modernist influences - such as the one belonging to engineer Jose Sala Sala, designer of St Mary Magdalene's Sanctuary - are particularly noteworthy. These monumental ensembles add prestige and elegance to the area. Among the prominent individuals interred at the cemetery include Antonia Navarro Mira, who is credited with introducing Modernism to Novelda. Her pantheon is notable for its Eucharistic symbolism, while the Mira family pantheon combines Romanesque and modernist elements. The cemetery provides insight into various burial styles and the architectural trends of the era, reflecting the prosperity of the entrepreneurial bourgeoisie. The cemetery is open daily from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. If you have a car or are willing to walk more than an hour each way, consider adding St Mary Magdalene's Sanctuary and La Mola Castle to your itinerary in Novelda. Unfortunately, there is no public transportation to these locations. Both the sanctuary and the castle are situated on a small hill at an elevation of 360 metres above sea level, approximately four kilometres northwest of Novelda. St Mary Magdalene's Sanctuary St Mary Magdalene's Sanctuary is a notable attraction in Novelda, offering visitors the chance to admire its unique architecture and enjoy a meal at a restaurant with a terrace that provides beautiful views of the surrounding area. The sanctuary was constructed by engineer Jose Sala Sala, a resident of Novelda, who was influenced by Gaudi and the Modernist movement. Construction of the sanctuary took nearly 30 years, starting in 1918 and completing in 1918 an the significance of the marble industry in Novelda. La Mola Castle The ruins of La Mola Castle was part of a network of fortifications designed to control and defend against the Christian kingdoms of Castile and Aragon during the Middle Ages. The castle has a polygonal floor plan with eight protruding quadrangular cubes, of which only four remain today. After the Christian conquest, the castle came under the control of the Castilian and later the Aragonese Crown. In the 14th century, a magnificent triangular tower was added to the northwest flank of the fortress. The tower, measuring 15 metres on each side and standing 17 metres tall, is made of masonry with ashlar reinforcement at the corners. It has two floors with interior lighting provided through loopholes. Both the castle and the sanctuary are free to enter, with parking available nearby. Be sure to check the church's opening hours before your visit. When visiting Novelda, you will notice several marble factories on the outskirts of the town. Marble factories Novelda has long been renowned in the natural stone industry for its expertise in processing marble, particularly Crema Marfil limestone. However, over time, the town has expanded its focus beyond Spanish materials and has become a global hub for processing and selling natural stones from countries around the world. Where to eat in Novelda Restaurant Bon Profit offers a blend of traditional Mediterranean cuisine and modern design, creating the perfect setting to enjoy a delicious and balanced menu. The decor and ambience of the restaurant are charming and inviting. Additionally, the noise-reducing ceiling and wall panels help maintain a cosy atmosphere for diners. The service is professional, and the prices are considered attractive by reviewers. The staff does not communicate in English, but we were able to overcome this by using Google Translate. Google users have rated the restaurant 4.5 stars. I had lunch there and enjoyed their daily special. Practical information If you are planning to use public transportation from Alicante to Novelda, check the bus schedules carefully, as the buses run infrequently. Additionally, be mindful that many attractions have irregular hours with long lunch breaks, so it is best to confirm opening times in advance to avoid any inconvenience. Since there is no public bus service from Novelda to St Mary Magdalene's Sanctuary and La Mola Castle, be prepared for a 4.5-kilometre one-way walk or consider driving instead. Like it? Pin it! What did you think? Have you been to November 22, 2024 Author: Anita Sane About the authorAnita is a part-time traveller, passionate photographer and a retired career woman from Latvia, travelling mostly solo for more than 15 years. 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Follow her on Facebook, Instagram, Pinterest, Twitter and Bloglovin, Tweet Helena SRiga, Latvia 391 contributions Beautiful place 3 km off Novelda taxi, Really spectacular, Beautiful panorana from tower at Castillo de la Mola, Coffee bar on the grounds serves delicios coffee, view to through the contributions of the commended to go by Novelda taxi, Really spectacular, Beautiful panorana from tower at Castillo de la Mola, Coffee bar on the grounds serves delicios coffee, view to through the contributions of the commended to go by Novelda taxi, Really spectacular, Beautiful panorana from tower at Castillo de la Mola, Coffee bar on the grounds serves delicios coffee, view to through the contributions of the commended to go by Novelda taxi, Really spectacular, Beautiful panorana from tower at Castillo de la Mola, Coffee bar on the grounds serves delicios coffee, view to through the commended to go by Novelda taxi, Really spectacular, Beautiful panorana from tower at Castillo de la Mola, Coffee bar on the grounds serves delicios coffee, view to through the commended to go by Novelda taxi, Really spectacular, Beautiful panorana from the grounds serves delicios coffee, view to through the commended to go by Novelda taxi, Really spectacular, Beautiful panorana from the grounds serves at the commended to go by Novelda taxi, Really spectacular, Beautiful panorana from the grounds serves at the commended to go by Novelda taxi, Really spectacular, Beautiful panorana from the grounds serves at the grounds Sanctuario is for free.Review of: Santuario Santa MagdalenaThis review is the subjective opinion of a Tripadvisor member and not of Tripadvisor performs checks on reviews. Bart BWellen, Belgium1,580 contributionsLovely place to visit. The splendor of the house is beyond anything I would have expected. It shows all well preserved rooms ceilings and glassworks. Review of: Casa Museo ModernistaThis review is the subjective opinion of a Tripadvisor member and not of Tripadvisor member and not of Tripadvisor member and not of Tripadvisor member and spm till 8pm. There is also a good cafe that does menu of the day for 10 euros Review of: Castillo de la MolaThis review is the subjective opinion of a Tripadvisor member and not of Tripadvisor performs checks on reviews. Spain10 contributions Pleasant wander around this city park. Nice waterfalls. Very well kept. An hour is enough. Not much else nearby. Needs a cafe. This review is the subjective opinion of a Tripadvisor member and not of Tripadvisor performs checks on reviews. Delia JAlgorfa, Spain 44 contributions Absolutely stunning inside this church and loved the whole experience. The paintings, the candles and the painting on the roof-stunning. There were some ladies cleaning and they were so proud if this building. Review of: Iglesia Arciprestal de San Pedro ApostolThis review some ladies cleaning and they were so proud if this building. Review of: Iglesia Arciprestal de San Pedro ApostolThis review some ladies cleaning and they were so proud if this building. Review of: Iglesia Arciprestal de San Pedro ApostolThis review of: Iglesia Arcip Sanctuary The amazing building is made from local materials in the style of Gaudi in Barcelona. Adjoining the Moor fort of La Mola it has beautiful view over the valley to Alicante and truly unique sanctuary and in Novelda that showcases Catalan modernism. A striking place of worship and truly unique sanctuary in Novelda that will take your breath away with its beautiful Catalan Modernist style. It is shaped as of a jug, replicating the one Mary Magdalene used to carry balsam to Jesus Christ. Built between 1918 and 1946 by architect and engineer José Sala Sala. Of particular interest inside the church, is an organ completely made out of marble. The road leading up to the sanctuary, past the walls of the fort, starts with a statue of a short-legged trumpeter. This too was designed by Sala to keep in the style of the sanctuary. Well worth a trip out of Alicante. Review of: Sanctuary of Santa Maria MagdelainThis review is the subjective opinion of a Tripadvisor member and not of Tripadvisor LLC. Tripadvisor LLC. Tripadvisor performs checks on reviews. Patricie CPurley, UK25 contributions Beautiful architecture, helpful staff en site, great visit to Art Deco house just up the street, good information Review of: Ayuntamiento de Novelda This review is the subjective opinion of a Tripadvisor member and not of Tripadvisor LLC. Tripadvisor performs checks on reviews. Christina WebbCairo, Egypt5 contributionsNormally I would give this place a good rating but the last time I went in to pick up a bus timetable I asked where the bus stops were only to be told I do not know. The guy working there supposedly spoke English but he really struggled, Review of: Tourist Info NoveldaThis review is the subjective opinion of a Tripadvisor member and not of Tripadvisor performs checks on reviews. 'La Fernandina', el boceto del estudio noveldense La Errería Architecture Office, ha ganado el proceso de votación abierto desde el pasado 25 de enero para decidir cómo será la reforma integral de La Glorieta, que se llevará a cabo durante la próxima legislatura. Tras un proceso de más de 8 meses donde se han recogido las necesidades de la ciudadanía, un jurado especializado ha decidido los proyectos finalistas, y los noveldenses han votado por su idea favorita, Novelda ya cuenta oficialmente con un concepto para la transformación de uno de los principales enclaves de la ciudad.La concejala de Participación Ciudadana, Lourdes Abad, ha anunciado que, después de una votación masiva donde han participado más de 2.400 personas en total a lo largo de las diferentes fases (1.738 personas en esta última fase final), 'La Fernandina' ha vencido el concurso logrando 746 votos. El segundo puesto lo ha obtenido el proyecto 'La nueva Glorieta' de Flap Studio con 730 votos y el tercer lugar ha sido 'Bajo los Arcos' de Luis Serrano Arquitecturas con 262 Votos. Cabe recordar que el proyecto ganador recibirá una recompensa de 2.000 euros y a partir del mismo se realizará una memoria para la futura licitación de las obras. Con todo, el concejal de Urbanismo, Iván Ñíguez, ha subrayado que «nos gustan cuestiones concretas de los tres proyectos y no se deben de menospreciar ni desaprovechar ideas de ningún proyecto, resaltando que la administración local trabajará en la futura reforma de la Glorieta «basándonos en la idea arquitectónica ganadora y contando con todos los elementos positivos que han aportado no sólo los tres proyectistas sino también la ciudadanía». Asimismo, 'La Fernandina' deberá contar con una entrada accesible para visitar el refugio de la Guerra Civil que está situado debajo de los cimientos de La Glorieta. Dicho refugio es uno de los más grandes de la Comunidad Valenciana, por lo que hacerlo visitable podría convertirlo en una de las mayores atracciones turísticas del municipio, a la par del Santuario de Santa María Magdalena y el Castillo de La Glorieta destacará, según el boceto ganador, con su apuesta por una mayor vegetación, la implantación de una plataforma única peatonal y la disposición de un templete-escenario que no divida la plaza, pudiendo ser disfrutado por un mayor número de personas. Además, 'La Fernandina' contará con nuevas entradas a través de unos modernos arcos, lugares de esparcimiento, una zona de juegos infantiles, una fuente central, un kiosko y aseos adaptados. Cabe resaltar que el nombre del proyecto rinde homenaje a la antiqua 'Plaza Fernandina', el primer nombre que recibió este espacio en honor a Rosalía Caro y Álvarez de Toledo, una personalidad relevante en Novelda durante el final del siglo XIX y el principio del si ciudadanía. Por su parte, Luis Navarro y Carlos Sánchez, arquitectos del estudio La Errería, han agradecido la elección de su proyecto por parte de la ciudadanía noveldense y han puesto en valor el trabajo que también han realizado sus compañeros Nuria, Aleta, John y Bea. Para finalizar, Luis Navarro ha destacado la alta calidad de los otros dos proyectos finalistas y ha subrayado que este concurso ha sido «un debate sano» que, asegura, «nos ayuda a crecer como ciudad«.