



Hiking

The municipality of Sant Mateu, diverse in its relief and landscape, allows us to enjoy hiking and strolling with options for all levels of difficulty and ages.

Three tracks of small itinerary, with their variations and derivations, form a network of signalled itineraries of more than 50 km that allows us to enjoy our agricultural landscape of immense olive groves and our natural landscape in which the Natural Municipal Setting Racó del Frare stands out.

Maps, personalized routes and GPS routes are available in the tourist information office and on the website www.santmateu.com.



Festivities and Events

We start with the festivity of Sant Antoni the weekend closest to 17th January.

In Holy Week, the Holy Thursday procession of 'Les Vergues' stands out together with the Demonstration of Arts, Professions and Local Products.

On the second Saturday after Easter Sunday, the festivity of the Mare de Déu dels Àngels, with its traditional pilgrimage, is the central point within the festive cycle.

The second weekend of July, Sant Mateu goes back to the Middle Ages with the celebration of **SANT MATEU MEDIEVAL**.

The Patron Saint Festivities from 18th to 28th August and the festivity of Sant Mateu in September mark the culmination of the festive atmosphere with its 'bous al carrer' (bullfighting on the street), open-air dances and the traditional 'Ball Pla'.



Gastronomy

From the strength of the 'olleta de Sant Mateu' to the delicacy of the almond confectionery of medieval origin represented by 'pastissots', 'primetes', etc., the gastronomy of Sant Mateu never ceases to amaze us.

Traditional and with its origin in the cooking of our ancestors, our star dishes have the distinguished presence of the products of the land such as meat, cold meat, mushrooms, aromatic herbs, etc.

The extra virgin olive oil is our product par excellence, liquid gold from the Maestrat. We want to highlight the olive oil extracted from the millenary olive trees of the native variety 'Farga'.



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Sant Mateu, historic capital of the Maestrat, is located in the north of the province of Castellón, 65 km away from the capital.

Visiting Sant Mateu is travelling to the Middle Ages, to past-time memories that appear every step we take in its historic-artistic site, declared Site of Cultural Interest by the Generalitat Valenciana in September 2002.

The capital of the Maestrat shone on its own merit during the 14th and 15th centuries in which the exportation of wool to Florence transformed Sant Mateu into a very important commercial, livestock, artisanal and artistic centre.

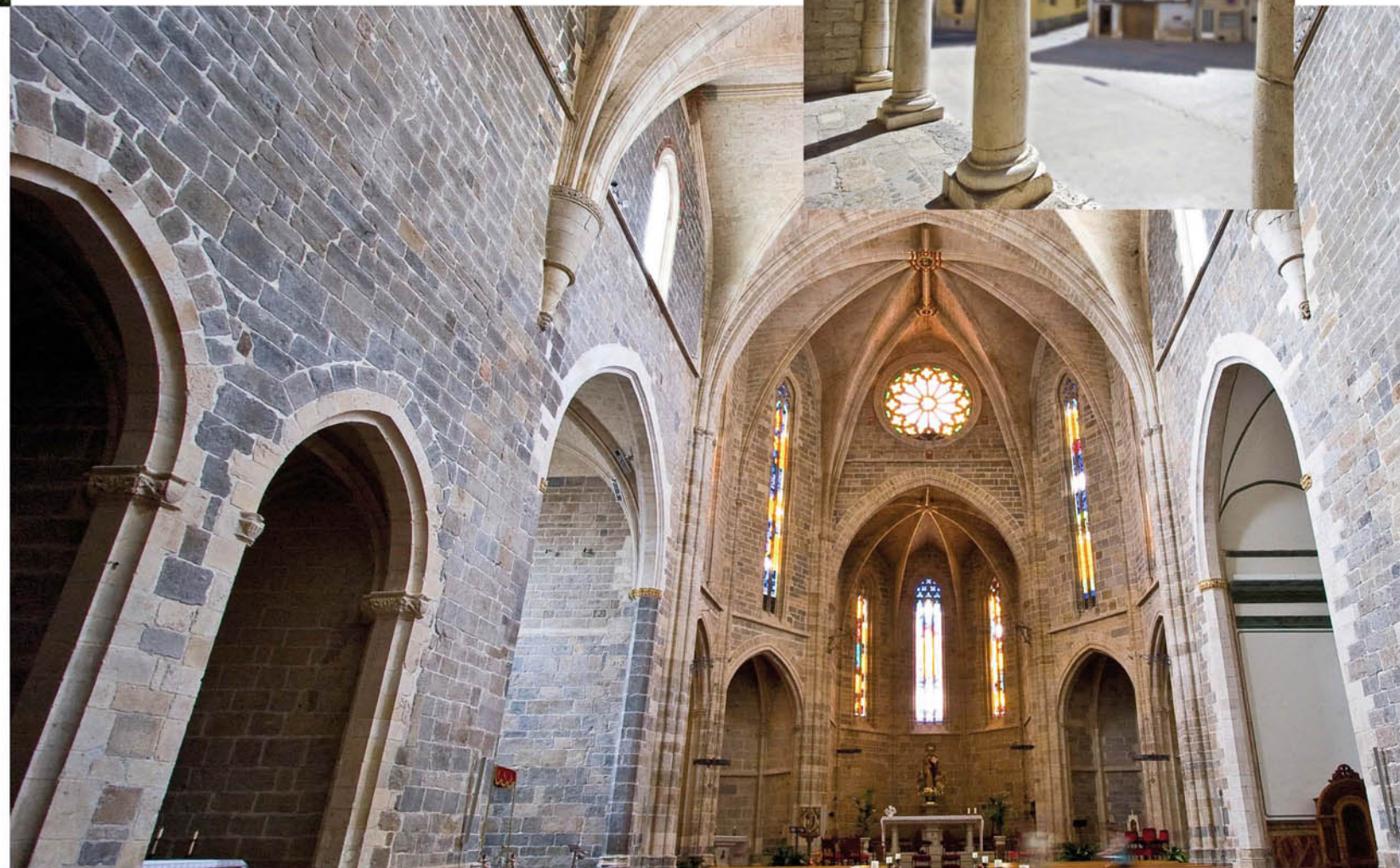
This splendour is reflected in the spectacular historic-artistic heritage that we can enjoy when visiting Sant Mateu: enjoying the Archpriestal Church (13th-15th centuries), majestic as a cathedral; walking through the Main Square and the historical centre, full of attractions, and imagining that we bump into a Grand Master of the Order of Montesa and its knights, into the cathar Belibaste, into the Pope Luna, Saint Vincent Ferrer or the ‘recently-runaway devil from the medieval dungeons’.

Past times represented in monuments, museums and the historical centre are complemented by more than 50 km of approved tracks and by the gastronomy, which settles its attraction power in the products of the land, among which an outstanding one is the extra virgin olive oil from the millenary olive trees of the native variety ‘Farga’.

Sant Mateu and its inhabitants are waiting for you with open arms. Looking to the future, they feel proud of their past, countersign of their identity as a people.



- 5 km away, you can enjoy hiking in the Natural Municipal Setting Racó del Frare.
- It is indispensable for you to enjoy the atmosphere of the Main Square.
- You can discover the treasures of our monumental heritage walking around the historical centre.
- 3 km away, you can enjoy the Sanctuary of the Mare de Déu dels Àngels and the view from its viewpoint.
- You can walk among the millenary olive trees, taste and buy the extra virgin olive oil from Sant Mateu.
- On the second weekend of July, SANT MATEU MEDIEVAL, the Medieval Market of the historic capital of the Maestrat.



Monumental Heritage

Churches, palaces, city walls, hermitages, museums or the medieval bakery are treasure jewels that our splendid medieval past has bequeathed us surprising the visitor at every turn of our historical centre.

We want to highlight the Archpriestal Church, silent witness of our history. When visiting it, we will enjoy the spectacular nature and the appearance of a cathedral of this church as well as the medieval goldsmithing and the ascent to the octagonal bell tower.

Other landmarks that complete the tour are the city walls, ‘Les Presons’ (medieval dungeons), the Sanctuary of the Mare de Déu dels Àngels and the rest of attractions of our historical centre.



Museums

Four museums complete the tour of Sant Mateu.

Walking around the rooms of the CMMP (Local History Museum) located in the Palace Borrull allows us to delve into the keys of the local history.

The Palaeontology Museum Juan Cano Forner is the most important palaeontology collection in the Valencian Community.

Within the monumental site of the Archpriestal Church, the medieval goldsmithing of the Parochial Museographic Collection and the Collection of Models of Historic Monuments of the Valencian Community are the perfect complement to your visit.