



## Landscape itineraries



Local importance

### Salinetes de Novelda

Water, geology and man,  
landscape modeling



#### Technical Characteristics:

Modality: walking

Departure time: 08:30

Arrival time: 18:00

Departure place: Bus stop opposite to "Joaquin Sorrolla"

AVE rail way station.

Time duration: 5 hours

Support: Support vehicle is available.

Price (car + food): partners € 25, non-members € 30

DIFICULTY

low medium high

## Itinerary Contents



Start of the tour at the source of the Salinetes de Novelda spring, a natural environment where two springs of water sprout with specific characteristics. The first in the beginning of the route of mainly salty waters, the second of sulphurous waters. Such differences are produced by the geological and lithological characteristics of the environment.



These waters have been used for an old spa, today completely demolished, and later, already in the twentieth century, for the first bathing facilities with recreational swimming pools in the town of Novelda. In current times the bathing is directly made in the riverbed by creating dams in it, known as "clots".



We will cover the riverbed from the initial sources until its mouth in the Vinalopó river. The itinerary, of 8 km and low difficulty, runs between landscapes generated by water, but with a marked geological character due to the scarce vegetation that sustains this soil and these waters.



During this tour we will see the different occupations that man has made in this environment and the remains of the different landscapes that they have generated. We will pass through old rainfed crops; irrigated crops mainly table grapes and, in recent years, wine and olive trees. In addition, we will see the importance of the landscapes generated by waste management, both urban and especially industrial. They are the landscapes of the stone transformation industry.



The final part of the route will run between the landscapes generated by the dispersed settlement for the management of agricultural farms and we will also see its transformation at the beginning of the 21st century.

We will finish the tour in the patrimonial environment of the Castillo de la Mola, Arabic "hisum", which has been intervened in recent times. It was part of the network of defense and surveillance of the Vinalopó River corridor along with those of Elda, Sax, Bañeres... Next to the Castle, stands since the beginning of the 20th century and within the modernist current, the Sanctuary of Santa María.