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A bit of history...

Riola probably comes from “rivulus”, which means “river” in Latin. This denomination first appeared in the 13th century in the king’s Llibre de Repartiment record book under the name of Arriola. It was part of the *Baronia* or *Vila i Honor* of Corbera until the late 19th century, the main rectory of the region and the administrative centre for its four towns.

Information

Demonym: riolenc/a
Inhabitants: 1,832 (INE, 2016)

Access and location

From Valencia, take the V-31, the N-332 and then the CV-505.
40 km from Valencia,
2 km from Sueca,
14 km from Alzira and
11 km from Cullera.

Festivals

Santa Maria la Major festival (5 August) with the Brotherhood dinner (on 4 August), the *cordà*, paellas, the kayak ride on the Xúquer, the tapas route and a concert by the Musical Union of Riola.
As part of the Fallas festivities (week of 19 March), there is a fishing competition in the Xúquer every Sunday throughout February. The *Dances de Riola* dance is held in October, coinciding with the *Mare de Déu del Rosari*. And there is a medieval fair on 9 October.

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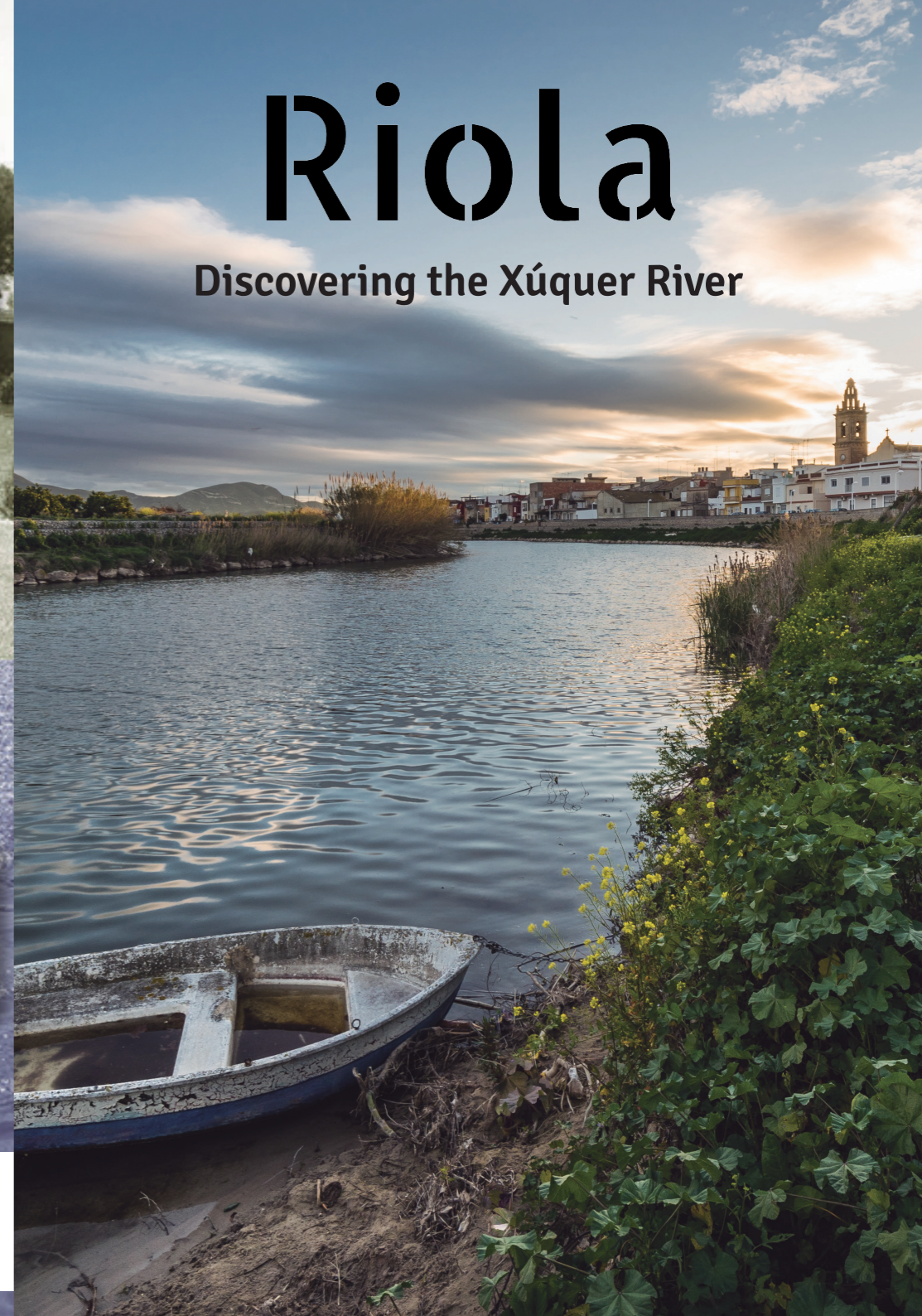
Provincial Council of Valencia app, *Ajuntaments de València* with updated, real-time information on Riola.

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..... What to see?

1. The Church of Santa Maria la Major I • • • • •

Eighteenth century. The Church of Santa Maria already existed in 1331 in Riola, although the temple that we see today is from the 18th century. It was the main rectory of the Vila i Honor of Corbera. Behind the temple, surrounded by houses, are the remains of an old tower used in the first 14th century church, which may be a 12th century Moorish construction.



2. The old town • • • • •

Carrer d'Ausiàs March, Plaça del Mestre Sant Francesc, Carrer de Lluís Martí, Carrer Ample ... Walking through the town's streets you will discover the typical architecture of the area and interesting places such as the Town Hall (*Ajuntament*) or the *Círculo Riolense* (Plaça del Mestre San Francesc) where you can see where the flood water from the Tous reservoir reached.



3. Riverside path • • • • •

There is a promenade next to the river, a common meeting place with amazing views over the Xúquer. An ideal starting place for hiking or mountain biking, or simply going for a stroll.



4. Iron bridge • • • • •

The bridge connects Riola with Sueca and dates from 1900. It is designed to withstand the strong current of the Xúquer with the bowstring arch system. The ends rest on stone pillars and there are pipes on the bottom to redirect water.



5. Riola Dam • • • • •

Sixteenth century. A dam to elevate the flow of the Xúquer and supply water to the irrigation channels. Impressive, beautiful cultural landscape where you can see native fauna and flora.



6. Séquia Major or Quatre Pobles Irrigation Channel • • • • •

Sixteenth century. The main irrigation channel of the Baronia or Vila i Honor of Corbera that irrigates four municipalities.



7. Fora Mill • • • • •

Sixteenth century flour and rice mill standing on the Quatre Pobles irrigation channel.

..... Water and earth

Riola was built around the Xúquer, the backbone of the territory. It gives us everything and sometimes takes it back. It is the main source of supply, natural border and the origin of the settlement. Riola and the Xúquer River are inseparable. The landscape of Riola has been shaped by the river and the inhabitants throughout history, with hydraulic architecture and a network of channels that irrigates orange trees and rice fields, leaving us with many beautiful views inundated with light. The embankments built to protect the town from continuous flooding are perfect for hiking or cycling routes, or observing the wide variety of local wildlife and plants of great ecological value. You cannot come to Riola without taking a walk along the Xúquer.



..... At the table

It has always been said that we eat well in Riola, with exquisite rice cooked in a thousand different ways and with meat and fish stews prepared with seasonal or year-round ingredients. The local cuisine takes advantage of what the land and the water give us to offer the most exquisite dishes. *Arròs al forn* oven-baked rice, *all i pebre* fish stew with garlic and pepper, paella or sweets such as *arnadi* and *rotllets de caterinetes* fill the town with their aroma. Riola is a perfect place to try the typical cuisine of the Ribera de Xúquer region. Come and try it.

