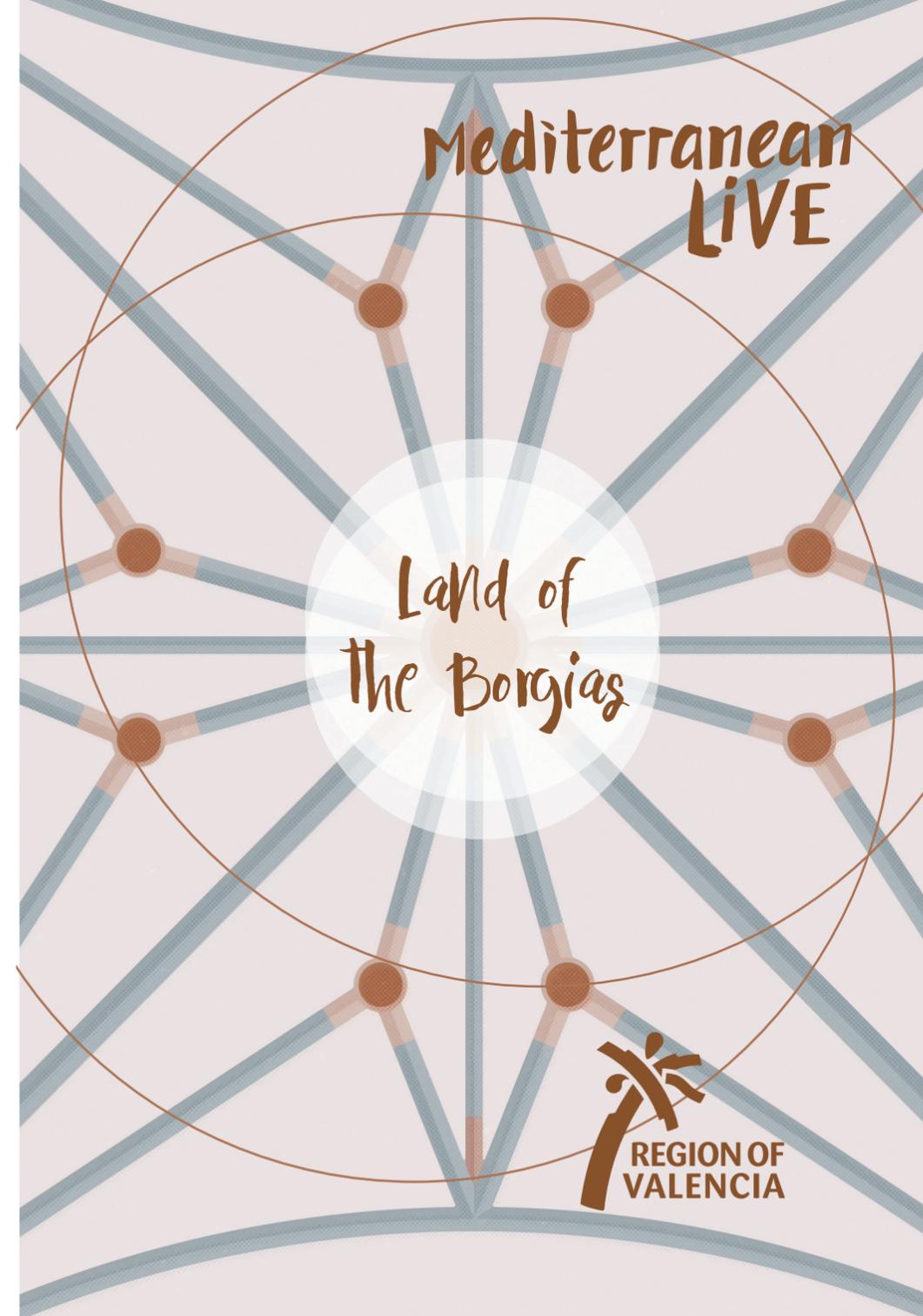




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Land of the Borgias is a unique experience to discover the splendour of the most universal, powerful Valencian family in 15th and 16th-century Europe. To travel this route is to walk through an exciting spectacle of art, landscape, history and culture.

In the city of Valencia, the Borgia Route boasts its exuberance in the Church of San Nicolás with sumptuous paintings, known as the Sistine Chapel of Valencia. In the Cathedral, the Borgia Popes built the majestic St Peter's chapel, commissioning exquisite Renaissance frescos of musician angels, admired throughout all Europe. In the Borgia chapel dedicated to St Francis, two excellent paintings made by Goya can be admired. The living mark left by the Borgia family also winds through the Palace of Cortes Valencianes, residence of the family, and through the University.

Xàtiva and Canals are the birthplace of the Borgia family. The Borgia Tower has been conserved in Canals, where Pope Callixtus III was born in 1378. The Chapel is located in front, forming part of the palace complex.

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In Xàtiva, Rodrigo de Borgia's birth home is conserved in a beautiful square. Artistic wealth can also be viewed in the Colegiata, the San Francisco and San Pedro churches, where Alexander VI was baptised, the Museum of Fine Arts, the Palau, the Santa Clara convent, the Santa Ana hermitage, and the impregnable castle, which was witness to, and imposing look-out point throughout, history.

In Gandia, on the shores of the Mediterranean Sea, the Ducal Palace is an admirable architectural complex, the most distinguished Borgia monument. This is where most of the Borgia Dukes and their descendants were born, including St Francis de Borgia in 1510. Worthy of mention are the Crown Hall, the Saint's Chapel and the Golden Gallery, hypnotising the visitor with their beauty. The mark left by the Borgia family in Gandia is found in the Colegiata, the Santa Clara convent and the University.

This scintillating route also goes through Albaida, where Luis Juan de Milá y Borgia's nephew began construction on a fortified palace that proudly towers over the centre of the villa. Also of

The Borgia family, a Valencian family of legend, supporters of art and Renaissance culture.



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note is the Sanz Palace, located in the town of Vallés. The route brings monuments, heritage, delicious cuisine and beautiful landscapes together, such as Castelló de Rugat, where remains from the Ducal Palace have been conserved.

Llombai was a barony purchased by Cardinal Rodrigo de Borgia for his son, Pedro Luis. Here, the Santa Cruz Church can be contemplated, a part of the Dominican convent. Llombai holds a historic re-enactment, known as the Borgia Market, that welcomes hundreds of visitors.

The Land of Borgias also takes us to two monasteries, true rural, artistic and secluded cathedrals, San Jerónimo de Cotalba in Alfauir and Santa Maria de Simat de la Valldigna.



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01 Borgia Palace, Valencia

02 Xàtiva Castle

03 San Jerónimo de Cotalba Monastery

04 Cathedral of Valencia

05 Castelló de Rugat

06 Albaida

07 Ducal Palace of the Borgias of Gandia

The Borgia Family: A Universal Valencian Family

The Borgia family left a deep impression on universal history. Since their Valencian origins, the Borgia family played a decisive role in all spheres of power, both political and religious, becoming nobles, princes, patrons, king's advisers, Popes and saints. A powerful lineage enshrouded by ambition, intrigue, legend and mystery.

Callixtus, Alexander, Cesar, Lucrezia, Francis... A family that fed a great legend, universally known as the myth of the "The Borgia Family." Their age was the Renaissance, with great art and a new humanist culture, the time of discovery. The Borgia family moved forward into modernity; modernity was their idea of power, and how to wield it. They brought Renaissance art to Valencia, along with an impressive historical, cultural and artistic wealth that still lives today on an exciting route of fine arts, with over 600 years of history.