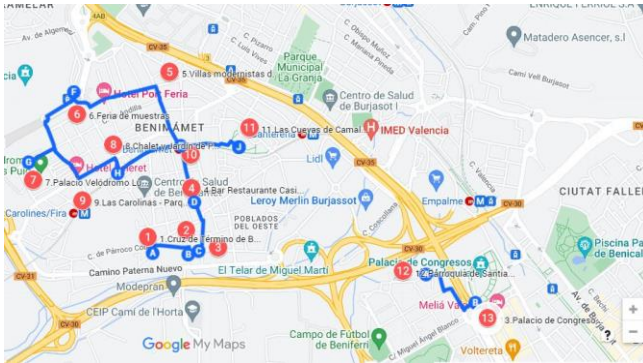


12. Church of St James the Apostle



The church of St James the Apostle in Beniferri **has been declared an Asset of Local Significance**.

It is located on fertile land that pass the Tormos ditch, which was populated by Christians and nobles when they received lands awarded by Jaime I, in gratitude for the help given in the conquest of Valencia.

Beniferri was a manor until they were dissolved by the Cortes de Cádiz in 1811.

From this moment on, the **Town Council** was founded with its **coat of arms**, formed by **a horseshoe and a horse inside**. Beniferri means, descendants or heirs of iron.

It was a place where Moorish, Roman-Visigothic and Iberian settlers co-existence, as it was crossed by the Roman road that linked Valencia with Aragon, later know El Camino Real de Aragón.

Beniferri's independence lasted 61 years, until it was annexed to Valencia in 1872, and became a municipal district.

The construction of the church must have begun in the **mid-18th century**, replacing the original church **next to the manor house**.

It is a late Baroque building, although it has neoclassical influences. It was restored in 1802; the interior was decorated with French Empire-style additions, a new presbytery was built, and the steeple was demolished.

The main altarpiece is centred between four Solomonic columns by an image of Christ Crucified on a red cloth background with the **coat of arms of the Order of Santiago**, while in the upper part is the Apostle James in his singular invocation of St James Matamoros.

St Jaime parish church has a duplicate of the cup of the Holy Chalice of the Last Supper and a relic of a splinter of the cross of Christ.

As an anecdote, on 17 May 1808, the **Franciscan friar Joan Martí, the parish priest of Beniferri, roused the Valencian people against Napoleon Bonaparte** with his fiery oratory. From his parish in Beniferri to the Plaça de les Panses, Martí, supported by Vicente Doménech, El Palleter, and the Franciscan Father Rico, was the spark for the rebellion of the Valencian people.

Apostle James the Great Parish Church

General information

Opening hours: It is open for various events

Address: Plaza Dr. Seguer, Beniferri

Located in a flat, unobstructed square with homogeneous paving and dropped kerbs.

Car park

There is a parking lot at the back of the parish church. There is a reserved space for PRM in calle Còrdova, 7. It has vertical and horizontal signage. It has an accessible route to the parish church. 400cmx500cm.

Access

Access is through a gate with a clear passage width of more than 200 cm that is permanently open when the parish church is open. There is a 4 cm rim before the door. Behind the door, there is a 15 cm-high step which is traversed using a wooden ramp for wheelchair access.

Behind the main entrance door, there is another door with a clear passage width of more than

Physical Indoor mobility

The route is slope-free and has no isolated steps. There are aisles with a clear passage width of more than 100 cm without narrowing. There is space reserved for wheelchairs at the front of the parish church and at the sides of the pews.

Bench area with seats at a height of 45 cm. The distance between the benches is 120-165 cm. Foot rest area at a height of 10 cm. All the images distributed throughout the parish church can be seen from the main aisle with an accessible route.

Access

Access to the parish church is through a gate which has high-contrast visual signage. There is a 4 cm rim before the door.

Behind the door, there is a 15 cm-high step.

Indoor Mobility

There is an obstacle-free route with no unmarked overhanging elements. There are no isolated unmarked steps. Rim-free, non-slip and homogeneous flooring. There are information signs with contrasting pictograms. Not in Braille. Homogeneous lighting.

Auditory inner mobility

There are information panels showing pictograms or short texts indicating spaces and routes.