

Rice Museum

Currently, the museum is located in an industrial building built in 1906 on a plot of 847 m² used as a rice mill. The mill had different owners who gave it its name: Molí of Umbert, of Lluch and of Serra.

The main façade faces Rosario street and is formed by a two-storey longitudinal body, partly elevated with two floors; on the Amparo street façade, three equal one-storey buildings complete the rectangle. Subsequently, a single-story L-shaped nave was added. The whole complex has a gabled roof with curved tiles on wooden knives and brick pillars.

The rice, which was transported from the Albufera and other cultivated fields, arrived at the mill where the husk was removed and separated, the rice was cleaned and whitened, with efficient and fast machinery, much of which was supplied by Molinería Marí Gimeno. The techniques used in this mill are similar to those used today in rice mills.

This mill was active for almost one hundred years, integrating itself into the urban landscape of the Cabanyal neighbourhood and becoming an industrial reference of the time due to its electrical operation and its high mechanization, including a second electric motor that increased its productivity. València came to have about 40 rice mills in the early twentieth century. An industrial network that began to decline from the sixties and that meant the closure and disappearance of almost all of them.

Currently, the mill building houses the Rice Museum of Valencia and the Junta Mayor de la Semana Santa Marinera. Rehabilitated by the City Council and the Polytechnic University, in charge of the restoration of the old machinery.

The Rice Museum allows the visitor to have a better knowledge of the history of this cereal and its influence on the development of both the city and the Valencian culture for more than a thousand years. The visitor can observe during the tour of its three floors, the process of rice treatment as it was approached in the early twentieth century, knowing the industrial process through the machinery that was used then, comparing it with modern treatments.





Photos of the interior of the museum. Source: <https://cultural.valencia.es/es/museu/museo-del-arroz/>