12. ICE FACTORY

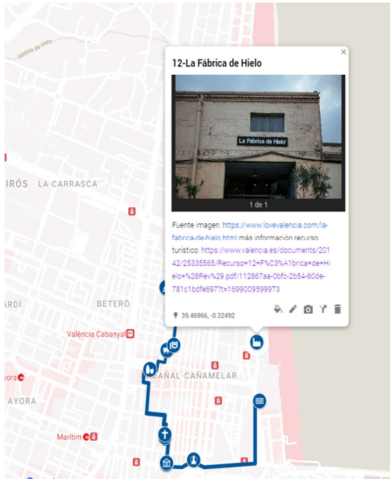
TOURIST ROUTE THROUGH EL CABANYAL-EL CANYAMELAR-CAP DE FRANÇA

GENERAL PLAN OF THE ROUTE



SITUATION OF THE TOURIST RESOURCE





The Ice Factory is part of the assets of the Sociedad Marina Auxiliante de los patronos de El Cabanyal, which carried out its activity in the southern part of the beach, as opposed to the Sociedad El Progreso Pescador, which was set up in the northern part. They are located on a horizontal strip of land reclaimed from the sea on both sides of Eugenia Viñes Street.

The building, constructed in 1925, was used for the manufacture of ice, which was used to preserve fish, both for the boats that fished at sea for days and kept it in their holds, and to keep the fish fresh, once on land, until it was sold.

The original complex consisted of two naves with a gabled roof that embraced an uncovered central space. The side naves were covered with metal trusses in the traditional manner and covered with flat tiles. The construction system is made up of load-bearing walls and brick pillars embedded in the wall.

The façades are simple, made of exposed solid brick, the main one being the south façade, where the elevation is repeated for the side naves, composed of a central doorway, an oculus enclosed by a brick thread and a quadrangular tympanum topped by a moulding of four courses of brick; the central body conserves only the original doorway. The side façades have several small openings with a uniform composition, the only decoration being the cornice made up of several courses of brick, one of which is arranged in a serrated pattern.

The building underwent a serious alteration in the 1950s when the east-facing nave and the courtyard were joined to develop a new activity, the dividing wall was removed and a vertical structure of metal profiles was incorporated, and the traditional roof was also replaced by a fibre cement roof, the same material was used to cover the central courtyard.

It is currently used as a leisure space.

PICTURES



Photo 1: An ice vendor's cart. Source: https://valenciablancoynegro.blogspot.com/2023/07/el-vendedor-de-hielo.html

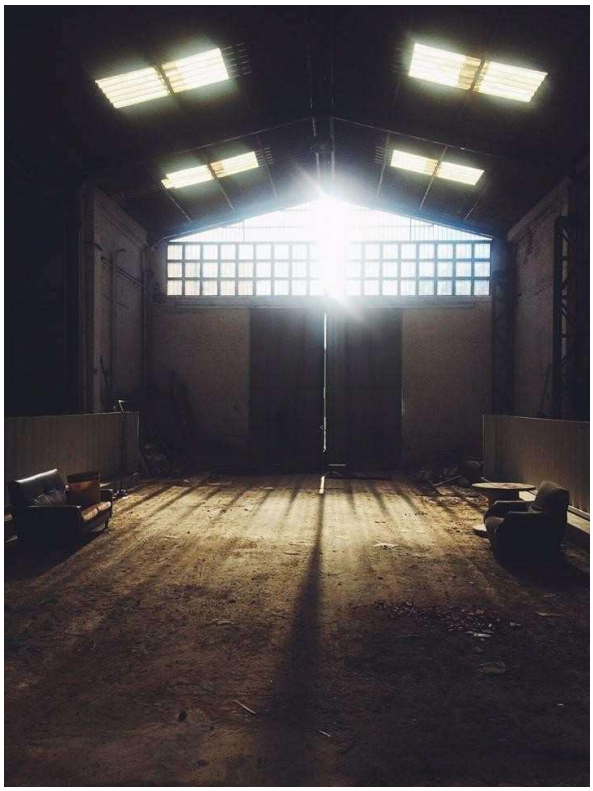


Photo 2: Interior of the factory before rehabilitation.