

Monastery of Sant Cugat

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of Barcelona

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Enjoy a walk through the history, architecture and art found in the Monastery of Sant Cugat.

Discover stories of abbots, counts, monks, periods of peace and culture.



Guided tour

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Every Saturday at 10:00 a.m.

Cloister of the Monastery. Learn about the stories behind the capitals.

Every Sunday at 12:00 noon

Price: €5

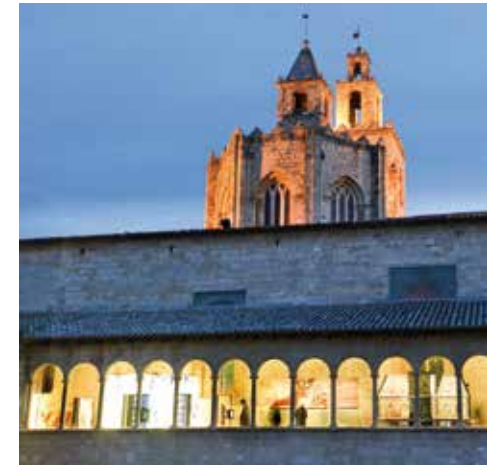
Audio guide

Take the tour at your leisure with the audio guide **“Feel the voice of the Monastery”**.

Available in Catalan, Spanish, English and French.

Price: €6

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The walled enclosure

Founded in the 9th century, the Monastery is one of the finest examples of medieval art in Catalonia. It was fully fortified in the Middle Ages, and much of the 14th-century wall still stands.

In the 11th century it became an important centre of power and culture. The monks dedicated their lives to prayer and worship under the Benedictine Rule, but also managed large areas of land, making the abbots influential figures.

This monastic power and splendour can still be felt throughout the complex.

The church of the Monastery

Formed by three naves headed by the corresponding apses, it was built between the 12th and 14th centuries. Started within the guidelines of the Romanesque style and finished with the new forms of Gothic art, it is one of the best places in Catalonia to observe this transition of styles.

Inside the church you will be able to admire various works of art, such as graves, altarpieces, altars and metalwork.

The great central rose window from 1337 is especially noteworthy, and is in the same style as the rose window in the southern transept of Notre-Dame de Paris.

The Romanesque cloister

It's a good idea to take the time to visit the best Romanesque cloister in Europe, with its 144 unique capitals. It's considered the masterpiece of the sculptor Arnau Cadell.

The cloister is a symbolic and also functional space. The different rooms were distributed around it, favouring the community life of the monks.

A jewel of the Catalan Romanesque and one of the best European cloisters for its artistic quality.

The Museum of Sant Cugat

The cloister now houses the central Sant Cugat Museum, home to a permanent exhibition on the architectural evolution of the Abbey and the key aspects of the life of its Benedictine community.

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