# Trail guide Sant Cugat section of the Monks' path

on foot

point to point

lenght

duration

difficulty

elevation gain













Route starting point: Plaça d'Octavià

Monastery of Sant Cugat

Coordinates of the starting point of the route:

Lat. 41.473789° - Long. 2.085343°

UTM: 31T 423629.00 m E - 4591719.00 m N

### **Itinerary description:**

The path known as Camí dels Monjos ('Monks' Path') passes through the municipalities of Sant Cugat del Vallès, Sant Quirze del Vallès, Terrassa and Matadepera. Even today, this path links the monasteries of Sant Cugat del Vallès and Sant Llorenç del Munt, two great examples of the Romanesque and Gothic styles.

Along its 25 kilometres, it climbs from an altitude of 100 meters in Sant Cugat to the 1,050-meter peak of La Mola, where the monastery of Sant Llorenç is located.

The itinerary begins at the Plaça Octavià, in front of the Monastery of Sant Cugat. The path continues down the Carrer Major, with its 15thcentury arched porticoes, and then follows the Avinguda de Rius i Taulet. When it veers down the Avinguda de Graells, we see the chapel of Sant Domènec to our left. The route then leaves the Avinguda de Graells and passes through the Jardins de Caterina Albert via Carrer de Víctor Català. It then crosses the railroad from Barcelona to Sabadell and continues alongside the tracks until it reaches the Mina dels Monjos and the Plaça dels Cistellers, where it once again crosses the railroad and the AP-7 highway. The Way continues through the Plaça de Xavier Cugat and the Plaça de la Recerca and heads north until it reaches the neighbourhood of Can Barata, the last stop in the municipality of Sant Cugat.

#### **Points of interest:**

#### **Monastery of Sant Cugat:**

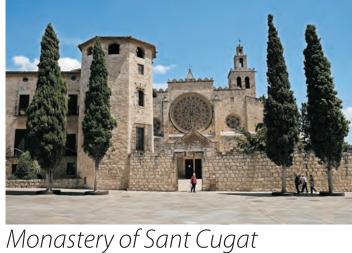
The monastery of Sant Cugat is one of the best examples of medieval Catalan art. The cloister is considered a jewel of Romanesque sculpture, one of the best-preserved and most important in Europe. One of the highlights of the cloister is the decoration of its 144 unique capitals. The church is a privileged example of the transition from Romanesque to Gothic.

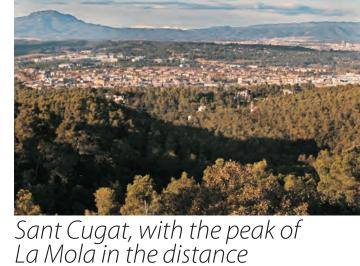
#### **Arches of the Carrer Major**

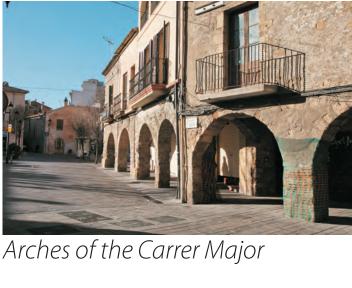
These medieval arched porticoes (15<sup>th</sup> century) set in front of three different buildings are an essential part of the old town centre of Sant Cugat. They once served as a market, and meetings of the town council were also held here.

## Ermita de Sant Domènec

A small chapel built between the 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> century in a spot where the old roads to Terrassa, Rubí and Sant Andreu de la Barca converged. It was later moved slightly to one side and a portico was added, which was demolished at the end of the 19th century. Abandoned for years, the chapel was restored in 2007.









250 225 Plaça de 200 Xavier Cugat Neighbourhood of 200 Monastery of Can Barata Sant Cugat 175 150 125 6,0 1,0 2,0 5,0 7,0 3,0 9,0 4,0 kilometres

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