

Orange Route



Castelldefels, a town with vocation for tourism, offers you the chance to discover its history and cultural heritage.

The first suggested port of call is the Palau Novella, a mansion built in the exotic 'Indian' style in 1890, located within the Garraf Nature Park and now home to the first **Buddhist monastery** to be set up in Catalonia.

Palau Novella Garraf Nature Park
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For an agreeable lunchtime repast, Castelldefels offers a wide range of restaurants.

In the afternoon, you could continue your route by visiting one of the town's most significant landmarks: **the Castle and its Romanesque chapel.**

Address: Plaça del Castell

The Castle sits on top of a hill, dominating the coastal strip between the Garraf Massif and Barcelona. The southern half of the Castle houses the chapel, originally Romanesque in design, with one single nave and transept, and the associated facilities: the rectory, the sacristy, the cemetery and the courtyard.

Romanesque Chapel:

A historical and artistic monument which reveals traces of various eras: ranging from an Ancient Iberian settlement from the 4th century BC, a Roman town, the early Romanesque church from the 10th century, the 14th, 16th and 18th century additions and the neoclassical decor added by Francisco Rodriguez in 1812, up to the restoration began in the early 20th century, completed in 1996, along with graffiti by Brigade members held captive there in the Spanish Civil War.



Visiting hours without guide:

In July and August the Chapel is open from Monday to Thursday 17:00h to 21:00h. In the winter, it can be visited the first Sunday of the month at 11:00h.

The Orange Route suggestions also include a visit to some of the local watchtowers, of which twelve still remain. Most were built in the second half of the 16th century, a period of frequent incursions by pirates from the Barbary Coast along the Mediterranean shores of the Iberian Peninsula and the Balearic Islands.

Below is a list of the addresses where the towers are to be found:

Torre Barona	Avinguda Rei en Jaume (La Raconada) On the premises of the Hotel Don Jaime.
Torre de Guaita	Plaça del Castell (centre)
Torre Moruna	Plaça Torre Moruna (Bellamar Property development).
Torre Gabriel Folcher	Carrer Arcadi Balaguer, 106
Torre d'Antoni	Carrer Isaac Peral
Torre Can Valls de la Muntanyeta	Carrer Santiago Rusiñol (La Muntanyeta)
Torre Can Moliner	Plaça Major, 41
Torre Climent Savall	Carrer Arcadi Balaguer, 116
Torre Fael i Cal Patxoca	Carrer 320, 18 – 22
Torre de Can Roca de Baix	Carrer Bisbe Urquinaona, 17
Torre de Can Vinyes	Passeig de Can Vinyes, 49
Torre de Can Gomar	Castelldefels Cultural Centre

Of the numerous stone manor houses still to be found in Castelldefels, the only ones open to visitors are those owned by the council, located at the following addresses:

Cal Ganxo (council-owned, reconstructed in 1997)

Can Vinader (right by the start of the Carretera de la Sentiu, the headquarters of the municipal corporation Jarfels, S.A.)

Can Roca de Baix (Carrer Bisbe Urquinaona, 17)

Can Gomar (on the Plaça de la Cultura, close by Can Roca de Baix; it now houses the Cultural Centre).

To round off the route, we suggest a visit to one of the city's more modern sites, namely:

- Plaça de l'Estació
- Plaça de l'Església
- Plaça de les Palmeres
- Parc de les Dunes, a recently refurbished park at the end of the Passeig Marítim.

Those with an interest in exploring the local history in greater depth will find a series of books on sale at the Tourist Information Office which may be of particular interest, including the titles:

- El Castell i les Torres
- El Crimen de Castelldefels
- Les Masies
- Castelldefels i la Mar...

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Summer: Monday to Sunday 10:00h to 14:00h and 15:00h to 19:00h

Winter: Monday to Friday 9:00h to 13:00h and 15:00h to 17:00h

Weekends: 10:00h to 16:00h

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