

WALKING TOURS

1. A WALK ALONG BAIX-A-MAR AND THE SEASIDE FRONT (LENGTH 1,30 H)

In the village of Adarró **1** we find the remains of an Iberian site from the ethnic group of the Cossetas and also a Roman village located within the Tarraco territory. The Pasifae sculpture **2**, work by the sculptor from Vilanova Oscar Estruga, represents the Hellenic myth of the Minotaur. In the residential area of Ribes Roges, together with a series of modernist houses, we find the Torre Blava (blue tower) **3**, a defence tower from the XIX century which the artist Josep Guinovart turned into a space to pay tribute to the sailors. At this point, the Del Carme starts. It is one of the most important leisure points in the town, full of terraces and restaurants, the Parc de Ribes Roges and the marina. At the junction with La Rambla, the monument of Francesc Macià **4**, president of Catalonia and son of the town, stands out. From here on, the sailors' district starts, with the Casa del Mar **5**, the old Posit de Pescadors (fishermen's building) **6**, which is now the Centre Cívic de Mar and Cal Mà de la Fassina **7**, a typical fishermen's house with a porch on the rooftop terrace. We get to the fishermen's dock **8**, where you can see the arrival of boats around 8 in the morning and 3 in the afternoon. The Espai Far **9**, located at the Far de Sant Cristòfol (lighthouse) is a museum centre which shows the rich sailor heritage in Vilanova. From there, you can see the remains of the old Moli de Mar (windmill) **10** and if you go up the hill you get to the Sant Cristòfol hermitage **11**.



2. A WALK ALONG THE RAMBLA (LENGTH 1H)

The Francesc Macià monument **1**, work by the artist Josep M. Subirachs, is the beginning of this walk along the Rambla, which is more than one kilometre long. Going up, once you have passed the bridge under the railway, we find Can Pahissa **2**, the most remarkable modernist building in Vilanova. It is recommended to take a detour towards the railway station to visit the Catalonia Railway Museum **3**, which holds the most important collection of steam locomotives in Europe, and the Víctor Balaguer Museum Library **4**, one of the oldest museums in the country, founded in 1884 by Víctor Balaguer himself. Back in La Rambla, we find the Casa Renard (Magrinyó) **5**, modernist building where the dancer and choreographer Joan Magrinyó lived. Following, a series of opulent houses (no. 104, 82, 80, 76, 61, 50) go along this area of the new district. At the level of the Francesc Macià avenue, the left way leads us to the Mercat del Centre (central market) **6** and the one on the right to the Plaça de la Vila (main square) **7**, a colonial style square and heart of the town and its daily activity, where there is also the town hall. On



GOING SHOPPING

Vilanova i la Geltrú has an intense commercial activity which has placed the town as one of the main urban centres in Catalunya. Shopping in Vilanova i la Geltrú is enjoying the open air. The town has one of the biggest outdoor commercial centres where you will find all kinds of shops. The unique environment will allow you to find everything you are looking for thanks to the more 700 shops with products and prices for all budgets...and all this in the very same urban centre. Also, there is a united commercial fabric under the brand Viu Comerç with which you will be able to get promotions and discounts. www.viucomerc.cat



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THE SEA

The Mediterranean Sea is always present in Vilanova i la Geltrú. The sea has made our inhabitants passionate about the sea life and has formed their open and welcoming character. It offers many possibilities: walking along the beach, bathing in its warm water, sailing on it in many different ways and enjoy its fruits on the water.



THE BEACHES

The urban beaches spread between two hills around Vilanova i la Geltrú. In the East, Sant Cristòfol and in the West, Sant Gervasi. At the foot of the hill of Sant Cristòfol we find the Platja del Far (lighthouse beach) of Vilanova or the Sant Cristòfol beach, and passed the harbor, the other urban beaches: Ribes Roges, Adarró, La República and Sant Gervasi. From the hill of Sant Gervasi, the coast which opens between Vilanova and Cubelles reminds us of the old wetlands landscape and it is where the most virgin beach meet, the Platja Llarga (long beach) and Ibersol beach.



THE HARBOUR AND THE NAUTICAL STATION IN VILANOVA I LA GELTRÚ

The marina is one of the main ones in Catalunya due to the number of berths and que quality of services. It holds a Nautical Club and the only marina in Western Mediterranean with berths and exclusive services for long length ships. Since 2002 Vilanova i la Geltrú has the recognition of Nautical Station, thanks to its excellent nautical facilities and the services the town has overall. Thus, you can practise activities such as kayak, catamaran, nautical ski, light sail and windsurf, among others, all year round. www.envilanova.com



MUSEUMS

Víctor Balaguer Museum Library. In this building from the end of the XIX century, conceived as a museum, you will be able to discover artists such as Goya and Rusiñol, and get close to the Egyptian and Eastern world. Its library preserves one of the best book collections from the XIX in the whole country. www.victorbalaguer.cat



Catalonia Railway Museum. One of the most important train collections in Europe in an old locomotive warehouse. A visit to immerse yourself in the train universe, full of technical elements, but also full of emotion and memories. www.museudelferrocarril.org



Espai Far. Located in the lighthouse of Vilanova i la Geltrú, we find the Museum of the Sea, the Raig Lluçàs museum and Víctor Rago's rescue boat. A space made to know the sailors heritage and the strong link between the town and the sea through objects, stories and experiences. www.espai.org



Torre Blava - Espai Guinovart. The Torre Blava - Espai Guinovart is located in the tower of Ribes Roges, a defence tower built in the XIX century in which the artist Josep Guinovart pays tribute to the sea and the sailors. **938 154 202**



Can Papiol Romantic Museum. At the historical centre of Vilanova i la Geltrú, the Papiol family invites you to visit their home in a trip to the past to know the daily life in a wealthy house from the XIX century. www.museucanpapiol.cat



CIRMAC Masia d'en Cabanyes. On the outskirts of Vilanova we find the Masia d'en Cabanyes, a museum house to discover Romanticism and the XIX century through the Cabanyes family. Art, literature, architecture, gardens, a space of historical interest which preserves twelve unique Goya engravings. www.masiadencabanyes.cat



Iberian Village and Adarró Roman Villa. At the foot of Sant Gervasi hill, visitors can find the ruins of the Iberian site of Adarró, which was later replaced by a roman villa within the Tarraco territory. This visit allows you to discover remains dating back to more than 2,000 years ago in the history of Vilanova. Tel. **687 917 009**



Contemporary Art Centre La Sala. The rehabilitation of the old theatre "Ivory Room" as a contemporary art room offers the town the possibility to enjoy two different spaces: an exhibition room for famous, foreign and local artists and a space for emerging art. www.lasalavng.cat



www.patrimoni.vng.cat



OTHER PLACES OF INTEREST

Vilanova i la Geltrú is a dynamic town with great history and tradition. You will find interesting places to enjoy photograph and walk everywhere you go. This guide-map shows the main ones.



- 1 Cemetery
- 2 Els Colls
- 3 Immaculada Concepció parish church
- 4 Sant Antoni Abat hospital
- 5 Fish market trade
- 6 Masia d'en Cabanyes (cottage)
- 7 Friday street market
- 8 Saturday street market
- 9 Mar market
- 10 Neàpolis
- 11 Parc Baix-a-mar
- 12 Parc Gumà i Ferrán
- 13 Plaça Peixateria
- 14 Plaça Soler i Gustems
- 15 Plaça del Port
- 16 Plaça dels Cotxes
- 17 Plaça de Miró de Montgrós
- 18 Adarró beach
- 19 Ibersol beach
- 20 La República beach
- 21 Sant Gervasi beach
- 22 Ribes Roges beach
- 23 Sant Cristòfol lighthouse beach
- 24 Llarga beach
- 25 Rambla del Port (harbour promenade)
- 26 Miniature circuit train
- 27 Xalet del Nin

CHARACTERISTICS AND MAIN SERVICES OF OUR BEACHES



