



# WALKING TOURS THROUGH CUBELLES



We encourage you to take a stroll through Cubelles and discover its numerous culturally and historically relevant sites and buildings. We therefore suggest 4 urban routes through which to discover Cubelles and its heritage.



Ajuntament de Cubelles

# ROUTE 1

## Old quarter route



### Historic centre

Walk through the old quarter

#### Sites of interest:

- 1 Cubelles Castle
- 2 Plaça de la Vila
- 3 Town Fair Mural
- 4 Fountain on Carrer Major, Lion Fountain
- 5 Santa Maria de Cubelles Church
- 6 Plaça de la Font
- 7 Saint Anthony of Padua Hermitage
- 8 Can Travé
- 9 The Aliança
- 10 Permanent Exhibition on the Clown Charlie Rivel / Cubelles Municipal Tourist Information Office

A circular route that starts at the main gate of the **Cubelles Castle**, which first appeared in records in 1041 and was built atop an ancient Roman villa. At present, both the ground floor and second floor, the *piano nobile* where the living quarters were located, are open to visitors.

This building currently houses the Permanent Exhibition on the Clown Charlie Rivel and the Cubelles Municipal Tourist Information Office.

The route leads us down Carrer del Doctor Juncà and across Carrer Major, where we come to **Plaça de la Vila**, the town's main square, site of the Town Hall and the house where the clown Charlie Rivel was born in 1896, formerly a café.

Behind Plaça de la Vila is one of Cubelles' murals: the **Town Fair Mural**.

If we continue down Carrer Major and, while facing the church, turn right, we come to the **fountain on Carrer Major**, the Lion Fountain, which informs us that drinking water was first supplied to the town thanks to funds from *americano* Joan Pedro i Roig, a Catalan immigrant to the Americas who returned having made his fortune. At the top of Carrer Major we see the Baroque **Santa Maria Parish Church**, dedicated to the Virgin Mary, the town's patron saint. Some of its characteristic features include its pink, bossed stone façade and the bell tower, which combines both octagonal and square shapes.

After exiting the church and turning right, we walk past a monument called "Genius and Brute Strength", by Anselm Cabús. From here, Carrer Colom takes us through Cubelles' historic centre to **Plaça de la Font**, site of another of the water fountains funded by *americano* Joan Pedro i Roig.

If we walk down Carrer Sant Antoni, we soon reach the **Saint Anthony of Padua Hermitage**, a single-nave chapel built in 1694 by Marià Gassó, which is now privately owned. Opposite the hermitage we can see the building known as **Can Travé**, a classical-style structure that once housed a library of classical mythology and cabinet of natural history, both of which were kept by Frederic Travé. Of particular note is the property's immense garden, currently owned by the Town Council.

From here, the route leads us back down Carrer Sant Antoni until we once again find ourselves in Plaça de la Font. Here we find the **Aliança**, a building which was founded in 1914 by another wealthy *americano*, Pere Escardó, and represents the legacy of the *americanos*. It currently belongs to the local entity Societat Recreativa l'Aliança.

From here, we take Carrer Àngel Guimerà, climb the steps and head to the castle, where we can visit the Permanent Exhibition on the Clown Charlie Rivel, a famous clown who was born in the town of Cubelles in 1896. The exhibition contains part of Rivel's professional and personal legacy and includes two documentaries, one on his performances and another with biographical information. The walk ends at the **Tourist Information Office and the Permanent Exhibition on the Clown Charlie Rivel**.

# ROUTE 2

## Nature route



### Historic centre

Foix River Estuary Protection Area

#### Sites of interest:

- 1 Cubelles Castle
- 2 Passeig Narcís Bardají
- 3 Cubelles train station
- 4 Charlie Rivel Monument
- 5 Seafront promenade
- 6 Foix River Estuary Protection Area

After finishing the walk through the historic centre, from the **Cubelles Castle**, we head towards the beach along **Passeig Narcís Bardají**, the town's former main thoroughfare, which connects the town centre with the rail line to Barcelona.

At the end of the street to our right, at the intersection with Carrer Estació, we find the house formerly owned by Dr Francesc Estapé Pañellas, cardiologist and director of the Santa Creu i Sant Pau Hospital in Barcelona. Further on towards the sea, just before crossing underneath the rail line, we can see the monument erected in 1977 in honour of Pau Casals and the **Cubelles train station**.

After crossing the underpass, we come to Plaça del Mar, where we find the **monument in honour of the clown Charlie Rivel**, one of the town's most illustrious native sons, created by Guillermo Marín in 1980.

Further along, we come to **Passeig Marítim**, a seafront promenade that links the town's beaches. A few metres to our right, connected by a series of wooden walkways, is the **River Foix Estuary Protection Area**, the ideal place to spend time observing the behaviour of the local birds amid nature.



# ROUTE 3

## Water route



### Historic centre

Municipal wash house

#### Sites of interest:

- 1 Cubelles Castle
- 2 Fountain on Carrer Major, Lion Fountain
- 3 Fountain on Carrer Sant Antoni, trough fountain
- 4 The Aliança
- 5 Municipal wash house
- 6 Foix River Estuary Protection Area

The Water Route begins in Plaça del Castell, home to the [Cubelles Castle](#), the Permanent Exhibition on the Clown Charlie Rivel and the Municipal Tourist Information Office. From here, it takes us down Carrer Doctor Juncá to Plaça de la Vila. Between the square and Carrer Major we find the [fountain on Carrer Major](#), the so-called [Lion Fountain](#), an engraving on which recalls the tribute the people of Cubelles paid to one of the town's most illustrious native sons, *americano* Joan Pedro i Roig, a Catalan immigrant to the Americas who, having made his fortune, returned, after which he helped supply Cubelles with drinking water and built two public fountains, one on Carrer Major and another on Carrer Sant Antoni.

After passing the church and turning down Carrer Colom, we come to Plaça de la Font, where we find the [fountain on Carrer Sant Antoni](#), the [trough fountain](#).

From Plaça de la Font we can see the [Aliança](#), a building that was restored to house the local entity Societat Recreativa l'Aliança, to which the building belongs.

From here, the route heads towards the municipal wash house and once again down Carrer Colom, where we can stop to admire the 11 September monument entitled "Genius and Brute Strength", by Anselm Cabús. The route then continues on to Plaça de la Vila, where we find the house in which Charlie Rivel was born and the sundial atop Cal Capdet, which dates to 1857. We then enter the centre's narrow streets and wind our way from Carrer Almirall to Carrer Raval, no. 7, site of the recently restored [municipal wash house](#), donated by Joan Pedro i Roig in 1882. After the wash house, the route heads down Carrer Rec to Carrer Raval del Torrent. From here, we follow the Foix to the mouth of the river, where we find the [Foix River Estuary Protection Area](#), part of the Nature 2000 Network.



# ROUTE 4

## Charlie Rivel Route



### Sites of interest:

- 1 Cubelles Castle
- 2 Permanent Exhibition on the Clown Charlie Rivel
- 3 Birthplace of Charlie Rivel
- 4 Santa Maria de Cubelles Church
- 5 Family vault
- 6 Charlie Rivel Monument

The Charlie Rivel Route takes us past a number of sites associated with the Cubelles-native clown. Josep Andreu, better known as Charlie Rivel, was born in Cubelles on 23 April 1896 while his parents, Marie Louise Lasserre, a tightrope walker from the French region of Occitania, and trapeze artist Pere Andreu, born in the Barcelona district of Hostafrancs, were on tour.

The walk begins at the **Cubelles Castle**, which now houses the Tourist Information Office and the **Permanent Exhibition on the Clown Charlie Rivel**. We recommend you visit the exhibition before starting the walk. Charlie Rivel, a world famous Catalan clown (1896-1983), was a consummate circus performer; as a clown, all he needed was a guitar, a chair and his talent to develop a deep connection with his audience.

On display are various objects related to his performances and some of the numerous awards he received over the course of his career.

It includes pictures of his performances and biographical information in seven languages (Catalan, Spanish, English, French, Italian, German and Russian).

The collection also features a series of artistic dresses designed by his daughter, Paulina Schumann, one of the circus industry's most accomplished horse riders. The dresses are displayed alongside awards and photographs of the artist.

After visiting the exhibition, the route heads towards the Town Hall in Plaça de la Vila. To the right of the building is a plaque that indicates the **house in which Charlie Rivel was born**.

If we walk around the rectory, we come to the **Santa Maria de Cubelles Church**, the church in which Rivel was baptised with the name Josep.

After exiting the church and turning right, the route takes us along Carrer Colom to Carrer Nou and up to the municipal cemetery on Carrer Mossèn Miquel Cortí. Here we find the **family vault** of Josep Andreu Lasserre, "Charlie Rivel", in which he was laid to rest in July 1983 alongside his first wife, Carmen Busto Rinker (1900-1972).

After visiting the historic centre, from Cubelles Castle, we head towards the beach along Passeig Narcís Bardají.

At the end of the street we come to Plaça Pau Casals. From here, the route continues on towards the sea and crosses underneath the rail lines. In Plaça del Mar, we find the **monument erected in honour of Charlie Rivel**, one of the town's most distinguished native sons, created by Guillermo Marín in 1980. This stop brings the Charlie Rivel Route to an end.

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More information: [www.cubelles.cat](http://www.cubelles.cat)



