

Santa Cristina, a trip through time

From Santa Cristina we could start our journey through time visiting, firstly, the dolmen of the Cova d'en Daina (2000 BC), megalithic sepulchre from the Chalcolithic period located close to Romanyà.

In this same village, we find the church of Sant Martí, highly evolved pre-Romanic construction, sporting a steeple with primitive Romanic tower dating from the 10th century. The remains of the Catalan writer, Mercè Rodoreda, are in the cemetery.

On the way back and if we are thirsty, we can stop off at the "Font Picant" spring to taste its water containing abundant carbonic anhydride and continue to Solius. There we will find the parish church of St Agnes (originating from the 10th and 11th centuries), which was pulled down and rebuilt between 1773 and 1782; in Neoclassic style but maintaining the former base of the Romanic steeple. The Cistercian Monastery of Santa Maria de Solius was built next to it in 1969, which is famous for its Gregorian chant concerts and the permanent exhibition of crib scenes. On leaving the monastery, heading for the Can Reixach estate, we go back in time and enter the Middle Ages as we contemplate the remains of Solius Castle (15th century).

We will return to Santa Cristina where we can visit the parish church, which is an interesting medieval temple including two naves and transept. The bell tower has a Romanic base, except for the top part, finishing in a pinnacle. The door on the façade is from the 18th century and another covered side door dates from the 12th century. 300 m to the west, there are the remains of a small Paleochristian church. This must correspond to the transition between the Roman-Christian basilicas and the first Pre-Romanic temples. Finally to return to our time, there is nothing better than strolling through the Teulera district and its surroundings to enjoy the most dynamic and commercial part of the town.

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