

Approximate distance: 1,5 km

Description: The itinerary begins at the Plaça de Catalunya and follows the seafront to the harbour. The route is flat and presents no difficulty at all. *It is recommended to cover the route on foot, because it passes along the seafront promenade.*

Some points of interest along the route:

1. Casa del Poble

This building was erected in the 1920's and was an important cultural, recreational and political (republican) centre until the outbreak of the Spanish Civil War. The ground floor contains two exhibition halls. It is currently being restored.

2. 'El Frare' ('the friar')

This monument commemorates the Blanes writer Joaquim Ruyra (1858-1939) and was inaugurated in 1958. The architectural setting is by Francesc Folguera and the sculpture is by Joan Rebull.

3. Passeig de la Mestrança (Promenade)

This area used to contain a part of the town's shipyard, the most important in Catalonia during the 19th century. At the start of the promenade stands the Saladrigas House, built in 1926 by the architect Isidre Puig i Boada. It was recently acquired by the Town Council for cultural uses.

At the end of the pine-wood is the fountain known as the Font de la Mare de Déu del Carme, built in 1943.

Harbour area:

4. Old fish market

This was built in two stages between the late 1930's and early 1940's. A notable decorative element is the series of gargoyles along the roof of the building.

5. New fish market

Built in 1994, designed by the architects Fuses-Viader. Every afternoon from Monday to Friday this building houses the fish auction, which can be watched from the first-floor bar.

6. Dock

The mooring area of the fishing fleet. From 5 p.m. onwards you can watch the trawlers coming into port to unload. The dock was built in various stages from 1914 onwards. From the dock wall you can see the old Capuchin monastery (1583) on the top of the cliff; at present this is private property.

Other options:

- From the cove of Punta Santa Anna there is a view of the coastline as far as the cape of Tossa de Mar.
- Don't miss the opportunity of a good fish dinner at one of the restaurants along the harbour esplanade.
- Marina and Blanes Yacht Club: lovers of water sports can visit the Club's amenities, entering behind

'the friar' or from the harbour area.

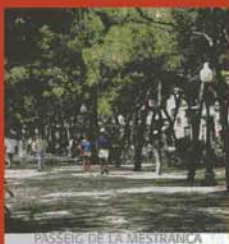
- Sea cruises: tickets on sale in front of the boats' mooring point, beside the Red Cross hut in front of the children's playground on the promenade.



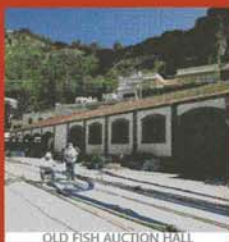
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