

Approximate distance: 1,3 km

Description: This itinerary starts from the chapel of Nostra Senyora de l'Esperança and ends at the cove Cala de Sant Francesc (or Cala Bona). The path passes behind the harbour, offering a magnificent view over the bay. A part of this route is covered by the 'Carrilet' (bus 3), which leaves from Plaça de Catalunya or the Port and finishes at the Botanical Garden. The route is in good condition. As far as the Botanical Garden it passes between large eucalyptus trees, then continues to the residential estate of Sant Francesc and descends to the chapel of the same name. The last part of the path is a steep and non-asphalted descent to the cove: it can be reached by car via the residential estate.

Some points of interest along the route:

7. Chapel of Nostra Senyora de l'Esperança

This chapel, documented since the 17th century, contains the images of Sant Elm, Sant Antoni Abat and Sant Antoni de Pàdua. Its façade is decorated with sgraffito carvings of nautical themes, and inside there are offerings of miniature boats.

8. Mar i Murtra Botanical Gardens

Initiated in 1927 by Karl Faust (1874-1952), it now contains flora from all over the world. These magnificent gardens extend to the cliff-tops of the coastline. The Tourist Office has information on the Botanical Gardens. (*)

9. Chapel of Sant Francesc

This is situated above the cove of the same name, in front of an olive grove. It was built by the owner of the tuna fishery in 1681.

10. Cala de Sant Francesc or Cala Bona

In the past this cove contained a large tuna-fishing net and a lobster nursery. Every 28 July a local fête is held here. On the beach there is a bar which operates during the summer months.

Other possibilities:

- You can follow the path which leads from the northern end of the cove between the cliffs to an area of rocks and scree.



NOSTRA SENYORA DE L'ESPERANÇA



MAR I MURTRA BOTANICAL GARDEN



CHAPEL OF SANT FRANCESC



CALA DE SANT FRANCESC