

# Palau Robert

**Counties:** Priorat || **Difficulty:** Very easy || **Media Locomotion:** By car || **Distance:** 107.5 km ||  
**Signaling:** Yes || **Duration:** 48 h

## The chapels of Montsant

Long route (107.5 km) by car taking two or even three days which allows us to enjoy the exceptional landscape of the Montsant Nature Reserve and see many peculiar chapels. It is advisable to alternate the use of the car, to go from town to town, with a walk or bicycle ride up to the chapels.

The best order of the itinerary begins in Margalef (chapel of Sant Salvador) and ends in Ulldemolins (Sant Bartomeu de Fragnerau). To reach the starting point from Falset we take T-710 to the NW to La Vilella Baixa, continue on T-702 to the west and, in La Bisbal de Falset, take T-713 NE to Margalef. Lastly, we can end the route with 25 km of good road, the C-242 and the T-713 to return to Ulldemolins (132 km in total).

1) Chapel of Sant Salvador (670 m). Located 3.5 km SE of Margalef (344 m), at the end of the spectacular Sant Salvador gully. Built in the 16th century. It is best to leave the car in Margalef and climb up on foot or by bicycle (7 km there and back). From Margalef to La Bisbal de Falset we take T-713.

2) Chapel-cave of Santa Llúcia. Belongs to La Bisbal de Falset. Accessible by car by T-702. From La Bisbal de Falset to Cabacés we take T-702.

3) Chapel of Sant Joan (Cabacés). Right in the middle of the village, beside the Canal spring. 18th century Baroque building. It is best to leave the car in Cabacés and do a 7 km circuit, on foot or by bicycle, that takes in the three chapels in Cabacés (Sant Joan, Mare de Déu de la Foia and Sant Roc).

4) Chapel of Sant Roc (Cabacés). Just over 1 km NE of Cabacés, in a cavern. Built in the 16th century it is late Gothic in style. If we continue along the old Foia road we come to a broad coomb dominated by the chapel of La Mare de Déu de les Neus or La Foia, with a recreation area and camp site.

5) Chapel of La Mare de Déu de la Foia (Cabacés). In the popular Baroque style of the 18th century. On the day of Our Lady of the Snows (5 August) there is a sardana gathering and a giant paella. In Cabacés we take T-702 once again to La Vilella Baixa, but at km 23.1 a track goes off to the right, to the south, that takes us to La Figuera and from there to the chapel of Sant Pau by T-730.

6) Chapel of Sant Pau (631 m). Belongs to La Figuera (534 m). Accessible by car. Spectacular views from the Ebro (and the Ports massif) to the Montsant sierra. It is best to leave the car at km 23.1 of T-702 (240 m) and go by bicycle or on foot to La Figuera and Sant Pau (11.2 km there and back). From km 23.1 of T-702 we follow this road to La Vilella Baixa, La Vilella Alta and Escaladei.

7) Ruins of the Charterhouse of Escaladei (La Morera de Montsant). With remains of buildings from the 13th to the 18th centuries. It is best to leave the car at Escaladei and walk the km from there to La Cartoixa. At Escaladei we leave T-702 and take the local road that climbs to La Morera de Montsant, at the very foot of the Montsant, where TV-7021 leads to Cornudella de Montsant.

8) Chapel of Sant Joan del Codolar (739 m). Located 3.8 km from Cornudella de Montsant (530 m), at the foot of the cliffs of Montsant. Its origins date back to the 13th century, through its present appearance owes a great deal to the restorations in the 17th and 18th centuries. It is best to leave the car at Cornudella de Montsant and go up on foot or by bicycle (7.6 km there and back). From Cornudella de Montsant we take C-242 to Coll d'Albarca.

9) In Albarca, a village of singular beauty, we should see the church of Sant Vicenç and the sweeping panorama over the north-eastern slopes of the Montsant sierra. Then we go up to the chapel of Santa Maria de Montsant (1,024 m) on the boundary between the municipalities of Cornudella and La Morera de Montsant. It is SW of Albarca, about 3.5 km SE of Ulldemolins and about 5 N of Cornudella, 1,000 m above sea level, near a hill called Collet de la Mare de Déu. It is best to leave the car at Coll d'Albarca (774 m) and go up on foot (8.3 km there and back). From Coll d'Albarca, the C-242 takes us to Ulldemolins.

10) Chapel of La Mare de Déu del Loreto. In the centre of Ulldemolins, in the upper part of the village.

11) Chapel of Santa Magdalena (Ulldemolins). Located about 2.5 km SW of Ulldemolins, at the foot of the shady side of the Malacabada; we reach it by car following the signposts. Built at the end of the 16th century. It is right next to the chapel of Sant Antoni.

12) Chapel of Sant Antoni (Ulldemolins). About 3 km SW of Ulldemolins. Built in the 13th century and dedicated to St Barbara it was extended and its dedication changed in the 16th century. Today the chaplain's house has been converted into a summer holiday hostel. It is right next to the chapel of Santa Magdalena. Both chapels are usually visited together with Sant Bartomeu de Fraguerau.

13) Chapel of Sant Bartomeu de Fraguerau (Ulldemolins). Located about 5.5 km to the west of Ulldemolins, near a tributary gully to the right of Fraguerau ravine and not far from it. Romanesque. It is the oldest of the chapels of Montsant still conserved today. There is no access by car, only on foot.

Other places not to be missed are:

Escaladei hospice (La Morera de Montsant). Cellars and other buildings of the old charterhouse hospice. The old house of the prior of the charterhouse has been conserved along with a few others (Cal Fària, Cal Reina, Cal Rius and Cal Salvador) that keep a certain lordly air.

Mas de Sant Blai and ruins of Bonrepòs (La Morera de Montsant). The old monastery of Bonrepòs, the predecessor of Escaladei, was abandoned in the 15th century, but some vestiges have been conserved (such as the chapel) in this house close to the village of La Morera.

Albarca (Cornudella). A small village with no permanent population any longer, remarkable for its location. Access to the chapel of Santa Maria de Montsant.

## **Practical information**

It is advisable to have an updated road map.

## **Directions**

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