



# 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 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)

