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Straight walls of granite, beams with a core of resin pine, keys and grilles made of iron from the Meners Pass. Andorra has been made slowly, with the materials given by the mountains, which are simple and strong.

Anyone visiting Andorra will be surprised by the amount of churches he will see spread across the country, because it's a geographic area where the Romanic culture is highly present.

There's no other place were in such small territory gather so many Romanic churches and chapels.

Some of the beauties of the Romanic are the churches of Sant Joan de Caselles in Canillo, Sant Romà de les Bons in Encamp, Sant Martí de la Cortinada in Ordino, Sant Climent de Pal in la Massana, Santa Coloma in Andorra la Vella, Sant Serni de Nagol in Sant Julià de Lòria and Sant Miquel d'Engolasters a Escaldes-Engordany. Civil engineering is represented with the bridge of La Margineda in Andorra la Vella and the brige of San Antoni de la Grella in La Massana.

Andorra has museums and monuments which have national status and are managed by the Andorran Cultural Heritage Museums and Monuments Department.

In addition to the State-owned museums, Andorra has others which are the outcome of private or local initiative, and which in some way complete the picture painted by the national museums.

Take a look through the guide, because you're bound to find something of interest.

MERITXELL SANCTUARY

Meritxell - AD100 Canillo

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Opened in 1976, the new sanctuary is a contemporary temple designed by the Catalan architect Ricard Bofill. The ancient chapel dedicated to Santa Maria, which currently houses the “Meritxell Memòria” exhibition, burned in 1972 and was restored in 1994.

MOTORCYCLE MUSEUM

General route of Canillo - AD100 Canillo

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The Canillo Motorcycle Museum is designed to pay homage motorcycle, this likeable vehicle, which is well worthy of a place in the annals of history.

The museum features a dynamic collection that will be updated and includes the most remarkable, representative machines of all time.

THE NATIONAL AUTOMOBILE MUSEUM

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The National Automobile Museum follows the transformation of vehicles throughout history: from the steam machine such as the Pinette (1885), the oldest piece in the museum, up to the 1970s.

CASA CRISTO MUSEUM ETHNOGRAPHIC MUSEUM

C/ dels Cavallers, 2 - La Mosquera - AD200 Encamp

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The Casa Cristo allows us to see how the humble Andorran lived during the end of the 19th Century.

Casa Cristo is a house with little history, as is usually the case of humble mountain dwellings; it is first documented in 1885.

SACRED ART MUSEUM OF SANTA EULÀLIA

Plaça de Santa Eulàlia - AD200 Encamp

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It is a small museum dedicated to sacred art and liturgical objects. Many of which came from the parish chapels.

NATURE CENTRE OF LA CORTINADA

Casa Masover, at the Vilar of la Cortinada - AD300 Ordino

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Located in the Casa Rossell de la Cortinada, in Ordino, the Nature Centre is a facility of the Ministry of Agriculture and Natural Heritage. The Centre permanently houses an exhibition showcasing “2,104 metres of scenery”, which allows us to learn about the Principality’s different landscapes through models, interactive exhibits, an audiovisual documentary, etc.

THE PAL MILLSTONE AND SAWMILL

La Cortinada - AD300 Ordino - Phone: +(376) 737 0 80
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The millstone and sawmill are good examples of the activity that once took place in the valley. They date back to the end of the 16th and the beginning of the 17th centuries, and stopped functioning around the 60s.

THE NATURE INTERPRETATION CENTRE

Carretera general s/n - AD300 Ordino
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There is a 10-minute video showing how the natural park Sorteny and Ordino was years ago. There is also a 30-minute explanation of Andorra's plants and animals. Visitors can touch and listen to the birds and smell the flowers.

THE MINIATURE MUSEUM

Edifici Maragda - AD300 Ordino

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The world's largest collection of miniatures of this type. The exhibition shows the resolution of all the problems and difficulties that can arise from the art of making miniatures.

POSTAL MUSEUM

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The creation of the Andorran Postal System is tightly linked to the recent history of this country and has greatly transformed the way of life in the Andorran valleys.

ARENY PLANDOLIT MUSEUM

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The visit takes us back to the Andorra of the 19th and 20th centuries. The building, a summer residence, is an accurate depiction of the lifestyle and social class of the Areny-Plandolit family. It exhibits all of the objects and keepsakes of an age where luxuries and whims were far from being part of the everyday lives of those in the Andorran valleys.

ICONOGRAPHIC MUSEUM

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There is an exhibition of Christian and Orthodox icons from the main Russian and Ukrainian schools of the 16th to the 19th centuries. There are also 70 figures of Christ from the Spanish schools of the 11th to the 19th centuries carved in polychrome wood.

This icon museum is one of the only three that currently exist in the West.

PIN MUSEUM

Hotel Sant Miquel - El Serrat road - AD300 Ordino

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A collection of 75,000 pins, classified among a total of 110 different categories. This museum holds a Guinness World Record.

ROMANESQUE ANDORRA HISTORICAL INTERPRETATION CENTRE

C/ Sant Climent - Era i Ereta Torres de Pal - AD400 La Massana

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The Interpretation Centre located in Era i Ereta Torres de Pal was created with the objective of teaching and interpreting the history of Romanesque art in Andorra.

All kinds of art can be found in the Centre, from parts of a church to the formation and elaboration of paintings, without forgetting other forms of art.

CASA RULL MUSEUM

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In traditional Pyrenees societies such as Andorra, houses are everything. They join together the concepts of family and heritage and convert them into the main elements of society. The Casa Rull in Sispony was one of the richest houses of La Massana parish.

FARGA ROSSELL IRON INTERPRETATION CENTRE

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Andorra was an important iron producer between the 17th and 19th centuries. The Farga Rossell is one of the most well conserved confirmations of this past activity in the Pyrenees.

SANT ANTONI DE LA GRELLA BRIDGE

AD400 La Massana

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Romanesque Bridge, rebuilt in the middle of the 20th century. It's located next to St. Antoni de la Grella chapel and next to the trail that linked the parishes of Andorra la Vella and La Massana.

OPEN AIR MUSEUM OF GEOLOGY « Roques al carrer »

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At the opened air museum of geology « Roques al Carrer » you will discover the amazing world of geology set in the cultural background of Andorra la Vella among the building's facades.

It's divided into three parts: The stones garden, the geologic itinerary and the granite Architecture itinerary.

LA MARGINEDA BRIDGE

La Margineda - AD500 Andorra la Vella

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Romanesque Bridge

This is the biggest and most svelte medieval bridge in Andorra. It is 33 meters long and 9.2 meters high.

CASA DE LA VALL

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La Casa de la Vall (The House of the Valley) is the headquarters of the Andorran Consell General (Parliament). Its historical significance makes it a very emblematic building. The House was built in 1580 and acquired by Parliament in 1702.

TOBACCO MUSEUM OLD REIG FACTORY

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Located in the old Reig de Sant Julià Tobacco Factory, this museum is an emblematic building dating to the beginning of the 20th century. The factory was used from 1909 to 1957, a time when the cultivation and manufacturing of tobacco were fundamental in the lives of the people and the towns of Andorra.

THE PERFUME MUSEUM

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Visitors can use their senses to experience the multimedia contents of the Museum and the audio-guides to follow the different areas which constitute the backdrop of the Museum: the olfactory station, a scented journey, the conquest of shape, the pleasures of luxury, the large display, the scents of diversity and the temporary exhibition.

ESCALDES-ENGORDANY ART CENTRE

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The Escaldes-Engordany Art Centre is located within a historical building, which also houses the Josep Viladomat space. A selection of the Catalan artist's sculptural production is on display. On the second floor of the Arts Centre is a room dedicated to temporary exhibitions. A permanent exhibition of Roman art samples by Josep Colomé is located on the third floor.

SANT JOAN DE CASELLES

Canillo - AD100 Canillo - Phone: +(376) 753 600

The building dates back to the 11th or 12th century and follows the same architectural lines as the Romanesque churches of Andorra: rectangular nave covered by a wood roof, semicircular apse and Lombard-style bell tower. It also has two arcades from the 15th and 16th centuries.

SANT SERNI

Plaça Sant Serni - AD100 Canillo

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The church is from the Romanesque period, although it was rebuilt in the 17th century. With a 27-meter bell tower that is the tallest in Andorra, it also has an important Gothic Christ.

LA MARE DE DÉU DE L'ECOLOGIA CHAPEL

Located 0.8 kilometres from the start of the path that goes from Pardines to Engolasters Lake. - AD200 Encamp

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It is a small chapel dedicated to the Mare de Déu de l'Ecologia, located 0.8 kilometres from the start of the path that goes from Pardines to Engolasters

SANTA EULÀLIA D'ENCAMP

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Encamp parish church. Its 23-meter bell tower is the tallest Romanesque Lombard-style bell tower in all Andorra. It also has a 14th century arcade, a 16th century comunidor, a place where harvesters were blessed and storms were warded off (the only one remaining in the entire country), a 12th century Romanesque baptismal font, three Baroque altarpieces from the 17th and 18th centuries and stained glass windows from 1998.

SANT JAUME DELS CORTALS

Vall dels Cortals - AD200 Encamp

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Opened in 1999, this is a newly constructed church that is completely integrated into the forest.

SANT MARC AND SANTA MARIA

Encamp graveyard - AD200 Encamp

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There is a Roman mausoleum from the 3rd - 4th centuries as well as a beautiful 17th century altarpiece dedicated to Santa Maria. You will also find the base of a Romanesque altar with the cavity for relics.

SANT MIQUEL AND SANT JOAN BAPTISTA DE LA MOSQUERA

Plaça de Sant Miquel - La Mosquera - AD200 Encamp

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It contains a beautiful altarpiece from the end of the 16th century dedicated to the saints and holders of the chapel: Saint Michael and Saint John the Baptist. It also holds Romanesque paintings from the middle of the 19th century and a wonderful wood choir, built in the popular style.

LES BONS COMPLEX AND LES BONS SANT ROMÀ CHURCH

Les Bons - AD200 Encamp

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The Les Bons Complex is located in the upper part of Encamp village and consists of the Sant Romà Church (12th century), the defence tower (13th century), a water tank with an irrigation route excavated in the rocks, the remains of a fortified house (end of the 13th century) and two modern dovecotes.

SANT ROMÀ DE VILA

Vila - AD200 Encamp

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The church also houses a copy of the front of a Romanesque altar from the 13th century, the only sample of painted wood remaining in Andorra. You can ponder wonderful views of the town and valley. The path that goes to the complex is the old path that led to Escaldes before the road was made.

SANT MARTÍ DE LA CORTINADA

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A Romanesque church dating to the 12th century with extensions from the 17th and 18th centuries. It houses the painted murals made by the master artist of the Cortinada at the end of the 12th century.

Other noteworthy features are the wrought iron grids, the wooden furniture which dates back to the 17th century, crafted with filigree, the chimes and the confessional.

ORDINO CHURCH

Ordino - AD300 Ordino

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This is a traditional Romanesque church completely restored in subsequent periods. The altarpiece of the main altar (17th century) has images of the Mare de Déu del Remei (17th century) and the Patron Saints: Sant Corneli and Sant Cebrià. There are also Baroque altarpieces of Roser, Sant Crist, Sant Guillem and the Immaculate Conception.

PAL - SANT CLIMENT DE PAL

Pal - AD400 La Massana - Phone: +(376) 835 693

The village of Pal is one of the best-conserved rural complexes in Andorra and forms part of a special protection plan approved in 1997.

The Sant Climent Church in Pal is the most outstanding building of the historic complex, which dates back to the end of the 11th century and the beginning of the 12th century, with important additions made at a later time.

Built in a Romanesque style, it features an imposing Lombard bell tower with a square base and three floors of geminated windows.

SANTA COLOMA

Santa Coloma - AD500 Andorra la Vella - Phone: +(376) 827 117

This is a pre-Roman building, which dates back to the 10th century. A Lombard bell tower with a round base was added in the 12th century, making it one of the few atypical specimens in the Principality. The building was adorned with 12th Century Roman murals from the master artist of Santa Coloma.

SANT ESTEVE

Plaça Príncep Benlloch - AD500 Andorra la Vella
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Part of this building is in fact what used to constitute the Roman temple. The rest of the work is the result of various modifications and expansions, mainly carried out during the 20th century. In 1940, the modernist architect Josep Puig i Cadafalch carried out refurbishment work on the bell tower and the current lateral entrance.

CANÒLIC SANCTUARY

Canòlic - AD600 Sant Julià de Lòria

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This church is built on the remains of a medieval construction, which was restored between 1973 and 1979. This building has a rectangular base and a bell tower. On the inside there is a vaulted ceiling as well as a large arch of triumph. The church still has an altarpiece, which is dedicated to Saint Mary.

SANT SERNI DE NAGOL

Nagol - AD600 Sant Julià de Lòria

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This is a small building which follows the architectural structure of Andorran churches from the Roman period, presenting a rectangular-based nave covered with wooden overlaps and a semi-circular apse dominated by a quarter-sphere dome. It also boasts a bell tower with two side openings and an entrance porch.

SANT MIQUEL D'ENGOLASTERS

AD700 Escaldes-Engordany - Phone: +(376) 820 963

This is a 12th century Roman Lombard church with a small, rectangular-based nave, a dual sloped roof and a semi-circular apse dominated by a quarter sphere dome. The building is characterised by its architectural simplicity and the disproportion between the nave and the 17-metre high bell tower.

Inside Saint Michel, one can see copies of roman murals by the master artist of Santa Coloma, which date back to the 12th century and are housed in the National Museum for Catalan Art (MNAC - Barcelona).

GUIDED PARISH CULTURAL CIRCUITS

Discover all secrets of our valleys. Come and visit the most interesting places on a guided tour with the little tourist train, take a walk with a detailed explanation of all the characteristics of these very special locations, visit Romanesque churches, route of iron, etc.

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ROMANESQUE ANDORRA ITINERARY

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The Romanesque Andorra itinerary is a new cultural proposal consisting of a bus tour aimed at allowing visitors to discover the wealth and variety of Andorran Romanesque architecture.

The three proposals offered cover the new Romanesque Andorra Historical Interpretation Centre, located in the town of Pal and churches such as Sant Martí de la Cortinada, Santa Coloma,

Sant Serni de Nagol, Sant Joan de Caselles, Sant Miquel d'Engolasters, Sant Romà de les Bons, and the Meritxell Sanctuary.

We invite you to discover the Romanesque architecture of Andorra. Come and enjoy it.

IRON MEN ITINERARY

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The journey of iron invites the visitor to discover the resources linked to the production, processing and marketing of iron. Interesting features spread over the whole area allow the discovery of one of the most important economic activities developed in Andorra from the beginning of the 17th to the end of the 19th century. Coalmines, coal scuttles, the mining and the steel industry environment are just a few examples of the itinerary's features of interest.

From the Farga Rossell one can follow and discover other spots linked to the world of iron: the Llorts mine, the carrier's route with the sculptures that pay a tribute to the men of iron, the Casa Areny -the house which belonged to one of the forge's main owners- or the products manufactured in Andorran forges, such as those that can be seen in the church of Sant Martí de La Cortinada.

RURAL HABITAT ITINERARY

Casa Cristo, Casa d'Areny-Plandolit and Casa Rull open their doors to the discovery of Andorra's most recent past. Visiting the three houses, which represent differences in social and economical status, allows visitors to catch a glimpse of how life in Andorra used to be before the economical changes which took place during the latter half of the 20th century.

More information: museums section.

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