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A THRILLING HISTORY









The town of Hostalric has some of the most important Catalan mediaeval heritage and is crowned by the imposing castle dating from the early modern period that stands right in the middle of the town.

The mediaeval town is uniquely packed with historic features, surrounded by 600-metre-long walls with eight very well-preserved towers.

The former mediaeval castle of the viscounts of Cabrera stands on a former volcano to watch over the old roval road, halfway between Girona and Barcelona. From the 17th century onwards, it was rebuilt to modernise it and adapt to the new defensive strategies of the modern period.



Hostalric appears in historical records dating from 1106 as "Quota vel Ostalrich". However, it is not known whether the town had walls at that time. In the next century, King James I the Conqueror granted viscount Guerau V of Cabrera a licence to hold a market in the town, and between 1242 and 1243 the charter of settlement of Hostalric was signed.



It is recorded that by 1145 there was already a castle on the hill of Hostalric, linked from the start to the family of the viscounts of Cabrera. The castle stood halfway along the royal road between Barcelona and Girona. and was therefore of great strategic value.



# CAVE

**RELLIGUER** Relliguer Cave is an underground gallery dug out of the sandstone beneath the castle. The entrance is inside the town walls, very close to one of the main gates (the Barcelona gate), and also to the mediaeval fortified route connecting the town to the fortress (the former castle).



### **ELS FRARES TOWER**

Els Frares Tower bears this name because the building in front of it, where the town hall is today, used to house the monastery of the Minims, an order originally established by Saint Francis of Paola. The tower was built in the 13th century and is the highest defensive feature in the town of Hostalric, rising to a height of thirty-three metres.



The Cabreras were lords of these lands for nearly six centuries, leaving an extraordinary legacy that allows us to travel back to the Middle Ages, while enjoying all the things to do and services of our own time.

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