## **PLACES OF INTEREST NEARBY**



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Cabrera

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09 Gothic fountain

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Caldes de Malavella

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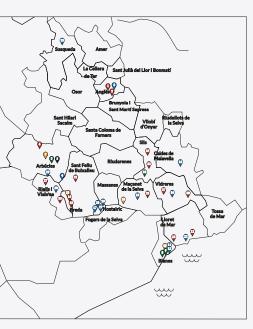
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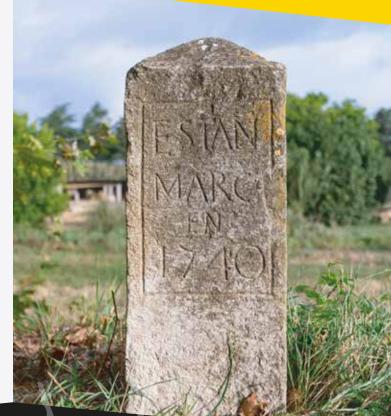
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SILS



SILS

The town of Sils is located

at a strategic crossroads.

Barcelona, one following

before continuing towards

the coast and the other

inland, come together

Girona and France.

where the two routes from



## A THRILLING HISTORY



The municipality of Sils lies in the

lowest part of the plain of La Selva,

which explains the existence of the

natural value and the setting for the

The municipal area borders on Vilobí

d'Onyar to the north, Santa Coloma

de Farners and Riudarenes to the west, Maçanet de la Selva to the

south and Vidreres and Caldes de

Malavella to the east. The present

administrative area is the result of

Carrer Mallorguines, the only real

before the 20<sup>th</sup> century. La Granota,

El Massabè and La Barceloneta are

isolated farmhouses that show the agricultural past of Sils, before its

neighbourhoods with numerous

built-up part of the municipality

Vallcanera, sharing the houses on the

the merging in 1873 of Sils and

lake of Sils, a place of outstanding

Pere Porter's legend.



The parish of Vallcanera was created in the 10<sup>th</sup> century when it was completely separated from that of Caldes de Malavella. From 1245 onwards, the church of Santa Eulàlia became subordinate to the Augustinian canons of Sant Pere Cercada (Santa Coloma de Farners). In the document *Constitucions dels Castells* in the year 1358, the parish of Vallcanera is mentioned as part of the lands of the castle of Argimon (Riudarenes), belonging to the viscountcy of Cabrera.

**RELIGIOUS ROUTE** 

ADMINISTRATIVE

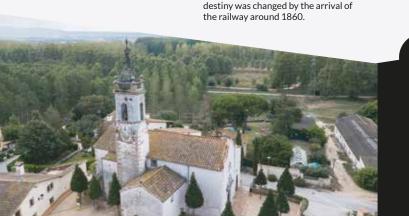
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LAKE BOUNDARY STONES Efforts were made to drain the lake from at least the 13<sup>th</sup> century, but it was not until 1856 that this was finally achieved. The aim was to gain new farmland, benefiting both the villagers and the lords, who received the tributes due from the farmers. The lake boundary stones marked the extent of the water at certain times and served to show the success of the drainage work.

he Viscountcy of Cabrera was a very important mediaeval domain that was part of the lands of the Catalan-Aragonese Crown. It extended from the forest-covered mountains of Montseny, Guilleries and Collsacabra down to the Mediterranean Sea, with its centre located in what is now the comarca (county) of La Selva. Today you can still visit various places and sites to revisit the time of the viscounts and all that went with them: loftv castles, solitary chapels, protective walls, silent monasteries, watchtowers and more.

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.

Welcome to the Viscountcy of Cabrera!





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## CHURCH OF MARIA DE SILS

The church of Santa Maria de Sils is mentioned in 1185 in a bull by Pope Lucius III, as part of the possessions of the Benedictine monastery of Sant Salvador de Breda.

It was initially a church, possibly of Romanesque origin, in the centre of a small cluster of houses near the lake.

