

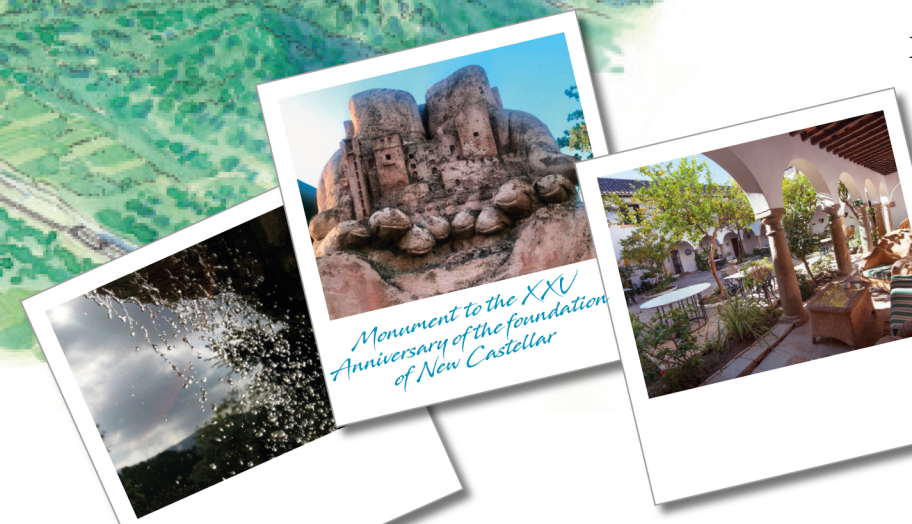


The beautiful road starting here leads to the door of the fortress and Castellar Viejo (Old Castellar) through a path surrounded by cork oaks. From the moment you cross the gate of this castle town, you will be taken back in time several centuries. Among the walls and the corners studded with flowers, you can imagine the Christian and Arab knights fighting for the border. Nowadays, the impressive “Castillo de Castellar” hotel allows any visitor to feel like the Lord of the Castle while resting in the alcazar.

It is possible to trace the origins of Castellar back to the dawn of humankind and the first human settlements. Among other important caves, the “Abrigo de las Estrellas” (Cave of the Stars), contains some of the oldest prehistoric art of the province.

Discover time and history in Castellar

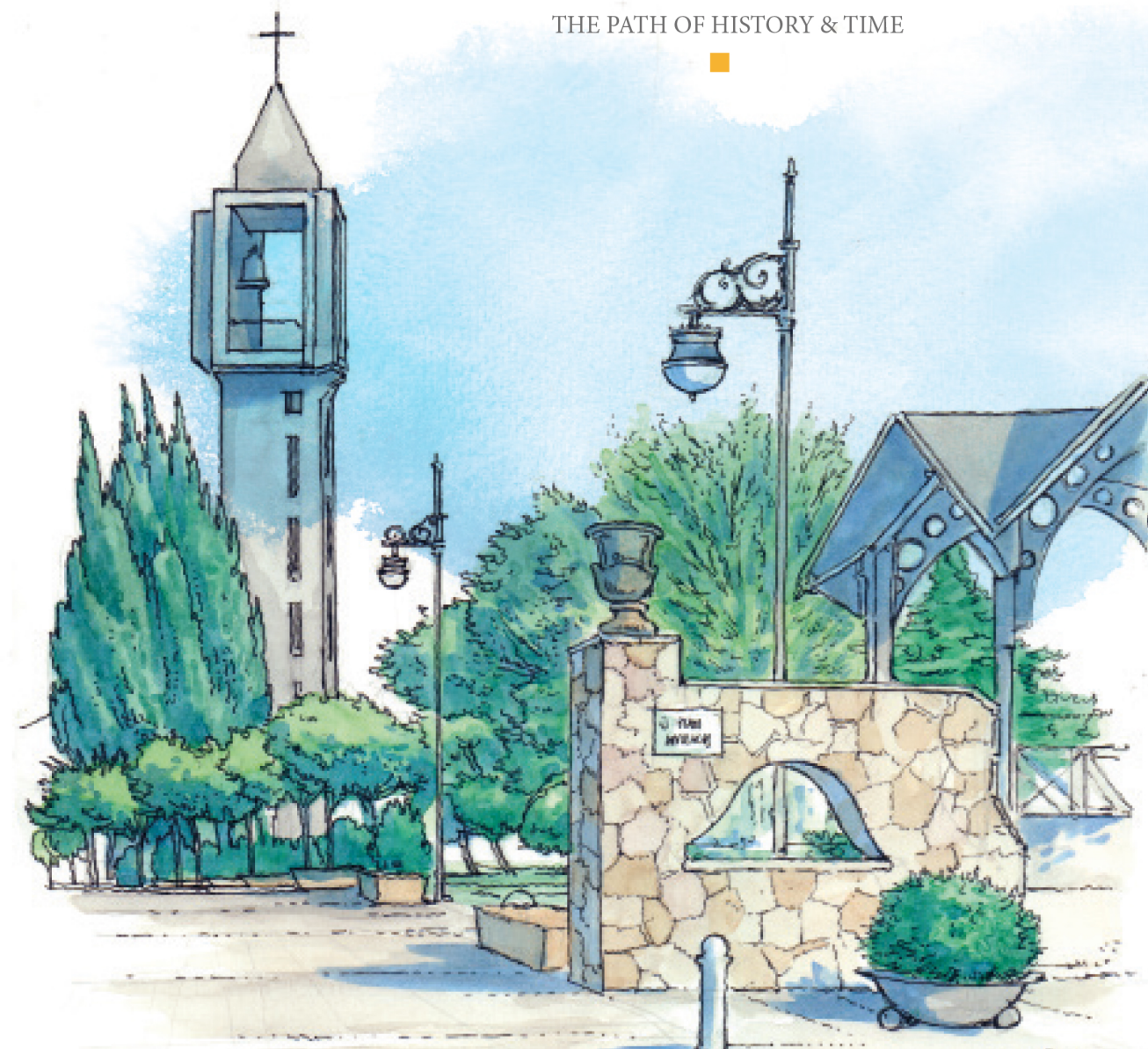
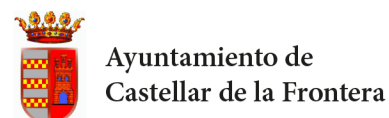
Castellar is a destination for you



Monument to the XXV Anniversary of the foundation of New Castellar

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In the heart of “Los Alcornocales” Natural Park, there is a steep hill. At its top, where a person could sight the Strait of Gibraltar and even the African Mountains of the North Atlas, you will find a jewel of the Cadiz province: the Fortress of Castellar Viejo (Old Castellar). Visiting it will leave you with unforgettable memories. But Castellar offers much more than that. This beautiful enclave surrounded by greenery makes you jump back in time!

Nowadays, Castellar consists of three different areas, where visitors can enjoy and discover the history of humankind in the town. Castellar Nuevo, (New Castellar), planned and built during the ‘60s to relocate the population of the old town, is today a modern and charming white town. Beautiful contrasts of flowerpots and green gardens invite for a peaceful walk around the streets. Enjoy the local cuisine, linked to hunting and the natural surroundings. 2km south of Castellar Viejo is La Almoraina and its neighborhood. This impressive forest estate, used mostly to produce cork, has had a shaping socioeconomic effect on Castellar. Inside the property, you will find the San Miguel Convent, built during the 17th century and turned into a hotel.



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Old Castellar

Centuries of battles and sieges, taifa kingdoms and Christian knights. Artisans working on windings streets of white walls and full of flowers. Castellar is a reminiscence of old times.

This town, built within a Nazari castle, still preserves the albarrana towers at the gate (defensive exterior towers), a great tower keep in the alcazar and nine merloned, flanking towers along the walls around the city perimeter. Cross the gate, walk around the cobbled streets and let the dreamy atmosphere take over you.



Nowadays, the dream of sleeping like the Lord of the Castle is finally possible, since this impressive fortress is an actual hotel. It is managed by Tugasa, a public enterprise owned by the Diputación de Cadiz. The accommodation options also include some rural houses within the fortified town.

Castle & town gate

Alcazar

Parade ground

El Salvador Church

Cistern courtyard

Flanking towers

Castle Gardens

The lovers' balcony

The breathtaking views of the reservoir will make you fall in love



Gibraltar

The former church is now a cultural center, with plenty of activities and a year-round program of exhibitions and events.

As with any fortress, building a cistern was extremely important to endure long sieges and severe droughts. After the recent restoration, it is possible to visit the cistern courtyard and admire its structure.



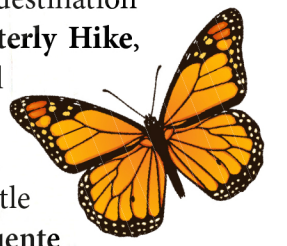
Northside of the castle



You will find delicious cuisine in Castellar! A whole culinary universe to discover- mostly based on game meat and traditional recipes using the surrounding forest ingredients and resources.



The privileged location of Castellar de la Frontera, right in the heart of the Alcornocales Natural Park, makes the municipality a great destination for lovers of trekking and nature. The 5.5km **Monarch Butterfly Hike**, along the bank of the Guadarranque river, is a beautiful walk through the natural park that will take you from the Almoraima neighborhood to the Jarandilla bridge. From there, following the Roman road for a mere 1.5 km, you will arrive at the Castle Gates. At this point, you can decide whether you will follow the **Fuente Vieja hiking trail**, which allows you to enjoy breathtaking views of the castle, or take the **Tumbas Antropomorfas y Casa del Lagar Hike** (Anthropomorphic tombs and lake house).



Impressive, isn't it?

Wow! Cool!

