



The crater of the volcano Montsacopa with the church of Sant Francesc in the background.

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Walking

Olot and its volcanoes

The city of Olot spreads out around the base of one of La Garrotxa's best known volcanoes – Montsacopa – and climbing its slopes is a perfect way to rediscover nature without actually leaving the city. Also known as Sant Francesc, this volcano is a reminder of the landscape that surrounds you in this surprising *comarca* and one of the best vantage points over Olot. A second must for visitors to Olot looking to enjoy the natural wonders of this *comarca* is the Parc Nou, home to the Museu dels Volcans.



- 1 Once you have visited the streets and squares of the old centre of Olot, take time out to climb one of the symbols of this city – the **volcano Montsacopa** or Sant Francesc – whose outline with church and watch towers looms characteristically behind the old city. It is only accessible on foot, but it is worth climbing for the view alone, and visitors should also take a turn around the lip of its crater and enjoy the 360° view of other points of interest in Olot – the volcanoes Garrinada and Aiguanegra and the peaks of **Bassegoda** and **Mare de Déu del Mont** in the distance to the east. The church of Sant Francesc was built at the end of the Peninsula War in the 19th century on the site of a military building, while the watch towers date from the era of the Carline Wars, also in the 19th century.

Don't miss

- The city's shops, its restaurants and their excellent volcanic cuisine, and the marshy woodlands of La Moixina



The Museu dels Volcans and the La Garrotxa Volcanic Zone Natural Park tourist information centre in the Torre Castanys (or Casal dels Volcans) in Parc Nou.

