

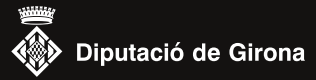
During the 18th and 19th centuries many young people from Arenys del Mar left to "make it in the Americas", planning to work hard and make their fortune. They arrived with recommendations to meet relatives or acquaintances who would open their doors to them. Many of them were seafarers, like the members of the Baralt family who founded the nautical school, or like Salvador Castelló. Others, like Josep Xifré or Antoni Torrent, were already entering the world of business. They all made their mark on distant lands and on the town of Arenys, which, thanks to the Indianos, as these people who went to the Americas to make their fortune are known, has a fine architectural heritage, part of which has been donated to the municipality. This route we suggest descends from the top of the river to the sea, ending with a stroll around the charming Sinera cemetery.

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# ROUTE OF THE INDIANOS IN ARENYS DE MAR



## ABOUT US

The **Network of Indiano Municipalities** was created to research, identify and publicise the material and immaterial heritage of the Indianos in Catalonia. With this aim, we offer a range of routes you can follow in all of the municipalities that comprise this body.

We also aim to develop a common project to make it possible to create **instruments that foster knowledge of the history and culture shared by the municipalities** and by the Americas. This project will also help contribute to the recuperation, conservation and dissemination of the Indiano legacy in the municipalities that comprise the network.

The network comprises Catalan municipalities that have an Indiano tradition and fulfil the following minimum requirements: a historical justification, the presence of material elements and the organisational capacity of the municipalities.

The network comprises the following municipalities:

- Arenys de Mar
- Begur
- Blanes
- Calonge-Sant Antoni
- Distrito Sant Andreu - BCN
- Lloret de Mar
- Palafrugell
- Sant Pere de Ribes
- Sitges
- Torredembarra
- Tossa de Mar
- Consorcio de PT Costa del Maresme





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## 1. Asil Torrent (the Torrent Home)

Antoni Torrent i Carbonell, an Indiano from Arenys, had a home for old people built in his hometown in 1897 and he created a trust to help poor families and the sick for which he was awarded the Diploma of Honour by the Barcelona Society of Friends of the Country. There is a monument commemorating him at the entrance to the premises.  
Riera Pare Fita, 67



## 2. Edifici Xifré, antic Hospital de Pobres (Xifré Building, former Hospital for the Poor)

Josep Xifré i Casas settled in Havana where he made his fortune from the monopoly of redoul, a plant used for tanning hides. On his return to Catalonia, he donated a hospital for the poor in Arenys where he was eventually buried some years later. His remains were transferred from Barcelona and received with great solemnity. The mausoleum depicts him lying down flanked by two female figures.  
Carrer Auterive s/n



## 3. Col·legi la Presentació (la Presentació School)

Josep Xifré's son asked the Dominican Sisters of Charity of the Presentation of the Blessed Virgin of Tours to run the hospital and school. They ran the institution until 1923 when it moved to its current building on the other side of the river.  
Carrer de Pompeu Fabra, 2



## 4. El Paraíso

Salvador Castelló i Sala, who owned a sugar mill in Matanzas, Cuba, acquired this former Capuchin monastery following the confiscations of ecclesiastical goods and converted it into a delightful town house surrounded by gardens with a neoclassical greenhouse where he had a variety of tropical plants.  
Carrer Plana del Paradís



## 5. Carrer de L'església

The main theatre, which was funded by the Indiano Josep Xifré i Casas among other great men, is preserved and can still be found at number 45 on this street. Next door, at number 43, was the first site of the Nautical School of Arenys, which was established by Josep Baralt i Torres in a house he owned. A plaque on the façade commemorates this.



## 6. Casa Torrent (Residence of Antoni Torrent)

Antoni Torrent made his fortune in various overseas businesses and settled in Arenys in this house which belonged to his father-in-law. He made a name in the town for his selfless financial support for cultural works (a literary contest, a cultural association, work to improve the parish church). As a mark of its gratitude, Arenys named a street after him.  
Carrer d'Antoni Torrent, 2-4



## 7. Plaça Lloveras i Passeig Xifré

The old spa was built thanks to a donation by Andreu Lloveras, who had made his fortune from mining in Peru, and it became a centre of relaxation for well-to-do families. It was demolished in 1982 and this square remains as a reminder of it. The avenue that the town of Arenys dedicated to its benefactor, Josep Xifré, runs from this square.



## 8. Can Còrdova (Chez Còrdova)

The Còrdova family, who owned a mill and a residence in Havana, had this spectacular modernist house built at the end of the river, on the corner of the NII.  
Riera del Bisbe Pol, 1



## 9. Cementiri de Sinera (Sinera Cemetery)

This walk ends with what is perhaps Catalonia's most beautiful cemetery, where Salvador Espriu wrote the last poem of his book Cementiri de Sinera. The spectacular tombs for Indians made by Josep Llimona stand out here, like the Massaguer family mausoleum.  
Camí de la pietat

