



EL SERRALLO AND THE PORT

Adventures by the Sea



Tarragona's fishing quarter is known as El Serrallo. Fishing boats set sail from there every day. When they return, the crews take their catches to the Fishermen's Guild market where they are auctioned. El Serrallo has interesting places with a long tradition, such as the church of Sant Pere or the Teatret. And the freshly-caught fish served in the local restaurants could not be more delicious. One of the traditional dishes is romesco, a kind of fish stew often cooked on board by the crew.

DID YOU KNOW?

Tarragona's Real Club Nàutic (Royal Yacht Club) is the oldest in Spain. It was founded in 1878 and was once known as the club dels xiflats (crackpots' club). The local fishermen called it that because they couldn't understand why men would go out to sea for pleasure.

Following the shoreline you come to the Costa Wharf. This is where large leisure craft, including cruise ships, dock. If you look closely, you'll see large industrial-style buildings. These are the former goods sheds and warehouses. They now host exhibitions and other cultural activities.

On Passeig de l'Escullera (breakwater) promenade you can see one of the city's iconic symbols: the Port Clock. Shaped like a small temple so that the workers could see the time more easily, it was used to indicate the beginning and end of the working day. Before the clock was installed, these times were sounded by a trumpet call.



This promenade is almost five kilometres long and at the end of it is another of the port's treasures: La Banya lighthouse. It once stood on the Ebro Delta and is very special because its whole structure is metallic.



Scan the QR code and discover the Tarragona Prawn.





LOOK FOR

Walking through El Serrallo you'll find several wall paintings depicting traditions, the people of the neighbourhood and seascapes. They're part of the Mar-Mur (Sea-Wall) art project and the residents are very proud of them.

- A sailor with a ship in a bottle
- A woman from El Serrallo mending a net
- Five fishermen selecting freshly caught fish



INVESTIGATE

What type of fishing can you see in the illustration?

- Blue fish fishing
- Moonlight fishing
- Fishing with lights



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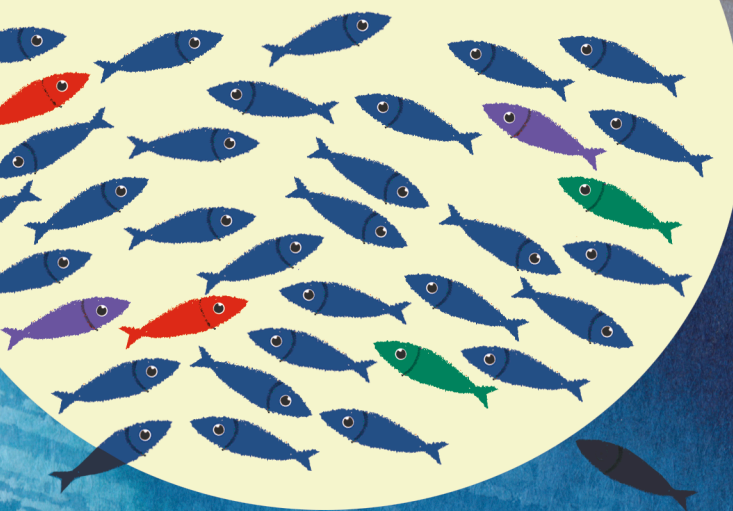
Explore the Port Museum and find these exhibits:

- A rudder
- A galley stern
- A sextant
- Mobile firefighting equipment
- Captain Argüello's vessel
- A Philips light bulb, a Maçda light bulb and an Elva light bulb
- A ball of oakum
- An adze
- A diving suit with lead feet
- A net-mending chair
- A crane scoop
- A competition oar



INVESTIGATE

El Serrallo in Tarragona has its own *castellers* (human towers) group. Find out its name and what colour shirts its members wear.



OBSERVE

All kinds of ships and boats dock in the port of Tarragona. Match each type to its drawing.

1. Llagut (catboat) for rowers
2. Cargo ship
3. Fishing boat
4. Cruise liner
5. Tugboat



INVESTIGATE

Find the two cranes on the esplanade next to *Refugi 1* (shed) on the Costa Wharf and say if the following statements are true (T) or false (F) (you can search for the information on the Port of Tarragona website).

- The cranes are 2.5 metres high
- They were built in the Talleres de Zorroza workshops in Bilbao
- They have wheels to allow them to drive on the road
- They're electric
- They're made of wood, iron and cement



OBSERVE

Take a good look at the new Port Authority office building. What is its silhouette



START

1. El Serrallo quarter

2. Church of Sant Pere del Serrallo

3. Costa Wharf

4. Port Museum

5. Cranes

6. Port Authority

7. Port Clock

8. Passeig de l'Escullera (breakwater) promenade

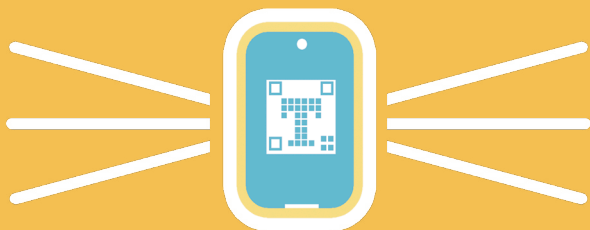
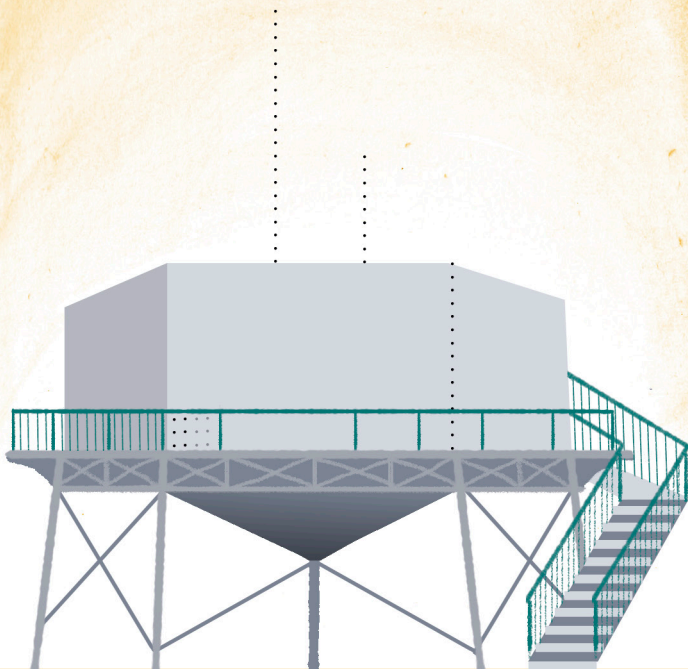
9. La Banya lighthouse





BEFORE YOU LEAVE...

Stroll to the end of Passeig de l'Escullera (breakwater) or, if you like, grab your bike, skates or scooter. Choose your lane and off you go! At the far end you'll find the imposing La Banya lighthouse. Take a close look and complete the drawing.



TAKE A PHOTO AND SHARE IT

Of the place in El Serrallo or the port you liked best.



Afterwards, share it on the social media with the hashtag **#FamilyTarragona**

Answers: The Xiquets del Serrallo are wearing marine blue shirts; The fisherman is fishing with lights; True or false: 1. F; 2. T; 3. T; 4. T; 5. F.