



2022 THE YEAR OF MANRESA



**The city that inspired Ignatius of Loyola
is getting ready to mark the occasion.**







2022 AN OPPORTUNITY

“Manresa 2022” is a strategic, interdisciplinary and participative commitment by the city with the aim of celebrating 500 years since the arrival Saint Ignatius of Loyola in Manresa during his pilgrimage to Jerusalem.

Ignatius lived for nearly a year in our city, where he wrote the Spiritual Exercises, and he had a revelatory experience here that changed his life and led to his founding the Society of Jesus.

Manresa is regarded as the cradle of the Jesuit order, to the point where many of its centres around the world bear the city’s name.



2022

A CHALLENGE

Manresa seeks to continue to be a welcoming, diverse and modern city. This is an intangible heritage that should be added to the city's potential, which invokes its identity and its human capital.

It also has the tangible resource of the Ignatian heritage throughout the historical heart of the city, such as La Cova (Saint Ignatius's Cave), La Seu (the basilica), Capella del Rapte (Chapel of the Rapture), Pou de la Gallina (the Well of the Hen), Capella de Sant Ignasi Malalt (Sant Ignasi the Sick Chapel) and the La Salut Sanctuary in Viladordis (a total of 22 Ignatian sites).

Unfortunately, in some cases, this heritage has vanished, such as the Dominican Predicadors monastery, which was very important in Saint Ignatius's stay in Manresa. Despite this, in recent years, the city has been putting a lot of work into recovering, and in some cases preserving, the memory of all of this heritage, while at the same time preparing for this commemoration.







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A DESTINATION

A new Manresa is being prepared and planned for this event, to change the collective imaginary, to open it up to the world, make it international and become a true tourist destination. To make Manresa a more competitive and attractive city, both for its citizens and for visitors and tourists, to live here and invest here.

The final aim is the creation of wealth in the region and an improved quality of life for its people, turning Manresa into a tourist destination in 2022 and beyond.





VISION 2022

City of Manresa

An attractive, competitive and sustainable city in the economic, social, environmental and tourism sphere.

A city with quality of life, values and an international outlook.

La Cova

A worldwide centre of spirituality, recently restored and with many possibilities.

Ignatian Way

A benchmark for pilgrimage and religious, spiritual, leisure and sports tourism.



STRATEGIC CORNERSTONES

October 2013 saw the beginning of the drafting of the Steering Plan of the Manresa 2022 Strategic Project, which was drawn up by an interdisciplinary committee made up of experts and staff from the City Council and with the extensive participation of the main players in the city. This steering plan, which set out the aims and priorities until 2022 and beyond, contains an action plan with 62 programmes and over 170 scheduled actions that revolve around the 3 strategic cornerstones of the project:

Manresa 2022  **transforms**
welcomes
beats

Transform

Represented by the Old Bridge, icon of the city and link between ways, between cultures, between the earthly and the spiritual.

This cornerstone refers to the actions aimed at improving and restoring the city's infrastructures, facilities and spaces that make up the urban Ignatian way, with special attention to the preservation of the 22 Ignatian sites in the city.

Restoration of Ignatian sites

Restoration of Ignatian ways and trails

Restoration of sites in the historical centre

Welcome

Represented by Saint Ignatius's bowl (filled by the women of Manresa who took care of feeding him). Today we also want to take care and welcome, in every sense, the pilgrims and visitors to our city.

This cornerstone refers to the promotion of tourism sites in Manresa and to the improvement of tourism services while promoting such areas as accommodation, bars and restaurants and leisure in the city.

Invite visitors

Welcome and accommodate

Beat

The beat in the literal sense (of our Festa Major, the heart of our city, the fairs, the festivals, and cultural associations) and in the metaphorical sense (the heart of Catalonia, the impulse that pushes us forward) and allows us to say that Manresa is a genuine city that beats.

This cornerstone embraces the actions aimed at the international projection of the Heart of Catalonia and the cultural, social, educational and artistic revitalisation of the city through all sorts of ideas and actions, at all times with the support of the cultural and associative

Saint Ignatius in Manresa and the world

Manresa: city with soul

Valuation and revitalisation of the historical centre



**Physical spaces,
heritage and
facilities**



**Range of
services**



**Development
of a programme
of activities**

IGNATIAN MANRESA

22 Ignatian sites

5 essential sites

- La Cova
- Basilica of La Seu
- Carrer del Balç Visitors Centre
- County Museum – Pilgrim Welcome Centre
- Manresa 1522 site: the city of Ignatius

17 secondary sites

- Saint Ignasi the Sick Chapel
- Chapel of the Rapture
- Church of Sant Marc
- Church of Sant Pau
- Well of Light
- Santa Caterina Tower
- The Well of the Hen
- Tort Cross
- La Culla Cross
- La Guia Cross
- Beuys Cross
- Viladordis Sanctuary
- Can Canyelles
- Carme Refuge
- Casa Amigant
- Santa Clara Convent
- Cardener and the Old Bridge

4 urban trails

- Ignatian Way
- Urban trail through the historical centre
- Path of Enlightenment
- Path of Farewell



FOR TOURISTS

Ignatian Manresa

Guided tours

- Manresa, Heart of Catalonia (*every Saturday, at 11 am*)
- Ignatian Manresa (*last Sunday of every month in Catalan, every Thursday in Spanish and every Friday in English, at 11 am*)
- Tours of holy places and telluric sites in the Bages district (*tours must be arranged*)
- Tailor-made tours (*Ignatian, Catalan Modernist, mediaeval, bike trails, etc*)
- Guided tour of Montserrat - Manresa (*last part of the Ignatian Way*) (Group tours must be arranged. Quarterly departures for individuals).

Museums and places to visit

- Ignatian hubs: Seu, Cova, Carrer del Balç, 1522 Site and Manresa County Museum
- Museum of Technology
- Sèquia Park
- Valentí Masachs Geology Museum

Annual cultural programme

- Pilgrim's Walk
- Saint Ignatius Festival
- Sounds of the Way
- Gastronomic Days
- Talk of Art, Talk of Beuys
- Ignàgora

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Pilgrim wine and gastronomy offer

With the collaboration of a number of food companies in the Bages district, a series of local products with a touch of herbs have been created that are reminiscent of the time of Ignatius of Loyola.

- Ignatian cuisine and kitchens on the Way
- Special gastronomic products
 - Pilgrim's Broth
 - Pilgrim's Beer
 - Pilgrim's Sweet
 - Historical wines of the Pla de Bages D.O. label
 - Pilgrim's Bite
 - Pilgrim's Preserved Botifarra sausage
 - Pilgrim's Bishop

Also, the Pilgrim's Cuisine booklet has been produced, a gastronomic guide to the Bages district, including the association of bakers, the wine cellars of the Pla de Bages D.O. label and a total of 32 restaurants.

Les Jornades i el projecte Manresa 2022

L'any 2022 tindrà lloc la commemoració del 500 aniversari de l'estada de Sant Ignasi de Loiola a Manresa. Amb motiu d'aquesta celebració, l'Ajuntament de Manresa impulsa el projecte Manresa 2022, una aposta estratègica transversal i participativa per promoure la nostra ciutat a l'exterior i generar un dinamisme econòmic i social que permetin millorar la qualitat de vida dels manresans i les manresanes i del seu entorn. Una de les peces clau per incentivar l'activitat econòmica és la promoció i ampliació de l'oferta gastronòmica de Manresa i del Bages.

Ajuntament de Manresa

Manresa, del 18 al 30 de novembre

2es Jornades Gastronòmiques del Camí Ignasià

La Cuina del Pelegrí
Guia gastronòmica de la Manresa ignasiana i el Bages



Complementary offer

Wine tourism and oil tourism

- Tours of wine cellars and mills
- The Vat Trail

Natural and cultural environment of the district

- Montserrat
- Cardona castle and salt mines
- Collbató and Toll caves
- Green Ring and Sèquia Park
- Geopark
- Món Sant Benet

Annual cultural programme

- Three Wise Men's Parade (Epiphany)
- Light Festival and Hoe Festival
- Transèquia
- Good Friday Procession
- Expobages - Ascension Fair
- Manrusiònica
- Manresa Festa Major and Fire Run
- Mediterranean Fair
- Sant Andreu Fair
- Sant Llúcia Fair
- Annual programme at the Kursaal de Manresa

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