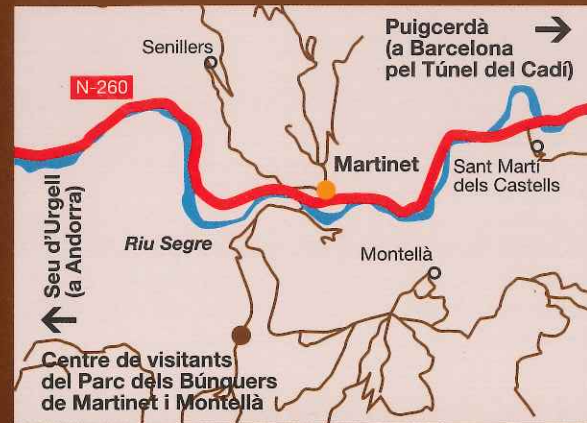


Drawing on a careful and suggestive exhibition layout, the tour around the Park's fortifications is a distinctive tourism and cultural option. The visit changes our perception of la Cerdanya's landscape and helps us to understand the strategic role this territory played in the Second World War, the post-war period and the Franco regime.



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**Opening hours**

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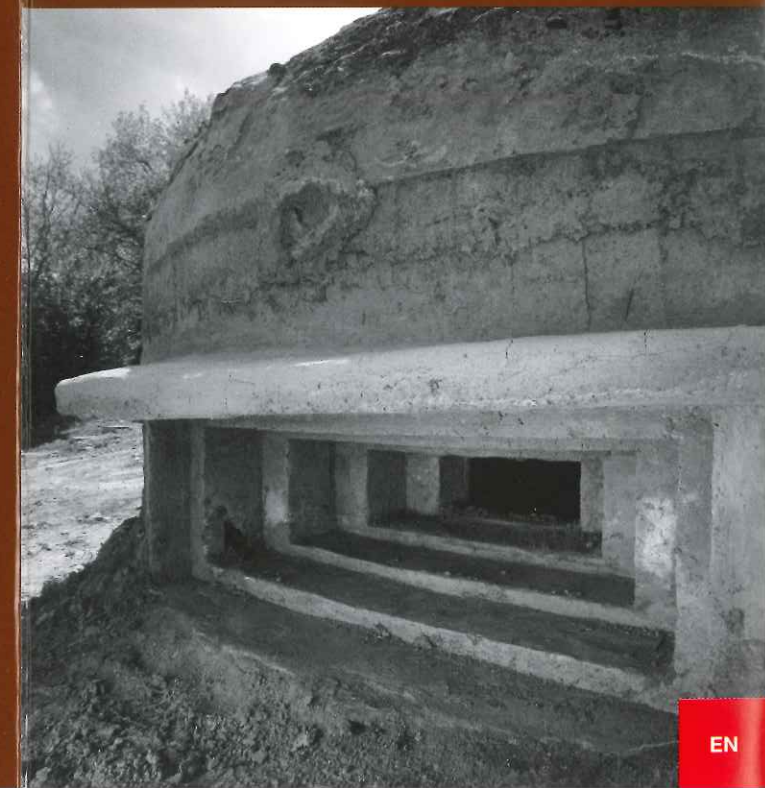


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### A huge defence line in the Pyrenees

During the Second World War, Spain was closely allied with Nazi Germany yet Franco's political and military leadership was wary of an incursion by the *Wehrmacht* from occupied France to seize Gibraltar. Then following France's liberation in 1944 and against a backdrop of increasing international hostility to fascist regimes, invasion by the Allies was also feared. As a result the Spanish Army began to build a vast fortified line in a number of stages right along the Pyrenees stretching from Cap de Creus on the Mediterranean coast to the Basque Country. It was a large construction similar to ones the main powers had built to defend their borders and was designed to include some 10,000 bunkers, although only about half of them were actually built.



Building this system of fortifications was financially challenging in a country devastated by the recent Civil War. The construction work was carried out by soldiers doing their compulsory military service and forced labour battalions and both groups worked in very poor conditions.

One of the largest bunker complexes in the defence line was in la Cerdanya, tasked with halting any attack through this strategic point which was one of the main routes into Spain through the Pyrenees.

### The Martinet i Montellà Bunker Park

The Bunker Park Visitor Centre recreates the atmosphere of the time in an exhibition using audiovisual media. This innovative display provides the key to understanding the historical context of the period when this immense line of fortifications was built while also conveying the feelings of anguish and uncertainty of a turbulent yet fascinating age.

A sign-posted path outside the Centre takes visitors around eight different types of bunkers (battle points, artillery posts, machine-gun nests, etc.). The route has no difficult stretches and also includes a network of interconnected underground galleries.



### A venue that adds to historical memory

The Martinet i Montellà Bunker Park is an innovative venture to recover the historical memory of the events of those years. It introduces visitors to a crucial period in the history of la Cerdanya and the country which has been largely unknown up until now. In doing so it publicises events experienced not so long ago and this in turn might prevent the overthrow of democracy and social peace again in the future.

