

4.- THE EXILE OF THE INTELLECTUALS. Colliure and Antonio Machado

PRACTICAL DETAILS

Route of exile for Secondary schools and adults

- **Duration:** 1 day (5/6 hours)
- **Price per adult / student:** €12 / **Groups up to 20 adults / students:** €240 / group

DESCRIPTION

The Republican exodus brought about an enormous cultural loss for the country. Great intellectuals (writers, scientists, musicians...) had to leave their occupations and fell into the uncertainty of exile. Within the Catalan cultural sphere there was an authentic decline because of the persecution of the language carried out by the Franco dictatorship. At state level, the injustice also took on progressivism and creative freedom. The case of the poet Antonio Machado is the example par excellence. Machado, sick and exhausted, died shortly after crossing the border and was buried in the cemetery of Collioure.

This route aims to explore the relation between exile and the cultural world. It starts in La Jonquera with a tour of MUME. Next, the route continues to Collioure, where the poet Antonio Machado arrived with his family, from Barcelona, and this was the last stage of his gruelling flight from Franco's victory. Throughout the itinerary we read and discuss texts by Antonio Machado and exiled Catalan authors.



OBJECTIVES

- Offer students and participants the opportunity to walk on paths which are a part of the history of our country and experience feelings of empathy difficult to find in books alone.
- Offer spaces and moments of observation and reflection, both individual and collective.
- Pay homage to all the intellectuals who suffered persecution and share their legacy. Offer the group knowledge of the historical events through the words of our creators.

METHODOLOGY

- The perception of the surrounding landscape and the feeling that it provokes will be accompanied by readings of letters and testimonies as well as a collection of photographs, which will help better understanding of the complexity of the Spanish Civil War and its consequent exile.

DYNAMIC OF THE ROUTE

- **10 am** - Tour of MUME and Power Point Machado (2 hours). If taking a winter route (December-January), the tour of MUME will be after the route to benefit from the hours of light.
- The tour enables us to locate the war historically and geographically as well as to receive specific information about the 1939 exile. The visual material of the permanent exhibition of the museum facilitates empathy with the events and allows a global vision of the conflict.
- This route includes time to pay homage to the Catalan intellectuals who suffered exile and share texts and knowledge with the participants.
- **12 noon** - Short break and we make our way to the coaches.
- **1 pm** — Arrival in Collioure and brief historical contextualisation with reading of texts and visual documents. Biographical and artistic exploration of exiled Catalan intellectuals.
- **1.30 pm** - Picnic lunch on the beach.
- **2 pm** - We visit the village and follow the imaginary path of the arrival of the Machado family, Hotel Bougnon Quintana (accommodation of the Machado family). We also introduce Collioure castle-fortress, which was an internment camp for many Republicans.
- **3 pm** - Visit to Antonio Machado's grave. If the group so wishes, there will be time for an offering or private reading.
- **3.30 pm** - Return to La Jonquera.
- **4.15 pm** - Arrival in La Jonquera and end of route.

The route will be accompanied with readings of poems, anecdotes and explanations to locate ourselves in the historical time.