

PALAFRUGELL CHURCH



The Sant Martí de Palafrugell parish church



has different architectonic styles.



It was built on the remains



of an old, 11th-century temple.



The building's first construction is Gothic.



It has some Renaissance features (such as the façade)



and a Baroque bell tower.



The current central nave was built during a refurbishment



that was carried out between 1588 and 1599.



The façade was built



between the 16th and 17th centuries



Work on the bell tower was started a century later,



but had to be stopped because of the War of the Pyrenees.



The war lasted from 1793 to 1795.



The bell tower was never finished.



The altarpiece, which was made of Baroque wood, was burnt in 1936,



during the Civil War.



The fire destroyed several objects



that were used during mass and religious celebrations.



The structure of the church was also affected.



When the war was over,



the church was restored and the inside was decorated.



The paintings were done by Guillem Soler Gatvillaró,



a well-renowned Catalan painter and musician.



He worked there for 8 years



and decorated the main altar, three chapels



and the area beneath the choir.

