

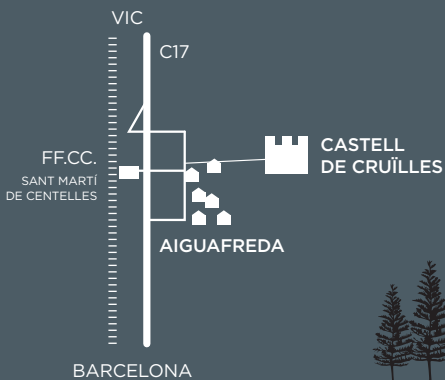


Cruïlles Castle

FEUDAL POWER IN AIGUAFREDÀ

The Aiguafreda-Cruïlles Barony

The ancient villa *Aquafrigida* –mentioned for the first time in historical sources in 898– gave its name to the present town of Aiguafreda. Between the 11th and the 12th century a tower house was built in the villa area, and later that tower house was transformed into a *domus* –a fortified manor house. The first lords of the manor were the Aiguafreda, a noble family that later married into the Cruïlles family. In 1577 king Philip II distinguished the Cruïlles with the rank of barons. That meant they were entitled to administer justice in their domains. Thus, the domus was rebuilt as a castle and the lands attached to it became a barony.



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