St. Francis Church of Castro

Built
1910

Patron
St. Francis

Feast Day
October 4th

The Church

The first church in Castro was constructed in 1567 and, like several subsequent reconstructions, was destroyed by fire. The predecessor of the current church, which stood on the same site, burned down in 1902, of which beautiful photographs have been preserved.

St. Francis Church of Castro is the main temple of the archipelago and a symbol of its capital. It is a monumental construction whose original design, from Europe, envisaged the use of stone and concrete. However, local carpenters decided to build it in the Chilote tradition: in wood.

Its exterior appearance differs from the traditional model of Chilote religious architecture. However, inside, it evokes the same sensation as in the other heritage churches, characterized by the warmth of the spaces, the smell of native wood, the uniqueness of the

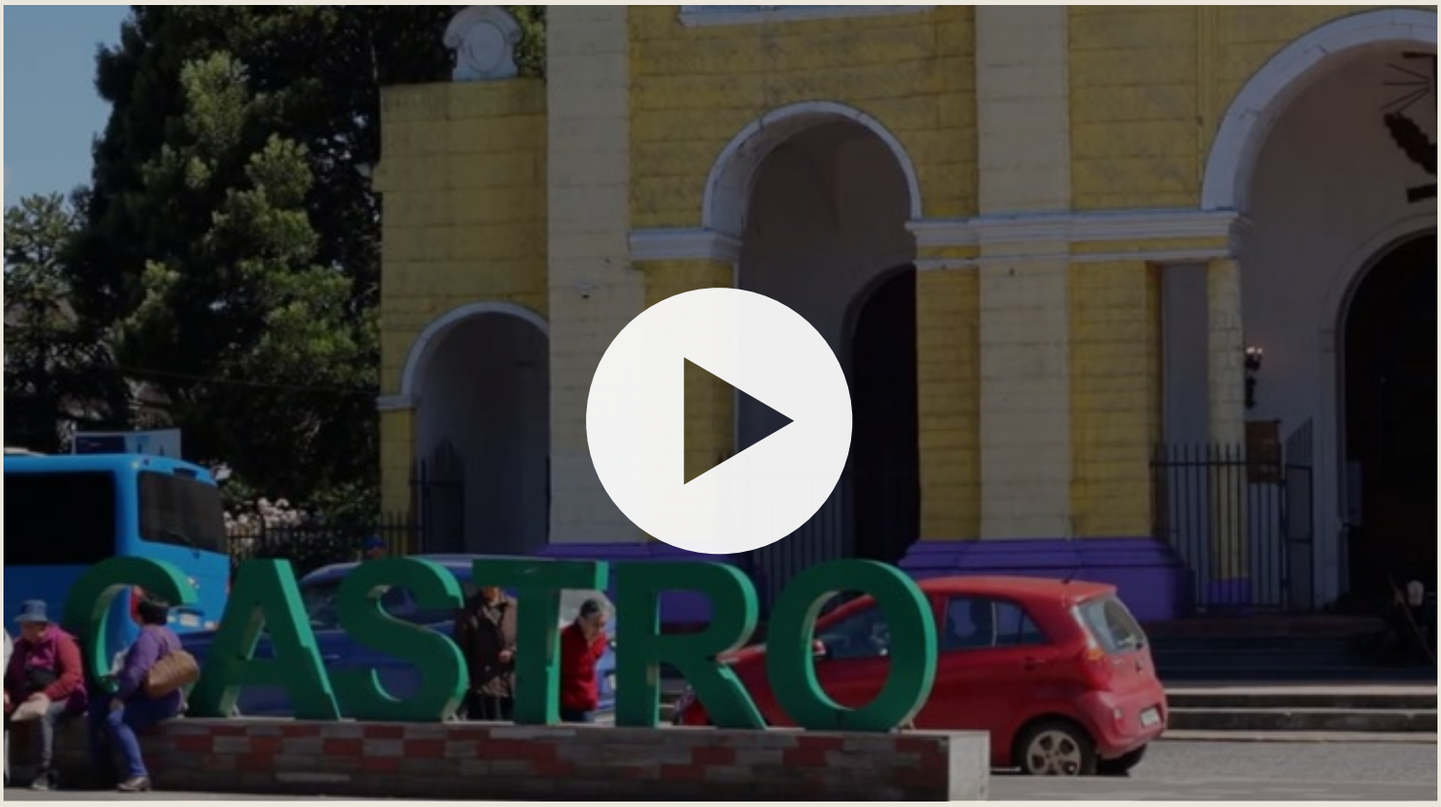
religious imagery influenced by local traditions, and the vivacity of the archipelago's typical rites.

Its facade has been painted various colors throughout its history, ranging from orange and sky blue to the current **yellow with purple, which is said to have been its original color.**

Among the religious images, the archangel Michael, victorious over Satan, and a replica of the famous Jesus of Nazareth of Caguach stand out.

Area attractions

Check out this capsule and discover the attractions of the area!



Feria Campesina Yumbel

1,7 km
from the church

18 min
walking

A haven for fresh food lovers: vegetables, fish, and local goods. Quality and affordability in a charming building.

Plaza de Castro

24 mts
from the church

1 min
walking

Nerve center in Castro, with iconic buildings and community spirit. A space for art, culture, and social bonds.

CASTRO

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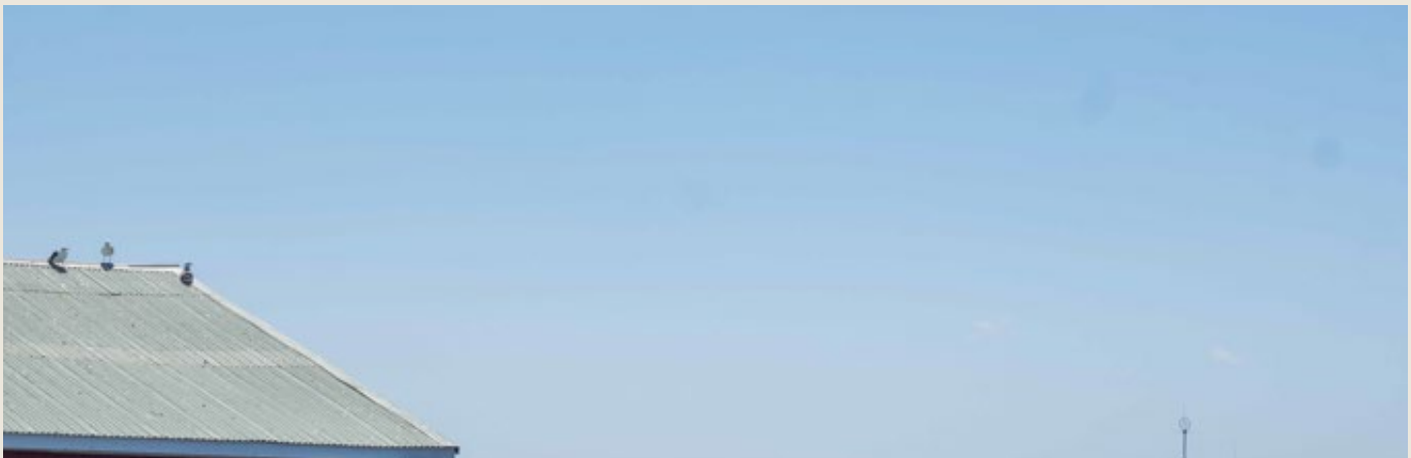
Costanera Castro

550 mts
from the church

10 min
walking

Seaside promenade in Chiloé that charms with ocean views and architecture. Perfect for sunset walks and feeling the breeze.



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Mirador Palafitos Gamboa

700 mts
from the church

12 min
walking

Unique window to overwater homes in Chiloé. Offers unforgettable views of traditional architecture.

Humedal de Putemún

11,6 km
from the church

23 min
by car

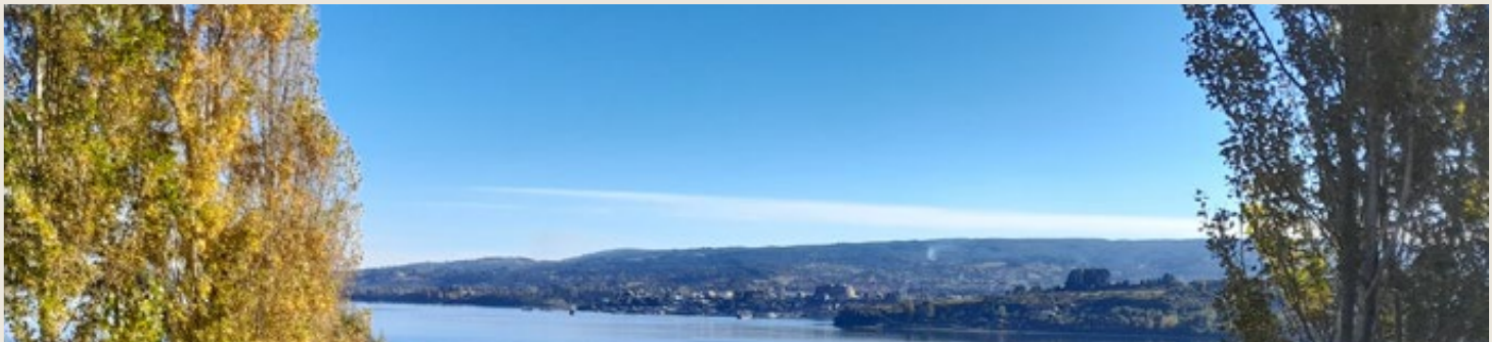
Natural sanctuary in Chiloé, home to migratory birds and unique biodiversity. A serene landscape inviting contemplation.

Península de Rilán

27 km
from the church

30 min
by car

Peninsula located in front of Castro, where you can find nature, beaches, scenic viewpoints, craftsmanship, history, Chilote traditions, gastronomy, and hotels.



Nercón

4 km
from the church

A village where you can find the Heritage Church Our

10 min
by car

Lady of Grace of Nercón characterized by its beautiful front garden and the traditional cemetery that accompanies it.

The Churches Route

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