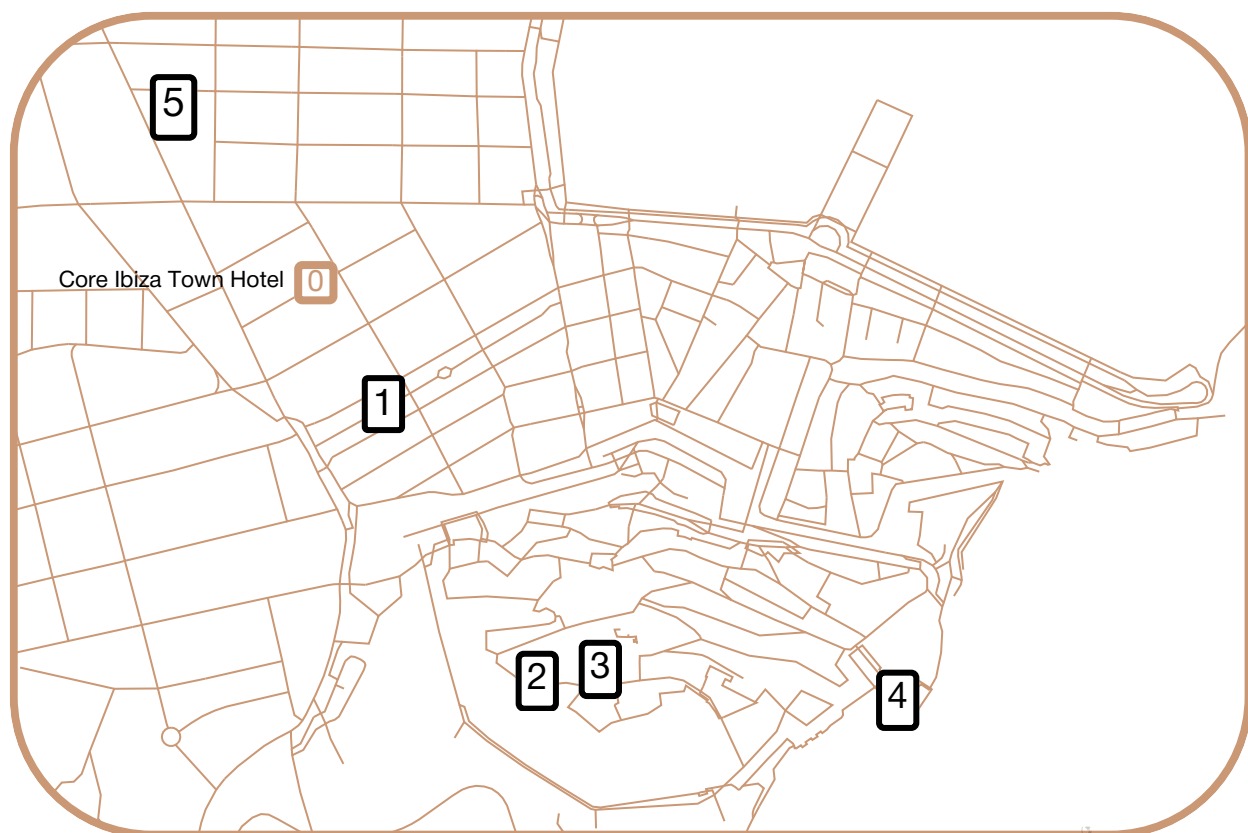


# FAMOUS FIGURES FROM IBIZA'S HISTORY

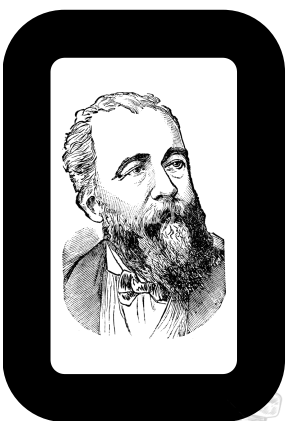


## 1 Joaquín Vara de Rey y Rubio

Joaquín Vara de Rey, born in Ibiza in 1840, followed his father's path and entered the military profession. Sadly, he lost his life in 1898 during his service in the Cuban War. In tribute to his sacrifice, the Ibiza Town Hall decided to erect a commemorative statue at the designated spot on the map. This esteemed monument was unveiled in 1904 in a ceremony attended by the then King of Spain, Alfonso XIII

## 2 Cristobal Colón

This old house in Dalt Vila, dating back to the 14th century, was once owned by the Colom family. Nowadays, it houses documents and artifacts gathered by the historian Nito Verdera, who claimed that Christopher Columbus was from Ibiza. Verdera claimed that there were ample linguistic and geographical clues supporting the notion that Columbus could have been born on this island. The collection comprises ancient maps, letters, and other documents that encourage visitors to delve into this hypothesis.



## 3 Narcís Puget Riquer

Narcís Puget Riquer (1874-1960) was an impressionist painter renowned for his depictions of everyday life and landscapes in Ibiza. After a period of artistic dormancy, a visit from Joaquim Sorolla in 1917 reignited his creative spark. Puget made his debut exhibition at the Layetanas Galleries in Barcelona in 1925, followed by a showcase at the Museum of Modern Art in Madrid in 1931. His works offer a glimpse into Ibiza's past and can be visited at the Puget Museum, located in Dalt Vila.

## 4 Guillem de Montgrí

Guillem de Montgrí, a Catalan archbishop of the 13th century, played a pivotal role in Ibiza's history. In 1235, he led the triumphant reconquest of the island from Muslim rule, bringing it under the fold of the Kingdom of Aragon. His leadership set the groundwork for Christian governance on the island. In Plaça d'Espanya, nestled in Dalt Vila, stands a statue of Guillem, honored every August 8th with a floral tribute.



## 5 Margalida Roig Colomarí

Margalida Roig Colomarí (1908-1966), the first woman to stand up for workers' rights in Ibiza, led the strike on July 13, 1936, fighting for fair treatment in the workplace for women. Following the outbreak of the Civil War on July 17, she was sentenced to life imprisonment and lost her home due to unpaid fines. Her widowed mother passed away without being able to visit her. She spent seven years in prison before being placed under house arrest in 1943. Her story is tied to the old textile factory Can Ventosa, where she used to work. Nowadays, it's a Cultural Space.