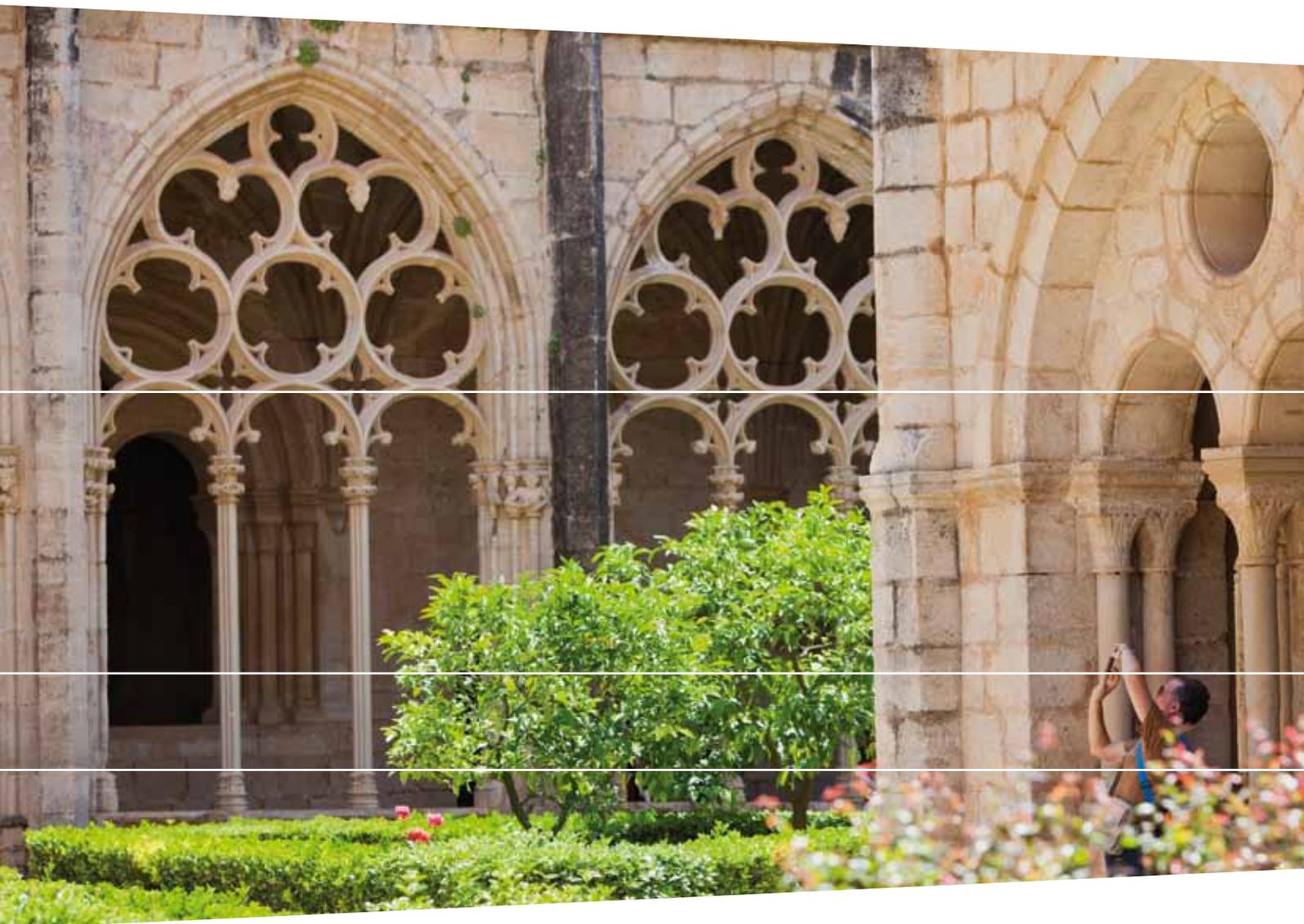
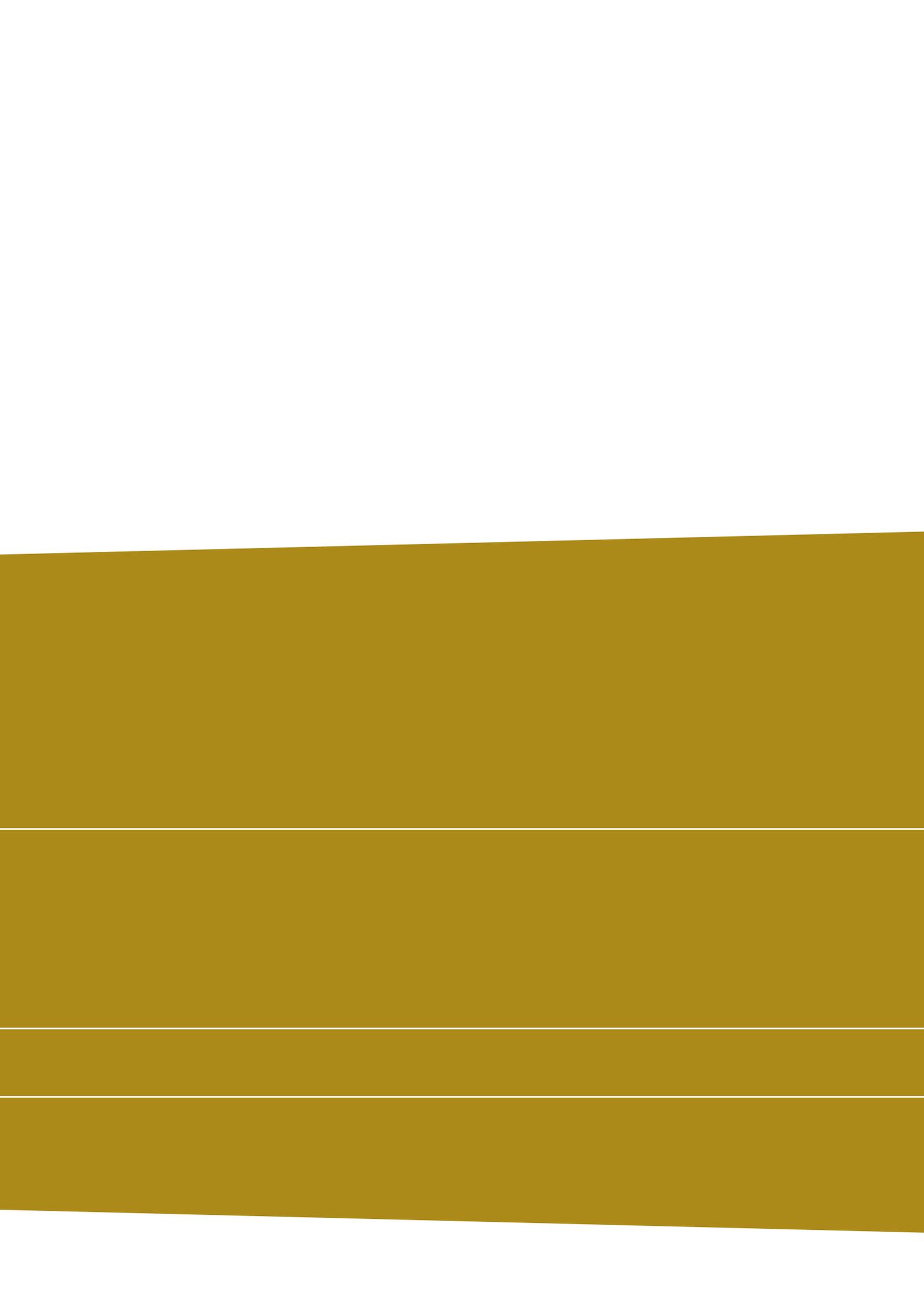


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Catalonia **is** culture

Over the ages, culture has marked the identity of Catalonia. There have been many artists through the centuries whose innovations and restless creativity have earned them universal fame and recognition. By visiting a millennial country such as Catalonia, we open the gateway to an infinite variety of landscapes, ranging from the Pyrenees to the Delta de l'Ebre, and the craggy coastline of Cap de Creus to the inland plains. Catalonia is a land that abounds in culture.



Costa Brava. Forum of the ancient Roman city of Empúries

Ancient Catalonia: our origins

When we visit the oldest parts of Catalonia, we travel back in time to some of the scenarios where major historical events took place. Come and learn about Iberian culture, discover and explore Greek settlements or relive the might of the Roman Empire.

The route of the Iberians

The beginnings of Iberian culture are associated with the influence of Eastern peoples on the Iberian peninsula between the 8th and 6th centuries BC. The Museu d'Arqueologia de Catalunya (Museum of Archaeology of Catalonia) has designed the **Ruta dels Ibers** (Route of the Iberians) –www.mac.cat–, consisting of 17 archaeological sites grouped together in 7 itineraries that introduce us to the lifestyles of each of the peoples who settled there. The great icons of the Ruta dels Ibers are the hamlet of **El Puig de Sant Andreu**, in Ullastret, the site at **Olèrdola** and the Ciutadella (Citadel) in **Calafell**.

Greek colonies

Remains of the Greek presence in Catalonia are concentrated in an idyllic spot. The trading colonies of **Empúries** –www.mac.cat– and **Roses** were set up in a big bay sheltered by the

mountains of Cap de Creus and close by the fertile plains of the Empordà.

In Empúries we can visit the fortified walls, the streets and the harbours. The statue of Asclepius, the god of medicine, is one of the most outstanding pieces in this colony. Roses has the remarkable Ciutadella (Citadel), where we find the ruins of the colony of Rodes, and its museum, the Castell de la Trinitat, the megalithic site and the natural beauty of Punta Falconera

Roman Catalonia

The coming of the Romans to the Peninsula in 218 BC, after the Punic Wars, triggered the development of urban culture. The two major settlements were the great metropolis of **Tarraco** –Tarragona–, which was the capital of Hispania Citerior, and the important city of **Barcino** –Barcelona. The Roman legacy in Catalonia consists of large-scale civic works, patrician villas and, needless to say, the magnificent archaeological complex of Tarragona, declared a World Heritage Site by UNESCO. Other items of great interest are **Can Terrés**, a Roman villa in la Garriga, the Roman baths at Caldes de Montbui, the **Museu d'Història de la Ciutat** de Barcelona and the **Museu de Badalona**, the latter with a total of 3,400 m² that recreate the city of Baetulo.

The presence of the Greeks in Catalonia was framed by an idyllic landscape



The Royal Monastery of Santa Maria de Vallbona



The Museu Nacional d'Art de Catalunya, Barcelona

The Cistercian monasteries provide wide scope for tourism in a combination of culture, haute cuisine and leisure activities

Medieval Catalonia

Between the 11th and 15th centuries, Catalonia went through a number of different phases that proved to be crucial to its history. First came its emergence as a country around the year 1000 with the Romanesque art of the churches of the Pyrenees as its defining feature. Vestiges have come down to us of the time of the Cathars, including the Camí dels Bons Homes (Way of the Good Men). And in the 15th century, Catalonia also witnessed the expulsion of the Jewish community.

The Catalan Romanesque

The Catalan Romanesque stands out by virtue of its austerity and spirituality. Don't miss the **Museu Nacional d'Art de Catalunya** –www.mnac.cat– in Barcelona, where you will be able to see the mural paintings that originally decorated Pyrenean churches. Another obligatory visit is the set of unique Romanesque churches in the **Vall de Boí** –www.vallboi.cat–, which have been declared World Heritage sites by UNESCO. Also of great importance are the monasteries of **Sant Pere de Rodes, Sant Joan de les Abadesses, Sant Cugat del Vallès, Ripoll** and **Santa Maria de Vilabertran**.

The Gothic

The Gothic is an eminently urban art and the style in which Catalonia's great civic buildings were constructed: the **Palau de la Generalitat**, in Barcelona, figures among Europe's best preserved medieval architectural works. The Gothic style predominates in the cathedrals of Barcelona, Tarragona, Girona, Lleida and Tortosa and in basilicas such as that of **Santa Maria del Mar**, or **Santa Maria de la Seu** de Manresa, which was built by the same architect, Berenguer de Montagut.

Camí dels Bons Homes

This route (www.camidelsbonshomes.com) is **201 km** long and crosses the Pyrenees in memory of the exile of the Cathars of Occitania. It reaches from Queralt (Catalonia) to the castle of Montsegur (France), and can be travelled on foot, horseback or mountain bike.

Jewish Catalonia

While they remained on the Iberian peninsula, between the 1st century and 1492, the Jews came to exert great social, political, economic and cultural influence. Although the legacy they left behind after their expulsion was completely ignored, in recent years a number of the most important buildings in the former Jewish quarters of Girona and other Catalan cities have been recovered and restored. The **Call de Girona** is one of Europe's most interesting Jewish quarters, and guided visits have been organised to explore the main buildings and the **Museu d'Història dels Jueus**. To learn more about Jewish Catalonia it is a must to visit the **micvé** in **Besalú** and the **calls** of **Barcelona** and **Tortosa**.

The Cistercian Triangle

The monasteries of **Santes Creus, Vallbona** and **Poblet** –the latter a UNESCO World Heritage Site– are the three Catalan abbeys that together form the Ruta del Cister (Cistercian Triangle) (www.larutadelcister.info), the Cistercians being a 11th century European monastic order who sought a return to a life devoted to manual labour, prayer and sheltering pilgrims. A comprehensive cultural, gastronomic and recreational programme has been designed in association with these monasteries.

The 1714 trail

This is a route that takes us to ten sites where the most significant events in the War of the Spanish Succession in Catalonia (1702 - 1714) took place. They are places charged with symbolism as well as heritage sites and beauty spots in their own right, such as the Seu Vella de Lleida, the chapel of San Sebastià near Vic, the university of Cervera, the castle of Cardona, the ruins of El Born in Barcelona or the houses where Rafael Casanova lived in Moià and Sant Boí de Llobregat.



The Museu Nacional d'Art de Catalunya, Barcelona

Geniuses of painting

Catalonia has been the birthplace and the adopted home of artists of genius. Picasso, Miró, Dalí and Tàpies are four examples. Their presence, together with that of artists committed to other disciplines, placed Catalonia in the avant-garde of contemporary creation.

Pablo Ruiz Picasso

Pablo Ruiz Picasso (1881-1973) came to Barcelona aged 14, and it was in this city that he lived through the crucial years of his training. The **Museu Picasso** de Barcelona, with its collection of 3,800 works, is crucial to an understanding of this brilliant painter's formative period. Picasso's time in Catalonia is also reflected in the collection on permanent display at the **Fundació Palau**, in Caldes d'Estrac. At the **Centre Picasso** in Horta de Sant Joan there are facsimile reproductions of almost 200 works executed by the artist during his two stays in the town. And in **Gósol**, the Centre Picasso houses reproductions of the canvases the artist painted there during the summer of 1906.

Joan Miró

Although most of the oeuvre by Joan Miró (1893-1983) –over 14,000 pieces– is housed at his foundation in Barcelona, you can find some of his works at different points in the city: the airport,

the Rambla and the **Parc de l'Escorxador**. The **Centre Miró** in Mont-roig del Camp will introduce you to the artist's initial source of inspiration.

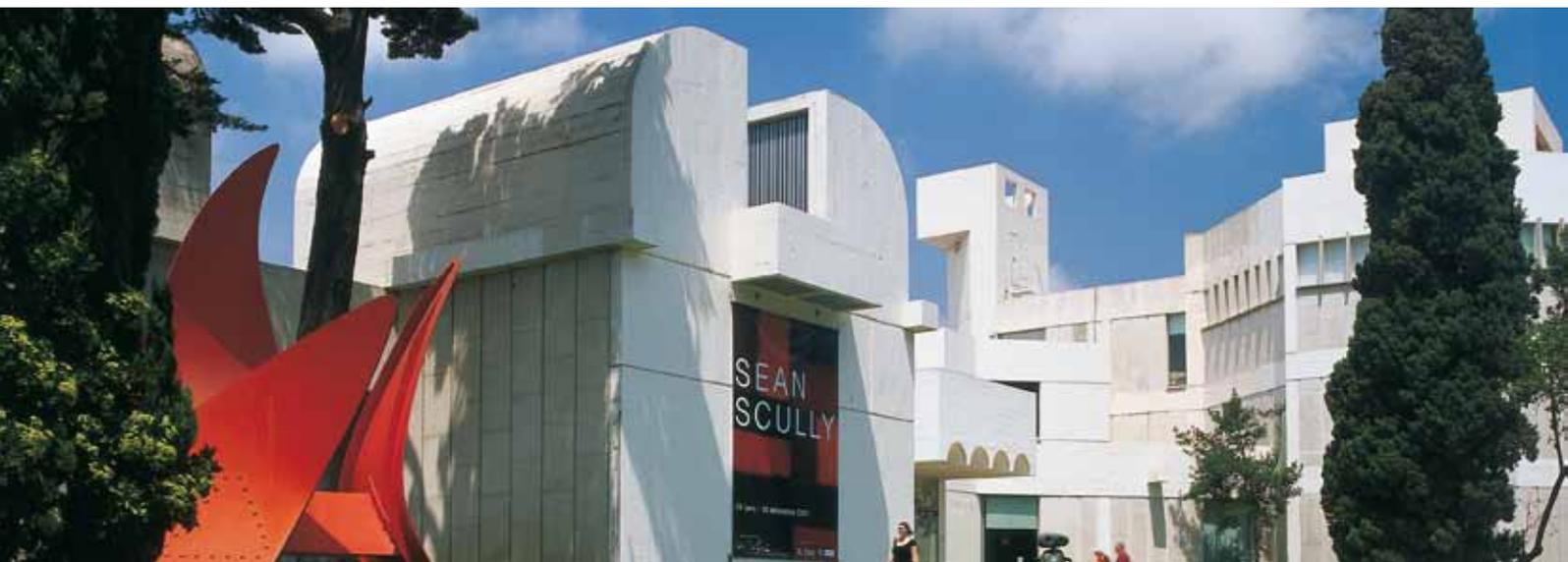
Salvador Dalí

Salvador Dalí (1904-1989) and the Empordà are inseparable. The painter's genius and the unique landscapes of the Costa Brava are combined in the many works –over 1,500– exhibited at the **Teatre-Museu Dalí** in Figueres, at the **Casa-Museu Salvador Dalí** in Portlligat –where Dalí was transfixed by the landscape, the light and the solitude– and at what was his home, the Castell de **Púbol** –a medieval castle with a sculpture garden.

Antoni Tàpies

The artist himself having passed away only very recently, Antoni Tàpies (1923-2012) has left us a huge legacy of works that confirm his reputation as one of the world's greatest informalist painters. Tàpies's oeuvre is a constant exploration of the expressive potential of matter and its ability to give form to the different manifestations of the spirit. The best collection of his work may be admired at the **Fundació Antoni Tàpies** in Barcelona, although the **Museu d'Art Contemporani** (MACBA) and the **Museu Nacional d'Art de Catalunya** (MNAC) also exhibit work by this self-taught artist.

Barcelona. Fundació Joan Miró, the work of architect Josep Lluís Sert



Geniuses of Modernism

Present-day Catalonia is what it is thanks to the development of industry, to the recovery of traditions and to its cosmopolitan spirit. Modernism –which straddled the XIX and XX centuries– was supported by the enlightened bourgeoisie and made its mark on the country in the architecture of great masters such as Gaudí, Domènech i Montaner, Puig i Cadafalch and Jujol.

The staggering architecture of Antoni Gaudí has captivated the entire world



Park Güell, Barcelona

Antoni Gaudí

The architecture of Antoni Gaudí has such a capacity to astonish that it has captivated the entire world, by virtue both of the sophisticated building techniques he applied and the fantasy and originality of his details. Seven of his works have been declared World Heritage Sites by UNESCO: the **Park Güell**, the Palau Güell, the **Casa Milà** “La Pedrera”, Casa Vicens, the Birth Façade and crypt of the **Sagrada Família**, **Casa Batlló** and the crypt at the Colònia Güell. Apart from the latter, all these works are located in Barcelona. The **Colònia Güell crypt**, in Santa Coloma de Cervelló, was the only building actually completed for a project which was also to include a hospital, a hostel, a school, shops, a theatre and a cooperative. The Centre Gaudí in Reus –Costa Daurada– will provide you with an introduction to the life and work of this architect. Gaudí designed a water garden in La Pobla de Lillet, the Artigas Gardens.

Lluís Domènech i Montaner

The architectural work by Lluís Domènech i Montaner is noted for its diaphanous structures and the use of naked iron and

brick. The master of pupils who would reveal their own genius in subsequent years, Domènech i Montaner was the champion of sumptuous decorative elements that evoke the medieval Catalan tradition. Outstanding examples of his extravagant use of form and colour are the stage and skylight at the **Palau de la Música Catalana** in Barcelona. Other outstanding buildings by Domènech i Montaner are the **Hospital de la Santa Creu i Sant Pau**, the Institut Pere Mata in Reus –a complex of six structures designed to house a psychiatric hospital–, the Casa Navàs in Reus, the publishing house Montaner i Simón –which is now home to the Fundació Tàpies–, the Castell dels Tres Dragons –now the Museu de Zoologia–, Casa Lleó Morera, the Fonda Espanya and his house-museum in Canet.

Josep Puig i Cadafalch

Towards the end of the 19th century, Josep Puig i Cadafalch emerged as one of the champions of the rejection on the part of the Catalan architecture school of the classical tradition and the adoption of the modernity of the Gothic and the style of great cathedrals. The Modernism of Puig i Cadafalch is reflected in luxury mansions such as the **Palau del Baró**

de Quadras, in family homes like the **Casa de les Punxes**, and in industrial buildings like the **Fàbrica Casaramona**, which now accommodates **CaixaForum**, all in Barcelona. However, his legacy may also be admired in a number of towns and cities in the Maresme –such as Mataró and Argentona– and in the Caves Codorniu, in Sant Sadurn d’Anoia.

Josep Maria Jujol

The architect Josep Maria Jujol was Antoni Gaudí’s most outstanding pupil and the creator of works you can admire during your stay in Barcelona: the serpentine *trencadís* bench in **Park Güell** and the paintings for **La Pedrera**. Jujol was a pioneer in the use of references to artistic tradition as well as the use of humble materials in architecture and design. If you want to see it for yourselves, you should know that he derived much of the inspiration for his sensual, luminous, baroque work from the landscapes of the Camp de Tarragona where a visit to his **church of Vistabella** (La Secuita) is highly recommended.

New architecture

Over the years, Barcelona has learned to harmonise the architectural tradition of Modernism, the avant-garde of the 30s and the rationalism of the 50s with the monumental urban structures of the 1992 Olympic Games. The icons that best show this architectural evolution are the Mies van der Rohe Pavilion –conceived as the German Pavilion for the 1929 Barcelona World Exhibition–, the **Torre Agbar** –by Jean Nouvel, who sought inspiration in Gaudí’s legacy–, the **Museu d’Art Contemporani de Barcelona (MACBA)** –designed by architect Richard Meier for the Raval district–, the **Mercat de Santa Caterina** –which in 1848 became the city’s first covered market and which from its 2005 refurbishment still retains the entrance doors and the coloured mosaic roof – and the **Torre de Collserola** –the impressive telecommunications tower built by Norman Foster for the 1992 Barcelona Olympics.



New Library at the Universitat Ramon Llull. Barcelona



Barcelona. The sculpture *Núvol i cadira* (Cloud and Chair, 1988) by Antoni Tàpies

Museums and cultural centres

Evolution in the concept of art museum has transformed these institutions into dynamic centres that see tradition from a new angle, connect the oldest creations with those of today and offer visitors a host of activities and resources. The museums of Catalonia together constitute an itinerary which takes us from the Romanesque to the most contemporary and avant-garde art.

While you are staying in Catalonia there are museums and cultural centres you simply cannot miss. In the city of Barcelona you will find the **Museu Nacional d’Art de Catalunya** (MNAC), which displays an entirely unique collection of Romanesque mural

painting; the **Museu d’Arqueologia de Catalunya**; the **Museu d’Art Contemporani de Barcelona** (MACBA); the **Museu de Pintura Contemporània Can Framis**; the **Museu Europeu d’Art Modern**; the **Centre de Cultura Contemporània de Barcelona** (CCCB), which specialises in urban culture; the **Museu d’Història de Catalunya**, which takes you on a journey from prehistory to the 20th century; **CosmoCaixa**, with its exhibition devoted to the laws of nature; and **CaixaForum**, which organises a wide range of social, cultural and educational programmes for the whole family. Outstanding institutions in the realm of permanent monographic art exhibitions are the **Fundació Miró**, the **Museu Picasso** and the **Fundació Tàpies**. Outside Barcelona, worthy of special mention are the **Museu d’Art de Girona** and the **Fundació Gala-Salvador Dalí** –Costa Brava–, the **Fundació Palau** and the **Museu Nacional de la Ciència i la Tècnica** –Costa Barcelona–, the **Museu Episcopal de Vic**, the **Museu de Montserrat** and **Món Sant Benet** –Paisatges Barcelona.

Music

Nobody could harbour any doubts whatsoever about the Catalans' passion for music, given the great number of venues and festivals that cater for all possible genres and tastes.

Permanent seasons and festivals devoted to all kinds of music are held throughout the year, making Catalonia the perfect destination for those who seek anything from the very best in classical to the latest trends in electronic music.

The figure of **Pau Casals** has emerged not only as a great cellist but also as a magnificent ambassador for Catalonia in the rest of the world. The town of El Vendrell –Costa Daurada– was his birthplace and continues to be the epicentre of everything associated with his work. Vil·la Casals, the house where this exceptional instrumentalist and composer lived until he was

forced into exile, has been converted into a museum that exhibits an extensive collection of works of art and documents related to Casals the man, the musician and the defender of peace. The Auditori Pau Casals, also in El Vendrell, has a permanent programme of classical music, jazz and dance, and each year it hosts the Festival Internacional de Música Pau Casals.

Barcelona is one of the European capitals of opera thanks to the **Gran Teatre del Liceu** and its permanent season. Classical music lovers have two icons in the Catalan capital: the **Palau de la Música Catalana** and the **Auditori**. The latest trends in electronic music may be sampled each year at the **Sónar** event. In the summer, music sounds stronger than ever to the rhythm of festivals such as those of **Castell de Perelada**, Torroella de Montgrí and **Cantonigròs**. Throughout the year there are festivals of great personality like the **Schubertíada** in the medieval town of Vilabertran –Costa Brava–, the **Cruïlla BCN** in Mataró and the **Festival de Jazz** in Terrassa.



Barcelona. Interior of the Palau de la Música Catalana, by Lluís Domènech i Montaner



CaixaForum Barcelona, the former Casaramona factory

The industrial heritage

During the second half of the 19th century, Catalonia headed the Industrial Revolution on the Iberian peninsula. This economic development was behind to the artistic and cultural renovation of Modernism.

Over one century later, that industrial revolution has left us two attractive tourist legacies. On the one hand, the opportunity to discover former manufacturing processes that have been

preserved until the present day and, on the other, to contemplate and appreciate examples of industrial architecture scattered all over Catalan territory.

To plan your stay it would be a good idea to consult the **Xarxa de Turisme Industrial de Catalunya** –www.xatic.cat–, which provides information on the **twenty Catalan cities and towns** that preserve testimonies to the **industrial past** of Catalonia, and the system of the **Museu de la Ciència i de la Tècnica de Catalunya** –www.mnactec.cat.

During the second half of the 19th century, Catalonia was at the forefront of the Industrial Revolution on the Iberian peninsula

The scenarios of memory

The contemporary history of Catalonia is marked by the Spanish Civil War (1936-1939) and, in order to recover the memory of the past and avoid committing the same mistakes again, some of its locations can be visited.

Along the river Ebre you will find routes and spaces of reflection such as those of the **Espais de la Batalla de l'Ebre**, in Corbera d'Ebre —www.batallaebre.org—, and the **Museu de Gandesa**. Other points in Catalonia where you may discover these scenarios are the Merengue de Camarasa, the Parc dels Búnquers de Montellà i Martinet and the **Museu Memorial de l'Exili**. This interpretation centre, which recalls cases of exiles caused by the Spanish Civil War, is located in La Jonquera and combines museum facilities —with one permanent exhibition and other temporary ones— with those of historical research and educational dissemination.



Castellers during the Festa de la Mare de Déu del Tura



Pirineus. Day of the raiers (raftsmen) in La Pobla de Segur

A land of festivities

The Catalan calendar is full of festivities that have kept ancestral traditions alive until the present day. *Sardanes* and *castells* (human towers) —the latter declared Intangible Heritage by UNESCO— are two internationally recognised traditions that constitute a symbol of Catalan identity.

Demons, music, fire, giants and figures from the bestiary are the elements that fill the streets of Catalonia during its festivals. Some celebrations have been declared of national interest, such as the Festa del **Pi de Centelles** on New Year's Eve; at Carnival, the **Festa dels Traginers** de Balsareny and the carnivals of **Vilanova i la Geltrú** and **Solsona**; during Easter Week, processions, *via crucis* and passion plays in Verges, Sant Hilari Sacalm, Tarragona, **Esparreguera** and **Olesa de Montserrat**; celebrations such as the **Patum de Berga** at Corpus Christi —declared Intangible Heritage by UNESCO— and the festivals at Sant Feliu de Pallerols, Sallent and Arbúcies; the **Festa de Les Falles** in Isil at Midsummer; and in September, two of Catalonia's most popular *festes majors*: **La Mercè** in Barcelona and **Santa Tecla** in Tarragona.

And craftspeople

There are countless craftsmen and women who display and sell their wares to visitors across the length and breadth of Catalonia. The type of product and skills involved are centuries old, and in many cases rely on locally-sourced raw materials.

The work of craftspeople and the innovative spirit of Catalan designers constitute an essential part of our culture. Among the craft creations that will captivate you are the use of **alabaster of Sarra**, palmwork, created by weaving palm leaves, **ceramics at La Bisbal**, the black ceramics of Quart and Verdú, the burnt wood of Sant Hilari Sacalm, **salt in Cardona**, the fine lace of Arenys and the *xisqueta* sheep's wool of the Vall d'Àssua. On the Consorci de Comerç, Artesania i Moda de Catalunya website —www.ccam.cat— you will find an updated agenda containing all activities associated with Catalan arts and crafts.



The Monastery of Sant Pere de Rodes in the Parc Natural del Cap de Creus

Culture and spirituality

The long Catalan tradition of pilgrimages, which dates back to Antiquity and is still alive today, offers cultural and landscape prospects for those tourists who seek the spiritual aspects of these routes. The four most emblematic ones are the following.

Camí de Sant Jaume (The Saint James' Way)

The Camí de Sant Jaume –www.camidesantjaume.cat– has been, since the Middle Ages, the route that leads European pilgrims to the apostle's tomb in Santiago de Compostela. In Catalonia, the Way begins at the **Monastery of Sant Pere de Rodes** –Costa Brava– and its main points of interest are **Vilabertran, Girona, Vic, Manresa, Montserrat, Cervera** and **Lleida**, and from here pilgrims proceed to Alcarràs to connect with the Aragonese stretch of the Camí de Sant Jaume. Part of this route is also **accessible** to people in wheelchairs or whose mobility is restricted. The www.camidesantjaumeperatothom.cat website provides you with all the necessary information. At present, two stretches of the Way are suitably adapted. The first of these is the section between Sant Feliu de Pallerols and Amer, on the Via Verda del Carrilet. The other is the **Camí dels Degotalls** on Montserrat.

Camí Ignasià

The Camí Ignasià –www.caminoignaciano.org–, established by the Company of Jesus, recreates the route taken by Ignatius Loyola in 1522 from Loyola –in the Basque Country– to **Manresa** –Paisatges Barcelona. Some of its stretches coinciding with the Camí de Sant Jaume, the Camí Ignasià is a pilgrimage experience that evokes the spiritual process which the founder of the Jesuits underwent.

Catalonia Sacra (Holy Catalonia)

Catalonia Sacra –www.cataloniasacra.cat– is an initiative set in motion by the Catalan dioceses that allows you to discover the architectural and artistic heritage associated with the Catholic Church. The 10 Catalan dioceses are blessed with a rich heritage that dates back over two thousand years and has established close links between Christianity and our country's culture, identity and spirituality. Catalonia Sacra provides you with the opportunity to discover the **12 Catalan cathedrals**; to follow itineraries through the archbishoprics of Barcelona and Tarragona, as well as through the bishoprics of Girona, Lleida, Sant Feliu de Llobregat, Solsona, Terrassa, Tortosa, Urgell and Vic; and to discover the **monasteries** of Santa Maria de Vilabertran, Santa Maria de Ripoll, Santa Maria de l'Estany and of the Mare de Déu de Montserrat and Sant Cugat del Vallès.

Montserrat

The **Abbey of Montserrat** –Catalonia Central– concentrates in a single space a great cultural and architectural heritage, astonishing natural beauty and deep spirituality that originates from a legend dating back to the year 880. Around seventy monks form the Benedictine community that lives in the monastery, which may be reached in a number of different ways. The fittest can do so on foot or by bicycle. You may also get there by car or by means of the **funicular** railway and the **cable car**. Once on the mountain, a wide range of services awaits you. If you like, you can stay in one of the monastic cells or at the hotel. Hiking or mountain-climbing opportunities are many and varied. Inside the church, you must hear the **Violai** sung by the *escolania* (children's choir) and visit the **Moreneta**, the Black Virgin who is the patron of Catalonia. And before you depart, you must take a stroll through the craftspeople's stalls, where you can purchase the **traditional mató** (curd cheese) and sample one of the delicious *coques* (flat cakes).

Urban tourism

Catalonia has four provinces, each with its own capital that organises a host of tempting activities throughout the year.



Barcelona. The communications tower on Montjuïc by Santiago Calatrava



Street of the Call in Girona



Lleida. Seu Vella



The Roman amphitheatre of ancient Tarraco

Visiting Girona is like making a journey back into the past, in the midst of quiet, restful streets

Barcelona

The capital of Catalonia offers a host of tourist pursuits that you can plan down to the last detail. You will invariably come across fascinating corners and streets, but the magic of the city is enhanced by festive events such as those of **Sant Jordi**, in April; **Sant Joan**, in June; and **La Mercè**, in September. Don't miss the architecture of **Gaudí**, districts like the Eixample, the Barri Gòtic, La Ribera and El Raval, emblematic features like the **Rambla**, the Parc de la Ciutadella and the seafront, and the mountains of Montjuïc and Tibidabo.

Girona

Visiting the centre of Girona means travelling back into the past in streets that are havens of peace and quiet. In order to discover genuine Girona you must stroll through the historical centre, through the **Call**, through the **Monestir romànic de Sant Pere de Galligants**, through the **cathedral** surroundings and through the bourgeois city. At the **Museu d'Art de Girona** you will find the collections from the former Museu Provincial d'Antiguitats i Belles Arts and those from the Museu Diocesà. You may also admire the modernist buildings designed by Rafael Masó and visit the fascinating Museu del Cinema.

Lleida

With the **Seu Vella**, **la Suda** o **Palau Reial** and the **Palau de la Paeria** as the buildings most representative of its medieval past, the city of Lleida will welcome you as you follow the course of the river Segre. Its potent modernist legacy shares a central role with the Museu de l'Aigua, the Roda Roda and the Centre d'Art La Panera. And to experience Lleida at the height of its exuberance, you must come in May and participate in the snail-eating festival, the **Aplec del Cargol**.

Tarragona

Right on the shores of the Mediterranean, Tarragona offers visitors its great **Roman metropolis** –declared a World Heritage Site by UNESCO– which includes an archaeological promenade, the provincial forum, the praetorium, the Roman circus, the amphitheatre, the local forum, the palaeo-Christian necropolis and the **Museu Nacional Arqueològic de Tarragona** (MNAT). To enable you to discover it more fully, the Patronat Municipal de Turisme de Tarragona organises guided tours to these emblematic sites. The city also has a lot of medieval architecture and many modernist buildings by architects of the stature of Josep Maria Jujol.



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A medieval sortie
A journey to the past

The medieval town of Montsonís, in La Noguera, is the starting point for a journey to the past that begins with the Castle of Montsonís, a magnificent fortress that preserves the splendour of past eras. The visit includes a DO Costas del Segre wine-tasting session, half-board accommodation in a country house with a double room with bath, and supper and breakfast in the cellars of in the Montsonís winery. The ideal initiation into wine-tourism and wine tasting. A weekend of relaxation, culture, recreation and gastronomy.

Offer price

64.90 €

All year round.
Half-board, including supper and breakfast. It is essential to book in advance.

Where in Catalonia? Castells de Lleida



Castells de Lleida S.L. is a firm specialising in the design and management of cultural programmes in Lleida. It provides services in different spheres linked to cultural tourism -visits to castles, wine tasting- and strives to provide clients with the most suitable accommodation from which to carry out these activities: rural tourism houses, apartments, hotels, hostels and so on.

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Languages

Catalan, Spanish, English and French

→ Name of the entity

→ Title of the proposed activity

→ Description of the activity

→ Price, conditions and season of the activity

→ Description of the entity

→ Location of the firm and site of the activity

→ Contact and further information details

→ Inscription number in the Tourism Register of Catalonia

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Catalonia **is** culture

Proposals

Recent years have seen the development in Catalonia of a great number of tourist programmes focused on culture. This catalogue gathers together entities working in this field, such as museums and cultural centres, public institutions, hotels, travel agencies and the service industry. Its aim is to promote cultural tourism in Catalonia and to provide operators and visitors with the resources they need to organise their trips.

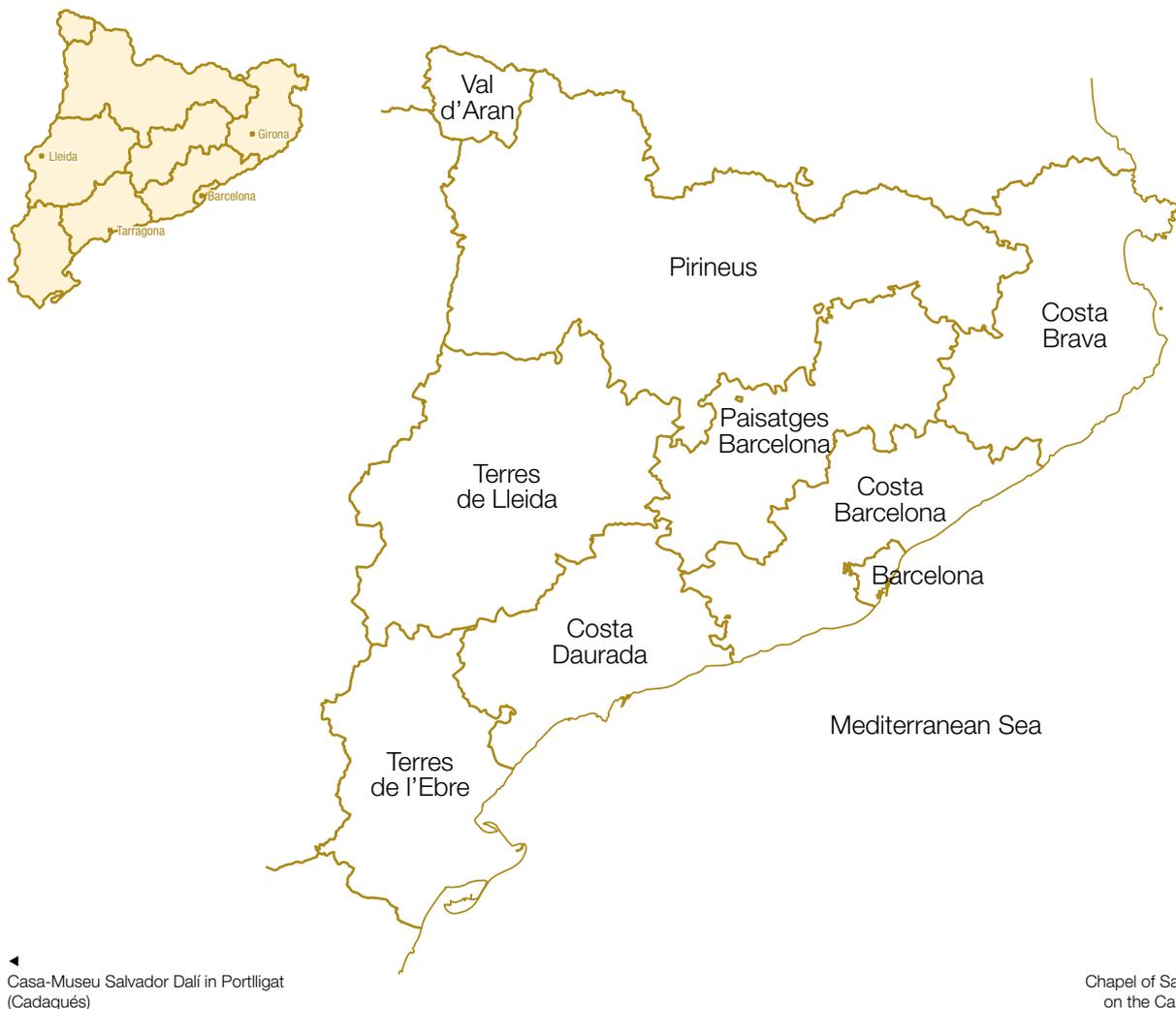


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MARINA JOSÉ

Tot Catalunya

Culture is one of Catalonia's identity signs. A substantial number of Catalan painters, sculptors, architects and composers have crossed borders and exported their oeuvre to the rest of the world. Those of you with a penchant for cultural travel will find a number of first-class attractions, ranging from impressive buildings to museums of all kinds via centres of art and of architectural heritage, traditional festivities, arts and crafts and a rich panorama of performing arts, music festivals, film, theatre and dance. Welcome to Catalonia, a land of culture!



Vineyards in Sant Martí Sarroca



The mountain and monastery of Montserrat



Sagrada Família, Barcelona

Pla de l'ós (1976). Joan Miró. La Rambla



Catalunya Bus Turístic

Routes all around Catalonia



Montserrat © Israel de la Torre - Sicalipsis estudi

100% of Catalonia

Discovering the secrets of Catalonia

Discovering the region's cultural treasures is easier with Catalunya Bus Turístic: the excursions departing from Barcelona will take you to discover the most important places in Catalonia: the mountain of Montserrat, the Figueres of Dalí, Girona, the fantastic route of wine and cava, and much more besides!

Catalunya Bus Turístic

Catalunya Bus Turístic covers all Catalonia to discover the secrets of its towns, mountains and valleys. Montserrat, the art of Dalí, wine and cava culture and the city of Girona are just a few of the routes we offer, all departing from Barcelona. All routes have a guide providing information in Catalan, Spanish and English, and a 10-language audio-guide service is also available (5€).

Where in Catalonia?



Offer price

From
64 €

All year round.
Check dates and prices at www.catalunyabusturistic.com.

Languages

Catalan, Spanish, English, French, German, Russian, Japanese, Chinese, Portuguese and Italian

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Gaudí Centre in Reus ©Patronat de Turisme de Reus

Four geniuses in one landscape

The route of the great artists

Antoni Gaudí, Joan Miró, Pau Casals and Pablo Picasso are the four artists of genius who found inspiration in the landscapes of Terres de l'Ebre and the Costa Daurada. The "Targeta Genial" package includes visits to the interpretation centres devoted to the artists (Gaudí Centre in Reus; Centre Miró in Mont-Roig; the Casa nadiua [birthplace] and Vil·la Casals-Museu Pau Casals in El Vendrell; the Centre Picasso in Horta de Sant Joan), and discounts on guided tours to the places where these great artists went, cycle trips and accommodation in affiliated establishments.

Offer price

83 €

All year round. Valid for 2 years, (2015/2016).
Children under 14, free.

Where in Catalonia? El Paisatge dels Genis



The municipal councils of Reus, Mont-roig del Camp, El Vendrell and Horta de Sant Joan, together with the Patronato de Turismo de la Diputación de Tarragona and the Rovira i Virgili University, have joined forces to create a cultural tourism project based on the links between four universal artists –Gaudí, Miró, Casals and Picasso– and the regions of Tarragona, where they spent long creative periods.



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Languages

Catalan, Spanish, English, French, German and Russian

Fundació Vila Casas

The definitive history of Catalan contemporary art



Exterior and square of The Museum of Contemporary Painting Can Framis, in Barcelona © Fundació Vila Casas

A unique collection

An assemblage of art and architectural heritage

The Fundació Vila Casas was founded in 1986 by the businessman and art collector Antoni Vila Casas and is an unprecedented demonstration of how private collections can contribute to the promotion and exhibition of contemporary Catalan art. The collection has more than 3,000 works belonging to the different artistic movements of the last 60 years—including paintings, sculpture and photography—brought together to offer a complete panorama of art in our times.

Fundació Vila Casas

The Fundació Vila Casas is structured around five art centres that occupy buildings with significance for the cultural and economic history of Catalonia: The Museum of Contemporary Painting Can Framis and the Volart and Volart 2 spaces in Barcelona; the Museum of Contemporary Photography Palau Solterra, in Torroella de Montgrí, and the Museum of Contemporary Sculpture Can Mario, in Palafrugell, both in the province of Girona.

Where in Catalonia?



Offer price

1-5 €

All year round. Consult the different centres for timetables and entrance fees.

Languages

Catalan, Spanish,
English and French

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A family-run cellar © Bárbara Ruiz — Castells (human castles) © Bárbara Ruiz

Wine, cellars and human castles

Essential traditions of our culture

Living it proposes a walk through the vineyards and wine cellars with one of the charming members of a family that have made wine all their lives. You will taste a sample of ecological wine and cava, and learn the secrets of producing a quality product. The visit then moves on to the training ground of a *colla casteller*, where you will be amazed by the courage and dedication of the *castellers*, their discipline and the attention to detail shown by the leader. At the weekend, you can take part in a *diada casteller*.

Offer price

84€

From April 23 to
November 10 2015.

Where in Catalonia? Living it



A firm founded by genuine enthusiasts of Catalan culture, Living it organises visits to different places to experience customs, traditional festivities and centuries-old celebrations of all kinds. The aim of Living it is to show visitors the traditional heritage in the company of guides fully versed in Catalan culture. The trips are designed for small groups, last half a day or an entire day and include transport.

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Languages

Catalan, Spanish
and English



Façade of La Pedrera, interior of the Palau Moxó, and façade of Hotel Diana © Monumenta

Catalogued castles and buildings

Enjoying architecture

The cultural heritage of Catalonia includes many artistically and historically relevant buildings. There are castles, Gothic and Modernist homes and farmhouses with centuries of history. They are buildings that tell us how our ancestors lived and which now welcome visitors seeking comfortable rooms and good food, as well as sports, ceremonies and cultural acts. The buildings of Monumenta are exceptional places to relax or enjoy a celebration.

Monumenta

Monumenta is a brand name that distinguishes catalogued castles and buildings in Catalonia whose owners belong to the association APCECC. The brand covers hotels, rural guesthouses, restaurants, celebrations, concerts, sporting and cultural events, guided tours and themed routes. It is a formula that helps to conserve and sustain these buildings.

Where in Catalonia?



Offer price

Check prices for each building

All year round, except for buildings which only open for one season.

Languages

Catalan, Spanish, English, French, German and Russian

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The Monastery of Santes Creus © Pepo Segura

Monuments of Catalonia

A route through the monuments of our heritage

There are historic monuments scattered all across the territory. A visit to the Seu Vella de Lleida, the ancient cathedral with its paintings and monumental sculptures, is highly recommended, as well as the castles of Claramunt, Cardona and Miravet. The canon church of Vilabertran and the monastery of Sant Pere de Rodes in the Empordà should not be overlooked, nor should the charterhouse of Escaladei in the Priorat or the royal monastery of Santes Creus, one of three royal abbeys in Catalonia, along with Poblet and Vallbona.

Offer price

From
3.5 €

All year round. Check online for timetables and prices.

Where in Catalonia? Direcció General de Patrimoni Cultural (The Cultural Heritage Office)



The web page of the Generalitat, Cultura, will give you detailed information about these monuments. The Monuments application for mobiles is also a guide to this country-wide heritage. It is a resource with all the information required to plan and enjoy the trip: how to get there, timetables, prices, downloadable information, activities and images... get it at http://www.mhcat.cat/monuments_a_les_teves_mans.

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Languages

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Renfe-SNCF in co-operation

France – Spain in high-speed train



The double-decker train that covers the Paris - Barcelona line © SnCF

High-speed trains

Excellence and comfort from centre to centre

The high-speed train is no longer a pipe dream in Barcelona, it is real. High-speed trains enter Catalonia from France and offer direct connections between the main cities of France and Catalonia. There are four lines: Paris Barcelona; Lyon Barcelona; Toulouse Barcelona and Marseille Barcelona - Madrid. The connection in Paris means that other European cities such as London, Brussels, Geneva, Cologne, Strasbourg and Bordeaux can now access Barcelona by train.

Renfe-SNCF in co-operation

The French (SNCF) and Spanish (Renfe) railways are 50% partners in the company that runs the high-speed train link between France and Spain, Elipsos International, SA. Tickets can therefore be purchased from either of these operators' sales points, which are mainly in their stations. www.voyages-sncf.com and www.renfe.com.

Where in Catalonia?



Offer price

From
59€

All year round.
Paris-Barcelona per person and journey in 2nd class. Check for conditions.

Languages

Catalan, Spanish,
English and French

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Sercotel hotels

For those who seek a personal way to travel



Room at the Sercotel Ciutat de Montcada, Barcelona © Sercotel hotels

Offers in all of Catalonia

A full catalogue of updated offers

The website of Sercotel hotels provides their clients with all the latest information about offers available across the chain. Having this information online means that all the opportunities are thoroughly updated, making it easier to find alternatives. There may be several hotels in the chain offering cultural or romantic weekends, or low-priced last-minute breaks, among other options.

Offer price

Consult prices and different offers

All year round.
Consult for room availability.

Where in Catalonia? Sercotel hotels



Sercotel is a hotel chain with over 135 establishments, of which 28 are scattered throughout Catalonia. It has a comprehensive selection of luxury and gastronomic hotels with urban terraces and spa areas. They are oriented towards family groups and provide personalised service, although their facilities are also adapted to business conventions.

Sercotel
hotels

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Spanish, English,
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German

Xarxa de Turisme Industrial de Catalunya (XATIC)

Witnesses to a revolution



Learning in the factory is an activity suitable for all ages © Anna Mata Cubelles

Living Industry

Inside the factory

Whether our interest is in business and trade, or tourism and culture, a working factory gives us the chance to experience industrial development at first hand. The Living Industry programme opens the doors of industry to us by arranging visits to factories in different sectors, food, audiovisual, new technologies, arts and crafts so that we can see the production process and grasp its importance in Catalan society.

Xarxa de Turisme Industrial de Catalunya (XATIC)

XATIC is an association of towns, resources and companies aiming to promote industrial tourism in Catalonia. Its proposals range from visits to buildings and spaces associated with historical Catalan industries to working factories. The programme, including accompaniment, consultancy and the arrangement of visits goes by the name of Living Industry.

Where in Catalonia?



Offer price

Prices vary depending on the visit

All year round.
Different timetables,
consult in advance.

Languages

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English and French

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Barcelona

With a population of over one and a half million, Barcelona is a cosmopolitan city. A vibrant cultural life combined with the lure of its architecture and Mediterranean lifestyle make the city a benchmark European tourist destination. The city preserves its own identity traits, based on aspects such as Modernism, Olympism, pacifism and social progress. Discover the cultural heritage of an urban centre open to the Mediterranean and the world.



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Detail of the roof and steeple of Casa Batlló
by Antoni Gaudí



Esplanade at the entrance to Montjuïc Castle



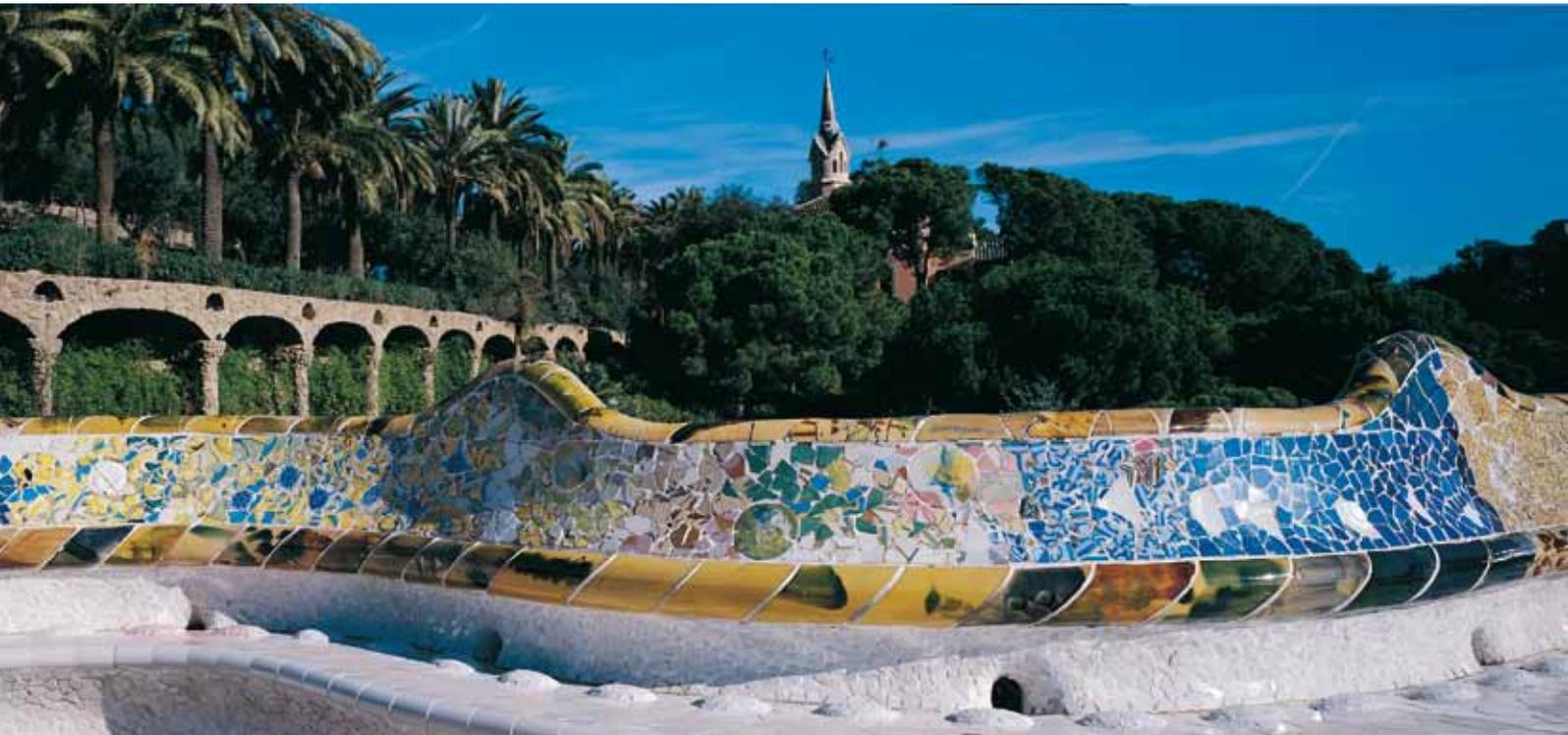
Mercat de Santa Caterina, remodelled
by architect Enric Miralles



View from the Sagrada Família



Stall at the Mercat de la Boqueria



Park Güell © Turisme de Barcelona

Guidebook for a unique destination

All the ways to see the city

Barcelona combines the attractions of culture and architecture with the vitality of a dynamic city. Both qualities can be appreciated in Barcelona's shopping facilities, cuisine, culture (*fiestas* and traditions, festivals, museums,...), leisure activities, sports and lifestyle. The guidebook Time Out Official Free Bcn Guide, which Turisme de Barcelona publishes every month, is a compilation of all the activities of this singular destination. With 5 km of beaches, Barcelona is the leader in cruise destinations and also business travel.

Offer price

Free

Monthly activities guide. Activity Guide "Save the Date Barcelona 2015".

Where in Catalonia? Turisme de Barcelona



Turisme de Barcelona organises promotion and communication activities and marketing campaigns on the world's main tourism markets. It also markets a wide range of tourist services and products for both private individuals and tour operators. It has established the Barcelona Culture and Leisure programme to position the city as a high-ranking cultural destination.

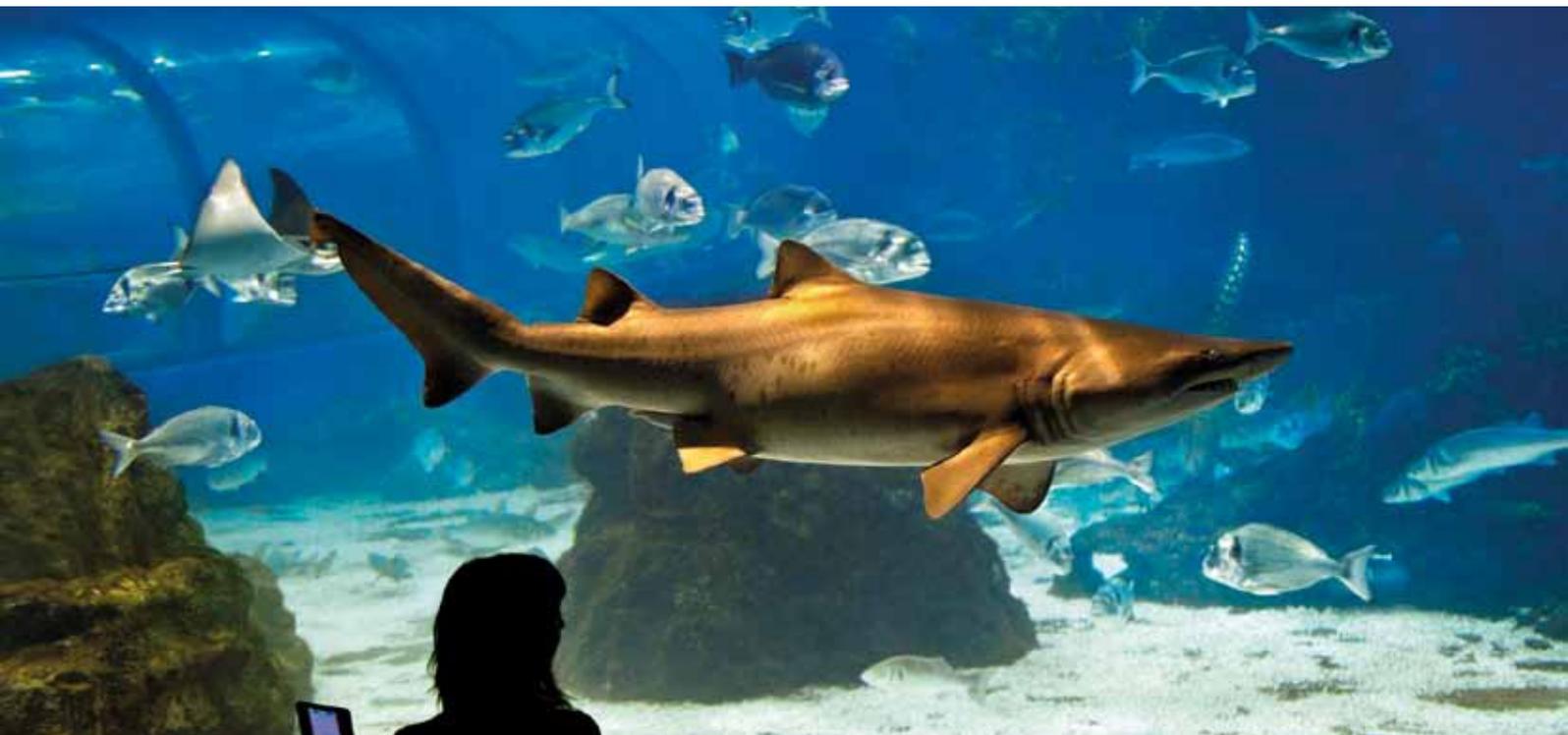
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Languages

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English and French



Oceanarium with sharks at the Aquàrium de Barcelona © Anton Vidal

Swimming with sharks

Face-to-face with extraordinary creatures

A scuba diving experience among sharks, rays, moray eels and ocean sunfish shared with the family and friends, who can follow the diver's progress from the submarine tunnel. This activity includes a guided visit through the aquarium facilities, a talk on the several species of shark and the main skin-diving destinations, hire of diving equipment and entrance tickets for two companions. Those undertaking the dive must have a scuba diving licence and a health certificate issued by a specialist in sports medicine.

Aquàrium de Barcelona

An aquarium dedicated to life underwater with over 11,000 animal specimens. It is the world's most important aquarium as regards Mediterranean ecosystems and also has a tropical area, an oceanarium with sharks, the Planeta Aqua and the Explora space, where visitors may observe penguins, rays and piranhas. The centre offers several discovery possibilities for families and groups.

Where in Catalonia?



Offer price

From
300 €

All year round.
Wednesdays and weekends. Consult prices, they may vary throughout the year.

Languages

Catalan, Spanish,
English, French,
German and Russian

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Ayre Hotel Caspe ****

In the heart of the city



Foyer and double room at the Ayre Hotel Caspe © Ayre Hotel Caspe

Discovering the city with Ayre Hotel

Tourism and Business

On one of Barcelona's most central streets, only ten minutes' walk away from Plaça de Catalunya, Ayre Hotel Caspe **** lavishes attention and cordiality on its clients. The package, aimed at those who come to the city either for business or leisure, includes one night in a double room (breakfast included) and a bottle of *cava*, a further detail to make one's stay at the Ayre Hotel Caspe even more pleasant.

Offer price

From
100€

From March 1 to 31
and from July 1 to
August 31.

Where in Catalonia? Ayre Hotel Caspe ****



In a privileged location, only a stone's throw away from Plaça de Catalunya, Barcelona's nerve centre, the Ayre Hotel Caspe offers ideal accommodation for those visitors who seek a comfortable, modern hotel equipped with the latest technology and within easy reach of the business and tourist areas of the city. The hotel facilities include a buffet restaurant and a gym.



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Languages

Catalan, Spanish,
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German

Ayre Hotel Gran Via Barcelona ****

In the business district



Foyer at the Ayre Hotel Gran Via © Ayre Hotel Gran Via

Luxury stay with a glass of cava

Cordial personalised attention

Hard by Montjuïc and the city's business district, Ayre Hotel Gran Via Barcelona provides the best accommodation for our visit to Barcelona. The offer consists of one night in a double room (breakfast included) and we welcome you with a bottle of *cava*. The staff at this elegant, functional hotel is noted for their exquisite attention and cordial service, the perfect complement to a luxury stay.

Ayre Hotel Gran Via Barcelona ****

Built very recently, the Ayre Hotel Gran Via Barcelona **** stands in Plaça d'Espanya, strategically placed for easy access to Montjuïc, Fira de Barcelona, Zona Franca and El Prat Airport. The hotel is noted for its functional, avant-garde design and its attentive, cordial service. It has 189 rooms, restaurant, cafeteria, car park, business corner and three spacious conference rooms.

Where in Catalonia?



Offer price

From
100 €

From March 1 to 31
and July 1 to August
31.

Languages

Catalan, Spanish,
English, French and
German

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Barceló Atenea Mar ****

A modern, functional hotel on the seafront



Room with view of the Barcelona coastline © Barceló Atenea Mar

Mediterranean dining

Local fish and seafood cuisine

The El Comedor restaurant, which belongs to the Barceló Atenea Mar ****, offers a Mediterranean fish and seafood dinner that can be enjoyed either in the restaurant itself or on the hotel terrace. An extraordinary gourmet experience based on ingredients characteristic of the Mediterranean Sea. Specialities include all kinds of rice dishes, and *fideus* (noodles) with monkfish and baby squid. There is also a fixed daily menu prepared using ingredients fresh from the market.

Offer price

26 €

All year round.
Terrace open all year round.

Where in Catalonia? Barceló Atenea Mar ****



A 4-star hotel standing on the new Barcelona seafront, right behind the Nova Mar Bella beach. It has 191 rooms with sea views and a restaurant bathed in natural light. The establishment offers services such as a gym, sauna, jacuzzi and free Wi-Fi, as well as five conference rooms with a capacity for 400 people, equipped with state-of-the-art audio visual technology.

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Russian

Barceló Atenea Mar

Barceló Raval ****

The avant-garde in Ciutat Vella



Foyer and exterior of the Barceló Raval ****, showing its avant-garde architecture © Hotel Barceló Raval

An innovative concept

Ground-breaking architecture and history

The imposing outline of the Barceló Raval **** has altered the physiognomy of one of Barcelona's liveliest inner-city neighbourhoods. The hotel, symbol of the transformation of El Raval, has a tempting offer for us: one night's accommodation with breakfast and unforgettable views of the city of Barcelona from the hotel's circular 360° terrace. A special offer that provides the opportunity to enjoy ground-breaking innovation while surrounded by history.

Barceló Raval ****

The Barceló Raval **** Hotel is strategically located in the heart of Barcelona, in the El Raval district, epicentre of the city's artistic and cultural life. By virtue of its unique oval architecture and tasteful avant-garde interior, the Barceló Raval **** has become a symbol of the transformation and modernisation of this part of the historical centre.

Where in Catalonia?



Offer price

[Check for prices](#)

All year round.
[Check for room availability.](#)

Languages

Catalan, Spanish, English, French, Italian, Russian and German

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Barceló Raval

Barceló Sants ****

Excellent connections are our hallmark



Hall of the Barceló Sants © Barceló Sants

Cityscape and Mediterranean cuisine

Gourmet food with views of Montjuïc

Dining in the elegant Hotel Barceló Sants restaurant, with its unique atmosphere and attention to detail, customers can look out over the mountain of Montjuïc, which is an experience in itself. However, the hotel completes this by offering a taste of the products of Catalonia and the Mediterranean flavours of each season. The tasting menu of Hydrogen features seasonal dishes prepared with a pinch of innovation. An unforgettable experience of Catalan culinary culture.

Offer price

Consult

All year round, except
July and August.

Where in Catalonia? Barceló Sants ****



A 4-star hotel built on top of Barcelona Sants station, Catalonia's most important railway hub. It has 378 totally refurbished rooms. The hotel is a byword in the city for the staff's commitment to clients and its cuisine. Its 2,500 m² of conference rooms together have a capacity for 1,500 people.

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Languages

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Italian, German and
Russian

Barceló Sants

Barcelona Boutique Hotels & Apartments ****

Two hotels, maximum exclusivity



A stroll through the Gothic Quarter © Hotel Barcelona Catedral

Experiences...

Explore l'Eixample and Ciutat Vella

To really know a city, you have to study its past to discover its legends and secrets. Our hotels offer our guests free leisure activities to explore the hidden corners of the Eixample and the Gothic Quarter. The hotel Barcelona Catedral has guided walks every wednesday night and sunday morning, while Hotel Sixtytwo challenges its guests with the game #Descobrir. The offer includes accommodation in a double room, breakfast and a walk through the legends of Barcelona.

Barcelona Boutique Hotels & Apartments ****

The group has two hotels in the centre of Barcelona (Hotel Barcelona Catedral and Hotel Sixtytwo) and six buildings with apartments for tourists. Each offers visitors a unique experience of the city. The hotels combine high quality accommodation with sensory experiences that let them see other sides of the city.

Where in Catalonia?



Offer price

Consult

All year round. Price for accommodation in a double room. Walks on Wednesday evenings and Sunday mornings.

Languages

Catalan, Spanish, English, French and German

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Interior of the Mermaid room of the Hotel España © Barcelona Exciting

The Modernist Barcelona of 1900

Journey to the past of the Ciutat Comtal

Barcelona Exciting offers a fun look into the past of Barcelona with an audio-guide visit to the Palau Güell, a dramatised stroll along the Rambla with a citizen from 1905, lunch or dinner at the Hotel España in the Raval, with a menu by the chef Martín Berasategui (three Michelin stars). Exciting music, on the other hand, offers a guided visit to the Palau de la Música, a dramatised walk with a worker from 1910, and lunch or dinner at the Brasserie Flo.

Offer price

78.50 €

VAT included.

Where in Catalonia? Barcelona Exciting



This company specialises in the creation of projects for cultural and gastronomic experiences in Barcelona. It arranges cultural activities for domestic and foreign visitors interested in exploring Modernism and food in original, creative and exclusive ways. It offers three possibilities: Exciting Modernism, Exciting Music and Exciting Cooking.



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Languages

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English, French
Japanese and
Hebrew



Teatre-Museu Dalí, Figueres © Barcelona Guide Bureau

Private Tour: Museu Dalí and Girona

High-speed train, and no queuing

A unique opportunity to discover the truth behind Dalí's famous quote, "the difference between me and a madman is that I am not mad". The Dalí museum goes far beyond the obvious in exploring the worlds of consciousness and the subconscious. The return journey stops in Girona, a historical and cultural treasure, where you can follow a guided tour of the medieval and jewish quarters, and see the colourful houses on the Onyar river. A journey at 300 km/h in high-speed train in complete comfort and with no time wasted.

Barcelona Guide Bureau

Barcelona Guide Bureau (BGB) is a tourist agency with over twenty five years' experience, specialising in guided tours not only of Barcelona but also of the rest of Catalonia. Its extensive catalogue includes regular tours in English and private tours tailor-made to suit the needs of each client, conducted by expert guides who provide reliable quality service.

Where in Catalonia?



Offer price

Consult

All year round. Available in different languages.

Languages

Catalan, Spanish, English, French, German, Russian, Chinese, Portuguese, Italian, Polish and Japanese

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Coastal footpath © Barcelona Holiday

Costa Brava tour

Day trip to the most beautiful sights

This tour, which leaves from Barcelona, invites you to discover the most beautiful spots on the Costa Brava in a single day. The coast is famous for its beauty, with sheer, characteristically rugged cliffs interspersed with coves surrounded by pines and bathed by crystal-clear waters. During the itinerary, which includes a boat trip to the Illes Medes, visitors can observe the mark that different civilisations have left on this privileged area over the past 2,000 years.

Offer price

81€

From May 1 to September 30.
Consult the different itineraries.

Where in Catalonia? Barcelona Holiday



Barcelona Holiday organises one-day bus trips to some of Catalonia's most attractive spots. Tourists who visit Barcelona can explore the country's rich cultural and natural heritage. The trips differ from other similar offers by being highly personalised, and the itineraries include excursions on foot, boat trips and train rides...



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Basílica de la Sagrada Família

International guides to a unique work



Interior of the Sagrada Família basilica ©Basílica Sagrada Família – Pep Daudé

The secrets of the Sagrada Família

See the basilica through the eyes of an expert

This tour of the basilica allows visitors to discover one of Barcelona's most important artistic and spiritual symbols. During the itinerary we explore the two façades, the cloister, the nave interior and the museum. Visitors are also given an explanation of the historical, artistic and symbolic meanings of the building and Gaudí's architecture as a whole. The visits are conducted by specialised guides who adapt to the needs of each group, whether they are business groups, schools or disabled people.

Basílica de la Sagrada Família

The Sagrada Família basilica is architect Antoni Gaudí's most emblematic work: a space of 4,500 m² that allows us to discover how geometrical forms may be exploited to represent elements from nature, on the basis of hyperboloids, paraboloids and ellipsoids. The interior is a genuine forest of columns where light filters through the stained-glass windows to create a monumental atmosphere.

Where in Catalonia?



Offer price

19.50 €

Entrance and guided tour. Tickets available at www.sagradafamilia.cat. Telephone for bookings 931 980 705.

Languages

Catalan, Spanish, English, French, German, Italian and others

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CaixaForum Barcelona

The Social and Cultural Centre of "la Caixa"



Photo of the show "Acaba't la sopa" © Lluís Salvadó

CaixaForum Kids

Culture for all the family

CaixaForum Barcelona does not overlook the young ones: *CaixaForum Kids* is an invitation to families to enjoy cinema, the performing arts or music together, with a programme devised to suit children. The centre has launched a tempting offer: tickets with a 33% discount or at 4 euros for any of the family events in 2015. The ideal way to introduce boys and girls into the world of culture.

Offer price

4 €

Until 31 December.
Consult the programme
at caixaforum.com/agenda.

Where in Catalonia? CaixaForum Barcelona



Located in a former factory designed by architect Puig i Cadafalch, a superb example of Catalan Industrial Modernism, CaixaForum, the Social and Cultural Centre of "la Caixa" in Barcelona, is one of the city's most active cultural venues. The centre, with its total surface area of 12,000 m², is open to everyone, with exhibitions of ancient, modern and contemporary art and an excellent programme of events.



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Languages

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Casa Batlló

A masterpiece of light and colour by Antoni Gaudí



The main floor of Casa Batlló © Casa Batlló

Cultural visits with audio-guide

The essence of a unique building

The artistic value of Casa Batlló makes it a must not only for tourists seduced by the genius of Antoni Gaudí but also for the people of Barcelona who wish to discover the essence of one of the city's main architectural attractions. There is a wealth of imagination and fantasy within its walls. Organized visits with audio-guide, augmented reality and virtual animations are used to bring Gaudí's boundless imagination to life, and to sense what this residence of the Batlló family was like to live in.

Casa Batlló

Declared a World Heritage Site by UNESCO, Casa Batlló is a fascinating piece of architectural work. The façade is noted for its polychrome and allegoric elements and the interior for its sinuous, avant-garde rooms. Casa Batlló organises visits every day of the year that take in the main floor, the inner patio and the roof, with its sculpted chimneys.

Where in Catalonia?



Offer price

21.50 €

All year round, from 9 to 21 h. Last admission at 20:20h. Visits every day.

Languages

Catalan, Spanish, English, French, German, Russian, Portuguese, Italian, Polish, Japanese and Chinese

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Night tour of Montjuïc cemetery © Cementiris de Barcelona

Cultural tours of the cemeteries

A walk with love and death

The guided walks through the cemeteries of Montjuïc and Poblenou, the city's two monumental necropoli, reveal an artistic and cultural heritage of great value as well as two centuries of everyday life in Barcelona: epidemics, adventures, poverty and prosperity are episodes reflected in pantheons and graves, witnesses to the evolution of the city. The Horse-Drawn Hearse Collection, on the Montjuïc Cemetery route, is another an example of this.

Offer price

Free

All year round. Guided tours of the collection on Saturdays and of the cemetery on Sundays. Check timetables.

Where in Catalonia? Cementiris de Barcelona



Cemeteries are considered an important facet of European cultural history, in artistic and cultural terms but also in anthropological terms. Cementiris de Barcelona ensure that these open-air museums are well-maintained, and are responsible for the cemeteries of the city as well as the crematoriums of Collserola and Montjuïc.



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Languages

Catalan and Spanish.
Other languages on demand

Centre de Cultura Contemporània de Barcelona (CCCB)

Spreading culture and debate



Dance festival in the CCCB courtyard © Albert Uriach, 2012

2015, a year of literature and cinema

Visiting the CCCB

For 2015, the CCCB has organised major exhibitions of a number of topics drawn from the concerns of citizens: Piso Piloto [Show Flat], More or Less Human and the World Press Photo. The international literature festival Kosmopolis will have an exhibition on Sebald, and the first edition of the International Cultural Innovation Award will be held, as well as the cinema festivals Docs Barcelona, Cine d'Autor and L'Alternativa, among others.

Centre de Cultura Contemporània de Barcelona (CCCB)

Opened in 1994, the Centre de Cultura Contemporània de Barcelona has a total area of 15,000 m². El CCCB organises and hosts exhibitions, debates, festivals and concerts; film cycles, courses and lectures. It promotes contemporary creativity and artistic research, collaborating with other cultural centres, museums and national and international entities.

Where in Catalonia?



Offer price

6 €

All year round.
Entrance fee for one exhibition.

Languages

Catalan, Spanish and English

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CCCB Centre de Cultura Contemporània de Barcelona

CosmoCaixa Barcelona.

A museum for experiments



Detail of the *Bosc Inundat* and the Planetarium at CosmoCaixa © CosmoCaixa

Discover science and the Universe

A trip through space and the Amazon rainforest

This year we propose to discover worlds beyond the Solar System and learn all we can about space in the 3d Planetarium. Visitors can also enter the world of science through our permanent exhibitions, with over 30,000 m² of unique experiments, plants and living creatures, learn about cutting-edge research in the new TopCiencia space or plunge into the Amazon rainforest. A singular stimulating experience that combines entry to the Museum with the second most modern planetarium in Europe.

Offer price

3€

All year round. Museum entrance and 3D Planetarium session.

Where in Catalonia? CosmoCaixa Barcelona.



CosmoCaixa, the Museu de la Ciència de l'Obra Social "La Caixa", is an innovative museum concept with a rich collection of objects, living beings and experiments which makes it a leader of its kind on an international scale. The *Mur Geològic* (Geological Wall) —with seven cuts of real rock—, the *Bosc Inundat* —1,000 m² of tropical rainforest— and the *Planetari 3D* form part of the numerous attractions at CosmoCaixa.



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ABaC Restaurant © evadeHotels

Ruta Gourmet

5-star Gastronomy

Design, luxury, sustainability... these are some of the hallmarks of evadeHotels, which are synonymous with excellence. Their exclusive offer is of the same standard: the Ruta Gourmet is a chance to enjoy the creations of prize-winning chef Jordi Cruz. The offer includes 2 nights at the recently renovated Hotel Cram, 1 Mareva cocktail as a welcome to the Anemos Terrace Bar or Mareva Cocktail Bar, 2 buffet breakfasts in the Anema Terrace, one lunch or dinner at the Angle restaurant, which has one Michelin star, and a lunch or dinner at the ABaC restaurant, which has two.

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Where in Catalonia?



Offer price

From
395 €

Until December 28.
Price per double room,
except Mondays and
Sundays.

Languages

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English and French

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Façade of the Fundació Antoni Tàpies and *Núvol i cadira* by Antoni Tàpies © Fundació Antoni Tàpies, 2014

In the contemporary key

Exhibitions and the legacy of Antoni Tàpies

Since its inauguration in 1990, the Fundació Antoni Tàpies has staunchly championed the plural, interdisciplinary facets of contemporary art, and promoted it with a programme founded on this principle and the most complete collection of works by Tàpies, consisting for the most part of donations from his family. The Fundació has a programme of cultural activities all year round.

Offer price

7€

Until February 17.
Check for reductions
and prices for groups.
Consult the web for the
year's programme.

Where in Catalonia? Fundació Antoni Tàpies



Created in 1984 by Antoni Tàpies to promote the study and knowledge of modern and contemporary art, the Fundació Tàpies is located in the building formerly occupied by the Editorial Montaner i Simon publishing house, by the modernist architect Lluís Domènech i Montaner. The Fundació organises temporary exhibitions, symposiums, lectures and film cycles, together with regular exhibitions devoted to Antoni Tàpies.

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Languages

Catalan, Spanish,
English and French



Interior of the Fundació Joan Miró © Fundació Joan Miró – Pere Pratdesaba

A day out with the family at the Fundació

Performing and plastic arts

Joan Miró was one of the most influential 20th century artists. An extensive permanent exhibition of his work reveals all the aspects of a process, both personal and artistic, that would lead to his generating a unique style. Sunday is the best day for a family visit as the Fundació programmes workshops, tours and shows for children to round off the day nicely. The FamiliMiró card is free and can be used to obtain discounts.

Fundació Joan Miró

The Fundació Joan Miró was opened to the public in June 1975, although its genesis goes back to the painter's first major exhibition in Barcelona, held seven years earlier, when the world of art and culture became aware of the need for premises in which to showcase Miró's work. The permanent collection comprises over 14,000 items and includes painting, sculpture, ceramics, textiles and graphic work.

Where in Catalonia?



Offer price

4 to 6 €

From November to April, Sunday mornings. Entrance to workshops. Timetables and bookings through the website.

Languages

Catalan, Spanish,
English and French

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The flat where the Fundació Setba is based © Setba

History and memory in the Plaça Reial

Cultural diversity in the heart of Barcelona

The Setba Foundation uses culture as a vehicle to achieve its objective of social cohesion, support for emerging artists and sustainability. It is behind several projects to recover the social history of the Plaça Reial and its neighbourhood. It works with other entities and creates projects for groups that require them, in support of childhood, pensioners, the mentally ill, victims of abuse and persons with mental or physical handicaps.

Offer price

2 €

From September to July.
The price is the entrance fee to exhibitions.

Where in Catalonia? Fundació Setba



A multipurpose cultural space located in a 19th century building in Plaça Reial, Fundació Setba runs exhibitions, culinary workshops and a variety of activities for individuals and firms. The flat, in which artists like Ocaña and Luís Llach once lived, still preserves the original mosaic flooring and gypsum mouldings. Setba showcases both acknowledged artists and up-and-coming creators. The Foundation has recently opened the Espai Miró exhibition space in the Eixample district.

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Languages

Catalan, Spanish,
English and French



Exhibition at the Fundació Suñol © Aina de Gispert

Fundació Suñol

A private collection of contemporary art

The Fundació Suñol invites visitors to discover one of the most important private collections of contemporary art in the country. The Fundació provides you with a unique view of the most influential artists of the past fifty years through individual and collective shows on permanent display in over 1,000 m² of exhibition space.

Fundació Suñol

The Fundació Suñol is a non-profit private entity that exhibits the Josep Suñol collection, comprising over one thousand works of art in different sequences and formats, while at the same time fostering avant-garde contemporary art by providing the young generation of artists with financial aid. Consult the Fundació webpage to find out about current activities.

Where in Catalonia?



Offer price

5 €

Check for discounts.
Monday to Friday from
11 to 14 and from 16 to
20 h. Saturdays from 16
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Languages

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Gaudí Experiència

An interactive technological space



Gaudí's models in an interactive centre © Gaudí Experiència

Gaudí through new eyes

A sensorial experience

Gaudí Experiència is the first space that applies an interactive approach to the life and work of Antoni Gaudí using 4D technology: with its Scope screen, 7.1 surround sound, active stereoscopy and moving seats with special sound effects, this space, located at the foot of Park Güell, takes us on a trip through the imagination of the brilliant architect to discover what lies behind his innovative artistic idiom. A didactic, sensorial experience.

Offer price

9€

All year round. April to September, from 10 to 20 h; October to March, from 10 to 18 h. Consult reduced rates.

Where in Catalonia? Gaudí Experiència



Gaudí Experiència, a new audio-visual exhibition space that centres on the figure of Antoni Gaudí, takes you on an interactive 4D journey through the architect's creative universe. The audio-visual has been created with state-of-the-art technology, moving seats and air and water effects. Gaudí Experiència offers individual and special group visits, offers for schools and spaces for hire.



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Gran Teatre del Liceu

The temple of opera



Auditorium of the Gran Teatre del Liceu © A. Bofill

Liceu: Opera, Art and History

Guided tour of the treasures of the Liceu

The guided tour of the Liceu is a fascinating visit to 160 years of theatre history. Aimed at the general public, it is not limited to the best-known areas, but also goes into its history, and the wealth of stories that have made it an exceptional stage for the artistic, social and political life of Barcelona. A visit to the private club, the Cercle del Liceu, which contains priceless examples of Catalan Modernism.

Gran Teatre del Liceu

Opened in 1847, the Gran Teatre del Liceu is one of the great opera houses of the world, and a symbol of Barcelona. From its earliest days it was at the artistic and cultural heart of the city, with a first-rate programme of opera, dance and concerts. Besides the guided tours, the rooms of the theatre can be hired for any type of event.

Where in Catalonia?



Offer price

From
6€

Visits (Sept - July) from 9:30 h. Guided visits: 14 €. Check for prices. Audio-guides available.

Languages

Catalan, Spanish, English, French, German, Russian, Italian, Japanese and Chinese

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Hotel Duquesa de Cardona ****

A *palacete* overlooking the sea



Terrace and views from the Hotel Duquesa de Cardona © Hotel Duquesa de Cardona

History, culture and leisure

A delightful boutique hotel in the Gothic Quarter

The Hotel Duquesa de Cardona **** is an ideal place for visitors keen to explore the historic centre of the city. Not only is the hotel in the centre of the Gothic Quarter, it is in a 19th century house that was property of the Cardona family and a seat of the Court when visiting Barcelona, later to be converted into a *palacete* in the 19th century. Guests receive a glass of cava on arrival.

Offer price

430 €

All year round. Two nights with buffet breakfast. Consult for room availability.

Where in Catalonia? Hotel Duquesa de Cardona ****



A 19th century *palacete* houses the Hotel Duquesa de Cardona, an enchanting hotel-boutique located close to the Port Vell of Barcelona and only a stone's throw away from the Rambla and the Gothic Quarter. It has 40 exclusive avant-garde style rooms, a magnificent terrace and a swimming pool-solarium with spectacular views of the port.



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The Herbalist shop in Plaça Reial © Icono Serveis

Centenarian shops

The unofficial history

There is nothing like getting lost in side streets and places practically unknown to tourists when it comes to discovering the genuine, everyday history of cities. Icono Serveis has designed an itinerary through the centenarian shops of the Gothic Quarter and El Born, two of Barcelona's most alluring districts. On the itinerary we visit the establishments and even chat with their owners, thereby gaining first-hand knowledge of how customs and commerce in the Ciutat Comtal have changed.

Icono Serveis

With long experience in the sector, Icono Serveis organises exclusive visits to see Barcelona through new eyes: art tours, cultural routes, thematic itineraries tailor-made to suit the needs of each client... The highly professional and human qualities of the team ensure excellent service on the part of the firm, a member of the Catalan Tourist Board, Turisme de Barcelona and Barcelona Convention Bureau.

Where in Catalonia?



Offer price

From
240 €

All year round. Monday to Friday in working hours. Service includes a guide.

Languages

Catalan, Spanish, English, French, German, Italian, Portuguese and Russian

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Concert hall 1 Pau Casals © Ros Ribas

The musical centre of Barcelona

The home of the OBC

The Barcelona Symphony Orchestra and National Orchestra of Catalonia (OBC) offers a full programme of concerts on Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays, between October and June. The programme includes renowned international artistes, great works (Beethoven's complete piano works, New World Symphony, Lord of the Rings (with the projection of the film), Dvorak's Eighth Symphony...), great composers (Beethoven, Mahler, Strauss...) and great directors and soloists (Kirvine, Burchbinder, Sarah Chang, Masaaki Suzuki, among others), accompanied by a great orchestra.

Offer price

From
10€

October to June. Check for the prices of concerts and the annual activities programme.

Where in Catalonia? L'Auditori



Designed by architect Rafael Moneo, L'Auditori is a modern 42,000 m² building with four concert halls (with between 150 and 2,200 seats) and exceptional acoustics. It programmes more than 450 concerts in all musical styles and is the home of the Barcelona Symphony Orchestra and National of Catalonia (OBC) and the Banda Municipal de Barcelona. It also has the Museu de la Música.



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La Pedrera

The culmination of Gaudí's work



The roof of La Pedrera. General view © Arxiu de la Fundació Catalunya – La Pedrera

La Pedrera, Gaudí's finest work

The essential visit to understand the architect

The Casa Milà, popularly known as *La Pedrera* "The Quarry" because of its façade, was the last civil work undertaken by the modernist architect Antoni Gaudí. Visiting La Pedrera is the most accessible way to discover the work of this architectural giant. The building has excellent examples of Gaudí's trademark features, undulating spaces and magical hypnotic areas such as the attic and roof terrace. It also houses the only exhibition dedicated to his life and work. It is also an important cultural centre, with events that enable visitors to experience the building differently.

La Pedrera

Casa Milà, popularly known as *La Pedrera*, is a unique building constructed between 1906 and 1912 by architect Antoni Gaudí and declared a World Heritage Site by UNESCO in 1984. The building currently accommodates a major cultural centre, one of the city's most important by virtue of the activities organised there and its variety of museum spaces and public facility areas.

Where in Catalonia?



Offer price

20.50 €

All year round.
Price includes
Audioguide. Consult
for special offers.

Languages

Catalan, Spanish,
English, French, German,
Portuguese, Italian, Russian,
Japanese and Chinese

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La Pedrera

Museu d'Art Contemporani de Barcelona (MACBA)

A modellic international art museum



The MACBA atrium © Rafael Vargas, 2010

MACBA - an innovative museum

The best international contemporary art

The museum that has made Barcelona an international capital of contemporary art hopes to attract an increasingly wider public thanks to a dynamic, rich, diverse exhibitions programme that speaks to with today's society. With this aim in mind, MACBA offers a 20% discount on museum entrance, valid for all its spaces and exhibitions. The ticket is valid for one month and is valid for exhibitions, activities and guided tours.

Offer price

8€

All year round. Print out this page and bring it with you to enjoy the 20% entrance discount. Ticket valid for one month.

Where in Catalonia? Museu d'Art Contemporani de Barcelona (MACBA)



The Museu d'Art Contemporani de Barcelona (MACBA) is regarded internationally as a model for contemporary art. Its collections map out an itinerary through the work of today's most influential artists. True to its commitment to innovation and education, MACBA also generates reflection and critical debates on art and culture in general.

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Languages

Catalan, Spanish and English



Museu d'Història de Catalunya (MHC)

The memory of a nation



The permanent exhibition "The Origins" ©MHC (Pepo Segura)

Take a trip through history

From prehistory to the present

The exhibition is organised as an itinerary through the history of Catalonia, from the first human settlements to the present day. The MHC combines original artefacts from all periods with reconstructions, dramatisations and interactive educational installations, arranged in a chronological narrative which is both rigorous and entertaining. Designed according to the notion of total history, the exhibition places emphasis on the everyday life of ordinary people.

Museu d'Història de Catalunya (MHC) Where in Catalonia?

The historical Magatzems Generals de Comerç building that houses the Museum dates from 1881 and constitutes the only surviving example of industrial Modernism in the port of Barcelona. The terrace, where social events and functions are organised, offers exceptional views over the Port Vell and the city. Visitors to the Museum can enjoy temporary exhibitions and a variety of services.



Offer price

4.5 €

All year round.
Check information on reduced rates, events free of charge and special conditions for groups.

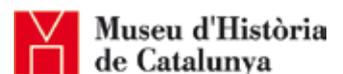
Languages

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Museu d'Idees i Invents de Barcelona

A museum unlike any other



The slide, part of the MIBA permanent exhibition © miba

Not everything has been invented

A guided visit to the MIBA

A periscope at the entrance encourages us to take a look at the incredible world that awaits us inside the Museum of Ideas and Inventions of Barcelona. A slide takes us down to the floor below, an invitation to plunge into the imaginative, unknown, stimulating realm of inventions. The original, revolutionary objects on display astonish us even when they are not part of an exhibition, so that the entire museum becomes infused with inspiration and good humour.

Offer price

8 €

Until December 31st.
Children 5 to 12, 6 €.

Where in Catalonia? Museu d'Idees i Invents de Barcelona



The Museu d'Idees i Invents (MIBA) has no counterpart anywhere else in the world. The only one of its kind, the MIBA was conceived to stimulate creativity and encourage visitors' spirit of enterprise through its collection of inventions. A visit to the MIBA is a ticket to inspiration, to dream up new devices and objects, and to have a fun day with the family.

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Languages

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Museu Europeu d'Art Modern (MEAM)

Contemporary figurative art in the heart of the El Born district



MEAM music concert in the Sala Noble © A. Bofill

Visit to the museum and concert

Two cultural facets in the same experience

MEAM offers the chance to enjoy a unique two-part cultural experience every Saturday afternoon. First there is a visit to the 300 works of figurative art from the collection "Contemporary Art, 21st Century" on display at the museum, which is housed in the 18th century Palau Gomis. Secondly, at 18 h there is a live classical music concert complete with afternoon tea. Together, they constitute an elegant combination of neoclassical culture and contemporary art.

Museu Europeu d'Art Modern (MEAM)

MEAM exhibits the best contemporary figurative art at the Palau Gomis in Barcelona. The museum belongs to the Fundació de les Arts i els Artistes, the purpose of which is to raise awareness of the figurative art of the 20th and 21st centuries. The museum aims to find a new contemporary idiom that, instead of renouncing tradition, uses it as a base from which to take a step forward.

Where in Catalonia?



Offer price

19€

All year round.
Consult for special
and group rates.

Languages

Catalan, Spanish,
English, French,
German and
Russian

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Museu Nacional d'Art de Catalunya

Palau Nacional de Montjuïc



Tandem. © Imagen MAS — Façade of the Palau Nacional, home of the Museum © Museu Nacional d'Art de Catalunya, Barcelona, 2014 Fotografia: Marta Mérida

A fascinating journey through art

Romanesque and Modernist, one of a kind

A visit to the Palau Nacional will enable you to discover the treasures and symbols of Medieval art, admire the European masters of the Renaissance and Baroque and to appreciate Modern art through the singular filter of Modernism. You can also discover the history of the building and enjoy the spectacular views of the city as you explore the works in the Museu Nacional d'Art de Catalunya (National Museum of Art of Catalonia), a unique experience in the privileged setting of Montjuïc.

Offer price

12€

All year round except
January 1, May 1 and
December 25.
Check for reduced rates
and free entry.

Where in Catalonia? Museu Nacional d'Art de Catalunya



The museum houses the world's best collection of Romanesque mural painting which, together with Gothic art, constitute a fascinating itinerary through medieval art and make for a unique collection. Modern Catalan art speaks to us through outstanding artists and movements, such as Gaudí and Modernism, or about events such as the Spanish Civil War. The Palau Nacional was built for the Universal Exhibition of 1929, and its views over the city give it an added visual attraction.



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Palau de la Música Catalana

The symbol of modernist Barcelona



The Palau de la Música Catalana auditorium © Antoni Bofill

Discovering the Palau de la Música

Architecture and choral singing

Looking beyond the concerts it programmes, the Palau de la Música Catalana is an extraordinary example of Modernism that seems like something from a dream. The exclusive visit to the building –lasting approximately one hour and adapted to the needs of each client– reveals the artistic and architectural treasures that make it a unique temple of music, and provides the opportunity to attend a rehearsal by the Orfeó Català, the most celebrated choir in Catalonia. The visit begins with a complimentary glass of wine or a cocktail.

Palau de la Música Catalana

Built by Lluís Domènech i Montaner as the home of the Orfeó Català, the Palau de la Música Catalana is a unique gem of Modernism, a symbol of the architectural and musical heritage of Catalonia. The central glazed metallic structure combines with light to convert the building into a magic music box, the only modernist concert hall that is a UNESCO World Heritage Site.

Where in Catalonia?



Offer price

1,020 €

All year round.
Price for groups of 50.
Check for availability,
calendar and any
added costs.

Languages

Catalan, Spanish,
English and French,
Russian (check for other
languages)

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PALAU
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Parc d'Atraccions Tibidabo

A landmark for leisure in the city of Barcelona



Views of the Parc del Tibidabo — The Plane, one of its traditional attractions © Parc d'Atraccions del Tibidabo

A day at the funfair

Emotions for all ages

On Tibidabo you will discover over 25 attractions for all age groups, first-class shows and itinerant animation. This makes the walk from one attraction to the next in one more spectacle at the fair. It also offers visitors a number of services to make their stay as comfortable as possible, such as restaurants with views over the city of Barcelona, indoor dining rooms and picnic areas.

Offer price

28.50 €

January and february, closed.
Consult timetables and reduced rates for children.

Where in Catalonia? Parc d'Atraccions Tibidabo



The Parc d'Atraccions Tibidabo, conceived for children, young people and the elderly alike, is one of Barcelona's landmarks. It is among the oldest of its kind in the world, although it is constantly evolving. We can learn about its history, enjoy all its attractions, from the most traditional to the most recent, and experience thrills galore. All this, with the city of Barcelona as an exceptional spectator.



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Poble Espanyol

A museum inherited from the Universal Exhibition of 1929



A view of Carrer Caballeros in Barcelona's Poble Espanyol © Poble Espanyol

A visit to the Poble Espanyol

Architecture, gastronomy, art and leisure

Close to the fountains of Montjuïc, the unique configuration of Poble Espanyol makes it one of Barcelona's best-known attractions. A peculiar synthesis of Spain's architecture and cultures, it also houses a valuable collection of contemporary art (the Museu Fran Daurel has over 300 works by key figures in Modern Art like Dalí, Miró or Picasso), more than 30 workshops that operate daily, shops and a number of restaurants in a pleasant environment. A videoguide to the site is available in eight languages.

Poble Espanyol

One of the most important legacies the 1929 World Exhibition left to Barcelona's Montjuïc mountain is the Poble Espanyol, an open-air architecture museum with reproductions of 117 buildings and public spaces from all over Spain. Thanks to the craft activities organised there and a varied leisure programme, it has become the city's fourth most visited attraction.

Where in Catalonia?



Offer price

12€

All year round.
Children under 12,
7 €. Consult for
reduced rates and
family activities.

Languages

Catalan, Spanish,
English, French
German, Italian,
Russian and Hebrew

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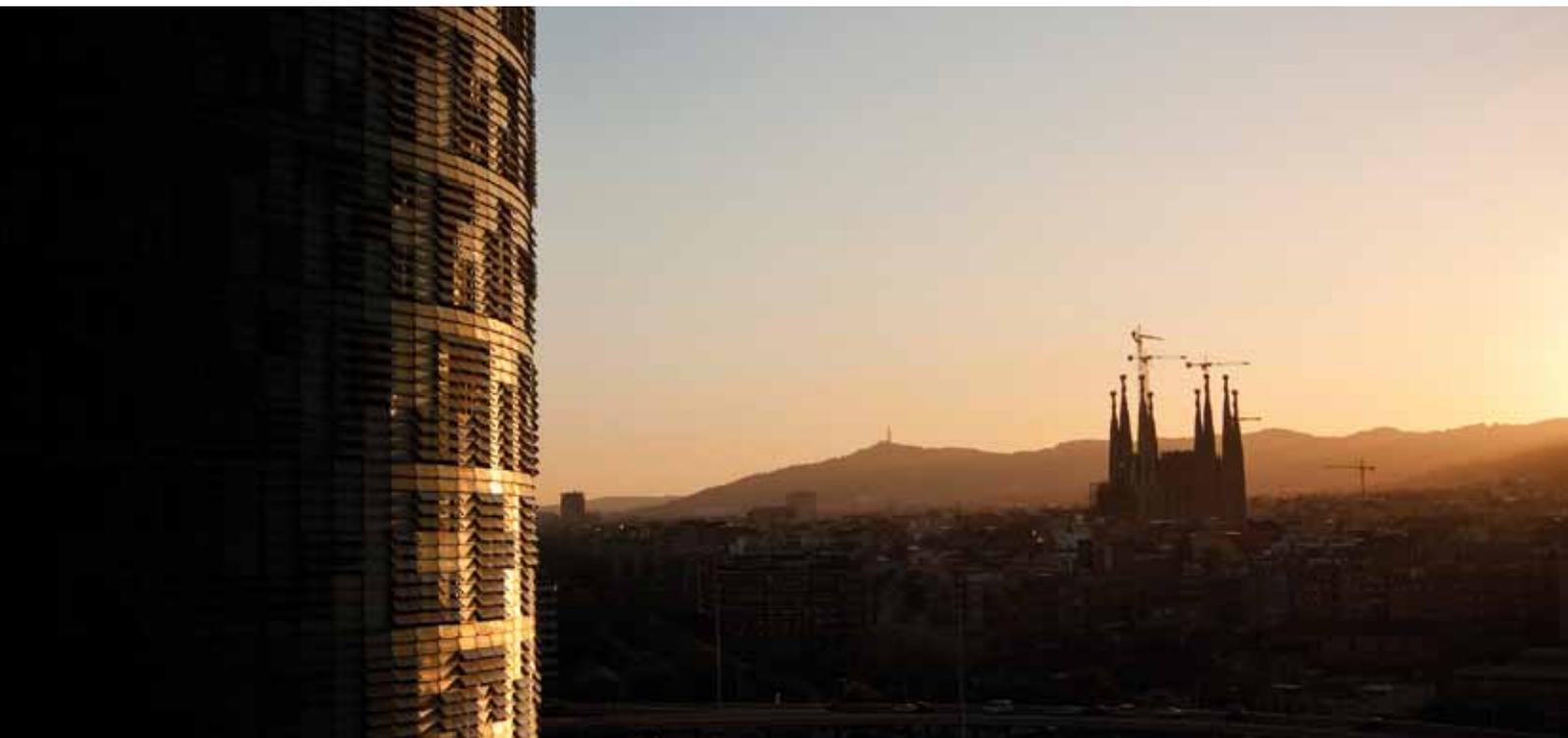


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Poble Espanyol
Barcelona

Visit Barcelona Bilbao

Urban tours for people with cultural interests



Torre Agbar and Sagrada Família © Marga Tubau

Barcelona, an urban break

A well-prepared stay with all the details prepared

Visit Barcelona Bilbao has organised a visit of 4 days and 3 nights to Barcelona with accommodation and breakfast in a comfortable boutique hotel (four star or better) in the city centre. The visit includes two personalised private visits with an expert guide to discover the modernist movement and the most important works of Gaudí, such as the Casa Milà (La Pedrera) and Park Güell. There will also be time to explore the Gothic Quarter and stroll along the Rambla, the port, Montjuïc and other unusual spots.

Offer price

475 €

All year round.
Consult room
availability.

Where in Catalonia? Visit Barcelona Bilbao



This firm offers personalised tourist experiences in several cities in the form of exclusive stays. The idea of travel that lies behind their approach is aimed at cosmopolitan people who love walking, discovering and exploring every corner of the city. Visit Barcelona Bilbao places emphasis on the unique buildings, the culture, the historic development and the gastronomy of each place.



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Languages

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German, Russian,
Italian and Chinese



Dolphins at the Zoo © Zoo de Barcelona

A visit to Barcelona Zoo

An expedition into the animal kingdom

With over 120 years of history, Barcelona Zoo is home to 7,500 animals belonging to over 400 different species: large mammals, big cats, reptiles, tropical birds, gorillas, dolphins... Located in the Parc de la Ciutadella, several areas of the zoo have recently been renovated—the terrarium, the children’s playground, the Komodo dragon enclosure and the elephants’ dormitory, among others—in order to make the visit a thrilling expedition into the animal kingdom.

Zoo de Barcelona

Barcelona Zoo is dedicated to conserving the world’s wild fauna, a key element in the biosphere preservation strategy the city has adopted. The Zoo is active in the fields of education and entertainment to stir and heighten public awareness of the need to respect species and ecosystems, in coordination with other zoos, institutions and university and scientific centres.

Where in Catalonia?



Offer price

19.90 €

All year round.
Adults’ fee.
Children (aged between 3 and 12): 11.95 €.

Languages

Catalan, Spanish and English

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Paisatges Barcelona

In many senses, Paisatges Barcelona is the heart of Catalonia. Comprising L'Anoia, El Bages and Osona, it lies in the middle of the country and preserves a strong identity sheltered by the Montserrat massif, a spiritual centre par excellence. The industrial and agricultural past of this territory has made a mark to be explored through a host of tourist programmes, present throughout a network of medium-sized towns dispersed around Igualada, Manresa and Vic. Come to Paisatges Barcelona, where you will find a culture that will leave surprise you.



◀ The Parc Natural de la Muntanya de Montserrat

▶ The Monastery of Montserrat



The Basilica of Santa Maria de la Seu



Interior of the salt mine. Cardona



The Monastery of Sant Benet de Bages. Mòn Sant Benet



Medieval bridge over the river Llobregat



Barcelona is much more

Diputació de Barcelona



Over a thousand years of history

Culture in the stones

A tour through the different areas of Barcelona reveals a sizeable legacy of historic architecture and other traces of the past in the form of old towns, medieval castles, watchtowers, churches, monasteries, textile factories converted into specialist museums and modernist buildings that enhance the landscape and the villages that lie hidden within it, with their fiestas, traditions and other examples of popular wisdom.



Castle of Cardona © Domingo Nogués

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The Montserrat cog railway and spectacular views of the mountain from the bridge © Ferrocarrils de la Generalitat de Catalunya

The Montserrat cog railway

Inside Montserrat

Taking a trip on the Montserrat cog railway, in the midst of the spectacular landscape of the mountain, is every bit an attraction in itself. However, this programme organised by Ferrocarrils de la Generalitat de Catalunya goes much further: the audio-visual *Montserrat portes endins* (Inside Montserrat) helps us to discover the essence of Catalonia's most emblematic mountain, while the funicular trains of La Santa Cova and Sant Joan take us into the very heart of the Natural Park.

Offer price

17.80 €

All year round.
Enquire about season tickets and reduced fares. The price might vary during the year.

Where in Catalonia? Ferrocarrils de la Generalitat de Catalunya



Ferrocarrils de la Generalitat de Catalunya (FGC) manages the Barcelona-Vallès, Llobregat-Anoia and Lleida-La Pobla railway lines, as well as cog railways such as those of Montserrat and the Vall de Núria, funiculars and the ski resorts of La Molina, Vall de Núria, Espot, Port Ainé and Vallter 2000. A world leader in accessibility, FGC contributes to improving mobility in Catalonia.



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Languages

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Festival Internacional de Música de Cantonigròs

Choral singing and dances of the world



Traditional dance performance at Cantonigròs © fmc – A. Bofill

Cantonigròs in Vic

Music and dance on four summer days

Over four days, from July 16 to 19, the city of Vic will host a new edition of the Festival Internacional de Música de Cantonigròs, a music and folk dance event that has placed the Osona region on the world festival map. The event, which this year celebrates its thirty-third anniversary, provides audiences with the opportunity to enjoy a wide variety of choral singing –by composers from the five continents– and folk dancing, as well as other forms of cultural expression and visits to museums and traditional markets.

Festival Internacional de Música de Cantonigròs

On its thirty-third anniversary, the Festival will be held at the capital of the Osona region, Vic, which next July will host the choral music and folk dancing concerts and contests with groups from all over the world. A unique event of its kind in both Catalonia and Spain, the festival was awarded the Creu de Sant Jordi (St George's Cross) for fostering cultural exchange and enhancing Catalonia's image abroad.

Where in Catalonia?



Offer price

From
13€

From July 16 to 19.
Consult poster for events.

Languages

Catalan, Spanish, English, French, German, Russian and Chinese

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The interior of the mine © FCH

Discover the legacy of Cardona

The lords of the salt mountain

The Parc Cultural de la Muntanya de Sal proposes a visit to the historical town of Cardona to see the inside of the most spectacular salt mountain in Europe and the castle that was home to the richest dynasty of Catalonia, the Cardona family. The recently restored castle has stood here for more than 1,000 years. You should also visit the medieval town centre, and admire the outstanding beauty of the surrounding countryside. Come to Cardona and find out all about the Lords of Salt!

Offer price

18€

Includes visits to the three centres, adapted for different visitors (check online). The spaces are also available for hire.

Where in Catalonia? Fundació Cardona Històrica



The Fundació Cardona Històrica manages Cardona's three tourist and cultural centres: the monumental complex of the Castle, the Centre Cardona Medieval with its guided visits to the old city, and the Parc Cultural de la Muntanya de Sal, a unique natural and cultural attraction. Together, they make the city a major cultural destination.



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The Hotel Bremon cafeteria © Hotel Bremon

A cultural establishment

An offer to discover Cardona

The hotel Bremon is a place where time slows down so you can enjoy the calm serenity and hospitality it offers with a family offer of one night's stay with breakfast. Its nineteen comfortable rooms preserve the charm of its past. It should ideally be complemented by the activities available in the area, such as guided tours of the castle, the salt mountain and the historic town centre.

Hotel Bremon ***

The building of the hotel Bremon dates from the 19th century and used to be the school of the Carmelite Vedrunes. It is an example of how history and memory can be handled with respect. The current owners, the Guals sisters, were pupils of the school and have overseen its transformation into a hotel with the utmost care to ensure that the magic of the past has its place in the comforts of today.

Where in Catalonia?



Offer price

135 €

Includes one night with breakfast for one or two adults in a luxury room.

Languages

Catalan, Spanish,
English and French

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Món Sant Benet

A medieval monastery unlike any other



View of the monastery of Sant Benet © Marc Sixto

Discover Món Sant Benet

History and gastronomy in a unique setting

Món Sant Benet is a monument with medieval origins, a modernist home which still retains its artistic ambience, a place for families and groups to relax and enjoy themselves, a home for innovative cultural activities and a natural space that seeks to be in harmony with its environment. Món Sant Benet offers unusual and surprising visits to the monastery, activities with the Fundació Alcía and other cultural acts as well as the four-star Hotel Món, a conference centre and three restaurants, one of which has earned a Michelin star.

Offer price

From
7.50 €

All year round.
Check for room
availability.

Where in Catalonia? Món Sant Benet



Món St Benet is a unique cultural, tourist and leisure project comprising the medieval monastery of Sant Benet de Bages and the innovative Fundació Alcía, a culinary research centre that applies state-of-the-art technology to cuisine. Món Sant Benet blends art and high-quality gastronomy in an incomparable natural setting in the heart of central Catalonia.



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Languages

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Montserrat

An open-air museum



Views of Montserrat © Montserrat

A unique stay at Montserrat

Nature, culture and spirituality

Montserrat invites you to enjoy a day of art and culture on Catalonia's most emblematic mountain. The programme includes 1 night's half-board accommodation for two at the Hotel Abat Cisneros and two Montserrat Visita voucher books: entrance to the Museu de Montserrat and to the audio-visual room *Montserrat portes endins*; an audio-guide to cover the itineraries of the Museu a l'Aire Lliure (Open-Air Museum); lunch at La Cafeteria and a tasting session for traditional liqueurs; Cremallera (cog railway) or Aeri (cable-car) tickets and discounts for the funicular railways.

Montserrat

Montserrat is the only mountain of its kind in the world, with a Benedictine monastery that is nearly a thousand years old and the sanctuary of the Mare de Déu de Montserrat. Besides the religious services held here every day, the whole mountain is an open-air museum. The monastery and its surroundings are crammed with elements that together with the Museu de Montserrat constitute the historical, artistic, cultural and natural heritage of Montserrat.

Where in Catalonia?



Offer price

160.30 €

All year round.
Consult beforehand for room availability.

Languages

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The museum, housed in an old mansion — Technology and applications © Museu del Coure

A guided tour of the museum

Discovering copper

Organised in four sections that illustrate the origins of metallurgy and the applications of copper in technology, the tour will show us everything we need to know, in a pleasant, didactic way, about a metal of great importance for humanity. The visit ends with the overhead catwalk that crosses the La Farga Lacambra works, allowing us to observe the process of copper production.

Offer price

From
6€

All year round. The price includes entry to the museum and the factory. Consult prices for groups and reductions.

Where in Catalonia? Museu del Coure



The Copper Museum, the only one of its kind in Europe, is located in Les Masies de Voltregà (Osona), in an early XX-century mansion that stands in the industrial complex of La Farga Group, a company founded in 1808 as a small foundry producing copper sheeting to line the underside of wooden boats. Today, the holding consists of four firms which together have created the Fundació La Farga.



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Exterior of the Museu Episcopal de Vic © Museu Episcopal de Vic

The Romanesque view

A journey back to the 11th century

The Museu Episcopal de Vic offers an exclusive guided tour for small groups, which will take visitors back 1,000 years. The Espai Oliba, an interpretation centre with multi-media guides that take us back to the era of the Romanesque, of feudalism and of serfdom, is the departure point for an itinerary which includes a taste of the museum's Romanesque collection and a bird's-eye view of the city of from Catalonia's tallest Romanesque belfry.

Museu Episcopal de Vic

The Museu Episcopal de Vic (MEV) is a medieval art museum, the repository of a magnificent collection of masterpieces of the Catalan Romanesque and Gothic. The exhibits in gold and silver, cloth, wrought iron, glass and ceramics offer a comprehensive view of the history of the liturgical and decorative arts in Catalonia. Given the exceptional value of its collections –over 29,000 pieces–, the MEV was declared a Museum of National Interest by the Generalitat.

Where in Catalonia?



Offer price

8.50 €

All year round.
Consult group prices
and reduced rates.

Languages

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Carrer del Balç, Manresa © JG Esdeveniments - A. Pinzolas

Manresa, a royal city

In the footsteps of Peter III the Ceremonious

The monarch who forged the main institutions of the Catalan State, King Peter III the Ceremonious, granted around one hundred privileges to the city of Manresa, which he visited on three occasions. For this reason, the capital of El Bages exemplifies, like no other in central Catalonia, the growth and excellence of Catalan medieval society. By discovering the city's churches, hospitals and bridges, as well as the Sèquia, an impressive irrigation canal, we plunge into the heart of the History of Catalonia.

Offer price

5€

All year round.
Mondays closed.
Enquire about fairs and
occasional events.

Where in Catalonia? Oficina de Turisme de Manresa



The Oficina de Turisme de Manresa is engaged in an active policy aimed at attracting visitors and promoting the image of Manresa abroad. The medieval, baroque and modernist Catalonias converge in the streets and monuments of the capital of Bages, making it a major attraction for historical and cultural tourism. The Office offers personalised attention in four languages: Catalan, Spanish, English and French.



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Languages

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The historical centre of the city of Vic © Oficina de Turisme de Vic

Market, fuet and music

A day out in Vic

The Oficina de Turisme de Vic has prepared a programme consisting of a one-day visit to the city (best on Saturdays). We begin with a stroll through the street market, which has been held here for a thousand years, and take part in making a *fuet* (long pork sausage) to take home. After a lunch prepared from local produce, we visit the historical centre and the Museu Episcopal, which houses one of the world's most important collections of Romanesque and Gothic art. To round it all off we can listen to live music from the top of the highest Romanesque belltower in the country.

Oficina de Turisme de Vic

A tourist attraction, meeting point, place for research, for pleasure, and for discovering and enjoying the city's attractions, the Oficina de Turisme de Vic is an active, dynamic centre that besides informing both local residents and visitors, generates and creates activities for those wishing to become familiar with the capital of the Osona region. The office also specialises in promoting local producers; the tourist Pack includes the possibility of shopping during the visit.

Where in Catalonia?



Offer price

20.25 €

All year round except special 25% discounts.

Languages

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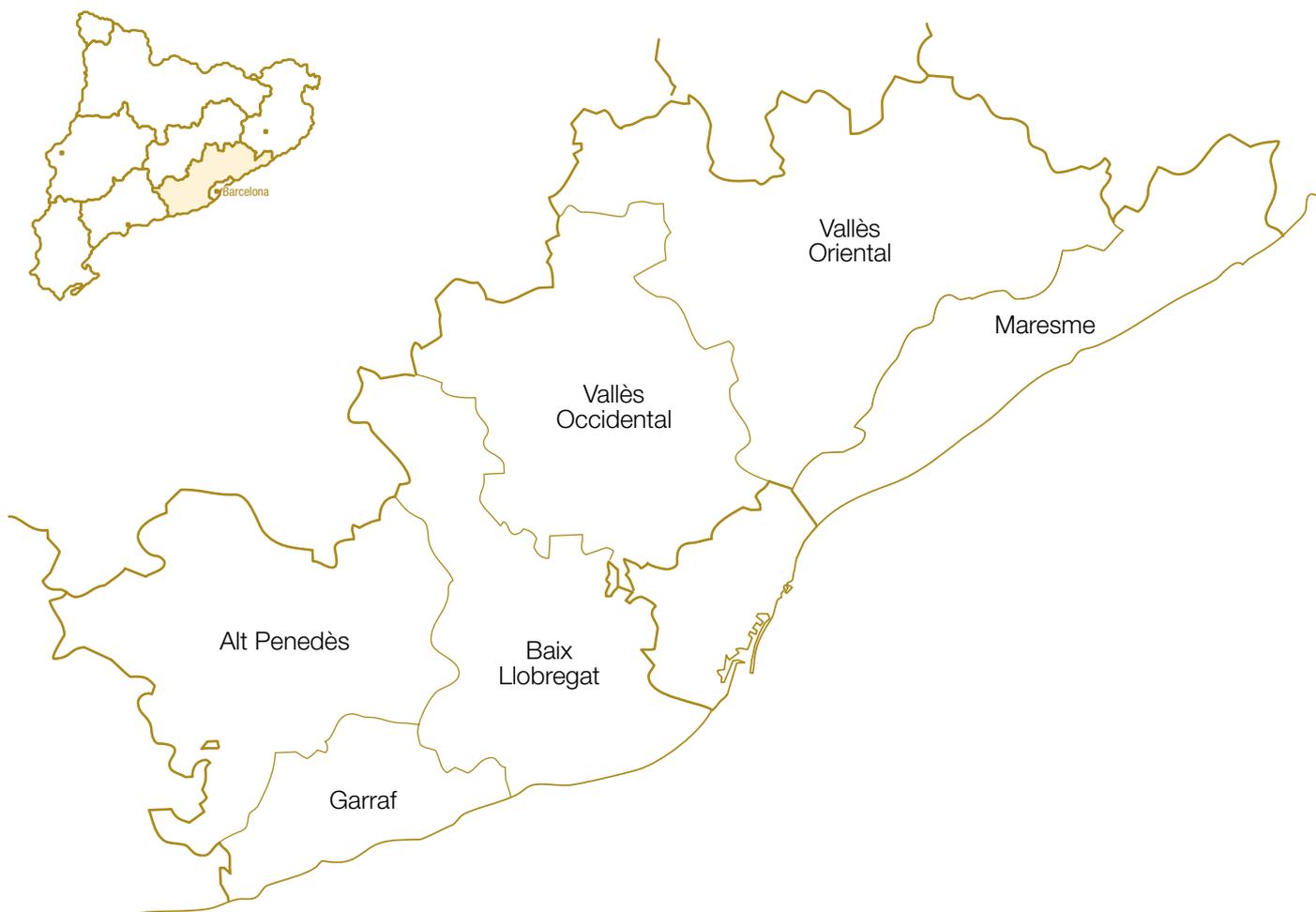
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Costa Barcelona

The regions of Costa Barcelona are full of surprises: they contain sites of exuberant natural beauty, irresistible culinary delights, cultural gems and facilities of all kinds. From Malgrat de Mar to Cubelles, the coastal strip has a wide range of family beaches. The interior, on the other hand, is a crossroads of ancient traditions. We propose that you visit this part of Catalonia, fully integrated into the dynamics of the metropolitan area, and enjoy the variety of ways in which it expresses its culture.



◀ Sitges. Nighttime view of the beach

▶ Detail of the roof of the Museu de la Ciència i de la Tècnica de Catalunya. Terrassa



The Parc Arqueològic Mines de Gavà



The Monastery of Sant Miquel del Fai





A whole world of culture to discover

Yesterday, today and tomorrow

Costa Barcelona is the key to discovering an important legacy of monuments that starts in the Neolithic and ends in the 20th century. From ancient Iber and Roman settlements and medieval architecture to a rich industrial heritage that found expression in the same Modernism which can be seen in so many houses and mansions. There is a range of museums of all types, and a long list of traditions, festivities and concerts all year round: carnivals, carpets of flowers, maritime processions, human castles, festivals, music and concerts in singular locations...



Crypt of the Colònia Güell (A. Gaudí), in Santa Coloma de Cervelló © Diputació de Barcelona/Gonzalo Sanguinetti



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Bird's-eye view of Sitges © TurismedeSitges

Sitges, a fascinating destination

Modernity and tradition beside the sea

Sitges, a cosmopolitan Mediterranean town, has always captivated great artists and curious visitors, lured by its powerful cultural attractions. Thanks to an extraordinary heritage reflected on the town's streets and buildings, together with its excellent museums, local cuisine and varied calendar of artistic and festive activities, Sitges is the perfect destination for those who seek culture beside the Mediterranean. Creativity, talent and innovation prevail without eclipsing the roots of what was once a fishing village.

Offer price
Free
All year round.

Where in Catalonia? Agència de Promoció Turisme de Sitges



The main goal of the entity responsible for promoting Sitges is to ensure that the town occupies its rightful place in the tourism markets, both at home and abroad. Turisme de Sitges has its own Tourist Information Office where visitors find what they need to know about beaches, cultural routes, accommodation, places to eat, shopping and festive events in this delightful spot on the Garraf coast.

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Casa Bacardí Sitges

The origins of a great trade mark



Façade of Casa Bacardí in Sitges © Casa Bacardí

Visit to Casa Bacardí

Sitges, 'americanos' and Rom Superior

Brand Ambassador guides us through 150 years of the history of Sitges and of the Bacardí family, natives of the town, a journey that sets a course for the Caribbean, birthplace of Rom Bacardí Superior, a brand of prestige worldwide. The visit ends at the Lounge Bar, where masters of the art of the cocktail show us how to prepare the Còctels Originals Bacardí, which we can then enjoy on the outdoor terrace.

Casa Bacardí Sitges

Standing in Sitges's historical Mercat Vell, a modernist building designed by Gaietà Buigas, Casa Bacardí was conceived as an international visits centre, the European equivalent of the Bacardí Museum in Puerto Rico. The centre preserves the Bacardí family legacy, a set of valuable documents that provides us with first-hand knowledge of the history of Sitges in Cuba.

Where in Catalonia?



Offer price

7 €

All year round.
Fridays, Saturdays
and Sundays.
Consult updated
prices, which may vary.

Languages

Catalan, Spanish
and English

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Catalunya en miniatura

An entire country in your pocket



Overall view of the park © Catalunya en Miniatura

A gigantic tour of through Catalonia

A stroll through the best of Catalan architecture

To discover Catalonia from a new perspective, the park provides you with the opportunity to take an open-air stroll among 150 scale models of buildings permanently on display there. The best known reproductions include those of the medieval bridge in Besalú, the Sagrada Família in Barcelona, Cardener Castle, the Monastery of Montserrat, the Roman aqueduct in Tarragona, the Seu Vella in Lleida and Calella Lighthouse. Scaled down monuments that take you all over the country in the wink of an eye.

Offer price

13.50 €

All year round.
Special offers and discounts are available from the website.

Where in Catalonia? Catalunya en miniatura



This is a circuit of 1:25 scale models of Catalonia's most representative buildings. Created in 1983, it has been declared a Site of National Tourist Interest. Since 2008 its facilities have also included adventure circuits suitable for all ages (the Bosc Animat). The visit may be supplemented by a ride on a toy train. The park facilities include free parking and picnic areas.



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Caves Freixenet façade in Sant Sadurni d'Anoia © Freixenet S.A.

A tour through Caves Freixenet

The culture of *cava*

In the heart of the Penedès region, Caves Freixenet open their doors to a highly diverse public—from families to professionals, schools or private groups—to introduce them to the tradition and culture of *cava*. The visits are accompanied by explanations from an expert guide and adapt to the profile of each visitor, a personalised programme that invariably ends with two glasses of *cava*.

Caves Freixenet

For many years now, the doors of Caves Freixenet have been open to the public so that everyone can discover the delights of *cava*. Through itineraries and activities, visitors become familiar with the process of *cava* making as well as receiving practical advice on how to purchase, preserve and consume this product. Visits are organised every day of the week.

Where in Catalonia?



Offer price

8 €

All year round.
Check beforehand for availability.

Languages

Catalan, Spanish,
English, French,
German and
Russian

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Illa Raspall © Ajuntament de la Garriga

Modernism and thermal waters

La Garriga, a summer spa town

Art and nature are elements that come together in summer-house architecture from the late 19th century and first third of the 20th century, eclectic buildings, modernist and *noucentista*, that introduce us to the world of the bourgeoisie of one hundred years ago. The traces of those prosperous summer visitors are clearly visible in the urban layout of la Garriga, a modernist town that invites us to discover its architectural and thermal heritage on circuits that run through streets, estates and spa centres.

Offer price

5€

All year round.
Consult conditions for
reduced rates.

Where in Catalonia? Centre de Visitants de la Garriga



The Ajuntament de la Garriga strives to promote the town's rich architectural and thermal heritage through a network of itineraries and museum resources that seek involvement on the part of visitors. Hiking, ecotourism activities, the discovery of rural areas and visits to bomb shelters are other activities organised by the centre.



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Colònia Güell – Cripta Gaudí

Modernism comes to the world of industry



The Gaudí Crypt © Consorci Colònia Güell

Guided visit to the Colònia

Itinerary through an industrial and spiritual complex

The itinerary through the architecture of the Colònia Güell comprises three stages. It begins at the Centre d'Interpretació i Exposició, a fundamental element when it comes to appreciating the scope of this ground-breaking project. It continues with a walk through the streets, where we can contemplate the former textile works, the workers' houses and other modernist buildings. The visit ends at the Gaudí Crypt, a place of worship where Antoni Gaudí tested the formal solutions he would subsequently apply to the Sagrada Família.

Colònia Güell – Cripta Gaudí

Located in Santa Coloma de Cervelló, the Colònia Güell is one of the most avant-garde 19th century industrial installations, which has made it an asset of cultural interest. Construction of the Crypt, which Eusebi Güell commissioned from Gaudí and which UNESCO recently declared a World Heritage Site, was an opportunity for the architect to experiment with the aesthetic and architectural innovations he would apply to his later work.

Where in Catalonia?



Offer price

9 €

All year round.
Entrance fee with audio-guide.
Guided visit: 11.50€.
Consult for reduced rates.

Languages

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The Saltpetre Caves at Collbató © Consorci de Turisme del Baix Llobregat

Cultural experiences

Gaudí, caves and prehistoric mines

The Baix Llobregat region abounds in cultural attractions: the Colònia Güell and the Gaudí Crypt, the Parc Arqueològic Mines de Gavà, the Termes Romanes (Roman Baths) in Sant Boi, the Coves del Salnitre (Saltpetre Caves) at Collbató... A region that invites visitors to take a stroll through history, from Roman times to 19th century palaces, to savour the local cuisine prepared with locally grown ingredients, and to enjoy popular feasts and traditions, such as the Living Nativity of Corbera or the Passion Plays of Olesa and Esparreguera.

Offer price

Consult prices per activity

All year round.
Find out about the different activities that take place throughout the year.

Where in Catalonia? Consorci de Turisme del Baix Llobregat



Created to promote tourism in the Baix Llobregat, the consortium has an information and assessment service available to both professionals and the general public, and coordinates promotional activities geared towards introducing people to the attractions of the area, such as beaches, trails and walks, natural spaces, cultural routes and activities.



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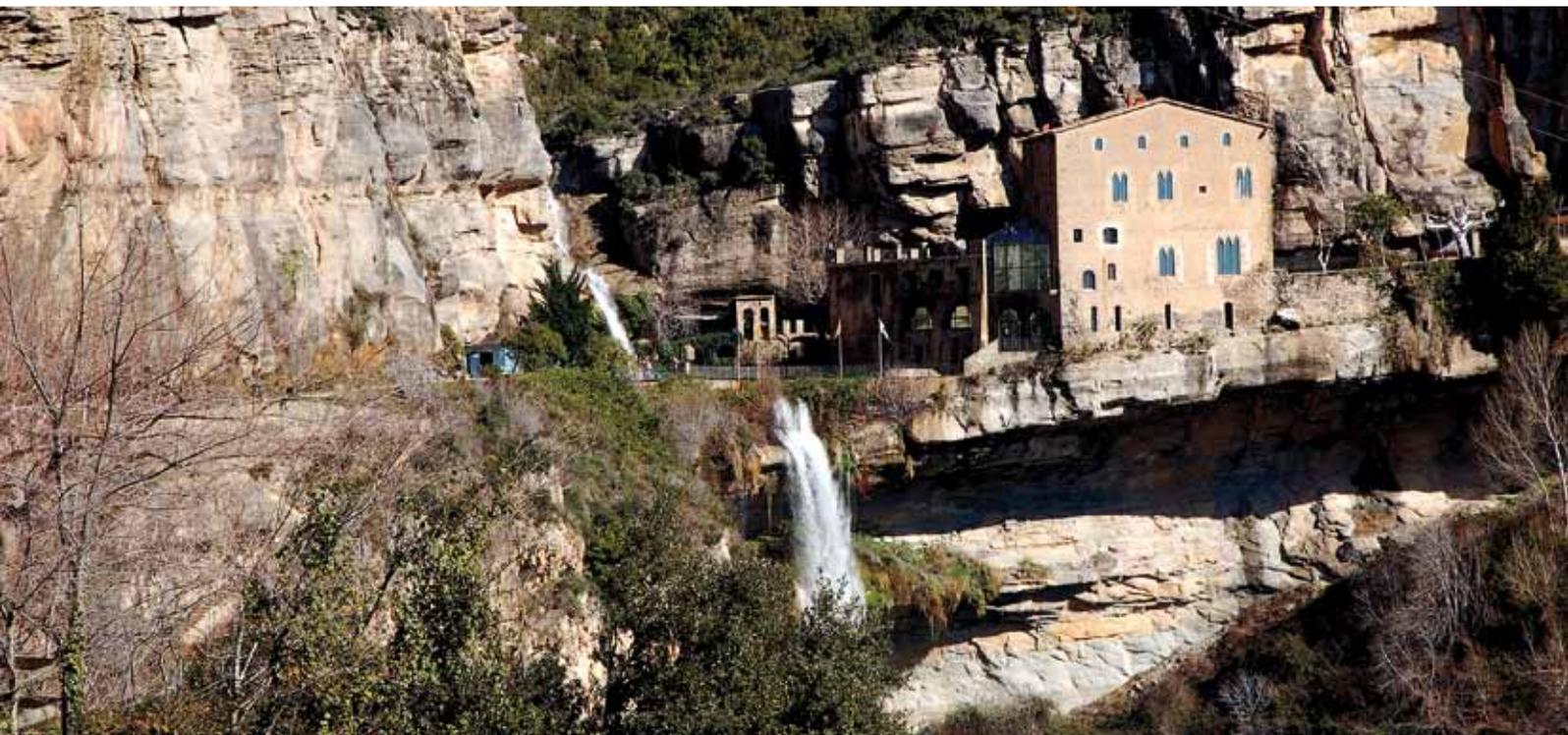
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Espai Natural Sant Miquel del Fai

Worship in a wondrous setting



The Sant Miquel del Fai religious centre © Espai Natural de Sant Miquel del Fai

Sant Miquel del Fai

One thousand years of history

Already a place of worship in ancient times, Sant Miquel del Fai was rediscovered in the 19th century by the romantic writers, who immortalised the history and legend of this unique natural paradise, its caves, streams and waterfalls. The Espai offers educational visits for groups and entertainment for kids, among a host of other activities. The Sant Miquel del Fai architectural complex is one of the most representative and best preserved examples of the Catalan Gothic.

Espai Natural Sant Miquel del Fai

Perched over the Vall del Tenes, Sant Miquel del Fai is one of Catalonia's oldest tourist centres. The monastery, the 10th century Church of Sant Miquel, the Sant Martí Hermitage, from the 9th century, the caves and the impressive Tenes river waterfall are the main attractions, enhanced by a small museum and an audio-visuals room.

Where in Catalonia?



Offer price

8 €

From January 20 to December 12. Reduced rates for children and pensioners.

Languages

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Fundació Palau. Picasso in Caldes d'Estrac

100 years of collecting



The Fundació Palau façade © Josep Sampera Arimon

Visit and literary tour

Caldes d'Estrac, the pearl of poets

The Fundació Palau houses the valuable art collection put together by Josep Palau i Fabre, a biographer of Picasso, poet and writer closely associated with the avant-garde movements of the 20th century. The tour takes us through exhibited works by Picasso, Miró, Tàpies, Perejaume and Barceló and continues with a literary itinerary through Caldes d'Estrac, with recitals of poems by Verdaguer, Maragall and Palau i Fabre himself, brilliant writers linked to this spa town.

Offer price

100€

All year round.
Consult for availability.

Where in Catalonia? Fundació Palau. Picasso in Caldes d'Estrac



A poet, playwright and writer, Josep Palau i Fabre was one of the most outstanding figures in 20th century Catalan letters and one of the world's most outstanding authorities on the work of Picasso. The canvases, drawings and engravings by Picasso in the Palau i Fabre Collection are on permanent exhibition at the Fundació Palau, in Caldes d'Estrac, together with works by great Catalan artists from last century.

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Languages

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Spanish



Hotel Estela Barcelona-Hotel del Arte ****

Art as a distinctive trait



The hotel foyer — Creation of an artwork in the Hotel del Art © Hotel Estela

Painting workshop

Learning from the masters

After welcoming you with a glass of cava, the Hotel del Arte **** invites clients to enjoy its art exhibitions in the company of an expert who provides the information you need to better appreciate the works on show. Next, visitors will paint an expressionist canvas together with a painter of renown. This programme is addressed to groups of more than five people.

Hotel Estela Barcelona – Hotel del Arte ****

A Mediterranean-style building in the Aiguadolç Recreational Harbour in Sitges, the Hotel Estela Barcelona-Hotel del Arte exhibits contemporary art works, paintings and sculptures by reputed artists that may be purchased at the hotel, in the restaurant, foyer and corridors. The establishment has 64 rooms, most of them with views over the cove and the harbour, as well as 4 private rooms for meetings and celebrations.

Where in Catalonia?



Offer price

55 €

Price per person (VAT included).
All year round.
Check beforehand for room availability.

Languages

Catalan, Spanish and English

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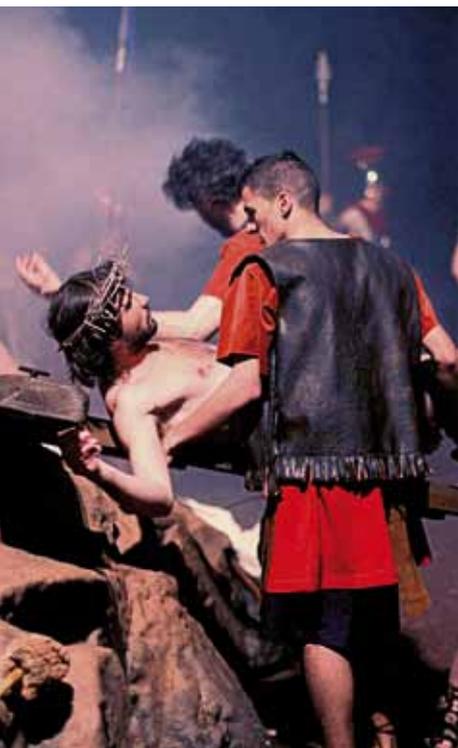


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La Passió d'Olesa de Montserrat

Tradition and modernity



The crucifixion — Triumphal entry into Jerusalem, two of the emblematic scenes from the Passió d'Olesa de Montserrat © La Passió

La Passió

A major theatre spectacle

The world record obtained by bringing 729 actors together on stage confirms the fact that, in Olesa, the Passió is much more than a representation of the life, death and resurrection of Jesus: it is a great theatre spectacle, fruit of the efforts and unflinching commitment of the townspeople. The quality and modernity of the *mise-en-scène*, the visual effects and technical design comparable to that of the best theatres are the main attributes of a performance that leaves thousands of spectators speechless every year.

Offer price

From
20€

March to April.
General entrance.
Consult for discounts.
Subtitles in English and Spanish.

Where in Catalonia? La Passió d'Olesa de Montserrat



The Creu de Sant Jordi (Cross of St George), awarded to the Consell Directiu de La Passió in recognition of its contribution to fostering Catalan culture and identity, acknowledges the work of this Council, set up in 1940. The entity has also been declared of public utility by the Spanish Home Office, which thereby acknowledged the participative spirit of the over one thousand people who take part in the performance year after year.



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Catalan

Monestir de Sant Cugat

A gem of the Catalan Romanesque



Façade of the Monastery of Sant Cugat © Ajuntament de Sant Cugat – Mané Espinosa

From the belfry to the cloister

A 2-hour guided visit

Nothing could be better when beginning our visit to the Monastery of Sant Cugat than climbing the belfry to enjoy splendid views of Collserola. Next, we enter the majestic church to discover the transition from the Romanesque to the Gothic and then explore the museum, with its Romanesque cloister, the most outstanding element in the complex by virtue of its structure and the quality of the decoration on the capitals. The chapter house and the former monastic dependencies are now an interpretation centre for medieval monasteries.

Monestir de Sant Cugat

Built between the 9th and 15th centuries, the monastery complex now consists of the church and a magnificent cloister around which stand the chapter house and the former monastic dependencies. Many of the original walls and towers, built between 1380 and 1383, are still standing. The Monastery of Sant Cugat was declared a Cultural Asset of National Interest by the Generalitat.

Where in Catalonia?



Offer price

8 €

Visits in Catalan and Spanish. Children under 7, free entry on scheduled days. English and French tour, 110 €.

Languages

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The museum roof at night © Mnactec

Scientific and technological objects

Instruments for a revolution

Modernist architecture, technological evolution, science and industrialisation: these are the four thematic areas that are the backbone of the Science and Technology Museum of Catalonia which, for over thirty years has been revealing information about the origins and development of Catalan industry in 22,000 m² of exhibition space. Furthermore, each area features exhibitions that take us from the Neolithic to the Industrial Revolution and allow us to discover wool processing techniques or the different energy sources used in industry.

Offer price

4.50 €

All year round.
Entrance to the museum. Consult for reductions and free entry, and workshop prices.

Where in Catalonia? Museu de la Ciència i de la Tècnica de Catalunya (mNACTEC)



The Vapor Aymerich, Amat i Jover, a supreme example of Catalan Modernism, currently houses the Museu de la Ciència i de la Tècnica de Catalunya (mNACTEC), devoted to spreading knowledge of technological changes and industrialisation in Catalonia. The museum comprises 26 centres scattered all over the territory forming what is known as the Territorial System of the mNACTEC.



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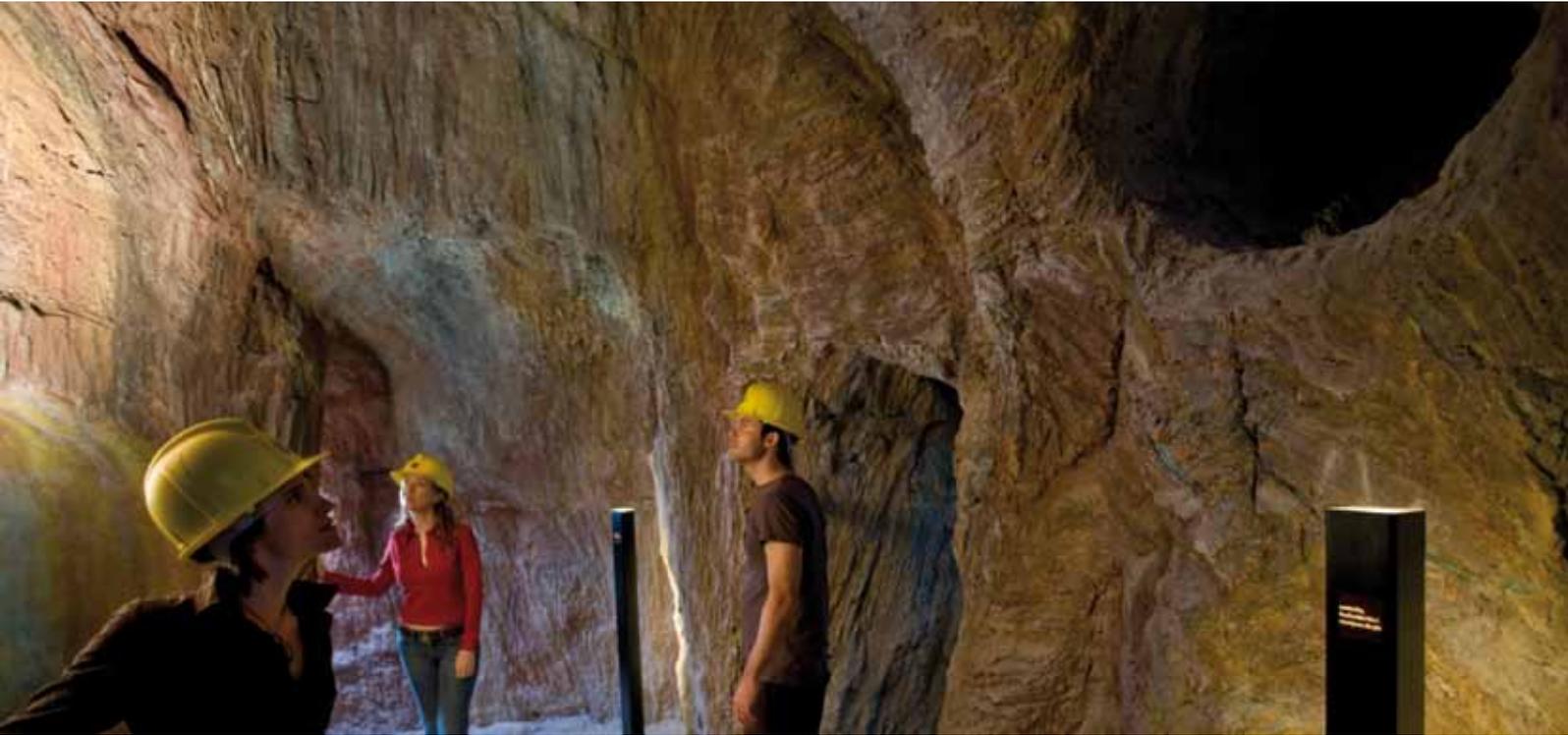
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Parc Arqueològic Mines de Gavà

6,000 year-old mines



Recreation of a mine at the Parc Arqueològic Mines de Gavà © J. Casanova/Museu de Gavà

Visit to the Mines de Gavà

A journey into the bowels of the earth

The Parc Arqueològic Mines de Gavà invites visitors to go back in time and enter Europe's oldest drift mines, first exploited 6,000 years ago. During the visit to this site, originally dedicated to the extraction of variscite, we can examine the finds made there over the centuries, explore the interior of the replica of a mine and, with the aid of audio-visuals, learn about the social and natural milieu of the original inhabitants.

Parc Arqueològic Mines de Gavà

This interpretation centre devoted to Europe's oldest drift mines, from which variscite was extracted, features an exhibition open to everyone which has received international acclaim. During the visit we can see the original mine structures and experience what it is like to penetrate the mines by following a complex itinerary with the aid of audio-visual systems.

Where in Catalonia?



Offer price

7.50 €

All year round.
Consult reduced rates.

Languages

Catalan, Spanish
and English

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Promotion and culture

Terrassa Turisme - Ajuntament de Terrassa



Masia Freixa, an obligatory visit in Terrassa © Badia Casanova

Modernism with authentic flavour

Terrassa, a cultural and gastronomical experience

This proposal takes visitors to the most surprising side of Modernism by showing them how this style was applied in a range of buildings: factories, warehouses, chimneys, utility buildings and a real marvel such as the Masia Freixa. At the end of the trip, visitors can taste the gastronomy of the region and the authentic flavours of Terrassa and the Vallès. The visit is organized by Terrassa Turisme, and consists of a guided visit of 1h 30m followed by lunch in an associated establishment.

Offer price

55 €

Minimum two persons.
Consult other offers
with further reductions.

Where in Catalonia? Terrassa Turisme – Ajuntament de Terrassa



Terrassa Turisme articulates tourist promotion of the city in the Vallès around three themes: the Seu d'Ègara cathedral complex and the medieval heritage; the industrial heritage and the Museu de la Ciència i la Tècnica de Catalunya and Terrassa Gastronòmica. It also works on activities to promote business and nature tourism.

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Languages

Catalan, Spanish,
English and French



The thermal washing room of La Portalera © Arxiu Thermalia – Jordi Serra

Caldes de Montbui, a spa town

Guided visit to the thermal waters

An expert guide will take us around the late 2nd century BC Roman Baths, the Font del Lleó, where the thermal water emerges at 74°C, the modernist dining room of the old Can Rius spa, the Molí de l'Esclop and the thermal washing basins of La Portalera, where clothes are still washed today. A complete circuit through the thermal heritage of Caldes de Montbui, which on Saturday mornings also stops at the old Farmàcia Codina, an establishment with over 200 years of history.

Thermalia. Museum and Tourist Office

The Thermalia museum is a centre devoted to the thermal culture of Caldes de Montbui. The 14th century building houses the main public exhibition of the work of the painter and sculptor Manolo Hugué, together with ceramics, lithos and drawings by Picasso and the exhibition *L'efervescència balneària*. Among other services, it organises guided visits to the thermal heritage of Caldes and educational workshops. There is also a shop.

Where in Catalonia?



Offer price

From
2.80 €

All year round.
Group price: 2.10 €
per person.

Languages

Catalan and
Spanish

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Costa Brava

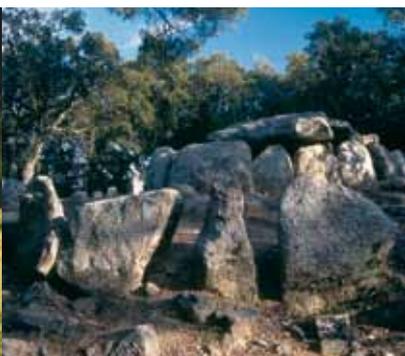
The beaches of the Costa Brava attract world-famous celebrities captivated by their transparent waters and natural conditions that have been preserved almost entirely intact. The charm of its seaside towns and villages is irresistible. They are oases of peace and, at the same time, ideal departure points from which to visit the inland regions of Girona. Immerse yourself in the culture of the Costa Brava!



◀ The Galatea tower - Teatre-Museu Dalí



A medieval bridge in Besalú



The Cova d'en Daina dolmen



Girona Cathedral and stairs



Boats with Santa Maria in the background. Cadaqués

Costa Brava and Pirineu de Girona

Culturally alive!

With over 2,000 years of history, the Girona area still preserves the traces of its Iberian, Greco-Roman, Romanesque, Gothic and Modernist past, a valuable cultural heritage visible in its cities, towns and villages. The essence of Salvador Dalí and the Triangle Dalinià are two of the high points of a varied museum selection consisting of over 60 facilities, and this, in conjunction with international music festivals and traditional feasts declared of national interest, constitutes a unique living culture programme.



Monastery of Sant Pere de Rodes, el Port de la Selva
© J. Renart – Arxiu d'Imatges PTCBG





The Romanesque bridge into Besalú © Thinkstock — Micvé, Jewish baths © Oficina de Turisme de Besalú

Discover the Jewish Quarter

El *call*, witness to a people, to a time

Besalú's *call* was the quarter where the Jewish community lived in the Middle Ages, a mesh of narrow streets that evokes customs and figures from a bygone age. The Micvé —the ritual purification bath— and the synagogue are essential items in a legacy of incalculable value. Turisme de Besalú invites us to relive the history of the city with visits to the historical centre and an audio-visual presentation that reconstructs a fascinating past.

Ajuntament de Besalú – Turisme

The Oficina Municipal de Turisme de Besalú offers daily guided tours that enter the heart of the medieval town: the Romanesque bridge, the church of the ancient monastery of Sant Pere, the parish church of Sant Vicenç, the *call* with its buildings and streets... The audio-visual on the history of Besalú completes a journey back in time that takes the visitor back one thousand years.

Where in Catalonia?



Offer price

2.30 €

All year round.
Consult for activities
and special events.

Languages

Catalan, Spanish,
English and French

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Ajuntament
de la Comtal Vila de
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Protecting the local heritage

Ajuntament de Girona



The White façade of Casa Masó over the river Onyar © Fundació Rafael Masó — Noucentista dining room in Casa Masó, designed by Rafael Masó © Fundació Rafael Masó – Jordi Puig

Guided visit to Girona's past

The Jewish Quarter, the Casa Masó and the museums

Visiting the centre of Girona is a trip into the past, among streets that bask in repose and tranquility. Stroll around its historic centre — the *call*, the old Jewish quarter — the cathedral area, the *Basílica de Sant Feliu* or the medieval town walls. Discover the modernist buildings of Rafael Masó, including the Casa Masó, where the architect was born, and visit the city's museums of Cinema, Art and the History of Girona. You can also sit and admire the colourful houses on the Onyar river, and enjoy the festivals and cultural activities that go on here all year round.

Offer price

Up to
5 €

All year round.
Every day. Guided visits
must be booked in
advance.

Where in Catalonia? Ajuntament de Girona



In a place where water is vital, the city is privileged in having four rivers —Ter, Onyar, Galligants and Güell—. Girona is a city marked by History. The capital of the Gironès region is particularly noted for its Jewish quarter, the *call jueu*, a tangle of fascinating narrow streets and patios, as well as for its select year-round programme of cultural activities, including Girona Temps de Flors, Black Music Festival and Temporada Alta.



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Languages

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Space Carmen Thyssen © Ajuntament de Sant Feliu de Guixols

Visit to the Benedictine monastery

An architectural complex dedicated to culture

The City Hall offers guided and dramatised visits to the architectural complex of the Benedictine abbey, one of the few examples of fortified monasteries with three defence towers, two of which may be visited. Throughout the year, musical, theatrical and performing arts events are held there, such as the Porta Ferrada International Festival, the oldest in Catalonia. The abbot's palace presents a programme of temporary exhibitions with items from the Carmen Thyssen collection.

Ajuntament de Sant Feliu de Guíxols

Sant Feliu de Guíxols is a city in the Empordà in a landscape full of contrasts. From here we can explore a coast formed by cliffs that break up into small coves, or natural sites such as Les Gavarres or the Ardenya massif. Besides promoting activities linked to the sea and the mountains, the city is also noted for its cultural activities, which are mainly centred on music and art.

Where in Catalonia?



Offer price

6€

All year round. Check for special events and activities.

Languages

Catalan, Spanish,
English, French and
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View of the Castle of Peralada © Miquel González

Festival Castell de Peralada

The summer festival for the finest music

International talents have made this privileged setting a by-word for song and dance during the last 28 years. The Festival Internacional de Música Castell de Peralada presents a programme featuring great voices, symphony and chamber music concerts, opera, jazz and pop concerts and major theatre and dance shows. A showcase for soloists and ensembles of international prestige, the festival is one of the most important summer cultural events in Catalonia.

Offer price

From
20€

From mid July to mid August. Consult for dates and programme.

Where in Catalonia? Associació Cultural Castell de Peralada



Chaired by Carme Mateu de Suqué, the Associació Cultural Castell de Peralada has been a festival of choice, high quality music since 1987. Excellence is the hallmark of a festival that includes theatre, dance and family entertainment and monopolises the association's activities in the summer months. During the winter, the Associació Cultural Castell de Peralada organises cultural conferences, besides other events.

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Languages

Catalan, Spanish, English and French





Castle of Sant Ferran in Figueres © Torner — Modernist house in Agullana © M. T. Genís

The Alt Empordà

Landscape and cultural wealth

North of the Costa Brava, the Alt Empordà is a land rich in cultural assets and landscape, with 150 megalithic monuments, over one hundred Romanesque churches and a host of castles and fortifications. The Museu Dalí in Figueres, the Greco-Roman colony of Empúries, the Ciutadella in Roses and the Castle of Sant Ferran are just some of the attractions of a cultural landscape that is also blessed with excellent examples of modernist architecture.

Consell Comarcal de l'Alt Empordà

Extensive and rich in contrasts, the Alt Empordà region comprises 68 municipalities of highly varying characteristics and needs, which the Consell Comarcal serves with a view to ensuring social cohesion and equal opportunities for the entire population. The Consell represents the friendly side of government, and its wide range of services attempts to meet the challenges of today's society.

Where in Catalonia?



Offer price

Prices depending on activity

All year round.
Consult prices of museums and other entities.

Languages

Catalan, Spanish,
English and French

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Consorci del Museu Memorial de l'Exili

A place for reflection and memory



Exterior of MUME © MUME

Visiting the MUME

Learning from history

The visit begins with a reflection on exile and continues with an explanation of the exile of the republicans in 1939. On the one hand, attention is focused on its causes and, on the other, it examines the daunting labyrinth in which thousands of Catalan refugees found themselves when they crossed the border into France. The voices of witnesses, together with the permanent exhibition at the museum, make this visit an experience of great emotional impact.

Offer price

4 €

All year round.
Consult free tickets and reduced rates.

Where in Catalonia? Consorci del Museu Memorial de l'Exili (MUME)



Located in La Jonquera, on the frontier across which many Catalan exiles fled after the Civil War, the Museu Memorial de l'Exili (MUME) fosters the recuperation of the history and memory of our country's exiles. MUME is a place for reflection where examples and recollections of these experiences serve as a lesson to be learned for future generations.



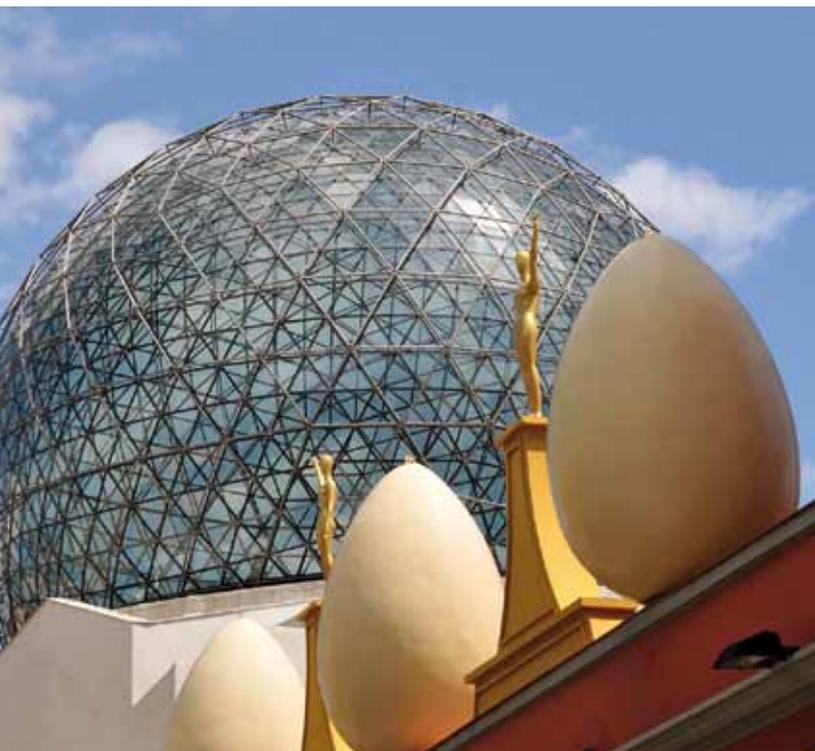
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Languages

Catalan, Spanish, English, French and German



Dome of the Teatre-Museu Dalí de Figueres — Casa-Museu Salvador Dalí, Portlligat © Images courtesy of the Fundació Gala-Salvador Dalí, Figueres

The Dalinian triangle

The Salvador Dalí museums in the Empordà

The personality and work of Dalí cannot be understood without seeing the places that make up the Dalinian triangle: Portlligat, Púbol and Figueres. Portlligat is the essence, where Dalí created and was transformed in the midst of the Empordà landscape, which exerted a great influence on the artist. In Púbol we discover the mature Dalí who pays homage to Gala, his muse. Finally, at the Teatre-Museu Dalí in Figueres, the world's largest surrealist object, we have scenography, mysticism and provocation.

Fundació Gala-Salvador Dalí

The foundation manages several collections of works by Salvador Dalí, a unique ensemble in breadth and depth consisting of over 4,000 objects with a great variety of techniques, materials and media from all the periods in his career. The foundation also manages the artist's three museums: the Teatre-Museu Dalí in Figueres, the castle at Púbol and the house in Portlligat, and well as the rights of Salvador Dalí.

Where in Catalonia?



Offer price

From
8 €

All year round.
Individual ticket. The price varies depending on the centre. Consult opening times.

Languages

Catalan, Spanish, English, French, German, Russian and Italian

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FUNDACIÓ
GALA-SALVADOR DALÍ

Museu d'Arqueologia de Catalunya-Empúries

An archaeological park of incalculable value



The Roman city of Empúries © Arxiu: Arqueoxarxa – J. Casanova

A walk back to Roman times

Dramatised visit

Among the many activities that the Museu d'Arqueologia de Catalunya organises at its Empúries centre, there is one that invites us to take a plunge into history and go back twenty centuries: a journey to the time when the Romans inhabited the site. One of the ancient dwellers of 1st century AD *Emporiae*, either Caius Aemilius or Iulia Domitia, will show us how people lived in the city and what the houses, streets, plazas, markets and temples were like. A fascinating family stroll through history.

Offer price

4 €

June to September: every Sunday (at 12h). Rest of the year: last Sunday of Month (at 12h). Visits by request. Consult languages available

Where in Catalonia? Museu d'Arqueologia de Catalunya – Empúries



The gateway through which Greco-Roman civilisation entered the Iberian Peninsula, this is one of the centres of the Museu d'Arqueologia de Catalunya (MAC). It is a major archaeological park: the only site that combines, in the same place, the remains of a Greek city (*Emporion*) and those of a Roman city (*Emporiae*). The monographic museum and the excavations form part of the itinerary.



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Museu d'Art de Girona

Painting, goldsmithing, sculpture and glass



Throne room and Creation Panel (the Santa Maria de Segueró altarpiece) © Museu d'Art de Girona – Rafel Bosch

Ten centuries of art in Girona

From the pre-Romanesque to the 20th century

One thousand years of art history within your reach. A fragment of a Palaeo-Christian headstone from Empúries marks the beginning of a historical itinerary that includes glazier's tables —a unique piece that was used to make the stained-glass windows of Girona cathedral— and Renaissance altarpieces, and ends at the start of the 20th century, with works by the Escola d'Olot and Santiago Rusiñol. The entrance ticket to the Museu d'Art provides access to temporary exhibitions.

Museu d'Art de Girona

Housed in the former Palau Episcopal, the Museu d'Art de Girona contains the most important art collection in the Bishopic and province of Girona, with items that go from the pre-Romanesque to the 20th-century. Visiting the museum allows us to appreciate the magnificent architecture of a palace which has preserved some unusual elements. The tour of the museum includes the Throne Room, the Prison, the Bishop's Chapel and the Watchtower, with beautiful views over the city.

Where in Catalonia?



Offer price

4.5 €

All year round. Enquire into the temporary exhibitions held throughout the year.

Languages

Catalan, Spanish, English and French

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Cultural information point

Oficina de Turisme – Ajuntament de Figueres



The Galatea tower - Teatre-Museu Dalí, in Figueres © Ajuntament de Figueres – Olga Reixach

Dalí's Figueres

On foot through the centre of the city

It is impossible to speak of Surrealism without speaking of Dalí, just as one cannot speak of Dalí without mentioning Figueres. Because the capital of the Alt Empordà is not only the city where the brilliant painter was born, lived and died, but also the repository of his invaluable art legacy. Figueres invites us to join a guided tour of its Dalinian legacy, the inspiration of a universal artist.

Offer price

20 €

From July to September 11. Ticket to the Museu Dalí included, discounts for the other museums and the Castle of Sant Ferran.

Where in Catalonia? Oficina de Turisme – Ajuntament de Figueres



Located appropriately in the Plaça Gala-Salvador Dalí, the Tourism Office of Figueres organises activities and guided visits associated with the city's most illustrious son. The tours take place every day in summer but need to be booked in advance in winter. They may be for individuals or groups and stay in the city centre, with the option of a visit to the Museu Dalí.

Figueres **oberta**

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Languages

Catalan, Spanish,
English and French



Tossa de Mar, the walled precinct © Oficina de Turisme de Tossa – Jordi Farré

Tossa, a rarity on the Costa Brava

Monuments right beside the beach

A former fishing village, Tossa de Mar and its adjacent coast is one of the emblematic landscapes of the Costa Brava. Stunning natural beauty is supplemented by major historical and artistic heritage, outstanding elements of which include the Medieval walled precinct of the Vila Vella—the only one of its kind preserved on the entire Catalan coast—the Vila Romana dels Ametllers, the Town museum and the Interpretation Centre for Lighthouses of the Mediterranean. Altogether, they are a remarkable cultural heritage.

Oficina de Turisme de Tossa de Mar

The official tourist information centre in Tossa de Mar (La Selva) provides information on landscapes, beaches, monuments, leisure activities, festivities and all the services—accommodation, gastronomy, shopping, sport, itineraries, cultural and leisure activities—to make your stay in the town a thoroughly enjoyable experience.

Where in Catalonia?



Offer price

Prices vary depending on activity

All year round.
Consult opening times of the different facilities and centres.

Languages

Catalan, Spanish, English, French, German and Italian

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Sant Pere del Bosc Hotel & Spa *****

A place to renew yourself



Façade of the Sant Pere del Bosc Hotel © Hotel SPdB

With all five senses

Relax in natural surroundings

The Hotel was conceived as a special place, an intimate, comfortable hotel, and this aim has been fulfilled. Sant Pere del Bosc Hotel & Spa ***** is imbued with the peace and discretion of an elegant, natural and tranquil setting to offer clients an experience that stimulates the senses. The offer for 2 people includes accommodation in a Junior Suite, breakfast in the room, access to the water area and spa, a relaxing massage for couples (30 minutes) and a gourmet supper (wine not included).

Offer price

390 €

All year round.
Consult beforehand for
room availability.

Where in Catalonia? Sant Pere del Bosc Hotel & Spa *****



With 19 designer suites with their own personality, Sant Pere del Bosc Hotel & Spa offers over 50 different treatments which, together with a comprehensive programme of ayurvedic services, make it the ideal place for reconstitution and relaxation. The stimulating Mediterranean cuisine served at the restaurant is also an invitation to allow yourself to be seduced by a world of sensations.



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Languages

Catalan, Spanish,
English, French,
German and Russian



The basilica of Santa Maria © Santi Font

Guided visits to the town

The best way to explore its history

The town of Castelló d'Empúries was the capital of the Comtat d'Empúries for over 400 years, and was built on five hills that emerge above the coastal plains as a fortified site in the style of the medieval "castrum". The impressive basilica (11th to 18th centuries) is built on the highest point and is known as the "Catedral de l'Empordà" because of its scale and Catalan Gothic style. Our local guides will show you around the Farinera Ecomuseum, the Medieval gaol or the treasures of the basilica, among other attractions.

Turisme Castelló d'Empúries

Castelló d'Empúries promotes the town's natural and cultural attractions. The Empuriabrava marina, in the heart of the Bay of Roses, is one of the finest in the world. Culture and history are present in the ancient capital of the Comtat d'Empúries, Castelló d'Empúries and the *call* (Jewish quarter). Along with the wetlands of the Aiguamolls de l'Empordà this is a destination with a lot to offer.

Where in Catalonia?



Offer price

From

2 €

All year round.
Consult the Tourist
Offices.

Languages

Catalan, Spanish,
English, French,
German, Russian
and Hebrew

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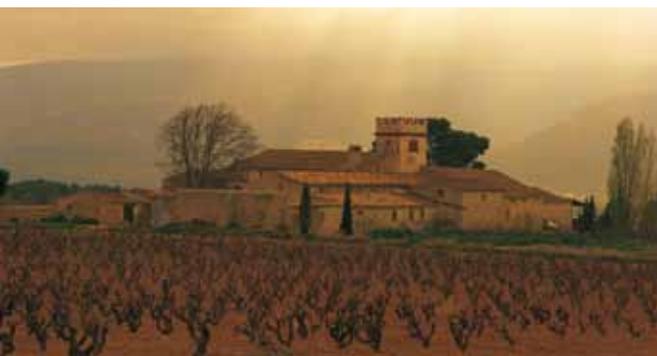


Costa Daurada

The Costa Daurada brings together a wide variety of elements ranging from the vineyards of El Priorat, the Roman heritage of ancient Tarraco, the *calçot* (green onion) plantations of the Alt Camp, the fine sandy beaches of the Baix Penedès, the medieval legacy of Montblanc, the golf courses on the coast and the major urban nuclei of Tarragona and Reus. This area is world famous for its natural beauty and year-round benign climate. You will never tire of discovering the best of the Costa Daurada and all its cultural attractions, *Caesar dixit!*



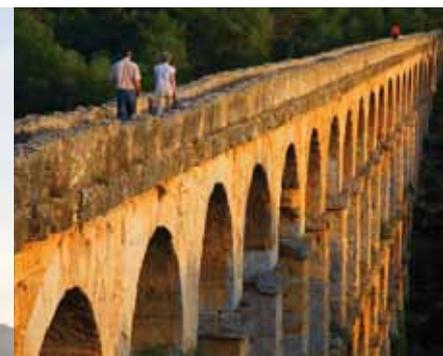
◀ The cloister of the Royal Monastery of Santa Maria de Poblet



Vineyards and a manor-farmhouse in Montblanc



Camí del Grau de Barrots, on the Serra de Montsant



The Les Ferreres Roman aqueduct



In the footsteps of ancient civilisations

A universal heritage

Throughout history, the great Mediterranean civilisations have left their imprint on the Costa Daurada. Outstanding among the region's numerous cultural attractions are the Roman heritage of Tarragona and the Cistercian legacy of Poblet, both declared World Heritage Sites by UNESCO, as well as the modernist patrimony of Reus. Birthplace also of the *casteller* (human castle) phenomenon, which has been declared part of the Intangible Cultural Heritage by UNESCO.



Poblet Monastery, the Cistercian Triangle

www.costadaurada.info



Catedral Basílica de Tarragona

2,000 years of history



Cloister of the cathedral of Tarragona © La Ruta del Cister

Catedral de Tarragona

A visit to the Diocese Museum and Cloister

Visit a singular majestic monument that is one of the most prominent symbols of the city of Tarragona, with more than 2,000 years of history. It is an enjoyable visit that encourages you to reflect and learn while you walk around, no matter your age. The full cathedral visit includes a guided tour of the Cathedral, the Museum of the Diocese and the Cloister. Guided visits can also be made to the Bell Tower to admire its magnificent views, and *tèmenos*, the roman settlement that was here before the Cathedral was built. An audioguide service is available.

Catedral Basílica de Tarragona

The Santa Església Catedral Basílica, Metropolitana i Primada de les Espanyes is dedicated to Santa Tecla and was built on the acropolis at the highest point of the ancient city. Building started in 1171, and it was consecrated on the 4th July 1331. It was built on the site of a large Roman construction, the Temple of Augustus, which was started before the middle of the 1st century AD.

Where in Catalonia?



Offer price

5 €

All year round. Monday to Saturday. Guided visit, 15 €. Audioguide and guide, 2 €. Consult for discounts for children and the elderly.

Languages

Catalan, Spanish, English and French

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CATEDRAL BASÍLICA DE TARRAGONA METROPOLITANA I PRIMADA

Centre Miró de Mont-roig del Camp

Interpreting Miró



Original tapestry and puzzle — Façade of the Centre Miró © Centre Miró

Mironian itineraries

A tour through the universe of a great painter

When we visit the Centre Miró we are invited not only to immerse ourselves in the work that Joan Miró created in Mont-roig de Camp, but also to fit together the pieces of a gigantic jigsaw puzzle that reproduces the tapestry *El llangardaix de les plomes d'or* (The Gold-Plumed Lizard). Next we set off on the 3MR itinerary: Mirar, Miró, Mont-roig, a route through 9 places in the town where Miró painted some of his early-period realist canvases. A leaflet with details of the places and paintings helps us get our bearings on the way.

Offer price

3€

All year round.
From Wednesday
to Saturday.
Sundays, mornings
only.

Where in Catalonia? Centre Miró de Mont-roig del Camp



At this interpretation centre that focuses on the relationship between Joan Miró and Mont-roig, where the painter spent long sojourns, the reproductions of 22 paintings from between 1914 and 1923 are exhibited together with the tapestry *El llangardaix de les plomes d'or*. The centre, housed in the town's Església Vella (Old Church), also organises showings of the documentaries *D'un roig encès: Miró i Mont-roig* and *Mont-roig: tornaveu mironià*, both by Martí Rom.



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Hotel Termes Montbrió ****

A unique spa



Aquatonic in Montbrió © Termes Montbrió — Projections room © Centre Gaudí

A Gaudí break

Relaxation and culture

Regarded as one of the best of Europe's resorts & spas, with 60 treatment booths and around twenty beauty and fitness programmes, the Hotel Termes Montbrió **** offers a package that combines relaxation and culture. The package includes two nights' accommodation (bed and breakfast), 1 ticket to the Aquatonic thermal-recreational centre –over 1,000 m² of thermal waters with hydro-massage jets, sheet waterfalls and grottoes with Greco-Roman baths– and 1 ticket to the Gaudí Centre in Reus.

Hotel Termes Montbrió ****

The Hotel Termes Montbrió is the only spa on the Costa Daurada with modern thermal baths and a 4-ha botanical garden. The hotel also offers a wide range of recreational and cultural options: the Priorat wine route, the Port Aventura theme park, the beaches of the Costa Daurada, the Parc Natural del Delta de l'Ebre, the nightlife of Salou and the monumental heritage of Tarragona to name but a few.

Where in Catalonia?



Offer price

From
135 €

From 6 March to 31
October.

Languages

Catalan, Spanish,
English, French and
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Gothic cloister at the Santes Creus Monastery © La Ruta del Cister

The Cistercian monasteries

A contemplative visit

Monumentality and sobriety define the monasteries on La Ruta del Cister (Cistercian Route), three of Europe's most important monastic complexes. Santes Creus, Poblet and Vallbona may be visited by purchasing a single ticket that includes guided tours of Vallbona and an unguided visit to Poblet and Santes Creus, where *El món del Cister* will be shown, a documentary that provides a fascinating comprehensive view of the Cistercian Order and its legacy in this monastery.

Offer price

12€

Consult different activities and reduced rates.

Where in Catalonia? La Ruta del Cister



The Ruta del Cister is the name that identifies the territory formed by the Alt Camp, the Conca de Barberà and the Urgell, three regions with a rich artistic and cultural heritage where the Cistercian monasteries of Santes Creus, Poblet and Vallbona de les Monges stand. The route, however, takes us beyond the monasteries to discover regions with spectacular landscapes and a wealth of local traditions.



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The Santa Creu castle in Calafell © Joan Capdevila

A journey to the past

Calafell, crucible of civilizations

Calafell invites us to set off on a journey into the past: the reconstruction of the Ciutadella Ibèrica takes us back to the time of the Iberians, a unique place to revive the history of our ancestors; the ancient Vil·la Romana in Vilarenc recalls the Roman past of the town; and the Santa Creu castle and the church of Sant Miquel de Segur take us back to the Middle Ages. Another place to visit is the Museu Casa Barral, one of the last fishermen's cottages remaining on the beach and the summer residence of the writer Carlos Barral.

Patronat Municipal de Turisme de Calafell

The Patronat de Turisme is an entity that manages and coordinates Calafell as a tourist destination. Among other services, it provides practical information on the town —accommodation, places to eat, discovering the heritage, cuisine, activities and feasts, guided Nordic walking sorties, mountain bike routes—, as well as organising events and functions.

Where in Catalonia?



Offer price

6 €

All year round.
Closed Mondays
and special holidays.
Combined ticket for
3 facilities.
Consult other prices.

Languages

Catalan, Spanish,
English, French and
German

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Children on the beach — Castellers performing in El Vendrell © Patronat Municipal de Turisme del Vendrell

Masia Blanca, a sea to be discovered

Exploring the seabed off the Penedès coast

This programme opens our eyes to biodiversity at the Masia Blanca marine reserve. The reserve monitors awaken our spirit of adventure and accompany us throughout the entire activity, as well as reminding us that as guests of this underwater world we must treat it with care and respect. First we visit an educational exhibition in the aquatic room and then make a brief dive to enjoy a kaleidoscopic view of the flora and fauna.

Offer price

20 €

July and August.
Consult for availability.
Take advantage of the visit to discover the Vil·la Casals-Museu Pau Casals.

Where in Catalonia? Patronat Municipal de Turisme del Vendrell



El Vendrell has such a great historical and cultural heritage that it provides scope for family, thermal, cultural, culinary, beach, sporting or relaxation tourism. It has a comprehensive array of museums, prominent among which are the Museu Deu Font and the Vil·la Casals-Museu Pau Casals. A further attraction value is its intense musical activity, with a wide selection of concerts and recitals throughout the year.



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Languages

Catalan, Spanish, English, French, German, Russian and Dutch

Visit to the capital of the Baix Camp

Reus Promoció



Façade of the Gaudí Centre Reus — Casa Navàs © PMTCR

Modernist Reus

Tracing the great architects

Reus is blessed with one of Europe's most important concentration of modernist buildings. It is for this reason that an itinerary has been designed, the Ruta del Modernisme, which introduces us to the city's most captivating modernist façades. There are 27 buildings, including outstanding examples like the ones by Lluís Domènech i Montaner, Casa Navàs and the Institut Pere Mata. The Ruta Gaudí allows us to discover the places linked to the life of Gaudí in Reus, his native city, and helps us to better appreciate his genius.

Reus Promoció

Reus Promoció is the entity that manages the Gaudí Centre Reus, an interpretation centre devoted to the life and work of Antoni Gaudí designed with state-of-the-art technology, where visitors may experiment with tactile, interactive models and enjoy a 360° multi-screen show. Reus Promoció also organises visits to the city's historical heritage, for both individuals and organised groups.

Where in Catalonia?



Offer price

Tourist visits

19€

All year round.
Non-holiday Saturdays
except from July 15
to September 15.
Consult discounts.

Languages

Catalan, Spanish,
English, French,
German and Russian

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Terres de l'Ebre

Located in the extreme south of the Principality, Terres de l'Ebre —declared a Biosphere Reserve by UNESCO in 2013— have an identity clearly linked to the course of the river that gives them their name, and to the delta at the mouth, one of the most important wetlands in the Western Mediterranean. The river does not separate the two banks or the people who inhabit them; on the contrary, it unites them by virtue of its role as a major transport artery. In serving as a frontier, they have benefited from intense exchange throughout the centuries. Rest assured that discovering the culture of Terres de l'Ebre will be a fascinating experience!



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Montsià, the Ebro river with rice fields in the background



View of Tortosa with the river Ebro



The historical centre of Miravet, on the river Ebro



The suspension bridge over the river Ebro, Amposta



The past and future of Terres de l'Ebre

A territory where history reigns supreme

Following the paths along the river Ebre, discovering the vestiges of the Iberian era or examples of prehistoric rock painting, contemplating the fortifications built by the Templars or discovering places that witnessed tragic episodes during the Spanish Civil War will unveil the history of Terres de l'Ebre. And all this is supplemented by a generous dose of tradition. Museums, celebrations that recreate history and routes through historically decisive places will together constitute an enjoyable, and above all unforgettable, experience.



Terres de l'Ebre



Horta de Sant Joan
© Patronat de Turisme de la Diputació de Tarragona

www.terresdelebre.travel



Terres de l'Ebre

A trip back 2,500 years

Ajuntament d'Alcanar



Guided visit to the Iberian settlement at Alcanar © arxiu fotogràfic O.M.T.

Alcanar and the legacy of the Iberos

A weekend of culture and family fun

The Ajuntament (Town Hall) of Alcanar organises a cultural weekend in which to discover the lifestyle of our ancestors, the Ilercavons. This special offer, conceived as a family attraction, includes a visit to the La Moleta del Remei archaeological park, which consists of the Iberian settlement —declared a historical and artistic monument in 1979— and the Centre for the Interpretation of Iberian Culture, the Museu Casa O'Connor, with over 160 original exhibits from the 7th to the 2nd centuries BC.

Ajuntament d'Alcanar

The Ajuntament d'Alcanar, at the southernmost tip of Catalonia, is promoting the town's potential as a tourist destination, given its benign climate, beaches, local cuisine, culture, heritage, its water sports harbour, its feasts and traditions and its network of hiking paths. Thanks to the 12 km of coast, the sea is always present in the activities of the municipality, in Alcanar itself, in Les Cases and on Alcanar Beach.

Where in Catalonia?



Offer price

From
3€

All year round. Check for availability. Reduced prices for children.

Languages

Catalan, Spanish,
English and French

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Lo Roget © Ajuntament d'Ascó

Sailing on a *Lo Roget*

From Ascó to Móra d'Ebre and Miravet

Named after a Moorish bandit, "Lo Roget" is a faithful replica of the old *llaüts* that ploughed the waters of the Ebre, transporting goods from port to port. The boat still forms part of the river's landscape, except that today it has become a cultural leisure attraction. With room for 53 passengers and equipped with audio guides in various languages, "Lo Roget" makes two trips daily between Ascó and Móra d'Ebre from Tuesday to Friday, while on the weekend it also goes to Miravet. The route brings to life the work of these boatmen of yesteryear.

Offer price

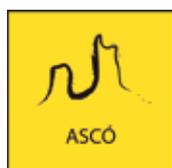
9 € (Ascó-Móra)

12 € (Ascó-Miravet).
From Easter Week to
the end of October.
Check for reduced
rates and availability.

Where in Catalonia? Ajuntament d'Ascó



"Lo Roget" is a tourist and cultural attraction which, with its trips on the river, has attracted numerous visitors to this town on the banks of the Ebro. The Oficina de Turisme also organises guided tours of the Vila Closa, the walled sector of Ascó that with its narrow, winding streets evokes the town's Moorish past.



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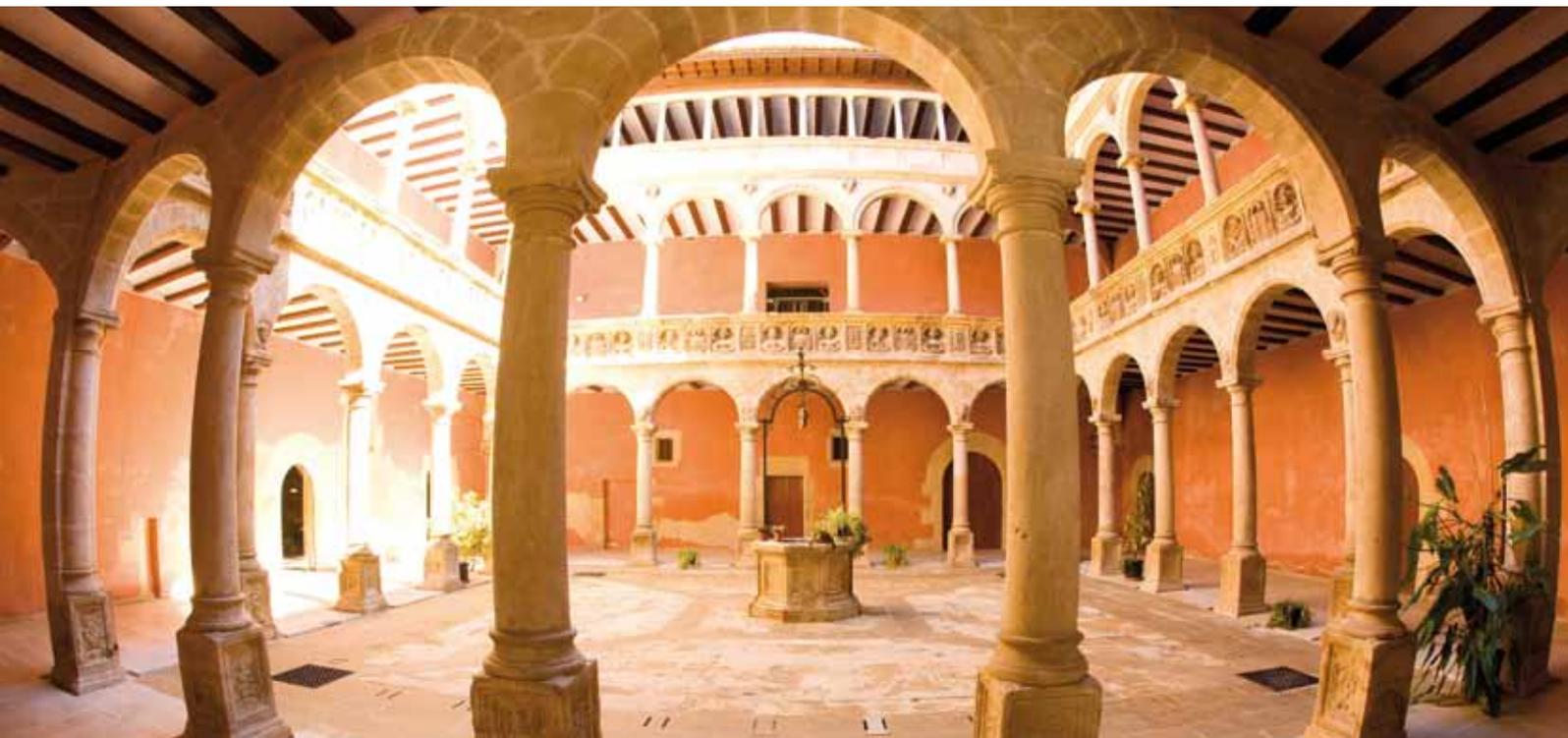
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Languages

Catalan, Spanish,
English, French,
German and
Russian

The pleasure of discovering Tortosa

Tortosa Turisme – Ajuntament de Tortosa



The Reials Col·legis of Tortosa © Ajuntament de Tortosa – Boluña Imatge

The Tortosa Card

Tortosa at the best prices

The Tortosa Card allows you to enjoy the cultural attractions of Tortosa, the City of Three Cultures, and take advantage of discounts in services and shopping. The museums of Tortosa and that of sculptures of Santiago de Santiago, the Cathedral, the Reials Col·legis and the interpretation centres of the Renaissance and of Easter Week are all free with the Tortosa Card, while attractive discounts are applied to restaurants, cake shops, arts and crafts, taxis, guided visits and horse-riding.

Tortosa Turisme – Ajuntament de Tortosa

Through its offices and other points of attention, Tortosa Turisme, the department of the Ajuntament (City Hall) of Tortosa responsible for tourism and promotion, provides tourist information on the city and Terres de l'Ebre in several languages, personal tourism assistance and the sale of tourist cards (Tortosa Card) and tickets, among other products.

Where in Catalonia?



Offer price

7 €

All year round.
Enquire into discounts for a variety of activities.

Languages

Catalan, Spanish, English, French, German, Italian and Russian

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Terres de Lleida

The regions grouped together under the denomination Terres de Lleida lie in the western sector of the central depression. They are clustered around the city of Lleida, capital of the province of the same name, and along the lower stretches of the river Segre, with its canals and irrigation channels that water the crops in the area. It is a landscape of towns marked by the circumstance of serving inland farming estates, a geographical element that has endowed the local inhabitants with a strong personality. Discover the cultural heritage of Terres de Lleida, it will astound you!



◀ The Castle of Montcortés de Segarra

▶ Fallas in Pont de Suert



The Parc Astronòmic del Montsec in Àger



The Seu Vella. Lleida



The cave paintings of Cogul





History, culture and traditions

Discovering Lleida

Experiencing Catalonia's most popular traditions and legends first hand, participating in festivities with their roots in the remote past, exploring the rich artistic heritage of the Vall de Boí, allowing yourself to be captivated by the cave paintings of El Cogul, among the most important of their kind on the Peninsula and, like the Vall de Boí, a Unesco World Heritage Site... These are just some of the many attractions that await us in the Pyrenees and Terres de Lleida, a territory full of places to be discovered.



Monastery of Vallbona de les Monges © Laurent Sansen



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Castells de Lleida

Management and design of cultural programmes



The Castle of Montsonís © Castells de Lleida

A medieval sortie

A journey to the past

The medieval town of Montsonís, in La Noguera, is the starting point for a journey to the past that begins with the Castle of Montsonís, a magnificent fortress that preserves the splendour of past eras. The visit includes a DO Costas del Segre wine-tasting session, half-board accommodation in a country house with a double room with bath, and supper and breakfast in the cellars of in the Montsonís winery. The ideal initiation into wine-tourism and wine tasting. A weekend of relaxation, culture, recreation and gastronomy.

Offer price

64.90 €

All year round.
Half-board, including
supper and breakfast.
It is essential to book in
advance.

Where in Catalonia?



Castells de Lleida

Castells de Lleida S.L. is a firm specialising in the design and management of cultural programmes in Lleida. It provides services in different spheres linked to cultural tourism –visits to castles, wine tasting– and strives to provide clients with the most suitable accommodation from which to carry out these activities: rural tourism houses, apartments, hotels, hostels and so on.

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Languages

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Centre d'Observació de l'Univers

Catalonia's astronomy park



Planetarium and the sky above Montsec © Jordi Bas

An entirely unique planetarium

Astronomy and the environment

Night and day, the educational activities at the Centre d'Observació de l'Univers never cease. The permanent exhibition of astronomy and the environment of Montsec, the multi-media planetarium —The Ull del Montsec (Eye of Montsec)— and the Parc de Telescopis are the three stops on a two-hour itinerary through geology and astronomy, through the Earth and across the firmament. A stellar voyage that reveals the secrets of the sky.

Centre d'Observació de l'Univers

The Centre d'Observació de l'Univers (COU), located in Àger, in the Montsec mountains, is a dispersed recreational space, a model centre of education in the fields of astronomy and geology in Catalonia. The COU introduces visitors to the world of science so that they can appreciate the skies and environment of Montsec, certified and recognised by the Starlight Foundation and acclaimed by UNESCO as one of the best sites in the world for astronomical observation.

Where in Catalonia?



Offer price

Daytime fee

7.50 €

Consult weekend and holiday prices. Groups must book beforehand. Nighttime entrance fee: 10 €.

Languages

Catalan, Spanish, English and French

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Hostatgeria Monestir de les Avellanes ***

Hospitality in a historical complex



The Monestir de les Avellanes cloister © Monestir de les Avellanes

Exploring the stars

Initiation into astronomy

Observing space is one of the attractions of a package that, besides introducing us to the fascinating world of astronomy, regales us with culinary sensations. The guided visit to the Parc Astronòmic del Montsec takes in the astronomy and rural environment exhibition of Montsec, the Parc de Telescopis and the Ull de Montsec multi-media planetarium. A voyage through the universe with a stopover at the Monastery of Les Avellanes, which we visit before enjoying dinner at its restaurant, El Claustre.

Offer price

164€

All year round except February, the Christmas holidays and Easter Week.

Where in Catalonia?



Hostatgeria Monestir de les Avellanes ***

Housed in a 12th century building, part of the historical and artistic heritage of national interest, the hostel has 37 en-suite rooms with views. The El Claustre restaurant offers clients traditional cuisine of La Noguera. The hostel has free WI-FI and organises visits to the COU, Congost Mont-Rebei and Camarasa, bird-watching excursions, angling, visits to wineries, mountain bike riding, hiking, kayaks, horse riding and parapent.



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Languages

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Seu Vella de Lleida © Lauren Gardeny

Walking through Lleida

A city of culture and traditions

Lleida invites us to stroll through its streets crammed with tradition and culture. The majestic walls of the Seu Vella (cathedral), the Castell del Rei and the treasures at the Museu de Lleida are just some of the capital's attractions, which we can appreciate even better thanks to a weekend programme including 2 nights in a 4-star hotel (bed and breakfast), guided visits to the monumental complex of El Turó de la Seu Vella and the Castle of Gardeny, a ticket to the Museu de Lleida and a lunch prepared from regional ingredients.

Turisme de Lleida

Turisme de Lleida, a municipal entity responsible for developing and applying the city's tourism policies, aims to promote and market the Lleida trade mark. Heritage, cuisine, culture and nature are the Lleida's fundamental tourist attractions: wine and gourmet programmes, city breaks, landscapes, nature, etc.

Where in Catalonia?



Offer price

From
126 €

All year round.
Check beforehand for room availability.

Languages

Catalan, Spanish,
English and French

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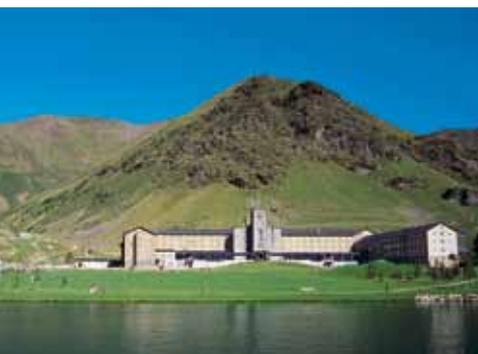


Pirineus

The mountains that form the Pyrenees are a privileged natural setting which allows us to contemplate Catalonia from the heights. The valleys, on the other hand, harbour an astonishing human heritage, fruit of the perseverance of men and women who have forged a lifestyle closely linked to its altitudes. The Pirineus region is a dynamic territory with many activities to be carried out. In the cultural field, you will be astonished by the Romanesque heritage of the Vall de Boí. We dare you to discover it!



◀ Valley, mountains and houses in La Cerdanya



Núria. View of the lake and the sanctuary



Day of the *raiers* (raftsmen) in La Pobla de Segur



Cathedral of la Seu d'Urgell



Christ in Majesty in the Romanesque Church of Sant Climent de Taüll

The masterpiece of the Romanesque in Catalonia

Centre del Romànic de la Vall de Boí



Video-mapping which reproduces the paintings above the main apse at Sant Climent de Taüll © Centre del Romànic de la Vall de Boí

Discover the best Romanesque

Visits to the heart of the Vall de Boí

The guided visits to the churches in the Vall de Boí and to the Centre del Romànic provide you with a rigorous though pleasant introduction to one of Europe's best Romanesque complexes. The audio-visuals, dramatisations and educational resources of the Centre del Romànic ease us into our first contact with this rich historical and cultural heritage. The video mapping of Sant Climent de Taüll offers us a virtual reproduction of the mural paintings of the main apse, taking us back to the 12th century and the feeling of visiting the original Romanesque church.

Offer price

From
2 €

All year round.
Individual ticket.
The price varies
depending on the
church visited.

Where in Catalonia? Centre del Romànic de la Vall de Boí



The Consorci Patrimoni Mundial de la Vall de Boí is the entity entrusted with managing the set of churches declared World Heritage Sites by UNESCO, namely those of Sant Climent de Taüll, Santa Maria de Taüll, Sant Joan de Boí, Santa Eulàlia d'Erill la Vall, Sant Feliu de Barruera, La Nativitat de Durro, Sant Quirc de Durro, L'Assumpció de Còll and Santa Maria de Cardet.



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Languages

Catalan, Spanish,
English and French



Sala 3D and Epicentre © Consell Comarcal del Pallars Jussà

Epicentre, immersion in Pallars

Discover the cultural and natural heritage

Epicentre is the centre of tourist information for the Pallars Jussà and the space where the values of the area's cultural and natural heritage are explained. It is a space for cultural leisure, showing the charms of the region in an audio visual presentation, with interactive screens and a 3D room. The content is structured in six categories, three of which are devoted to nature: dinosaurs and geology, night sounds and natural spaces; the other three concern the culture and society of the Pallars: the history and legends of its people.

Consell Comarcal del Pallars Jussà

With its headquarters in Tremp, the Consell Comarcal del Pallars Jussà is the regional governing entity with jurisdiction over sectors such as Youth, Consumption, Economic Development and Tourism. In this latter field, the Consell endeavours to promote the Pallars Jussà as a nature and sport tourism destination —hiking, mountain bike, 4x4 and so on—, and as a cultural destination —museums, border castles, civil and religious architecture, etc.

Where in Catalonia?



Offer price

3 €

All year round.

Languages

Catalan, Spanish,
English and French

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View of Gósol from the Coll de Josa © Rafael López Monné – Arxiu del CR-CBH

The footsteps of the Cathars

Hiking without frontiers

The Camí dels Bons Homes, GR-107, is a wonderful hiking experience that crosses the Pyrenees from the Santuari de Queralt, in Catalonia, to the Castle of Montsegur, in France. It may be covered on foot, on horseback or by mountain bicycle, following in the footsteps of the Cathars and discovering the cultural and historical heritage of this mountain region. All along the itinerary the traveller will find services —accommodation, restaurants, guides—, which will make this medieval route even more special.

Offer price

Prices vary according to the activity chosen

All year round.
You may hire guides from the companies associated with the CR-CBH.

Where in Catalonia? Consell Regulador del Camí dels Bons Homes



The Consell Regulador del Camí dels Bons Homes is the entity that promotes this hiking route and coordinates all its services, such as information outlets, accommodation, restaurants, guides, equestrian centres and taxis. It also guarantees maintenance of the paths and signposting, as well as coordination with the French entities involved.



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English and French



Monastery of Santa Maria de Ripoll, 9th century © Maria Soyt

A land of counts and abbots

A journey to the origins of Catalonia

Explore the cultural heritage and nature of Ripollès, a land of great monasteries and legendary figures. You can visit the Monastery of Ripoll, which dates from the 9th century, with its outstanding 12th century portal; the Monastery of Sant Joan de les Abadesses, and the Palau de l'Abadia. You can also discover the locations associated with the legends of Count Arnau at the Count Arnau Interpretation Centre at Sant Joan de les Abadesses, the Castle of Mataplana and with a visit to the Montgrony Year 0 Interpretation Centre in the Santuari de Montgrony.

Consorci Ripollès Desenvolupament

This agency aims to stimulate tourism and the local economy while ensuring sustainability. The Ripollès area has one of the highest concentrations of Romanesque art in Europe: There are 98 monuments to be found among 19 of its municipal areas, with small churches such as Sant Víctor de Dòrria in the Ribes valley or the church of Sant Cristòfol de Beget in the valley of Camprodon.

Where in Catalonia?



Offer price

Check the website

All year round. Further information, and package bookings including visits, food and discounts.

Languages

Catalan, Spanish,
English and French

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Ecomuseu de les Valls d'Àneu

A new kind of museum



Interior of the Casa Gassia in the Vall d'Àneu © Ecomuseu

Life in Àneu in the 19th century

Welcome to Casa Gassia

An 18th century house, standing in the heart of the old quarter of Esterrí d'Àneu, is the gateway into an experience in which we learn how our forebears lived, when houses had neither electricity nor running water. Casa Gassia is a typical cattle farmer's house from an era in which farming and stock breeding was the mainstay of the local economy. The exhibition units contribute to our understanding of domestic life at a time that, though not so very long ago, was very different from our own.

Offer price

3€

All year round.
Consult the museum
for opening times.

Where in Catalonia? Ecomuseu de les Valls d'Àneu



The Ecomuseu reveals how the environment shaped the culture of the Àneu region and the transformations that have taken place over recent decades. It provides comprehensive information on the past and present of the area, while stimulating thoughts about the future. Unlike traditional museums, the Ecomuseu is not enclosed in a building but spread across the territory to tell of life in the valleys and villages.



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English and French



Apse of the Church of Sant Quirze de Pedret © Rafael López Monné

Multitickets Berguedà

Culture for all budgets

The many cultural attractions of the Berguedà region are now more accessible thanks to an initiative that makes its culture available at the best prices possible, namely the Multitickets Berguedà. These are 10 packets that allow you to make a combined purchase of cultural tourism programmes, grouped together by themes: Industrial Berguedà; Textile and Coal; Berguedà Animal; A Great Journey in a Small Train; Textiles in Berguedà; Underground; Berguedà Medieval; Great Artists; Photography and Multiticket for times of crisis.

Oficina de Turisme del Berguedà

The Berguedà has a wide range of cultural attractions, notably Romanesque architecture and the industrial heritage, exhibited in such singular museums as the Cement Museum of Castellar de n'Hug or the Mining Museum in Cercs. Its cultural heritage is represented by the Patum de Berga, part of the Oral and Intangible World Heritage, or by the Fia-faia of Bagà and Sant Julià de Cerdanyola, a festival of national interest.

Where in Catalonia?



Offer price

Up to
23.50 €

All year round.
Depending on the
Multiticket chosen.

Languages

Catalan, Spanish,
English and French

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The lake at Puigcerdà — Prat del Cadí © Patronat Comarcal de Turisme de la Cerdanya

Hiking in La Cerdanya

An extensive path network to be discovered

The network of hiking paths in the La Cerdanya region is extensive and varied. There are 19 signposted routes of varying degrees of difficulty extending throughout the valley, suitable for mountain bike, horse riding and walking. Furthermore, there is a network of east-west paths, including the St James's Way, and themed routes such as the Camí dels Bons Homes, as well as several north-south paths that allow you to discover local secrets and natural areas of great beauty.

Offer price

Prices vary depending on the activity

All year round.
Consult the different activities that take place throughout the year.

Where in Catalonia? Patronat Comarcal de Turisme de la Cerdanya



La Cerdanya is blessed with an immense natural heritage that encourages with a variety of sporting activities. Possibilities range from mountain bike routes to short and long distance footpaths, Nordic and Alpine skiing in La Molina, Masella, Lles, Aransa and Guils Fontanera. You can also try golf, horse riding, angling, mountain and rock climbing or walking with snowshoes.



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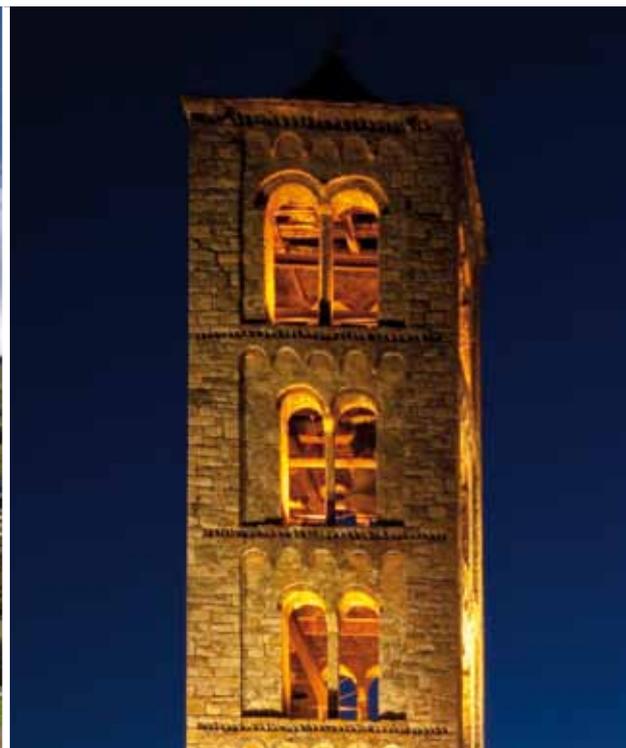
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A Romanesque World Heritage site

Patronat de la Vall de Boí



Sant Climent de Taüll © Patronat de la Vall de Boí

The Romanesque of the Vall de Boí

A World Heritage Site

The group of Romanesque churches of the Vall de Boí is a World heritage Site and is exceptional in having so many monuments in such a small area. They include the churches of Sant Climent and Santa Maria de Taüll, Sant Joan de Boí, Santa Eulàlia de Erill la Vall, Sant Feliu de Barruera, the Assumpció de Còll, Santa Maria de Cardet and the Nativitat and Sant Quirc de Durro, all admirable examples of a style that is a thousand years old. The Romanesque Centre offers guided tours all year round.

Patronat de la Vall de Boí

With its headquarters in Barruera, the Vall de Boí Tourist Office provides information on culture, cuisine and nature in the area of the Romanesque World Heritage Site, the Parc Nacional d'Aigüestortes, with its 50 km of hiking paths and the Boí Taüll Ski Resort. The hot springs of Caldes de Boí and the traditional fire festivals are other local attractions.

Where in Catalonia?



Offer price

From
7 €

All year round
(except November).
Visit three World
Heritage churches.

Languages

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English and French

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Ultramarinos Salas © Jordi V. Pou

Nostalgic Pallars

The irresistible charm of the Pallars Jussà

Over a single weekend we discover the essence of the Pallars Jussà through its ancient crafts and customs. A trip on the Tren dels Llacs (Lake Train), takes us from Lleida to the Molí de l'Oli (Casa Mauri) and to the Museu dels Raiers (Museum of Log Drivers) in La Pobla de Segur. Visits to the Store-Museum of Salàs de Pallars, the Montcortès lake, the Gorge of Collegats and the salt pans of Gerri de la Sal are included in a programme completed by two traditional Pallars lunches and 1 night's stay with half-board in a rural guest house.

Offer price

164 €

All year round.
Enquire into availability
for holidays and Easter
Week. Reduced rates
for children.

Where in Catalonia? PIRINEU eMOCIÓ



With over 25 years' experience in the sector, PIRINEU eMOCIÓ designs tourism packages based on the criteria of sustainability and responsible tourism. The firm places emphasis on the culture, traditions and cuisine of the Pyrenees, introducing visitors to the authenticity and the beauty of the land and offering advice on natural areas and the activities that can be done there.



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English, French,
German and Italian



Solsona © Solsona Turisme

Solsona, a city of monuments

Discover its charms with a local guide

A walk through Solsona takes you into a city with history and deep-seated traditions that can be seen in every corner of its old quarter, with its population of giants and fantastic beasts. The city has a tradition of making knives and other table and kitchenware. It is the capital of a rural region and well worth a visit to wander through its streets with their medieval layout. We recommend taking a guided tour any weekend (from 11 o'clock a.m.) which shows you the ice-well, the cathedral, the Giants in the Quarto dels Gegants and all the outstanding features of its historic town centre.

Solsona Turisme

This municipal promotion entity organises cultural and recreational activities linked to the local heritage, nature and tradition. With its monumental historical centre, Solsona is capital of the region and seat of the bishopric, the ideal place for a relaxing stay and for enjoying the countryside and cultural wealth of a city with over one thousand years of history.

Where in Catalonia?



Offer price

7.5 €

All year round.
Check prices for groups and reduced rates.

Languages

Catalan, Spanish,
English and French

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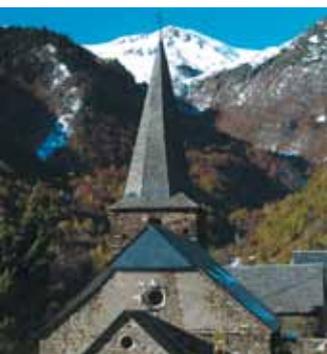
Val d'Aran

If there is a territory in Catalonia whose characteristic elements make it different from all the rest, that territory is undoubtedly the Val d'Aran. It is a region with Provençal roots located on the northern slopes of the Pyrenees, blessed by an Atlantic climate, with Aranese as its own official language and with its own identity. The Val d'Aran, highly competitive in the tourist field, is the repository of a widely diversified natural and cultural heritage that you will find nowhere else in Catalonia. Come and discover the culture of this unique community in the Catalan Pyrenees!



◀
Artiga de Lin

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The Church of Sant Andreu de Salardú



The Church of Sant Pèr ad Vincula (18th-century)



Skiers at the Vaquèira-Beret resort



The Vall d'Aiguamòg

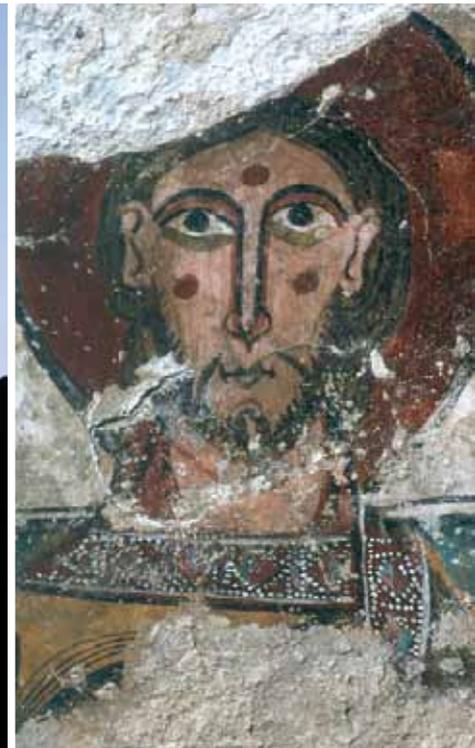


The Church of Vielha



A country to be discovered

Val d'Aran – Torisme



Church of Unha © TVA

Exploring the Aranese heritage

Monumental nature

Enjoy a weekend in the Val d'Aran with visits to a typical Aranese village and one of the most beautiful mountain passes in the region. The programme includes double-room accommodation with breakfast in a 3 or 4-star hotel/aparthotel, an excursion by taxi to the Vall de Varradòs-Sauth deth Pish and a sortie to Vilamòs to discover the Ecomuseu çò de Joanchiquet. It also includes a visit to the Church of Vilamòs and recommends visits to the churches of Bossòst and Salardú and the Museu de la Val d'Aran.

Val d'Aran – Torisme

Thanks to the privileged location of the Val d'Aran, its extraordinary linguistic, artistic and cultural heritage has been preserved practically intact, which has given rise to a legacy thoroughly integrated into nature. Itineraries through the region reveal its great historical and artistic wealth with unique examples of Romanesque and Gothic art.

Where in Catalonia?



Offer price

From
106 €

From May to October.
Price per person in
double room.

Languages

Catalan, Spanish,
English and
French

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VAL D'ARAN
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Associated entities

Below you will find information on affiliated bodies that contribute knowledge or other values to Cultural Tourism.



Promoting contemporary arts and crafts Centre d'Artesania Catalunya



Empremtes de Catalunya is a registered arts and crafts trade mark that identifies and distinguishes craft products from Catalonia which, through a deep awareness of identity and commitment to contemporaneity, convey the country's values in the form of elements linked to art, culture and history. The distinction of products with a Catalan crafts trademark enables both Catalans and the millions of foreign tourists to enjoy and take away with them an authentic, guaranteed image of the country. Furthermore, the centre also features the Botiga d'Empremtes, with a permanent exhibition area and entrance free of charge.



Strategies for the tourist sector

Escola Universitària d'Hoteleria i Turisme CETT-UB



Valid throughout Europe, the Master's Degree in Innovation in Tourist Management CETT-UB analyses tourism from territorial and cultural perspectives: management of urban destinations and of the cultural, natural and culinary heritage forms part of the curriculum of this course that offers two itineraries: one professional, with practice in firms and institutions; and the other research oriented, leading to a doctorate; focusing on the hotel sector, one that has experienced major growth in recent years.

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Memorials: Witnesses to struggle and freedom

Memorial Democràtic



Mountain paths, bunkers, air fields, bomb shelters, spaces of repression and museums make up a network of 70 memorials, a collective heritage that pays homage to those Catalans who fought in defence of freedom. At the same time it raises awareness and promotes historical reflection on the period between 1931 and 1980, the Second Republic, the Civil War, the Franco dictatorship and the return of democracy. The Memorial Democràtic de la Generalitat de Catalunya website contains information in 4 languages on the spaces to visit and means of access.

Memorial of Exile at the Coll dels Belitres,
Portbou © Memorial Democràtic

All Catalonia



www.memorialdemocratic.gencat.cat/espais

memorial democràtic

Generalitat de Catalunya

Innovation in the tourist sector

Parc Científic i Tecnològic de Turisme i Oci de Catalunya



The PCT of Tourism and Leisure of the Universitat Rovira i Virgili, is a body dedicated to research in the areas of tourism and leisure, specialised in computer systems, market intelligence, products, technological development, strategic projects and transference. Located at the Vila-seca campus, it offers spaces for firms specialising in technology and innovation in tourism and leisure and forms part of the Campus of Excellence Catalunya Sud.



The PCT de Turisme i Oci in Vila-seca
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Laboratori de Patrimoni i Turisme Cultural

UB programme of R+D



Since 2000, the Universitat de Barcelona has been running a cultural and culinary tourism programme that focuses on applied research, specialised training and carrying out studies, consultancies, study-tours, technical assistance and benchmarking trips. It collaborates with many international institutions and has an active presence in several research networks in tourism and development.



Catalan cuisine workshop.
CHARTS project – Interreg IVC
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Barcelona



www.ub.edu/cultural

University training for tourism professionals

Facultat de Turisme i Direcció Hotelera Sant Ignasi



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The Facultat de Turisme i Direcció Hotelera Sant Ignasi, which is part of the Universitat Ramon Llull, has a degree in Tourism and Hotel Management that combines the development of management skills with those related with the hospitality sector. It also offers Master's and post-graduate studies in Innovative Hospitality Management, Hotel Management and Business and Event Tourism Management. Its continuous training programmes prepare professionals for the demands of a sector in constant change.

www.tsi.url.edu



Training and research in tourism

Universitat de Girona – Facultat de Turisme – INSETUR



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Costa Brava



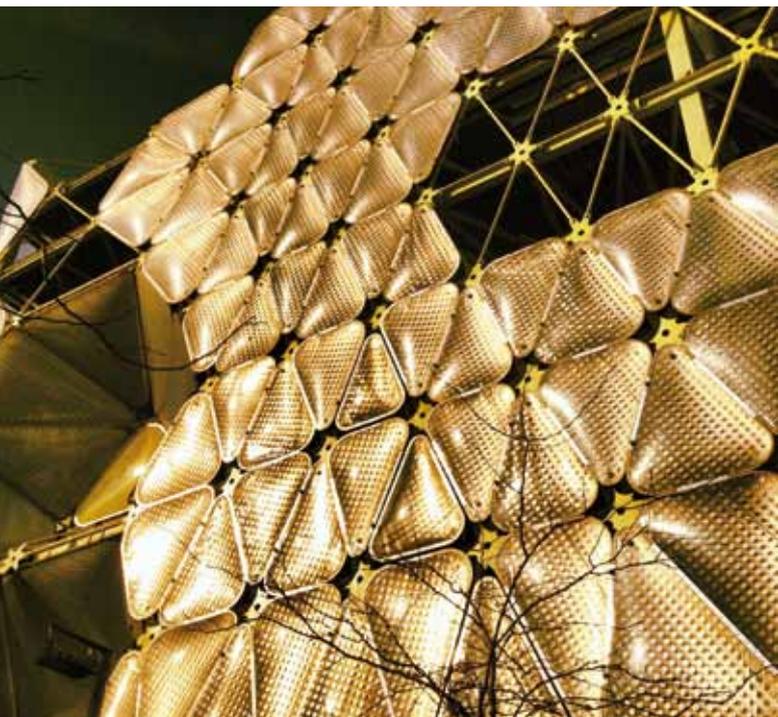
The Girona University Tourism Faculty imparts 3 official master's degree courses in tourism —Cultural Tourism, Tourism Management and Planning, and EMTM- Màster Erasmus +. It also offers Doctoral studies, and an Industrial Doctorate in Tourism. It uses INSETUR as its channel to collaborate on the ground with several national and international networks and organizations. It has 25 years' experience in teaching tourism and management.

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Food as a social and cultural phenomenon

Universitat Oberta de Catalunya (UOC)



The department of food systems, culture and society of the Universitat Oberta de Catalunya (UOC) is devoted not only to teaching but also to research into and analysis of food as a social and cultural phenomenon, particularly as regards its relationship with local territories. Gastronomic tourism, wine tourism and local development are three of the main fields of research that have been developed so far.



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