

Catalonia, The Unspain! Sample Itinerary

7 Days / 6 Nights: Tour Starts and Ends in Barcelona with Your Arrival and Departure.

B = Breakfast / L = Lunch / D = Dinner / WT = Wine Tasting / EF = Entrance Fee / (Included)

Day One (D): We will pick you up at Barcelona airport upon your arrival and take you by private transfer to the historic and culturally rich city of Girona, situated in north central Catalonia. (1h, 20 min.) Once settled in our elegant hotel, situated in the old quarter and the daily life of Girona, we will treat to lunch or dinner at a traditional family owned restaurant. After our meal, you will get your first taste of the city's architectural wonders, defensive walls and its steep labyrinth of streets that compose the old Jewish quarter. Later we will stroll along the banks of the Onyar River back to our hotel. The rest of the evening is free to do as you like.

Day Two (B, EF, WT, L): After breakfast we head east through the delightful rolling countryside to a series of medieval hamlets. Our first stop is a visit to the enchanting Pubol Castle Museum, the former home of Salvador Dali's wife Gala, which contains many works by the surrealist artist as well as Gala's wardrobe. Afterwards, we enjoy wine tastings at a nearby vineyard before lunching at our favorite local restaurant, which will serve as your orientation to fine Catalan cuisine in a beautiful setting! After our long and leisurely lunch, we continue east to Cales de Begur and Palafrugell, a stretch of coves and inviting waters on the unspoiled Costa Brava. After a relaxing swim or stroll through this charming fishing community that captures the essence of the Mediterranean, we will gradually make our way back to Girona.

Day Three (B): We venture northwest with our first stop in the medieval town of Besalú where we observe the historical tradition of the Counts combined with elements of the Jewish community that lived there in the middle ages and amble across its majestic bridge. Then we continue northwest towards the French border where the splendor of the Pyrenees meets some of Spain's most significant Romanesque art & architecture in the mountain villages of Oix and Beget. Here we will lunch in a modest eatery that serves hearty stews and succulent meats accompanied by delicious local wines. After our relaxing meal, we'll head back to our hotel in Girona.

Day Four (B, EF, L), takes us south to Barcelona where we will narrow in on its most interesting places starting with Gaudi's Guell Park with its panoramic views over Barcelona. Then we descend to the gothic quarter, exploring its maze of ancient streets and Barcelona's cathedral. From the cathedral we head up to the Ramblas and the Boqueria Food Market. From here we have a short stroll down one of the backstreets to a cool little restaurant off the tourist beat that specializes in Andalusian style tapas with a Catalan flare. After this exceptional gastronomic experience we have a guided tour of one of Gaudi's most emblematic works, the Batlló House. Then we will check out the façades of the Mila House (La Pedera) and the Sagrada Família before heading back to Girona.

Day Five (B, EF): Today's destination is the beautiful northern stretch of the Costa Brava, first visiting the Dali Museum in Figueres, where we observe his most famous works. Afterwards, we head west to the picturesque coastal town of Cadaqués, where we will have a relaxing lunch at a pleasant cantina on the waterfront, sampling its local treats from the sea. From here we take a short drive to the secluded and magical cove of Port Ligat, the former home of Dali. A little further north, we have the medieval monastery of Sant Pere de Rodes, an architectural wonder with breath taking views over the Costa Brava.

Day Six (B, WT): We travel southwest to Sant Sadurní d'Anoi to sample Spain's finest cava and rose at the bodegas of Juve y Camps after touring the vineyards and observing the production process. Afterwards, there will be time for selecting your favorites for purchase. Then we will have a leisurely midday meal before our trip back to Girona.

Day Seven (B): For our final full day in the region we will stay close to home and make the most of Girona's numerous fascinating sights and places. For example, the city's archeological museum, the cathedral and its extensive network of defensive walls, just to name a few. There is also a wealth of modernist architecture that should not be bypassed. At midday we have plenty of options for dining from rustic traditional to high-end cuisine. Just let us know a day in advance what suits you best and we will make the reservations.

Day Eight (B): After breakfast we will accompany you by private transfer to Barcelona airport to assure you reach your flight comfortably.

***\$2,900 per person for party of six
\$3,140 per person for party of four
\$3,320 per person for party of two***

Included:

Private Airport Transfers
Seven Nights Hotel with daily breakfast in Girona
Welcome Lunch or Dinner in Girona
Orientation Menu in Madremanya
Private Transportation for Regional Excursions
All Entrance Fees and Guided Tours as Per Itinerary and Two Wine Tasting Tours
All Local Taxes

Not Included:

Flights to and from Spain
Midday and Evening Meals Unless Specified in Itinerary
Any Means of Transportation Outside Itinerary
Officially Guided Tours or AudioTours Not Specified in Itinerary
Evening Entertainment
Hotel Extras and Gratuity
Travel Insurance

Please note that the reason why all midday and evening meals are not included is that appetites can vary enormously from person to person and day to day. Furthermore, different items on the menu can vary greatly in price. For example, at our favorite restaurant in Llanes Asturias, one couple may order *percebes*, a very exclusive type of crustacean followed by fresh lobster and a bottle of Albariño, a fine white from Galicia, while another couple may opt for a *menu of the day*, which tends to be a typically regional and wholly satisfying three-course meal that includes house wine, mineral water and coffee. The former could cost from 80 to 120 euros per person while the latter ranges from 12 to 18 euros per person. Both choices are excellent!

What we strive for is to provide all of our guests with authentic regional gastronomic experiences. That is exactly what you'll get at all of our selected restaurants no matter what you order!

All of our selected restaurants whether hi-end or neighborhood eateries are of the highest standards of quality and service with the freshest ingredients!

If you are interested in this tour please see the Terms & Conditions page on our Website.



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