

TOURING ALONG THE COSTA BRAVA & GIRONA PROVINCE

This is one of our favorite tours in Spain. In the following explanation we include the villages and places we like the most and we think you will enjoy them as well.



TOSSA DE MAR:



Old village surrounded by a wall, named “Vila Vella”, right on the coast. Tinny streets, good restaurants, history, culture, etc. (It is Bruno & Francisco summer place!)

2 recommended hotels:

- The Gran Reymar Hotel**** (www.bestwesternghreymar.com)
- Hotel Diana** (hotelesdante.com/homediana.asp)

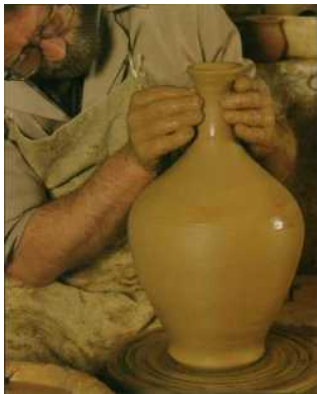
For further information: www.infotossa.com.

MONELLS:



MONELLS is one of the many medieval villages that you could pass on the way to Calella de Palafrugell & Pals. It's the perfect place to stop to have a coffee at the only bar you will find in village. This place is just so peaceful and will enchant you.

LA BISBAL D'EMPORDÀ:



La Bisbal de l'Empordà is very well-known for its pottery handwork. Stop and enjoy their stores and artist. This area it's also famous for its antics shops due to the many old mansions spread all over the countryside.

CALELLA DE PALAFRUGELL:



Typical fisherman village, narrow streets, tinny beaches, etc. Nice place to take a walk along the shore, and stop at the restaurant "Tragamar" or "Bar Solimar" to have lunch in front of the sea. We love to come here!!

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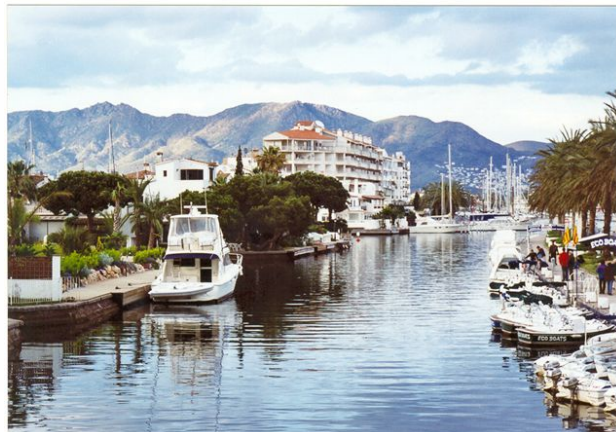
One of the most virgin parts of this coast, the scenery is breathtaking. Here we have many good options where to stay: at the Parador hotel of Aiguablava**** (www.parador.es) or El Far hotel *** (www.elfar.net), where you will be able to enjoy the views over the Mediterranean sea and have a romantic dinner. Another option, more private, is to stay at Mas Salvi****, owned by a good friend, where you will find all the relax you can imagine: beauty and massages salon, sauna, indoor & outdoor swimming pool, ceramic classes (www.massalvi.com)

PALS & PERATALLADA



PALS: another village surrounded by a wall. Take a walk uphill to visit the Romanic tower of Les Hores, the symbol of the town. Then drive to Peratallada to have lunch there. It is another fortified village, at very few kilometers from Pals. There are many good restaurants. (www.peratallada.info)

L'EMPURIES / AMPURIABRAVA:



In Empuries, you will find the remains of the location where the Greeks first started their Emporium in the peninsula. You will find temples, statues, etc.

Ampuriabrava is a modern village, built like Venice, with canals that go all along the village. It's worth to stop on the way to Cadaques and visit it. There are some very nice houses.

CADAQUES & PORT LLIGAT & CAP DE CREUS:



One of our favorite villages in Catalonia. A white village located “in-the-middle-of-nowhere”, again with narrow streets, and very nice views. Have dinner at “Ca l’Anita”. It’s a typical old restaurant, where you are sit at the table with other people, the food is excellent and the service is... typical from a fisherman place,... just great !

Port Lligat: North from downtown, where the worldwide famous artist Salvador Dali used to live. You could visit his house, where you will see part of his work. For visiting you need to make reservations in advanced by e-mail pllgrups@dali-estate.org or call at +34 972 251 015

Cap de Creus- This is the most oriental point of the peninsula, which nowadays is a Natural Park, for its fauna & flora. Normally is very windy. There is a little cafe-restaurant at the lighthouse which is worth to stop and have a nice “Cafe con leche” after a windy day.

2 recommended Hotels facing the beautiful bay of Cadaqués:

Hotel Playa Sol ***: (www.playasol.com)

Hotel Rocamar*** (www.rocamar.com)

FIGUERES:



FIGUERES: In here you will find the Dali Museum, which is worth to visit. Count on spending visiting it around 2-3 hours, depending on your interest. You can find further information about this artist at www.dali-estate-org.

2 recommended hotels close by Figueres:

- Mas Roca de Fluvià (www.mrocafluvià.com), in Romanya d'Emporda (Bascarà). The owners are very welcoming & friendly people- you will feel like home there.

- Mas pau (www.maspau.com) in Avinyonet de Pigventós.

BESALU:



BESALU is a medieval village, surrounded by a wall, with narrow streets, buildings made of stone, etc. When you walk along the streets you feel like you are in another Century. At this time of the trip you are going to start being short in time, so it will be up to you to visit it.

GIRONA:



Girona is one of the 4 capitals of Catalonia. The historical part of the city is marvelous. The Jewish neighborhood must to be seen, as well as the Cathedral, and the Arabs baths. Again, at this point of the trip you will be short in time, so you will see if you have time to visit it. For more information please, visit these two websites: <http://www.ajirona.org/call/cat/index.php> and <http://www.lacatedraldegirona.com/intro/introflash.html>.



RECOMMENDED SCHEDULE:

1st day: drive to Tossa de Mar, spend the day and the night in the village.

2nd day: Visit of Monells, Bisbal d'Empordà (ceramics & antics shops), have a lunch in Calella de Palafrugell, stop in Begur.& sleep in the selected hotel.

3rd day: Pals, have a lunch in Peratallada, then visit the Ruins of Empuries, & Ampuriabrava, arriving on the evening to Cadaques. have Dinner at "Ca l'Anita".& sleep in the village.

4th day: Visit Cadaques, Port Lligat and Dali's house, then bdrive through Cap de Creus and sleep in one of the hotels close by Figueres and have diner at the restaurant of the hotel.

5th day: visit Dali museum in Figueres, stop at Besalu (if you have time) and Girona, come back to Barcelona