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BEST CULTURAL ACTIVITIES IN CATALONIA



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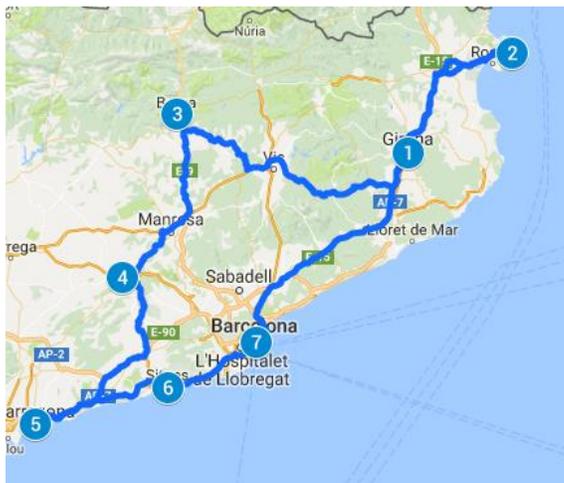
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Gothic Quarter Barcelona

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| Road Trip Drive | Distance | Driving Time |
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| Barcelona Airport to Girona | 72 miles | 1 hour 19 mins |
| Girona to Cadaques | 45 miles | 1 hour 12 mins |
| Cadaques to Berga | 116 miles | 2 hours 20 mins |
| Berga to Igualada | 48 miles | 55 mins |
| Igualada to Tarragona | 55 miles | 1 hour 4 mins |
| Tarragona to Sitges | 47 miles | 38 mins |
| Sitges to Gothic Quarter, Barcelona | 40 miles | 26 mins |
| Barcelona to El Prat Airport | 8 miles | 18 mins |
| Total Distance Covered: | 431 miles | |

The region of Catalonia in northwest Spain boasts a variety of landscapes from rugged coastlines and sandy beaches, to the rocky Pyrenees Mountains and farmlands of inland Catalonia. It is also home to the works of celebrated artists such as Gaudi, Picasso & Dali. Pair this diversity in scenery and rich artistic history with an events calendar stacked with opportunities to take in the local cultural of the area and you have a perfect destination to Drive to Discover.

TO/FROM: Barcelona's El Prat Airport

With this guide, you will begin your 431-mile journey at Barcelona's El Prat Airport and will travel throughout Catalonia.

1. Temps De Flors in Girona

After a short drive north-east from Barcelona, you'll find the "Venice of Spain". With its painted hanging houses and footbridge crossing the River Onyar, you'll quickly see how the comparison is accurate of this medieval city. A city serious about tradition, it's a must see for the history buffs. One of the most popular events in Girona is the Temps de Flors. During this multi-day flower festival, explore the beautiful & fragrant city of Girona.

2. The Dali Triangle and the village of Cadaques

Located only a little over an hour northeast of Girona is the sleepy fishing village of Cadaques. A popular destination for tourists and holiday makers escaping Barcelona, the village was also popular for many artists in the 19 century including Salvador Dali and Pablo Picasso. In fact, Dali kept a home not far from the village. Using Cadaques as a jumping off point you can visit the 'Dali Triangle'. For more information visit the [Costa Brava tourism board](#).

3. Fire & Feast Celebrations in Berga

Along with celebrations held in many villages in neighboring regions of Spain & France, "Fallas of the Pyrenees" are fire festivals celebrating the start of harvest season by purifying the fields and forests. They also mark the summer solstices and honor the sun. These festivals in Les and Arties are usually complimented by the feast of St. John in late June. In the villages of Bagà and Sant Julià de Cerdanyola, these celebrations mark the winter solstice.

4. Spain's Largest Balloon Festival in Igualada

If you're visiting Spain in July, make sure to make time to attend Spain's largest balloon festival! A necessary stop on your trip from Berga to Tarragona, you can easily access the festival grounds in Igualada. This four-day festival offers something for the whole family with a balloon competition, activities for the kids and the opportunity to ride high above the crowd with private rides.

5. Roman Ruins and Human Towers in Tarragona

Continue your journey to Tarragona, the home of many ruins including a seaside amphitheater built by the Romans in the 2nd century AD. The amphitheater is one of many ruins in the area that offer an impressive reminder to the history of the city, a onetime major mercantile hub of Roman Spain. The Tarragona Human Tower competition is another popular cultural activity celebrated in Tarragona.

6. Soak up the Sun in Sitges

With 300 days of sun and gorgeous beaches, Sitges offers travelers a luxurious feeling seaside retreat and is often visited by Barcelonians looking to escape city life. With a vibrant nightlife and thriving gay community, Sitges is anything but boring. Enjoy a walk through the city's center to experience street arts & musicians or bask in the sun at one of the area's many pristine beaches.

7. Visit Barcelona's Gothic Quarter

Exploring the oldest part of Barcelona reveals architecture from Roman & medieval times including part of a Roman wall that encompassed the then town. Visitors will find narrow cobblestoned streets that open into splendid squares fit for wandering and soaking up the general charm of the area.