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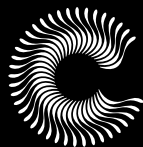
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9 July START FROM GIRONA

COSTABRAVA



100 YEARS



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GIRONA

Girona was founded by the Romans in a geographical location whose strategic importance has increased over the twenty-one centuries of its existence. Today Girona is the capital of a province with over seven hundred thousand inhabitants.

Girona's major cultural heritage includes its historical city centre with one of the main mediaeval Jewish quarters in Catalonia, the Cathedral with the widest Gothic nave in the world, the church and bell tower of Sant Feliu, the Arab Baths, and the Romanesque churches of Sant Nicolau and Sant Pere de Galligants.

Girona is a university city, with many different museums (archaeology, history, art and cinema) and an excellent range of cultural, entertainment, sports and shopping amenities, as well as the exceptionally fine local cuisine.

Girona is proud to host the start for stage six of the 96th Tour de France on 9 July 2009, when the city will symbolically open its gates to welcome one and all in celebration of this exciting event.

QUART

Quart stands out above all for its pottery making tradition. Many of its workshops are still operating today and, even though they have adapted to new technologies, they continue to use traditional methods. Interestingly, some of these workshops are open to the public nowadays and, of course, it is possible to buy their products there.

Quart is located between Girona and the Gavarres Mountains, a distinctive feature which makes this town the perfect base for cycling and hiking excursions.

LLAMBILLES

Llambilles is one of the smallest towns in the Gironès County, but that doesn't mean it lacks resources. It is the only town in the county that is privileged to have examples of every known style of Catalan country house – a feature that highlights the importance this town has held over the course of history. It is also a town touched by the Gavarres, and noteworthy within this massif is the hermitage of Sant Cristòfol del Bosc, where locals and visitors come together at a popular gathering still held there every year.

CASSÀ DE LA SELVA

A cork producing town par excellence where the cork industry has always marked its history and development. There are the multiple cork producing factories in the town which supply cork stoppers for the most important brands of wine and cava in the world, and some of them even continue to use cork from the Gavarres Mountains which is collected by the few remaining woodsmen. Great fortunes have been made from cork and as a result an incredible Modernist legacy of these success stories can still be clearly seen in the town. Buildings worth highlighting in particular are Can Nadal, currently the Town Hall, and Can Trinxeria, in Plaça de la Coma. Last but by no means least, is the town's magnificent Gothic church and over the spectacular Parc Art, an open-air museum dedicated to contemporary art.

LLAGOSTERA

Llagostera lies between the Gavarres Mountains and the Cadiretes Massif. It is one of the towns that preserves the most historic vestiges in the county, from Neolithic times through to the mediaeval age – still present in the walls of the old town. Also interesting are the many country houses and mills in the zone, as well as the infrastructure of irrigation channels and ponds. However, Llagostera is above all a town for strolling around, and thanks to its plain and mountain landscapes, it is the ideal place for horse riding, walking or cycling.

SANTA CRISTINA D'ARO

The municipality has a large number of tourism amenities: a wide selection of accommodation and cuisine, horse riding, golf courses, various entertainment options and routes and paths for cycle-touring and walking. These facilities, along with splendid natural beauty spots and the variety of historical monuments in the area, make Santa Cristina d'Aro an attractive place that can fully arouse its visitors' interest.

Santa Cristina d'Aro is well established as an outstanding tourist destination, partly due to the hiking and cycle-tourism routes available around the town. Its Greenways and mountain-bike trails are an important lure for all cycling enthusiasts, and for hikers, the town boasts some natural spots that are just perfect for walking through.

SANT FELIU DE GUÍXOLS

Sant Feliu de Guíxols is an Empordanese town on the Costa Brava which, thanks to its temperate climate, is surrounded by a landscape full of contrasts.

The Benedictine Monastery and the Romanesque Porta Ferrada are the town's most important architectural features. The city's past has left an important architectural legacy in its wake, such as the Modernist houses near the beach of Sant Pol and the manor houses of the seafarers, on the Passeig del Mar.

Beautiful landscapes can also be found when sailing along the coast, beautiful coves, the leisure marina –the link between the town and its seafaring origins–, a lighthouse on the pier that reflects the town's close bond with the sea and the famous Greenway cycle path that connects the town with the inland plain to the towns of Girona and Olot.

Sant Feliu de Guíxols is a friendly, welcoming town which is alive all year round with a rich and varied choice of activities. In short, a town with great quality of life and all the services you would expect and which, thanks to the hospitality of its inhabitants, has become a place that welcomes newcomers without losing the essence of its seafaring roots.

TOSSA DE MAR

Tossa de Mar and its coastline offer one of the most emblematic landscapes on the Costa Brava.

This natural beauty is complemented by an important historic and artistic heritage, some of the most important elements being the national historic monument of the walled medieval enclosure of "Vila Vella" (12th C.), the archaeological remains of the Roman villa and the collection of contemporary art in the town's Museum.

The mountainous area offers a good layout of walking and mountain-bike paths that will take you to discover corners and landscapes of great beauty.

Tossa has a modern tourism infrastructure, with a wide range of accommodation, a good variety of restaurants and shops, sports facilities, entertainment and leisure.

LLORET DE MAR

Lloret de Mar boasts a pleasant climate, wonderful beaches and a comprehensive hotel and leisure offer that has made it internationally renowned. Its outstanding location in the south of the Costa Brava (just 70 km from Barcelona, 40 km from Girona and 100 km from France) and its excellent connections by road, sea and air are just a few of the qualities that make Lloret de Mar an ideal year-round destination.

Over the years this hospitable city has adapted quickly to the various needs of the tourism sector, becoming a sun and sand destination with a significant and diversified offer.

In 2006 Lloret de Mar received the Sports Tourism Destination certification awarded by the Turisme de Catalunya organisation. The city has now become the Costa Brava's main sports tourism destination, welcoming almost 100,000 sportspeople per year and hosting more than 50 sports events covered in the Spanish and international media.

BLANES

Blanes, gateway to the Costa Brava, is a welcoming and dynamic town that offers a wide range of activities for enjoying a wonderful holiday all year round. One of its main attractions are the exceptional gardens Marimurtra and Pinya de Rosa.

The coves and beaches that define the town's coastal profile, plus the traditional cuisine and the interesting monuments in the old quarter –including the church of Santa Maria, the Gothic fountain or the castle of Sant Joan–, have given Blanes a unique charm which perfectly combines tradition and modernity.

If Sa Palomera is the town's symbol, the International Fireworks Competition, one of the most popular of the Mediterranean, is its visit card around the world.

