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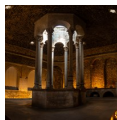
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Catalonia's second city is many things: medieval stronghold, university city, party town, and modern urban centre. The Old Quarter, with its majestic cathedral, winding alleys and ancient city walls bring the Middle Ages to life, while the modern neighbourhoods across the River Onyar showcase Girona's cosmopolitan side with chic restaurants and cafes, superb shopping and vibrant nightlife. It is no wonder that for years running, Girona has been voted the best place to live in Spain.

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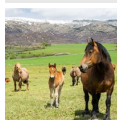
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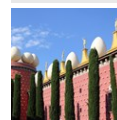
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Girona presents an intriguing blend of medieval history and contemporary Catalan life. Less than an hour from Barcelona, this northern Catalan regional capital is bisected by the Riu Onyar, its famously colourful riverside houses reflected in the water. These buildings, painted in warm ochres and deep reds, provide a striking visual link between the ancient and modern halves of the city.

The historic eastern bank is a labyrinth of cobbled lanes, secluded plazas and well-preserved medieval walls. Here, the Call — one of Europe's best-preserved Jewish quarters — offers a quiet network of stone stairways and archways to explore. A walk along the Passeig de la Muralla, the restored city ramparts, provides sweeping views over the terracotta rooftops and church spires.

Across the river, the modern commercial centre pulses with a different energy, driven by a large student population. This contrast is perhaps best seen from the city's bridges — from a stone footbridge to the sleek ironwork of the Eiffel Company's Pont de les Peixateries Velles.

Today, Girona is a destination in its own right, known for its innovative dining scene, hip boutiques and dynamic cultural calendar,

including the renowned spring flower festival. It offers a compelling and more relaxed alternative to Barcelona, without sacrificing any of the depth or character.

DO & SEE



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Don't forget to pack your most comfortable walking shoes, because you are sure to need them in Girona. The medieval beauty of the Old Quarter, with its winding cobblestone alleys, peaceful plazas and unique façades hanging over the River Onyar, is compact enough to explore in depth on foot, and beautiful enough to keep you wandering in circles for days. Make sure to visit some of the wonderful museums and local attractions, including superb skiing (in winter) and hiking (in summer) spots, ancient monasteries, and the unmissable Costa Brava.

Plaça de la Independència



Plaça de la Independència is the elegant neoclassical heart of Girona, designed by Martí Sureda in the 19th century on the site of a former Augustine convent. Its porticoed arches frame a lively scene of locals and visitors dining or sipping coffee under the shade. The square's name honours Girona's defenders during the 1808-1809 siege by Napoleonic forces, a

struggle memorialised by Antoni Parera's central monument in 1894. By day, it's a prime spot for people-watching; by night, the terraces fill with revellers enjoying tapas and evening drinks. An essential stop for both history and atmosphere.

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Address: Plaça de la Independència, Girona

The Cinema Museum



Housed in a historic building, The Cinema Museum holds Spain's first and most significant collection of cinematic history, thanks to the visionary Tomàs Mallol. Acquired by the city in 1994, his private collection forms the core of this public museum. It traces over 400 years of visual storytelling through 25,000 artefacts — from magic lanterns and zoetropes to early cameras and projectors — making it one of Europe's most comprehensive archives on pre-cinema and early film.

Beyond the permanent exhibition, the museum hosts temporary shows, educational workshops, and a specialised library. While some displays are labelled primarily in Catalan and Spanish, introductory materials are available in English, French and German.

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Passeig de la Muralla



A stroll along Passeig de la Muralla offers Girona's most dramatic perspectives, tracing the line of ancient fortifications that once enclosed the city. These walls, Europe's longest surviving Carolingian remnants, combine Roman foundations with medieval expansions, now restored to create an elevated walkway. The path winds past historic watchtowers and through the lush Jardins dels Alemanys, offering quiet corners and photogenic vantage points. Though some sections involve steep steps and uneven stones, the reward is a peaceful, crowd-free journey through layers of history. For a memorable descent, exit at the Jardins de la Muralla, where the ramparts gently return you to the modern city.

Access is free, with multiple entry points. Start near the cathedral for a climb up the Torre Gironella, where a spiral staircase leads to sunset views over the terracotta skyline and distant Pyrenees.

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Address: Passeig de la Muralla, Girona

Internet: www.girona.cat/turisme/eng/monuments_muralla

Sant Martí Steps



Tucked away in the heart of the Barri Vell, the Escalles de Sant Martí (St. Martin's Steps) form one of Girona's most iconic and photographed scenes, also featured on Game of Thrones. This timeless corner blends medieval romance with Baroque grandeur, framed by the 17th-century façade of the former Convent of Sant Martí and

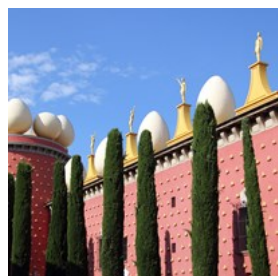
the striking Casa-Palau Agullana. The palace's skewed arch stretches over the steps, creating a covered passage that feels both intimate and theatrical — a favourite backdrop for artists and Instagrammers.

Even though often busy with visitors, the spot retains a quiet magic, especially early in the morning or late in the afternoon. Sit on the steps with a coffee, and watch as the city's history unfolds in every shadow and angle.

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Address: Escalles de Sant Martín, Pujada Sant Domènec, Girona

Dalí Theatre-Museum



Take a 1-hour journey to Figueres, the birthplace of Salvador Dalí, and step into his surreal masterpiece — the Dalí Theatre-Museum,

designed by the artist himself. Constructed to replace an old theatre that burnt down during the Spanish Civil War, the building is a work of surrealist art, topped with giant eggs and crowned by a geodesic dome. Inside, it holds the world's largest collection of Dalí's works, from early impressionist pieces like Port Alguer (1924) to later marvels like Galatea of the Spheres (1952).

Don't miss the Mae West room, an upside-down bathtub fixed to the ceiling, or the glittering jewellery collection. The artist himself is buried in a crypt below the stage, adding a layer of solemnity to the whimsy. Book tickets online to avoid long queues, and allow at least half a day to fully absorb the labyrinthine galleries, optical illusions, and the sheer audacity of Dalí's vision.

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Address: Plaça Gala i Salvador Dalí, 5 Figueres, Girona Region

Phone: +34 972 67 75 00

Internet: www.salvador-dali.org/en/visit/dali-theatre-museum

Salvador Dalí House Museum in Portlligat



The Salvador Dalí House Museum in Portlligat offers an intimate glimpse into the daily life and creative world of the surrealist master. What

began as a simple fisherman's hut in 1930 evolved over four decades into a labyrinthine complex of interconnected rooms, each personally designed by Dalí and his wife Gala. The house is a surreal work of art in itself, with winding corridors, unexpected level changes, and windows meticulously framed to capture views of the serene Portlligat bay.

Visitors can explore the artist's studio, private quarters, and the famous "Bear Hall", surrounded by the eclectic objects and taxidermy that fueled his imagination. The preserved interiors feel frozen in time, maintaining the atmosphere of creative isolation Dalí cherished.

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Internet:

www.salvador-dali.org/en/visit/salvador-dali-house-museum

More Info: The House-Museum is about 75 kilometres northeast of Girona.

Gala Dalí Castle & Museum



The Gala Dalí Castle in Púbol is a Gothic fortress transformed by Salvador Dalí into a secluded shrine for his wife and muse. Acquired in 1969, the medieval structure became a stage for their unconventional relationship — Dalí could only visit with Gala's written invitation. He personally designed the interiors, blending Baroque furnishings with surreal touches: trompe l'oeil radiators, spindly-legged elephant sculptures in the garden, and celestial frescoes honouring Gala as a divine figure.

After Gala's death in 1982, the castle became her mausoleum (she lies entombed in the crypt) and Dalí's final studio. Today, you can explore rooms frozen in time, from Gala's lavish wardrobe to the artist's melancholic paintings. Part love letter, part psychological portrait, it completes the "Dalí Triangle" alongside his Portlligat home and Figueres museum.

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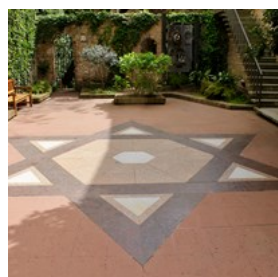
Address: Gala Dali, Púbol, Girona Region

Phone: +34 972 48 86 55

Internet: www.salvador-dali.org/en/visit/gala-dali-castle

More Info: Note that the castle is closed from early January until early March.

Museum of Jewish History & Jewish Quarter



Girona's El Call is one of Europe's best-preserved medieval Jewish quarters, a labyrinth of narrow, steep alleys centred around Carrer de la Força. At its heart lies the Museum of Jewish History, housed in a building that once held a 15th-century synagogue and now vividly

recounts the story of Catalonia's Jewish communities. Exhibits trace their profound contributions to medicine, astronomy and philosophy, while also confronting darker chapters like the Inquisition and the 1492 expulsion. Highlights include an 11th-century miqvé (ritual bath), funerary slabs with Hebrew inscriptions, and the original expulsion edict. Detailed multilingual panels guide visitors through themes of daily life, rituals, and cultural exchange.

Beyond the museum, the quarter itself whispers with history. Wander its cobbled lanes to sense the resilience of a community that shaped Girona for centuries.

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Address: Museu d'Història dels Jueus, Carrer de la Força 8, Girona

Phone: +34 972 216 761

Internet: www.girona.cat/call/eng

More Info: Hot tip: Some scenes of season six of Games of Thrones were filmed here.

Girona Cathedral



Crowning Girona's skyline, the Cathedral of Santa Maria commands attention from the top of a majestic 86-step staircase. Its soaring Baroque façade, added in the 17th century, belies a far older history: foundations date to the 5th century, with a Romanesque church and 12th-century cloister still preserved within. The cathedral's most notable feature is the 23-metre-wide Gothic nave (widest in the world!) completed in the 14th century and illuminated by vast stained-glass windows.

Inside, the Museum of the Cathedral safeguards

extraordinary treasures, including the 11th-century Tapestry of Creation, a vivid Romanesque depiction of divine order, and a gem-studded 14th-century silver altarpiece. The cloister captivates with carved capitals portraying biblical tales and mythical beasts. For context, use the included audio guide to unravel layers of history, from Roman forums to medieval masterpieces.

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Address: Catedral de Santa Maria, Plaça de la Catedral, Girona

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Houses on the River Onyar



By crossing the city bridges over the Onyar River, you can see the pastel-coloured houses that line the bank on the site of the old city walls.

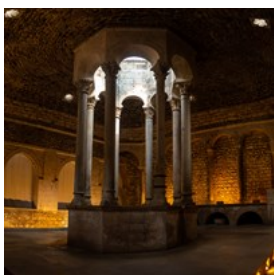
Pont de les Peixateries Velles, an iron bridge designed by Gustave Eiffel, offers stunning views of the city's trademark façade, the quintessential Girona experience.

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Address: Onyar River, Girona

Internet: www.girona.cat/turisme/eng/monuments_onyar

Arab Baths



The Arab Baths are a striking example of 12th-century Romanesque architecture, inspired by Roman and Islamic

bathhouse traditions rather than built by them. Designed during a period of Christian rule, they served as public baths for Girona's diverse

medieval community, blending functional elements from Roman thermae, Muslim hammams, and Jewish purification rituals. The centrepiece is the apodyterium (changing room), a sublime octagonal space crowned by a dome and supported by slender columns, where a central pool reflects light from above.

Other rooms — the frigidarium (cold bath), tepidarium (warm room) and furnace-heated caldarium (sauna) — showcase sophisticated hydraulic engineering. Despite damage during sieges and later use by Capuchin nuns, the baths were meticulously restored in the 20th century. Today, they offer a quiet glimpse into medieval daily life and the cross-cultural exchanges that defined the era.

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Monastery of Sant Pere de Rodes



Perched high in the Serra de Rodes mountains, the Monastery of Sant Pere de Rodes is a masterpiece of Catalan Romanesque architecture. Founded in

the 10th century, this former Benedictine complex features a sophisticated church, a majestic bell tower, and cloisters arranged on terraces with sweeping views of the Cap de Creus peninsula. Notable for its classical-inspired sculptures and the remnants of a finely carved portal, the monastery was a major spiritual centre until the 14th century. Nearby, the ruins of Santa Creu de Rodes medieval village and its pre-Romanesque church

complete this historic landscape.

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Address: Monestir de Sant Pere de Rodes, Camí del Monestir,
Port de la Selva, Girona Region

Phone: +34 972 387 559

Internet: www.patrimoni.gencat.cat/en/monuments/monuments/sant-pere-de-rodes-monumental-complex

Email: santperederodes.cultura@gencat.cat

Panorama Trails



Panorama Trails offers the chance to admire the Catalan countryside on horseback, to wander along sandy beaches, through medieval villages

and atop rolling green hills. Take the chance to experience the Pyrenees and the Mediterranean the way they were experienced for thousands of years.

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Address: Casa Rectoral, 5, Terradelles, Girona

Phone: +34 689 30 30 92

Internet: www.panorama-trails.com/en

Lake of Banyoles



Just north of Girona lies the Lake of Banyoles, a crystal clear body of water about 2 kilometres long, favoured particularly by rowers.

Stroll, swim or row your way around the picturesque lake, and stop for a rest, a snack and a coffee at the nearby establishments in the town of Banyoles.

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Address: Lake of Banyoles, Girona

Basilica of St Felix



The Basilica of St Felix is one of Girona's oldest churches, a site of continuous worship since the early Christian period. Its architecture is

a palimpsest of styles: a Romanesque core, a majestic Gothic nave, and a Baroque façade topped by a distinctive truncated bell tower. The interior safeguards priceless treasures, including eight rare Roman and early Christian sarcophagi and the ornate 14th-century Gothic tomb of Sant Narcís, the city's patron saint. Though never the cathedral, its historical and artistic importance is profound. It remains an active parish church, offering a quieter but deeply atmospheric counterpoint to the larger cathedral nearby.

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Address: Església de Sant Feliu, Carrer Trasfigueres, 4, Girona

Phone: +34 972 20 14 07

Internet: catedraldegirona.cat/en

Email: santfeliugi@gmail.com

Fundació Mona



Fundació Mona is a pioneering primate rehabilitation centre dedicated to rescuing and caring for chimpanzees and macaques recovered

from abusive situations like circuses, the advertising industry and the illegal pet trade. Here, primates regain physical and emotional health while living in social family groups within large, naturalistic enclosures.

Visits are educational and ethically focused: guided by expert staff, you'll learn about primate behaviour, conservation challenges, and the

stories of individual animals. Advance booking is essential, and tours emphasise respect for the residents' well-being over entertainment. Through its work, Mona raises awareness about wildlife trafficking, species extinction, and the importance of protecting our closest evolutionary relatives.

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Region

Phone: +34 972 477 618

Internet: www.fundaciomona.org/en

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La Devesa Park



La Devesa Park is Catalonia's largest urban green space, a 40-hectare oasis framed by the Ter, Güell, and Onyar rivers. Its defining feature is a stunning grid of over 2,500 plane trees, many planted in the 1850s and soaring over 55 metres. The vegetation creates shaded avenues perfect for walking and cycling.

Beyond its natural allure, the park serves as a vibrant community hub. It hosts weekly markets, the annual Festes de Sant Narcís fair, sports facilities, and cultural venues like the Girona Trade Fair (Fira de Girona) and Girona Auditorium & Conference Centre (Auditori Palau de Congressos). The French-style gardens and historic gatehouses add elegance to this protected landscape.

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Address: Parc de la Devesa, Passeig de la Devesa, 38, Girona

Internet:

www.patrimoni.gencat.cat/en/collection/la-devesa-park

Email: turisme@ajgirona.cat

Girona Art Museum



Housed within the historic Episcopal Palace that dates back to the 10th century, the Museu d'Art de Girona boasts the most important art collection in the province. Its chronologically arranged galleries guide visitors through Catalan artistic evolution, from striking Romanesque altarpieces and Gothic gold-leaf panels to Renaissance sculptures and Modernista works by artists like Santiago Rusiñol. Notable highlights include the 9th-century liturgical treasures from Sant Pere de Rodes, a 15th-century illuminated martyrology, and hauntingly beautiful Romanesque woodcarvings.

The palace itself is a masterpiece. Don't miss the medieval gaol and the serene gardens. Room 8, draped in Gothic religious art, feels like stepping into a cathedral shrine. With over 8,500 works and a programme of temporary exhibitions, this museum offers a profound dive into the region's soul, all within a stone's throw of Girona Cathedral.

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Address: Pujada de la Catedral, 12, Girona

Phone: +34 972 20 38 34

Internet: www.museuart.cat

Masella Ski Resort



The Masella Ski Resort, located in the region of Cerdanya, is one of the premier ski spots in the Pyrenees. It features slopes of varying difficulties, from bunny hills for beginners and children to more challenging slopes for more experienced skiers looking for a challenge.

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Address: Avinguda de la Pau, Masella, Girona Region

Phone: +34 972 14 40 00

Internet: www.masella.com

Email: masella@masella.com

Golf de Pals



The de Pals golf course is located on the farmland of Arenals del Mar, among a stunning pine forest. The club boasts 18 pristine holes, as well as

a welcoming clubhouse with dining, a TV room and a games room, as well as a shop and facilities for rental equipment.

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Address: Carrer del Golf, 64, Pals, Girona Region

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Internet: www.golfdepals.com

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DINING



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Girona stands tall among the strong tradition of Catalan food culture, not only as the home of El Celler de Can Roca, but as an overall top foodie destination. Pa amb tomàquet (tomato bread) is a common starter, while the Crema Catalana is an obvious and delicious choice for dessert. Mar i Montanya — a mix of poultry and seafood — and Calçotada are other traditional dishes that are worth trying. For celebrations,

you have a go with some bubbly Cava.

El Celler de Can Roca



El Celler de Can Roca is the internationally famed restaurant of the Roca brothers, three expert chefs known worldwide for their spectacular

Catalan cooking. Three brothers — three Michelin stars! It's absolutely necessary to book ahead, and if you manage to make a reservation, you are in for one of the best meals of your life.

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Address: Carrer de Can Sunyer, 48, Girona

Phone: +34 972 22 21 57

Internet: www.cellercanroca.com/en/reservation-information

Email: restaurant@cellercanroca.com

Fonda Cal Ros



Fonda Cal Ros, located in a rustic 12th-century building in Girona's old quarter, serves traditional Catalan cuisine with a modern

twist. The bacallà (cod) with pistachios and olives comes highly recommended, as does the fillets de llenguado (sole) in cava.

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Address: Carrer de la Cort Reial, 9, Girona

Phone: +34 972 62 10 17

Internet: www.instagram.com/fondacalros

Casa Marieta



Casa Marieta is one of Girona's oldest and most emblematic restaurants, offering traditional Catalan specialities from its central location at

Plaça de la Independència. Favourite dishes include Iberica ham, chicken croquettes, salt cod and lamb cutlets, best accompanied by a choice vintage from the wine cellar. It is highly recommended to book ahead, as it can be difficult to find a table unless you're willing to eat very early.

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Phone: +34 972 20 10 16
Internet: www.casamarieta.com/en
Email: info@casamarieta.com

Corsaro Els Químics



With its four locations in Girona, Corsaro is one of the most popular pizzerias in the city. Prices are very affordable and service is fast, so it's perfect if you're looking for a quick bite to eat while out and about exploring the city.

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Address: Carrer Marques de Caldes de Montbuí, 89, Girona
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Internet: www.corsaro.pizza/corsaro-quimics
Email: info@corsaro.es

Nexe



Nexe centres its philosophy on shared, inventive dining. Within its minimalist and contemporary setting, the kitchen serves a tasting menu of Asian-fusion dishes. Each carefully plated course combines nuanced flavours and technical creativity, presenting a modern interpretation of cross-cultural cuisine.

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Address: Carrer d'Abeuradors, 4, Girona
Phone: +34 972 22 52 30
Internet: www.restaurantnexe.com

Divinum



Divinum is another of Girona's best gourmet restaurants, run by top chefs who learned their trade from world-famous chef Joan Roca of El Celler de Can Roca. They offer sensational tasting menus and ever-changing seasonal menus as well, all of course paired with the finest vintages from the cellar.

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Internet: www.dvnum.com/en
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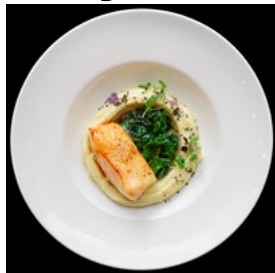
Massana



Massana holds a Michelin star, a testament to over 25 years of culinary excellence that builds on its origins as a family-run establishment. The kitchen creates innovative dishes with inventive flavour combinations. A notable offering is an extensive 15-course lunch menu, paired with regional wines, served within an elegant setting that reflects Girona's fine dining tradition.

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Address: Carrer Bonastruc de Porta, 10, Girona
Phone: +34 972 21 38 20
Internet: www.restaurantmassana.com/eng
Email: info@restaurantmassana.com

Les Magnòlies



Les Magnòlies is located in the town of Arbúcies, to the southwest of Girona and close to the Parque Natural del Montseny. Those willing

to venture to this beautiful area will be greatly rewarded with mouth-watering cooking. The restaurant serves Mediterranean cuisine in a modern style, and both mains and desserts deserve a taste. The restaurant has a Michelin star!

Photo: Kondor83/shutterstock

Address: Passeig Mossèn Anton Serres, 7, Arbúcies, Girona Region

Phone: +34 972 860 879

Internet: www.lesmagnolies.com

Email: info@lesmagnolies.com

Restaurant Marangels



Restaurant Marangels is located in a cosy 17th century farmhouse in the area of Sant Gregori, on the outskirts of Girona.

They offer a variety of

tasting menus, designed to fit any occasion: group lunches, family celebrations, business meetings or special events. Each menu maintains the essence of the chef's concept: quality produce, balanced taste and careful presentation.

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Address: Can Quelot, Sant Gregori, Girona Region

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Internet: www.marangels.com

Email: marangels@marangels.com

Txalaka



Txalaka is a much-loved pintxo bar in the best Basque tradition. The huge variety of bite-size pintxos are displayed on the bar and feature all

manner of toppings like seafood, smoked meats, vegetables, cheeses and even sweet toppings for dessert. Take as much as you like and accompany it all with cider and typical Basque txakoli (fizzy white wine).

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Address: Carrer Bonastruc de Porta, 4, Girona

Phone: +34 972 225 975

Internet: www.txalakagirona.com

Apple Cafe Restaurant



Tasty, laid-back and inexpensive, Apple Cafe Restaurant serves some of the best sushi in town, along with other Japanese specialities and some

other options of Asian cuisine. Being a Girona establishment, they also have a very decent wine list to accompany your meal with a local vintage.

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CAFÉS



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Cafés in Girona are all about outdoor seating on pleasant plazas or narrow alleys under the shade of trees and stone arches. Coffee, pastries and ice cream are all on offer, alongside local wine and plenty of tapas, of course. Cafés here are also gathering places and lively centres of urban life at any time of day or night.

L'Arc

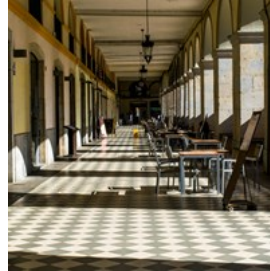


L'Arc sits at the foot of the steps that lead to the imposing cathedral, and has for 50 years provided a first-row seat to the city's most iconic

structure. It is especially popular among students, artists and tourists, and is thus always lively. Try the ratafia, a drink made from 80 herbs, best served over ice.

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Internet: www.instagram.com/larc.girona

Café Royal



If you can put up with occasionally sub-par service, Café Royal is one of the liveliest and most stylish café-bars in Girona, right on the Plaça de la Independència. The shaded portico is a great place to relax during the day and an excellent starting point for a night out. Restore your strength with a café bombó or cool down with an Aperol Spritz!

Photo: MiquelRoig/shutterstock
Address: Plaça de la Independència 1, Girona
Phone: +34 972 21 74 59

Saratoga Cafe



Saratoga Cafe combines a simple, elegant setting with attentive service and strong value. The set-menu lunches and weekend dinners are particularly popular with local residents, as are the breakfast offerings and carefully prepared coffee.

Photo: I love coffee/shutterstock
Address: Carrer de Sant Joan Baptista La Salle, 15, Girona
Phone: +34 972 22 49 70
Internet: www.saratoga.cat
Email: saratoga@saratoga.cat

La Fabrica



Established and run by professional cyclist Christian Meier and his wife Amber, La Fabrica is a wonderful speciality coffee shop, the city's high-quality first third wave coffee. The building's original stone walls are exposed

throughout the cafe, decorated with cycling photos and memorabilia, making it a unique spot in Girona.

Photo: Ruslan Mitin/shutterstock
Address: Carrer de la Llebre, 3, Girona
Phone: +34 872 00 02 73
Internet: www.lafabricagirona.com
Email: lafabricagirona@gmail.com

Xocolateria L'Antiga



L'Antiga is a traditional style xocolateria and café in the heart of Girona.

They serve rich, thick hot chocolate in the best Spanish tradition, but

rather than pairing it with churros, the Catalans opt for 'melindros' (ladyfingers), light and delicate dry sponge cakes.

Photo: nito/shutterstock
Address: Plaça del Vi, 8, Girona
Phone: +34 972 21 66 81
Internet: www.instagram.com/xocolaterialantiga

Cafeteria El Pessic

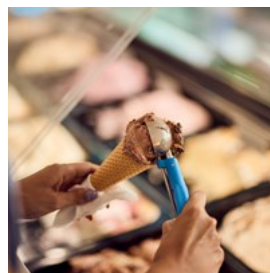


El Pessic has a wide selection of quick snacks and light meals, including typical options like empanadas and coques, but the real draw is the

heaps of seductive pastries (both sweet and savoury) and baked goods that line the windows and tempt passers-by into popping in.

Photo: carnaval22/shutterstock
Address: Plaça Catalunya, 10, Girona
Phone: +34 972 44 78 13
Internet: www.instagram.com/elpessicgirona

Gelateria La Gioconda



Besides the great selection of different and creative flavours of ice cream (including Kinder Bueno, pistachio and turrón, among many others) and Illy coffee, locals come to Gelateria La Gioconda for their orxata, a traditional nut-based beverage, made fresh daily.

Photo: Branislav Nenin/shutterstock
Address: Plaça de Catalunya, 10, Girona
Phone: +34 972 41 10 99
Internet: www.instagram.com/gelaterialagioconda

Espresso Mafia



Espresso Mafia occupies a bright, open space where modern white interiors contrast with original stone walls and wood beams of the covered terrace. The café is recognised for its serious approach to coffee, using carefully roasted, sustainable beans prepared by skilled baristas.

Photo: baranq/shutterstock
Address: Carrer de la Cort Reial, 5, Girona
Phone: +34 622 08 50 36
Internet: www.espressomafiagirona.com
Email: espressomafiagirona@gmail.com

Originem



Originem is a specialty coffee shop and brunch spot in central Girona, celebrated for its commitment to local producers and zero-waste ethos. The menu features organic, kilometre-zero ingredients, with vegan options like seasonal

toasts and cakes alongside traditional Catalan pastries. Don't miss the *xuixo* (a sugar-dusted custard pastry) or a glass of herbal *ratafia* liqueur. The cosy interior doubles as a small market selling regional products. With no reservations and a relaxed vibe, it's a perfect pause for conscious travellers.

Photo: Cristian Ionut Zaharia/shutterstock

Address: Carrer de la Força, 1, Girona

Phone: +34 623 36 51 92

Internet: www.originem.cat

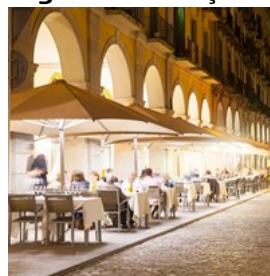
BARS & NIGHTLIFE



Marc Sendra Martorell/unsplash

Girona's nightlife is heavily influenced by the many students that call the city home. Diverse bars, pubs and nightclubs can be found throughout Girona, with the numerous establishments based in and around Plaça de la Independència being a particularly popular gathering point to get the evening started. The weekend is naturally the busiest time for nightlife, but lively venues can be found any day of the week, especially on Thursday, which is a popular night for students.

Nightlife at Plaça de la Independència



Girona's central square is a meeting place for people of all ages at any hour of the day, but after dark is when it really comes to life. That's when

students, tourists and workers gather in throngs to eat, drink and be merry in the numerous restaurants and bars that surround the plaza. It is, by far, the best place to experience Girona's nightlife and immerse yourself in the spirit of the city.

Photo: BearFotos/shutterstock

Address: Plaça de la Independència, Girona

Lola Cafè



Lola Cafè brings a vibrant Latin American energy to Girona's old quarter, making it a popular spot to begin an evening. The bar serves a selection of

classic cocktails throughout the week. Its key draws are the live music nights on Wednesdays and Thursdays, featuring accomplished Latin-American and Catalan rumba artists, alongside regular karaoke events.

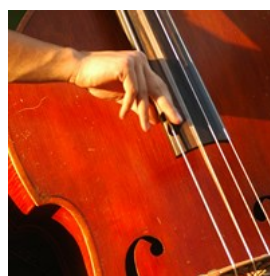
Photo: AVN Photo Lab/shutterstock

Address: Carrer Bonaventura Carreras I Peralta, 7, Girona

Phone: +34 972 22 88 24

Internet: www.instagram.com/lolagirona

Sunset Jazz Club



Girona's only jazz club plays live music most days of the week. Both international and national musicians come here to jam in the bar's small and

intimate, yet comfortable space, and crowds gather to enjoy the show and sip on the wonderful house cocktails.

Photo: Michael Rolands/shutterstock
Address: Carrer Jaume Pons & Martí, 12, Girona
Phone: +34 872 08 01 45
Internet: www.instagram.com/sunsetjazzclub
Email: sunsetgirona@gmail.com

La Tòria



La Tòria, known for its inventive tapas and considered selection of craft beers, occupies a corner spot near the City Hall. Its combination of a central location, creative food and quality drinks makes it a reliable and well-regarded choice.

Photo: fornStudio/shutterstock
Address: Plaça Bell-Lloc, 4, Girona
Phone: +34 872 09 45 83
Internet: www.instagram.com/la_toria_bar

River Girona



The River Girona is a great option for celiacs, be it for breakfast, a light snack or a larger meal, since up to 90% of their dishes are gluten-free. After dark, the café-bar becomes quite a happening spot, with cold beer, brightly-coloured cocktails, football on large screens, and occasional live music.

Photo: Branislav Nenin/shutterstock
Address: Carrer de la Barca, 2, Girona
Phone: +34 972 74 31 61
Internet: www.rivergirona.shop
Email: river@rivercafeigirona.com

Yeah! Girona



Yeah! Girona furiously says No! to anything mainstream. The DJs spin exclusively indie and underground music, and live performances always feature the best of local alternative music. It's the place to head for a different sort of night out, a place full of character and originality.

Photo: Roman Samborskyi/shutterstock
Address: Avinguda de Ramon Folch, 9, Girona
Internet: www.instagram.com/yeahgirona

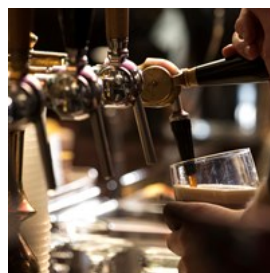
Lapsus Cafè



The centrally-located Lapsus, right in the heart of the city on Plaça de la Independència, transitions smoothly from a cafe by day to a lively bar at night. It's very popular with locals, and visitors can get a taste of Catalan hospitality, spending hours talking and watching the busy life of Girona's central square.

Photo: Kzenon/shutterstock
Address: Plaça de la Independència, 10, Girona
Phone: +34 972 21 05 39
Internet: www.lapsuscafe.cat

McKiernans



Girona's Irish pub par excellence, McKiernans has a great range of imported beers, as well as other beverages and standard pub fare. As any Irish pub should be, this place is all about good beer, good conversation and an all-around good vibe.

Photo: IsabellaO/shutterstock

Address: Rambla de la Llibertat, 32, Girona

Phone: +34 972 22 01 41

Internet: www.officialirishpub.es

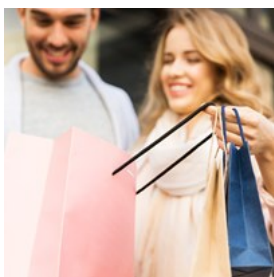
SHOPPING



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Girona provides a diverse shopping experience, spanning international designer labels, shopping centres and traditional local crafts. The city has a particular strength in delicatessens, with numerous shops offering artisanal cheeses, specialty chocolates, and high-quality farmers' market produce. For unique souvenirs, the various shopping districts contain a wealth of antique dealers and craft workshops showcasing distinctive items.

Rambla de la Llibertat

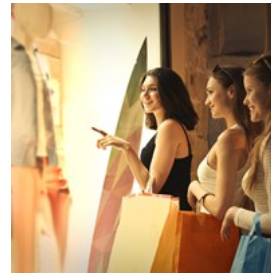


The best place to start a shopping tour of Girona is on Rambla de la Llibertat and the streets in and around the old quarter, which offer plenty of shopping. Just wander around and you'll easily find small boutiques and original shops that sell unique design items and clothing, as well as crafts, delicatessen, and much more.

Photo: Ground Picture/shutterstock

Address: Rambla de la Llibertat, Girona

Santa Clara

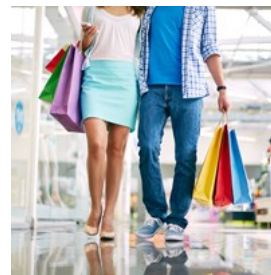


Across the Onyar River, you can find high-street shops along the length of the lively Santa Clara street with shops selling everything from shoes and clothing to interior design, home-ware, accessories and souvenirs. Explore some of the smaller sidestreets and alleys in the area to discover hidden gems with truly unique items.

Photo: Ollyy/shutterstock

Address: Carrer de Santa Clara, Girona

El Corte Inglés



Girona's branch of the largest Spanish department store, El Corte Inglés, can be found south of the old quarter. Clothes, accessories, a superb food court and nearly anything else you might need or want to purchase during your stay can probably be found here.

Photo: Pressmaster/shutterstock

Address: Carrer Barcelona 106-110, Girona

Phone: +34 972 43 50 00

Internet: www.elcorteingles.es/centroscomerciales/en/eci/centros/el-corte-ingles-girona-2

The Espai Gironès



Shopping addicts will find Girona's new shopping paradise on the city outskirts alluring, to say the least. The Espai Gironès has more than 130 retailers, a multiplex cinema and a bowling centre.

Photo: RossHelen/shutterstock

Address: Camí dels Carlins, 10, Girona

Phone: +34 972 40 59 80

Internet: www.espaigirones.com

Email: info@espaigirones.com

Parc de la Devesa Market



Tuesdays and Saturdays are market days at the beautiful Parc de la Devesa, with stalls selling clothes, handicrafts and food products. It is a

fascinating window into local food culture, displaying fresh produce, meats, jams and nuts, as well as miscellaneous items and knick-knacks.

Photo: Matej Kastelic/shutterstock

Address: Parc de la Devesa, Girona

Opening hours: Tue & Sat 9am-1:30pm

Internet: web.girona.cat/comerc/mercatmarxants/devesa

La Noucentista



Formerly a much-loved 'colmado' (traditional Catalan grocery shop), La Noucentista has renovated, modernised and established itself as

one of the best cheese specialists in Girona, with over 200 varieties from Spain, France, Italy, and of course, Catalonia.

Photo: Pav-Pro Photography Ltd/shutterstock

Address: Migdia, 22, Girona

Phone: +34 972 20 18 46

Pâtisserie Can Xapa



If anything warrants a trip outside of the city, it is Pâtisserie Can Xapa.

Located in a 13th-century castle in the town of Bordils to the northeast of Girona, this speciality chocolaterie and bakery boasts some of the finest creations around, including dark chocolate pralines and original recipes like the gin-and-tonic cake.

Photo: Dieter Hawlan/shutterstock

Address: Carrer Montserrat, 13, Bordils, Girona Region

Phone: +34 972 49 02 74

Papers Girona



Papers is a special gift shop that specialises in paper mache sculptures, hand-painted fans, notebooks and customisable photo

albums of all sizes. Though everything at Papers is quirky and unique, the huge amount of Tintin paraphernalia takes first prize in originality and nostalgia.

Photo: Oilly Ar/shutterstock

Address: Carrer de les Ballesteries, 31, Girona

Phone: +34 972 22 37 53

Internet: www.papersgirona.es

Email: papersgirona@gmail.com

TOURIST INFORMATION



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Girona–Costa Brava Airport (GRO)



Girona–Costa Brava Airport sits 12 kilometres southwest of the city centre. Sagalés buses depart regularly for the 30-minute journey to

Girona's central station.

Taxis queue outside arrivals, offering a quicker 15-20 minute ride into town. Insist on the meter for fair pricing.

Photo: Tudoran Andrei/shutterstock

Address: Aeroport de Girona-Costa Brava, Aiguaviva, s/n, Vilobí d'Onyar, Girona

Phone: +34 913 21 10 00

Internet: www.aena.es/en/girona-costa-brava.html

More Info: Some budget airlines market this airport as "Barcelona Girona", even though Barcelona itself is a 1h15m drive south.

Passport & Visa



Citizens of European Union (EU) and European Economic Area (EEA) countries do not need a visa to enter Spain, only a valid ID. Many other

countries, including the United Kingdom, United States, Canada, United Arab Emirates, Australia, and New Zealand, benefit from visa-free entry for short stays of up to 90 days within a 180-day period.

Visitors from visa-exempt countries must hold a valid passport and, starting in late 2025, will need to apply for an ETIAS (European Travel Information and Authorisation System) authorisation online before travelling.

For those requiring a visa, such as travellers from some Middle-East, African or Asian nations, a Schengen visa must be obtained prior to arrival. All travellers should ensure their passport is valid for at least three months beyond their intended stay.

Photo: Anastasia Kamysheva/shutterstock

Internet: https://home-affairs.ec.europa.eu/policies/schengen/visa-policy_en

Best Time to Visit



Girona, located in Spain's northeastern Catalonia region, has a temperate climate throughout the year. The hottest months are June, July and August, with daytime temperatures easily reaching 30°C. During this period, the city becomes a favourite haunt for tourists from the world over, and the accommodation prices go up 60%. You can enjoy slightly cooler weather and more moderate prices during the shoulder seasons in April, May, September and even October.

A notable exception is mid-May, when the city hosts the well-attended Temps de Flors festival. This event fills the historic centre with elaborate floral displays, creating a vibrant and celebratory

atmosphere. Be aware that the festival draws very large crowds.

Photo: zedspider/shutterstock

Bicycle



Girona, with its road biking routes is the perfect spot for cycling enthusiasts, pros and beginners. Cycling in the narrow streets of the city or in wider ones just a few metres away from the stone city walls will be an unforgettable experience, though it might be tiring if you aren't a pro.

Contact Bikecat and book your cycling tour around Girona, or rent a bike from the aptly named Bike Rent Girona, and discover the city's hidden wonders.

You can also subscribe to the public bicycle service called Girocleta, which provides bicycles for short journeys at stations located throughout the city. There is a 1-day option for visitors.

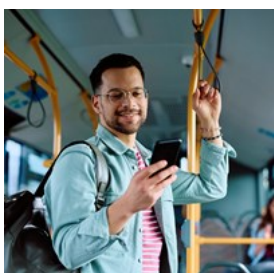
Photo: Elena Buslaeva/shutterstock

Address: Bikecat, Pujada de Sant Feliu, 23, Girona

Phone: +34 639 82 92 72

Internet: www.bikecat.com

Public Transport



Girona's compact size makes its historic centre ideal for exploring on foot. For journeys further afield, the city offers ten local bus routes serving all major neighbourhoods. Purchase single tickets or travel cards directly from the driver when boarding.

Intercity buses connect Girona to towns across Catalonia. The city's main railway station, located west of the Old Town on Plaça d'Espanya, provides conventional services to Barcelona, Portbou, and the French border. It also serves as a stop on high-speed AVE routes linking Paris, Marseille, Toulouse, Figueres, Barcelona and Madrid.

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Internet: www.girona.cat/bus/cat/index.php

Taxi



You can also order a car from Taxi Girona (+34 972 222 323) or Girotaxi (+34 627 440 440). There is no Uber in Girona, but you can use a local app called Gitaxi. The rates are defined by the local government.

There are taxi ranks at the train station and in front of the main Post Office, near Plaça de la Independència.

Photo: Fernando Valero Lopez/shutterstock

Address: +34 972 22 23 23

Internet: www.gitaxi.cat/en

Post



There's a beautiful Oficina de Correos building on Avinguda Ramón Folch for all your mailing needs. Stamps are also sold in tobacconist's shops (estancos), recognised by the "T" sign.

Photo: LianeM/shutterstock

Address: Oficina de Correos, Avinguda Ramón Folch 2,

Girona

Opening hours: Mon–Fri 8:30am–8:30pm, Sat & Sun closed

Phone: +34 972 48 32 72

Internet: www.correos.es

Pharmacy



Pharmacies are marked with an illuminated red or green cross. To find an open pharmacy outside regular business hours, go to the nearest

pharmacy and look at the rotation schedule with addresses printed on the door, or consult the schedule online.

Photo: [superdtube/shutterstock](#)

Address: Farmàcia Folch Camps, Gran Via de Jaume I, 61, Girona

Opening hours: Mon–Fri 8:30am–9pm, Sat 8:30am–2pm, Sun closed

Phone: +34 972 20 59 05

Internet: www.cofgi.org/farmacies/farmacies-de-guardia

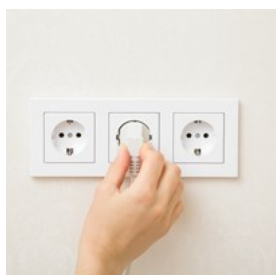
Phone



Country code: +34 Area code: 972 for fixed-line numbers & 872 for mobile numbers

Photo: [Besjunior/shutterstock](#)

Electricity



Spain's power grid operates at 230 volts with a frequency of 50 Hz, using Type F (Schuko plug) and Type C (Europlug) outlets. Both

types accept plugs with two round prongs, common across continental Europe.

Photo: [FotoDuets/shutterstock](#)

Population

100,266

Currency

Euro, €1 = 100 cents

Opening hours

Shops are normally open Monday to Saturday from 9am to 1:30pm and 4:30pm to 8pm, while large department stores tend to open 9am–9pm Monday to Saturday. Restaurants serve food from 12:30pm to 4pm and again from 8pm to midnight. However, many of them are closed on Mondays.

Internet

www.girona.cat

Newspapers

Diari de Girona (English version available online):

www.diaridegirona.cat

El Punt: www.elpuntavui.cat

El Pais: www.elpais.com/noticias/girona

Emergency numbers

Emergency: 112

Local police: 092

Fire department: 086

Urgent medical service: 061

Tourist information

Girona Tourist Information Office

Rambla de la Llibertat, 1, Girona

+34 972 010 001

turisme@ajgirona.cat

Website: www.girona.cat/turisme

Punt de Benvinguda

Carrer Berenguer Carniner, 3, Girona

+34 972 011 669

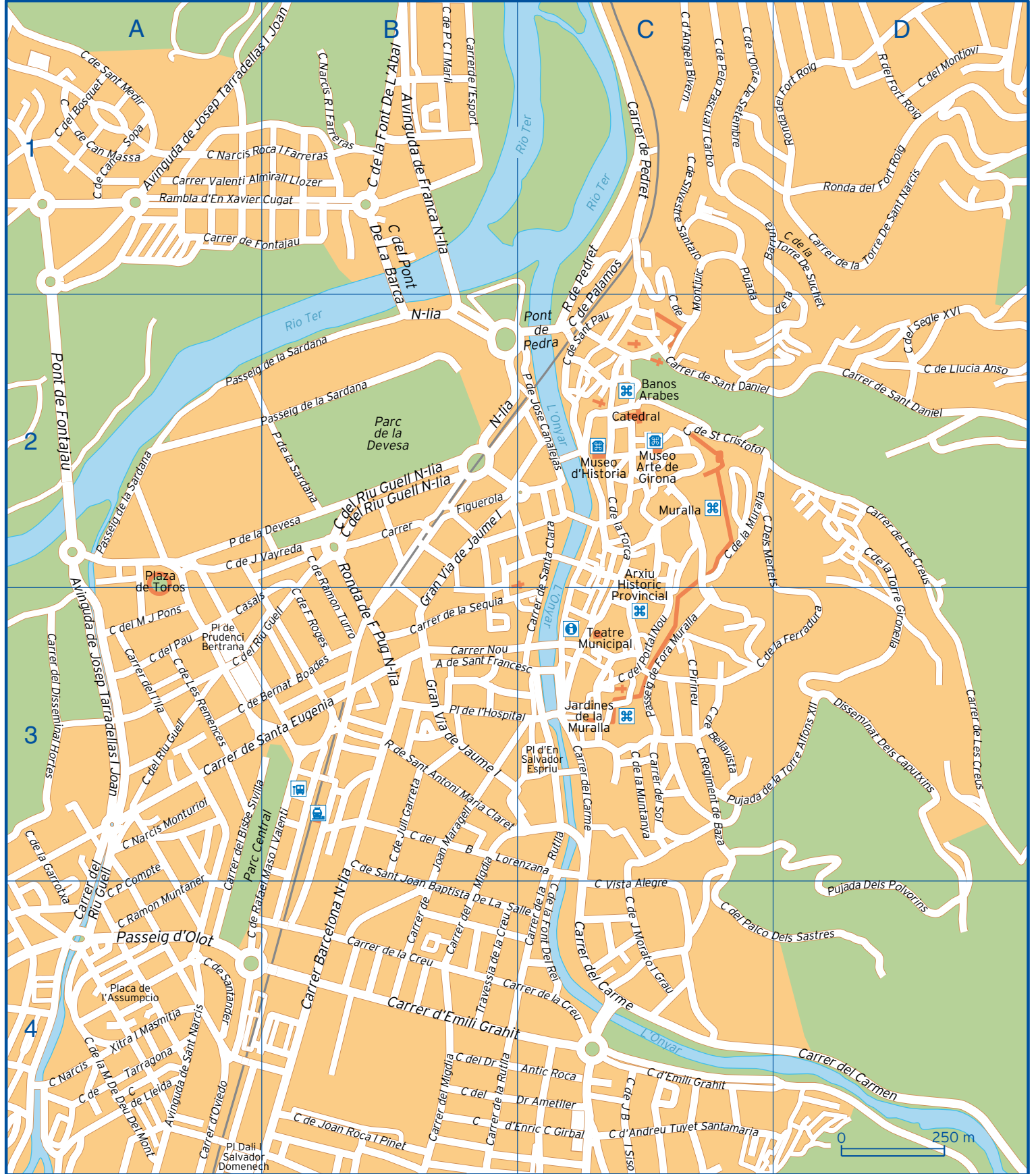
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www.girona.cat/turisme/eng/contacte.php





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Avinguda de Sant Francesc	B3 C3	Carrer de Pelo Pascual I Carbo	C1	Carrer d'Oviedo	A4
Avinguda de Sant Narcis	A4	Carrer de Pep Cojomer I Marli	B1	Carrer Figuerola	B2
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Carrer de Joan Roca I Pinet	B4	Carrer de Santander	A4	Carrer Vista Alegre	C4
Carrer de Joaquim Bolet I Siso	C4	Carrer de Silvestre Santalo	C1	Carrer de l'Esport	B1
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Carrer de Jose Morato I Grau	C4	Carrer del Bisbe Lorenzana	B3 C3	Gran Via de Jaume I	B2 B3
Carrer de Juli Garreta	B3	Carrer del Bisbe Sivilla	A4 B3	Passeig de Fora Muralla	C3
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Carrer de la Forca	C2	Carrer del Doctor Antic Roca	B4 C4	Placa Dali I Salvador Domenech	A4 B4
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Carrer de la Rutlla	B4 C3 C4	Carrer del Palco Dels Sastres	C4 D4	Pont de Fontajau	A2
Carrer de la Sequia	B3	Carrer del Pau Casals	A3 B3	Pont de Pedra	C2
Carrer de la Torre De Sant Narcis	D1	Carrer del Pont De La Barca N-lia	B1 B2	Pujada de la Barrufa	C1 C2 D1
Carrer de la Torre De Suchet	D1 D2	Carrer del Portal Nou	C3	Pujada de la Torre Alfons XII	C3 D3
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Carrer de Les Creus	D2 D3	Carrer del Riu Guell	A3 A4 B3	Rambla d'En Xavier Cugat	A1 B1
Carrer de Les Remences	A3	Carrer del Riu Guell N-lia	B2	Ronda de Ferran Pug N-lia	B2 B3
Carrer de Lleida	A4	Carrer del Segle XVI	D2	Ronda de Pedret	C1 C2
Carrer de Lluïcia Anso	D2	Carrer del Sol	C3	Ronda de Sant Antoni Maria Claret	B3
Carrer de l'Onze De Setembre	C1	Carrer d'Andreu Tuyet Santamaria	C4	Ronda del Fort Roig	D1
Carrer de Montjuic	C1 C2	Carrer d'Angela Bivern	C1	Travessia de la Creu	B4