



CT5 A Taste of North Catalonia

The essence of northern Catalonia in a compact one-week itinerary taking in the best of the Catalan Pyrenees, the Volcanic Park of La Garrotxa and the Costa Brava.

In the high mountains of the north-west you can trek in the highly accessible National Park of Aiguestortes i Sant Maurici, see the glacier of Aneto and explore the picture-postcard villages. In La Garrotxa visit medieval Santa Pau and Besalu, take a balloon ride over the volcanoes and sample the Cuina Volcanica. And - for the grand finale - walk the Cami de Ronda or simply soak in the sun by the crystal clear waters of the Costa Brava.

Fly into Girona or Barcelona from most UK airports. The standard tour takes 7 nights minimum but there's so much to see and you do may want more...

Itinerary Overview:

Stage	Itinerary	Nights	Location	Services	Drive Time
1	Day 1 to 3	2 nights	Val d'Aran, Boí and Aneu, Arties	HARA3 4-star Parador 1 x Twin/Double	4hrs 20mins from Girona or Barcelona airport
2	Day 3 to 5	2 nights	La Garrotxa Volcanic Park, Santa Pau	HPAU1 Family-run Posada 1 x Twin/Double	4hrs 20mins
3	Day 5 to 8	3 nights	Costa Brava and Girona, Calella de Palafrugell	HCDP1 Family-run Hotel 1 x Double / twin room, sea view	1hr 40mins

Includes:

- Accommodation for two people in our listed hotels - bed and breakfast
- Economy 4-door car hire
- Guide book to Catalonia
- [Personal Travel App](#) including highlights, weather forecast and restaurant suggestions for all areas en-route
- Instructions to find all accommodation

Excludes:

- Flights - but we are able to advise
- One-way car hire charges, where applicable (see your quote email)
- The following car hire extras - these can be added at pick-up point: extra driver, child seats and GPS (subject to availability)
- Parking fees where applicable (mostly city stops, unless specifically included) - please ask us about parking charges
- Local tourist taxes where applicable

Stage 1

Val d'Aran, Boí and Aneu



Highlights

Gateway to the Parc Nacional d' Aigüestortes i Estany

Unique culture, architecture in the Val d'Aran

Parc Nacional del Alt Pirineu with the highest peaks

Churches - Romanesque, Renaissance and Baroque

Gastronomy with local cheeses, honey and even caviar!

HARA3 4-star Parador, Arties

[See full details](#)

Accommodation: 1 x Twin/Double, Bed & Breakfast



This 4-star Parador located at the very heart of the Val d'Aran in the village of Arties, perhaps the prettiest of the villages in a valley renowned for its outstanding beauty and picture-postcard villages.

The hotel is a fine example of the local architecture, with parts dating back to the 14th and 15th centuries, but has been sympathetically modernised to provide all the creature comforts. There's a welcoming lounge, a gym and an indoor-outdoor swimming pool.

As well as the modern breakfast room the hotel has a cosy restaurant-cum-cocktail lounge and a sunny terrace with views to Mount Montardo.



Main facilities	• 24 hour reception • Activity/tour booking service • Wi-Fi all areas • Spacious grounds • Swimming pool (outdoor, seasonal) • Swimming pool (indoor)
Room facilities	• En-suite bathroom • Air conditioning
Dining	• Restaurant, open to the public • Bars/restaurants within walking distance of the hotel
Room types	• Standard double/ twin rooms; duplex rooms; suites • Room(s) adapted for guests with reduced mobility
Other	• On-site parking (free) • Garage parking (extra charge) • Pets allows by prior arrangement - please consult

Stage 2

La Garrotxa Volcanic Park



Highlights

Medieval Santa Pau and Besalú's Jewish quarter Cuina Volcanica, ingredients grown in the volcanic soil Visit Santa Margarida - the chapel in the crater Dali museum in Figueras or hop down to the coast Cycle, Segway, trek or balloon ride over the Volcanoes Explore the Alt Garrotxa, eastern end of the Pyrenees

HPAU1 Family-run Posada, Santa Pau

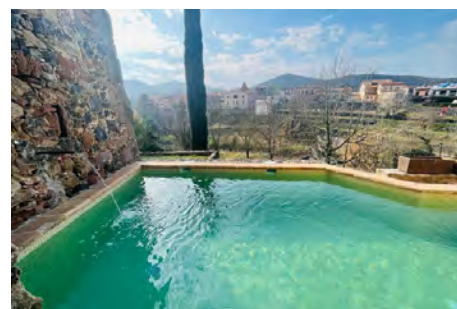
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Accommodation: 1 x Twin/Double, Bed & Breakfast



The tailor's house is quite unique and something of a living museum with artefacts from the tailor's business run by the present owner's family in times gone by. Here you'll feel that you've travelled, not only to a different country, but also to another time - though should you want more modern creature comforts there are the luxurious suites recently renovated just next door.

The restaurant is perhaps the star here, spurning modernity and keeping the same yesteryears' style as the rest of the hotel, it offers the local 'Cuina Volcanica', strictly based on local ingredients grown or reared in the volcanic soil, and is frequented by Catalonia's great and good.



Main facilities	• Activity/tour booking service • Wi-Fi all areas
Room facilities	• En-suite bathroom • Air conditioning
Dining	• Restaurant, open to the public • Breakfast only • Bars/restaurants within walking distance of the hotel
Room types	• Doubles, twins and superior rooms (recommended); one suite • Room(s) adapted for guests with reduced mobility
Other	• On-street parking • Public parking nearby (pay locally) • No pets allowed

Stage 3

Costa Brava and Girona



Highlights

- Fishing villages and beach hopping
- Walk the Camí de Ronda, all along the Costa Brava
- Historic Girona with its profound Jewish Heritage
- Dali museum in Figueras
- Watersports, cycling & wonderful diving

HCDP1 Family-run Hotel, Calella de Palafrugell

[See full details](#)

Accommodation: 1 x Double / twin room with sea view, Bed & Breakfast



Every view is a postcard from this delightful family-run hotel perched on a headland at the end of the bay in Calella de Palafrugell.

The service is exceptional and the hotel has kept up with the times whilst maintaining its Mediterranean essence.

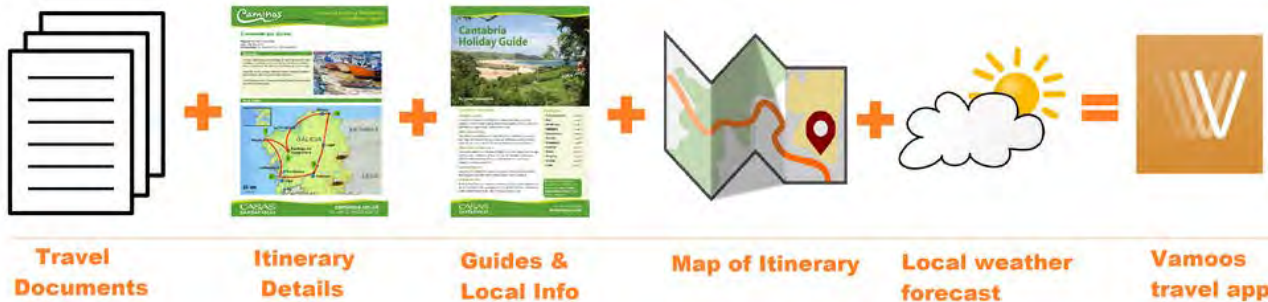
All rooms have either a small balcony or terrace and the views are lovely, specially from the restaurant and terrace with stunning views over the bay and the village below.

The main beach is just five minutes' walk and has a good selection of bars and restaurants - and the next picture-perfect village is 20 minutes further on.



Main facilities	• 24 hour reception • Activity/tour booking service • Wi-Fi all areas
Room facilities	• En-suite bathroom • Air conditioning
Dining	• Restaurant, open to the public • Bars/restaurants within walking distance of the hotel
Room types	• Double rooms; Doubles, singles, superior and family rooms with sea views • Not suitable for guests with reduced mobility
Other	• On-site parking (free) • On-street parking • No pets allowed

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