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Tours for accompanying people

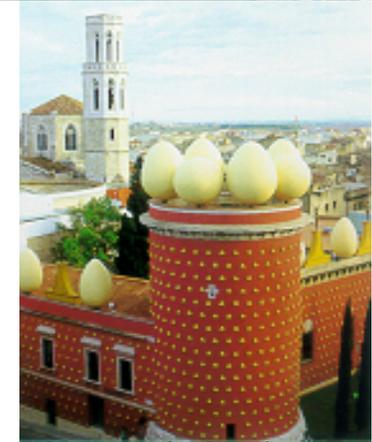
GIRONA AND FIGUERES DALÍ MUSEUM (10 hours)

Leaving Barcelona, we will take the Northern highway towards the French border. After one hour and a half drive, we will arrive in the beautiful town of Girona, known as the “immortal city”. This is one of the most interesting monumental cities in Spain; due to its rich history and to the large amount of treasures we can find there. Four rivers cross each other in Girona and the city was built around them, which gives the old area of Girona a beautiful shape with narrow streets. Our first stop will be the Cathedral of Girona known as the Cathedral of Santa Maria. Its construction started in the 14th century and finished just 200 years ago. The main nave is 23 meters wide and is the widest Gothic nave in Europe. The stained windows are also one of the highlights of this Cathedral. The Baroque main façade, the Carlomagno Tower and the Romanesque style cloister are also very interesting. Before going on to Figueres, we will walk around “El Call” or Jewish Quarter.

After the visit to the old part of the city, we will take the bus again to go to Figueres, the capital of Alt Empordà, and the birth place of Salvador Dalí. The museum is located in a former theatre next to the bizarre ochre-color Torre Galatea where Dalí lived until his death in 1989.

We will have lunch at the pitoresque hotel Duran, just next to the Museum.

After lunch, we will visit the unforgettable Dalí Museum.



It contains paintings, sculptures, drawings and sketches by the artist. It is original and spectacular in keeping with the wonderful personality of the famous surrealist painter.

BARCELONA MODERNISM TOUR (morning)

The Eixample district of Barcelona, an extension of the city planned by the engineer Idelfons Cerdà and started in 1860 is, with no doubt, one of the most unusual urban spaces in the European and world context.

The personality of Barcelona resides, to a large extent, in the unique layout of the Eixample and the way in which this small area has enriched the city as a whole.

Its hallmark, rather than being evenly distributed, is centred around a relatively small area: the central hub of Paseo de Gracia. Barcelona's equivalent of New York's Park Lane or Paris's Champs Elysées .



The **Quadrat d'Or** (Golden square) is an authentic open air museum and you can easily find 150 architecturally interesting buildings in it. Some of the most popular examples are:
Casa Batlló (extraordinary Gaudi's building →)
Casa Ll3o Morera Casa Milà (also called "La Pedrera" (picture down))

We will also see the exterior of the **Sagrada Família, the unfinished holy temple** designed by Gaudi, started in the 19th century which is being built following the

designs of the Master.

We will spend a part of the morning enjoying the environment and unique experience at the wonderful Park Güell, where the Gaudi's Museum House is located .



SITGES, The pearl of the Mediterranean Sea (8 hours)

Sitges is a nice village on the seaside, situated about 35 km southwest of Barcelona. With around 11.500 inhabitants, Sitges is famous by its palaces and residential houses, built by the “indians” (catalan people who emigrated to Cuba in the 18th century) after returning with their fortunes from Cuba.

Appart from its narrow white streets and beautiful palaces, one of the main attractions that Sitges has to offer is its skyline. With its parish church dominating the view and the sea and beach at its feet, Sitges appears as a beautiful and unrepeatable picture. The townspeople have realised its potential and have consequently protected it from damage and destruction. As a result, the tourist boom of the seventies made little impression on the architectural and urban aspect of the town centre and residential area.



The Promenade joins the old part of the town to the residential areas, and practically every point along its length is suitable to admire the outline of Sitges. One can see the Parish church, standing just a few metres from where the waves break against the rocks on the long beach.

We will visit the Cau Ferrat, a museum with art collections very wellknown around the world.



A PAELLA on the beach will be the perfect end for such an unforgettable day in Sitges

Prices and conditions

- 27th July - Girona-Figueres trip (10 hours) 106.82,- €/ person
- 28th July - Barcelona Modernism Tour (5 hours) 79,- €/ person
- 29th July - Sitges, the Pearl of the Mediterranean (8 hours) . . . 105.52,- €/ person

Prices are per person including::

Accompanying English speaker guide , local guide, private transport, guided visits, entrance tickets, lunch and taxes

Based on 15 people per excursion (minimum group required)