



### CT3 Discover Northern Catalonia

Barcelona, the Catalan Pyrenees and the Costa Brava - all in one marvellous trip!

Crystalline Mediterranean coves, spectacular 3000m+ mountains combine with a city break in the region's capital to make a spectacular itinerary in northern Catalonia.

Lesser known highlights include the volcanic park of La Garrotxa, the magnificent castle of Cardona (where you'll stay), medieval Girona, Santa Pau and Besalú; and the fascinating Romanesque churches of Vall de Boí and Val d'Aran.

Fly into Barcelona or Girona, or combine the two, the trip normally takes two weeks but you can do as much or as little as you like.

**Itinerary Overview:**

Stage	Itinerary	Nights	Location	Services	Drive Time
1	Day 1 to 4	3 nights	Barcelona, City and Province, Barcelona	HBCN2 3-star Hotel 1 x Twin/Double	30mins from Barcelona airport / 1hr 20mins from Girona airport
2	Day 4 to 5	1 night	Barcelona, City and Province, Cardona	HCNA1 4-star Parador 1 x Twin/Double	1hr 20mins
3	Day 5 to 8	3 nights	Val d'Aran, Boí and Aneu, Arties	HARA3 4-star Parador 1 x Twin/Double	3hrs 30mins
4	Day 8 to 10	2 nights	Vall de Nuria, Ribes de Freser	HRDF1 3-star Hotel 1 x Twin/Double	3hrs 30mins
5	Day 10 to 12	2 nights	La Garrotxa Volcanic Park, Santa Pau	HPAU1 Family-run Posada 1 x Twin/Double	1hr 20mins
6	Day 12 to 15	3 nights	Costa Brava and Girona, Calella de Palafrugell	HCDP1 Family-run Posada 1 x Double / twin room, sea view	2hrs 30mins

**Includes:**

- Accommodation for two people in our listed hotels - bed and breakfast
- Economy 4-door car hire from leaving Barcelona
- 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

### Barcelona, City and Province



#### Highlights

- Sagrada Família - Gaudi's Cathedral, now near completion
- Parque Guell - Gaudí again with great views to the city
- Cable car to Montjuic - Olympic installations, Joan Miró gallery and fantastic views
- Las Ramblas and La Boquería market
- Stroll around the Gothic Quarter, get lost in Born

### HBCN2 3-star Hotel, Barcelona

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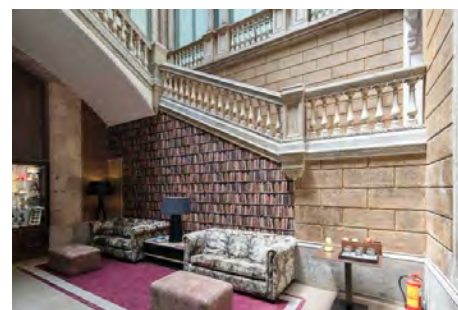
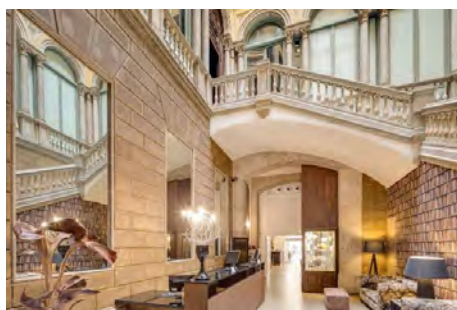
**Accommodation:** 1 x Twin/Double, Bed & Breakfast



Right on the Portal de l'Angel, this 3-star hotel really couldn't be better placed. The pedestrianised shopping street, which runs parallel with La Rambla, is busy by day but quiet by night, a true luxury in such a central location.

The hotel, housed in a 19th century palace, offers the perfect escape from the hustle and bustle of the city, not least thanks to its wonderful terrace garden and swimming pool, and the attentive staff who will do their best to cater for all your needs.

Breakfast is served in the conservatory overlooking the pool or on the terrace and there's a small bar serving gourmet snacks and cocktails.



<b>Main facilities</b>	• 24 hour reception • Activity/tour booking service • Swimming pool (outdoor, all year)
<b>Room facilities</b>	• En-suite bathroom • Tea/coffee making facilities
<b>Dining</b>	• Bars/restaurants within walking distance of the hotel
<b>Room types</b>	• Doubles and triples, superior and suites. • Room(s) adapted for guests with reduced mobility
<b>Other</b>	• Public parking nearby (pay locally) • Pets allows by prior arrangement - please consult

## Stage 2

### Barcelona, City and Province



#### Highlights

- Sagrada Familia - Gaudi's Cathedral, now near completion
- Parque Guell - Gaudí again with great views to the city
- Cable car to Montjuic - Olympic installations, Joan Miró gallery and fantastic views
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### HCNA1 4-star Parador, Cardona

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**Accommodation:** 1 x Twin/Double, Bed & Breakfast

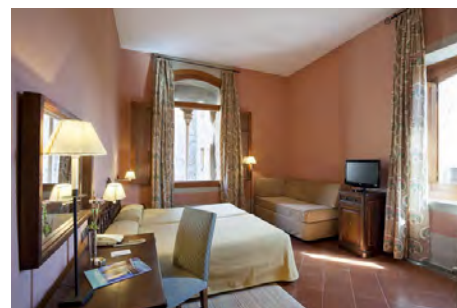


A unique opportunity to stay in an early-medieval castle, this magnificent Parador undoubtedly has the 'wow' factor!

Built between the 9th and 12th century there's a palace, a church, a Princess Tower and, of course a ghost! The castle offers views over the valley and the salt mines from which the owners derived their enormous wealth.

Rooms are fairly simple with gothic features, some with charming canopy beds, in keeping with the buildings.

The dining room is spectacular, with gothic pointed arches and throughout you'll find vaulted ceilings, stone walls and atmospheric courtyards to enhance the magical medieval feeling.



<b>Main facilities</b>	• 24 hour reception • Activity/tour booking service • Wi-Fi all areas • Spacious grounds
<b>Room facilities</b>	• En-suite bathroom • Air conditioning
<b>Dining</b>	• Restaurant, open to the public
<b>Room types</b>	• Standard Double / Twin, Duplex , Suite • Not suitable for guests with reduced mobility
<b>Other</b>	• On-site parking (free) • Electric vehicle charging station • No pets allowed

## Stage 3

### 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.



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

## Stage 4

### Vall de Nuria



#### Highlights

- Take the Rack Railway to Vall de Nuria
- Discover the Sanctuary of Nuria
- Take the cable car and have a picnic with the nicest views
- Visit nearby Queralbs and its early Romanesque church
- Explore Ribes de Freser and the numerous hiking trails around

### HRDF1 3-star Hotel, Ribes de Freser

[See full details](#)

**Accommodation:** 1 x Twin/Double, Bed & Breakfast



Situated in the Pyrenees, Ribes de Freser serves as the gateway to the Vall de Nuria with one of the two train stations conveniently located just behind the hotel!

This hotel originally began as a small café in 1920, the building has undergone several renovations, blending the charm of a traditional mountain house with modern amenities and decor.

Known for its excellent restaurant and nowadays for its cosy accommodation, the hotel blends traditional wood and stone architecture with contemporary style. The comfortable rooms offer scenic views of the surrounding mountains, making it an ideal retreat for nature lovers.



<b>Main facilities</b>	• Wi-Fi all areas • Spacious grounds
<b>Room facilities</b>	• En-suite bathroom • Air conditioning • Tea/coffee making facilities
<b>Dining</b>	• Restaurant, open to the public • Bars/restaurants within walking distance of the hotel
<b>Room types</b>	• Double, Twin, Superior and Suites
<b>Other</b>	• On-street parking • Pets allows by prior arrangement - please consult

## Stage 5

### La Garrotxa Volcanic Park



#### Highlights

- Medieval Santa Pau and Besalu'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

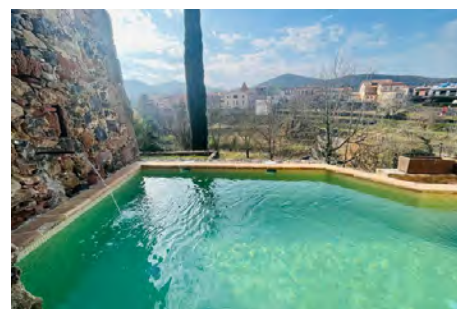
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**Accommodation:** 1 x Twin/Double, Bed & Breakfast



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.



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

## Stage 6

### 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 Posada, Calella de Palafrugell

[See full details](#)

**Accommodation:** 1 x Double / twin room, 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.

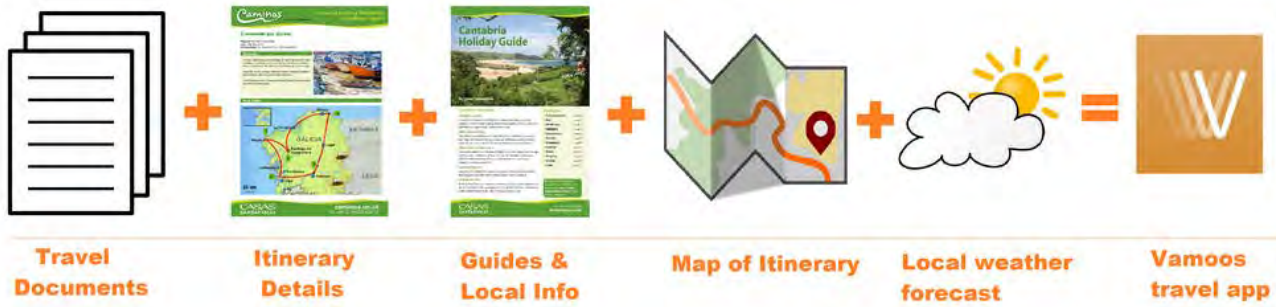
The main beach is just five minutes' walk and has a good selection of bars and restaurants - and the next picture-perfect village is 20 minutes further on.



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



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