

# **GIRONA AND COSTA BRAVA** Self Guided Tour 2024

157 - 170km | 6 days / 5 nights



The tour starts in Girona, the province capital and its charming old town, famous for its spectacular Jewish Quartier. From Girona, the itinerary takes you to the Costa Brava, along the greenway "El Carrilet", the ancient railway line. Onwards, will keep you following one of the most beautiful parts of the coast, combining long sandy beaches with small rough coves and charming ancient fishing villages. Not to miss are the medieval villages along your way. Returning back to Girona, you cycle as far as Flaçà, surrounded by wooden and agricultural areas where we recommend to take the train, on a 15 minutes short ride. This route is ideal for those who like to combine cultural visits in an interesting city and relax near beach, as well as tasting some of the best traditional dishes of the well-known Mediterranean diet.

## **TOUR ITINERARY**

#### Day 1

# Arrive in Girona

There is plenty to see and do in this magic historical city. Spend the day visiting the Cathedral, which has the broadest single nave of Gothic architecture in the world and getting lost through the narrow streets of the ancient Jewish quarter, one of the best preserved in the world. We also recommend a stroll along the Rambla or the medieval walls, which gives you a fantastic panoramic view of the city.

#### Girona - Sant Feliu de Guixols Day 2

## 45km 400m+

After recieving all route documents and bike fitting, your cycle takes you straight to the Mediterranean Sea, following the greenway "El Carrilet", passing through the towns of Quart, Cassà de la Selva, Santa Cristina d'Aro and Llagostera. Just out of Girona, the route follows the Onyar River, which gives you one of the most picturesque and most photographed images: the colored houses of Onyar River.

The Gavarres Massif provide an inspiring backdrop along the route, a mountainous forested area, consisting mainly of oaks, important for the cork production. You arrive in San Feliu de Guíxols, on the Mediterranean Sea.



## Day 3

# Sant Feliu de Guixols - Calella de Palafrugell

#### 30km 271m+

Today you'll cycle North along the coast visiting the main port town Palamós. After few kilometers you'll pass the unspoilt cove Platja de Castell, with it's Iberian settlement, before arriving in the picturesque old fishing village of Calella de Palafrugell, one of the pearls of Costa Brava. On the last section you'll cycle along the greenway called "Ruta del Tren Petit", connecting Palamós and Palafrugell, this last one with its amazing seatown on the coast.



# Day 4

# Calella de Palafrugell - Torroella de Montgri

## 29km 180m+

You head furher north, hugging the coast, visiting places of outstanding interest: Pals, with its beautifully conserved medieval centre, and Torroella de Montgrí. The ride will take you through natural wetlands with extensive rice fields and long sandy beaches. The cycle ends at the foot of the karstic Montgri Massif. There is a choice for an alternative route that will take you through natural wetlands with extensive rice fields and long sandy beaches.



## Day 5

#### Torroella de Montgri - Girona

#### 27km 177m+/34km

Todays cycle heads west inland through a woody and agricultural area in the countryside, with a rolling landscape and small villages, like Fonolleres, Matajudaica, Corçà and Púbol. Where you can visit the Casa-castell of Gala Dalí Museum. Finishing in Flaçà where you have to take the train to Girona, a 15 minutes journey.

#### Day 6

Girona Departure

Tour finishes after breakfast. Depart from Girona.

# 2024 TOUR DATES

Tour can begin any day from 1<sup>st</sup> March to 31<sup>st</sup> October and is divided into three seasons.

# 2024 TOUR PRICES

On this tour you can choose from our standard accommodation ( $2 \sim 3$  star hotels) or our premium accommodation ( $3 \sim 4$  star hotels)

|  | <b>LOW SEASON</b><br>1 March - 26 March<br>1 Oct - 31 October | <b>MID SEASON</b><br>27 March – 20 June<br>1 Sep – 30 September | HIGH SEASON<br>21 June – 31 August |
|--|---|---|------------------------------------|
| Standard tour pps                                  | €565 Standard   | €595 Standard   | €660 Standard                      |
| Standard tour single supp.                         | +€140 Single Suppl.   | +€175 Single Suppl.   | +€220 Single Suppl.                |
| Standard 3rd person sharing                        | €510 3rd person   | €540 3rd person   | €595 3rd person                    |
| Premium tour pps                                   | €690 Premium  | €780 Premium  | €1035 Premium                      |
| Premium tour single supp                           | +€215 Single Suppl.   | +€270 Single suppl.   | +€350 Single suppl.                |
| Premium 3rd person sharing                         | €625 3rd person   | €705 3rd person   | €935 3rd person                    |
| Supplement solo traveller                          | +€75  | +€75  | +€75                               |
| Half board (2 dinners) Std Tour                    | €60 standard tour   | €60 standard tour   | €60 standard tour                  |
| Half board (3 dinners) Prem Tour                   | €100 premium tour   | €100 premium tour   | €100 premium tour                  |
| Adult Touring Bike<br>Electric Bike<br>Gravel Bike | €95<br>€185<br>€160   |   |                                    |

# WHAT IS INCLUDED IN THE TOUR PRICE

#### Included

- > 5 nights in Standard Hotels (2-3\*) or Premium Hotels (3-4\*) accommodation
- Breakfast included
- Luggage transport
- · Information Pack (Route Guide and maps, tourist information)
- · 8am 8pm hours service hotline

# Not included

- Bike rental
- Half Board option (3 dinners) €75 standard tour / €85 premium tour
- GPS device rental €45
- → Shimano or toe clip pedals €20.00
- Airport transfers (from Girona airport to Girona €55. From Girona to Barcelona airport €205 (1 to 4 people)
- Tourist tax (3,50 adults over 16 years standard tour / 7,00 premium tour)

# **BIKE RENTAL**

Rental bikes are to be collected from our partners shop in Girona. At the end of the tour, you leave the bikes again at the office. The bikes must be returned in the same condition as they had been delivered.

Bikes can not be insured in case of theft, so you will be responsible to take care of them.

Each hired bike includes: a pannier, a helmet, a map carrier, an odometer and a water bottle. Per couple you will receive a basic repair kit and one bike lock





GHOST Square Cross X male Sizes: S / M / L / XL Description: 24 speed, disc brakes, 28" wheels and rear rack. 1 Rear Pannier included.



GHOST Square Cross X female Sizes: XS / S / M / L / XL Description: 24 speed, disc brakes, 28" wheels and rear rack. 1 Rear Pannier included.



WINORA Sinus Tria Description: Shimano Nexus 7 speed. 700 mm wheels.

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**FLYER T8.1 Description:** Shimano Nexus 8 speed. 700 mm wheels.

Gravel bikes €160



**URS 01 THREE Description:** Carbon frame, disc brakes SRAM Rival x1 38T / 10-42T Size: S, M, L



**URS ONE Description:** Carbon frame, disc brakes SRAM Apex x1 38T / 10-42T Size: S, M, L

# WHAT TO BRING

Specialized cycle clothing may be handy but not strictly necessary. What you do need (among other things) is the following:

- shorts/ long trousers/ track suit/ legging
- shirts/ sweater/ rain clothing
- gloves (only when you book a tour in April. It can be chilly in the morning that time of year!)
- good shoes
- sunglasses/ cap/ swimming costume
- extra towel
- soap/ insect repellent
- swimwear

# **OTHER INFORMATION**

## Terrain / Gradients

Spain is not flat. Terrain is undulating and at times flat.. Distances are not excessive, and a rest day is included where the rider decides whether to cycle or not.

## **Arrival points**

Girona Airport is the closest airport. Barcelona International airport is approx 110km away. Information available on request.

#### **Holiday extensions**

Possibility of spending extra nights in Girona or Calella (prices per person sharing): Girona: €65 standard low, €70 standard mid season, €70 standard high season Girona: €70 premium low, €75 premium mid, €80 premium high season Calella: €75 standard low season, €90 mid season, 110 high season Calella: €85 premium low season, €90 mid season, €135 high season

