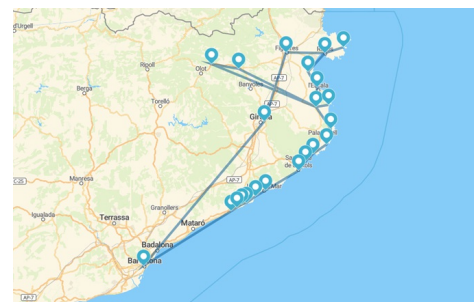




Spain, 9 Days · Tailor-made by car

Route from Barcelona to the beaches of Dalí

An amazing road trip that combines the cosmopolitan, artistic and ever-authentic city of Barcelona with some of Europe's most stunning beaches, picture-postcard Mediterranean landscapes and charming villages dotted along the Catalan coast. You'll make your way through lands that have inspired famous poets and artists such as Gaudi and Dalí with their unspoilt coves and beautiful bays, idiosyncratic seaside villages, modern water parks and fascinating museums. Most of the destinations included in this itinerary are certified by the Catalan Tourist Board as family-friendly (with the 'Beach for the Family' or 'Nature and Mountain for the Family' hallmarks), thanks to their specialised services and particular attention to young children's safety and enjoyment. You'll get to enjoy themed guided tours, local experiences in real-life farms, amazing medieval towns, caves with hidden treasures aboard picturesque pirate ships, and much more. Hours of fun for everyone! Take your rental car on an enjoyable road trip that combines the very best of the beach and the mountains, accompanied by delicious cuisine and a family-friendly atmosphere.



FAMILIES

Departure date: Departures from June 2026 till May 2027

From: Cork, Shannon, Dublin

Travel details

● DAY 1 · CITY OF ORIGIN - BARCELONA

Flight departure from the city of origin to Barcelona. Arrival at the airport and rental car pick-up. Your first stop will be Barcelona, an ever-vibrant city fusing history, culture, design and fun. Take a leisurely stroll through the Barrio Gótico, the city's medieval quarter full of inviting squares dotted with cute terraces, majestic churches, and tempting stores that combine tradition with the avant-garde. Gaze in awe at the surreal works of architecture by Gaudi, such as the Sagrada Familia or the Casa Batlló, stroll along the elegant and lively boulevards, and round the day off unwinding by the sea or in the Parc de la Ciutadella, one of the most popular parks among locals to soak up the sun. And for exploring the depths of the ocean from dry land, there's nothing better than the family-friendly Aquarium. (Admission not included).

Overnight stay in Barcelona.

DAY 2 · BARCELONA - GIRONA - FIGUERES/THEATRE - DALI MUSEUM - ROSES/ROSES CITADEL - CAP DE CREUS - CADAQUÉS - PORTLLIGAT - ROSES

Over the next few days you'll be visiting captivating destinations and some of Europe's most beautiful beaches, as the destination is the family-friendly Costa Brava, the perfect fusion of coast and country. There are various options for today: visit the mesmerising cities of Girona or Figueres to explore the Dali Museum; unwind on a beach in Roses, where the little ones will have a great time at the 'Roses Kids' Club, a free service with monitors on Nova Beach; explore the landscape between the sea and the countryside on the Roses Tourist Train; mooch around the Museum of the Citadel of Roses, where you and your kids will work as a team to follow clues hinting at the fascinating local history, while wandering among Greek ruins and walls built to protect the area from pirate attacks; or enjoy some at-oneness with nature on a themed tour, a kayak trip or an e-bike tour around the Cap de Creus Nature Park, one of the most incredible green spaces in Europe and first created under the reign of Queen Isabella II of Spain. And if you're passionate about Dali's surrealism, you simply have to pay a visit to his house-museum in the fishing village of Cadaqués! And make sure you head to a local restaurant to try the excellent local cuisine, which features mouth-watering dishes such as 'suquet' (fish stew). Overnight stay in Roses.

DAY 3 · ROSES - L'EMPORDÀ/AIGUAMOLLS NATURE PARK - SANT PERE PESCADOR - RUINS OF EMPÚRIES - L'ESCALA - TORROELLA DE MONTGRÍ-L'ESTARTIT

Today you'll enjoy some outdoor activities in the Aiguamolls Nature Park in l'Empordà, an incredible wetland ideal for hiking or e-biking. The park has well-signposted trails, walkways and hiding places where the kids will have fun spotting birds and other animals in their natural habitat. The next stop is Sant Pere Pescador, a quaint town nestled in the heart of the Gulf of Roses, one of the most beautiful in the Mediterranean, offering visitors fine sand beaches, golden dunes and shallow waters, as well as the ideal spot for water sports and sailing thanks to its famous Tramontana wind. And if there's a fan of 'The Little Prince' in the family, the nearby promenade along Riells Beach features statues that depict the characters of the work written by Saint-Exupéry. The last stop of the day will be L'Escala, where you'll travel back in time by visiting the seafront archaeological ruins of the ancient Greek city of Empúries. Overnight stay in Torroella de Montgrí-L'Estartit.

DAY 4 · TORROELLA DE MONTGRÍ-L'ESTARTIT - BESALÚ - CASTELLFOLLIT DE LA ROCA - GARROTXA VOLCANIC PARK - VALL D'EN BAS - TORROELLA DE MONTGRÍ-L'ESTARTIT

This fascinating road trip heads inland today. In less than an hour's drive you'll get to two must-visits in this area: Besalú, a picture-postcard town with genuine medieval charm; and Castellfollit de la Roca, a spectacular village perched literally on top of a cliff, the inspiration for many an artist and poet. The next stop is a landscape of breathtaking beauty, the Garrotxa Volcanic Park, considered the best volcanic landscape on the Spanish mainland thanks to its forty-plus volcanic cones and twenty lava flows. You'll feel like a true explorer climbing to the top of one of its craters! Just five kilometres from the Garrotxa is the Fageda d'en Jordà, a spectacular beech forest that could have been plucked out of a fairytale. Choose to explore it on foot, by horse-drawn carriage or on the 'Tricu' tourist train, which will take you to nearby farms and deep into the true country life. The day ends in the Montgrí Nature Park, a veritable paradise for water sports and outdoor activities. Overnight stay in Torroella de Montgrí-L'Estartit.

DAY 5 · TORROELLA DE MONTGRÍ-L'ESTARTIT - ILLES MEDES NATURE PARK - TORROELLA DE MONTGRÍ-L'ESTARTIT

We suggest starting the day off by exploring the old town of Torroella de Montgrí-L'Estartit, which is dotted with medieval landmarks that will captivate the little ones, such as the old wall or the Tower of the Witches. And if you want to discover places brimming with historical anecdotes, amazing legends and underground water mines, sign up to a family tour organised by the Museo del Mediterráneo! Just over two kilometres away is Torroella Castle, an impressive medieval fortification where you take a wonderful spiral staircase to the top of its towers to admire magnificent views of the coastline. Next stop is the Illes Medes Nature Park, where the whole family can have fun on guided snorkelling or kayaking excursions, trips on glass-bottomed boats or outings on the Corsari Negre, a pirate-style schooner that takes you into the caves where corsairs would stow their treasures. Overnight stay in Torroella de Montgrí-L'Estartit.

DAY 6 · TORROELLA DE MONTGRÍ-L'ESTARTIT - BEGUR - CALELLA DE PALAFRUGELL - CAP ROIG - SANT ANTONI DE CALONGE - PLATJA D'ARO

Today's route covers one of the most famous sections of the Catalan coastline, characterised by a jagged shore with stunning views over a crystal-clear and seemingly eternal sea. The first stop is Begur, about twenty minutes away from Torroella de Montgrí, where you'll instantly fall in love with its incredible castle, the buzzing atmosphere of its cafes and restaurants, and its coves tinged with an intense blue and embraced by pine groves and colourful flowers. Next stop is Calella de Palafrugell, an enticing village built around a beautiful bay dotted with magnificent beaches, rock formations and kaleidoscopic fishing boats. At the top of the village is the magnificent Cap Roig botanical garden, surrounding an exquisite palace from the early twentieth century. If you're lucky, there'll be an outdoor concert or a children's activity going on! Onward to Sant Antoni de Calonge, a medieval town perfect for unwinding by the sea or visiting one of its historic wineries. At Hipica Unicorn, you can set out on a horse-drawn tour of the vineyards (activity not included) while the little ones have fun at the local Children's Club, designed for ages up to twelve. From here, you can visit the Les Gavarres Nature Area or the Torre Valentina, a tower some fifteen minutes' walk away built to ward off pirate invasions. Then you can head down to Castell d'Aro and its beachfront district known as Platja d'Aro, where you can relax on magnificent beaches, have a go at water sports, watch pirate-themed theatrical performances or simply stroll around the old town and the castle... For nature lovers, we recommend a visit to Parque dels Estanys, a nature reserve home to about two hundred and fifty species of birds. Overnight stay in Platja d'Aro.

DAY 7 · PLATJA D'ARO - SANT FELIU DE GUÍXOLS - LLORET DE MAR - BLANES

More time exploring the spectacular Costa Brava, starting today with Sant Feliu de Guíxols, which boasts a lively seafront promenade and bike trails along the old narrow-gauge railway. Children can discover thousands of toys from different eras at the Museum of Toy History, followed by some family time on the magnificent beaches equipped with all the facilities and amenities you'll ever need. Next stop is S'Agaró, where you can admire the houses designed by Rafael Masó, a disciple of Gaudi. And if you are thinking of fresh water, there is nothing better than to head to Lloret del Mar. This vibrant seaside resort boasts a magnificent coastline, the amazing Water World park and the fun-filled Gnome Park, a magical universe full of zip lines, interactive games, mini golf, and much more. Another essential place to visit is the Casa Garriga Maritime Museum, which allows younger children to build boats to scale. The last stop today is Blanes, which boasts four kilometres of beaches and stunning botanical gardens such as Marimurtra and Pinya de Rosa. And if you're visiting in late July, you'll get to enjoy the spectacular International Fireworks Contest! Overnight stay in Blanes.

DAY 8 · BLANES - MALGRAT DE MAR - SANTA SUSANNA - CALELLA - PINEDA DE MAR - BARCELONA

Today's itinerary covers the region known as El Maresme, on the beautiful Costa Barcelona. Its proximity to Barcelona has transformed this area into one of the favourite spots for families to escape from the hustle and bustle of the city. Today's route includes mile after mile of beaches, all equipped with the facilities and services you'll ever need. Enjoy the sea with the beautiful Montnegre-Corredor Nature Park as a backdrop! That said, you might prefer to visit Marineland or Francesc Macià Park, in Malgrat de Mar, located about ten minutes by car from Blanes. The town also boasts a five-kilometre coastline where you can even find a 'beach library' and a Children's Club. Back on the road, fifteen minutes later you'll get to Santa Susanna, another of the most family-friendly resorts in the area. Here you can sign up for some fascinating guided tours known as 'Ship Ahoy' and organised by the Tourism Office, designed to showcase the history of defending the town from seaborne attacks. And then it's on to Calella and Pineda del Mar. Are you more a beach person or a mountain person? Here you won't have to choose, as both towns have award-winning blue flag beaches and outdoor activities and adventure sports in the Montnegre-Corredor Nature Park. An amazing experience to bring this road trip to an end. End the day in Barcelona, strolling along the city's most iconic streets and savouring a delicious dinner at one of its renowned restaurants. Overnight stay in Barcelona.

DAY 9 · BARCELONA - CITY OF ORIGIN

Arrival at the airport with enough time to drop off your rental car and flight back to the city of origin.

Arrival. End of the trip and our services.

Your trip includes _____

Your trip includes

- ✓ Return flight.
- ✓ Stay in selected hotel in Barcelona.
- ✓ Selected meal plan in Barcelona.
- ✓ Stay in selected hotel in Roses.
- ✓ Selected meal plan in Roses.
- ✓ Stay in selected hotel in Torroella De Montgrí.
- ✓ Selected meal plan in Torroella De Montgrí.
- ✓ Stay in selected hotel in Playa de Aro.
- ✓ Selected meal plan in Playa de Aro.
- ✓ Stay in selected hotel in Blanes.
- ✓ Selected meal plan in Blanes.
- ✓ Rent-a-car.

Your trip doesn't include

- ✗ Possible toll charges.
- ✗ Insolvency protection.

Destinations Visited

Barcelona



Girona



Figueras



Roses



Cadaqués



Sant Pere Pescador



L'Escala



Torroella De Montgrí



Besalu



Castellfolit de la Roca



Estartit



Begur





Calella De Palafrugell



San Antonio de Calonge



Playa de Aro



Sant Feliu de Guixols



Lloret De Mar



Blanes



Malgrat De Mar



Santa Susanna



Calella



Pineda De Mar



Important remarks

- Triple rooms in Europe are generally rooms with twin beds or a double, in which a folding bed is installed to accommodate the third person. Due to the inconvenience this causes, we advise against using this option as far

the possible.

- Check-in time at the hotel on the day of arrival depends on each establishment, but in no case will it be before 3:00 p.m., unless otherwise indicated.
- The proposed excursions and tours for each day are purely suggestions, as you can tailor the trip to suit your times, tastes and needs.
- A credit card is considered a guarantee, so sometimes you will need one for check-in at hotels.
- Hotels usually have cots available. Otherwise, babies will have to share a bed with an adult.
- To pick up your rental car, you'll need a credit (not debit) card in the name of the person who made the booking, who must also be the named driver of the vehicle.
- Consult the necessary documentation to enter the destinations visited and for transit in the countries where air stopovers are made.
- This itinerary has been prepared in collaboration with the Catalan Government. Catalan Tourist Board ('Agència Catalana de Turisme').