

Figueres

Catalonia · Spain

TRAVEL GUIDE

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Overview

Figueres is a town in the Empordà region of northeast Catalonia, about 40 km from the French border. It is the birthplace of the surrealist painter Salvador Dalí, and it has his museum, the Dalí Theatre-Museum, which is among the most visited museums in Spain.

Besides Dalí, Figueres has a large 18th-century fortress, a lively main boulevard (La Rambla) and a toy museum. It is an easy stop between Barcelona and the Costa Brava or France.

When to visit

Spring and autumn are pleasant, with mild weather. Summer is warm and busy, as the museum draws many visitors on their way to the coast. Winters are cool and can be windy because of the *tramuntana*, a strong north wind.

The Dalí museum is crowded in July and August, so book tickets ahead or go early.

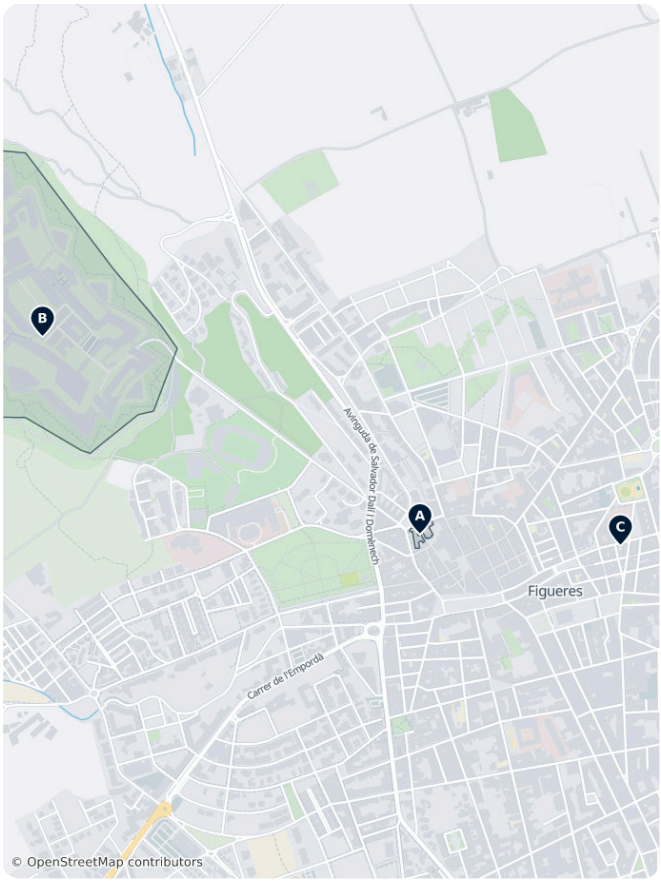
MONTH	CONDITIONS	DAY °C avg / max	NIGHT °C avg / min	
January	Fair Fair for sightseeing	13° / 17° Feels like 7°	7° / 2°	Dry air
February	Fair Fair for sightseeing	13° / 18° Feels like 8°	7° / 2°	Dry air
March	Good Good for sightseeing	16° / 20° Feels like 11°	9° / 4°	Dry air
April	Good Good for sightseeing	18° / 22° Feels like 14°	11° / 7°	Dry air
May	Great Great for sightseeing	21° / 26°	14° / 10°	Dry air
June	Great Great for sightseeing	26° / 30°	18° / 14°	
July	Great Great for sightseeing	28° / 32°	20° / 17°	20 sunny days · Humid air
August	Great Great for sightseeing	28° / 33°	21° / 17°	Humid air
September	Great Great for sightseeing	25° / 29°	18° / 14°	
October	Great Great for sightseeing	21° / 26°	15° / 10°	
November	Good Good for sightseeing	16° / 21° Feels like 12°	10° / 5°	Dry air
December	Fair Fair for sightseeing	13° / 18° Feels like 9°	8° / 3°	Dry air

Best months: May, June, July, August, September, October

Climate data: NASA POWER (MERRA-2) · 1996–2025

Top sights

- A Dalí Theatre-Museum is the surrealist museum designed by Dalí himself in the former town theatre, with a glass dome and a crypt where he is buried.
- B Castell de Sant Ferran is a huge star-shaped fortress on a hill above the town, built in the 18th century and one of the largest military fortresses in Europe.
- C Museu de la Tècnica de l'Empordà is a technology museum with old machines.
- The Museu del Joguet de Catalunya is a toy museum on the Rambla.
- The Museu de l'Empordà shows art and archaeology of the region.
- La Rambla and the Plaça de la Palmera are the lively center of town.
- Dalí's birthplace and the *Rainy Taxi* sculpture are near the museum.



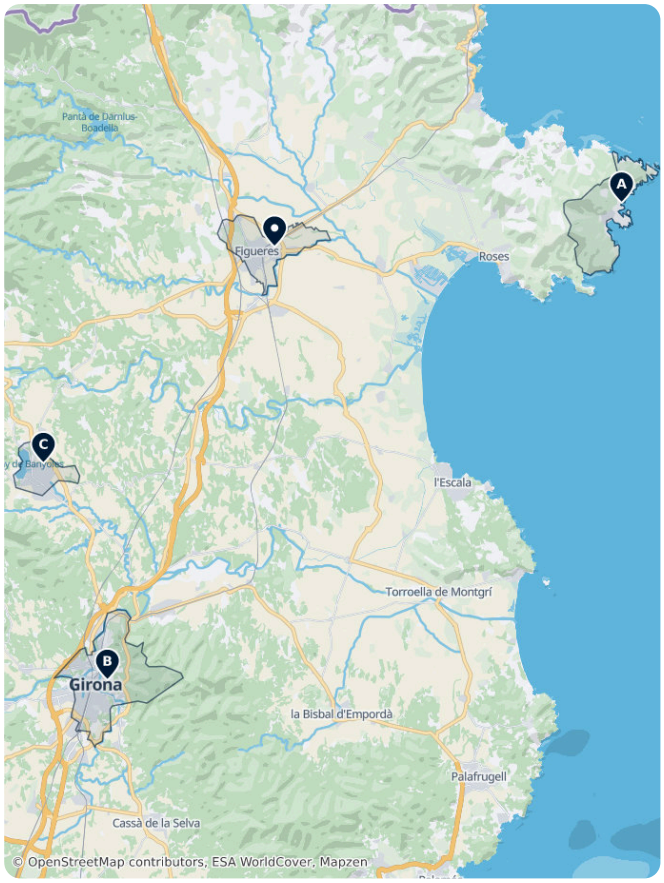
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What to experience

- Spend a morning in the Dalí Theatre-Museum and see its courtyard and crypt.
- Walk around the fortress walls of Sant Ferran.
- Take a train to Girona or a drive to Cadaqués and Portlligat.
- Sit with a drink in the Plaça de la Palmera or along the Rambla.

Day trips

- A Cadaqués (about 35 km): a white fishing village and Dalí's home at Portlligat.
- B Girona (about 40 km, 30 minutes by train): a medieval city with a colourful riverfront.
- **Empúries** (about 30 km): Greek and Roman ruins by the sea.
- **Púbol** (about 45 km): the castle Dalí gave to his wife Gala.
- C Banyoles (about 40 km): a town on a lake.



Where to explore

Other places nearby:

- **Costa Brava**: Cadaqués.
- **Catalonia**: Girona, Banyoles and Barcelona.

Getting there

- **By train**: Figueres-Vilafant station has high-speed trains (AVE and Avigon) to Barcelona in about 55 minutes, and to Girona in about 15 minutes. Regional trains stop at the central station. Book on Renfe.
- **By air**: Girona airport is about 60 km away, and Barcelona airport about 150 km.
- **By road**: The AP-7 motorway and the A-2 run past the town.

Getting around

- **On foot**: The center is compact and flat. The Dalí museum, the Rambla and the main squares are within a 10 minute walk of each other.
- **To the fortress**: It is on a hill north of town, about a 20 to 25 minute walk, or a short drive.
- **Cycling**: Easy in town, with roads and paths out into the Empordà plain.

Getting around on foot & by bike

WALKABILITY

High

The center is compact and flat, with the main sights within 10 minutes on foot.

CYCLING INFRASTRUCTURE

High

The town is flat, with quiet roads and paths into the Empordà plain.

Driving

- **Is a car worth it?**: Not essential for the town, but useful for Cadaqués, Empúries and the rest of the Empordà.
- **Parking**: There are paid underground car parks near the center. Some central streets are pedestrian only.
- **Roads**: The road to Cadaqués is narrow and winding.

Food & drink

The Empordà has a strong food tradition. Try *suquet de peix* (fish stew), rice dishes, anchovies from nearby L'Escala, and *botifarra* (Catalan sausage) with white beans. The region is also known for its wines and for olive oil.

Desserts include *crema catalana*. Tapas and menú del día lunches are easy to find around the center.

What to eat & drink

BREAKFAST

Churros · Churros con Chocolate
Fried dough sticks served with a thick, dark hot chocolate for dipping — a classic Spanish breakfast or late-night snack.

LUNCH

Paella Valenciana
A saffron-scented rice dish cooked in a wide, shallow pan. The traditional Valencian version uses chicken, rabbit, and green beans — best eaten at midday.

Gazpacho
A cold, blended soup of raw tomatoes, cucumber, pepper, garlic, olive oil, and vinegar, originally from Andalusia. Served as a drink or a starter, especially in summer.

DINNER

Pulpo a la Gallega
Boiled octopus sliced onto a wooden board and dressed with olive oil, coarse salt, and smoked paprika — a signature dish of Galicia.

SNACKS & STREET FOOD

Jamón Ibérico
Dry-cured ham from acorn-fed Iberian pigs, sliced paper-thin and eaten on its own or with bread. The finest grade, jamón ibérico de bellota, is one of Spain's most prized products.

Tortilla Española
A thick potato and egg omelette, served warm or at room temperature, found in virtually every bar in Spain. Often eaten as a tapa or a quick meal.

Patatas Bravas
Fried potato chunks served with a spicy tomato sauce or aioli — one of the most common tapas across the country.

Pintxos
Small snacks anchored to slices of bread with a toothpick, the Basque Country's answer to tapas. Found in bar counters across San Sebastián and Bilbao, often with elaborate toppings.

Croquetas
Crispy breaded cylinders with a creamy béchamel filling, typically made with jamón, bacalà (salt cod), or mushrooms.

DRINKS

Rioja Wine · Vino de Rioja

Spain's best-known wine region produces full-bodied reds from Tempranillo grapes, aged in oak. The crianza, reserva, and gran reserva labels indicate increasing age and complexity.

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Safety & health

Figueres is a safe town. Pickpocketing can occur in crowds near the museum. In summer, bring sun protection and water for the walk to the fortress.

History

Figueres was a Roman and medieval market town, and received its charter in the 13th century. In the 18th century the Castell de Sant Ferran was built to defend the border with France.

Salvador Dalí was born here in 1904. In 1974 the Dalí Theatre-Museum opened in the ruins of the town theatre, which was destroyed during the Civil War. In January 1939 the Spanish Republican government held its last session in Spanish territory in the fortress, before going into exile.

Country facts

Quick practical facts for Spain at a glance:

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EUR €

EMERGENCY

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ELECTRICITY



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230 V · 50 Hz

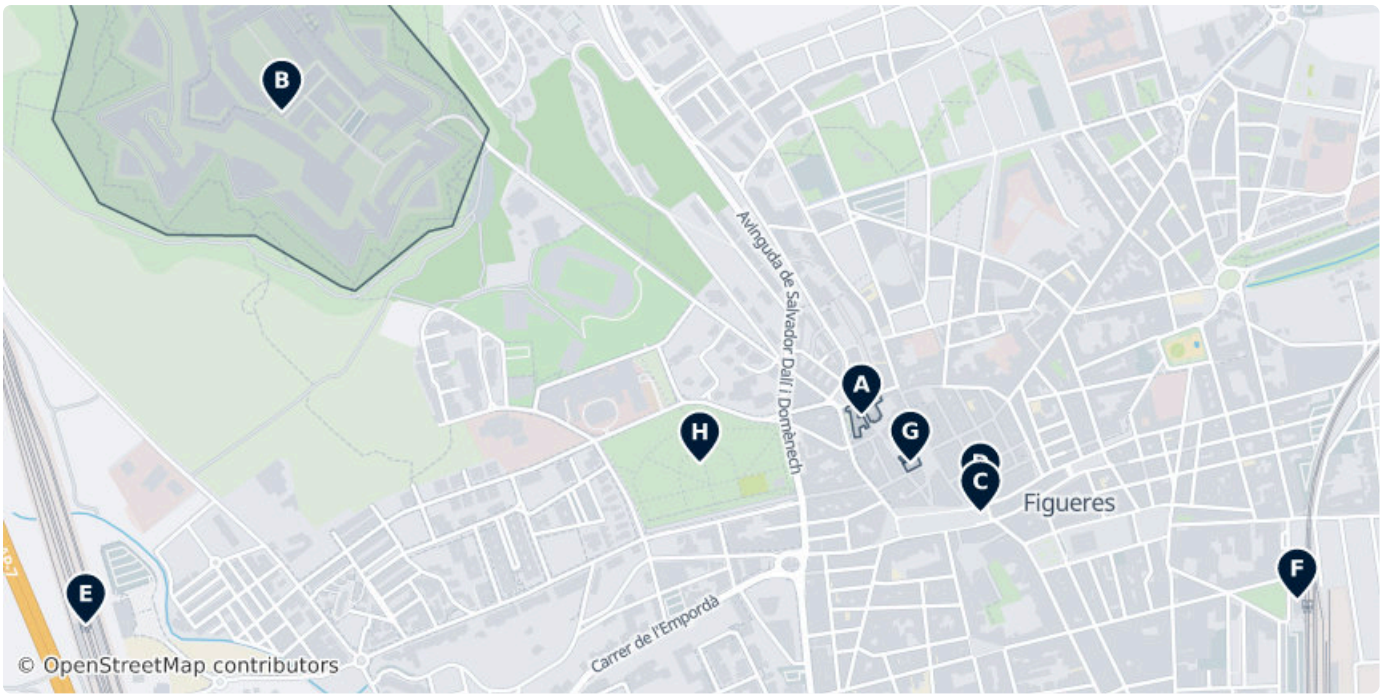
LANGUAGES

Spanish

TAP WATER

Safe to drink

Figueres Must-Sees





A Dalí Theatre-Museum

A former theater in Dalí's hometown was rebuilt by him and since 1974 has been operating as his museum.

Plaça de Gala i Salvador Dalí 5, 17600 (42.26803, 2.95938)

Jan 01-Mar 30 Tu–Su	10:30–17:15
Apr 01-May 11 Tu–Su	09:30–17:15
Jul 01-Aug 31 Mo–Su	09:00–19:15

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B Sant Ferran Castle

The Sant Ferran Castle is situated on a hill in Figueres, Catalonia at the end of Pujada del Castell.

17600, Spain (42.27286, 2.94691)

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C Salvador Dalí

3 Carrer de la Rambla, Figueres 17600, Spain
(42.26648, 2.96193)

D Museu de l'Empordà

The Museum of the Empordà is an art museum in Figueres, Catalonia. Its history dates back to 1885, when the first collections arrived from...

2 Carrer dels Enginyers, Figueres 17600, Spain
(42.26678, 2.96193)

E Figueres–Vilafant railway station

Figueres–Vilafant is a railway station serving the city of Figueres in Catalonia, Spain.

(Unnamed Road), 17740, Spain (42.26470, 2.94268)

F Estació de Figueres

(42.26509, 2.96875)

G Ajuntament de Figueres

4 Pujada de l'Església, Figueres 17600, Spain
(42.26728, 2.96043)

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H Parc Bosc

(42.26727, 2.95590)

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