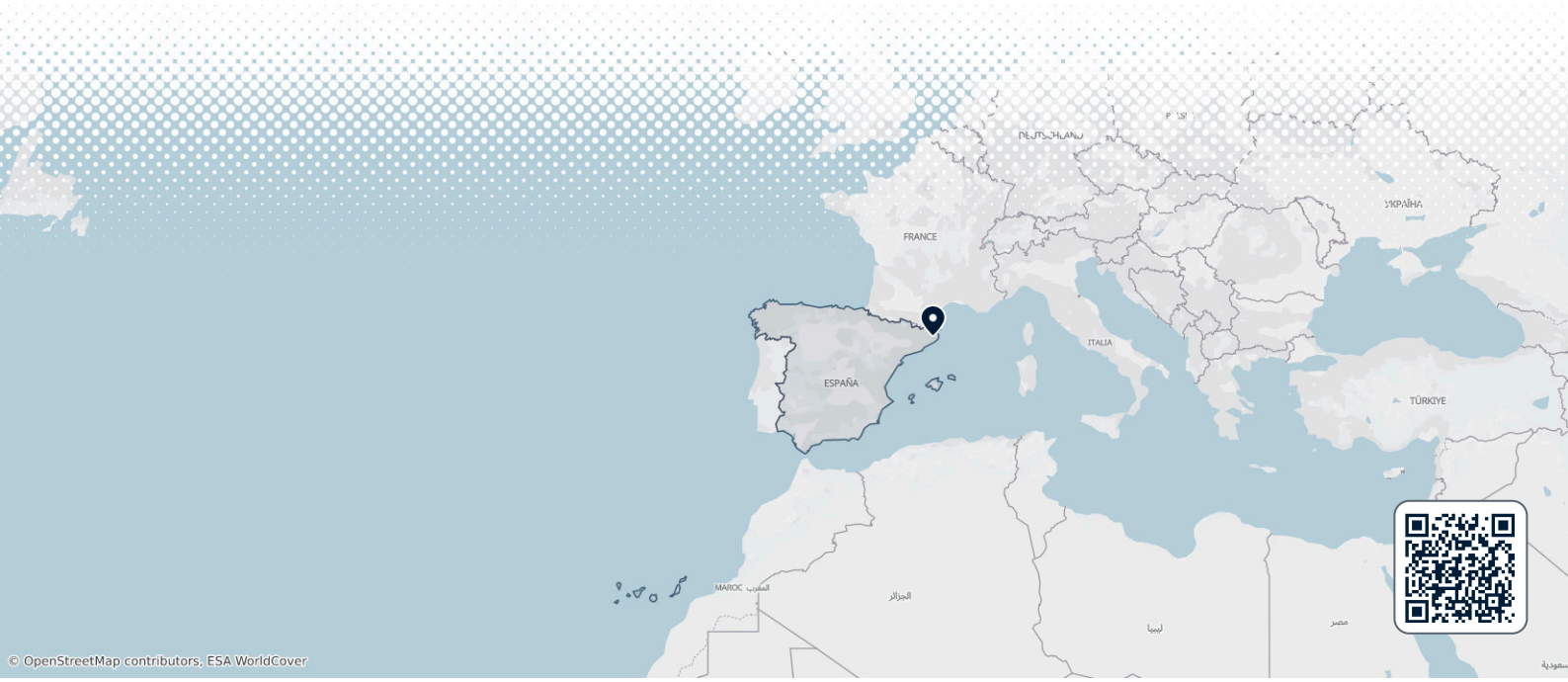


Girona

Catalonia · Spain

TRAVEL GUIDE

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Overview

Girona is a medieval city in Catalonia, about 100 km north of Barcelona. Its old quarter rises above the river Onyar, with a Gothic cathedral, a Jewish quarter and a walkable city wall.

The city is small and easy to see in one or two days. It is also a good base for the Costa Brava, the Pyrenees foothills and the Dalí sites around Figueres.

When to visit

Late spring and early autumn are the most comfortable seasons. Summer is hot and humid. Winter is mild but can be damp, and autumn brings the heaviest rain.

The biggest event is the Temps de Flors flower festival in May. Flower displays fill the historic courtyards, churches and streets.

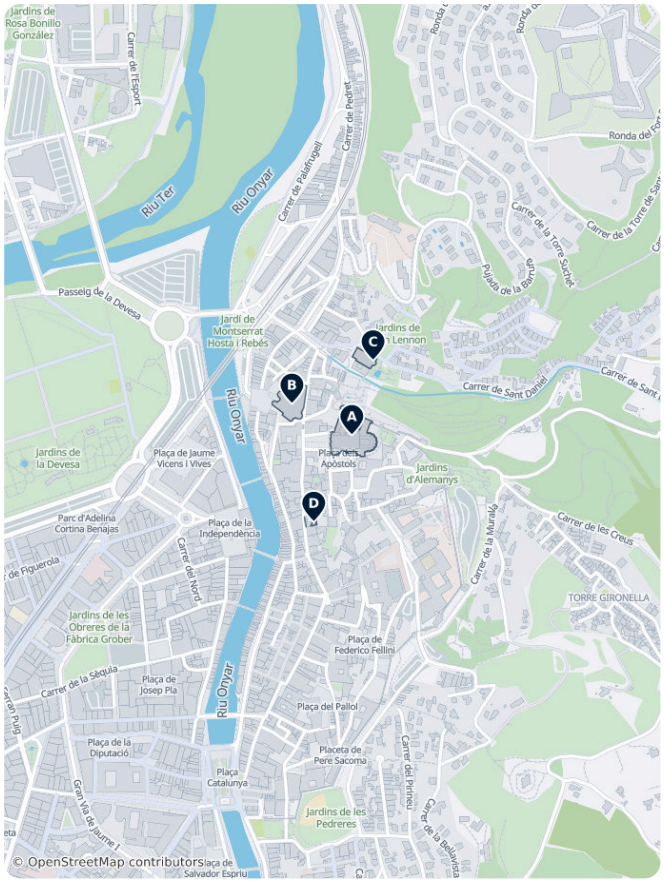
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January	Fair Fair for sightseeing	13° / 17° Feels like 8°	7° / 2°	Dry air
February	Fair Fair for sightseeing	14° / 18° Feels like 9°	7° / 1°	Dry air
March	Good Good for sightseeing	16° / 20° Feels like 12°	9° / 4°	Dry air
April	Good Good for sightseeing	18° / 22° Feels like 14°	11° / 7°	Dry air
May	Great Great for sightseeing	21° / 25°	14° / 10°	Dry air
June	Great Great for sightseeing	25° / 30°	18° / 14°	
July	Great Great for sightseeing	28° / 32°	20° / 17°	22 sunny days · Humid air
August	Great Great for sightseeing	28° / 32°	21° / 17°	Humid air
September	Great Great for sightseeing	25° / 29°	18° / 14°	
October	Great Great for sightseeing	22° / 26°	15° / 10°	
November	Good Good for sightseeing	17° / 21° Feels like 13°	10° / 5°	Dry air
December	Good Good for sightseeing	14° / 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 Catedral de Girona is a cathedral at the top of a wide Baroque staircase. Inside is a very wide Gothic nave, and the treasury holds the Tapestry of Creation.
- B Basilica de Sant Feliu is a Gothic church with a tall tower, built over early Christian tombs.
- C Església de Sant Pere de Galligants is a Romanesque monastery with a cloister. It now holds an archaeology museum.
- D Museu d'Història dels Jueus is in the Call, the medieval Jewish quarter, and explains the history of Jewish life in Girona.
- The city walls offer a walk around the old town with views over the roofs. Start near the cathedral.
- The colorful houses along the Onyar are the best-known view. Cross the Eiffel bridge (Pont de les Peixateries Velles) for a good photo spot.



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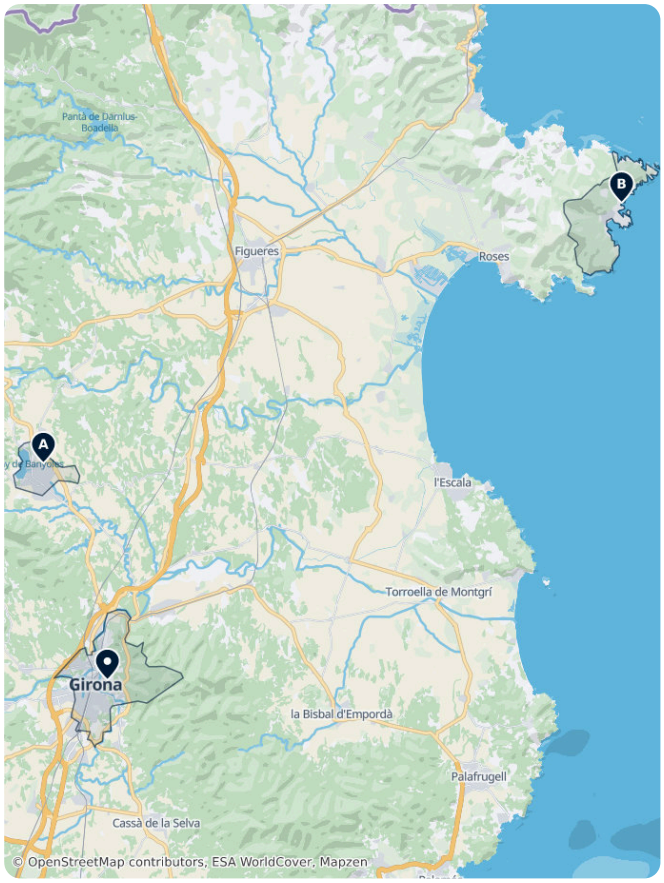
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What to experience

- Walk the old city wall at the end of the day. The path is open to walkers, and the light is best before sunset.
- Climb the cathedral stairs and then walk down through the Call. Allow time to stop in small shops and courtyards.

Day trips

- A Banyoles (about 20 km, 25 minutes by car): a town beside a large lake with walking and cycling paths.
- **Besalú** (about 35 km, 45 minutes by car or bus): a medieval town with a stone bridge.
- **Figueres** (about 35 km, 30 minutes by train): the town of the Dalí Theatre-Museum.
- B Cadaqués (about 75 km, 1 hour 30 minutes by car): a white fishing village on the coast.



Where to explore

Other destinations in Catalonia:

- **Nearby**: Banyoles for the lake, and Cadaqués for the coast.
- **Big city**: Barcelona is about 40 minutes away by high-speed train.

Getting there

- **By air**: Girona-Costa Brava Airport (GRO) is about 12 km south of the city and has low-cost flights. A bus runs to the city center. Many visitors fly to Barcelona (BCN) instead.
- **By train**: High-speed trains from Barcelona take about 40 minutes. Slower regional trains take about 1.5 hours. Book on Renfe.
- **By bus**: Buses connect Girona with Barcelona, the airport and Costa Brava towns.
- The train station is a short walk from the old town.

Getting around

- **On foot**: The old town is compact, with some steep stairs and cobbled lanes.
- **Cycling**: Cycling is popular, and flat paths follow the river.

Getting around on foot & by bike

WALKABILITY

High

The old town is compact, with some steep stairs and cobbled lanes.

CYCLING INFRASTRUCTURE

Moderate

Flat paths follow the river, but the old town is steep.

Driving

- **Is a car worth it?**: Not for the old town. A car helps for the Costa Brava and small villages.
- **Parking**: Use a car park outside the old town and walk in.
- **Restrictions**: The old quarter is mostly pedestrian.

Food & drink

Girona is known for Catalan food, with rice and fish dishes from the coast and sausage from inland. *Xuixo* is a local sweet pastry filled with cream.

The restaurant El Celler de Can Roca has three Michelin stars and a long waiting list. For everyday meals, look in the arcaded streets around the Plaça de la Independència and on the Rambla de la Llibertat.

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

Girona is very safe. Keep your bag closed in crowded places, and watch your step on steep, cobbled streets.

History

Girona has Roman roots and a long medieval history. Its Jewish quarter was one of the most important in Catalonia, and its story is told at Museu d'Història dels Jueus.

Catedral de Girona was begun in the 11th century and rebuilt in the Gothic period, and the Baroque staircase was added in the 17th century. Església de Sant Pere de Galligants is a Romanesque monument from the Middle Ages.

Country facts

Quick practical facts for Spain at a glance:

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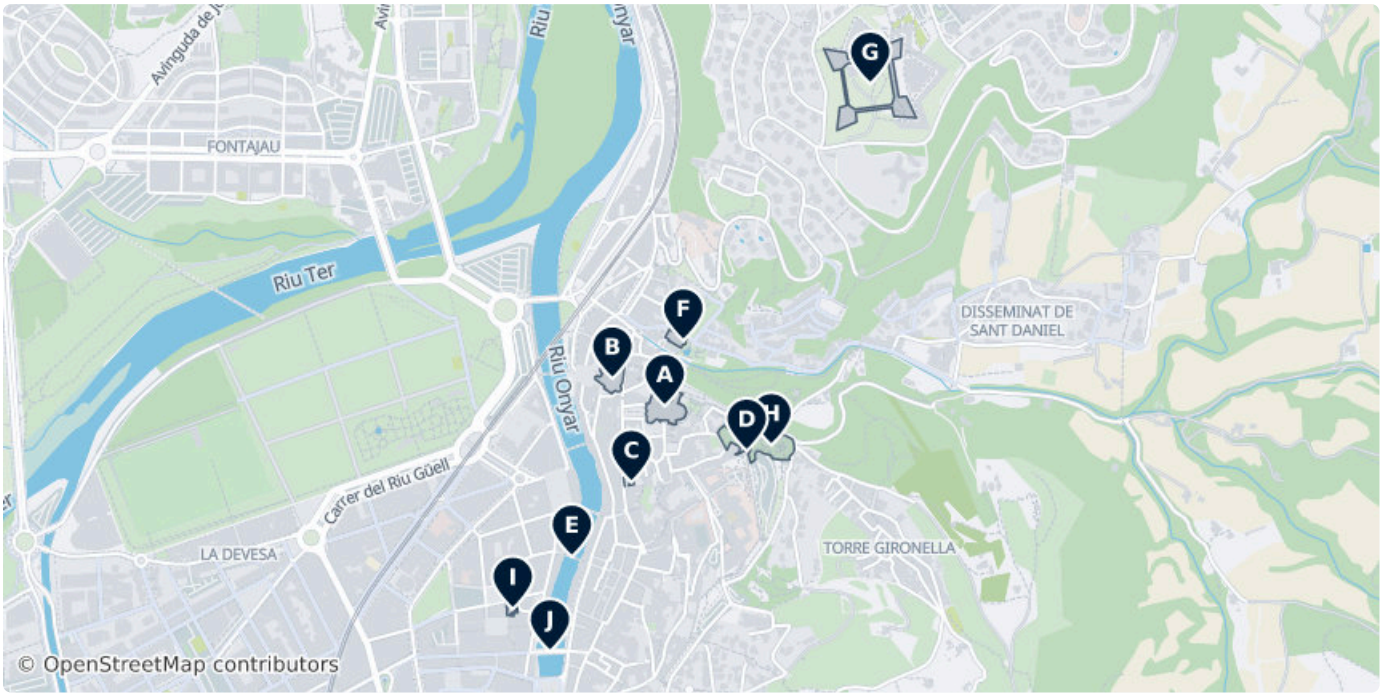
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TAP WATER

Safe to drink

Girona's Essential Landmarks

Girona’s historic core features a dense concentration of medieval and Romanesque architecture. This selection includes the Cathedral of Saint Mary, known for its exceptionally wide Gothic nave, and the fortified Muralles de Girona, offering elevated views across the city. The list highlights the Jewish Quarter's heritage at the Museum of Jewish History and the engineering of Gustave Eiffel’s iron bridge. From the 17th-century Castell de Montjuïc to the Romanesque Sant Pere de Galligants monastery, these sites trace the city's evolution through its defensive walls and iconic river crossings.





A Girona Cathedral

The Cathedral of Saint Mary,, is a Roman Catholic cathedral located in Girona, Catalonia, Spain.

6 Plaça de la Catedral, Girona 17004, Spain (41.98744, 2.82630)

catedraldegirona.org



B Church of St. Felix, Girona

The Collegiate Church of St. Felix is a basilica dedicated to St.

12 Carrer del Portal de la Barca, Girona 17004, Spain (41.98796, 2.82495)



C Girona Synagogue

The Girona Synagogue is a former Jewish congregation and synagogue, located in Carrer de Sant Llorenç, Girona, in Catalonia, Spain.

8 Carrer de la Força, Girona 17004, Spain (41.98598, 2.82544)

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D Girona City Walls

Walkable medieval ramparts built on Roman foundations, featuring several watchtowers that provide panoramic views of the historic center and the distant Pyrenees mountains.

16 Carrer dels Alemanys, Girona 17004, Spain (41.98658, 2.82841)



E Pont de les Peixateries Velles

A red iron lattice pedestrian bridge designed by Gustave Eiffel's company in 1877. It spans the Onyar River, connecting the old town with the modern district.

Pont de les Peixateries Velles, 17001 Girona, Spain (41.98455, 2.82390)



F Sant Pere de Galligants Archaeological Museum

The museum is a housed in a serene Benedictine monastery dating back to 992.

Carrer de Santa Llúcia 8, 17007 Girona (41.98869, 2.82678)

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G Castell de Montjuïc

A 17th-century military bastion constructed in 1653 by order of Philip IV to defend the city. The hilltop site contains ruins of former fortifications and strategic vantage points.

Girona 17007, Spain (41.99360, 2.83159)



H Jardins dels Alemanys

Landscaped gardens located near the city walls, containing the ruins of 19th-century barracks that once housed German mercenary soldiers during the Peninsular War.

1 Carrer de la Muralla, Girona 17004, Spain (41.98669, 2.82905)



I Cinema Museum

The Cinema Museum - Tomàs Mallol Collection is a museum dedicated to the world of film and moving images.

Carrer de la Sèquia, 1, 17001 Girona, Spain (41.98355, 2.82238)

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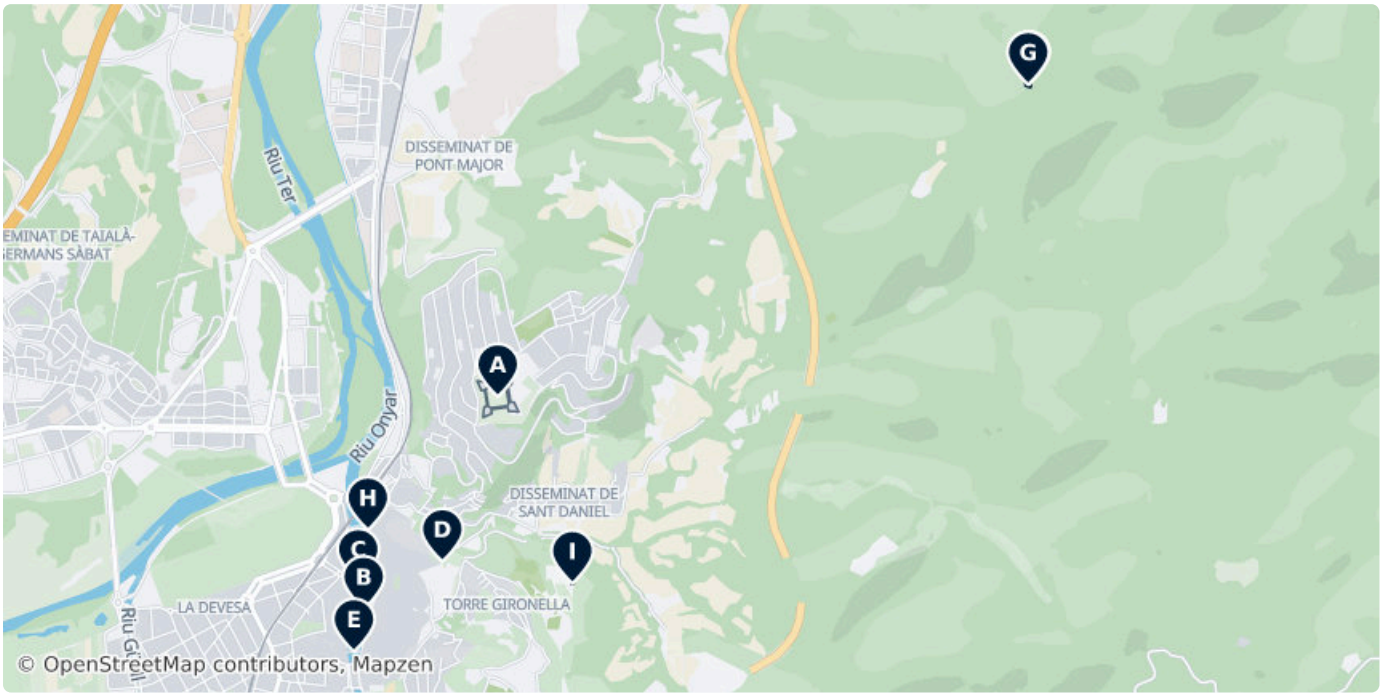
J Pont de Pedra

Also known as the Bridge of Isabel II, this stone structure was completed in 1856 to replace a medieval predecessor. It serves as a primary pedestrian entrance to the Old Quarter.

10 Carrer de Santa Clara, Girona 17001, Spain (41.98274, 2.82333)

Historic Sites and Viewpoints

This collection highlights Girona's defensive evolution and architectural landmarks. It features the 17th-century Castell de Montjuïc and the medieval City Walls, which provide panoramic walkways over the old town. Engineering highlights include Gustave Eiffel's iron bridge and the mid-19th-century Pont de Pedra. The list also includes the symbolic Romanesque sculpture of La Lleona and monuments commemorating the Napoleonic sieges, offering a comprehensive look at the city's strategic and cultural history.





A Castell de Montjuïc

A bastion built in 1653 by order of Felipe IV to defend the city. Located on Montjuïc mountain, it played a key role during the Napoleonic sieges.

Girona 17007, Spain (41.99360, 2.83159)



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An iron pedestrian bridge designed by Gustave Eiffel's company in 1877. It crosses the Onyar River, connecting the old town with the modern center.

Pont de les Peixateries Velles, 17001 Girona, Spain (41.98455, 2.82390)



C Statue of the defenders of Girona

Located in Plaça de la Independència, this monument honors the citizens who defended Girona during the Napoleonic sieges of 1808 and 1809.

4 Plaça de la Independència, Girona 17001, Spain (41.98573, 2.82358)



D Girona City Walls

Restored Carolingian and medieval fortifications. The Passeig de la Muralla walkway offers views of the cathedral, the old town, and the Pyrenees.

16 Carrer dels Alemanys, Girona 17004, Spain (41.98658, 2.82841)



E Pont de Pedra

A three-arched stone bridge constructed in 1856 during the reign of Isabel II, serving as a main entrance to the Barri Vell.

10 Carrer de Santa Clara, Girona 17001, Spain (41.98274, 2.82333)



F Castell de Sant Miquel

Hilltop ruins of a fortification and chapel. Features a restored tower providing 360-degree views of the Gavarres mountains and the Girona plain.

17007, Spain (42.00692, 2.86207)



G Castell de Sant Miquel

Ruined medieval castle and chapel site. The remaining tower serves as a viewpoint overlooking the surrounding countryside and the city.

17007, Spain (42.00690, 2.86202)



H Lion

A 12th-century Romanesque stone sculpture. Local tradition dictates that visitors must kiss the lioness to ensure their return to the city.

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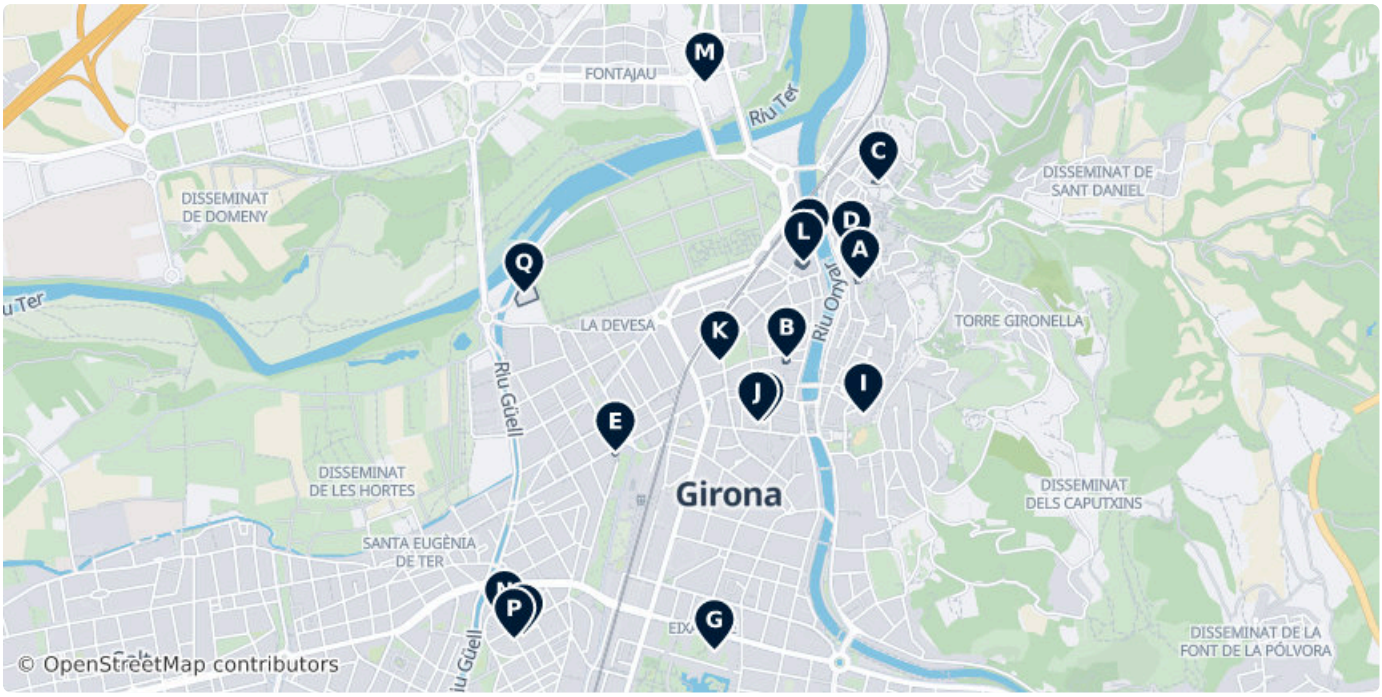
I Fort del Calvari

Remains of a 17th-century fort built to strengthen the city's defenses during the Reapers' War, located near the upper city walls.

17007, Spain (41.98565, 2.83587)

Girona's Cultural Hubs

Girona's cultural scene is anchored by diverse institutions ranging from the Museum of Jewish History in the historic Call to the Tomàs Mallol Cinema Collection. The city repurposes heritage structures, such as the 12th-century Romanesque Chapel of Sant Nicolau and the 14th-century Convent of La Mercè, for contemporary art and performance. Modern facilities like the Carles Rahola Public Library and the Girona Auditorium complement independent spaces like the La Volta galleries, which focus on local artistic production in the Sant Narcís neighborhood.





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C Bòlit-Capella de Sant Nicolau

A 12th-century Romanesque chapel with a Latin cross floor plan and an octagonal tower, now serving as a contemporary art exhibition space managed by Bòlit.

4 Carrer de Santa Llúcia, Girona 17007, Spain
(41.98903, 2.82621)

D City History Museum Girona

Here you will learn anything you'd like to know about Girona and its surroundings. Located in the former San Antonio Convent.

Carrer de la Força, 23-25, 17004 Girona, Spain
(41.98687, 2.82508)

Mo–Sa	10:30–17:30
Su	10:30–13:30

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E Biblioteca del Col·legi d'Aparelladors i Arquitectes Tècnics de Girona

Specialized library focusing on architecture, construction technology, and urban planning.

19 Carrer de Santa Eugènia, Girona 17005, Spain
(41.98063, 2.81522)



F Sala de Teatre La Planeta

Independent theater located in a former bus station, specializing in small-format productions and contemporary drama.

3 Passeig de José Canalejas, Girona 17001, Spain
(41.98694, 2.82333)



G Biblioteca Carles Rahola

The largest public library in Catalonia, featuring modern architectural design, extensive multimedia collections, and dedicated study areas.

6 Calle Oriol Martorell I Codina, Girona 17003, Spain (41.97447, 2.81936)

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H Biblioteca Pública de Girona

Public library providing access to local archives, literary collections, and community cultural workshops.

17ACC Carrer de Fontanilles, Girona 17002, Spain (41.98157, 2.82143)

I Centre cultural la Mercè

Multidisciplinary arts center housed in a former 14th-century convent, offering music, theater, and visual arts programs.

6 Plaça del General Marvà, Girona 17004, Spain (41.98182, 2.82559)

J Casa de cultura

Cultural hub located in an 18th-century building, hosting the provincial library, a music school, and various exhibition halls.

6 Plaça de l'Hospital, Girona 17001, Spain (41.98155, 2.82117)

K Fundació Valvi

Private foundation dedicated to the promotion and exhibition of contemporary art and literature from the Girona region.

Gran Via de Jaume I 42, Girona (41.98345, 2.81958)

fundaciovalvigirona.blogspot.com

L Cinemes Albeniz

City center cinema featuring multiple screens for international premieres and independent film screenings.

Carrer del Real de Contclara 4, 17001 Girona (41.98653, 2.82308)

cinemesalbeniz.cat, +34972410757

M Ocines Girona

Modern multiplex cinema located in the northern district, featuring digital projection and wheelchair-accessible theaters.

Carrer del Pont de la Barca 12-14 (41.99209, 2.81895)

ocinegirona.es/es/, +34 972 20 71 52

N La Cova de la Volta

Artistic project space in the Sant Narcís neighborhood dedicated to local crafts, design, and experimental exhibitions.

Plaça de l'Assumpció 15, Girona (41.97537, 2.81058)

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O Galeria La Volta 25

Contemporary gallery and workshop space that forms part of the La Volta cultural revitalization project.

Plaça de l'Assumpció 25, Girona (41.97496, 2.81137)

femlavolta.cat, +34 610033833

P La Volta 22

Creative studio and exhibition venue focusing on the work of local artisans and visual artists.

Plaça de l'Assumpció 22, Girona (41.97482, 2.81098)

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Q Girona Auditorium-Conference Centre

Large-scale venue designed by architects Joan Margarit and Carles Buixadé, hosting symphony concerts, theater, and international conventions.

35 Passeig de la Sardana, Girona 17007, Spain (41.98557, 2.81141)

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