

Sitges

Catalonia · Spain

TRAVEL GUIDE

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Overview

Sitges is a seaside town about 35 km southwest of Barcelona, on the Costa Dorada. It has a whitewashed old town on a headland with a church above the sea, a string of sandy beaches, and a reputation for art, festivals and an open, welcoming atmosphere.

It is a popular day trip from Barcelona and a pleasant place to stay for a few days, with the Penedès wine region and the Garraf natural park close by.

When to visit

May to June and September are the best months, with warm sea and fewer visitors. July and August are busy and hot. Winters are mild and quiet.

The Carnival (February or March) is among the biggest in Catalonia, with parades through the night. The Sitges Film Festival (October) is a leading fantasy and horror festival. Corpus Christi (usually June) is marked by carpets of flowers in the streets.

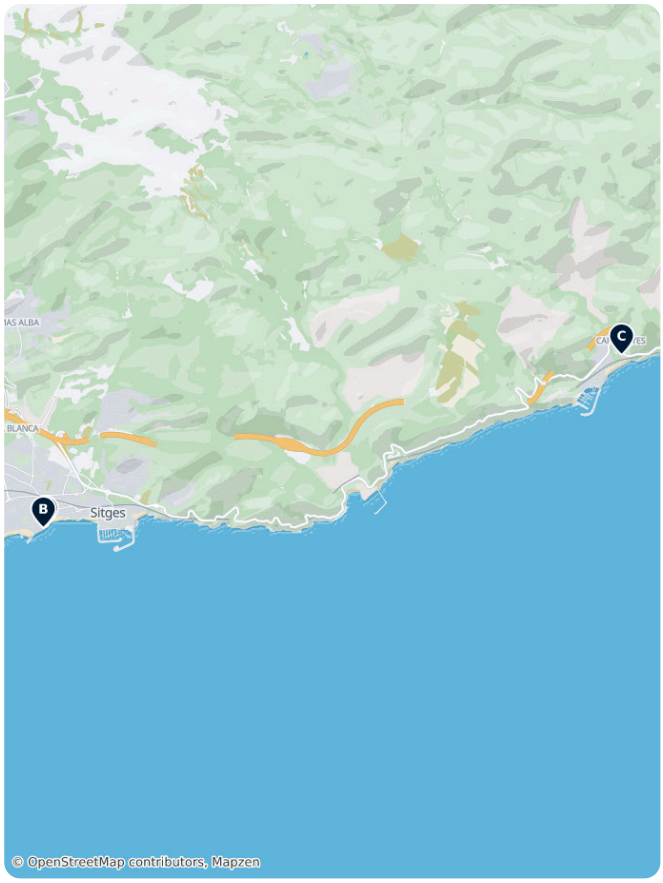
MONTH	CONDITIONS	DAY °C avg / max	NIGHT °C avg / min	
January	Good Good for sightseeing	13° / 17° Feels like 10°	6° / 2°	Dry air
February	Good Good for sightseeing	14° / 19° Feels like 11°	7° / 2°	Dry air
March	Good Good for sightseeing	16° / 20° Feels like 13°	9° / 5°	Dry air
April	Good Good for sightseeing	18° / 22°	11° / 7°	Dry air
May	Great Great for sightseeing	21° / 26°	14° / 10°	Calm winds
June	Great Great for sightseeing	25° / 30°	18° / 15°	20 sunny days · Humid air · Calm winds
July	Great Great for the beach	28° / 31°	21° / 18°	24 sunny days · Muggy, humid air · Calm winds
August	Great Great for the beach	28° / 32°	22° / 19°	21 sunny days · Muggy, humid air · Calm winds
September	Great Great for sightseeing	25° / 28°	19° / 15°	Humid air · Calm winds
October	Great Great for sightseeing	22° / 26°	16° / 11°	Calm winds
November	Good Good for sightseeing	17° / 21°	10° / 5°	Dry air
December	Good Good for sightseeing	14° / 18° Feels like 11°	7° / 3°	Dry air

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

Climate data: NASA POWER + Copernicus ERA5-Land and ERA5 · 1996–2025

Top sights

- A Museu del Cau Ferrat is the house and museum of the painter Santiago Rusiñol, a leader of the Catalan Modernist movement, with a collection that includes works by El Greco.
- B Museu Maricel de Mar is a museum of art and antiques in a sea-front palace, next to the Cau Ferrat.
- Sant Bartomeu i Santa Tecla is the Baroque parish church on the headland, the town's best-known landmark.
- The Palau de Maricel is a sea-front palace, part of the same complex as the Maricel museum.
- C el Celler Güell is a winery building designed by Gaudí's collaborator Francesc Berenguer, in the Garraf hills northeast of town.
- The beaches, such as Sant Sebastià, La Fragata and Platja Fonda, run along the promenade (*Passeig Marítim*).
- The old town (*Barri de la Punta*) has narrow streets, white houses and small squares.



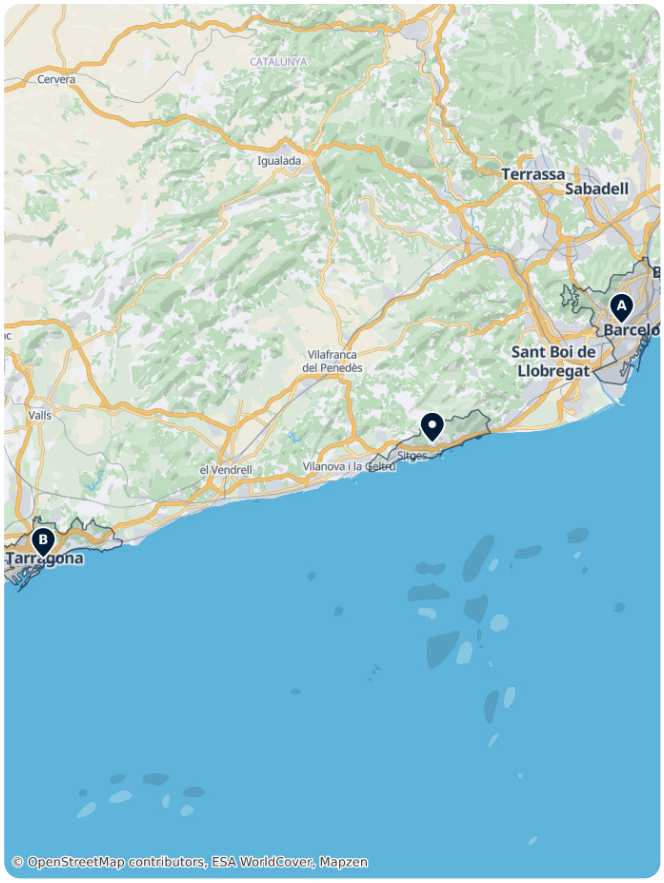
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What to experience

- Stroll along the Passeig Marítim and the old town to the church on the headland.
- Visit the Cau Ferrat and Maricel museums.
- Take a day trip to a cava cellar in the Penedès.
- Spend a day on the beach, and have a seafood lunch.
- Go to the Carnival or the Film Festival, if the dates suit you.

Day trips

- Ⓐ Barcelona (about 35 km, 35 to 40 minutes by train): the capital of Catalonia.
- **Sant Sadurní d'Anoia** (about 25 km): the center of cava, the Catalan sparkling wine, with many cellars to visit.
- **Garraf Natural Park**: walking trails in the hills behind the coast.
- Ⓑ Tarragona (about 55 km): a Roman city and UNESCO site.
- **Montserrat** (about 65 km): a mountain monastery.



Where to explore

Other places nearby:

- **Catalonia**: Barcelona, Tarragona, **Sant Sadurní d'Anoia**, **Salou** and **Reus**.

Getting there

- **By train**: Regional trains (Rodalies, line R2 Sud) run from Barcelona Sants and Passeig de Gràcia in about 35 to 40 minutes. The station is a short walk from the beach.
- **By air**: Barcelona airport is about 25 km away, with a train link via Sants or a taxi.
- **By road**: The C-32 toll motorway links Sitges with Barcelona, and is busy at weekends in summer.

Getting around

- **On foot**: The old town, the promenade and most beaches are within a short walk.
- **Cycling**: The town is flat and has bike lanes.
- **Taxi and local bus**: For the outlying beaches and hotels.

Getting around on foot & by bike

WALKABILITY

High

The old town, promenade and most beaches are close together and flat.

CYCLING INFRASTRUCTURE

High

The town is flat, with bike lanes along the coast.

Driving

- **Is a car worth it?**: Not for the town. A car is useful for the cava cellars and the Garraf hills.
- **Parking**: Paid and difficult near the center in summer. Use a car park on the edge.
- **Roads**: The C-32 motorway is a toll road, and the free C-31 is slower and busy.

Food & drink

Sitges has Catalan food with a fish and rice emphasis. Try *xató*, a salad of curly endive, cod and anchovies with a romesco sauce, a speciality of the area, and *fideuà* (a noodle paella). The nearby Penedès region produces cava, and the local sweet wine is called Malvasia de Sitges.

Seafood restaurants and tapas bars run along the beachfront.

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

Sitges is a safe town. Pickpocketing can happen on crowded beaches and at festivals, so watch your belongings. In summer, use sun protection. Nightlife is lively, so look after your drinks and plan your way back.

History

Sitges was a fishing and farming town for centuries, and its church on the headland dates from the 17th and 18th centuries. In the late 19th century, the artist Santiago Rusiñol made the town a center of Catalan Modernism, and bought the house that became the Cau Ferrat.

In the 20th century, it grew as a beach resort and later became known for its festivals and as a gay-friendly destination.

Country facts

Quick practical facts for Spain at a glance:

CURRENCY

EUR €

EMERGENCY

112

ELECTRICITY



Type C / Type F
230 V · 50 Hz

LANGUAGES

Spanish

TAP WATER

Safe to drink

Sitges Must-Sees

Sitges combines Mediterranean coastal charm with a significant artistic legacy rooted in Catalan Modernisme. The town features major cultural sites like the Cau Ferrat and Maricel museums, alongside Antoni Gaudí's Bodegas Güell. Its history is further reflected in the neoclassical Edifici Miramar and the contemporary Fundació Stämpfli. Beyond the urban center, the Garraf massif preserves medieval structures including the Castell de Garraf and historic defensive towers, while central beaches provide a link between the old town and the sea.





A Bodegas Güell

The famous architect Antoni Gaudí was commissioned to build this complex by his patron Eusebi Güell, a wealthy Spanish entrepreneur, whose...

Garraf, Sitges, Spain (41.25585, 1.90543)



B Maricel Museum

The Maricel Museum is a museum located in the centre of Sitges; reopened after a major refurbishment in 2015.

7 Carrer de Bernat de Fonollar, Sitges 08870, Spain (41.23490, 1.81246)

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C Cau Ferrat Museum

Cau Ferrat, located in Sitges, was the home and study of artist and writer Santiago Rusiñol, one of the most important figures of the...

8 Carrer de Bernat de Fonollar, Sitges 08870, Spain (41.23499, 1.81282)

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D Platja de Sant Sebastià

A central urban beach located between the old town and the port, bordered by a lively promenade.

45 Carrer del Port d'Alegre, Sitges 08870, Spain (41.23593, 1.81477)



E Casa Bacardi Visitor Centre

Although this famous rum distillery was founded in Cuba, its founder, Facundo Bacardí Massó, was born in Sitges before he emigrated there.

Plaça de l'Ajuntament, 11, 08870 Sitges, Spain (41.23538, 1.81178)

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F Fundació Stämpfli

Housed in the former Fish Market, this contemporary art museum showcases an international collection of works from the 1960s to the present.

12 Plaça de l'Ajuntament, Sitges 08870, Spain (41.23528, 1.81191)

fundacio-stampfli.org

G Edifici Miramar

A neoclassical cultural center used for temporary art exhibitions, festivals, and cultural events with views of the Mediterranean.

(41.23535, 1.81271)

H Torre de Garraf

A historic defensive structure located in the Garraf area, recognized as part of Catalonia's architectural heritage.

(41.25556, 1.90591)

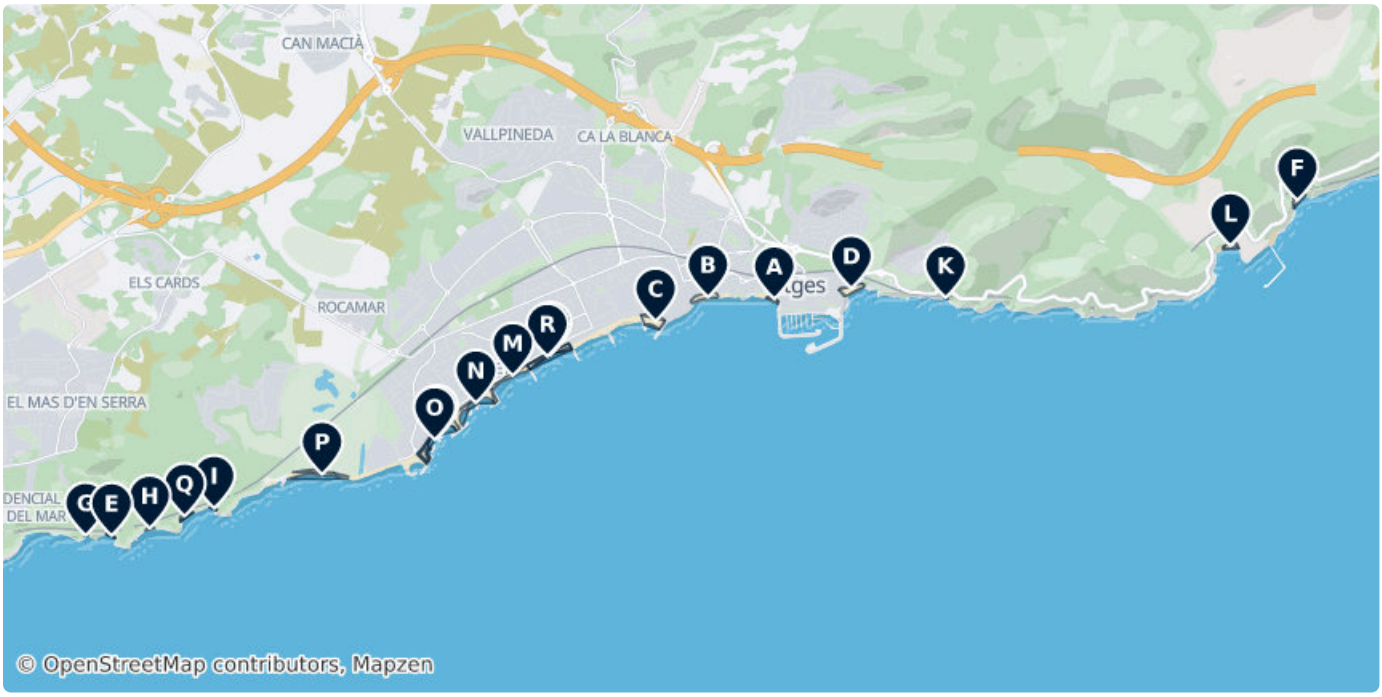
Castell de Garraf

The remains of a medieval fortification situated within the Garraf Natural Park.

08870, Spain (41.25915, 1.90111)

Best Beaches and Nudist Spots

Sitges features a diverse coastline ranging from bustling urban sands to secluded coves tucked behind the Garraf Massif. This list includes central locations like Platja de Sant Sebastià and Platja de la Fragata, situated near the historic church, alongside remote nudist areas like Cala Morisca and Platja de l'Home Mort. Many beaches offer shallow waters protected by breakwaters, while those further west provide rugged limestone cliff backdrops and quieter environments accessible via scenic coastal paths.



A el Balmí Gran

Mixed nudist beach located between the town center and the port.

28 Carrer de Joan Salvat-Papasseit, Sitges 08870, Spain (41.23581, 1.82083)



B Platja de Sant Sebastià

Urban beach located east of the historic center with views of the old town and a promenade.

45 Carrer del Port d'Alegre, Sitges 08870, Spain (41.23593, 1.81477)

C Fragata Beach

Situated below the church, this beach is primarily used for sports and features volleyball nets and a sailing club.

Jardins de González Ruano, 08870, Spain (41.23427, 1.80996)

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D Platja d'Aiguadolç

Sandy beach located behind the Aiguadolç marina, offering family-friendly facilities and a relaxed atmosphere.

Passeig de Charles Deering, Sitges 08870, Spain (41.23652, 1.82791)

E Cala Xica

Secluded nudist cove accessible via a rocky coastal path with no services.

08870, Spain (41.21950, 1.76012)

F Cala Morisca

Nudist beach set within the Garraf Natural Park, featuring a restaurant and nearby parking.

08870, Spain (41.24260, 1.86875)

G Platja del Gaspar

Small, rocky nudist beach located along the coast toward Vilanova i la Geltrú.

08870, Spain (41.21952, 1.75774)

H Cala dels Gegants

Remote nudist cove accessible by foot or boat along the coastal railway path.

08870, Spain (41.22002, 1.76362)

I Platja de Rosés

Nudist beach situated in a rocky area west of the town center.

08870, Spain (41.22139, 1.76953)

J Platja de l'Estanyol

Long urban beach protected by breakwaters, featuring seasonal beach bars and pedal boat rentals.

21 Passeig Marítim, Sitges 08870, Spain (41.23194, 1.80033)

K Platja dels Ponts

Narrow stretch of sand located in the residential Terramar area.

Carretera de Barcelona a Valls, 08870, Spain (41.23588, 1.83653)

L Platja de Vallcarca

Dog-friendly beach located near an industrial area outside the main town center.

(Unnamed Road), 08870, Spain (41.23947, 1.86262)

M Platja de la Riera Xica

Residential urban beach featuring fine sand and a quieter atmosphere than central spots.

38 Passeig Marítim, Sitges 08870, Spain (41.23052, 1.79688)

N Platja de la Barra

Characterized by four circular breakwaters that create calm, shallow swimming areas.

56 Passeig Marítim, Sitges 08870, Spain (41.22865, 1.79351)

Q Platja de Terramar

Western urban beach featuring artificial islands and calm waters.

74 Passeig Marítim, Sitges 08870, Spain
(41.22611, 1.78973)

P Platja de Santa Margarida

Small beach at the far end of the Sitges coastline near the golf course.

(41.22373, 1.77941)



R Platja de l'Estanyol

Urban beach with breakwaters and seasonal amenities.

(41.23185, 1.80005)

Q Platja de l'Home Mort

Gay-friendly nudist beach located at the foot of cliffs, accessible via a scenic walk along the train tracks.

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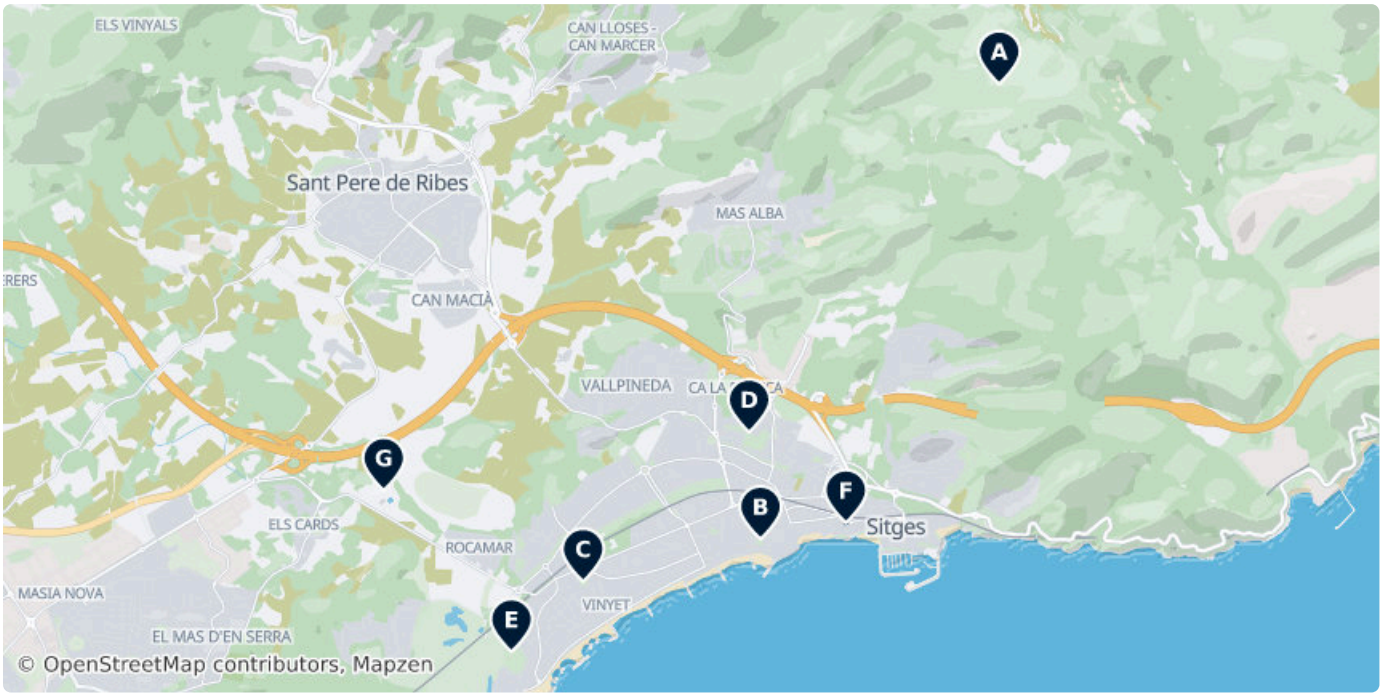
S Platja de Terramar

Western urban beach featuring calm waters and artificial islands.

(41.22623, 1.78994)

Catalonia's Natural Escapes

Sitges offers a diverse range of green spaces, from the manicured 1920s landscapes of Jardí de Terramar to the rugged limestone trails of the Garraf Massif at Puig de Pota de Cavall. This collection includes centrally located retreats like the historic Hort de Can Falç, once a private estate, and coastal viewpoints like Pedroell. These locations provide a mix of Mediterranean flora, recreational facilities, and panoramic vistas of the Garraf coastline.



B Parc de l'Hort de Can Falç

A secluded historic garden behind the Sitges Town Hall, featuring orange trees and traditional stone benches. It was originally part of a private 16th-century estate.

15 Passatge De Mossen Felix, Sitges 08870, Spain (41.23585, 1.80959)

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A Puig de Pota de Cavall

A 288-meter peak within the Garraf Massif, characterized by limestone terrain and Mediterranean scrubland.

08810, Spain (41.26925, 1.83290)

C Parc del Vinyet

A community park in the Vinyet neighborhood with Mediterranean vegetation and children's play areas.

(41.23273, 1.79225)

D Skate Park

Outdoor concrete facility featuring a bowl, ramps, and rails for skateboarding, scootering, and BMX.

(41.24370, 1.80848)

E Jardí de Terramar

A 1920s garden designed in the Noucentisme style, featuring a central pond, diverse tree species, and winding walking paths.

Jardíns de Terramar, 08870, Spain (41.22758, 1.78525)

F Plaça del Doctor Robert

A landscaped square next to the Church of Sant Bartomeu i Santa Tecla, featuring a monument to Dr. Bartomeu Robert and views of the Mediterranean.

6 Avinguda de Balmins, Sitges 08870, Spain (41.23705, 1.81792)

G Pedroell

A coastal peak offering panoramic views of the Sitges shoreline and the surrounding Garraf mountains.

(41.23942, 1.77278)

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