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Catalonia's second city is many things: medieval stronghold, university city, party town, and modern urban centre. The Old Quarter, with its majestic cathedral, winding alleys and ancient city walls bring the Middle Ages to life, while the modern neighbourhoods across the River Onyar showcase Girona's cosmopolitan side with chic restaurants and cafes, superb shopping and vibrant nightlife. It is no wonder that for years running, Girona has been voted the best place to live in Spain.

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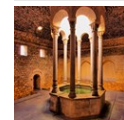
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## THE CITY



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Girona, which lies less than 100 kilometres from both Barcelona and Perpignan, has over the years been under Roman, Moorish and French control, and was once one of the most important Jewish centres in Europe, until their expulsion from Spain in 1492. Even though the Jewish community never returned, much of the old Jewish quarter in Girona and its labyrinthine streets have been beautifully preserved while the medieval heart is now surrounded by modern Spanish architecture. Today it is a thoroughly modern city with a large student population, a thriving art scene, hip bars and chic boutiques.

The River Onyar, lined by buildings in red and ochre, divides the old city from the new, and though it rarely amounts to much more than a trickle these days, is a good place to begin exploring. The numerous unique bridges that stretch over the river, from the old stone bridge to its modern steel counterpart designed by Gustave Eiffel, ease communications between both sides of the city, and provide some of the best views of the iconic facades along the river.

## DO & SEE



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Girona is above all a city to be walked. The medieval beauty of the Old Quarter, with its winding cobblestone alleys, pleasant plazas and the unique facades hanging over the River Onyar, is compact enough to explore in depth on foot, and beautiful enough to keep you wandering in circles for days. But don't miss the chance to visit some of the wonderful museums and local attractions, including skiing, ancient monasteries and the unmissable Costa Brava.

### Plaça de la Independència



Neoclassical Plaça de la Independència is the city's central square and the heart of civic life in Girona. The square is always busy with pedestrians, diners and revellers, as the intimate space is lined with restaurants, cafes and bars that are as lively by day with people-watchers as they are by night with party-goers.

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Address: Plaça de la Independència, Girona

### The Houses on the River Onyar



By crossing the city bridges over the Onyar River, you can see the pastel-coloured houses that line the bank on the site of the old city walls.

Pont de Ferro, an iron bridge built by Gustave Eiffel, offers beautiful views of the city's trademark facade, the quintessential Girona experience.

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Address: Onyar River, Girona

### Catedral de Girona



The 1680 Baroque façade of Girona's majestic and imposing cathedral has the widest Gothic nave in the world and hides a beautiful Romanesque cloister. Be sure to admire the interior, with its 11th-century 'Tapestry of the Creation' in the cathedral museum.

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### The Jewish Quarter



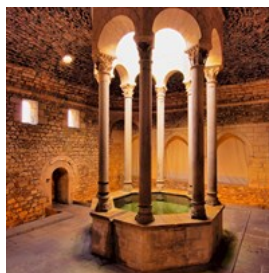
The Jewish ghetto - El Call - is one of the best preserved in Europe and is a major tourist attraction. Take a walk around the old quarter with alleyways of stairs bordering Carrer de la Força. The roots of the old Jewish community can be explored at the Museum of the History of the Jews, built on the site of a 15th-century

synagogue.

Hot tip: Some scenes of season six of Games of Thrones were filmed here.

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### The Arab Baths



Despite the name and the presence of Moorish architecture, the Arab Baths are housed in a breathtaking Romanesque building from the 1100's inspired by Roman public baths. The highlight is the Apodyterium, a fantastically preserved room with an impressive octagonal swimming pool in the centre.

Photo: Karol Kozlowski/Shutterstock.com  
Address: Carrer Ferran el Catòlic, Girona  
Opening hours: March-October: Mon-Sat 10am-7pm, Sun 10am-2pm / November-February: Mon-Sun 10am-2pm  
Phone: +34 972 19 09 69  
Internet: [www.banysarabs.org](http://www.banysarabs.org)  
Email: [banysarabs@girones.cat](mailto:banysarabs@girones.cat)

### The Agullana Mansion



To catch Girona's most photogenic spot, head for Pujada Sant Domènec to see the arch of the Baroque Agullana Mansion, one of the most popular images of the city.

Photo: Artur Bogacki/Shutterstock.com  
Address: Pujada Sant Domènec, Girona

### Passeig De La Muralla



This tourist walking route runs along what is now left of the old city walls, which was still intact as recently as 1892. In recent years, the remaining parts of the eastern city walls have been reconstructed and magnificent views of Girona's attractions can be enjoyed from the wall.

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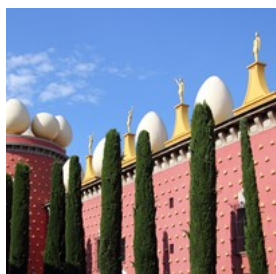
### The Cinema Museum



This intriguing museum is the only one of its kind in Spain. It features more than 25,000 artefacts and is also home to a library with film-related publications.

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Address: Carrer Sèquia 1, Girona  
Opening hours: Tue-Sat 10am-6pm, Sun 10am-2pm  
Phone: +34 972 41 27 77  
Internet: [www.museudelcinema.cat](http://www.museudelcinema.cat)  
Email: [comunicacio@museudelcinema.cat](mailto:comunicacio@museudelcinema.cat)

### Dalí Theatre and Museum



About half an hour away from Girona lies Figueres, the birthplace of the famous eccentric Catalan artist Salvador Dalí and home to the weird and wonderful Teatre-Museu Dalí, designed by the artist himself. The museum showcases some of the artist's work and legacy.

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Address: Plaça Gala i Salvador Dalí, 5 Figueres, Girona  
Opening hours: Daily 9am-8pm  
Phone: +34 972 67 75 00  
Internet: [www.salvador-dali.org](http://www.salvador-dali.org)

### Monestir Sant Pere de Rodes



Venturing a bit beyond Figueres one can find the beautiful Monestir Sant Pere de Rodes, a former Benedictine monastery perched atop the green Verdera mountain and surrounded by absolutely breathtaking landscapes. The area is also home to the ruins of a medieval town and a pre-Romanesque-style church.

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Address: Camí del Monestir, s/n, Port de la Selva, Girona  
Opening hours: Summer: Tue-Sun 10am-8pm / Winter: 10am- 5:30pm  
Phone: +34 972 387 559  
Internet: [www.mhcat.cat](http://www.mhcat.cat)  
Email: [santperederodes.cultura@gencat.cat](mailto:santperederodes.cultura@gencat.cat)

### Panorama Trails



Panorama Trails offers the chance to admire the Catalan countryside on horseback, to wander along sandy beaches, through medieval villages and atop rolling green hills. Take the chance to experience the Pyrenees and the Mediterranean the way they were experienced for thousands of years.

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Address: Casa Rectoral, 5, Terradelles, Girona  
Phone: +34 689 303 092  
Internet: [www.panorama-trails.com](http://www.panorama-trails.com)

### Lake of Banyoles



Just north of Girona lies the Lake of Banyoles, a crystal clear body of water about 2 kilometres long, favoured particularly by rowers.

Stroll, swim or row your way around the picturesque lake, and stop for a rest, a snack and coffee at the nearby establishments in the town of Banyoles.

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Address: Lake of Banyoles, Girona

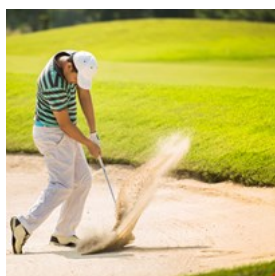
### Basilica de Sant Feliu



The Girona's most ancient church, serving as the city's cathedral until the 10th century, is a spectacular Gothic building with an imposing bell tower built between the 14th and 16th centuries. The church holds regular services and houses some impressive works of art.

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Address: Carrer Trasfigueres, 4, Girona  
Opening hours: Mon-Sat 10am-5:30pm, Sun 1pm-5:30pm  
Phone: +34 972 17 68 61  
Internet: [www.catedraldegirona.cat/en/cathedral-of-girona-and-basilica-of-saint-felix.aspx](http://www.catedraldegirona.cat/en/cathedral-of-girona-and-basilica-of-saint-felix.aspx)  
Email: [visites@catedraldegirona.org](mailto:visites@catedraldegirona.org)

### Golf Platja De Pals



The Platja De Pals golf course is located on the farmland of Arenals del Mar, among a stunning pine forest. The club boasts 18 pristine holes, as well as a welcoming clubhouse with dining, a TV room and a games room, as well as a shop

and facilities for rental equipment.

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Address: Carrer del Golf, 64, Girona  
Opening hours: Tue-Sun 7:45am-8-30pm  
Phone: +34 972 66 77 39  
Internet: [www.golfplatjadepals.com](http://www.golfplatjadepals.com)  
Email: [info@golfplatjadepals.com](mailto:info@golfplatjadepals.com)

### Masella Ski Resort

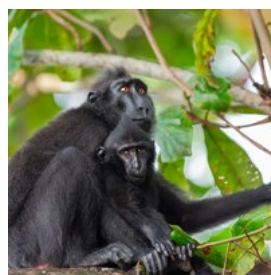


The Masella Ski Resort, located in the region of Cerdanya, is one of the premier ski spots in the Pyrenees. It features slopes of varying

difficulties, from bunny hills for beginners and children to more challenging slopes for more experienced skiers looking for a challenge.

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Address: Av Peu de Pistes, Girona  
Opening hours: Daily 8:30am-5:30pm  
Phone: +34 972 14 40 00  
Internet: [www.masella.com](http://www.masella.com)  
Email: [masella@masella.com](mailto:masella@masella.com)

### Fundació Mona

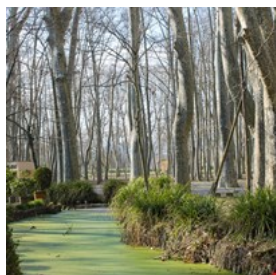


Fundació Mona is an institution dedicated to the protection and preservation of various primate species. Visitors get the chance to meet

macaques and chimpanzees, guided all along by the friendly and knowledgeable guides who work there.

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Address: Carretera C-25, s/n, Girona  
Opening hours: Daily 9am-6pm  
Phone: +34 972 477 618  
Internet: [www.fundacionmona.org](http://www.fundacionmona.org)  
Email: [info@fundacionmona.org](mailto:info@fundacionmona.org)

### La Devesa Park



Parc de la Devesa is a large and lush park just northwest of the city centre, a green oasis in where locals relax in the sun and wander among the beautiful vegetation. There are lovely gardens surrounded by water and a greenhouse displaying various plant species, as well.

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Address: Passeig de la Devesa, 38, Girona

Opening hours: Open 24/7

Phone: +34 972 20 93 54

Tickets: Admission Free

Internet: [www2.girona.cat](http://www2.girona.cat)

Email: [turisme@ajgirona.cat](mailto:turisme@ajgirona.cat)

## DINING



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Girona stands tall among the strong tradition of Catalan food culture, not only as the home of El Celler De Can Roca (the second-ranked restaurant in the world in 2015), but as an overall top foodie destination. Pa amb tomàquet - tomato bread - is a common starter, while the Crema Catalana is an obvious and delicious choice for dessert. Mar i Montanya - a mix of poultry and seafood - and Calçotada are other traditional dishes that are worth trying. For celebrations, you have a go with some bubbly Cava.

### El Celler De Can Roca



El Celler De Can Roca is the internationally famed restaurant of the Roca brothers, three expert chefs known worldwide for their spectacular Catalan cooking. It was ranked second on the 2015 list of World's 50 Best Restaurants, so it is absolutely necessary to book ahead, but if you manage to make a reservation you are in for one of the best meals of your life.

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Address: Carrer de Can Sunyer, 48, Girona

Opening hours: Tue-Sun 1pm-12am

Phone: +34 972 22 21 57

Internet: [www.cellercanroca.com](http://www.cellercanroca.com)

Email: [restaurant@cellercanroca.com](mailto:restaurant@cellercanroca.com)

### Sushi Bar Girona



Sushi Bar Girona boasts some of the city's best views, with Plaça Independència on one side and the iconic Girona facades across the Onyar River on the other. They also serve some of the best Japanese staples in town, including sushi, sashimi, gyoza dumplings, udon and ramen noodles, and more.

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Address: Plaça de la Independència,12, Girona

Opening hours: Sun-Thu 1pm-4pm / 8pm-11pm, Fri-Sun 1pm-4pm / 8pm-12am

Phone: +34 872 08 14 90

Internet: [www.sushibargirona.com](http://www.sushibargirona.com)

### Cal Ros



Cal Ros, located in a rustic 12th-century building in Girona's old quarter, serves traditional Catalan cuisine with a modern twist. The bacallà (cod) with pistachios and olives comes highly recommended, as does the fillets de llenguado (sole) in cava.

Photo: margo\_black/Shutterstock.com

Address: Carrer de la Cort Reial, 9, Girona

Opening hours: Wed-Sat 1:15pm-3:45pm / 8:15pm-22:45pm,

Sun and Holidays: 1:15pm-3:45pm

Phone: +34 972 21 91 76

Internet: [www.calros-restaurant.com](http://www.calros-restaurant.com)

Email: [info@calros-restaurant.com](mailto:info@calros-restaurant.com)

### Casa Marieta



Casa Marieta is one of Girona's oldest and most emblematic restaurants, offering traditional Catalan specialties from its central location at Plaça de la Independència. Favourite dishes include Iberica ham, chicken croquettes, salt cod and lamb cutlets, best accompanied by a choice vintage from the wine cellar. It is highly recommended to book ahead, as it can be difficult to find a table unless you're willing to eat very early.

Photo: Ryzhkov Photography/Shutterstock.com

Address: Plaça de la Independència, 5-6, Girona

Opening hours: Daily 9am-11pm

Phone: +34 972 201 016

Internet: [www.casamarieta.com](http://www.casamarieta.com)

Email: [info@casamarieta.com](mailto:info@casamarieta.com)

### El Pou De Call



El Pou De Call is located in the heart of the Jewish quarter, serving up traditional Mediterranean cuisine, including some vegetarian and gluten-free options. The menu of the day is always extensive and offers many different choices. The gazpacho, mussels, stuffed peppers and black rice all come highly recommended.

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Address: Carrer de la Força 14, Girona

Opening hours: Mon-Sat 12:30pm-4:30pm / 8pm-11:30pm,

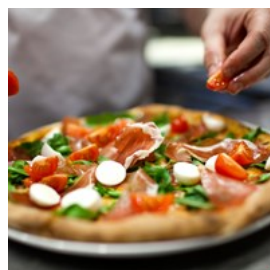
Sun 12:30pm-4:30pm

Phone: +34 972 223 774

Internet: [www.elpoudecall.com](http://www.elpoudecall.com)

Email: [info@elpoudecall.com](mailto:info@elpoudecall.com)

### Corsaro Els Químics



With its four locations in Girona, Corsaro is one of the most popular pizzerias in the city. Prices are very affordable and service is fast, so it's perfect if you're looking for a quick bite to eat while out and about exploring the city.

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Address: C/ Marques de Caldes de Montbuí, 89, Girona

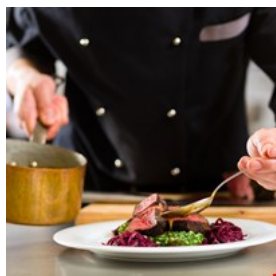
Opening hours: Mon-Sun 7pm-11pm

Phone: +34 872 03 03 03

Internet: [www.corsaro.pizza](http://www.corsaro.pizza)

Email: [info@corsaro.es](mailto:info@corsaro.es)

### Nu Restaurant



Bringing friends and family together over delicious, high-quality food is the core of Nu Restaurant. The decor is elegant but minimalistic,

but don't let that fool you; the food is anything but simple. They serve innovative contemporary cuisine with an Asian twist, all options packed with flavour and creativity.

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Address: Carrer d'Abeuradors, 4, Girona

Opening hours: Tue-Sat 1:15pm-3:30pm / 8:15pm-10:30pm

Phone: +34 972 225 230

Internet: [www.nurestaurant.cat](http://www.nurestaurant.cat)

### Divinum



Divinum is another of Girona's best gourmet restaurants, run by top chefs who learned their trade from world-famous chef Joan Roca of El

Celler de Can Roca. They offer sensational tasting menus and ever-changing seasonal menus as well, all of course paired with the finest vintages from the cellar.

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Address: Carrer de l'Albereda, 7, Girona

Opening hours: Mon-Sat 1:30pm-3:45pm / 8:30pm-11pm

Phone: +34 872 080 218

Internet: [www.divinum.cat](http://www.divinum.cat)

Email: [divinum@divinum.cat](mailto:divinum@divinum.cat)

### Massana



Massana is a one star Michelin restaurant and has been serving high quality food for over 25 years, continuing the tradition of the family

restaurant it was in its origins. Dishes are innovative and employ creative flavour combinations, making for a very unique dining experience.

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Address: Bonastruc de Porta, 10, Girona

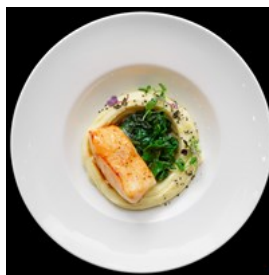
Opening hours: Mon-Sat 1:15pm-4pm / 8:15pm-12am

Phone: +34 972 213 820

Internet: [www.restaurantmassana.com](http://www.restaurantmassana.com)

Email: [info@restaurantmassana.com](mailto:info@restaurantmassana.com)

### Les Magnolies



Les Magnolies is located in the town of Arbúcies, to the southwest of Girona. Those willing to venture to this beautiful area will be greatly

rewarded with mouth-watering cooking. The restaurant serves Mediterranean cuisine in a modern style, and both mains and desserts deserve a taste.

Photo: Kondor83/Shutterstock.com

Address: Carrer Mn Anton Serres, 7, Arbúcies

Opening hours: Wed-Thu, Sun 1pm-3pm, Fri-Sat 1pm-3pm / 9pm-11pm

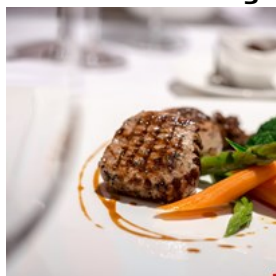
Phone: +34 972 860 879

Internet: [www.lesmagnolies.com](http://www.lesmagnolies.com)

Email: [info@lesmagnolies.com](mailto:info@lesmagnolies.com)



### Restaurant Marangels



Restaurant Marangels is located in a cosy 17th century farmhouse in the area of Sant Gregori, on the outskirts of Girona.

They have both a sampler menu and a surprise sample menu, both of which allow patrons to try several of the chefs' wonderful dishes.

Photo: zhgee/Shutterstock.com

Address: Can Quelot s/n, Sant Gregori

Opening hours: Wed-Sat 1pm-4pm / 8:30pm-11:30pm, Mon, Sun 1pm-4pm

Phone: +34 972 429 159

Internet: [www.marangels.com](http://www.marangels.com)

Email: [marangels@marangels.com](mailto:marangels@marangels.com)

### Txalaka



Txalaka is a much-loved pintxo bar in the best Basque tradition. The huge variety of bite-size pintxos are displayed on the bar and include all

manner of topping, like seafood, different meats, vegetables, cheeses and even sweet topping for dessert. Take as much as you like and accompany it all with typical Basque txakoli (fizzy white wine).

Photo: Salvador Aznar/Shutterstock.com

Address: C/ Bonastruc de Porta, 4, Girona

Opening hours: Daily 1pm-4pm / 7:30pm-11:30pm

Phone: +34 972 225 975

Internet: [www.txalakagirona.com](http://www.txalakagirona.com)

### Escondido Café



Escondido Café is an intimate underground Tex-Mex style restaurant and cantina, complete with sombreros hanging from the walls and

cheese-covered Mexican specialities on the menu. They also have a fine selection of Mexican beer (including Corona and Negra Modelo), as well as tequila, mezcal and cocktails.

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Address: Carrer Bisbe Lorenzana, 9, Girona

Opening hours: Mon 8:30pm-11pm, Tue-Sat 1pm-3:30pm / 8:30pm-11pm

Phone: +34 972 20 58 51

Internet: [www.escondidocafe.com](http://www.escondidocafe.com)

Email: [info@escondidocafe.com](mailto:info@escondidocafe.com)

### Apple Cafe Restaurant



Tasty, laid-back and inexpensive, Apple Cafe Restaurant serves some of the best sushi in town, along with other Japanese specialities and some

other options of Asian cuisine. Being a Girona establishment, they also have a very decent wine list to accompany your meal with a local vintage.

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Address: Av. de Sant Francesc, 4, Girona

Opening hours: Mon 12:30pm-4pm, Tue-Sun 12:30pm-4pm / 7:30pm-11:30pm

Phone: +34 972 09 30 47

## CAFES



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Cafes in Girona are all about outdoor seating on pleasant plazas or narrow alleys under the shade of trees and stone arches. Coffee, pastries, and ice cream are all on offer, alongside local wine and plenty of tapas, of course. Cafes here are also gathering places and lively centres of urban life at any time of day or night.

### L'Arc



L'Arc sits at the foot of the steps that lead to the imposing cathedral, and has for 50 years provided a first-row seat to the city's most iconic

structure. It is especially popular among students, artists and tourists, and is thus always lively. Try the ratafia, a drink made from 80 herbs, best served on ice.

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Address: Plaça de la Cathedral, 9, Girona

Opening hours: Mon-Fri 9am-10pm, Sat-Sun 10am-11pm

Phone: +34 972 203 087

Internet: [www.cafelarc.blogspot.com.es](http://www.cafelarc.blogspot.com.es)

Email: [luisdelarc@gmail.com](mailto:luisdelarc@gmail.com)

### Café Royal



Café Royal is one of the liveliest and most stylish bars in Girona. It is a great place to start a night out on the town. But it is also a good place to start your day with one of their delicious sandwiches and a hot coffee.

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Address: Plaça de la Independència 1, Girona

Opening hours: Daily 8am-11pm

Phone: +34 972 217 459

### Context GastroLlibreria



Context GastroLlibreria is a charming cafe and bookstore in the northern tip of the Jewish quarter. On top of serving small snacks and hot coffee, they also often host literary events, such as talks from local authors and poetry readings, as well as occasional live music.

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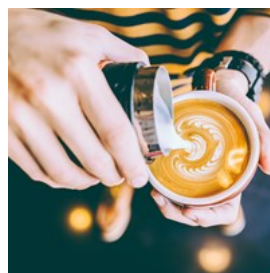
Address: Carrer de la Cort Reial, 18, Girona

Opening hours: Tue-Sat 10:30am-8:30pm, Sun 1-11pm

Phone: +34 972 48 63 90

Internet: [www.cafecontext.cat](http://www.cafecontext.cat)

### Saratoga Cafe



Simple and elegant Saratoga Cafe boasts famously friendly and attentive service, as well as excellent value for money on all items. Their

set-menu lunches and weekend dinners are locals' favourites, as are their breakfasts and expertly prepared coffee drinks.

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Address: Carrer de Sant Joan Bta. La Salle, 15, Girona

Opening hours: Mon-Sat 8am-11pm

Phone: +34 972 22 49 70

Internet: [www.saratoga.cat](http://www.saratoga.cat)

Email: [saratoga@saratoga.cat](mailto:saratoga@saratoga.cat)

### La Fabrica



Established and run by professional cyclist Christian Meier and his wife, Amber, La Fabrica is a wonderful speciality coffee shop, the city's high-quality first third wave cafe. The building's original stone walls are exposed throughout the cafe, decorated with cycling photos and memorabilia, making it a unique spot in Girona.

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Address: Carrer de la Llebre, 3, Girona

Opening hours: Daily 9am-4pm

Phone: +34 972 29 66 22

Internet: [www.lafabricagirona.com](http://www.lafabricagirona.com)

Email: [lafabricagirona@gmail.com](mailto:lafabricagirona@gmail.com)

### Imperial Cafe



For coffee, a bite to eat or an evening drink at Plaça de la Independència, stop by Imperial Cafe. They have great value set-menu lunches and a range of montaditos (tapas served on small pieces of bread). At night the place comes alive with students and visitors enjoying the great terrace right on the plaza.

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Address: Plaça de la Independència, 10, Girona

Phone: +34 972 22 04 85

### Xocolateria L'Antiga



L'Antiga is a traditional style xocolateria and cafe in the heart of Girona. They serve rich, thick hot chocolate in the best Spanish tradition, but rather than pairing it with churros, the Catalans opt for 'melindros' (ladyfingers), light and delicate dry sponge cakes.

Photo: nito/Shutterstock.com

Address: Pl. del Vi, 8, Girona

Opening hours: Mon-Sat 7am-9pm

Phone: +34 972 21 66 81

### El Pessic



El Pessic has a wide selection of quick snacks and light meals, including typical options like empanadas and coques, but the real draw the heaps of seductive pastries (both sweet and savoury) and baked goods that line the windows and tempt passers-by into popping in.

Photo: karnavalfoto / Shutterstock.com

Address: Plaça Catalunya, 10, Girona

Opening hours: Daily 8am-9pm

Phone: +34 972 44 78 13

### Gelateria La Gioconda



Besides the great selection of different and creative flavours of ice cream (including Kinder Bueno, pistachio and turrón, among many others) and Illy coffee, locals come to Gelateria La Gioconda for their orxata, a traditional nut-based beverage, made fresh daily.

Photo: Luboslav Tiles / Shutterstock.com  
Address: Plaça de Catalunya, 10, Girona  
Opening hours: Sun-Fri 11am-11:45pm, Sat 11am-1am  
Phone: +34 972 41 10 99

### Espresso Mafia



Espresso Mafia may not look like much, a simple open-space concept, white from wall to wall, but behind its sleek elegance might be the

best coffee in Girona. They use only the highest-quality, sustainably-sourced beans, roasted with utmost care, and brewed fresh by top baristas.

Photo: baranq/Shutterstock.com  
Address: Carrer de la Cort Reial, 5, Girona  
Opening hours: Mon-Thu 11am-7pm, Fri-Sat 9am-8pm, Sun 10am-6pm  
Phone: +34 633 078 075  
Internet: [espressomafiagirona.com](http://espressomafiagirona.com)  
Email: [espressomafiagirona@gmail.com](mailto:espressomafiagirona@gmail.com)

## BARS & NIGHTLIFE



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Girona's nightlife is heavily influenced by the many students that call the city home. Diverse bars, pubs, and nightclubs can be found throughout Girona, with the numerous establishments based in and around Plaça de la Independència being a particularly popular gathering point to get the evening started. The

weekend is naturally the busiest time for nightlife, but lively venues can be found any day of the week, especially on Thursday, which is a popular night for students.

### Plaça de la Independència



The city's central square is a meeting place for people of all ages at any hour, but after dark is when it really comes to life. That's when

students, tourists, and workers gather in throngs to eat, drink, and be merry in the numerous restaurants and bars that surround the plaza. It is, by far, the best place to experience Girona's nightlife and immerse yourself in the spirit of the city.

Photo: Emanuel\_it/Shutterstock.com  
Address: Plaça de la Independència, Girona

### Lola Cafè

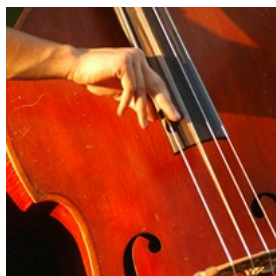


Lola Cafè is located right in the middle of the old quarter, and offers a proper Latin touch to the start of the night. Not only do they have

delicious drinks, but on Wednesdays and Thursdays they have the best Latin-American and Catalan rumba musicians in town.

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Address: Carrer Bonaventura Carreras I Peralta, 7, Girona  
Opening hours: Wed-Sat 11pm-3am  
Phone: +34 972 22 88 24

### Sunset Jazz Club



Girona's only jazz club plays live music on Tuesdays to Thursdays, plus Saturdays and Sundays. Both international and national

musicians come here to jam in the bar's small and intimate, yet comfortable space, and crowds gather to enjoy the show and sip on the wonderful house cocktails.

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Address: Jaume Pons i Martí 12, Girona

Opening hours: Sun-Tue, Thu 8pm-3am, Fri-Sat 8pm-4am

Phone: +34 872 080 145

Internet: [www.sunsetjazz-club.com](http://www.sunsetjazz-club.com)

Email: [sunsetgirona@gmail.com](mailto:sunsetgirona@gmail.com)

### Cúrcuma



Cúrcuma is a lovely tapas bar in the traditional Catalan style, which visitors seem to love without exception. The restaurant is a little gem

located near the City Hall, and everything is just right here, the location, the delicious food and the well-priced wine list.

Photo: Shebeko/Shutterstock.com

Address: Plaça Bell-lloc, 4, Girona

Opening hours: Tue 1pm-3pm / 8pm-10:30pm, Wed-Thu 1pm-3pm / 8pm-11pm, Fri-Sat 1pm-3pm / 8:30-11pm

Phone: +34 972 41 63 63

Internet: [www.curcuma.cat](http://www.curcuma.cat)

Email: [restaurant@curcuma.cat](mailto:restaurant@curcuma.cat)

### The River Café Girona



The River Café is a great option for celiacs, be it for breakfast, a light snack, or a larger meals, as up to 90% of their dishes are gluten-free.

After dark, The River Café becomes a quite happening spot, with cold beer, brightly-coloured cocktails, football on large screens, and occasionally live music.

Photo: wavebreakmedia/Shutterstock.com

Address: Carrer de la Barca, 2, Girona

Opening hours: Tue-Wed 5pm-1am, Thu 6pm-2am, Fri 6pm-3am, Sat 9am-3am, Sun 9am-1am

Phone: +34 972 22 82 45

Internet: [www.rivercafeigirona.com](http://www.rivercafeigirona.com)

Email: [river@rivercafeigirona.com](mailto:river@rivercafeigirona.com)

### Yeah! Indie Club



Yeah! Indie Club prides itself in furiously avoiding anything mainstream, DJs spin exclusively indie and underground music, and live performances always

feature the best of local alternative music. It's the place to head for a different sort of night out, a place full of character and originality.

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Address: Av. Ramon Folch, 9, Girona

Opening hours: Thu 11pm-2:30am, Fri-Sat 11pm-3:30am

Phone: +34 667 49 45 23

### Lapsus Cafè



Centrally-located Lapsus, which lies right in the heart of the city on Plaça de la Independència, is as lively by day as a cafe as it is as a bar at night.

Hugely popular among locals, visitors can get a taste of local hospitality and nightlife and engage in a little people watching in the plaza.

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Address: Plaça de la Independència, 10, Girona

Opening hours: Mon-Wed 8am-11pm, Thu-Sun 8am-12am

Phone: +34 972 21 05 39

Internet: [www.lapsuscafe.com](http://www.lapsuscafe.com)

### McKiernans



Girona's Irish pub par excellence, McKiernans has a great range of imported beers, as well as other beverages and standard pub fare. As any

Irish pub should be, this place is all about good beer, good conversation and an all-around good vibe.

Photo: Brent Hofacker/Shutterstock.com

Address: Rambla de la Llibertat, 32, Girona

Opening hours: Daily 12pm-1am

Phone: +34 972 22 01 41

Internet: [officialirishpub.es](http://officialirishpub.es)

Email: [mckiernanspub@yahoo.es](mailto:mckiernanspub@yahoo.es)

## SHOPPING



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Girona has a full range of shopping options, from designer fashion to traditional handicrafts and everything in between. Delicatessen is a particular strong point, with artisanal cheese

shops, speciality chocolateries and great markets. There are also many craft and antique shops throughout the different shopping districts that showcase some unique items that make for perfect souvenirs and gifts.

### Rambla de la Llibertat



The best place to start a shopping tour of Girona is on Rambla de la Llibertat and the streets in and around the old quarter, which offer plenty of

shopping, and if you walk around you will easily find small and original shops and boutiques selling unique items or clothing, as well as crafts, delicatessen and much more.

Photo: Syda Productions/Shutterstock.com

Address: Rambla de la Llibertat, Girona

### Santa Clara



Across the Onyar River, you can find high-street shops along the length of the lively Santa Clara street with shops selling everything from shoes

and clothing to interior design, home-ware, accessories and souvenirs. Explore some of the smaller streets and alleys in the area to discover hidden gems with truly unique items.

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Address: Santa Clara, Girona

### Centro Comercial Girocentre



Girocentre shopping centre and Girona's branch of the largest Spanish department store, El Corte Inglés, can be found south of the old

quarter. Clothes, accessories, food and nearly anything else you might need or want to purchase during your stay can probably be found here.

Photo: Pressmaster/Shutterstock.com  
Address: Carrer Barcelona 106-110, Girona  
Opening hours: Mon-Sat 9:30am-10pm  
Phone: +34 972 18 84 00  
Internet: [www.hipercor.es](http://www.hipercor.es)  
Email: [servicio\\_clientes@hipercor.es](mailto:servicio_clientes@hipercor.es)

### The Espai Gironès



Shopping addicts will find Girona's new shopping paradise on the city outskirts alluring, to say the least. The Espai Gironès has more than

120 retailers, 11 cinemas and a bowling centre.

Photo: RossHelen/Shutterstock.com  
Address: Camí dels Carlins, 10, Girona  
Opening hours: Daily 9:30am-10pm  
Phone: +34 972 40 59 80  
Internet: [www.espaigirones.com](http://www.espaigirones.com)  
Email: [info@espaigirones.com](mailto:info@espaigirones.com)

### Parc de la Devesa Market



Tuesdays and Saturdays are market days at the beautiful Parc de la Devesa with stalls selling clothes, handicrafts and food products. It is a

fascinating window into local food culture,

displaying fresh produce, meats, jams and nuts, as well as miscellaneous items and knick-knacks.

Photo: Matej Kastelic/Shutterstock.com  
Address: Parc de la Devesa, Girona  
Opening hours: The park is open 24/7  
Phone: +34 972 20 93 54  
Internet: [www2.girona.cat](http://www2.girona.cat)

### La Noucentista



Formerly a much-loved 'colmado' (traditional Catalan grocery shop), La Noucentista has renovated, modernised and established itself as

one of the best cheese specialists in Girona, with over 200 varieties from Spain, France, Italy, and of course, Catalonia.

Photo: aaabbbccc/Shutterstock.com  
Address: Migdia, 22, Girona  
Opening hours: Mon-Sat 9:30am-1:30pm / 4:30pm-8:30pm  
Phone: +34 972 20 18 46  
Email: [lanoucentista@yahoo.es](mailto:lanoucentista@yahoo.es)

### Pâtisserie Can Xapa



If anything warrants a trip outside of the city, it is Pâtisserie Can Xapa. Located in a 13th-century castle in the town of Bordils, to the northeast

of Girona, this speciality chocolaterie and bakery boasts some of the finest creations around, including dark chocolate pralines and original recipes, like the gin-and- tonic cake.

Photo: Dieter Hawlan/Shutterstock.com  
Address: Montserrat, 13, Bordils  
Opening hours: Tue-Sun 8am-7pm  
Phone: +34 972 49 02 74  
Internet: [www.canxapa.es](http://www.canxapa.es)  
Email: [info@canxapa.es](mailto:info@canxapa.es)

### Portal del Coleccionista



Portal del Coleccionista sells used books (some truly ancient), postcards from around the world, and a whole range of antiques, ranging from old documents and photographs to household items, trinkets and knick knacks. It hides wonderfully unique items you are sure not to find anywhere else.

Photo: Glenkar/Shutterstock.com

Address: Carrer de la Força, 25, Girona

Opening hours: Mon 10am-1pm, Tue-Sat 10am-1pm / 4pm-7pm

Phone: +34 972 21 55 69

### Papers Girona



Papers is a special gift shop that specialises in paper mache figures practising all kinds of different professions and tasks, as well as hand painted fans, notebooks and customisable photo albums of all sizes. Though everything at Papers is quirky and unique, the huge amount of Tintin paraphernalia takes first prize in originality and nostalgia.

Photo: Oilly.Ar/Shutterstock.com

Address: Ballesteries, 31, Girona

Opening hours: Mon 5pm-8pm, Tue-Sat 10:15am-1:30pm / 5pm-8:30pm

Phone: +34 972 223 753

Internet: [www.papersgirona.com](http://www.papersgirona.com)

Email: [papersgirona@gmail.com](mailto:papersgirona@gmail.com)

## TOURIST INFORMATION



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### Girona Airport



The Girona Airport is located 12 kilometres from the city. There are buses to the city centre run by Sagalés. The ride takes about 30 minutes, leaving passengers at the central station.

Taxis can be found just outside the arrivals terminal for the 15-20 minutes trip to Girona.

Avis, Europa, Eurocar and Hertz all rent cars at the airports, but booking in advance is recommended.

Photo: Juan Garces

Address: Girona Airport, Girona

Phone: +34 972 186 600

Internet: [www.girona-airport.net](http://www.girona-airport.net)

### Passport/Visa



Spain can be visited visa-free for up to 90 days by citizens of Australia, New Zealand, Japan, South Korea, Taiwan, Malaysia, Israel, UAE and most countries in America. If you are unsure



whether or not you need to apply for a visa, we recommend contacting the embassy or consulate in your country. International (non-Schengen) travelers need a passport that is valid for at least 3 months after the end of their intended trip in order to enter the Schengen zone. Citizens of Schengen countries can travel without a passport, but must have a valid ID with them during their stay.

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### Best Time to Visit



Girona, located in Spain's northeastern Catalonia region, has a temperate climate throughout the year, allowing visitors to comfortably explore the wonders of the city. The very hottest months are June, July and August with temperatures reaching up to around 31°C. During this period, the city becomes a favourite haunt for tourists from the world over, rising accommodation prices up to 60%. On the contrary, the perfect period to save up money is during the month of September, when temperatures are still warm enough to delve into the city's history.

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### Bicycle



Girona, with its road biking routes is the perfect spot for cycling enthusiasts, pros and beginners. Cycling in the narrow streets of the city or in wider ones just few minutes away from the stone walls will be an unforgettable experience, though it might be tiring if you aren't a pro.

Contact Bikecat and book your cycling tour around Girona or rent a bike at Girona Bike Breaks Cycle Centre and discover the city's hidden wonders on your bike.

Photo: GateOut/Shutterstock.com

Address: Bikecat, Pujada de Sant Feliu, 23, Girona

Phone: +34 639 82 92 72

Internet: [www.bikecat.com](http://www.bikecat.com)

### Public Transport



Girona is a relatively modest size city and the entire historical centre can easily be covered on foot. For visiting the surrounding area and the neighbouring towns, Girona is a hub for a well-connected transport system of trains and buses. Both the bus and the train station are located on Plaça Espanya, where there are regular links to Barcelona, Figueres and the Costa Brava.

Photo: Pierre-Luc Auclair

Internet: [www.girona.cat/bus/cat/index.php](http://www.girona.cat/bus/cat/index.php)

### Taxi



The most acclaimed taxi company is Girotaxi:

Photo: ArrivalGuides

Phone: +34 627 440 440

Internet: [www.girotaxi.com](http://www.girotaxi.com)

## Post



Stamps are also sold in estancos, or tobacconist's shops, recognised by the "T" sign. Post Office:

Photo: Andy Fuchs

Address: Avinguda Ramón Folch 2, Girona

Opening hours: Mon-Sat 8am-9pm

Phone: +34 972 222 111

Internet: [www.correos.es](http://www.correos.es)

## Pharmacy



For a 24 hour pharmacy, go to the nearest pharmacy and look at the rotation schedule with addresses printed on the door or see

online.

Farmàcia Folch Camps:

Photo: Gemma Garner

Address: Gran Via de Jaume I, 61, Girona

Opening hours: Mon-Fri 9am-9pm, Sat 9am-2pm

Phone: +34 972 20 59 05

## Telephone



Country Code: +34 Area Code: 981

Photo: Jardson Almeida

## Electricity



The standard voltage is 220/225 Volts and the standard frequency is 50 Hz. Power plugs and sockets are type F.

Photo: Stirling Tschan

### Population

97,200

### Currency

Euro, €1 = 100 cents

### Opening hours

Shops are normally open Monday to Saturday from 9am to 1:30pm and 4:30pm to 8pm, while large department stores tend to open 9am-9pm Monday to Saturday. Restaurants serve food from 12:30pm to 4pm and again from 8pm to 12am. However, many of them are closed on Mondays.

### Internet

[www.girona.cat](http://www.girona.cat)

### Newspapers

El Punt

Diari de Girona (Eng version available online)

El País

### Emergency numbers

Emergency: 112

Local police: 092

Fire department: 086

Urgent medical service: 061

### Tourist information

Girona Visitor Information Centre

Joan Maragall 2, Girona

Telephone number: +34 972 01 00 01

E-mail: [turisme@ajgirona.org](mailto:turisme@ajgirona.org)

Website: [www.girona.cat/turisme](http://www.girona.cat/turisme)

Punt de Benvinguda

Carrer Berenguer Carnicer 3, Girona

Telephone number: +34 972 01 16 69

E-mail: [puntb@girona-net.com](mailto:puntb@girona-net.com)

Website: [www.turismegirones.cat](http://www.turismegirones.cat)





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Avinguda de Sant Francesc	B3 C3	Carrer de Pelo Pascual I Carbo	C1	Carrer d'Oviedo	A4
Avinguda de Sant Narcis	A4	Carrer de Pep Cojomer I Marli	B1	Carrer Figuerola	B2
Carrelera de la Font De L'Abal	B1	Carrer de Rafael Maso I Valenti	A4 B3	Carrer Narcis Monturiol	A3
Carrer Barcelona N-lia	B3 B4	Carrer de Ramon Turro	B2 B3	Carrer Narcis Roca I Farreras	A1 B1
Carrer de Bellavista	C3	Carrer de Sant Cristofol	C2	Carrer Narcis Xitra I Masmitja	A4
Carrer de Berna Boades	A3 B3	Carrer de Sant Daniel	C2 D2	Carrer Nou	B3
Carrer de Can Massa	A1	Carrer de Sant Joan Baptista De La Salle	B3 C4	Carrer Pere Compte	A3 A4
Carrer de Can Sopa	A1	Carrer de Sant Medir	A1	Carrer Pirineu	C3
Carrer de Fontajau	A1 B1	Carrer de Sant Pau	C2	Carrer Ramon Muntaner	A3 A4
Carrer de Francesc Roges	B3	Carrer de Santa Clara	C2 C3	Carrer Regiment de Baza	C3
Carrer de Joan Maragell	B3 B4	Carrer de Santa Eugenia	A3 B3	Carrer Valenti Almirall Llozer	A1 B1
Carrer de Joan Roca I Pinet	B4	Carrer de Santander	A4	Carrer Vista Alegre	C4
Carrer de Joaquim Bolet I Siso	C4	Carrer de Silvestre Santalo	C1	Carrer de l'Esport	B1
Carrer de Joaquim Vayreda	A2 B2	Carrer de Tarragona	A4	Disseminat Dels Caputxins	D3
Carrer de Jose Morato I Grau	C4	Carrer del Bisbe Lorenzana	B3 C3	Gran Via de Jaume I	B2 B3
Carrer de Juli Garreta	B3	Carrer del Bisbe Sivilla	A4 B3	Passeig de Fora Muralla	C3
Carrer de la Creu	B4	Carrer del Bosquet	A1	Passeig de Jose Canalejas	C2
Carrer de la Creu	B4 C4	Carrer del Carme	C3 C4 D4	Passeig de la Devesa	A2 B2
Carrer de la Ferradura	C3 D3	Carrer del Disseminal Hortes	A3	Passeig de la Sardana	A2 B2
Carrer de la Font Del Rei	C4	Carrer del Doctor Ametller	B4 C4	Passeig d'Olot	A4
Carrer de la Forca	C2	Carrer del Doctor Antic Roca	B4 C4	Placa Dali I Salvador Domenech	A4 B4
Carrer de la Garrotxa	A3 A4	Carrer del l'lla	A3	Placa de l'Assumpcio	A4
Carrer de la	A4	Carrer del Migdia	B3 B4	Placa de l'Hospital	B3 C3

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Carrer de la Muntanya	C3	Carrer del Montjovi	D1	Placa de Prudenci Bertrana	A3
Carrer de la Muralla	C2	Carrer del Mossen Joan Pons	A3	Placa d'En Salvador Espriu	C3
Carrer de la Rutlla	B4 C3 C4	Carrer del Palco Dels Sastres	C4 D4	Pont de Fontajau	A2
Carrer de la Sequia	B3	Carrer del Pau Casals	A3 B3	Pont de Pedra	C2
Carrer de la Torre De Sant Narcis	D1	Carrer del Pont De La Barca N-lia	B1 B2	Pujada de la Barrufa	C1 C2 D1
Carrer de la Torre De Suchet	D1 D2	Carrer del Portal Nou	C3	Pujada de la Torre Alfons XII	C3 D3
Carrer de la Torre Gironella	D2 D3	Carrer del Riu Guell	A3	Pujada Dels Polvorins	D4
Carrer de Les Creus	D2 D3	Carrer del Riu Guell	A3 A4 B3	Rambla d'En Xavier Cugat	A1 B1
Carrer de Les Remences	A3	Carrer del Riu Guell N-lia	B2	Ronda de Ferran Pug N-lia	B2 B3
Carrer de Lleida	A4	Carrer del Segle XVI	D2	Ronda de Pedret	C1 C2
Carrer de Lluïcia Anso	D2	Carrer del Sol	C3	Ronda de Sant Antoni Maria Claret	B3
Carrer de l'Onze De Setembre	C1	Carrer d'Andreu Tuyet Santamaria	C4	Ronda del Fort Roig	D1
Carrer de Montjuïc	C1 C2	Carrer d'Angela Bivern	C1	Travessia de la Creu	B4