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# WELCOME TO THE COSTA BRAVA!

**Blanes**, the place where the Costa Brava begins, contains all the excitement of a small Mediterranean city surrounded by gardens. It has the feel of a modern city but preserves the traditional spirit of a place where the people are closely connected to the sea and to the land.

It's big enough to offer everything you need, yet small enough not to lose its maritime essence.

Once you discover Blanes, you'll want to come back.





#### General information

#### How to get there:

GPS: Lat. 41° 40' 11.87" N Long. 2° 47' 10.45" E

Climate: Mediterranean. Minimum 8°C–Maximum 28°C

Time zone: UTC +01:00

#### Car:

AP7 (exit 9) and C32 Blanes – Girona: 40 km Blanes – Barcelona: 65 km

#### Trains:

Barcelona-Girona- Figueres-Portbou www.renfe.es Tel. (+34) 912 320 320

#### Airports:

Girona Costa Brava (32km from Blanes) Barcelona El Prat (85km from Blanes) www.aena.es Tel. (+34) 902 404 704

#### **Buses:**

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#### Tourist Offices

**City Centre Office:** PI. de Catalunya, s/n +34 972 330 348 November - March: from Monday to Friday from 10:00 to 13:30 April-May from Monday to Sunday from 10:00 to 13:00 and from 15:00 to 18:00 June-September: from Monday to Sunday from 10:00 to 14:00 and from 17:00 to 20:00 October: from Monday to Sunday from 10:00 to 15:00

#### **Els Pins Office:** Plaça dels Càmpings, s/n Easter: from 9:30 to 13:00 and from 15:00 to 18:00 15 April - 15 June: from Tuesday to Saturday from 9:30 to 13:00 16 June - 15 September: from Monday to Sunday from 9:30 h to 13:00 and from 16:30 to 20:00 16 September - 31 October: from Tuesday to Saturday from 9:30 to 13:00

#### Getting around in Blanes

**Bike:** 4 km of flat coastline. The parking points for bikes make this an easy and convenient form of transport for getting around the city.

**Public transport:** urban bus, the *trenet* (tourist train), the botanic bus and the Garden Open Tour bus connect the district of Els Pins to the city centre, port and gardens.

**Taxi:** various taxi ranks. The service operates 24 h/365 days a year on the following numbers: (+34) 972355050, (+34) 972 352 727 and (+34) 972 334 455.

To park in Blanes, see the website: blanes.cat/aparca



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#### **Recommendations for responsible tourism:**

- · Use water responsibly
- Get around by bike or on foot
- · Consume and buy local products
- · Respect the peace and quiet of other residents
- · Keep the streets clean
- · Look after the environment
- · Be responsible with the rubbish you generate

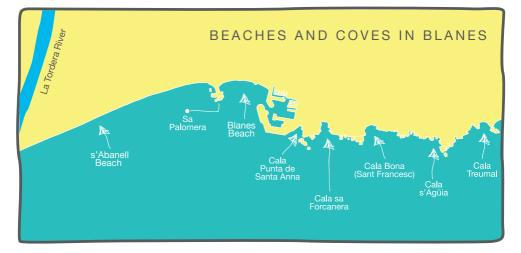
#### **Remember:**

- · Park your vehicle correctly and don't leave any valuables inside
- · Avoid pickpockets and thieves; never let your bag or wallet/purse out of your sight
- · Stay out of the hot sun in the middle of the day
- · Protect yourself from the sun with a hat, sunscreen and sunglasses
- · Drink water frequently to avoid dehydration
- Pay attention to the safety flags on the beach: red flag bathing prohibited; yellow flag bathe with caution; green flag bathing permitted
- · Request an identity bracelet for small children at the Tourist Office

# 01. Endless beaches

Blue Flag beaches and coves, crystal-clear water and golden sand. Four kilometres of coastline to enjoy as you choose. Blanes has beaches to fall in love with, whether you're alone or accompanied by family, friends or acquaintances; whether you're in search of energy or calm, activities or relaxation.





#### S'Abanell Beach

Rescue and lifesaving service, toilets and drinking fountains, services for people with reduced mobility, kids' club, water park, walkways, fun and sports activities, free access channel, periodical bathing water controls, public telephones, bars and restaurants.

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Sand: golden How to get there: on foot / by car



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#### Cala Punta de Santa Anna

Natural beach, free access channel Sand: golden - shingle Com arribar-hi: on foot / by car

→ 75m ① 10m

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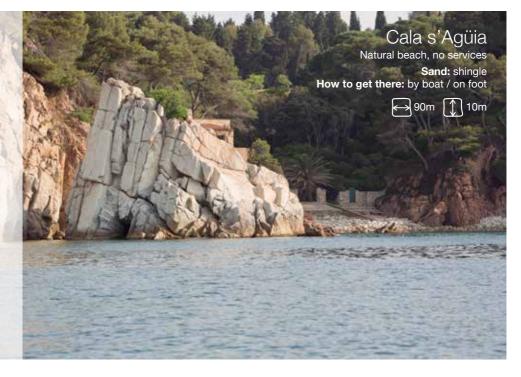
## Cala Bona (Sant Francesc)

Walkways, restaurant, rescue and lifesaving service **Sand:** golden **How to get there:** on foot / by car









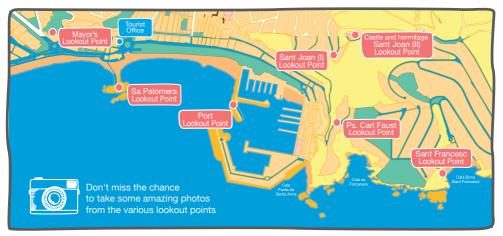
#### Cala Treumal

Sand: golden How to get there: on foot / by car (car park 250 m away) / by boat - Restaurant



# 02. Romantic and floral town

Blanes invites you to relax and to discover peaceful and elegant sites.



The vegetation and orography of Blanes constitute a unique natural heritage of great scenic and environmental value.

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- Canary Island date palms,
  Washingtonia palms from Mexico,
  Mediterranean dwarf palms
  (wild palm tree native to Catalonia)
- Sentry plants
- Aleppo pines and stone pines

#### La Tordera River

Natural area with protection status due to its fauna and flora. When it comes to vegetation, the area stands out for its elm, poplar and ash forests, along with its reed beds.

**FRY PLAN** 

STONE PINE

La Tordera is also a strategic point on the migration route of birds and is used as an observatory. For birdwatchers there are grey herons, little egrets, kingfishers and common sandpipers. It's also home to other animals such as the Mediterranean tree frog, the Spanish pond turtle or the water snake.



#### Marimurtra Botanical Garden

The Marimurtra Botanical Garden is one of the scenic gems of the area. Set among cliffs surrounding the sea, it's home to over 3,000 plant species. Housed in a Mediterranean forest covering ten hecta-

res, this four-hectare garden is split into three zones – subtropical, temperate and Mediterranean. The Marimurtra Botanical Garden, declared a Cultural Site of National Interest by the Government of Catalonia, was founded almost 100 years ago by the German businessman Carl Faust, a patron of biological sciences, with the goal of founding an international scientific research centre in Blanes.

Ps de Carles Faust, 9 17300 Blanes | Tel. 972 330 826 Open all year round | www.marimurtra.cat/





#### Pinya de Rosa

This tropical garden houses one of the most interesting cacti collections in Europe, with more than 7,000 species from all over the world. The garden was founded by the renowned Catalan engineer Ferran Rivière de Caralt, who began its creation not long after purchasing the estate in 1945.



C/ Camí de Santa Cristina, s/n, 17300 Blanes | Tel. 972 350 689 Open from March to October | www.pinya-de-rosa.es/

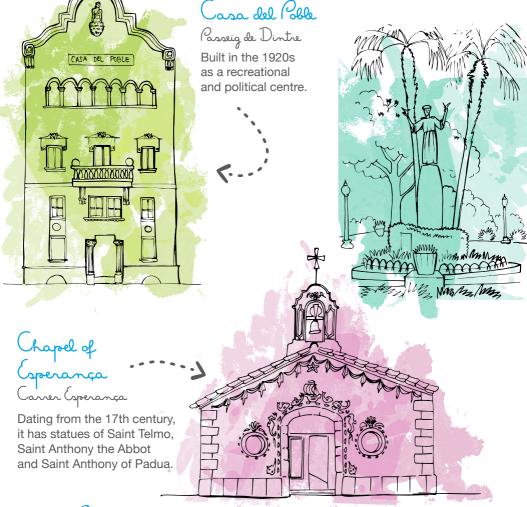


# 03. More than 1000 years of history

History is still alive in the centre of Blanes. The Viscounts of Cabrera left their mark on the city in the form of several monuments. It was a period of privileges and wars, in which control of the sea was synonymous with influence and wealth. A journey back through the history of Blanes reveals illustrious forbears who contributed to shaping the New World.

The *indianos or americanos* were townsfolk who headed to the Americas in the 19th century to seek their fortune and who returned home wealthy some years later. We can trace their legacy in Blanes today through the surviving houses they built for themselves.

See the calendar of guided tours and cultural routes at visitblanes.net or at the Tourist Office.



# Parish church and former palace of the Viscounts of Cabrera Carrer Nou 14th-century Gothic church.

Only the outer walls of the 15th-century palace have survived.

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Passeig Mestrança

This monument, dating from 1958, is dedicated to the memory of the writer Joaquim Ruyra.

Casa Tordera

Passeig de Dintre

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Built by indianos in 1908, in the Catalan modernist style.

Gothic fountain arrer Ample

Built in the 14th century on the orders of the Viscountess of Cabrera and the wool carders' guild.

#### 04. Inspiration of artists

**Ruyra, Alemany, Puig i Llensa, Sagarra, Maragall or Bolaño**, surnames of poets and writers who found inspiration in Blanes and whose influence on the town is reflected in literary trails and heritage elements.

Several musicians and painters have also settled and worked in Blanes over the centuries, such a **Roig Soler, Planells, Bedós, Bataller or Padern**.

- A At the bottom of my heart, Planes is the country of summer, of light and joy. Joaquim Ruyra

In the far off confines of the sky and water, the cluster of sails flap in the setting sun." Joan Maragall -> Dusk at Cala Sant Francesc (1911)



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The famous writer Roberto Bolaño, who lived and died in Blanes, left behind an important literary legacy with several references to the landscapes and people of the town. The Bolaño Route, designed as a tribute to the writer, is a literary trail around the most important sites of his life and work.

I never suspected that one day I would arrive in Planes and that I would never want to leave."

Polesta Bolaña

For more information visit the Tourist Office or visitblanes.net

## 05. City dedicated to tourism, retail and services

Blanes is an active city with all the facilities and services you would expect to find in a first-rate tourist destination.

The historical centre is also an outdoor shopping centre with a wide variety of traditional and modern shops. A weekly market is held on the seafront promenade every Monday where you can find clothes, souvenirs and accessories, etc.

There are also plenty of leisure options in Blanes, from cinemas and bowling alleys to karting circuits and cruise boat excursions, not to mention water sports and gastronomy.

The wide range of top-quality hotels, campsites and holiday apartments in Blanes make it an ideal destination for relaxing and letting your hair down.



#### Blanes for all the family.

Relaxation, leisure, culture tours, cruise boat trips... You'll find everything you need in Blanes to enjoy a fantastic family holiday.

If you're looking for a fun way to explore the city with the family, ask for the clue-hunting game *"Handfull of Blanes"* at the nearest Tourist Office.

What's more, several restaurants and accommodation outlets hold the Family Tourism Destination seal of the Government of Catalonia.

See the family tourism catalogue at the Tourist Office or at visitblanes.net



# 06. City of fireworks and festivals

Blanes is a cheerful Mediterranean city with a packed calendar of festivals and events all year round.

Excitement builds in the city at the end of July when the Costa Brava International Fireworks Competition is held. The origins of fireworks in Blanes date back more than 100 years.

This major event takes place during the *Festa Major* of Santa Anna (the city's main festival), when the bright lights and smoke intermingle with concerts, fairs and traditional events. It's time to enjoy the festivities and the good weather.



Blanes still celebrates traditional festivals that date back to ancient times. You can watch the diables parading with their fireworks or dance with the *gegants, gegantons and capgrossos.* 

There's non-stop activity! Blanes is a dynamic and lively city thanks to its traditional and neighbourhood festivals, along with its packed calendar of of cultural, culinary, musical and sporting events. Are you up for it?

More information on monthly activities at the Tourist Office and at visitblanes.net











# 07. Products of the sea and land

#### Mediterranean and maritime town

The life and history of Blanes has been shaped by the sea. Today, the port combines its commercial fishing activity with maritime leisure pursuits and a mooring service (over 300 moorings) and provides all the services necessary for sailing enthusiasts.



#### Fish auctions

There are two daily fish auctions which visitors can watch from the tiered seating for a token fee: one in the morning with the catch of the seine boats (mainly sardines, mackerel and jack mackerel) and one in the afternoon with the catch of the trawler, beach seine and small gear fleets (prawns, monkfish, sand eels, etc.).



The local gastronomy is closely related to the town's fishing tradition. Some dishes have been honed to perfection over the years by our fishermen, chefs and home cooks. One of the most typical fishermen's dishes of Blanes is *suquet de peix*, a fish dish prepared in different ways depending on the chef and the catch of the day



Blanes devotes much of its culinary calendar to local products, with some months featuring one product in particular: oily fish in April, the Blanes prawn in May and the suquet de peix fish dish in October. The restaurants that form part of the event offer a special menu featuring the star product. All the food included in this campaign comes from Blanes fish market.



A wide variety of local products are available in Blanes with the emphasis on quality.

Some of the most famous products in Blanes are the result of business initiatives and long family traditions.

#### Products from Blanes

- Marina beer
- Popaire beer
- Mas Tirons wine
- Coral Marine Sea Drink
- *Carbonera* bonbons by the Ca l'Orench pastisserie
- Marimurtra honey and jam
- Ses Vernes cava
- Laviret cava
- Cal Correu wine
- *Mongeta del ganxet*, a white kidney bean with D.O. (Designation of Origin) status



A farmers' market is held every morning from Monday to Saturday on Passeig de Dintre, where you can buy fresh local fruit and vegetables.





# 08. Blanes, active tourism

Blanes enjoys an outstanding location for high-quality sports activities. It also boasts unique facilities in the area.

- 6 routes between 7 and 20 km long
- 2 Grans Camins de l'Aigua (Great Water Paths) (8 km and 18 km)
- 2 MTB routes
- 3 road cycling routes

See the Blanes X Runners calendar to find out date of triathlons, races and walks.



#### Water activities

Blanes offers plenty of water sports and activities: sailing courses, kayaking, stand-up paddle boarding, windsurfing, diving, sports fishing and snorkelling.



#### The Yacht Club

The Club de Vela Blanes (Blanes Yacht Club), founded more than 70 years ago, is a modern, state-of-the-art facility that combines a great location, a wonderful climate and a comprehensive range of services for nautical tourism enthusiasts: sailing courses, kayaking, stand-up paddle boarding, windsurfing, boat hire, mooring service... The club has parking facilities for 180 vehicles and organises top events (international and European events, Spanish and Catalan championship), making it a superb tourist attraction.



## 09. Sports City, a unique venue

Strategically located and with a surface area of 40,000 m2, Blanes Sports City is a unique facility on the Costa Brava, boasting versatile spaces suitable for all sorts of events, ranging from sports and music events to social and business functions, not to mention fairs and exhibitions... with parking facilities for 360 vehicles. The Sports City offers endless options and first-class services. The courts have been designed to cater for different sports in the same space at the same time.

- 4 courts with synthetic floors
- 2 parquet courts
- 1 parquet court with tatami mats
- 1 boxing room

- **3 FOOTBALL PITCHES**
- · Blanes Sports City municipal football
- pitch 101x65 m
- · Ca la Guidó municipal football pitch 90x50 m
- · Can Borell municipal football pitch 97X53 m

#### **GREEN COURT**

Surface area 4.110 m<sup>2</sup> Minimum height 7,5 m Spectators 1.300 Changing rooms 12

#### **RED COURT**

Surface area 1.190 m<sup>2</sup> Minimum height 7,2 m Spectators 270 Changing rooms 6 BLUE COURT Surface area 1.044 m<sup>2</sup> Minimum height 8 m Spectator 1.710 Changing rooms 4

#### YELOW COURT

Surface area 630 m<sup>2</sup> Minimum height 6 m Spectators 116 Changing rooms 4



# 10. Blanes & You: family time



- Explore Blanes with the clue-hunting game.
- Boat trip.
- Go for a dip with the children in the crystal-clear water of the Blanes coast.
- Pop into a family restaurant for lunch.
- In the afternoon, head to the bowling alley, cinema or karting circuit for some family leisure time.
- Stroll around the city centre, exploring historical sites and checking out the local shops.
- Stay in accommodation with the family tourism seal.

Day 2

- Visit the gardens: Marimurtra Botanical Garden and Pinya de Rosa Tropical Garden.
- Climb up to the Castle of Sant Joan.
- Climb aboard the trenet (departs from Plaça Catalunya).
- Get your energy levels back up at the ice cream and frozen yoghurt parlours of the city centre.
- Go for a dip at one of the peaceful coves of the Mediterranean coast.

See the calendar of children's activities on social networks and at visitblanes.net



# Blanes & You: with your partner or friends



- Stroll around the fruit and vegetable market, the best display of local produce.
- Head to the port to try out some water sports, such as stand-up paddle boarding, kayaking and sailing, among others.
- Sit down for a tasty lunch of maritime cuisine!
- Observe the daily fish auction in the local fish market, every afternoon from Monday to Friday.
- Stroll around the city centre, exploring historical sites and checking out the local shops.
- Dinner time: international restaurant or traditional cuisine?

Day 2

- Walk or cycle along the 4 km seafront promenade.
- Time for a hearty breakfast!
- Explore the coves and beaches, set in unique surroundings.
- Choose from a huge selection of restaurants. If your stay coincides with one of the special culinary months, make sure you take part!
- Relax on a terrace and enjoy the coastal landscape as you sip on a glass of beer or wine: the perfect combination.

Share your experience on social networks with the hashtags #Blanesturisme and #Blanes



Calendar	January ÷	Parade of the Three Kings
Mar i Murtra Race	Town of Blanes International Grand Prix	⇒February ÷
Costa Brava South Carnival	→ <u>March</u> ÷	"Botiga al carrer" (street stalls)
Recvll Awards	Schools Cross-Country Race	⇒ <u>April</u> ÷
Oily Fish Month	Easter	Chapels Walk
Town of Blanes Triathlon	- <u>⊰ May</u> ÷	Blanes Prawn Month
Concerts in the Esperança Chapel	Selva Marítima Trail	-> <u>June</u> ÷
Corpus Christi floral carpets	Blanes&You	Saint John's Eve festivities
Sant Joan Climb (666 steps)	Used Car Fair	Botanical Blanes

Calendar	- <u>}July</u> ÷	Fireworks Competition
Festa Major	Color Blanes × Runners urban circuit	⇒ <u>August</u> ÷
<i>Festa Major Petita</i> (smaller of the two town festivals)	Marimurtra Nights	Night of Sant Bonós Fun Walk
Swim Across Blanes Port	"Botiga al carrer" (street stalls)	Fun Aquathlon
<u>September</u>	Catalan Flavours	Giants' Gathering
⇒ <u>October</u> ÷	Suquet de Peix Month	Blanes Car Tuning Festival
November	Witches Fair	Passafred Half Marathon
December <sup>2</sup>	Sant Tomàs Fair	Grand Nativity Scene

All year round: fruit and vegetable market. Clothes market every Monday Craft fair: weekends of June, July and August. Costa Brava South Theatre: from October to June.



# 12. Discover the area

Of the many major attractions in Catalonia, some are just a few kilometres away from Blanes. Here are some options in the county of Selva.

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**Montseny Natural Park** Montseny Natural Park, declared a Biosphere Reserve, is a great place to enjoy nature and amazing forest landscapes.



Architectural complex of Hostalric

**Montsoriu Castle** This is the most important Catalan Gothic castle from a historical, architectural and archaeological perspective.





Breda, town of ceramics Stroll around the streets of Breda, with pottery and ceramics.

There are all sorts of markets in this area. See the website for dates and towns.

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