

Blanes

FAMILY TOURISM



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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

Mediterrani
Mínima 8°C – màxima 28°C

Time zone

UTC +01:00

Car

AP7 (exit 9) and C32 (exit 134)
Blanes – Girona: 40 km
Blanes – Barcelona: 65 km

Trains

Barcelona – Girona – Figueres – Portbou
rodalies.gencat.cat (+34) 900 410 041

Airports

Girona Costa Brava (32 km from Blanes)
Barcelona El Prat (85 km from Blanes)
aena.es (+34) 913 211 000

Buses

Barcelona – Aeroport Girona – Girona – Figueres
sagales.com (+34) 902 130 014
Blanes – Lloret – Tossa
autocarspujol.com (+34) 972 337 842

Telephone numbers

Emergencies 112
Police 092
Medical Assistance 061
Blanes City Council (+34) 972 379 300
Hospital (+34) 972 353 264
Primary Healthcare
Centre (+34) 972 331 350
(+34) 972 359 534
Pharmacies cofigi.org

Tourist Offices

City Centre Office

Plaça de Catalunya, s/n
(+34) 972 330 348
Open all year round

Els Pins office

Plaça dels Càmpings, s/n

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 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) 972 355 050, (+34) 972 352 727 and (+34) 972 334 455

Information
blanescostabrava.cat

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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



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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.

Beaches and coves in Blanes



S'Abanell beach



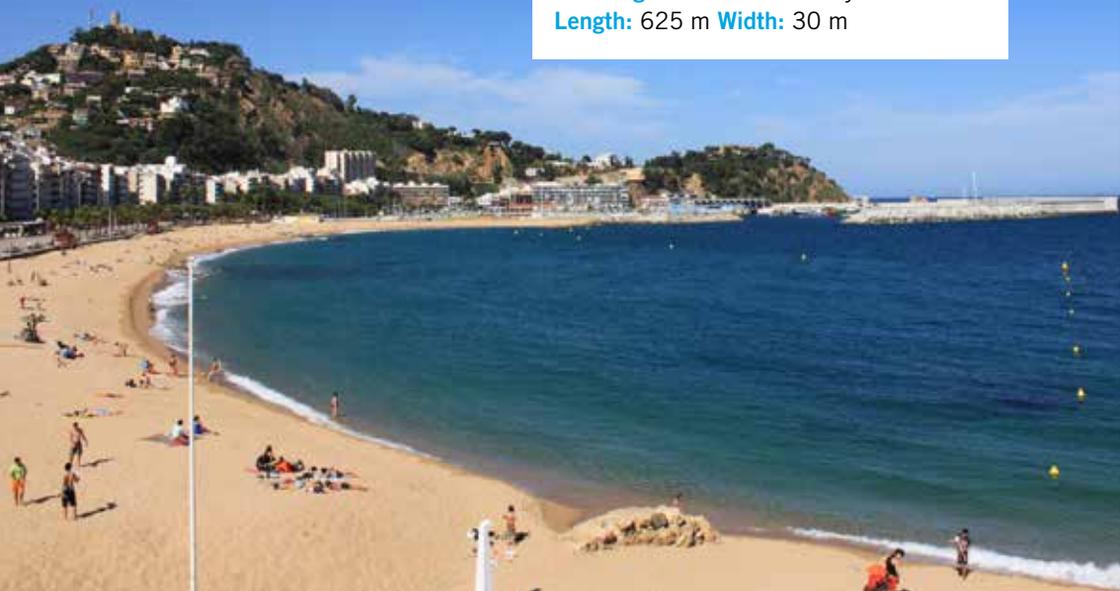
Rescue and lifesaving service, toilets and drinking fountains, services for people with reduced mobility, kids' club, water park, walkways, fun and sports activities, free access channel, periodical bathing water controls, bars and restaurants

Sand: golden

How to get there: on foot / by car

Length: 3.100 m **Width:** 30 m

Blanes beach



Rescue and lifesaving service, toilets and drinking fountains, services for people with reduced mobility, walkways, fun and sports activities, bars and restaurants, periodical bathing water controls

Sand: golden

How to get there: on foot / by car

Length: 625 m **Width:** 30 m

Cala Punta de Santa Anna



Natural beach, free access channel. No services.

Sand: golden - shingle

How to get there: on foot / by car

Length: 75 m **Width:** 10 m

Cala sa Forcanera



Natural beach, no services.

Sand: golden

How to get there: by sea

Length: 90 m **Width:** 13 m

Cala Bona (Sant Francesc)



Walkways, restaurant, rescue and lifesaving service.

Sand: golden

How to get there: on foot / by car

Length: 200 m **Width:** 35 m

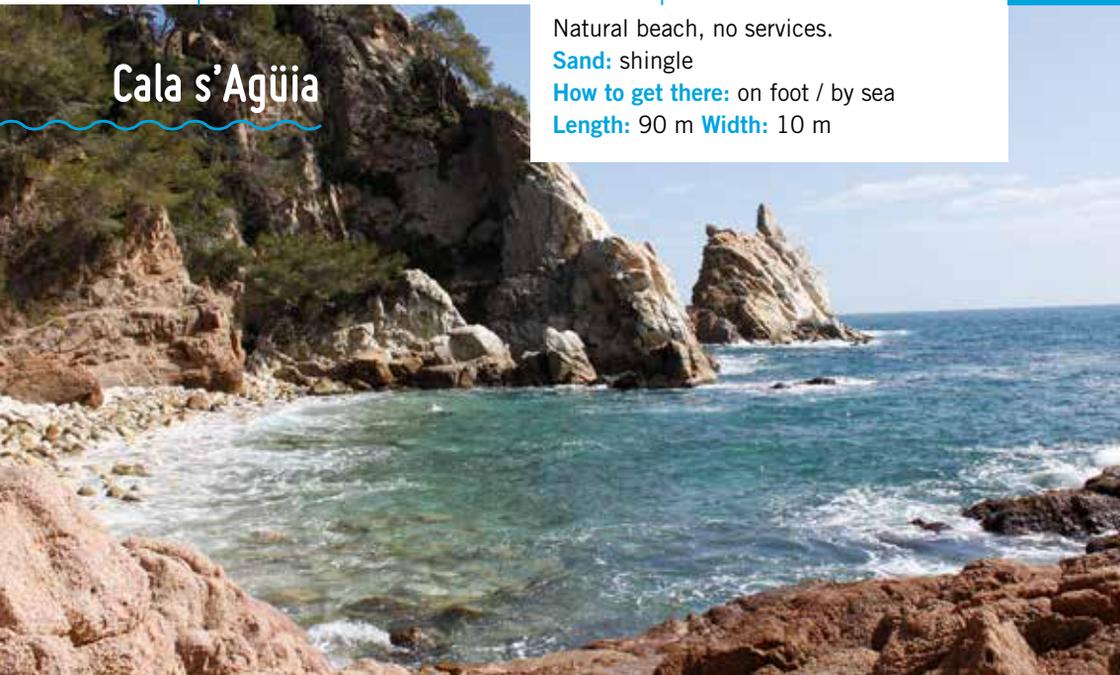
Cala s'Agüia

Natural beach, no services.

Sand: shingle

How to get there: on foot / by sea

Length: 90 m **Width:** 10 m



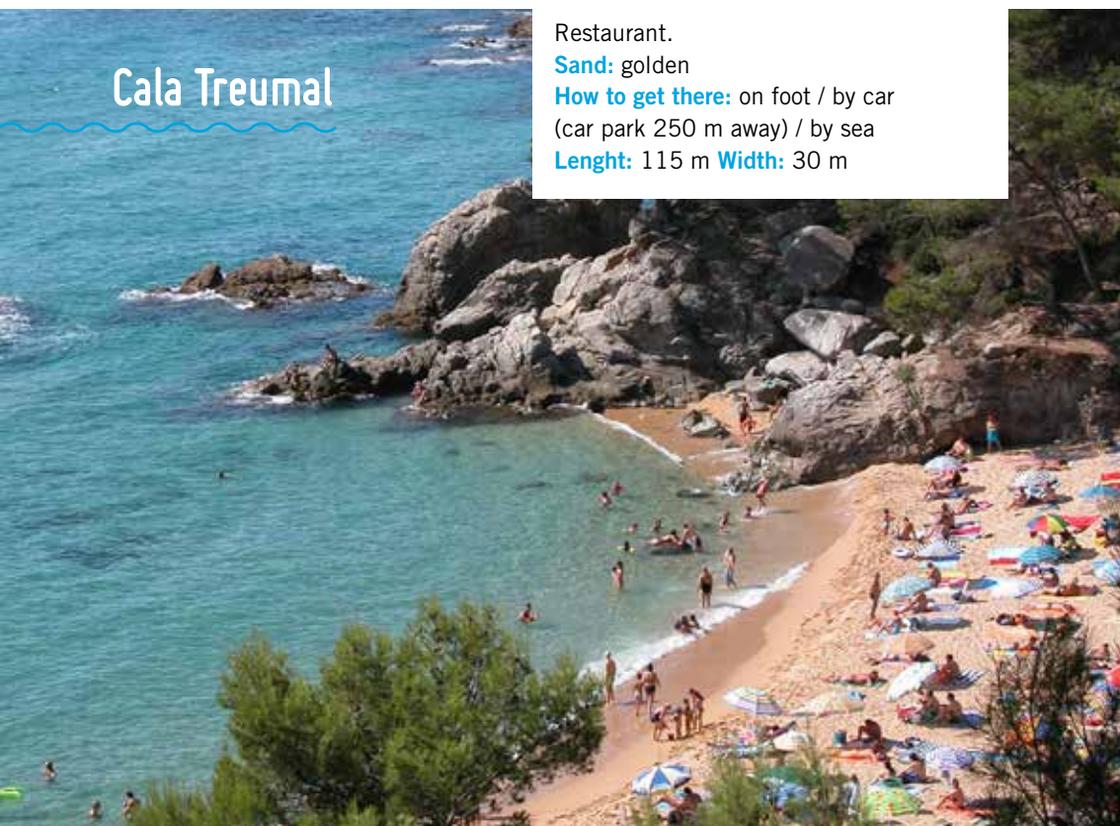
Cala Treumal

Restaurant.

Sand: golden

How to get there: on foot / by car
(car park 250 m away) / by sea

Length: 115 m **Width:** 30 m

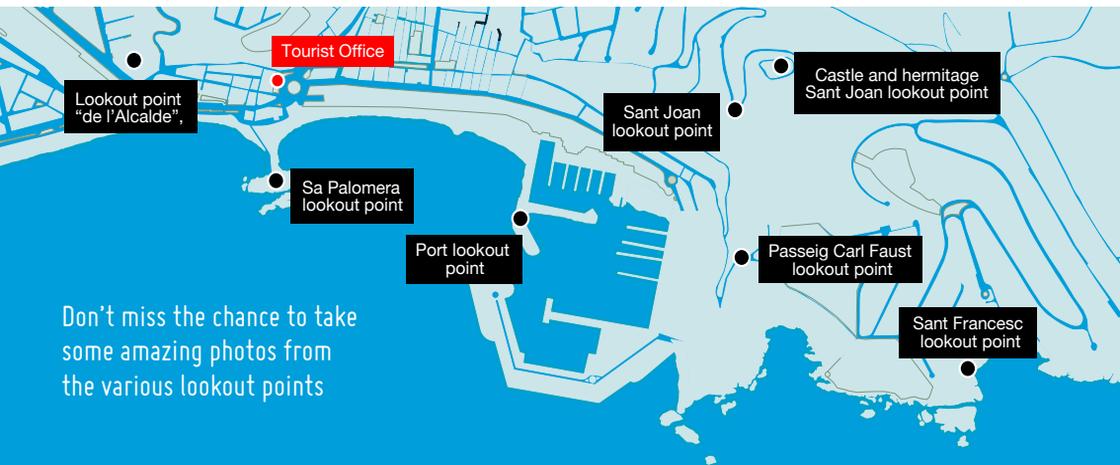




Romantic and floral town

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.

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



Don't miss the chance to take some amazing photos from the various lookout points

Lookout point "de l'Alcalde",

Tourist Office

Sa Palomera lookout point

Port lookout point

Sant Joan lookout point

Castle and hermitage
Sant Joan lookout point

Passeig Carl Faust
lookout point

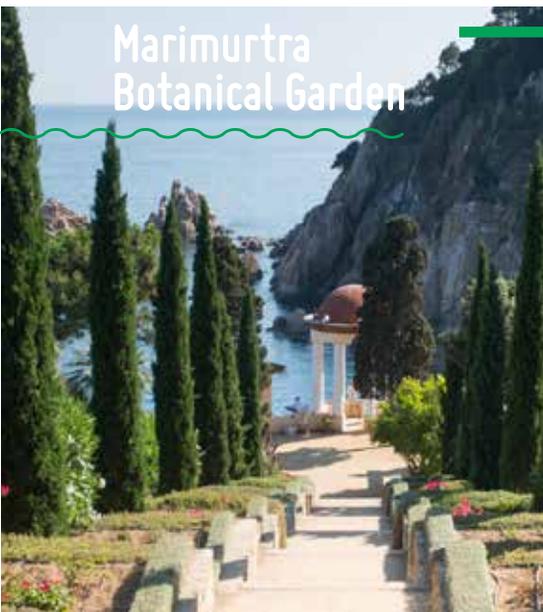
Sant Francesc
lookout point

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. 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 4,000 plant species. Housed in a Mediterranean forest covering 10 hectares, this four-hectare garden is split into 3 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.

Passeig de Carles Faust, 9
 (+34) 972 330 826
marimurtra.cat

Pinya de Rosa garden



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 Rivièr de Caralt, who began its creation not long after purchasing the estate in 1945.

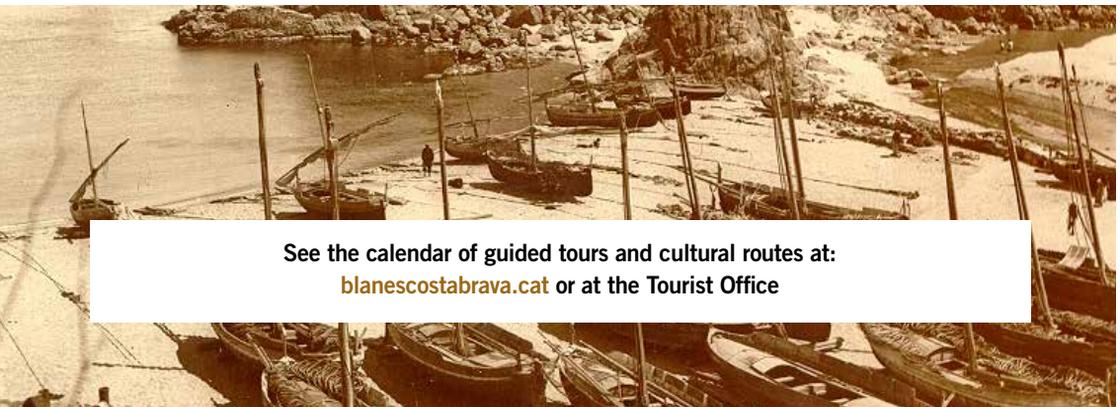
Camí de Santa Cristina, s/n
 (+34) 972 350 689
pinya-de-rosa.es



More than 1,000 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:
blanescostabrava.cat or at the Tourist Office



Casa del Poble

Passeig de Dintre

Built in the 1920s as a recreational and political centre

El Frare

Passeig de la Mestrança

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



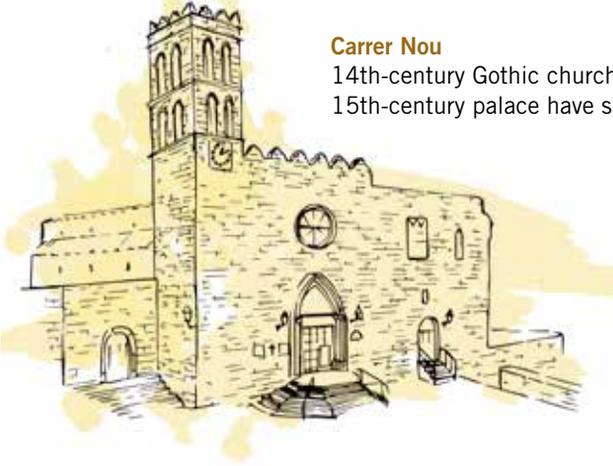
Chapelle of Esperança

Carrer Esperança

Dating from the 17th century, it has statues of Saint Elmo, Saint Anthony the Abbot and Saint Anthony of Padua



Parish church and former palace of the Viscounts of Cabrera



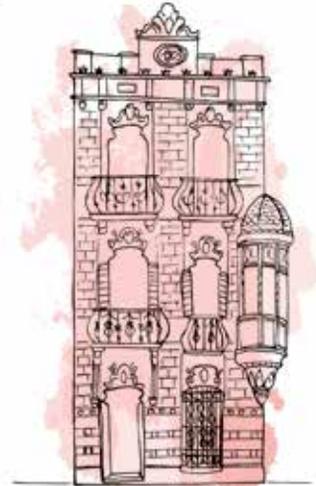
Carrer Nou

14th-century Gothic church. Only the outer walls of the 15th-century palace have survived

Casa Tordera

Passeig de Dintre

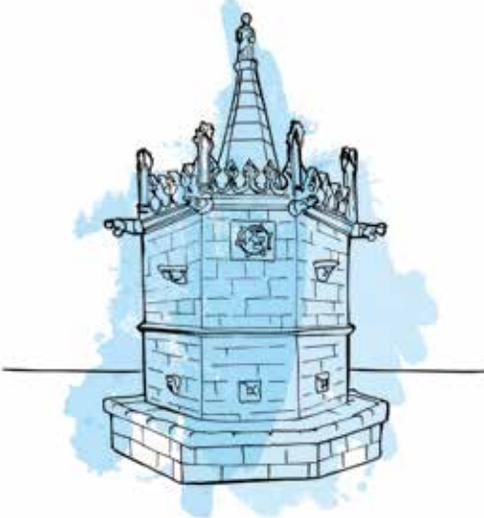
Built by indianos in 1903, in the Catalan modernist style

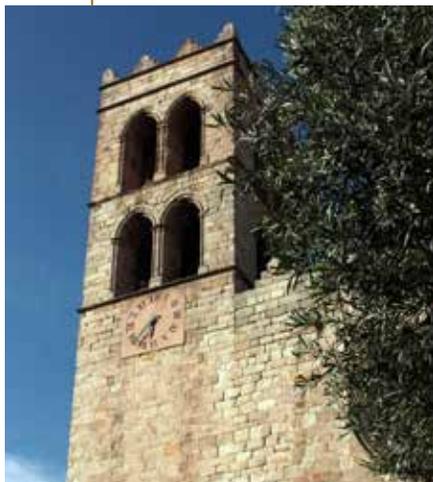


Gothic fountain

Carrer Ample

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



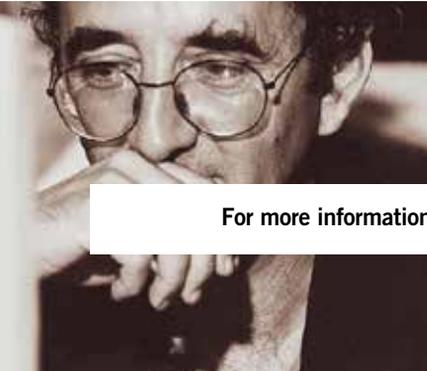




Inspiration of artists

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 as Roig Soler, Planells, Bedós, Bataller or Padern.

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 Blanes / and that I would never want to leave» -

Roberto Bolaño

For more information visit the Tourist Office or blanescostabrava.cat



**«At the bottom of my heart, / Blanes 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 - Al atardecer en la playa de San Francisco (1911)**

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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.

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 the whole family

If many family generations choose our city is because they feel at home. Our tourist tradition is linked to those people who want activities, facilities and services for all ages. Relaxation, leisure, beaches and culture... You'll find everything you need in Blanes to enjoy a fantastic family holiday. What's more, several restaurants and accommodation outlets hold the Family Tourism Destination seal of the Catalan Tourist Board.



Enjoy the wide range of activities for the whole family.

Activity calendar: Three Magi Procession, Carnival, Easter and summer workshops, summer miniclub, funfair, town festival, International Firework Competition, Sant Bonós Race, Christmas festivities, exhibitions...

Leisure facilities: bowling alley, cinema, children's playgrounds, library, theatre, go karting, cruises, water activities, horse riding, hiking, cycling, youth area (Morralla), skate park, basketball, tennis and paddle courts, skate park, exhibitions, vegetable market, fish market, botanical gardens, etc.



And less than 8 kilometres from Blanes: a dolphinarium, a water park, a children's theme park and tree adventure circuits...

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.





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* (giants) and *capgrossos* (figures with oversized head).

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 cultural, culinary, musical and sporting events. Are you up for it?

More information on monthly activities at the Tourist Office and at:
blanescostabrava.cat/agenda

Activity calendar

January

Parade of the Three Kings, Mar i Murtra Race

February

Carnival Costa Brava Sud

Easter

Easter activities

April

Triathlon "Vila de Blanes"

May

Walk "Ruta de les ermites"

June

Corpus Christi floral carpets, Saint John's Eve festivities, Race "Escalada Sant Joan 666"

July

International Fireworks Competition, town festival, "Color Blanes x Runners" urban circuit

August

Small tow festival, Concerts "Les nits de Marimurtra", "Sant Bonós" night race, Swim Across "del Port de Blanes", Aquathlon "Vila de Blanes", "Trobada geganterà" (giant figures gathering)

September

"Emplatja't" concerts, Food fair "Sabors Catalans", National Day of Catalonia

October

Blanes Motor Days (tuning festival)

November

Fair "Fira de Tardor" "Passafred" half marathon

December

Sant Tomàs fair, Grand Nativity Scene, Christmas activities "La màgia del Nadal t'espera"

All year round

Fruit and vegetable market. Clothes market every Monday

Other activities

Fair "Botiga al carrer", Gastronomic event "TastABlanes", "Rialles" family shows, Craft fair (summer), Guided tours.



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.



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

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.



A wide variety of local products are available in Blanes with the emphasis on quality. All the food included in this campaign comes from Blanes fish market.

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

Products from Blanes



- Marina beer
- Mas Tirons wine
- Coral Marine Sea Drink
- Marimurtra honey and jam
- Ses Vernes cava
- Laviret cava
- Cal Correu wine
- *Mongeta del ganxet*, a white kidney bean with D.O. status



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” routes (8 and 18 km)
- 2 MTB routes
- 3 road cycling routes

See the “Blanes x Runners” calendar to find out dates 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.





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 city football pitch 101x65 m
 - Ca la Guidó city football pitch 90x50 m
 - Can Borell city football pitch 97x53 m

GREEN COURT

Surface area: 4,110 m²
Minimum height: 7.5 m
Spectators: 1,300
Changing rooms: 12

BLUE COURT

Surface area: 1,044 m²
Minimum height: 8 m
Spectators: 1,710
Changing rooms: 4



RED COURT

Surface area: 1,190 m²
Minimum height: 7.2 m
Spectators: 270
Changing rooms: 6

YELLOW COURT

Surface area: 630 m²
Minimum height: 6 m
Spectators: 116
Changing rooms: 4



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Blanes & You

FAMILY TIME

DAY 1

- Explore Blanes with the clue-hunting game you can find at the tourist offices
- 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 tourist train (departs from plaça de 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 blanescostabrava.cat



WITH YOUR PARTNER OR FRIENDS

DAY 1

- 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
- 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**



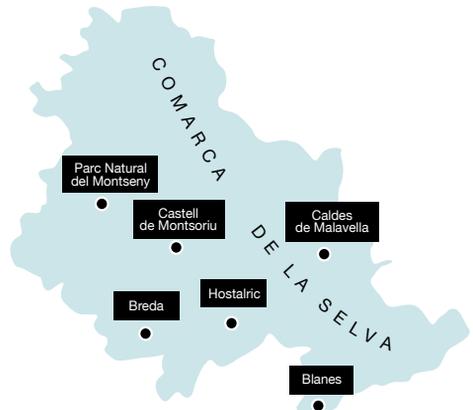
Discover the area

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.

Architectural complex of Hostalric



Hostalric, a Site of National Interest, boasts an abundance of mediaeval heritage. What's more, you can discover Catalonia's culinary heritage at the Domus Sent Soví centre



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 the Monastery of Sant Salvador at the centre, and soak up the history of pottery and ceramics

Montseny Natural Park



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

Caldes de Malavella spa town



Selva is the land of thermal waters and Caldes de Malavella is its spa town par excellence, with spas, Roman baths, hot springs, etc.

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



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ACCOMMODATION

HOTELS

❖ HG-002135	4*S BEVERLY PARK	972 352 426	C. Mercè Rodoreda, 7	hotelbeverlypark.com
HG-000940	4*S HORIZTO by Pierre et Vacances	972 330 400	Pg. s' Abanell, 11	hotelhoritzo.com
HG-001611	4*S PETIT PALAU	972 331 556	C. Lluís Companys, 19	hotelpetitpalau.com
❖ HG-002311	4* BLAUCEL	972 358 550	Av. Vila de Madrid, 27	blauhotelesblanes.com
❖ HG-002165	4* BLAUMAR	972 351 301	C. Mercè Rodoreda, 5	blauhotelesblanes.com
HG-001797	3* CHECKIN BLANES	972 351 898	C. Enric Morera, 5	checkinblanes.com
HG-000904	3* COSTA BRAVA	972 330 082	C. Anselm Clavé, 48	hotelcostabravablanes.com
❖ HG-002113	3* ESPLENDID	972 336 561	Av. Mediterrani, 17	hotelesplendid.es
HG-000357	3* PI-MAR	972 352 817	Pg. s' Abanell, 8	hotelpimar.com
HG-001482	3* STELLA-MARIS	972 330 092	Av. Vila de Madrid, 18	stellamarisblanes.com

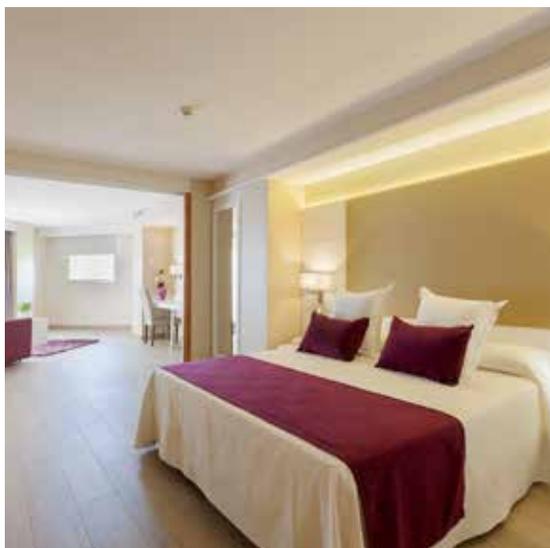


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GUESTS HOUSES

HG-002234	BONAVISTA	972 334 992	C. Valldolig, 2	
HG-000309	DOLL	972 330 008	Pg. Pau Casals, 70-71	hostaldoll.com
✦ HG-002127	SA MALICA	972 355 093	C. St. Andreu Palomera, 8	samalica.com
HG-001654	LOS MAÑOS	972 353 922	Av. Joan Carles I, 113	
HG-001647	MIRANDA	972 333 465	C. Josep Tarradellas, 50	hostalmiranda.com
HG-000789	REGINA	972 330 426	C. Esperança, 47-49	hostalreginablanes.com
HG-000611	CAN SETMANES	972 330 011	C. Antiga, 26	fondacansetmanes.cat
HG-000990	ISABEL	972 330 128	C. Josep Tarradellas, 56	hostalisabel.es



CAMPSITES

KG-000030	3*BELLA TERRA	972 348 017	Av. Vila de Madrid, 35-40	campingbellaterra.com
KG-000155	3*BLANC	972 357 035	C. Colom, 54	campingblanc.com
KG-000012	3*BLANES	972 331 591	Av. Vila de Madrid, 33	campingblanes.com
KG-000082	3*CAVALL DE MAR	972 331 349	C. Colom, 46	cavalldemar.com
KG-000016	3*EL PINAR	972 331 083	Av. Vila de Madrid, 39	campingelpinar.com
❖ KG-000017	3*LA MASIA	972 331 013	C. Colom, 44	campinglamasia.com
KG-000028	3*ROCA	972 350 436	C. Colom, 50	campingroca.es
KG-000011	3*S'ABANELL	972 331 809	Av. Vila de Madrid, 7-9	campingsabanell.com
❖ KG-000071	3*SOLMAR	972 348 034	C. Colom, 48	campingsolmar.com
KG-000033	3*VORAMAR	972 331 805	Av. Vila de Madrid, 39	campingvoramar.es



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ATG-000056	EUROPA	972 351 886	C. Lluís Companys, 25	
ATG-000046	LA MASIA	972 331 013	C. Colom, 44	campinglamasia.com
ATG-000082	LAS AMÉRICAS	972 335 447	Pl. Càceres, 26	apartamentoslasamericas.com

TOURIST DWELLING MANAGEMENT COMPANIES

	HUTG-013759	AIGUANEU APARTAMENTS	872 211 472	C. Bellaire, 35	aiguaneu.com
	HUTG-011132	APARTAMENTS EL SORRALL	676 453 418	Pg. s'Abanell, 6, baixos	elsorrall.com
	HUTG-023888	APARTAMENTS ELVIRA	616 409 502	Pg. s'Abanell, 2	
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	HUTG-010046	AR ESPRONCEDA	972 354 254	C. Espronceda, 1	arblanes.com
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