



**Camping Castell Montgri, Ctra.
Torroella-Estartit,**

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Campsite Information

Camping Castell Montgri, L'Estartit

Camping Castell Montgri lies in an ideal setting at the base of the Rocamura Mountains, with spectacular views over the bay of Estartit. The lively resort of Estartit is under a mile from site and the medieval town of Torroella de Montgri under three miles. Inland is Gerona and to the south the beautiful regional capital, Barcelona.

Arriving at Camping Castell Montgri

On arrival it will be necessary to register at the campsite reception. You will need to leave one passport per party per unit in reception for the duration of your stay. If you do not wish to leave a passport you can leave a €100 which will be refunded at the end of your holiday. You will be given a barrier card, car sticker and individual passes. You should then go to the Canvas reception where your Canvas couriers will be here to meet you between 16.00 and 20.00.

Early/Late Arrivals

Please note if you arrive before 16.00, your accommodation may not be ready. If you arrive between 20.00 and 22.00, you will find directions to your courier and/or accommodation at the Canvas reception. Arrivals after 22.00 cannot be accepted on site. Please note that if you do arrive late and cannot be admitted onto the campsite, you have full responsibility for finding alternative off-site accommodation. A Canvas courier will be available on site from 09.00 the following day. Please telephone your couriers if you know that you are going to be late.

Reception

The campsite reception is open from 08.00 to 20.00.

Barrier

The barrier is closed between midnight and 08.00. Should you wish to leave the site early in the morning or arrive back late at night, please leave your car outside.

Currency Exchange

Currency and travellers cheques may be exchanged on site at reception. There is also a cash dispenser on site.

Safety Deposit Boxes

These are located inside the reception area. Please ask your Canvas courier or the site reception staff for details of costs.

Telephone

On site there are five coin and card operated phones available.

Web/Email Access

You can access the internet at the L'Ombra bar on the bottom level of the campsite. You need to purchase your tickets before logging on.

Shopping

There are three shops on site. A large supermarket selling groceries and other essentials, a newsagents selling international newspapers, and a tabac selling cigarettes and tobacco. Open from 08.00 until 20.30.

Washing and Toilet Facilities

Washing machines and tumble dryers are available on site (tokens available from reception). Free hot showers, wash cubicles with hot water, standard toilets without toilet seats and a baby bath.

Post

There is a post box at the campsite reception and stamps are sold at the newsagent on the campsite.



Eating and Drinking

Bar: There are four bars on Castell Montgri; they are Bar Panorama, Bar l'Ombra, Bar la Bassa and the Piano Bar.

Disco: For those night owls, the underground disco is open from 23.00 until 02.45, in low season, 03.45 in high season. Please note that it is for over 16s only.

Restaurant: Torre Moraxta is near the L'Ombra swimming pool. There are great value menus and delicious deserts on offer. Opening times are 13.30 to 15.00 and 18.30 to 22.30.

Takeaway: There are two takeaways selling chicken, burgers, chips and sandwiches. They are located near the L'Ombra (takeaway open 12.00 to 23.45) and near the Panorama (takeaway open 10.00 to 23.45) swimming pool.

Entertainment

Free entertainment is provided throughout the season including karaoke in the air-conditioned bar, live music, flamenco dancing, cabaret, drive-in shows and competitions. There is also a cinema on site showing English language films, free of charge.

The subterranean disco pub provides nights of music and bands. The animation team have their own PR service with daily organised events and the free campsite bus to L'Estartit.

Excursions

You can book excursions to the following destinations at the campsite reception: Barcelona, Barcelona evening with fountain show, Monastery Monsterrat, Medieval castles, Marineland, PortAventura, Figueres and Girona market.

Recreation

Swimming: The swimming pools are open daily from 10.00 to 21.00. There are two adult pools and three 'mini' pools. Surrounding the pools is a large sun terrace where you can hire sun loungers for a small fee. There are slides located at both large pools. The Bassa pool is worth climbing up the hill for great views and this stunning pool is designed to look like its hewn into the rock. Please note the Bassa pool is only open in July and August from 12.00 until 21.00.

Tennis: There are two floodlit tennis courts on site. It costs €8.40 per hour to hire a court. Rackets and balls can also be hired at a cost of €2.70 per racket

(plus €30 deposit), €1.80 for 3 balls. You can use the courts from 08.00 until midnight.

Table tennis: Table tennis is available on site throughout the season, free of charge.

Mini Golf: Floodlit mini golf is available for €4 per person.

The on-site animations team regularly organise football and volleyball tournaments. Please check with your couriers or the animations team for more information.

The site has a childrens playground with slide, swings and climbing frame, and for a small charge there is a bouncy castle and trampolines.

Canvas Active

Canvas Active is available at Camping Castell Montgri. Canvas customers have researched golf courses in the local area. For further details see the downloadable guide on the Canvas website.

Rules and Regulations

- Silence on site between midnight and 08.00.
- Only one car permitted per emplacement.
- No driving on site between midnight and 08.00 unless in an emergency.
- Maximum speed limit is 10km/h around the site.
- No charcoal barbecues allowed on site.
- No dogs
- No play tents on emplacements
- No drinks glasses at the pool side; diving in designated areas only.
- No entering the pools after midnight - anyone found doing so will be removed from site.



Local Information

Beaches

The long, sandy beach is just a five minutes' walk from the front of the site, where you will find occasional beach bars. Sailing, windsurfing, canoeing, boat trips and water-skiing are available from various beaches nearer to the main towns. Should you prefer a varied coastline with rock pools, marine life and coves of sand, drive to Calella de Palafrugell, Llafranc and Tamarit or further south to Tossa de Mar. For more of the golden stretches of sand, head for the beaches of L'Estartit, Pals, La Fosca and Playa d'Aro.

Shopping

Supermarkets: The nearest supermarket is Lidl, just off the campsite, a budget store stocking all the basics and some fresh produce. In Estartit, you will also find the Centre Mar supermarket, a medium sized shop catering mainly for the tourists. Larger supermarkets can be found in Torroella de Montgri (about a 10 minute drive), such as Caprabo just as you enter the town or Champion next to the Red Cross hospital.

Souvenirs: Figueras tends to promote the souvenirs of Salvador Dali. L'Estartit and Palamos are more nautical due to their ports, and Gerona, Palafrugell and Playa d'Aro are great for clothes shopping. La Bisbal is famous for its pottery and ceramics and has plenty of antique shops.

Local Markets

- Monday:** Torroella de Montgri and Cadaques
Tuesday: Castello D' Empuuries, Palamos, Pals and Gerona.
Wednesday: St Pere Pescador, Banyoles, St. Antoni de Calonge and Begur.
Thursday: L'Estartit and Tossa de Mar
Friday: La Bisbal, Playa d'Aro and Port de la Selva.
Saturday: Gerona, Empuria Brava and Palamós (evening market in high season).
Sunday: Rosas, Palafrugell and L'Escala.

Please remember that markets in Spain are only open for the morning. Stalls are set up from approximately 08.00 and close down around 13.00.

Facilities

Petrol: There is a filling station just outside the campsite. Most supermarkets also have petrol stations.

Chemist: There are chemists in L'Estartit and Torroella. They all have similar opening hours; 09.00 to 14.00 and 16.00 to 20.00

Bank: There is a cash dispenser on site. The nearest bank with a cash dispenser is in L'Estartit.

Post Office: The closest post office to site is in L'Estartit, it is open from 08.00 until 14.30.

Tourist Information: The nearest tourist information office is just down from the seafront of L'Estartit.

Distances

- Torroella de Montgri: 6km (4 miles)
L'Escala: 12km (8 miles)
Gerona: 43km (27 miles)
Barcelona 140km (87 miles)



Local Transport

There are train stations in Gerona and Flaca with connections to Barcelona and Portbou (the Spanish/French border).

Doctor

During high season a private doctor visits the site daily between 10.00 and 13.00 and between 17.00 and 19.00. Otherwise, a doctor may be organised to visit the site should there be an emergency. Please enquire at reception for further information.

Dentist

There is a dental clinic in L'Estartit.
Tel: 972 75 14 74

Emergency Services

There is a three-digit phone number for the emergency services:

General Emergencies:	112
Fire:	085
Ambulance:	085
Local Police:	091

Eating and Drinking

You may like to try these restaurants and bars that have been recommended by Canvas customers and couriers in previous years:

Roberts, L'Estartit. A quality restaurant housed in a grand manor, with a beautiful al fresco dining area. Served are Catalan and British specialities, using fresh ingredients of the area. Not to be missed.

Barracuda Café, L'Estartit. Although not strictly a restaurant (also a café with internet access), this eatery serves delicious meals and very generous portions! Favourites are the Barracuda burger, Fajitas, the mixed grill and the Sunday Roast (apparently the best on the Costa Brava). Very relaxed atmosphere with couches and screens for sports and films, and a large patio outdoor seating area.

Es Baluart, Cadaques. Excellent Catalan cuisine and extremely popular with local residents. Set menus are available at reasonable prices.

La Cellar de Can Sierra, Empuriabrava. Catalan cuisine with a three course menu for two, including house wine costing about €25.

Nora Batty's Fish & Chip Takeaway, L'Estartit. Pizzas, kebabs, pies, gravy and mushy peas complete the home from home, takeaway option.

Nearby

The charming old former smugglers' village of Cadaques, to the north of the site, is famous for



its links with Salvador Dali. At Portlligat there is a fascinating museum dedicated to Dali's life and works. The museum displays wonderful paintings, sculptures, jewellery and engravings. Figueras also has strong links with Salvador Dali and the Museu Dalí has a remarkable collection of his work. Dali's body is entombed beneath the museum that is located next to the Torre Galatea where the great man lived until his death.

Activities

Apart from the available watersports on the beaches of the Bahia de Rosas, there are also facilities in the area for mountain biking, archery, rock climbing and bungee jumping. Horse riding is available in the area and the Aqua Brava Water park is guaranteed fun for all the family.

Boat Trips and Scuba Diving

With the famous Illes Medes Marine Park Conservation area at L'Estartit, you may wish to go scuba diving, snorkelling or travel on a glass bottomed boat. Excursion Company, based at the port of L'Estartit have an excellent reputation and offer some of these activities. There are tours of the canals of Empuriabrava offered by night, which have proved a popular alternative evening entertainment.

Out and About

Barcelona is a vibrant and exciting city with a rich history and a host of attractions. The new town is characterised by wide tree-lined boulevards in direct contrast with the Barri Gòtic (Gothic quarter) and its narrow twisting streets. Here you will find the remains of old Roman walls and an impressive Gothic cathedral. Leading from the port to the Plaça de Catalunya are the famous Ramblas, a tree-lined avenue with newspaper kiosks, flower stalls, bird-sellers, fortune-tellers, cafés, shops and restaurants.

Regional Information

Catalonia

Sheltered by the Pyrenees, this region borders the Mediterranean and occupies northeastern Spain. Catalonia enjoys a dry, sunny climate and has a rich variety of natural beauty. The coastal region of Catalonia is the main tourist area with over 400km of coastline.

Eating and Drinking – Regional Specialities

Paella is a typical dish, sometimes eaten as a very filling hors d'oeuvre before the main course. An alternative to a heavy lunch or for supper is tapas, small savoury snacks laid out on bar counters for example; squid, olives, prawns, anchovies, cold ham, tomato or potato salads and tortilla (potato omelette). Catalonia's excellent gastronomy is characterised by seafood and rice dishes and wonderful wine.

Things to do and see

*A • an admission charge is payable for these attractions.

Family Fun

Water/Theme Parks

Aqua Brava • A fabulous water park with giant slides, rafting, a pirate boat, mini toboggans and jacuzzi. Bahía de Rosas. (*A, free for children under 80cm).

Aquadiver • Great day out for children at this leisure park, with pools, slides, an adventure lake, wild river, hydrotherapy pools and a children's 'games' lake. Near Playa d'Aro (open daily, *A).

Marineland • A large pool and water slide leisure centre with many attractions including a Dolphinarium, marine zoo and boating pool. In Palafolls, between Blanes and Malgrat de Mar (Open daily, *A).

PortAventura • This complex consists of the famous PortAventura theme park and the Costa Caribe waterpark. Plummet at a breakneck 110km/h on the Dragon Khan, or relax in the Caribbean style pools. (Open daily, *A)

Water World • A leisure complex with a huge swimming pool, wave machine, flumes and currents. Near Lloret de Mar, direction Blanes (Open daily, *A).

Parks/Animal Attractions

Barcelona Zoo • The zoo of Barcelona is one of the most famous and best-equipped zoos in Europe. Recent additions to the zoo include a larger and improved terrarium, and also the largest playground of Barcelona. Children especially will love with the zoo – the animal inhabitants include bears, lions, zebras, alligators, hippos and kangaroos (Open daily, *A).

Parc Güell • The most famous park in Barcelona. Designed by Antoni Gaudí, it is an enchanted park full of surprises where your imagination can run wild. The famous winding mosaic benches and the Gaudí House-Museum border the park (Open daily, *A).

Museums

Museu Picasso • Three exceptional 14th-century Gothic manors hold the collection of the great artist Picasso's youthful works. Barcelona. (Closed Mon, *A).

Teatro- Museu Dalí • Located in a converted theatre, complete with larger than life 'eggs', this is an opportunity to view his most marvellous works of art, including the 'Mae West' room and the incredible ceiling mural. Figueres. (Closed Mon, *A).

Casa Museu Salvador Dalí • This was Salvador Dalí and Gala's home in Portlligat, near Cadaques from 1930 to his death in 1989. You will need to make a



reservation to view the house-museum. A beautiful beach front setting in a quaint, coastal village (*A).

Museu de Futbol Club • This history of the Football Club of Barcelona is the most visited museum in Catalonia. Housed in the Nou Camp Stadium, it includes an audio/visual room and access into the stands of the stadium (open daily, *A)

Places of Interest

Banyoles • A lovely lakeside town with a good beach and watersports facilities. The town has a 13th century arcaded square and an archaeological museum (*A).

Calella de Palafrugell • This pleasant resort has attractive low buildings strung Aegean-style around a bay of rocky coves and small beaches. A 40-minute stroll along the coastal footpath to Platja del Golfet will bring you to the beautiful botanical gardens, once the gardens of a Tsarist palace.

Empúries • The Graeco-Roman ruins found here make this Catalonia's most important archaeological site. At Empúries you'll find the extensive remains of a Roman city. Greek remains occupy the lower ground where temples, the town gate and several streets can easily be made out. An archaeological museum on the site displays artefacts found during the excavations (*A).

Figuerès • A pleasant town famous for the Museu Dalí which has a remarkable collection of his work. The museum is in a former theatre (itself a surreal work of art), next to the Torre Galatea where Dalí lived until his death in 1989. Dalí's body is entombed beneath the museum (*A).

Montserrat • This spectacular site is steeped in legend and is extraordinary because of its unusual shape. Thousands of pilgrims travel here every year to see and touch the 12th century statue of La Morenata, the Black Virgin. You can take funicular trips to the Hermitages of Saint Joan and Saint Jeronimo where a short climb will take you to the summit and a fabulous view. Before leaving, try a sip of 'aromas de Montserrat', a liqueur distilled from mountain herbs.

Tossa de Mar • This popular coastal resort, known as the "Blue Paradise", has retained much of its original character. Perched on a hill above the modern town and surrounded by 12th century walls, the Vila Vella (old town) is a maze of cobbled alleys and stone and whitewashed houses. Climb the lighthouse for a spectacular view of the bay.

Montblanc • An enchanting, medieval village whose ancient gates are too narrow for cars. Park outside the walls and stroll through the narrow streets. At the main gates a map points out the sites. One of the most impressive churches is the parish church of Santa Maria, a majestic building in Catalan Gothic style.

Sitges • A seaside town and a major gay summer resort. As well as two beaches, Sitges also has some fine museums, particularly the Museu Cau Ferrat founded by the Catalan artist Santiago Rusiñol. The collection includes some of his own paintings and several paintings by El Greco and Picasso (*A).

Perpignan • At the heart of all Roussillon roads lies the ancient capital of the kings of Majorca. With one of the most beautiful palaces in Europe, it also has much in the way of architectural heritage. A 'must see' is the 'Le Castillet', built at the end of the 14th century, with a massive fortified gateway, which is now home to the Catalan Museum of Popular Arts and Traditions. The palace of the Kings of Majorca is situated at the top of a hill named 'Puid del Rei', looking down upon 700 years of Roussillon history.

Cerè • Ceret is a beautiful town, famous for its artistic links. It is also delightfully known as the 'Cherry Capital of France'. Many artists have lived in this picturesque place and drawn their inspiration from the surroundings. Here you will find the Museum of Modern Art, Creation Cubism and Passion.

Peretallada • A medieval fortified village with cobbled streets and an abundance of restaurants with mouth-watering Catalan cuisine.

Gerona • A beautiful historic city. It is a pleasure just to wander through the medieval alleys in the old quarter. The labyrinth of narrow lanes in the old Jewish quarter known as El Call is well worth a visit. Climb the monumental Baroque steps to the magnificent cathedral, one of Spain's most beautiful sacred buildings with the widest single Gothic arch span in the world. You can visit the bell tower for a good view of the city and tour the superb cloisters.

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