

# LA RIBERA D'EBRE

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## THE RIBERA D'EBRE - MYTHICAL LANDS ALONG THE BANKS OF A RIVER

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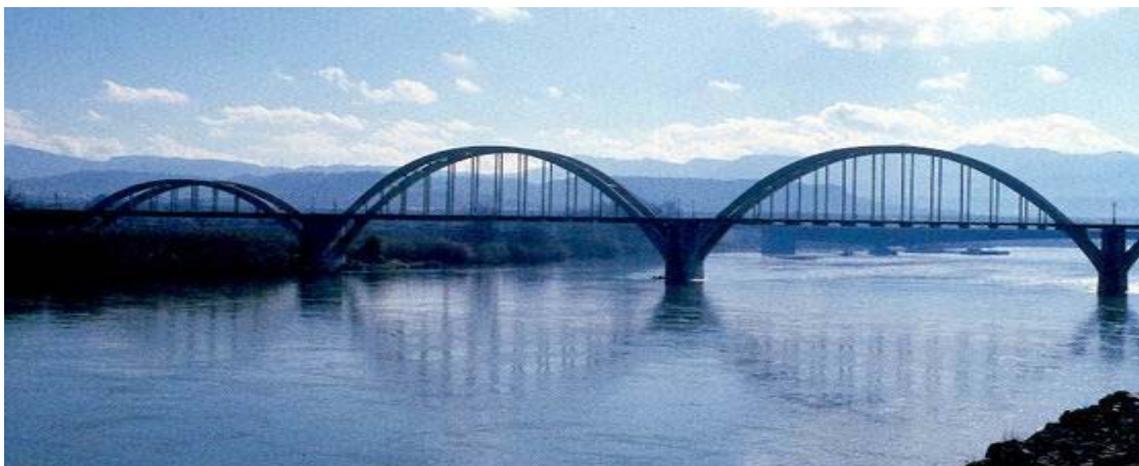
It can be said that a territory is not formed exclusively by the surroundings and its people but also by its mythology. **The Ebro River Basin, an irrigated region crossed from north to south by the Ebro River**, has cultivated a rich collective imagination.

Iberians and the wolves, the moors and the waterwheels, Templarian treasures, Carlists and bandits; the barges and the men on the towropes, all form part of the riverside region, its visible and hidden corners. From the Iberian cult of the wolf in the archaic legend about the city of Iltirca, to the skill of the river boatsmen guiding their wooden cargo ferries 'Llaguts,' along the waterways, the local mythology is clearly an additional attraction of the area.

**The Ebro River Basin is a region of visual contrasts.** The riverbanks are lush with vegetation and crops of sweet fruit; full of the characteristic flavour and colour that makes them so attractive at the markets. But as we move away from the river the scenery gradually transforms into a landscape of olive trees, vineyards, almond trees and crops adapted to more arid terrain.

The Mediterranean pine forests leave almost no record of the great leafy oaks of the past and **the valley terrain becomes steeper at its limits, as if to emphasize its streamlined silhouette.** The region's natural wealth of water and good communication with the rest of the country has attracted industry to the area over the last century.

The friendly character of the river basin people was forged most significantly during the mid-nineteenth century period of grain trade that made use of the river as a major commercial route. This commercial fever led traders from the inland to settle in villages along the river. Great grain stores were constructed and even some deserted hamlets like Masos de Mora ended up becoming important towns, that one being known today as Mora la Nova.



The bridge of Móra d'Ebre joins la capital of the Ribera d'Ebre, to Móra la Nova spanning the Ebro river. Opened in 1943, it replaces the old iron bridge built by La Maquinista Terrestre i Marítima in 1918 that was destroyed by the Republican Army in 1938.

**Years ago, wooden barges or cargo ferries travelled the river laden with grain, while the boatmen 'sirgadors' and 'llaguters' demonstrated their expertise at guiding these peculiar vessels along the fabulous meandering river; the mythical Ebro.** The figure of the sirgador, rough men made strong by years of tugging the towropes along the river to advance the boats, is present in many of the literary pages written by the waterfront people. Artur Bladé or Biarnés Carmel, two literary classics from the Ribera d' Ebre region, are full of references to the exploits of these people.

The historical heritage that the region treasures is very rich and is nourished by ancient history of great importance. It's no secret, for example, that as a result of some inscriptions found in the cell where the last Templarian master Jacques de Molay was held captive in Paris, searches are being carried out in the Ribera d'Ebre region near Ascó for the Temple Treasure. Support for such a hypothesis can be found in the castles of Miravet and Ascó, the first of which was the last remaining bastion of the Order in Catalonia.

**The historical and mythological heritage of the area is an additional redeeming feature, as are the scenic beauty and the nectar sweet regional agricultural products.** All in the region is embraced by the river, which, like a scar of life and its desires, splits the county almost symmetrically.

## **HISTORY AND MYTHOLOGY**

The oldest archaeological findings of human settlements in the Ribera d'Ebre date back to the **Upper Palaeolithic** Era and can be found in the villages of Vinebre and Rasquera. From a later period, examples of Levantine cave paintings can be seen in the dry riverbed of Font de la Vilella (Tivissa). Highlights can be found in the Ramat cave, the Cingle cave and the Font del Pi cave including five, small, stylized figures.

The most important findings however, are from the **Iberian period**. Two major points of Iberian culture in the region are Castellet de Banyoles in the municipality of Tivissa and San Miguel in Vinebre. These were both important fortified enclosures complete with towers, and were located in strategic points. Interesting archaeological remains have been found in both sites. The Iberian culture is the first great civilization of which we find true remains. Here the Iberians of the river lands, known as the "ilercavons" had reigned.

Another long gone but important **civilization** of the region is **Roman**. The amphorae found at the Roman villa Aumedina in Tivissa, where they had been made, demonstrate that agricultural products from the region, like oil and wine, had been traded and regarded in high esteem since ancient times, by the Romans of the Mediterranean.

Centuries later, the Moroccan **Arabs** left their mark on the Ribera d'Ebre. Some of the town's names are an example of this, like Benissanet or Miravet. The wells and the generalised irrigation systems of an industrious people are evident all along the valley, where the green leafy riverbanks were claimed by settlers with an eye for cultivation.

Early in the 12th century, the river basin territory was divided between the province of Tortosa and that of Siurana, which included much of the current municipalities of Tivissa, Móra d'Ebre, Móra la Nova and Garcia.

Later these strongholds would fall under the protection of the cross when Count Ramon Berenguer IV granted Miravet to the Templars. There, after a monumental siege they established themselves in the castle and eventually became the last bastion of the Order in Catalonia.



Two important command posts remain to the modern day from the **Templar Legacy**; the castles of Miravet and Ascó, along with numerous mythical legends.

Photo: Miravet Castle. D. G. Patrimoni Cultural / MHC / Pepo Segura

Count Ramon Berenguer IV granted a charter to the conquered Moorish people as a safeguard for those wishing to continue in the Ribera d'Ebre region after their defeat. Thanks to the fertility of the land, these people farmed and cultivated the area until the general expulsion of the Moors in 1610, all of which increased the agricultural heritage and the legacy of artisan tradition still prevalent today in the regional produce.

In the area's capital, Móra d'Ebre, an annual festival is held to commemorate **this period of coexistence between three cultures, The Moors, The Jews and The Christians**. The festival celebrates a bygone era of commercial splendour, with re-enactments in the old town and displays of craft-man's skills used in the manufacture of quality, local agricultural products.

**The river, as a communicating waterway, is strategically placed and fast, thanks to its vertebrate structure, and was the focal point of interest to several feudal lords within the territory; in some cases their efforts to dominate creating many tensions between them.**

Most noticeable is the footprint left by the magnitude of the **Spanish Civil War** and in particular the so-called Batalla de l'Ebre. This was a bloody confrontation that left numerous vestiges, which can still be visited today. These serve as a reminder of the brutality of war and as an insight into the twisted road to peace.

Of particular interest in this respect is the Air Raid Shelter at Font Gran de Benissanet, the Castle of Móra de Ebre or the Air Raid Shelter at Flix. All 3 of these places are worth a visit as each stands witness to the past and are in an optimal state of **conservation** after their respective restorations.

Everywhere you look **the castles, the fortifications, the great old homesteads or the churches, tell of either architectural beauty which has been scarred** by the fruit of men's' greed, or the collective imagination fuelled by legendary exploits of heroism, betrayals and passions.

And so, **if the river is the first great mythological element of this territory, the whole region abounds in legends** that are the last traces left to us of a greater historical memory.

**Legends** of the supernatural, tell of vampire dogs, the Dip, lords of the sunsets, the full moons in the Sierra de Llaberia, the Temple Treasure, the last dramatic siege of Miravet, Carlist bandits, crude and violent novels about the river boatmen and the oriental aura of the Moors.

Legends about terrible floods that destroyed everything abound, as do stories of bloody battles, the Ebre, the Civil War, bullets, mortars and hatred. Also well known in the region are the legends of the San Antoni bonfires, the Spring equinox and Napoleon's French army with General Suchet at its head.

Legends, which ultimately whisper to us from their birthplaces, give the existing heritage a mythical atmosphere like that which the great river still exudes today.

Of note is the "Jota", a popular regional folk dance, traditionally danced to adorn and celebrate local events or festivals. In recent years this form of dance has gained fresh following, and it is hoped that someday soon characteristics specific to each town's melody and steps can be revived.

**Visitors coming to the Ribera d'Ebre will not only take away with them the memory of the region's visible and sensory wonders, but also, unconsciously, the spell of the myths and hidden secrets, palpable across the region through its marked personality and distinctive character.**

## CLIMATE AND LANDSCAPE

**The river land's climate is conditioned by a wealth of orographic weather systems. In general it is not unlike the nearby coastal weather, but temperatures can be more extreme in summer and winter.** It has a mild Mediterranean climate with moderate variations caused by the particular contours of the landscape.

The river valley and basin around Móra are areas of microclimate where temperatures intensify with relation to the mountainsides. Rainfall is generally low and the summers are long and hot. The phenomenon of microclimate can result in sultry nights in the middle of August along the riverbanks, and yet, in a more mountainous area like Tivissa the evenings would remain mild.

**The intense heat in the river valley and basin is important for agricultural crops** and provides a distinct advantage for early ripening of sweet seeded fruit.

In contrast, the more airy mountainous regions are ideal for crops with less water requirements, such as **vineyards and olive groves**. They benefit from this privileged position, which at the same time confers them **with unique local character**.

**The contrasts between the green flanks of the river and the more arid inland areas create a magnificent visual carpet.** In spring, the fields of flowering orchards profusely strewn throughout the valley are a worthy spectacle of the most

exquisite colours, and further afield the vegetation gradually thins out towards the mountainous interior areas.

The colony de Aleppo pine (*Pinus halepensis*) stands amongst the scrubby undergrowth of mainly rosemary and heather bushes, although in some of the surrounding areas yellow broom (*Genista scoparia*) makes a grand show of spring colour, so much so that possibly this striking shrub gave name to one of the nearby towns: Ginestar.

A special mention must go to the majestic poplar groves, which adorn, with luscious opulence, the shores of the magnificently meandering Ebro river.

**The generally temperate climate of the Ribera, its long summers and spectacular landscape, beckon visitors keen to engage in water sports and hiking activities.**

## **PRODUCTS OF THE LAND, LOCAL GASTRONOMY, TRADITIONAL CRAFTS AND FAIRS**

**Agriculture was a staple for economic growth in the Ribera d'Ebre up until the industrial energy of the early 20th century began to create rival outputs.** The Ebre valley's fertility, loamy berms, the special climate and the drier inlands, where irrigation networks have gradually been implemented, have favoured the agricultural activity of the region, now able to offer a range of renowned and prestigious products to the markets.

**Currently, the Ribera d'Ebre is a benchmark for quality all over the country as a reference for fresh fruit cultivation. Peaches and red cherries would be considered the main players.**

Red Peaches, with their excellent texture, sweetness and colour, occupy a large part of the hectares of orchards, especially those in areas of intensive irrigation.

Another superstar of the nectarian dream is the cherry. The Riberenca Cherry has won a special place in the agro-food markets as an early variety, rich in colour and sweetness.

Other stone fruit crops are being introduced, and new varieties, such as the nectarine and Paraguayan Peach are appearing in the local nurseries. All find the farmland of the Ribera an ideal ally to fulfilling the nectarian dream and satisfying even the most demanding of palates.

In the upper regions of the Ribera, the most widespread crops are grapes and olives. Both of these is important owing to the final products derived: olive oil and wine. Both products are historically very well established in the region.



Olive oil production in the Ribera d'Ebre is uniquely singular. **The region is probably the territory with the most different varieties of olive trees established in the country,** thanks logically to a climate that favours the correct development of the many distinct classes of olives, each with their own particular stage of ripening.

**The Riberenca wines are also the result of a synergy between climate and a special soil composition.** The white varieties dominate the river flats, producing an intensely fruity but low alcoholic white wine, whilst in the mountainous areas there are black vintage varieties, which stand out because of their spectacular colour and high alcohol percentages.

Commercial concerns arising from an eagerness to produce quality agricultural goods, have been, for some years now, the driving force behind the establishment of trade fairs in many of the regional villages; serving as commercial showcases and popular entertainment.

**Agricultural fairs have a strong tradition in the Ribera.** The most notorious with regards antiquity and public affluence is the Agriculture and Livestock Industrial Fair of Móra la Nova. Held in autumn, it is one of the most important business and leisure events in the region.

Another interesting fair, well connected in the rural world, is the Livestock and Crafts Fair in Rasquera. There you can find anything from craftsmen hand-weaving palm leaves into baskets to native breeds of white goat.

In many other towns of the region agro-food trade and handcraft fairs are held throughout the year. **The common denominator in all of these is the same: to showcase a few products of excellence, demonstrate the synergetic fruits of a particular soil and celebrate the climate and a job well done.**

**Closely linked to the local agriculture is the ancient craft of pottery.** Clay has always been an ally of the farmers. In Miravet, a pottery tradition grew that is still of significant importance today.

The manufacture of jugs, pitchers, jars and other objects can still be seen today, in the ceramic factories at the entrance of the town. This ancient craft, using the potters' wheel, has not only survived, but grown in popularity, and despite being modernized has lost none of its essence.

## INDUSTRY

**Perhaps the most important historical Riberenca industries were the distilleries.** The distilling of alcohol and manufacture of spirits was important throughout the 19th and early 20th centuries. In Mora la Nova the ovens and tall brick chimneys can still be seen; relics of the era.

**Early last century, good road and rail communications, along with the hydraulic wealth of the river and mild climate, were decisively attractive when industry fixed its eye on the country. Petrochemical Flix** filled the town with Germans and outsourced labour in a population that until then had only known agriculture as an occupation.

The population of Flix and its surrounding towns donned their new aprons to welcome a new people and to face the major challenges of industry. The factory absorbed many of the field labourers and other workers from weakened sectors, and gave the north of the Ribera a breath of new life, with a colony of German technicians and employees who would transmit new ways of understanding life and business.

But the most important industrial development was the construction of two nuclear power plants in Ascó during the mid-20th century. Controversy was rife at first, and still is today, but the truth is that beyond this debate, the nuclear power plants provided jobs to a high percentage of the local population, attracted a lot of manpower from outside and created huge demand for the service sector, bars, restaurants, hotels and shops.

Much of the Riberenca service sector was born to meet those needs, and has been an important asset rising to meet new challenges such as the emerging sector of active recreation and discovery tourism since.

Industry, especially the energy industry, has slowly been developing alongside an increasingly professional and intensive agricultural sector. A **service sector is also gaining ground**, working to ensure the preservation of scenic beauty, respecting historical and cultural heritage and promoting culinary delicacies and agro-food produce. All this is being developed with heightened professionalism and improved resources.

Quite a challenge, no doubt, for a region with so much personality as the Ribera d'Ebre, to be included among the chosen destinations for discovery by people unaware of the historical and gastronomic culture, or the mythical aura of the river basin.

## **THE RIVER**

It has always been said that "**water is life**." Since ancient times, man has sought to settle close to watercourses. Rivers are the true arteries of humanity, collecting in their flow the history of the lands they lap.

**The Ebro River crosses the county from north to south and is a fascinating river.** Ebro or Ebre comes from the word "Iber", a name derived from one of the first cultures well established in our land, the Iberians.

The river carves a wonderful topography through the county as it meanders all the way to the Delta with a spirit at once untameable and yet generous in character.

**Life with the river has not always been easy.** Repeated floods, until the construction of regulating dams, swept away many a dream of those who had approached the green waters of the Ebro, paradoxically to build a future.

The river has been, from the beginning, a lifeline for the crops and the water itself. It is a magnet for life. Later it became a rapid and effective arterial road for the wooden barges and the strong men hauling the ropes, bringing down river loads of grain, minerals and other goods.

As we have seen, the river has also been the source of wealth for certain industries that required its precious flow. Yet today, the river is more than that.



Generous by nature, the river Ebro is the greatest waterway in Spain and the 2nd longest after the Tajo. With a total length of 930kms, the river basin is the most extensive in the country. It is a genuine privilege that the Ribera d'Ebre is crossed from north to south by this great river.

The river is a living and unperturbed part of the Riberenc history and the source of a new need: recreation. **We no longer look at the river only as a predator with the eyes of need. We look also fondly and hope to experience here moments of enjoyment. The recreational activities around the river are growing exponentially.**

In line with demand, today's tourists are ferried along the water in wooden barges, kayaks and shallow draft boats, attend the major festivals that are staged along its banks, wander the river walkways and take part in sporting competitions.

Whether known as The 'Mythical' river of the great poet Verges, the 'Magic' river of Biarnés Carmel, the 'Peaceful' river of Bladé, or the 'Dream' river of Andreu Carranza, the Ebro River has become the life artery of the Riberenc waterfront tourism.

**Routes organized along the riverbanks, navigation, water sports, pleasure trips by boat, the towpaths and the related festivities are a sign that the river is more than just a resource. It is the affective symbol of a region.**

Without the river the Ribera d'Ebre would be so different! Impossible to imagine! All the locals know this, and have managed to channel their devotion and admiration to encourage people who do not know it yet, but who may want to explore the chromatic waters, in a characteristic and life inspiring adventure.

For this reason men and women, boys and girls, know that yes, "water is life", but our **river is more than that. The river IS the Ribera d'Ebre.**

## HIKING, BIKING AND NATURAL RESERVES

**The magnificent winding river, the wooded glades of the riverbanks, the colour contrasts, the mild climate and rich history present an invitation for hikers and cyclists.**

There are many routes already marked and open to enthusiasts of these recreational activities. Walking paths specifically carved to highlight the panoramic views are perfect for those who desire both exercise and breathtaking scenery; the images and terrain providing opportunity for both.

Three stages of the GR-99, for example, extend through the territory. These are otherwise known as the Camí Natural de l'Ebre (37, 38 and 39). At some points these coincide with the Camí de Sirga, paths forged by the footsteps of the 'sirgadors,' the strong men who towed barges up the river. There are numerous walking trails where visitors can enjoy the shady banks of the Ebro whilst following the prodigious riverbends, and remembering and imagining the long gone days when tough burly men could be seen tugging the barges along.

The GR-99 is suitable for excursions on foot or by mountain bike.

Beyond the verges of the river, there are also trails, paths and hiking routes that gradually abandon the river and enter into the heart of the mountains. Old carriage roads, and other abandoned stock routes, today are a delight for walkers and cyclists.

Some of these routes venture into places of extraordinary beauty such as the **Reserva Natural de Sebes, the nature reserve of the Serra de Llaberia or the nature reserve of the mountains of Tivissa-Vandellòs.**



The Nature Reserve of Sebes is a waterfront natural treasure. Poplars, willows and silver birch, among other hardwood species, surround the lagoon of the reserve, the greenery reflecting in the river water. It is a special safe haven for birds. Of note is the presence of storks and kingfishers flying over the lagoon while horses graze peacefully along the shores. Photo: Mariano Cebolla.

In contrast to the rich wetlands of Sebes, walkers can also enjoy the rocky terrain and steep slopes of the Serra de Llaberia. Views from the summit are spectacular, with the sea on the horizon, and are guaranteed to lift the spirits of any visitor. No less attractive are the routes through the mountains of Tivissa-Vandellòs where small streams, rocky ravines, inhospitable forests, old homesteads and the

scrubby undergrowth full of aromatic herbs are a feast for the senses of any hiker or visitor.

A special mention must go also to the **Nature Reserve of Riba-Roja**; a markedly natural terrain of mountains, encompassing a massive conglomerate reservoir.

In this man-made lake, many aquatic sports, including sailing, canoeing, rowing, boating, and fishing can be enjoyed. Houseboats are located on the water.

Ultimately, the Ribera d'Ebre offers a very wide choice of landscapes and places of interest, each with its own personality and natural scenic features, but all of them of appeal to hikers, horse riders and mountain bikers.

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## LOCATION AND HOW TO GET THERE

### Inland but not inaccessible

The motorway network is effective, a maximum of forty minutes away from the most distant town. The quality of roads has improved considerably in recent years and the both the railway and river crosses the region; the latter once being the area's main artery.

The winding roads of yester-year have long-since been replaced; only some sections retaining their original character. These changes have taken place due to the region's particular geography.

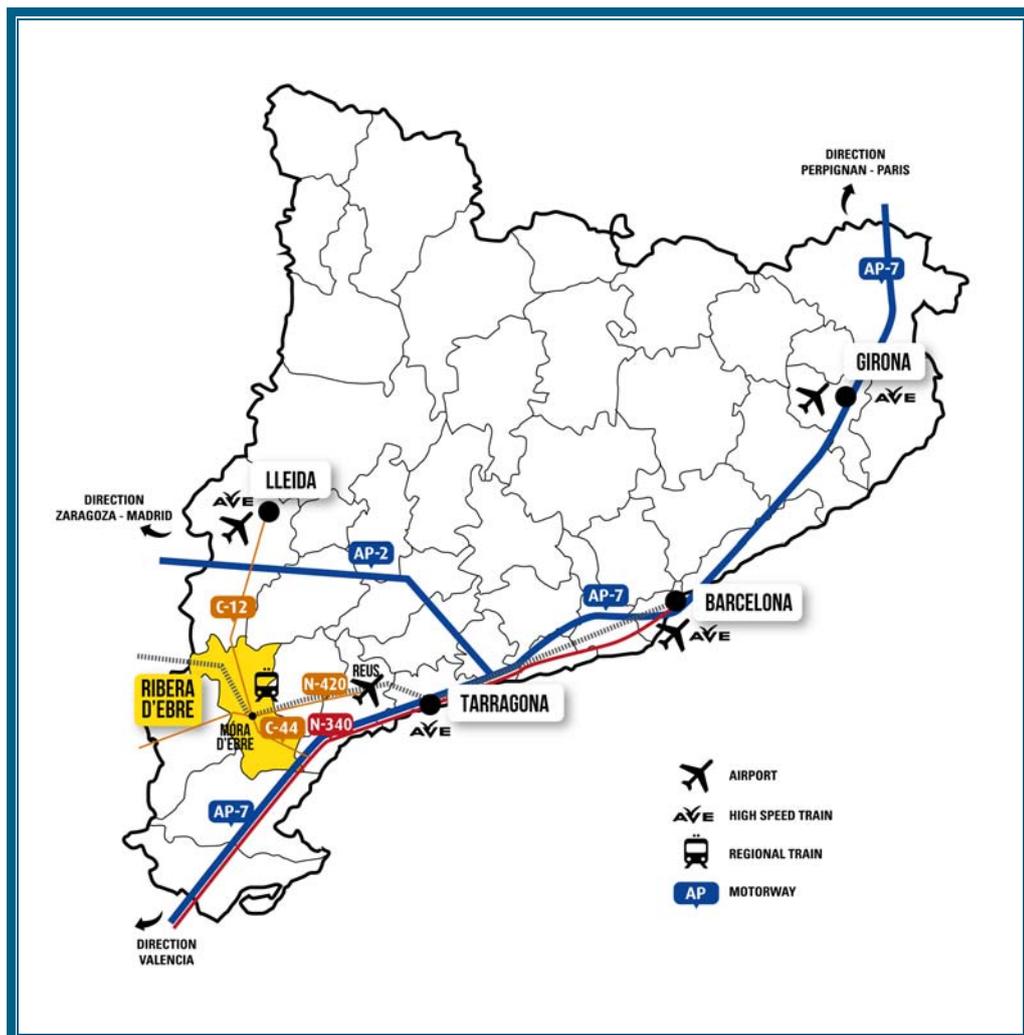
The HIFE and Hispano-Igualadina bus Companies offer a service to almost all the towns and links are then provided to neighbouring ones.

**La Ribera is a region where the towns are well connected by the road network. It has efficient motorway networks which make it accessible from outside the region, with a special rail service that connects cities such as Reus, Barcelona, Zaragoza or Casp to Móra la Nova, Flix and Ascó o Riba-roja.**

**In addition, it counts on the proximity of Reus Airport and the AVE high-speed train stopping at the nearby cities of Lleida and Tarragona.** In short, we conclude that the Ribera d'Ebre region is well connected despite being inland.

<p><b>BY CAR</b></p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>✓ Eix de l'Ebre (Ebro Axis: C-12): goes from Lleida to Amposta running along side the Ebro River from north to south. Ideal for getting to the regions of Baix Ebre and Ribera d'Ebre.</li><li>✓ N-420: goes from Tarragona to Zaragoza, through Reus-Falset-Móra d'Ebre-Gandesa-Alcañiz from east to west. Ideal for getting to the Priorat, Ribera d'Ebre, Terra Alta and Matarranya regions.</li><li>✓ C-44: an alternative scenic route from Hospitalet de l'Infant to the Eix de l'Ebre (C-12) going through Tivissa.</li><li>✓ TV-3022: connects the N-340, between l'Ampolla and l'Ametlla de Mar, going through Perelló until Rasquera and the Eix de l'Ebre. Ideal for getting to Miravet and Ribera d'Ebre.</li></ul>
<p><b>BY TRAIN</b></p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>✓ RENFE Medium Distance trains (Regionals): Barcelona - Reus - Móra la Nova - Flix and Barcelona - Reus - Casp, RENFE Long Distance trains: Barcelona - Reus - Zaragoza - Madrid. There are stations at Marçà - Falset, Capçanes, els Guiamets, Móra la Nova, Ascó, Flix and Riba-roja d'Ebre.</li><li>✓ AVE – High-speed train (Barcelona-Tarragona-Lleida-Zaragoza-Madrid line) from Lleida and Tarragona train stations.</li></ul>
<p><b>BY BUS</b></p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>✓ La Ribera d'Ebre has regular bus lines offered by the Hispano Igualadina and HIFE companies connecting the main towns in the region with Lleida, Barcelona, Tarragona and Zaragoza.</li></ul>

Location map:



## TOURIST INFORMATION CENTRES



A highly knowledgeable and passionate team are on hand in the network of tourist information centres throughout the region, and will, at all times, endeavour to ensure that your stay in the Ribera d'Ebre is both pleasant and fruitful.

TOWN		ADDRESS	WEB PAGE
<b>ASCÓ</b>	Tourist Information Centre	Plaça de l'Estació, 3. Ascó. Tel. 977 406583 / <a href="mailto:turisme@asco.cat">turisme@asco.cat</a>	<a href="http://turisme.asco.cat">http://turisme.asco.cat</a>
<b>TIVISSA</b>	Tourist Information Centre	C. de la Foig, 5. Tivissa. Tel. 977417551-977418014 / <a href="mailto:info@tivissa.cat">info@tivissa.cat</a>	<a href="http://www.tivissa.cat">www.tivissa.cat</a>
<b>BENISSANET</b>	Tourist Information Point	C. d'Antoni Gaudi, 1. Benissanet. Tel. 977407915 / <a href="mailto:rmartinez@benissanet.altanet.org">rmartinez@benissanet.altanet.org</a>	<a href="http://www.benissanet.cat">www.benissanet.cat</a>
<b>SEBES NATURE RESERVE</b>	Tourist Information Point	Mas del Director, Reserva Natural de Sebes. Flix. 977265112 / : <a href="mailto:administracio@reservanaturalsebes.org">administracio@reservanaturalsebes.org</a>	<a href="http://www.reservanaturalsebes.com">www.reservanaturalsebes.com</a>
<b>MIRAVET</b>	Tourist Information Point	Plaça Major, 1. Miravet. Tel. 608189733-977407134 / <a href="mailto:infomiravet@altanet.org">infomiravet@altanet.org</a>	<a href="http://www.miravet.cat/turisme">www.miravet.cat/turisme</a>
<b>MÓRA D'EBRE</b>	Tourist Information Point	Plaça Sant Roc, s/n. Móra d'Ebre. Tel. 977414029 / <a href="mailto:infoturisme@riberaebre.org">infoturisme@riberaebre.org</a>	<a href="http://www.riberaebre.org/turisme">www.riberaebre.org/turisme</a>
<b>MAS DE LA COIXA (hostel)</b>	Tourist Information Point	Cruïlla C-12 i N-420. Móra la Nova. Tel. 977400541 / <a href="mailto:albergmasdelacoixa@yahoo.es">albergmasdelacoixa@yahoo.es</a>	<a href="http://www.xanascat.cat">www.xanascat.cat</a>
<b>RIBA-ROJA D'EBRE</b>	Tourist Information Point	Plaça de la Vila, 1. Riba-roja d'Ebre. Tel. 977416003 / <a href="mailto:aj.riba-roja@altanet.org">aj.riba-roja@altanet.org</a>	<a href="http://www.riba-roja.cat">www.riba-roja.cat</a>
<b>SERRA DE LLABERIA</b>	Tourist Information Point	C. Major, 19. La Serra d'Almos. Tel. 977417544-977417599 / <a href="mailto:consorci@serradellaberia.org">consorci@serradellaberia.org</a>	<a href="http://www.serradellaberia.cat">www.serradellaberia.cat</a>

## TOURISM PRODUCTS

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The region is crisscrossed by 'lo riu', the River Ebro, which gives it character and backbone. Its wealth is evident in the numerous civilizations that have inhabited it. Its riverside, mountainous landscapes and benevolent climate once being attractive to the Iberians, Romans, Muslims and Christians who lived here. The region has a varied topography that affects its prolific cuisine, based on agricultural production, where fruit, oil and wine stand out above all else. Lovers of nature, good food, history and legends, will find magical places in the Ribera d'Ebre, as will the more adventurous who want to enjoy an active, outdoor family holiday.

**Touring, Culture and Gastronomic Routes.** Routes of all difficulties, from the most well-known to those with a cultural or gourmet twist, allowing visitors to discover not only the river with its riverside walks or short voyages, or visits which display the stunning interior scenery and hidden away historic places are abundant.

**Ecotourism.** Stays aimed at lovers of nature, ecology and sport, where you can enjoy and photograph either the varied landscape, forests, wetlands, and mountains, the spectacle of cherry and almond blossom or a wide variety of bird life are also popular.

**Boating, Hiking, Climbing, etc. – Active Tourism.** Walk the towpaths and sail the river, or experience the meanders and reservoirs. These are undoubtedly some of the main attractions of the region and are unique in Catalonia.

**Hiking.** Three stages of the GR -99, or “Camí Natural de l'Ebre”, run through the extraordinarily beautiful landscape of the Ribera. In some stages they coincide with the 'Cami de Sirga', Sebes Nature Reserve, and the areas of natural interest: the Llaberia Range, Tivissa - Vandellòs Mountain range and Riba-Roja.

**Bicycle Touring.** Routes of varying difficulty, suitable for the more adventurous or those who want to get started in this sport, are available, tailored also to those travelling alone or in a group/family. A number of hotels are adapted to store bikes, repair them or rent materials.

**Family Holidays.** Suggested also are a series of activities which can be enjoyed by families and which are suitable for all ages and abilities. Choose from a peaceful holiday on a houseboat in Riba-roja, or the discovery of the region and its legends by kayak, mountain bike or on foot.

**Stays for Schools and Young People.** The region has several hostels that offer specialised educational adventure and sporting visits for students and young people.

**Events.** The region offers visitors a wide range of events for all tastes, from traditional fairs to mountain races. Motor sport fans will also find an extensive calendar of events.

**Potteries.** In the Miravet and Benissanet potteries can see how the potters, ceramic artists and artisans work using traditional methods. Enjoy the exhibitions and buy or commission pieces.

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### THE ROUTE OF THE 3 C's

#### MIRAVET CASTLE, THE PINELL DE BRAI CATHEDRAL OF WINE AND THE BENIFALLET CAVES OF WONDER (\*)

This is an easy route that combines history, architecture, nature, gastronomy and tradition via three unique elements of local heritage. Although the three C's can be visited in one day, a two-day stay is always recommended so that the local cuisine can be sampled and to ensure that there is time to visit the rural shops or the long established farm shops and cooperatives which offer an incredible range of home-grown or locally made produce. Once there, visitors and locals can purchase products such as wine, oil, honey, assorted pastries or sweet fruit.



**Suitable for:** all.

**Season:** all year.

**Keywords:** culture, landscape, history, food, wine tasting, Templars, Ebro River.

**More information:** [Miravet Town Hall and Tourist Information Point](#), Pinell Cooperative, Benifallet Tourist Information Office and [accommodation in the area](#).

### THE ROUTE OF THE TEMPLARS (\*)

Domus Templi offer visitors the opportunity to follow in the footsteps of the Templars in the Crown of Aragon. This tour would be of architectural and historical interest to anybody interested in the history of the twelfth and thirteenth centuries, and for tourists who wanted to visit the territories which formed the border between the Christian and Muslim worlds in a crusade that affected mainly the lower banks of the Cinca, Segre and Ebro River basins. A visit to the Miravet Castle is always recommended, and is interesting when combined with visits to other domains such as those of the Knights of the former Crown of Aragon in Tortosa, Peñíscola, Gardeny and Montsó.

**Suitable for:** adults, families, schools and groups, historians.

**Season:** all year round.

**Keywords:** culture, landscape, history, Templar Knights, castle, heritage.

**More information:** [www.domustempli.com](http://www.domustempli.com), [Miravet Town Hall and Tourist Information Point](#), [Musuem of the History of Catalonia and Miravet Castle](#) and [Tourist Information Centres along the Domus Templi Route](#).

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### GUIDED TOURS OF MIRAVET CASTLE (\*)

Miravet Castle is an imposing fortress surrounded by a 25 feet high wall that seems to emerge from the rocks, and is located on a hill overlooking the course of the Ebro and the surrounding land. Its strategic position has made it suitable for a succession of settlements dating from prehistoric times, and has contributed to it playing an important role in various conflicts.

Those visiting Miravet castle should also see the 'Cap de Vila' or old town, and enjoy the Pas de Barca, one of the few remaining reaction ferries in Europe, which makes crossing the Ebro at Miravet, where there is no bridge, both interesting and fun.

While in the area it is recommended that you opt for cuisine of local produce, and sample the typical menus of the 'Templars,' 'Canterers' (potters), 'Clotxa' (a traditional dish prepared by farmers when they had to work in their fields) or 'Llaguter' (boatsmen)



**Suitable for:** adults, families, schools and groups in general.

**Season:** all year.

**Keywords:** culture, landscape, history, food, school activities, historical, Templar.

**Further information:** [Musuem of the History of Catalonia and Miravet Castle](#), [Miravet Town Hall](#) and [accommodation in the area](#)

### GUIDED TOURS OF MIRAVET

Miravet has featured regularly throughout key moments in the history of Catalonia, from the conquest of Ramon Berenguer IV and the Templar domain through to the expulsion of the Moors, the Catalan Revolt, the War of Sucession, the Carlist Wars, and the decisive Battle of the Ebro. Historic Miravet comprises of the old town dominated by the Old Church and is crowned by its Castle. This tour reveals the most authentic and surprising aspects of Miravet as it passes from the the Pas de la Barca, a reaction ferry, to the Old Church, taking in the history and the scenery, including that surrounding the Ebro River, the riparian forest and the Cardó & Cavalls mountain ranges.

**Suitable for:** adults, families and groups in general.

**Season:** all year.

**Keywords:** culture, landscape, history, dramatized tours.

**More information:** [Aureli Monge](#) (organized tours in several languages), [Miravet Tourist Information Point](#)..

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### MIRAVET: THE KNIGHTS TEMPLAR

The Order of the Templars was a medieval, religious and military order, originating in the XII century and disbanded at the beginning of the XIV century. Miravet castle is one of a number the order established in Catalonia, from where they put up a fierce resistance to avoid having to disband. This guided visit looks into the history of these borderlands and the town itself. Through its castle, houses, streets and pathways discover how the friars defended their order with the sword and how the settlers cultivated the Terres de Ribera and prospered. The guided tour of the town of Miravet takes in all the places of cultural and historic interest including the castle, and can include a visit to a local pottery with demonstrations of the craft.

**Suitable for:** Adults, families and groups in general

**Season:** all year

**Key words:** Culture, historic heritage, templars, castel, rural scenes.

**More information:** [Tarvitur](#) and Information Points.



### MÓRA D'EBRE: REDISCOVERING THE NOBLE CITY

Móra and its surrounding riverside lands have been a strategic stronghold for peoples down through the ages, from the first Iberian settlements to the Moorish occupation and later conquest by Ramon Berenguer. The origins of the city will emerge on this visit to the castle, and from there through the city streets where tales of noblemen and royal lineages, legends about local characters and artists are told. The tour ends with winetasting and the chance to try local fare. "Clotxa" is a filling dish of bread, sardines and vegetables that farm labourers used to take to the fields to sustain them through the long working days.



**Suitable for:** Adults, families and groups in general

**Season:** all year

**Key words:** Culture, historic heritage, castel, rural life and gastronomy

**More information:** [Tarvitur](#) and Information Points.

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(\*) Tarvirtur also offers cultural visits to the town of Rasquera, consult web for more information.

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### ROUTE OF THE BATTLE OF THE EBRO

La Ribera d'Ebre has lived first hand one of the most tragic modern historical events of this country, the Battle of the Ebro. This took place between July and November of 1938, at the end of the Spanish Civil War. When considering the battle, five historical sites are to be visited: the Flix bomb shelter, Berrús trenches in Riba-roja d' Ebre, Reguers bunker, the Ascó XV Brigades camp and Benissanet bomb shelter. Here, enthusiasts can follow the route of the journalist and writer Arthur Bladé Desumvila. In addition to the areas mentioned, Miravet Castle and the Mora d'Ebre Castle are worth a visit, as each paid witnesses to many conflicts throughout the years.



**Suitable for:** adults, families and groups.

**Season:** all year.

**Keywords:** culture, landscape, historical tours.

**More information:** [La Ribera d'Ebre Comarcal Council](#) , [Memorial Consortium of the Ebro Battle Sites](#) and [Benissanet Town Hall](#).

### A WEEKEND IN FLIX

Rural Vilar Riu de Baix Resort is located in a magnificent meander in the middle of the River Ebro and the Sebes Nature Reserve. Visitors here will be interested to learn that Flix is a town where the river passes twice, be able to admire the Sebes Nature Reserve, can explore the river Ebro in a kayak or visit both the imposing castle and the bomb shelter, used in the bloody battle of the Ebro.

**Suitable for:** all groups and families.

**Season:** weekends throughout the year, especially popular in spring and summer.

**Keywords:** landscape, food, activities, boating, relaxation, culture.

**More information:** Rural Vilar Riu de Baix Resort.

**Més informació:** [Vilar Riu de Baix Resort](#) .



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### A LONG WEEKEND IN FLIX, MIRAVET

The Rural Vilar Riu de Baix Resort offers a stay that includes not only the opportunity to visit Flix and the Sebes Nature Reserve, but also offers to take you to Miravet along the Ebro River on the Lo Roget boat. In Miravet, visitors can wonder at the imposing castle and learn the history of the Templars and the potters. The local cuisine is excellent; a compliment to the day's agenda.

**Suitable for:** all groups and families.

**Season:** weekends throughout the year, especially popular in spring and summer. The boat trip is only available in certain months, from Easter to October.

**Keywords:** landscape, food, activities, boating, relaxation, culture.

**More information:** [Vilar Riu de Baix Resort](#).

### THE SCENE OF THE BATTLE OF THE EBRO

The Monrural de Benissanet Apartment Hotel, set in the heart of a magnificent estate of peaches and nectarines, is unprecedented in the area, offering a high quality, socially responsible and environmentally enlightened facility to the region. This location offers visitors an ideal starting point for those wishing to discover the most historically interesting places relating to the Battle of the Ebro. Interested parties can begin with a guided tour of the Font Gran Bomb Shelter in Benissanet, built during the war for the local women with the help of Republican soldiers. Dedicated spaces present an exhibition of the images of war, and an audiovisual display, documented by live witnesses, tells of how the shelter was constructed.

Due to the recent celebration of its 75th anniversary, there is currently renewed interest in visiting the sites of this, the bloodiest battle that the country has ever witnessed.



**Suitable for:** adults, families, groups

**Season:** all year.

**Keywords:** culture, history, Battle of the Ebro, nature.

**More information:** [Aparthotel Monrural](#)

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### OIL AND WINE TASTING IN MÓRA D'EBRE

The guesthouse and farm shop '7 de Ribera' in Mora de Ebro, encourages its visitors into town where many little gems can be discovered. Tourists here will see the the river front, observe the impact of the force of floods, learn about influence of the Moorish and Jewish presence, visit the most emblematic sites of the Spanish Civil and Carlist Wars, walk the 'carrer dels escultors,' the scuptors' street, where five artists, including Julio Antonio, carry out their work; work which is inspired by the Ebro River. The well-stocked farm shop offers a range of local products so that visitors can take a little piece of Ribera d'Ebre home. Oils, wines, nuts, preserves, jams, liqueurs and other quality products being in frequent production. Visits are often combined with product tastings, usually wine and oil, and sometimes cooking workshops, presentations and conferences are available. Please enquire.



**Suitable for:** adults and families.

**Season:** all year.

**Keywords:** history, gastronomy, local products.

**More information:** [7 de Ribera Guesthouse](#), [7 de Ribera Farm Shop](#).

### CELLARS AND TASTINGS

The Monrural Apartment Hotel in Benissanet, a peaceful hideaway in Ribera d'Ebre surrounded by peach trees, has recently opened its doors to cater for families and groups, and offers indoor and outdoor sports facilities. Welcome to the pure inland Mediterranean; villages surrounded by mountains, small squares, shrines and cypress trees, ... and only a stone's throw away from the Ebro River. Among many tours on offer to its customers is the ever popular 'Wine Cellars and Wine Tasting Tour.' Enjoyed by adults, this tour offers interested parties the ideal opportunity to get to know the DO Priorat and Montsant wines.

**Suitable for:** adults, families and groups.

**Season:** all year.

**Keywords:** wine, food, scenery, activities, spas, wellness.

**More information:** [Aparthotel Monrural](#).

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### NATURAL ENVIRONMENT AND LOCAL PRODUCTS

If you only have a few days to spare, and want to pack in as much as possible, then this tour will help you get a taste of the natural paradise of the Mediterranean mountains. You can take a short walk to stretch your legs and enjoy the surroundings, stop to discover the secrets of the local wine and oil makers and visit local restaurants where you can sample the wonder of regional products. Why not drive through Tivissa Vandellòs-Llaberia Mountains and pop into the neighbouring regions of the Priorat and Baix Camp? This is a tour that can be adjusted easily to accommodate the needs, the interests and the size of any group.

**Suitable for:** adults, families and groups.

**Season:** all year.

**Keywords:** nature, scenery, wine, food.

**More information:** [El Brogit Guiatges](#).

### WINE AND CUISINE IN RIBERA D'EBRE

The wineries in Ribera d'Ebre and often those of the neighbouring regions of the Terra Alta and Priorat making oenology one of the main attractions for visitors to the area. Be sure to visit the Ribera d'Ebre wineries, and the wine and oil cooperatives, many of which will have a farm shop where you can buy quality local products. By staying in the area, and being local, visitors ensure that they prepare the best of plans and get to know the peculiarities of the local wines with ease.

**Suitable for:** adults, families and groups.

**Season:** all year, especially during the fall if you want to see the harvesting and wine making process and oil pressing.

**Keywords:** landscape, gastronomy and oenology.

**More information:** Visits to wineries and cooperatives are indicated on the [Ribera d'Ebre Tourism web page](#).



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### WALKING BACK THROUGH HISTORY IN VINEBRE

Vinebre invites you on guided walks around the historic town to see the XVII century citadel “Ca Don Joan”, the hermitage of Sant Miquel, from templar times, the birthplace of Sant Enric d'Ossó a XIX century priest and writer, the Iberian settlement of Sant Miquel, the old quarter, home to important remains and oddities like the marks made when the river has swelled in the past, to mention one. Tales that bring Vinebre’s former times to life are hidden in every corner.

**Suitable for:** adults, families and groups.

**Season:** summer or by arrangement.

**Key words:** history, culture, heritage.

**More information:** [Vinebre Town Council](#).



(\*) For anyone proposing a visit to the town of **Miravet** we suggest three complementary activities: Pas de la Barca, the last reaction ferry conserved in the Terres de l'Ebre, a stroll around the Cap de la Vila, the old village, and a visit to the potteries in the Raval quarter.

Arriving in Miravet via the **Pas de Barca** is a wonderful experience. It consists of two 'llaguts,' two typical Ebro boats, united by a platform that can take up to 3 cars. The boat passage from one bank of the Ebro to the other is possible only because of the force of the water, and the experience is unique because it is one of the few places you will be able to do this in Europe.

Once in Miravet you can walk to the Miravet Castle and visit the **Cap de la Vila**, the historical centre of the town that surrounds the Old Church. It is also recommended that you do not forget to visit some of the **potteries located in the Raval quarters**.



El Pas de Barca at Miravet

## ECOTOURISM



### ENJOY SCULPTED SCENERY BY THE EBRO RIVER

Tarannà, a travel agency specializing in responsible tourism, presents a tour which offers to take visitors to explore the Ebro. Enjoy incredible surroundings, learn a little about ecology and take part in some sport in the Sebes Nature Reserve; one of the most important river ecosystems in Catalonia. The riparian forests, lagoons, fields of olive trees and Mediterranean forest offer a paradise of incredible diversity; ideal for bird and nature lovers. Walkways penetrate the heart of the reserve, with bird observatories dotting the routes and the Camargue horses roaming free. Day one is normally made up of a visit to the nature reserve and Mas de Pitoia (Pitoia Provençal Farmhouse), where local oil producers run an agro-ecological project. On the second day, visitors can get to know the spectacular 5 km still-water Flix meander by kayak or, if preferred, by paddle surf. Accommodation is possible in a hostel or country cottage.



**Suitable for:** Families, adults, groups

**Season:** All year

**Keywords:** Landscape, eco-tourism, birds, river navigation, responsible tourism

**More information:** [Tarannà Travel Agency](#) and [Sebes Nature Reserve](#)

### THE TERRES DE L'EBRE THROUGH A LENS

Photographic opportunities are abundant throughout the Ebro region and tours are often organised to unfamiliar places, allowing visitors an opportunity to watch some splendid sunsets or photograph unusual yet typical events.

If you feel like capturing the splendour of a sunrise at La Creu de Santos, we'll help you do it! Even if you fancy tracking birds across the river banks or Delta, that would be no problem! Even in a flood or snowfall facilitators on this tour can take you to where the finest memories can be made! It should be noted that this is not a photography course. Visitors who request it can be accompanied to the best locations known, and technical advice is available, ensuring that the experience is a memorable one for all.

**Suitable for:** Everyone, photography enthusiasts

**Season:** All year, with a tour guide

**Keywords:** Landscape, botany, photography, art

**More information:** [Enblau - Adventure Creators](#)



## ECOTOURISM



### THE TRADES OF THE RIVER AND DELTA

The river's natural resources, cane, hemp or cattails, have been used since ancient times to make tools that were needed both for construction and daily use. See how the materials were obtained and learn the names of the tasks and the tools on a visit to the Sebes Nature Reserve and the Camí de Sirga (Towpath) Interpretation Centre. Afterwards why not visit the Ebro Delta where Delta Polet, specialists in retrieving and disseminating the culture and traditions of the Ebro Delta, will take you to visit the most interesting places in the Park. This is complemented with information relating to the various traditional activities and trades from the Delta, such as traditional rice cultivation, navigation, fishing, hunting (photo) , games or the harvesting of sea salt.

- Cultivation of traditional rice: planting demonstration, weeding or harvesting, the activity will depend on the time of the year, walking through the rice field and experiencing the sensation of soft mud squeezing through your toes. An enjoyable activity and a unique experience!
- Navigation: sailing demonstration on a barquet de perxar, a type of punt.
- Fishing: traditional Delta fishing systems, a description of the medieval arts that are still in use and a demonstration of net casting.
- Games: All traditional games of the region were basic and used simple lines on the ground as guides, strings, bars, rice sacks and some hand-made items, such as bowling pins. Many remain popular today and can be witnessed in full swing across the region.
- Salt collection : a guided visit to the MonNatura salt mines.

This activity can be complemented with a visit to the potters in Miravet or 'the Trade Triangle', three facilities in the Montsia region, dedicated to (1)Pauma, the leaves of the only native European palm, Chamaerops, in Mas Barberans , (2) Wood from La Senia and (3) Ceramics in La Galera.



**Suitable for:** Families, adults, groups and schools

**Season:** All year

**Keywords:** Landscape, ecotourism

**More information:** [Sebes Nature Reserve](#) or [Delta Polet](#)

An audiovisual presentation about llaguts (a typical type of boat widely used throughout the Mediterranean) and sirgadors (the team of human pullers used to tow a boat) can be seen at the Camí de Sirga Interpretation Centre in the Reserve. There are also texts by J. Moncada (author of the highly acclaimed novel 'Camí de Sirga', 1988), A Bladé and S. J. Arbó.

## ECOTOURISM



### INTRODUCTION TO BIRDWATCHING

The Sebes Nature Reserve and Flix Meander are unrivalled in the district in terms of what they offer; an incredible forest area and extensive wetland with observatories and marked routes on whose paths ornithologists will be delighted by the diversity of birds. Birds common to both wetlands and drylands are common here, as are many quite rare nesting birds which appear during periods of migration or in winter. A guided introduction to birdwatching in the reserve, with information relating to the various walking tours, bird hides and different routes, can all be arranged during a visit to the information centre.

Complement the visit with some kayaking on the Flix Meander, a visit to places of historic interest or other recreational activities. [Vilar Riu de Baix](#) resort, situated in the reserve, offers different types of accommodation, a 4 star hotel, holiday cottages and a hostel for example, and additional options are available in the region.

**Suitable for:** Ornithologists, nature lovers, adults and families

**Season:** All year

**Keywords:** Bird watching/ornithology nature, eco-tourism, landscape

**More information:** [Sebes Nature Reserve](#)



### BIRDWATCHING ABOARD A CANOE ON THE RIVER EBRO

Many birds come to nest or stopover in Les Terres de l'Ebre making it an ideal place to combine some canoeing and birdwatching. Depending on the season and the weather, an experienced guide will accompany us to the best section of the river. From where we will venture into the wildest corners, where the most elusive species often hide. Nature lovers will be delighted by the experience.

**Suitable for:** Adults, families and groups in general

**Season:** all year

**Key words:** nature, scenery, birdwatching, active tourism

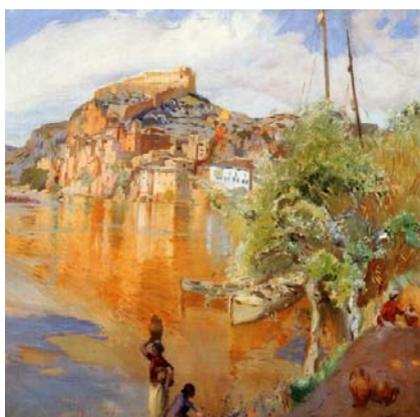
**More information:** [Enblau, creadors d'aventures](#) and information points.

## ECOTOURISM



### DISCOVER NATURE: PHOTOGRAPHY AND PAINTING PROJECT

This is a project directed by the photographer Aurelio Monge, who, from an artistic point of view, tries to discover a different way to appreciate the heritage of Miravet and the footprints that masters such as Joaquim Mir have left in this town. The project intends to offer those interested a photographic or pictorial experience with stays of one day or more and specially designed workshops for small groups.



Painting by the master Joaquim Mir

**Suitable for:** Adults

**Season:** All year

**Keywords:** Landscape, botany, photography, art

**More information:** [Aureli Monge – Lo Racó del Temple](#).

### TIVISSA MOUNTAINS IN BLOOM: ALMOND TREES AND CHERRY TREES

The Tivissa mountains are a spectacular and colourful sight all year round but you cannot miss two special times of the year: February, with the flowering of the almond trees, and late March, when the cherry trees are blossoming. In the first weeks of February, the almond trees bloom, bringing with them the contrasts of their white and their pink flowers against the strong green of the forest, the blue of sky and the light brown of the earth. Photographers are always keen to capture the most wonderful contrasts of the year. The fields are located more towards the plain, in the direction of the Priorat region, and it is quite an amazing sight to see the silhouettes of the mountains and the village of Tivissa among the branches of flowering cherry trees. Organised cherry picking events begin toward the end of May.



**Season:** February, March and May.

**Keywords:** landscape, cherries, almonds, botany, photography, local products.

**More information:** [Tivissa Hostel](#).

## BOATING, HIKING, CLIMBING AND MORE...



### EXPERIENCE THE EBRO FIRST HAND ABOARD " LO ROGET" AND DISCOVER THE TOWN OF ASCÓ

Learn about the history of Catalonia by taking a boat through its splendid landscapes, along the same historic routes that were used to carry goods by boatmen called "llaüters" in the Ebro basin.

Iberians, Phoenicians, Greeks, Carthaginians, Romans, Visigoths ... these are some of the peoples who have sailed along the river Ebro, with its irrigated orchards and dry ochre swathes of land contrasting in stunningly beautiful scenery. The riverboat "Lo Roget" is a tourist boat for 53 passengers that evokes the traditional Mediterranean boats that until the early twentieth century were used to transport goods on the Ebro, between Asco and Mora de Ebro and Miravet. This trip combines sailing on "Lo Roget," and a tour of Asco with its narrow, winding, steep and shady streets that zigzag in Moorish fashion. Enjoy the splendid view of the river and its islands from the vantage point, and visit the castle.



**Suitable for:** families, adults, groups

**Available:** Easter to end October.

**Keywords:** river boating, history, landscapes.

**More information:** [Ascó Tourist Information Centre](#), [Llaüt Lo Roget](#) and accommodation in the area.

## BOATING, HIKING, CLIMBING AND MORE...



### HOLIDAYS AFLOAT ON RIBA-ROJA RESERVOIR

Staying aboard a boat is not an exotic luxury or exclusive to the canals of Europe. The Riba-roja reservoir offers excellent conditions for sailing and fishing, where families can enjoy affordable breaks that are that bit different, surrounded by Nature, yet in safety and comfort. Badia Tucana provides you with a small, fully equipped home afloat, enabling you to enjoy the peace and quiet and do some game fishing.

If that isn't enough, Badia Tucana can make made-to-measure arrangements with other services in the area so that you get the best out of your stay in the Terres de l'Ebre. Take a kayak or a boat trip or even paddle surf along the Ebro River to Faió, Mequinensa and other towns upriver. In addition, the Riba-roja Yacht Club offers canoeing, speedboating and trips in inflatable dingies.



**Suitable for:** the general public, skippers licence not required. Fishing and boating enthusiasts.

**Season:** all year.

**Keywords:** fishing, active tourism, river boating.

**More information:** [Badia Tucana](#), Riba – roja Yacht Club and accommodation in the area.

### FISHING ON THE RIBA-ROJA RESERVOIR

Offering splendid fishing conditions and attracting visitors from all over the country and Europe it is home to some of the most prestigious fishing championships held in Catalonia. The permits and licenses required for fishing are issued at the campsite. A stay in a campsite surrounded by Nature is something much appreciated by families, as are the economical prices. The Riba-roja campsite has all the services you need, including plots for caravans or tents, as well as bungalows. Get the most out of your stay and take a boat trip to Faió, Mequinensa and other towns up the river Ebro, as well as going hiking and biking in the area.

**Suitable for:** river fishing enthusiasts, families and groups.

**Season:** all year.

**Keywords:** fishing, active tourism, river boating.

**More information:** [Riba-roja Campsite](#)



## BOATING, HIKING, CLIMBING AND MORE...



### ACTIVE WEEKEND IN RIBERA D'EBRE: "VIA FERRATA", HIKING AND KAYAK

This guided tour of one or two days takes you on a spectacular journey through the forest of Mora d'Ebre to Miravet in kayak and climbs the Tivissa range taking the iron route or "via ferrata". We are travelling downriver, with the current in our favour, making even a long journey effortless and enjoyable. Wonderful views of the historic river crossing at Miravet "Pas de Barca" and the Templar Castle seen from the water are among the many delights. There is even the possibility to learn how to paddle surf. The "via ferrata" is a climb up a dry ravine with the help of metal stays installed at intervals in the rock to make the ascent possible. As well as getting close to Nature and you can enjoy the view from the top over the region including the river and the Montsant range of hills. There are 3 "via ferratas", each with a different level of difficulty in Tivissa. Accommodation can be provided in country houses.



**Suitable for:** the general public, especially families and groups.

**Available:** all year.

**Keywords:** boating, Nature, adventure sports, kayaking, canoeing, "via ferrata" landscapes.

**More information:** [Rogles aventura](#), [Descensodelebro.com](#) and accommodation in the area.

### FLIX TO THE MEDITERRANEAN IN KAYAK

This trip is a real adventure: kayaking from the last damn on the Ebro River at Flix where the water runs freely to the sand of the Mediterranean Sea. From the water you can see amazing places like the Subarreig and Galatxo islands, the historic ferry and Castle at Miravet, Barrufemes gorge, the lock at Xerta, the cities of Tortosa and Amposta and finally the Natural Park of the Ebro Delta and the sea. The trip can be customized, shortened or lengthened and each part of the route is set out in the waterproof guides provided. It includes a collection service and optional daily luggage transport or a guide if required.



**Suitable for:** general public, especially families and groups.

**Season:** all year.

**Keywords:** Nature, adventure sports, kayaking, river boating, hiking, landscapes.

**More information:** [Rogles aventura](#), [Descensodelebro.com](#)

## BOATING, HIKING, CLIMBING AND MORE...



### BIKING ALONG THE TOWPATH AND CANOEING IN THE EBRO RIVER BASIN.

Guided two day bike and kayak trip: The first day we make the magnificent journey from the forest of Mora de Ebro to Miravet, where the current of the river is in our favour, making it an enjoyable experience. A spectacular view of the historic river ferry at Miravet and the Templar Castle as seen from the water is a highlight of this, most popular route, but you can choose from three alternatives. The enjoyable experience of paddle surfing is also available. The next day the downhill slope of the "Via Verde" helps us on our way. This is the route of the old railway which united Aragon with the sea. Today it is a cycle route suitable for everyone which takes in tunnels, bridges and Fontcalda natural spa in an exuberant and often surprising landscape. Accommodation in country houses or hotels is included.



**Suitable for:** the general public, especially families and groups.

**Season:** all year, with a guide.

**Keywords:** Nature, adventure sports, kayaking, river boating, cycling, landscapes.

**More information:** [Rogles aventura](#), [Descensodelebro.com](#)

### TERRES DE L'EBRE ON LAND AND WATER KAYAKING AND HIKES IN UNBEATABLE SURROUNDINGS

Don't settle for less. Why not have it all? Enjoy a day that is both peaceful and exciting, combining canoeing with stretching your legs. We will kayak down a section of the Ebro, which will take up the whole morning and after lunch or the next day, walk up to the top of a nearby peak to give you a completely different view of this countryside of ours.

Your guide will look out for your safety, as well as teaching you all you need to know to make the most of the river and the landscape. Along the way you won't miss a single detail of the historical and natural phenomena that surround you. This trip, then, will not be just about physical activity, but one full of stories, legends and surprises.



**Suitable for:** the general public, especially families and groups.

**Season:** all year, with a guide.

**Keywords:** Nature, adventure sports, kayaking, river boating, landscape.

**More information:**

**Més informació:** [Enblau - Adventure Creators](#) and accommodation in the area.

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### CANOEING ON THE EBRO

Choose from several sections of the river Ebro: Vinebre - Mora, Mora - Miravet, Miravet - Benifallet or Benifallet - Xerta. A qualified instructor will take you through the basics of kayak paddling techniques and safety. Along the way they will tell you about the fauna and flora around you and some curious historical facts about the area. You will see the river's beauty spots, little islands tucked away out of sight where you can have a swim and a spot of lunch. Much more than physical activity, this trip is full of stories, legends and surprises.

**Suitable for:** the general public, especially families and groups.

**Season:** all year, with an instructor.

**Keywords:** Nature, adventure sports, kayaking, river boating, landscapes.

**More information:** [Enblau - Adventure Creators](#) and accommodation in the area.

### PICK AND MIX FROM DIFFERENT STRETCHES OF THE RIVER EBRO, ON FOOT OR BY CANOE

Enblau will put together your very own adventure so that you get to know the Ebro and the mountains that surround it like the back of your hand. Walk in the footsteps of the Iberians, contemplate the very landscape that bore the brunt of the Battle of the Ebro, and be carried away by the same flowing water that has seen the efforts of boatmen down the ages. Discover different stretches of the Ebro, doing a trip that lasts an hour or a whole weekend, your efforts are amply rewarded and everyone can manage to stay the course. An instructor will accompany you and give you all the advice you need to make the most of the river and the landscape, guiding you along the way so that you do not miss anything of interest.



**Suitable for:** the general public, especially families and groups.

**Season:** all year, with an instructor.

**Keywords:** Nature, adventure sports, kayaking, river boating, landscapes.

**More information:** [Enblau - Adventure Creators](#) and accommodation in the area.

## BOATING, HIKING, CLIMBING AND MORE...



### “VIA FERRATA” IN TIVISSA

Tivissa is the perfect place to get started in the world of “via ferrata”, with different areas to practice the sport all within walking distance from the Hostel and Campsite in Tivissa itself. The “via ferrata” is a climb up a dry ravine with the help of metal stays installed at intervals in the rock to make the ascent possible. Not only do you get close to Nature, you also enjoy the view from the top over the region, including the Ebro river and the Montsant range of hills. This trip is to Foig gorge with a skilled guide who will supply the necessary material and explain how to go about the climb and give you insight into the surrounding environment. If you like the experience there are three more graded climbs in the area you can try.



**Suitable for:** the general public.

**Available:** all year, with an instructor.

**Duration:** one or two nights.

**Keywords:** “via ferrata”, Nature, landscapes.

**More information:** [Tivissa Hostel and Campsite](#) and [Tivissa Tourist Information Centre](#)

### TRAIL – RUNNING

The Hostel in Tivissa is the ideal base for doing some trail – running, and provides facilities for your stay as an individual or in a group. The hostel can organize for an experienced instructor to accompany you if required, or give advice about routes to take in the area. Apart from accommodation, the hostel offers locker rental, use of showers and you can enjoy the swimming pool during the summer. As well as trail – running, the hostel welcomes families and groups either at the weekend or midweek to do boating activities on the nearby River Ebro.

**Suitable for:** Trail - running enthusiasts.

**Available:** all year

**Keywords:** Nature, adventure sports, trekking, running, landscapes.

**Contact:** [Tivissa Hostel and Campsite](#) and [Tivissa Tourist Information Centre](#)

## HIKING



### HIKES ALONG THE SERRA DE LLABERIA FOR ALL AGES

A visit to the Serra (Range) de Llaberia is a treat for both the soul and the senses. The unique beauty of the landscape is itself a work of art, sculpted as it is by north-westerly winds, decorated by its residents and dotted with small mountain villages. At 900m of altitude, it affords impressive views of the Mediterranean Sea, the Tarragona Plain, and the regions of the Priorat and the Ebro River. The Serra de Llaberia Consortium has created a network of itineraries and sites. These are all indicated on the excursion map sold by Piolet Publishing. Some of them are also available for download from the Consortium's website in pdf format (in Catalan, Spanish and English) and also in different GPS formats. An example of one of these is "The Tivissa Fields", a delightful route through grape, olive, almond, peach and cherry orchards.

Consorti Serra de Llaberia offers technical advice and support to professionals specializing in hiking.

**Intended for:** adults and families.

**When to visit:** year-round.

**Keywords:** nature, landscape, hiking.

**More information:** [Tivissa tourism](#) and [Places to stay in Tivissa](#).



### ROUTES FROM THE BOOK "THE TIVISSA-VANDELLÒS MOUNTAINS"

The best hiking routes along the coastal Tivissa-Vandellòs mountain range are collected and described in the guidebook listed below. Routes can be done in different parts of the area and accommodation is available in the Tivissa Hostel or in other places. More information is also available on the [Tivissa-Vandellòs Mountains Blog](#).

"Muntanyes de Tivissa-Vandellòs. Guia d'excursionisme", Baqués, R., Castellnou, M., Domènech, Roset, J., Omella, M., i Saladié, Ll., Editorial Piolet (2011).

**Intended for:** adults and families.

**When to visit:** year-round.

**Keywords:** nature, landscape, hiking.

**More information:** [Tivissa tourism](#) and [Places to stay in Tivissa](#).

## HIKING



### TERRES DE L'EBRE: MOUNTAINS, VALLEYS AND TRAILS

A guide will accompany you on a hike to some of the most desolate areas of the Ribera d'Ebre (Ebro River shore) to tell you about their history, flora and fauna and perhaps even a few secrets. As such, the excursion is not only a chance to do some sport, but also to enjoy an activity full of stories, legends and surprises. You can choose from several options in the Ribera d'Ebre mountains: Cardó, Tivissa, la Picossa, el Tormo or la Serra de Cavalls.

**Intended for:** anyone, especially families and groups.

**When to visit:** year-round.

**Keywords:** nature, hiking, landscape.

**More information:** [Enblau - Adventure Creators](#) and places to stay in the area.

### A TRIP BACK TO IBERIAN TIMES IN TIVISSA

Located very close to the Ebro River and at the foot of the imposing Tivissa-Vandellòs mountains, Tivissa is a friendly town that makes a perfect place for a getaway. You will go on a full-day excursion in this now wild territory to learn about the history and legends of the Iberians, who once inhabited this land. Accommodation is in a rural hotel in the town. The following day there is a visit to the Iberian site of Castellet de Banyoles, one of the biggest such sites in Catalonia.

This two-day getaway can be adapted to the needs of participants, from seasoned hikers to families with children, who will play a game to decode the Iberian language. There is also the option of extending your stay for a third day in order to also do some wine-tasting at Montsant in the Serra d'Almos.

**Intended for:** adults and families.

**When to visit:** year-round.

**Keywords:** nature, history, landscape, hiking, enotourism.

**More information:** [El Brogit guiatges](#).



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### GETAWAY IN THE LAND OF THE *DIPS*

In Catalan folklore, *dips* were vampiric dogs sent by the devil to stalk people and their animals at dusk. Visit the land of the *dips* in the Serra de Llaberia mountains in southern Catalonia (if you dare). Here you can discover and walk upon centuries-old paths and learn about the area's special places, towns and legends. You also have an excellent opportunity to sample the local cuisine in restaurants with delicious, seasonal dishes. This is a two-day trip that can be adapted to the needs of everyone from seasoned hikers to families with children, who can participate in either a fun *dips* treasure hunt or in a walk that dramatises some of the legends about these demonic creatures. It is also possible to extend your stay for one or more days in order to discover even more of this little-visited area.

**Intended for:** adults and families.

**When to visit:** year-round.

**Keywords:** nature, legends, landscape, hiking, cuisine.

**More information:** [El Brogit quietges](#).



### PATHS NEAR THE MAS D'ALERANY, IN LA SERRA D'ALMOS

The Mas d'Alerany is a Catalan farmhouse that was originally built in the 15th century, but which has been added to over the centuries. These additions make it one of the most unusual buildings in the region. It can be rented out and even includes its own wine cellar in which wine tastings can be held. Its owners offer visitors a guide which describes 8 different walks that all begin at the farmhouse's front door and which offer views of 9 natural areas that can be visited in the zone.

**Intended for:** adults, families and groups.

**When to visit:** year-round.

**Keywords:** hiking, nature, landscape, enotourism.

**More information:** [Mas d'Alerany](#).



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### TRAILS IN MIRAVET

Piolet Publishing sells a guidebook with a map of the hiking paths in Miravet created by the Cameta Coixa Mountain Sport Club. These routes take you to the most attractive and emblematic places in the area, and range in length (4, 10 and 18km) and difficulty. Rock climbing routes are also indicated on the map.

On the last weekend of February, the Club organises its annual mountain race. The full race is longer than 20km, though there is also a shorter version for walkers of approximately 10km. This is a great time of year to spend some time in Miravet and to take part in the activities organised for race participants and their supporters.



**Intended for:** adults, youth, families.

**When to visit:** year-round.

**Keywords:** nature, landscape, hiking, races, sport.

**More information:** [Miravet Town Hall and Tourist Information Point](#), [The Cameta Coixa Mountain Sport Club](#), [Piolet Publishing Map](#).

## BICYCLE TOURING



### PEDAL THE GR 99

The GR-99 long-distance footpath is a marked trail that follows the Ebro river from its source in Fontibre, Asturias, to its mouth at the Ebro Delta, approximately 900 km. Three of its sections traverse the region and there is a spectacular bicycle route from Riba-roja to Mora la Nova through the riparian Forest and the Sebes Nature Reserve. En route you can surround yourself with splendid flora, visit the Camí de Sirga (towpath) Interpretation Centre and the mas de les Cigonyes (a provençal farmhouse), and wonder at the beauty of the garrigue shrubland landscape. When in Flix, we strongly recommend you take a guided tour of the recently restored bomb shelter; a harrowing reminder of the Spanish Civil War. Bicycle collection is available at the point of arrival and a guide can be provided if required. A shorter route, beginning at Flix or finishing at Garcia, is also available.

**Suitable for:** all persons, and especially recommended for families and groups.

**Season:** all year. Guide available on request.

**Keywords:** nature, landscape, adventure and cycling.

**More information:** [Rogles aventura](#) and [Descensodelebro.com](#).

### FROM MIRAVET TO THE MOUTH OF THE EBRO

The British operator, INNTRAVEL, specializes in providing its customers with well-planned walking and bicycle tours in Spain. They have a well established programme which is successful throughout the country, and offer a particularly popular tourist option of low-difficulty cycling in the Catalunya region.

Tourists, whether coming to walk or cycle in Spain, often choose to fly into Reus airport, take a train to Mora la Nova and begin their 6-night route in Miravet. Starting here, they will meander through Pinell de Brai, along the Via Verda, a rail trail for hiking, cycling and horse riding, and finish at the Ebro Delta. For the growing number of UK tourists searching for authenticity on their travels, and keen to both explore the Miravet and Ribera d'Ebre regions, this tour offers an incredible opportunity with miles of unspoilt landscape to enjoy.



**Suitable for:** all persons.

**Season:** April to June and September to October. No guide.

**Keywords:** landscape, bicycle touring, gastronomy.

**More information:** [Inntravel](#) and Els Canterers - country cottage

## BICYCLE TOURING



### CYCLIST ACCOMMODATION

Whether cycling by road or through the Spanish mountains, Mora d'Ebre can easily provide accommodation to either individuals or groups of cyclists. Anyone in fact who wishes to explore Ribera d'Ebre and the neighbouring regions can be accommodated here. Combine the tours with visits to wineries, historical sites relating to The Battle of the Ebro or many of the other fascinating places that the region has to offer. At the La Creu Guesthouse, staff are well equipped for meeting the needs of both mountain bikers and road bike users, and are experienced in taking into account the specific requirements of their tours:



- ◇ Secure equipment storage
- ◇ Specialized laundry facilities
- ◇ Special menus
- ◇ Access to local workshops, for maintenance or repair
- ◇ Contact with local cycling groups.
- ◇ Maps and suggestions for itineraries.

**Suitable for:** road cyclists and mountain bikers, individuals and groups.

**Season:** all year.

**Keywords:** road cycling, mountain biking.

**More information** [Guesthouse La Creu](#).

### RIBERA D'EBRE CYCLING ROUTES

The Monrural de Benissanet Apartment Hotel is unprecedented in the area, offering a high quality, socially responsible and environmentally enlightened facility to the region. Monrural has joined the brand [bikefriendly](#) group of establishments offering secure storage, laundry facilities, access to a dedicated workshop and information relating to the local routes and tracks. In addition, its spa, wellness centre and gym provide the ideal opportunity for cyclists to unwind as they complete their day. The Monrural is also a member of the Via Verdes program.

**Suitable for:** families, individuals and groups.

**Season:** all year except January.

**Keywords:** bicycle touring, landscape, bikefriendly.

**More information:** [Aparthotel Monrural](#).

## FAMILY HOLIDAYS



### HOUSEBOAT BREAKS

Staying on a houseboat is neither exclusive nor expensive. At the Riba-roja reservoir families can enjoy a different type of holiday whilst remaining safe and comfortable right in the heart of nature. Holidays of this type are very popular, and offer extended opportunities for enjoying the surroundings while relaxing, sailing or fishing. Kayaking, boat trips to Faió, Mequinensa and other towns on the Ebro River are also available in the region and there are many opportunities for cyclists to take in the countryside as well. The reservoir is also perfect for practising paddle surf.



**Suitable for:** Families and groups in general.

**Season:** All year. No need for sailing license

**Keywords:** Family holidays, river navigation landscape.

**More information:** [Badia Tucana](#)

### FAMILY ACTIVITIES ON THE EBRO RIVER

How about an unforgettable multi-activity, all-ability family trip which offers hiking, kayaking, canoeing, paddle surfing or mountain biking with an instructor? Discover the Sebes Nature Reserve at your own pace, observe the birds which are native to the region in their natural surroundings, see the famous Camargue horses and visit the Reserve's Interpretation Centre. If you prefer, The Flix Meander is the ideal recreational place for families with children. There, you can safely jump into the still water from the rocks, and enjoy the refreshing waters. Finally, if you fancy your hand at archery, visit the Vilar Riu de Baix Complex where you can test your marksmanship.



**Suitable for:** Families and groups

**Season:** All year - with instructor/guide

**Keywords:** Family holidays, river navigation, landscape.

**More information:** [Rogles aventura](#), [Descensodelebro.com](#), [Vilar Riu de Baix Resort](#)

## FAMILY HOLIDAYS



### A WEEK OF LEGENDS, MYSTERY, NATURE AND WINE

The little visited corner of southern Catalonia, which combines the imposing Llaberia and Tivissa-Vandellòs mountains with characteristic Priorat vineyards, is well worth getting to know. Walk in the untamed mountains, discover the mysterious legends and take in the magnificent views, seeing the Pyrenees on clear days. Add in a guided tour of some of the local wineries and sample both the DO Montsant wines and seasonal local produce, such as the delicious Ribera d'Ebre cherries. Your trip can be put together depending on both your interests and your needs, and, in addition, allowances can be made for the distance you would like to cover and the diversity of your group.

**Suitable for:** families, adults and groups

**Season:** All year

**Keywords:** Nature, legends, scenery, hiking, food, local produce, wine.

**More information:** [El Brogit quietges](#)

### THE RIBERA CASTLES

The castles in Flix, Miravet, Móra d'Ebre and Ascó are wonderful attractions for both adults and children. In them, you can relive the history of the country and learn about its most important milestones, including the establishment of so-called New Catalonia, the era of Muslim rule, the establishment of the Knights Templar, the War of Succession, the Carlist Wars or the bloody Battle of the Ebro during the Spanish Civil War. The different states of conservation demonstrated in these structures, offer their visitors an opportunity to view and enjoy the unique architectural elements of military and defence construction which were developing at the time.



**Suitable for:** All

**Season:** All year

**Keywords:** Active holidays, nature, scenery, hiking, culture, history, architecture

**More information:** [Vilar Riu de Baix Resort](#)

Móra d'Ebre Castle. Photo: R.López Monné

## FAMILY HOLIDAYS



### FAMILY ACTIVITIES AT THE FLIX MEANDER

Rural Vilar Riu de Baix resort, located at the heart of a magnificent meander of the Ebro River in the Sebes Nature Reserve, is the ideal place to relax and enjoy river sports, the scenery, history and typical gastronomy of the Ribera d'Ebre. Suitable for all ages, with unique activities such as the Pas de Barca (one of the last remaining reaction ferries in Europe), the Camí de Sirga (the towpath) or the GR -99, which can be followed either by bicycle or on foot, this region simply begs to be discovered. On offer here are well considered, graded activities such as: kayaking in the Flix Meander, with the calmest of waters for beginners and more adventurous routes for the experienced. Cycle, if you fancy it, through the beautiful Nature Reserve taking in the incredible birds and horses, sail on one of the houseboats on the Riba - Roja Reservoir, or trek through the Tivissa Mountain's via well-marked paths. At any time of day, the rural resort's installations will delight both young and old, and we should not forget to mention the breath-taking Miravet Castle, the sites of the Battle of the Ebro, the option of a journey in the Lo Roget boat, or the relaxation that comes from wandering through new streets, such as those in Ascó.

**Suitable for:** All

**Season:** All year

**Keywords:** Family holidays, nature, landscape

**More information:** [Vilar Riu de Baix Resort](#)

### CLIMB ABOARD THE HISTORY TRAIN

The Foundation for the Preservation of the Industrial Railway Heritage of Mora la Nova and the City Council of Mora la Nova are the promoters of the Railway Museum located next to the station and is home to one of Europe's first electromechanical enclaves, dating back to 1928. There is a 23m long revolving bridge, a newly built warehouse with four tracks designed for conservation and maintenance of the museum's mobile material and several other complementary buildings, along with a number of steam locomotives, diesel and electric train engines, railcars, carriages and wagons that make up the fleet.

**Suitable for:** families and groups in general

**Season:** All year

**Keywords:** Family holidays, rail, industrial heritage

**More information:** [Association for the Preservation of Industrial Railway Heritatge](#)

**Also:** [Catalonian web experiences](#)



## STAYS FOR SCHOOLS AND YOUNG PEOPLE



### GUIDED TOURS IN MIRAVET: INCLUDING LEGENDS, NATURE AND HISTORY.

Miravet has featured regularly throughout the history of Catalonia, and has paid witness to such historical events as the conquest of Ramon Berenguer IV, the Templar Domain, the Expulsion of the Moors, the Catalan Revolt, the War of Succession, the Carlist Wars and the decisive Battle of the Ebro. Historic Miravet comprises of the Cap de la Vila or the old village dominated by the Old Church and crowned by the impressive Castle.

The proposed educational tours focus on the legacy of the Moors and Templars, as well as introducing the glorious surroundings of Miravet: the River Ebro, the riparian forest and the surrounding mountain ranges.

The agendas offer different "Canterers," the name given to Miravet ceramic artisans, which would top off a stay in the town.



**Suitable for:** School groups and young people/students

**Season:** All year

**Keywords:** Culture, landscape, history, dramatized tours, education

**More information:** [Aureli Monge](#) (organizes educational tours in several languages, adapting the tour for any kind of group and is focused on bringing the history of Miravet to life)

## STAYS FOR SCHOOLS AND YOUNG PEOPLE



### LEARNING ON THE EBRO: KAYAKS AND BICYCLES

If you fancy going on an exciting two-day guided tour by bike and kayak then this might be for you. Day one consists of a spectacular kayak journey through the riparian forest from Móra d'Ebre to Miravet, journeying down-stream and allowing its participants to travel long distances with relative ease. Groups will enjoy spectacular views of the Miravet Pas de Barca (reaction ferry) and the Templar Castle from the water. Day two is set aside for a bike ride along the naturally downward sloping Via Verda, which is the old railway route uniting Aragon with the sea. Today it is a suitable route for everyone, taking its participants through tunnels, over bridges and onward to the Fontcalda Spa, located in the midst of some incredible surroundings.



**Suitable for:** School groups and young people

**Season:** All year - with instructor

**Keywords:** Nature, adventure, environmental education, kayaking, river navigation, cycling, landscape

**More information:** [Rogles aventura, Descensodelebro.com](http://Rogles_aventura.Descensodelebro.com)

### LEARNING ON THE EBRO: THE SEBES NATURE RESERVE

In the Sebes Nature Reserve you can see birds of many types, touch the Camargue horses and find out what is on offer at the Interpretation Centres: Mas (farmhouse) del Director, Mas de Cigonyes and Camí de Sirga. As the water in the Flix Meander is beautiful and still, it is ideal for kayaking or paddle surfing for people of all ages and skill levels. You can even jump safely to the water from the rocks! What a breathtaking experience! In the evenings a visit to the Carli Castle in Flix is recommended. Try it for yourself and see!

**Suitable for:** School groups and young people

**Season:** All year

**Keywords:** Holidays, river navigation, landscape, environmental education

**More information:** [Rogles aventura, Descensodelebro.com](http://Rogles_aventura.Descensodelebro.com), [Vilar Riu de Baix Resort](http://Vilar Riu de Baix Resort).



## EVENTS



### RIBERA D'EBRE FAIRS

La Ribera d'Ebre has numerous exhibitions throughout the year: the agricultural, livestock and industrial fair for example, and others which have their focus on traditional crafts or which celebrate the production of olive oil, wine or cherries.

Most established are the Móra la Nova Agricultural Fair and the Livestock and Industrial Fair, which are continuous in their support of other events like the Tastavin 's (wine tasting) Fair in Ascó, the diada de la Cirera (day of the cherry) and the Canterers (Potters) Fair in Miravet, the Benissanet Auberge (local peaches and nectarines) Fair, the Móra la Nova Intercomarcal Oil Fair, the Ascó Cava exhibition and the Serra d'Almos Oil Fair. Also of great importance are those fairs related to crafts and traditional activities such as the Rasquera Livestock and Crafts Fair, the Exhibitions of Crafts and Trades in Ascó and Ginestar, the Hunting Fair in Móra d'Ebre, and the Antiques fair in Móra la Nova The Christmas fairs in Ascó, Tivissa and Móra la Nova, though obviously seasonal, are always popular events and definitely worth a mention. On a completely different theme, the Ebrenc Book Fair and the Literarium Literary Show's Fair in Móra d'Ebre should also be pointed out.

Each of these events offers tourists a wonderful opportunity to take a closer look at the traditions which are particular to this region. By getting out and touring the attractions visitors can really gain a sense of what's on offer in this region and will familiarise themselves with its geography and monumental landscapes. When visiting the fairs they will also be able to browse and enjoy the stalls while also being afforded the opportunity to purchase products which have come directly from the hands of their producers.



**Suitable for:** all.

**Season:** various - please check 'calendar of fairs'.

**Keywords:** fairs, festivals, food, produce, fruit, crafts, landscape, culture, potters.

**More information:** [Calendar of Fairs on La Ribera d'Ebre Tourism Website](#) and accommodation in the area.

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### SYMBOLIC OLIVE HARVEST

If you would like to make a bottle of your own olive oil while on holiday in this region then simply harvest some 'aulives', olives, by the traditional Borrasses, hand method, and head for the mill where you can see your olives being pressed and bottled. This is both a fun and educational activity, designed to make visitors aware of the methods used in the preparation and processing of local olive oil.

**Suitable for:** all.

**Season:** harvest time of the olives.

**Keywords:** local produce, olives.

**More information:** [Grup Natura Freixe](#), [Oliflix](#), [Flix Town Hall](#)



### TRAIL RUNNING IN TIVISSA AND LLABERIA HILLS

With a rural setting and close proximity to both the river and the sea, the Tivissa Hostel and Campsite is the perfect place to enjoy a holiday with family or friends. For anyone interested in running however, it is important to point out that many significant mountain races are held throughout the year in the Tivissa-Vandellós mountains and the Llaberia hills. Both trails offer excellent running conditions and can be accessed with ease from the hostel and camp site.

Staff at the hostel will provide a program for anyone wishing to participate in mountain running and will also provide for companions, especially children, ensuring that they too can benefit from both the facilities and surroundings. At quieter times of the year, a stay at this hostel offers the runner a perfect location and ideal training conditions. Any runner, wanting to improve his/her technique and familiarise themselves with existing routes, should consider a stay at this location.

**Suitable for:** mountain race participants & their guests, groups, individuals, runners.

**Season:** all year, especially popular at race times.

**Keywords:** running, races, mountains, hills, trail-running, families.

**More information:** [Tivissa Hostel and Campsite](#) and [Tivissa Tourist Information Centre](#).



## EVENTS



### MÓRA D'EBRE RACING CIRCUIT

The Móra d'Ebre Racetrack offers various exciting activities including go-karting, motorbike or car racing and cycling, all of which are offered with a professional photography service. Along with scheduled events, there are extreme weather driving courses, motorcycling activities for children on mini motor bikes and speed racing. In Móra, there is quite some variety in terms of places where lovers of motor-sports can go. Just search via the link below to find out what's on offer.



**Suitable for:** fans of motor-sports of all ages

**Season:** all year.

**Keywords:** motorcycle, motor-sports, racetrack.

**More Information:** [Móra d'Ebre Racing Circuit](#), [7 de Ribera](#), [La Creu Hostel](#), and accommodation in Móra d'Ebre.

### MOTOR RACING AND LA RIBERA D'EBRE

In the Ribera d'Ebre you can practice high speed sports at the Móra racetrack. It is also very close to some of the most famous circuits in Spain, especially in Alcañiz. The Vilar Riu de Baix Resort offers racing fans accommodation and will also provide them with information about events to meet their needs.

**Suitable for:** anyone enjoying motorcycle racing or high-speed speed sports.

**Season:** various - depending on event.

**Keywords:** motorcycling, MotoGP, track bike, circuit, Motorland Aragon.

**More information:** [Vilar Riu de Baix Resort](#).

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### HOMEMADE CHEESEMAKING: TRY YOUR HAND AT CHEESEMAKING IN RASQUERA

Fancy having a go at cheesemaking? Come to Rasquera, within the Terres de l'Ebre Biosphere Reserve. Laura, a local resident, invites you to do something a little different. First you will take a trip to the natural springs at Balneari de Cardó by car and from there all ages can enjoy the walk to various hermitages in the area. An association "[La Picossa](#) de Móra d'Ebre" has cleared the paths and organizes themed walks. Back in Rasquera, Laura will conduct a workshop in which you the visitor makes the cheese, taking you step by step from milk to finished product which you will, of course, be able to enjoy once made.

**Suitable for:** Adults, families and groups in general

**Season:** all year

**Key words:** Nature, scenery, local produce

**More information:** [Formatgeria artesana Laura](#).



## POTTERIES



### RIBERA D'EBRE POTTERY

“**Miravet is well known for handcrafted pottery.** Since the time of the Iberians, ceramics have had an important role in the development of the community here, but it was the Arabians who brought new techniques from the East, fusing them with old traditions to produce work of a really high calibre. (...) **The Muslims laid down most of the techniques and methods used,** and their contribution provides the key to understanding the more traditional pieces that can be seen and are still produced today. In the eighteenth century there were 18 potteries, in the nineteenth century they numbered 25, although in the early twentieth century there were 20 workshops, now there are only 7. (...) **Miravet is associated with what is the commonest piece of pottery here; the water jug or pitcher with handles and spouts, but by no means only makes pitchers, but also washing bowls, jugs, plant pots, etc.**”

Text by Josep Papaseit based on the book “Miravet Earthenware” by Josep M. Saez ( on sale in the " Rosenda " bookshop in Miravet ).

**Perhaps one of the most easily distinguished as a piece of Miravet pottery is the bird pitcher.** This pitcher has several spouts and it is easy to get wet when you drink from the wrong one, not knowing which to drink from. Filled through a tube found in the base, the jug tapers into a tower topped with a bird ( " moixó " ) that normally looks towards the open spout and has two handles. **The Miravet Potters can be found in “Raval Canterers”**, just outside the centre of the village. Upholding the tradition that dates back to the early seventeenth century they have St Dominic as their patron saint. " The Raval " festival is held in the first week of August in honor of the patron saint of all the potters and local residents. It is an open party and everyone is welcome!



The “pitxell the moixó” or bird pitcher is not common in Catalonia and the modeling technique used to make it demands the skills of a master in the profession .

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### FIRING IN A WOOD STOVE: JOSEP FABREGAT , MIRAVET POTTER.

Throughout the year the craftsman Fabregat works and stores the finished pieces in the oven until it is full. Then begins the process of firing, which lasts 20 hours, after the 5 hours needed to pre heat the oven. One of the most spectacular moments is when the flames come out of one of the three holes in the oven, and are drawn up through the chimney. The stove reaches such high temperatures that it takes about 4 days to cool it down. Small groups can have the chance to experience the work in progress.



**Suitable for:** especially for schools of arts and crafts as well as the general public.

**Season:** available all year round.

**Keywords:** potters, ceramics, culture.

**More information:** [Miravet Town Hall and Tourist Information Point](#).

SPECIAL ORDERS OF TRADITIONAL CERAMICS AND ITEMS FOR SALE

### FERRAN SEGARRA, MIRAVET POTTER

Ferran Segarra's pottery is one of seven workshops in Miravet, in line with the ancient tradition. You can visit his workshop and be guided by the craftsman himself through the process, learning how the clay is mixed and shaped by hand before varnishing and firing. Visit the traditional pottery shop as well as a wonderful exhibition of all kinds of local handcrafted ceramics from down the ages.



**Suitable for:** groups of adults and families, up to a maximum of 20

**Season:** Available all year

**Keywords:** potters, ceramics, culture.

**More information:** [Miravet Town Hall and Tourist Information Point](#)

SALE OF TRADITIONAL CERAMICS AND ORDERS TAKEN

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### JOSEP PAPASEIT, MIRAVET POTTER

You can often find groups of students and visitors in Josep Papaseit's pottery workshop, listening to him explain about the centuries old art of pottery, and sometimes even daring to put their hands in the clay, to experience the indescribable feeling of this work. Papaseit sticks to the traditional method of making pottery using nothing but his hands, a piece of rod and wire to transform a heap of clay into a number of household yet decorative pieces. Jugs, jars, washing bowls, pitchers and plant pots are useful, practical objects made beautiful by the graceful, stylish lines the potter creates. Staying true to tradition while bringing new techniques to ceramics (stoneware, porcelain, inlaying) is how this potter keeps his ancestral profession alive.



**Suitable for:** general public, groups and schools.

**Keywords:** potters, ceramics, culture.

**More information:**

[Miravet Town Hall and Tourist Information Point.](#)

TRADITIONAL CERAMICS ON SALE AND SPECIAL ORDERS TAKEN

### THE VENTURA BROTHERS, MIRAVET POTTERS

The Ventura brothers, following in the family tradition, continue to process the clay and prepare it manually for the pieces that they will be making throughout the year. The only potters who still do this today, getting a close up view of this ancient tradition, and discovering its secrets is key to understanding the trade. Apart from their pitchers and jugs, the Ventura brothers will show you their exhibition which includes some very large pieces. You can also try out your own hand and make your own piece.

**Suitable for:** groups, adults and families.

**Season:** open all year.

**Keywords:** potters, ceramics, culture.

**More information:** [Miravet Town Hall and Tourist Information Point.](#)

TRADITIONAL CERAMICS ON SALE AND ORDERS TAKEN

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### PEDROLA AVANTE POTTERY, MIRAVET

The Pedrola brothers' pottery, you will see it as you go into the town, is currently run by Montserrat Pedrola, whose father and uncle carried on the family tradition. As well as continuing to craft traditional pieces (for the garden, pitchers, etc.) she develops her own artistic work, crafting small decorative dishes, many of them made to order by individuals and organizations. The hand of the potter can be seen at work in a demonstration on how to make a piece on the wheel. You can also try your hand at making something. Guided tours.

**Suitable for:** groups, adults and families.

**Season:** All year round.

**Keywords:** potters, ceramics, culture.

**More information:**

[Miravet Town Hall and tourist information point.](#)



TRADITIONAL AND ARTISTIC CERAMICS ON SALE, ORDERS TAKEN

### JORDI AVANTE, BENISSANET POTTER

Originally from Miravet, he is the seventh generation of his family dedicated to pottery. In his workshop in Benissanet you can see a Saracen wood stove, an exhibition of traditional ceramics, pottery used in construction and decorative pieces. Their products can be seen on their website and special orders taken.



**Suitable for:** open to all, groups, families, schools, and specialists.

**Season:** open all year

**Keywords:** potters, ceramics, culture. Advisor to the Ethnological Museum, Barcelona

**More information:**

[www.ceramicasavante.com](http://www.ceramicasavante.com) and [Benissanet Tourist Information Point.](#)

TRADITIONAL CERAMICS ON SALE AND SPECIAL ORDERS TAKEN

**Company/Organization indicated in the Dossier**

<b>Nombre de la empresa/entidad</b>	<b>Web</b>
Ajuntament de Miravet	<a href="http://www.miravet.altanet.org/turisme">www.miravet.altanet.org/turisme</a>
Domus Templi	<a href="http://www.domustempli.com">www.domustempli.com</a>
Museu de Història de Catalunya - Castell de Miravet	<a href="http://www.mhcat.cat/monuments/castell_de_miravet">www.mhcat.cat/monuments/castell_de_miravet</a>
Aureli Monge	<a href="http://www.ebreguia.com">www.ebreguia.com</a>
Consell Comarcal de la Ribera d'Ebre - Turisme	<a href="http://www.turismeriberaebre.org">www.turismeriberaebre.org</a>
Consorci Memorial Espais de la Batalla de l'Ebre	<a href="http://www.batallaebre.org">www.batallaebre.org</a>
Ajuntament de Benissanet	<a href="http://www.benissanet.cat">www.benissanet.cat</a>
Resort Rural Vilar Riu de Baix	<a href="http://www.villarriudebaix.com">www.villarriudebaix.com</a>
Aparthotel Monrural	<a href="http://www.aparthotelmonrural.com">www.aparthotelmonrural.com</a>
Hostal 7 de Ribera	<a href="http://www.7deribera.com">www.7deribera.com</a>
El Brogit Guiatges	<a href="http://www.elbrogit.com">www.elbrogit.com</a>
Ajuntament de Vinebre	<a href="http://www.vinebre.cat">www.vinebre.cat</a>
Tarannà Viatges	<a href="http://www.taranna.com/ecoturismo-en-el-rio-ebro">www.taranna.com/ecoturismo-en-el-rio-ebro</a>
Reserva Natural de Sebes	<a href="http://www.reservanaturalsebes.org">www.reservanaturalsebes.org</a>
Enblau, creadors d'aventures	<a href="http://www.enblau.cat">www.enblau.cat</a>
Delta Polet	<a href="http://www.deltapolet.com">www.deltapolet.com</a>
Alberg de Tivissa	<a href="http://www.albergcampingtivissa.cat">www.albergcampingtivissa.cat</a>
Oficina de turisme de Ascó	<a href="http://www.asco.cat/web/index/turisme">www.asco.cat/web/index/turisme</a>
Llaüt Lo Roget	<a href="http://www.llautloroget.com">www.llautloroget.com</a>
Badia Tucana	<a href="http://www.badiatucana.com">www.badiatucana.com</a>
Càmping Riba-roja	<a href="http://www.campingriba-roja.com">www.campingriba-roja.com</a>
Rogles Aventura	<a href="http://www.rogles.org">www.rogles.org</a>
Oficina de Turisme de Tivissa	<a href="http://www.tivissa.cat">www.tivissa.cat</a>
Consorci Serra de Llaberia	<a href="http://www.serrallaberia.cat">www.serrallaberia.cat</a>
Muntanyes de Tivissa-Vandellòs	<a href="http://muntanyestivissavandellos.wordpress.com/">http://muntanyestivissavandellos.wordpress.com/</a>
Mas d'Alerany	<a href="http://www.masdalerany.com">www.masdalerany.com</a>
C.E. de Muntanya La Cameta Coixa	<a href="http://cursalacametacoixa.blogspot.com.es/">http://cursalacametacoixa.blogspot.com.es/</a>
Inntravel	<a href="http://www.inntravel.co.uk/holidays/cycling-holidays/spain/catalonia/a-meander-along-the-ebro">www.inntravel.co.uk/holidays/cycling-holidays/spain/catalonia/a-meander-along-the-ebro</a>
Hostal Gastronòmic La Creu	<a href="http://www.hostallacreu.com">www.hostallacreu.com</a>
Associació per a la Preservació del Patrimoni Ferroviari Industrial	<a href="http://www.appfi.net">www.appfi.net</a>
Central Nuclear d'Ascó	<a href="http://www.anav.es">www.anav.es</a>
Oliflix	<a href="http://www.oliflix.com">www.oliflix.com</a>
Ajuntament de Flix	<a href="http://www.flix.cat">www.flix.cat</a>
Circuit de Móra d'Ebre	<a href="http://www.circuitmoradebre.com">www.circuitmoradebre.com</a>
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