



CUSTOMISED SELF-GUIDED HIKE

DAY 1. BANYOLES – PORQUERES – PUIG CLARÀ- BANYOLES (16 Km – 10 Miles – 134mt elevation)

Transfer from Begur to Banyoles on private van to the starting point of the hike that goes round the lake, and then through the pine forest continues to the Medieval town of Porqueres. From Santa Maria Romanesque Church starts a circular route that arrives to the top of Mountain Puig Clarà with breathtaking views of the area. On the descent, the walk will lead you back to a dirt track between billabongs and the lake of Banyoles.

Your luggage will be transferred directly to the Hotel.

Hotel: L'Ast www.hotelast.com

DAY 2. BANYOLES – BESALU (15 km – 9 Miles – 228mt elevation)

After breakfast, your luggage will be transferred to Besalú and you can start the Hike between Banyoles and Besalu, which follows the GR1. The first section of the hike lead you up the mountain of Puig de Sant Martirià where you will be able to see the Pirinees Mountains, after you will continue towards the town of Serinyà leaving behind fields of sunflowers and wheat. Once in the village, take you time to discover the small narrow streets of the mediaeval quarter and its cafés, before you continue to Besalú, probably one of the most emblematic towns in la Garrotxa. Walking on the 12th century Bridge into Besalú will be an experience you will never forget.

Hotel: Els jardins de Martana www.lamartana.com

DAY 3. BESALU – SANTA PAU (20 km - 12 Miles – 693mt elevation)

After breakfast, your luggage will be transferred to Santa Pau and you can start the Hike between Besalu and Santa Pau, which follows the GR2. We are now leaving the Mediterranean landscape and weather and entering a volcanic area. The hike today will take place mostly through the forest of oak trees, rivers and small waterfall on the way. It is a beautiful walk, longer than the rest, but not strenuous, with fountains and villages on the way for stops to rest and enjoy the landscape. Impressive entrance into Santa Pau fortress.

Hotel: Cal Sastre www.calsastre.com

DAY 4. SANTA PAU VOLCANO (13km – 8,5 Miles)

After breakfast, meet your local guide at the lobby and start the walk to the Santa Pau, Santa Margarida and Cruscat Volcanoes and then continue to Fageda d'en Jordà Beech Forest, all part of the Natural Park of La Garrotxa. After hiking in the afternoon, private transfer to Madremanya, for check in, rest and dinner.

Hotel: Racó www.elracodemadremanya.com



DAY 5. MADREMANYA – SANTUARI DELS ANGELS (17KM- 9,5 Miles- 497mt)

After breakfast, walk to the designated starting point to begin the hike of discovery of Les Gavarres, this is the name given to the mountain range you will climb today. It's known for its rock granite formation and forests of cork oak trees and other vegetation that form the park. At the top of the mountain, there is the Sanctuary of "Holy Mary of the angels" which dates from 1409, where Salvador Dali and Gala got married in 1958. The best views of Catalonia are from the square at the Church where on a clear day, you can see the Islands of las Medes in la Costa Brava and the Mountains of the Pyrenees.

There is a Restaurant where you can have lunch and after start the descend. Once back in Madremanya, you will have a transfer back to Begur.

PRICE:

Based on 5pax travelling: 980€ per person.

WHAT IS INCLUDED

- + **ACCOMMODATION:** 4 nights in 4* star Hotels
- + **MEALS:** 4 Breakfasts
- + **ACTIVITIES:** Guided Hike of the Natural Park of La Garrotxa.
- + **LOCAL GUIDES:** Self-Guided. We will provided with tracks to download on your phones or watch
- + **TRANSPORTATION:** Private transport from/to Begur, transfer of luggage and pax as per program

