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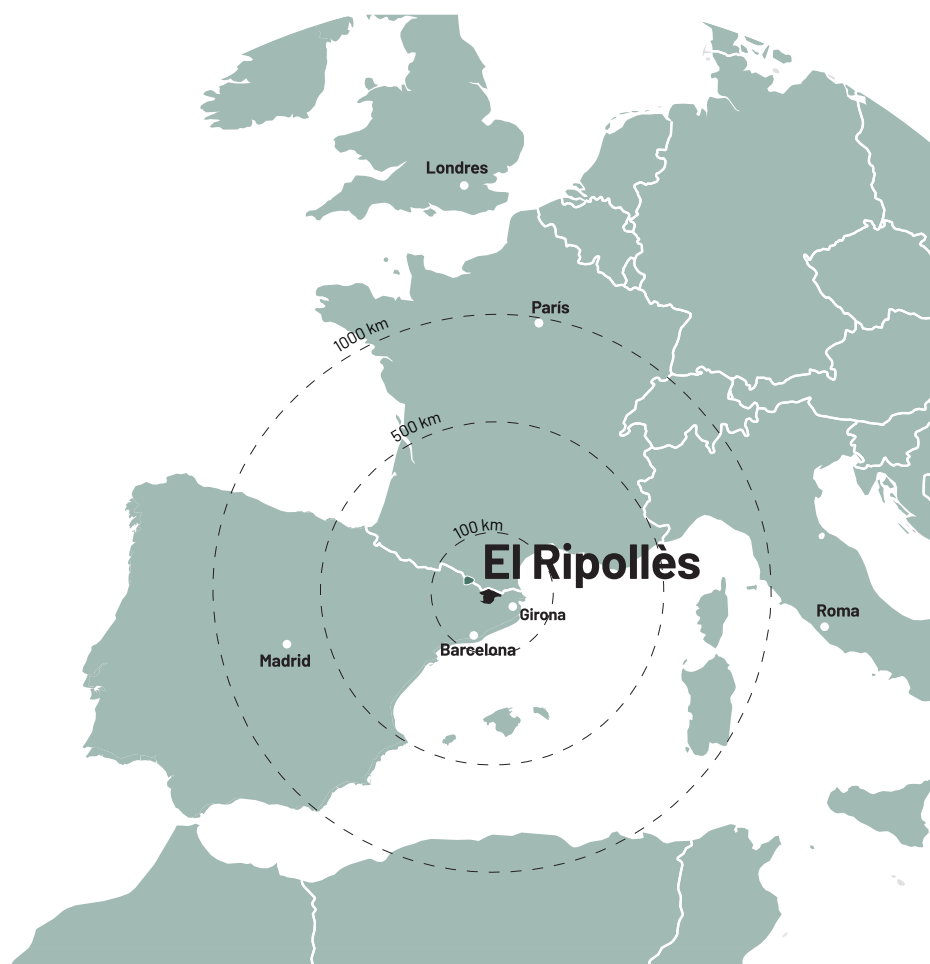


WELCOME TO EL RIPOLLÈS

Welcome to El Ripollès, the Pyrenees on your doorstep. The county of El Ripollès offers nature in its purest form, historical heritage of incalculable value, and a place where you can get away from it all and be welcomed with open arms, and all just an hour from the cities of Barcelona and Girona. You'll feel at home in El Ripollès, because it always has everything you want.

It is a region with European Charter for Sustainable Tourism (ECST) certification in which you can enjoy a wide variety of experiences with nature in all its splendour, with snow and skiing in the winter and lush greenery in springtime. It is a land of quaint villages and charming streets, rural life and good food, gastronomy and lively local shops, all against a backdrop of a prized historical legacy.

In El Ripollès, its heritage is its people, its nature and the cultural attributes that imbue it with personality. It is a green county where you can find the peace and tranquillity you desire and the rest you deserve.



WHY VISIT EL RIPOLLÈS?

1 Have fun discovering nature as a family

Family days out in idyllic natural settings. In El Ripollès you'll find a wide variety of options, including animal and adventure parks, to make your Pyrenean experience truly unforgettable!



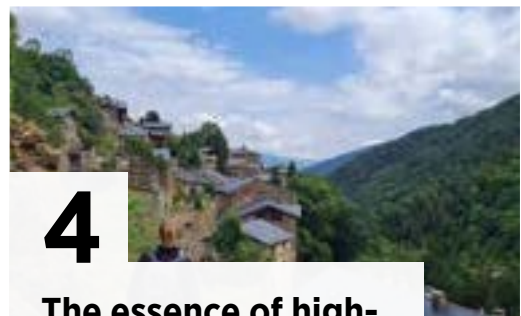
2 Mountain resorts: Vall de Núria and Vallter 2000

Two mountain resorts located among peaks almost 3,000 m above sea level in an exceptional natural setting. Ideal for the whole family to enjoy the mountains at any time of year



3 From farm to table

Good food is an essential part of any holiday. In the county of El Ripollès you'll find some of the best local produce and natural food in the whole of Catalonia. Fresh fruit and vegetables, meat, sausages, cheese, confectionery, biscuits, honey and much more are served for your pleasure in establishments with excellent reviews in the best restaurant guides.

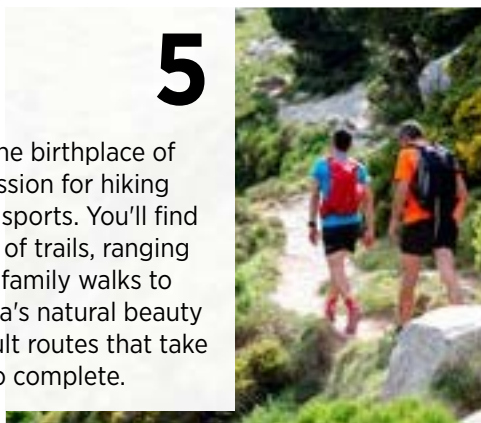


4 The essence of high-mountain villages

Without even trying, you'll find yourself strolling through charming medieval villages like Dòrria, Beget and Vallfogona de Ripollès and enjoying their hidden corners, cobbled streets and Pyrenean nature.

5 Endless trails

El Ripollès is the birthplace of Catalonia's passion for hiking and mountain sports. You'll find a wide variety of trails, ranging from pleasant family walks to take in the area's natural beauty to more difficult routes that take several days to complete.



Emblematic peaks and vast expanses of countryside

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Visit Capçaleres del Ter i del Freser Natural Park, climb the most emblematic peaks, such as Puigmal, Bastiments and Costabona, where the landscape is truly remarkable, or enjoy the views from some of the county's lookout points, including the Costa Brava balcony at Vallter 2000, the village of Campelles and the shrine of Montgrony, where you can get away from it all and discover the Catalan Pyrenees. This uniquely impressive countryside is home to places where you find moments of silence and magic that seem to last forever.



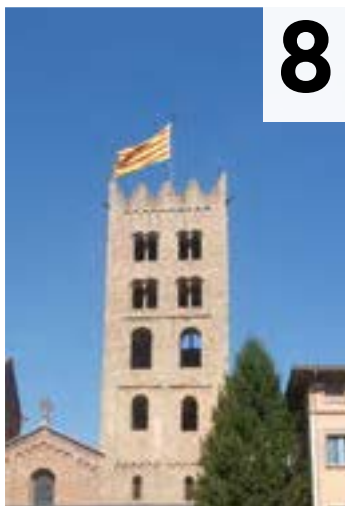
A Romanesque land of monasteries, churches and castles

Almost a hundred monuments make El Ripollès home to one of the densest and most exceptional concentrations of Romanesque heritage in Europe. Wherever you go you'll find legendary heritage elements from over a thousand years ago hidden in places just waiting to be discovered. The three main sites are the monastery of Santa Maria de Ripoll, the monastery of Sant Joan de les Abadesses and the monastery of Sant Pere de Camprodon.

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The cradle of Catalonia

The history and culture of our land will captivate your heart and make you want to discover more. You'll learn about the origin of Catalonia, about the peculiarities of our various regions, about a way of life and a sense of identity based on shepherding, about rural life and trades, about the birth of the Catalan ironworks...



A thousand kilometres waiting to be ridden

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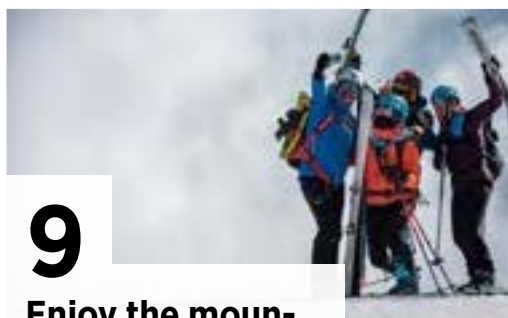
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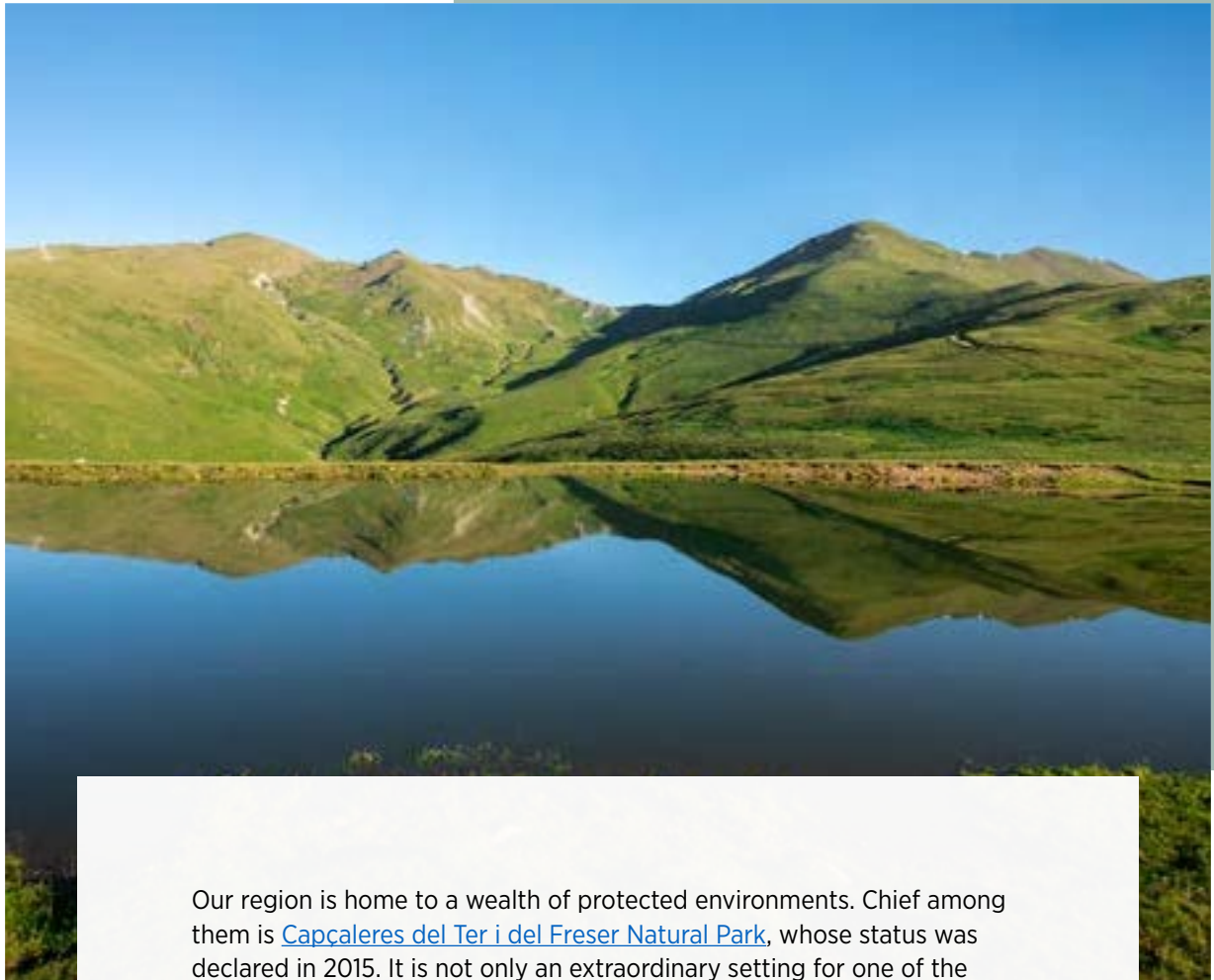
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Enjoy the mountains all year round

A thousand and one activities for the whole family to enjoy the mountains at any time of year. Each one offers its own landscape of rivers, forests, gorges and peaks whose aromas and colours will surprise and enchant you.



NATURE



Our region is home to a wealth of protected environments. Chief among them is [Capçaleres del Ter i del Freser Natural Park](#), whose status was declared in 2015. It is not only an extraordinary setting for one of the county's most valuable assets, livestock farming, but also includes the major peaks of Puigmal, Bastiments, Balandrau, Noucreus, Noufonts, Costabona... In 2019, the natural park was awarded European Charter for Sustainable Tourism in Protected Areas (ECTS) status, which extended our commitment to sustainable tourism to the whole of the county of El Ripollès.

The park's greatest treasure is its natural heritage and landscape, thanks to which you can find a wide variety of flora and spectacular high-mountain fauna. On its interpretive routes you can visit mountain villages, immerse yourself in the pastoral life and identity of our area and discover high-mountain archaeology, the area's mining industry and its hydroelectric power plants.

It also features Vallter 2000 and Vall de Núria, two mountain resorts in the heart of the park in exceptional natural surroundings with peaks rising to more than 2,800 m above sea level.

Montgrony range

It is a natural continuation of the [Cadí-Moixeró](#) range, but its more easterly location imbues it with its own unique character. It features a wide variety of habitats and species of Community interest, as well as a rich variety of fauna. It is a spectacular natural setting for a whole range of outings and sporting activities.



Milany-Santa Magdalena and Puigsacalm-Bellmunt ranges

In the east of the county, on the border with La Garrotxa, these mountain ranges offer both spectacular scenery and tourist attractions such as the remains of Milany Castle. It is a popular area for hiking, mountain biking and motor sports in the natural environment.



Mount Taga and the Cavallera range

The Cavallera range, which stands between the valleys of the Ter and Freser rivers, is known for the gentle curves of its relief and splendid panoramic views of the county. Its skirts are home to the charming villages of Ribes de Freser, Bruguera, Pardines, Ogassa, Sant Joan de les Abadesses, Camprodon and Villallonga de Ter. Taga, at 2,032 m above sea level, offers hikers who reach its crown spectacular views of the entire county and the Cavallera range.



A land of water and surprising rivers

The various rivers that flow through El Ripollès showcase the county's indigenous biodiversity and provide a beautiful backdrop against which to discover the routes and paths that run alongside them. The Ter, one of Catalonia's longest and most emblematic rivers, rises in Ulldeter (Setcases) and crosses several counties before flowing into the sea at La Gola del Ter (Torroella de Montgrí). Other rivers and streams that also have their source in El Ripollès converge with it along its course through the county, such as the Freser (its biggest tributary), and the Rigard, the Segadell, the Ritort, the Merdàs and the Vallfogona and Les Llosses streams.

EXPERIENCE EL RIPOLLÈS

Real experiences and authentic emotions. These are what you'll find in El Ripollès, along with everything you need to connect with the essence of the county. There is no lack of interesting options throughout the year, for everyone and at any age: families, couples, hikers, adventurers, gourmets, senior citizens, groups... Everyone can find in the county an [experience tailored to their interests](#): culture, health and well-being, discovering nature, hiking, gastronomy, winter sports, cycling, adventure sports... Whatever your fancy, you'll be able to experience it to the full in El Ripollès.





CULTURE, HERITAGE AND TRADITION

El Ripollès is home to one of the largest concentrations of Romanesque art in Europe, with more than a hundred monuments scattered throughout its towns and villages.

When we think of Ripollès Romanesque art we inevitably think of [three major monasteries](#) that exemplify the region's medieval cultural splendour.



Santa Maria de Ripoll



One of Catalonia's finest examples of Romanesque abbeys is the **monastery of Santa Maria de Ripoll**. It was founded in the late 11th century by Count Wilfred the Hairy and features a majestic 12th-century Romanesque portal that is a candidate for inclusion as a UNESCO World Heritage Site. It is also known for its historical role in the founding of Catalonia and as a mausoleum for Catalan nobility.

Sant Joan de les Abadesses



The **monastery of Sant Joan de les Abadesses** was Catalonia's first nunnery, whose Benedictine power was established by Abbess Emma. Its church is home to the sculpture of the descent from the cross known as the *Santíssim Misteri* or "Holy Mystery".

Sant Pere de Camprodon



The **monastery of Sant Pere de Camprodon**, founded by Count Wilfred II, is known for the elegance and sobriety of its 12th-century church.



The **audio guide *Monestirs del Ripollès, mil anys de patrimoni* (Monasteries of El Ripollès, a Thousand Years of Heritage)** is available at the county's tourist information offices. It allows you to follow a route through the towns of Ripoll, Sant Joan de les Abadesses and Camprodon to enjoy their heritage, nature and history.

The **11th, 12th and 13th centuries** brought about the **finest examples of Romanesque architecture**

and art in El Ripollès: the Pont Nou bridge in Camprodon, the church of Sant Jaume de Queralbs, the altar frontispiece of the church of Sant Esteve de Llanars, the church of Santa Cecília de Molló and the shrine of Montgrony.

And from the **14th century** onwards, its wealth of civil **architecture** made the county a privileged land of cultural heritage and territorial defence.

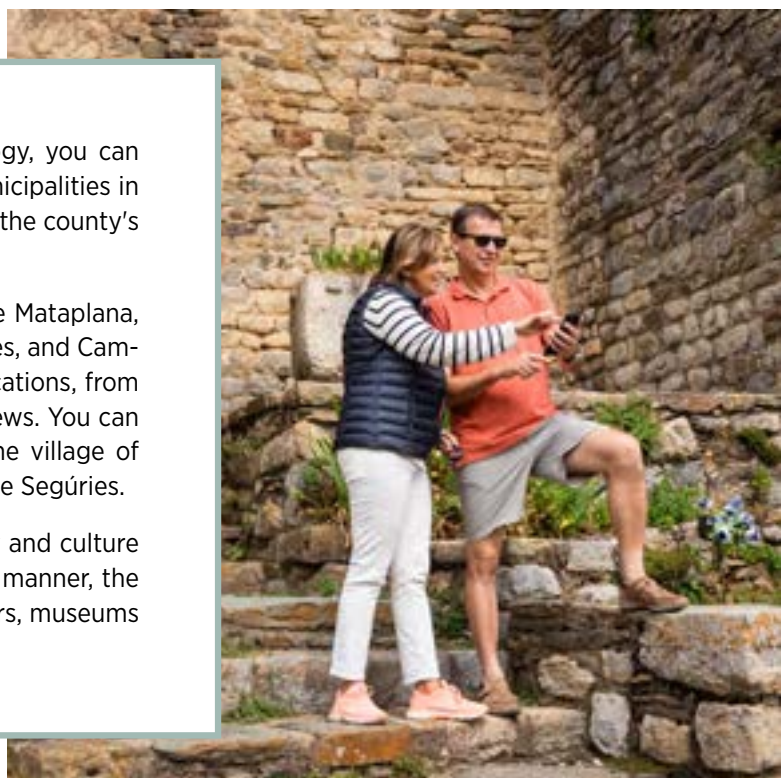
3D VIRTUAL TOURS

Thanks to the advances made in 3D technology, you can now take virtual tours of 22 churches in 19 municipalities in El Ripollès. On them, you can discover some of the county's most interesting cultural and tourism treasures.

Some of the best places to find this legacy are Mataplana, Rocabruna, Queralbs and Ribes de Freser castles, and Campelles Tower. They were all built in strategic locations, from which you can enjoy spectacular panoramic views. You can also admire 12th-century mural paintings in the village of Dòrria, as well as the Roman road in Sant Pau de Segúries.

And to really get a feel for the legends, history and culture of El Ripollès in an educational and interactive manner, the county is home to a wide variety of guided tours, museums and interpretation centres.

[+ Take a virtual tour](#)





Museums to discover a fascinating past

Don't miss the Ethnographic Museum of Ripoll, where you can discover the fascinating customs, traditions and culture of El Ripollès and the Girona Pyrenees. It features collections related to shepherding, rural life, popular religiosity, Catalan ironworks and wrought iron, and firearms.

The museum also organises guided tours of the **Scriptorium** and the **Palau ironworks forge in Ripoll**. In the Scriptorium you can learn about the cultural past of the town and the important role played by the monastery of Santa Maria de Ripoll in the 10th, 11th and 12th centuries in the production and copying of manuscripts. The **"Fes de monjo copista" (Become an Amanuensis)** workshop allows both children and adults to emulate the old monks and put into practice what they have learned from the exhibition.

The **Palau forge**, founded as an ironworks forge in the 17th century, was active for five centuries before its closure in 1978. It is Catalonia's finest, and only visitable, example of the production system known internationally as Catalan ironworks. It showcases the industrial heritage that sprang up around ironwork.

In Campdevàrol you can also visit the Molí Gros Ecomuseum and the Pyrfer Interpretation Centre, where you can learn about iron's legacy, from nail-makers through to today's metallurgical industry.

At the Ogassa Museum of Mining you can discover the industrial heritage related to coal mines.

Discover the legend of Comte Arnau, one of Catalonia's mythical figures, at the Myth of Count Arnau Interpretation Centre, in Sant Joan de les Abadesses, and the Comte Arnau Museum, in Gombren.

You can also visit the Isaac Albéniz Museum in Camprodon, which allows you to see how the musician lived, and the Vall de Núria Rack Railway Exhibition in Ribes de Freser, where you can see the old carriages that were used to make the journey up to Núria.

Ethnographic Museum



Farga Palau ironworks



Ogassa Mining Museum



Scriptorium



**Molí Gros Ecomuseum
and Pyrfer
Interpretation Centre**



Count Arnau Museum

CHARMING VILLAGES

In El Ripollès you can discover the essence of high-mountain medieval villages and be transported back in time. Narrow streets, stone houses with

slate roofs and original wood features. You'll be captivated by the beauty of these picture postcard villages as you stroll along their streets.



Dòrria

In Toses, a hamlet some 1,550 m above sea level, which has conserved the charm of high-mountain villages. Declared a Cultural Asset of National Interest for its beauty, one of its main features is the church of Sant Víctor, home to Romanesque paintings from the 12th century.

Setcases

A picturesque village with carefully restored stone houses and cobbled streets, exemplifies the essence of Pyrenean high-mountain villages. It is one of the gateways to Capçaleres del Ter i del Freser Natural Park.



Pardines

A quintessentially Pyrenean village, located in the heart of Capçaleres del Ter i del Freser Natural Park, under the shade of one of the most emblematic mountains in El Ripollès, Mount Taga. The village's Romanesque atmosphere and cobbled streets are living testimony to its storied past.

La Roca de Vilallonga de Ter

A village with a long history, has maintained its medieval distribution from when it was surrounded by the walls of its ancient castle. Now mostly lost to history, the sole remnant of the walled enclosure is the chapel of La Pietat.



Beget

Is a small village in the Camprodon valley that has not lost its majestic rural essence in the Romanesque style. It is home to the church of Sant Cristòfol and its *Christ in Majesty*, one of Catalonia's finest Romanesque sculptures. In 2021, it was included on the exclusive list of Spain's Most Beautiful Villages.

Vallfogona de Ripollès

Is surrounded by beautiful countryside, woods and paths that make it an ideal destination for hiking and nature outings. Its well-preserved medieval old town consists of a central square around which the old houses, which have retained their original thresholds and balconies, were built in a circle.



ACTIVE TOURISM

In El Ripollès we live an active life throughout the year, in boots, on skis or on two wheels!



Hiking for everyone

El Ripollès is the birthplace of Catalonia's passion for hiking and mountain sports. The county is home to hundreds of kilometres of trails with routes to suit everyone: pleasant family walks, long hikes with climbs up to mountain peaks, and treks on GR footpaths such as the GR 11 and the GR 151, known as the Oliba Path, which take you across much of the country.

What's more, the [Itinerànnia hiking trail network](#), Ripollès – Garrotxa – Alt Empordà, has recovered more than 2,500 km of ancient paths used by our forefathers so you can cover the entire county on foot and visit all of its villages. By sticking to the **yellow waymarks** you can create a tailor-made route, go on a trip over several days or opt for one of the more than 200 recommended routes, which offer various degrees of difficulty, either alone or with friends or family. The network of trails in the coun-

ties of El Ripollès, La Garrotxa and L'Alt Empordà offers a wide variety of routes, with difficulty levels to suit everyone. The advanced mobile app allows you to organise your own routes, with all the safety measures necessary to ensure you never get lost.

Planning a hiking trip? On the website [ripollesturis-me.cat](#) you can find more than 200 routes to organise the perfect excursion in accordance with your ability and available time.

Hiking through El Ripollès, you'll enjoy all the countryside, nature, history and culture you find along the way and you'll discover beauty spots and charming villages with a rural past that evoke the essence of how our ancestors lived as you pass through unspoilt areas.

Cycling for everyone

El Ripollès is a diverse county, offering unique sensations from dawn's earliest light until the sun sets behind the Pyrenees. And if you discover this land on the saddle of a bicycle you are guaranteed to have a thrilling, fun time and want to come back. We're talking about cycling in all its forms and for all levels of fitness. From relaxing family rides to ascents to some of the most legendary mountain passes for those wanting to test their limits.

El Ripollès's unique terrain has something for everyone. Cycle it your way: bicycle touring, mountain biking, road cycling, gravel cycling, electric cycling...



El Ripollès Mountain Bike Centre

It provides an extensive catalogue, with as many as [24 signposted and documented routes](#) with various levels of difficulty. There are simple rides over a distance of just 4 km through to more demanding routes covering more than 40 km with a cumulative elevation gain of 1,200 m.

Emulating the great feats of top road cyclists

On the peaceful roads of El Ripollès you can enjoy cycling in all its glory and try to beat the clock on [some of the most demanding passes](#) in the Pyrenees, the site of some of the greatest feats in professional cycling. Challenges like riding up to Vallter 2000, Collet de les Barraques or Col d'Ares mountain pass. All yours!

Greenways: the [flattest routes](#) for the whole family to enjoy

Greenway – The Iron and Coal Route

The [Iron and Coal Route](#) follows the route of the old railway tracks as a nod to the ironworking tradition of the area of El Ripollès and the coal mines of Ogassa. Twelve kilometres of tracks have been converted into an ideal trail to enjoy on foot or by bike and remember the industrial past of our forefathers.

Campdevàdol Royal Road and Droveway

From the town of Campdevàdol runs the [old royal road and droveway](#), which offers a route of some 4 km along the livestock path, at the end of which you are within striking distance of the popular Sant Eudald and Querol springs, and the Romanesque church of Sant Llorenç de Campdevàdol. This same path connects to the Iron and Coal Route and Ripoll.

Greenway - Sant Joan de les Abadesses – Sant Pau de Segúries / Camprodon – Llanars

From Sant Joan de les Abadesses you can take the stretch that goes to Sant Pau de Segúries, a new stretch of 9 km along the river Ter that crosses it on numerous occasions thanks to four large gangways. In Sant Pau de Segúries, the Pirinexus route takes you to Camprodon and from there, another section runs for 3 km to Llanars.

In Sant Joan de les Abadesses it connects up with the Iron and Coal Route, which leads to Ripoll and also to another section which take you to Olot and the start of the Route of El Carilet.



Snow and winter activities

In winter, El Ripollès is blanketed with snow, enabling a wide variety of sports to be practiced. The Vallter 2000, La Molina and Vall de Núria [ski resorts](#) provide everything you need to enjoy a wide range of winter sports. Alpine skiing, ski mountaineering, snowshoeing, and ice climbing are just some of the activities on offer to enjoy the snowscape as never before. And the resort's play parks are designed to give children an unforgettable experience in the snow!

Adventure parks

A [unique discovery for the youngest members](#) of the family, with a variety of acrobatic circuits and zip-lines over the trees... Ideal for families, groups of friends, school outings, birthday parties and any other events or celebrations. The parks include Molló Parc Aventura, in Molló, and Estiula Aventura, in Campdevànol.



Animal parks

Molló Parc is on the edge of a natural park in the mountains, where you will be surrounded by animals in semi-wild conditions: wolves, bears, marmots, lynxes, wild boars... And also farm animals. As you walk through the natural environment you can see more than 30 different species of animals indigenous to the Catalan Pyrenees. This is an ideal activity for children, but also for adults, because our love of animals and nature does not diminish with age.

Adventure sports

If you're not prone to vertigo, the via ferrata in Ribes de Freser offers an exceptional viewpoint over the town and surrounding area. This moderately difficult climbing route is suitable for adrenaline junkies and adventurous families. And if that's not thrilling enough, you can try your hand at mountaineering, canyoning, rock climbing or paragliding.



Sports tourism

El Ripollès is an ideal destination for sport, thanks to its weather and natural features, its long tradition of hiking and outdoor activities and the high quality of its tourist services. You can find trail zones, training camps, and municipal sports centres, such as Ripoll's L'Avellaneda sports centre, located in natural surroundings. Thanks to these attributes, El Ripollès is one of the Catalan counties that organise the most mountain races each season. And throughout the year, you'll find a large number of sporting events, such as trails, duathlons and bike races.

ACTIVE FAMILY TOURISM

We offer a world of activities to enjoy as a family: from discovering places together and enjoying our natural and cultural heritage to sharing unique experiences that we are sure you'll want to repeat.

Don't miss the fun routes on which you'll learn about our natural and cultural heritage and history:



- **Met of Ribes**, a game which centres around the popular figure of Met, allows you to find 13 figures hidden in different places in the town of Ribes de Freser and discover its history and natural and cultural heritage. It can be played with an explanatory sheet or via the website www.metderibes.cat.
- **The junior heritage detectives** of the Camprodon Valley will help you discover its villages in an entertaining way by solving puzzles, discovering mysteries and visiting beautiful sites.
- **Encanteri** is a game of cards and discovery where the board is the land. Discover the names of the spirits that are hiding in the river Ter, in the towns of Camprodon, Sant Pau, Sant Joan de les Abadesses and Ripoll.
- **Paths and Battles** in the Camprodon Valley offers three educational routes to experience various military episodes from history.
- **The Camprodon Retreat** allows you to travel back in time to the period of the Retreat to see how Camprodon was affected by the Spanish Civil War.

Our active and family tourist services have also been officially recognised, with the Camprodon Valley being certified as a Family friendly adventure destination, and the Vallter 2000 and Vall de Núria mountain resorts as Family Tourism Destinations by the Catalan Tourist Board.



GASTRONOMY AND LOCAL PRODUCTS

In El Ripollès the food is finger-licking good! It is a high-mountain county with a rich [culinary tradition](#). Our high-quality locally sourced agri-food products bring the subtle flavours of the countryside to your table. The chefs of the county's restaurants produce a gastronomic calendar of unique experiences, in which traditional and avant-garde values combine to please your palate.

The county's standing as a land of rural life and good food is backed by the [guarantee mark "Producte del Ripollès"](#), which certifies that its products are rooted in our mountain character and are the result of a firm commitment to work the land and maintain our identity.



In the county's more than 160 restaurants, one of which boasts a Michelin star, you can sample our typical fare based on [locally sourced products](#): honey, milk and dairy products, traditional cakes, lamb and kid, pork, foal meat, aromatic herbs, infusions and condiments, pork sausages, ratafia liqueur, vegetables and forest fruits, potatoes from the Camprodon Valley, pre-cooked dishes, beer, jam, meat, eggs... All these products are served for your pleasure in establishments with excellent reviews in the best restaurant guides.

With exclusive locally sourced products and professional groups such as the Associació d'Hostaleria del Ripollès, Les Cuines de la Vall de Camprodon and Els Fogons de la Vall de Ribes, there really is no excuse for not sampling our gastronomical wealth and enjoying the pleasure of sitting down to share a good meal.

HEALTH AND WELL-BEING

The rural idyll of El Ripollès is home to more than 200 family hotels and other places to stay, some of which offer magnificent wellness and spa facilities. The culture of wellness is deeply rooted in our land, where you can leave behind your stress and enjoy some richly deserved me time. Water therapy, massage, meditation, yoga, rest and relaxation...

And throughout the year there is a wide variety of health and well-being activities on offer in the pure mountain air surrounded by fascinating landscapes of exceptional natural beauty and absolute peace. The four [Vorater trails](#) (Camprodon, Sant Pau de Segúries, Sant Joan de les Abadesses, and Ripoll) feature five places for calm and contemplation, as well as exercises corresponding to each point.



EVENTS

The dynamic nature of the county is borne out by its extensive calendar of activities that allow you to feel like you belong to El Ripollès throughout the year. Although rooted in popular traditions, the events held in each area fully conform to visitors' modern needs and expectations.



Culture and tradition

- Sheep Shearing and Rural Wedding Festival, Ripoll.
- Count Wilfred the Hairy Medieval Market, Ripoll.
- Rural Life Weekend, Setcases.
- Holy Mysteries Procession, Camprodon.
- International Sheep Dog Trials, Ribes de Freser.
- Patron saint festivals in numerous villages.
- Guided tours of various cultural elements and villages.

Gastronomy and locally sourced products

- European Cheese Fair, Ripoll.
- Potato Fair and Market (Molló and Villalonga de Ter).
- Setcases Herb and Wild Mushroom Fair.
- Camprodon Biscuit Fair.
- Ribes Valley Honey and Cheese Festival.
- Gastronomy seasons.
- El Ripollès cheese tastings.

Sport

- A wide variety of mountain races, such as L'Olla de Núria, Bastions, Marrana Sky-race, Batega el Bac, Corriols de Foc...
- Mountain bike and road cycling races, and even a trial competition, the Santigosa Three Day Trial.
- Training camps.

Hiking and nature

- More than ten guided nature walks are included in the [Ripollès Discovery Walking](#) hiking festival, one of twelve held within the framework of the Pyrenees Hiking Festivals.
- Parades of soldiers and a hike along the Roman road at Sant Pau de Segúries.
- Popular hikes and snowshoeing by the light of the full moon.
- Guided tours of Capçaleres del Ter i del Freser Natural Park throughout the year.

Fairs and markets

- Fira de les 40 Hores ("40-hour", multi-sector fair), Ripoll.

- Firallonga (craft fair), Vilallonga de Ter.
- Christmas markets.

Livestock shows

- Ribes de Freser Livestock Fair.
- Espinavell Horse Fair.
- Fira de Santa Teresa & Fira Catalana de l'Ovella (sheep fair), Ripoll.

Music festivals

- [Festival de Música de la Vall de Camprodon](#), [Microclima](#), [Isaac Albéniz](#), [Ripollès 5 Sentits](#), [Romànic en Viu](#), [Inspira Festival](#), [Comte Arnau](#), [Clavetaires](#) and [Macroclima](#).
- They also form part of the [Pyrenees Early Music Festival - FeMAP](#).

Traditional dance and folklore

- La Gala de Campdevàrol dance.
- Rosary Festival and Dance, Gombren, Vallfogona de Ripollès and Llanars.
- Dance of the Pabordes, Sant Joan de les Abadesses.
- Dansa dels Clavells, Ripoll.

GENERAL INFORMATION

How to get there

The Pyrenees are waiting for you with open arms to live your story in El Ripollès. We are located in the north of Catalonia, in the Girona Pyrenees. The main roads and transport systems to reach it are:



By train

On line R3, which connects El Ripollès to Barcelona and Puigcerdà, you can travel from Toses to Ripoll, via Planoles, Ribes de Freser and Campdevànol.



By plane

Josep Tarradellas Barcelona-El Prat airport (BCN) is located 110 km from El Ripollès. From there you can easily take the train.

Girona-Costa Brava airport (GRO) is 75 km from El Ripollès. An airport shuttle bus runs to the city of Girona, from where you can travel to El Ripollès on a TEISA bus.



By car

On the C-17 towards Vic-Puigcerdà it takes just over an hour to get there **from Barcelona**. And **from Girona**, on the A-26 towards Banyoles-Olot, and the N-260 to Ripoll.



By taxi

Various taxi companies are available to take you wherever you want.



By bus

Scheduled services connect El Ripollès to nearby counties and towns:

Lines from Barcelona, Girona, Vic, Olot, Puigcerdà/Llívia and Prats de Molló: www.teisa-bus.com

Línies from Bagà and Llívia:
www.autocarsmir.com

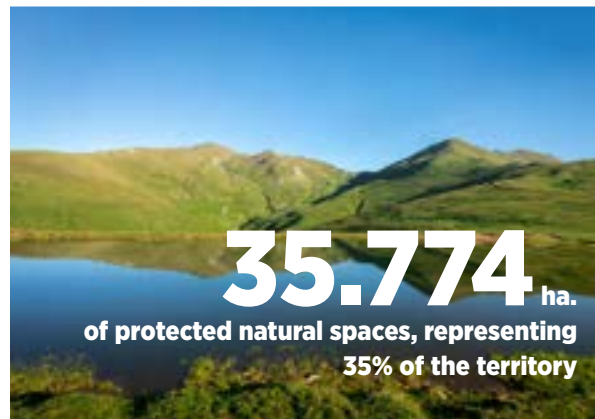
Línia from Berga: www.alsa.es

There are also scheduled services connecting the various towns and villages in the county.

EL RIIPOLLÈS IN FIGURES

- 19 municipalities
- 25,449 inhabitants
- 95,660 ha surface area
- 14,740 ha of natural park, representing 15.4% of the territory
- 35,774 ha of protected natural spaces, representing 35% of the territory
- 67 hotels and guest houses
- 14 campsites
- 25 hostels, refuge huts and summer camps
- 149 rural tourism establishments
- 12 holiday apartments
- 512 tourist dwellings
- 12 museums and interpretation centre
- 46 cultural assets of national interest
- 3 mountain resorts
- Highest peak: Puigmal (2,909 m)
- 1 animal park
- 2 adventure parks
- 1 via ferrata

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[Ripollès Tourism](#) manages and promotes the tourism of the entire county of El Ripollès and its various municipalities under the brand "El Ripollès, live your story in the Pyrenees". It works in conjunction with Capçaleres del Ter i del Freser Natural Park, which leads the European Charter for Sustainable Tourism in Protected Areas (ECTS) in El Ripollès. Accredited in 2019, this charter provides El Ripollès with a sustainable tourism strategy approved by the county's agents, with the aim of achieving continual improvement in the development of tourist activity, natural areas and the agents who live and work in the county. The principles of the ECST in El Ripollès are as follows:

- Give priority to the identification of heritage and its conservation.
- Offer infrastructure and tourist services that reflect the county in terms of quality, social responsibility and adaptation to nature clients.
- Understand and ensure the repercussions of tourist activity on the values and activities typical of the county.
- Build a tourist communication strategy: the message to be conveyed and adaptation of the message according to channel and public.
- Ensure governance as a methodology to structure the work in the county.
- Foster economic activities typical of El Ripollès that can complement its tourism.
- Reduce the county's environmental footprint and facilitate tools to educate its inhabitants and raise their awareness of the issues.

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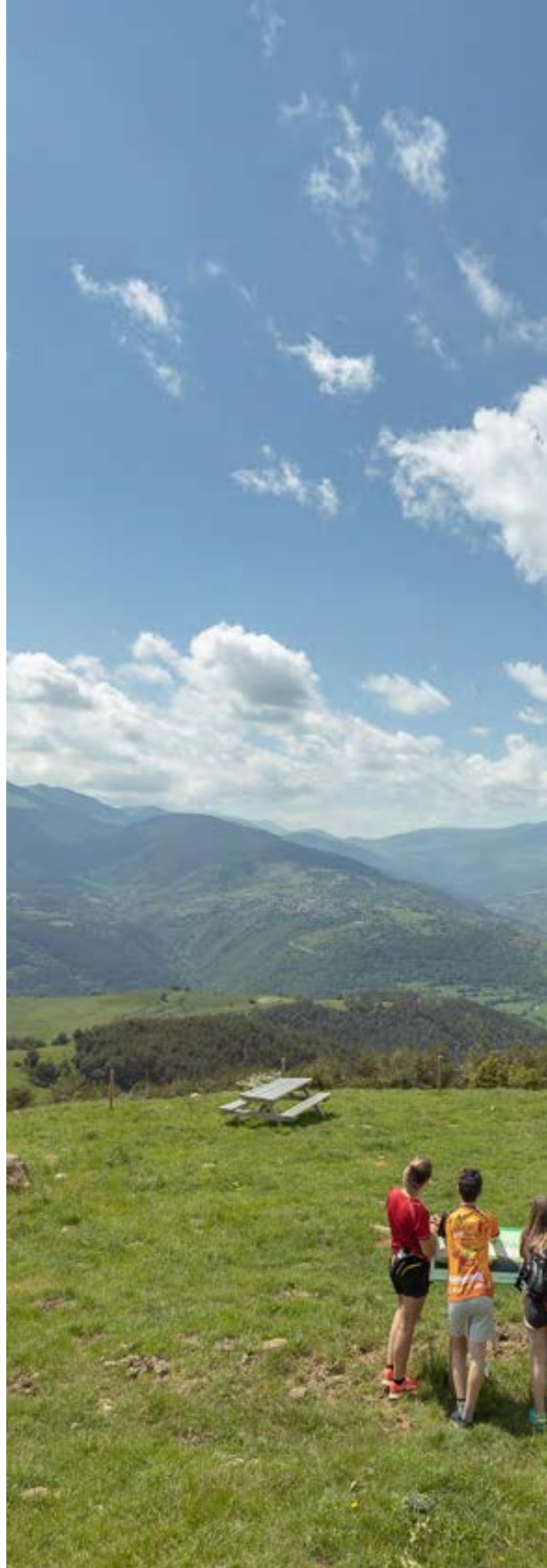
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