



All tours leave from C/Del Portal de la Santa Madrona, just off the bottom of the Ramblas. Metro stop "Drassanes," Green Line. Please arrive 15 minutes before the tour is due to start as the coach will depart punctually on the hour specified.



UNIQUE TOURS OF LOCAL FESTIVALS AND CATALAN CELEBRATIONS



CuITOURa offers you the unique opportunity to experience the vibrant, Mediterranean spirit of Barcelona and Catalunya. Every year, lively 'festes' transform the towns of Catalunya into fantastical worlds of giants, dragons, fire dancers and human castles. From the heart of Catalan culture, these modern day celebrations stem from rituals and traditions that are hundreds of years old. CuITOURa invites you on a mythical journey to explore the legendary culture of Catalunya.

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#### Reservations

To make a booking, contact your nearest travel agency. To find out where your nearest travel agency is, visit the CuITOURa web site: [www.cultourabcn.com](http://www.cultourabcn.com)

#### Information

For more information about CuITOURa and its tours visit the CuITOURa web site or send an email to: [info@cultourabcn.com](mailto:info@cultourabcn.com)

#### Tours

\*CuITOURa guides are qualified experts in the culture and history of Catalunya. They speak English, Catalan and Castilian Spanish. The guides have been chosen by CuITOURa for their people skills and sense of humour.

\*All tours include leisure time for dining & shopping, in addition to restaurant recommendations for meat eaters and vegetarians. The tour price does not include meals.

#### Details

\*CuITOURa uses fully, air conditioned coaches.

\*Tours include entrance fees to Catalan festivals & events.

\*Tours do not include entrance fees to monuments unless otherwise stated.

\*Reservation is subject to availability and bookings must be made in advance.

\*It is strongly advised that children under the age of ten do not come on CuITOURa tours. This is as much for them as it is for CuITOURa.

Anybody under the age of sixteen must be accompanied by an adult.

\*Tour prices do not include IVA.

#### Terms & Conditions

Refunds for final clients are subject to the individual refund conditions of the Travel Agency where the tour ticket was purchased. The company reserves the right to cancel tours. Full refunds will be given if CuITOURa makes the cancellation. CuITOURa reserves the right to change the tour itinerary due to weather conditions or changes made in Catalan festival timetables or other extenuating circumstances as CuITOURa sees fit. CuITOURa can not accept responsibility for the actions of independent contractors, their employees or representatives. CuITOURa can not be held liable for loss or theft of property during the course of the tour. Full terms and conditions are available on request.

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#### Human Castles (Castelles)

Originating from the region of Tarragona, south of Barcelona, is the famous Human Castle tradition. Hundreds of people balance on each other's shoulders to create great trembling towers up to nine storeys high, accompanied by the traditional Catalan musicians "Grallers." Ecstatic applause adds to the tense excitement and electric atmosphere.

#### Devils & Fire Throwing (Correfoc)

The Correfoc (Fire Run) or Devil's Dance (Ball de Diables) is one of the most stunning elements of Catalan festivals. Devil figures, stemming from Pagan legends, run through dusk darkened streets brandishing sparking forks amidst flames and fireworks.

#### Carnavalesque Parades (Cercavila)

Fantastical dragons, twelve foot giants, enormous headed dwarfs, magical fire dancers and lively musicians form vibrant processions that wind their way through the festival streets.

#### Dancing (Balles)

Town squares burst into life with displays of vibrant Catalan dancing: the Ball dels Gigants (the Dance of the Giants) with twelve foot models, the Ball de Gitanes (Gypsy Dance), the Sardanas and Ball de Bastons (Stick Dance).

#### Catalan Food & Wine (Manger i Vi)

Authentic Catalan cuisine, not found in typical tourist restaurants, will be recommended by CuITOURa. Exquisite regional dishes and locally produced wine are a Catalan speciality.



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LIVE CATALUNYA

## JUNE

### THURSDAY 15TH JUNE: FESTIVAL OF LA PATUM FLAME FESTIVAL & Medieval Vic

Explore the distinctive and colourful boutiques in the medieval settlement of Vic (70 km) before travelling to the pretty Pyrenees town of Berga (100km). As dusk descends over the valley, the rambling streets are transformed into a medieval showcase for one of Catalunya's most electrifying fire festivals, celebrated for Corpus Christi. AFT-EVE: 4pm - 12.30am, adult £59/child £49



### SATURDAY 24TH JUNE: MID SUMMER FESTIVAL SOLSTICE FESTIVAL, GIANTS & Roman Amphitheatre

Cool off outdoors in the charming evening atmosphere of Reus (110km) and enjoy the town's biggest summer celebration in an artistic display of Giant dances and fiery blasts. Spend the afternoon strolling through the shaded pathways of the Roman Iberian capital, Tarragona (100km), and behold the ancient Augustan amphitheatre next to the sea. AFT: 2pm - 9.30pm, adult £59/child £49

### THURSDAY 29TH JUNE: MID SUMMER FESTIVAL HUMAN CASTLES, FIRE EVENTS & Roman Amphitheatre

Cross your fingers and give yourself up to the frenzied excitement of local Catalans as human tower formations rise magnificently skywards. Then, recover your senses with festive sparks and orange blasts in the elegant town of Reus (110 km). In the afternoon, saunter up the restaurant lined ramblas of Tarragona (100km) and tread the ancient footsteps of Emperor Augustus in the sandy amphitheatre next to the sea. DAY: 9.30am - 5.30pm, adult £59/child £49

## JULY

### SATURDAY 1ST JULY: HAVANERES ON THE BEACH CUBAN CATALAN SEA SHANTY & Medieval Girona

Stroll along the boutique lined riverside in the historical city of Girona (100km) and visit the old Jewish quarters. As the warm summer evening descends, simmer down and settle back in preparation for Catalunya's most celebrated Catalan-Cuban sea shanty, while sipping Rum Brulé on the cliff edged shores of the Costa Brava. (125km) EVE-NIGHT: 6pm - 1.30am, adult £83/child £73 (price includes concert ticket)



### SATURDAY 8TH JULY: GIANT WHIRL & MID SUMMER FESTIVAL GIANTS, DANCING FIRE DEVILS & Mid Summer Market

Drink in the summer magic at the fairy tale town of Montblanc (70 km) as the streets metamorphosise into a show ring for twirling, whirling Giants from all over Catalunya. Later, saunter through the colourful, open air market stalls and watch dancing fire devils at the beach town of Cunit. (100km) AFT-EVE: 4.30pm - 11.45pm, adult £59/child £49

### SATURDAY 15TH JULY: ROMAN SUN FESTIVAL GLADIATORS, ROMAN MARKET & Montserrat Mountain

Voyage back through the depths of time and stop off at Roman Catalunya in the legendary town of Guissona (100km). Lively open air stalls frame the central arena where Gladiators duel to their theatrical deaths. First port of call is the curious Montserrat moonscape (50km) from which Catalunya can be viewed like a magnificent patchwork quilt. Contemplate the celebrated Black Madonna and visit the monastery. AFT: 1pm - 9.30pm, adult £59/child £49

### WEDNESDAY 26TH JULY: SUMMER FESTIVAL HUMAN CASTLES, GIANTS & Roman Amphitheatre

Re-energize and taste the electric atmosphere as you fuse with the Catalan crowd and cheer on the human towers that slowly grow sky-high, while dancing giants twist and turn at the beach town of El Vendrell (70km). Later, stop off at the Roman capital city of Tarragona (100km) and stroll along the colourful restaurant lined ramblas that leads to the sea, and the ancient Augustan amphitheatre. DAY: 9.00am - 5.00pm, adult £59/child £49

## AUGUST

### SATURDAY 5TH AUGUST: SUMMER FESTIVAL HUMAN CASTLES, CATALAN DANCING & Roman Amphitheatre

Watch the fantastical processions of mythical Catalan characters accompanied by whirling, twirling dancers. Hold your breath, and savour the ecstatic emotion that unites the crowd, as human towers are built sky high at the beach town of Vilanova (51km). Later, saunter along the shaded boutique lined ramblas of Tarragona (100km) towards the coastline and Augustan amphitheatre. DAY: 11am - 6.30pm, adult £59/child £49

### SATURDAY 12TH AUGUST: SUMMER FIRE FESTIVAL DEVIL FIRE RUN & Medieval Girona

Meander through the winding streets of Girona (100km) and visit the colourful riverside shops and restaurants before visiting the old Jewish quarters. Soak up the summer evening atmosphere at the vibrant festival of Maçanet de la Selva (77km), as fire devils brandish swords of sparks though the dusk darkened roads. AFT-EVE: 4pm-12am, adult £59/child £49

### SATURDAY 19TH AUGUST: SANT MAGÍ FESTIVAL HUMAN CASTLES & Historical Reus

Relish the belly pit excitement as human tower formations grow slowly skywards in the ancient Roman city of Tarragona (100km) and then stroll on top of the sun soaked city walls to view the Augustan amphitheatre next to the coastline. In the afternoon, mosey round the vibrant shops and restaurants in the historical and elegant town of Reus. (108km) DAY: 9am-5pm, adult £59/child £49



### THURSDAY 24TH AUGUST: SUMMER FESTIVAL HUMAN CASTLES, DRAGONS & Roman Amphitheatre

Gaze skyward and taste the adrenalin as human tower formations are built way up into the heavens. Bring yourself back to earth watching the dragons cavort and the devils careen in a series of fantastical dances in Sitges (56km). In the afternoon stroll along the shaded boutique lined pathways that wind up outside the ancient Augustan amphitheatre in Tarragona. DAY: 10am-6pm, adult £59/child £49

## SEPTEMBER



### FRIDAY 1ST SEPTEMBER: ST. FELIX SEPTEMBER FESTIVAL HUMAN CASTLES, FOLKLORIC PROCESSION & Mediterranean sea town

Hold your breath and cross your fingers with the Catalan locals as human towers rise magnificently skywards at Vilafranca (51km). Minutes after you will return to your senses as a fantastical folkloric procession wends its way through the streets and flaming explosions light up the town square. Beforehand, stroll in the cosmopolitan fishing town of Sitges (42km) and explore the history, boutiques and seascape. DAY: 12pm-8pm, adult £59/child £49

### SATURDAY 9TH SEPTEMBER: FESTIVAL OF CATALUNYA BARREL BULL DANCE & Montserrat Mountain

Discover the adrenalin driven Catalan bull dance, which never results in the injury of the bull or the people involved, at the medieval castle town of Cardona (95km). Hold your breath during the main event as a boy inside a barrel is repeatedly tossed into the air by the bull. On the way, stop off and get an eagle eye's view of Catalunya from the peaceful heights of Montserrat (60km), and visit the monastery and the Black Madonna. DAY: 12pm-8.30pm, adult £79/child £69 (includes entrance fee to Barrel Bull Dance)

### SATURDAY 16TH SEPTEMBER: FESTIVAL OF THE MISERICORDIA FIRE DEVIL DANCE, BANDS & Roman Amphitheatre

Celebrate the second major summer festival in the vibrant town of Reus (108km) and delight in an evening of devils flying amidst flames and sparks, followed by well known Catalan bands. Beforehand, stroll under the warm afternoon sun through the cosmopolitan streets of Roman Tarragona (100km) and visit the amphitheatre next to the sea. EVE-NIGHT: 5.00pm-12.30am, adult £59/child £49

### SATURDAY 23RD SEPTEMBER: FESTIVAL OF SANTA TECLA HUMAN CASTLES, DANCES & Cosmopolitan Sea Town

Tap your feet to the pulsing display of Catalan dances before turning your attention to a fantastical folkloric procession as it curves its way round the sunny morning streets of Tarragona (100km). Join in with the adrenalin fuelled cheering as the Human Tower formations rise skyward and then stroll over to the Roman amphitheatre. In the afternoon, take a breather moseying through the boutique lined streets of the lively fishing town Sitges (42km) DAY: 9.30am-5.30pm, adult £59/child £49