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Sant Feliu de Guíxols
Costa Brava

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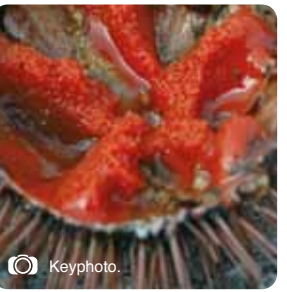
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Leisure and adventure

The sports offer around the town is wide ranging and varied: walking, swimming, hiking and touring by bicycle. As nautical activities, you can sail, take diving or fishing trips and practice kayak, windsurf, water-ski, ski-surfing or paddle surf. To discover the coast from the sea, you can even rent boats with or without skipper.

A large network of well-signposted paths will lead you through different areas which can be followed either by bicycle or on foot. The cliffs and coves can be traced on foot along the path of the *Camí de Ronda* or you can also venture further inland, through the hills of the Gavarres and the Ardenya Massif. And who prefers other emotions, the high rope courses among the trees, the paintball and botanical route of the Adventure Park, or the *Via Ferrada*, with an itinerary of almost 500 meters equipped with a steel cable along the cliffs of *Cala del Mollí*, are the best option.



Cultural activities and cuisine

The long-held cultural and festival traditions of Sant Feliu de Guíxols are revealed in events such as the International *Porta Ferrada Festival*, a summer music, theatre and dance festival, one of the oldest in Catalonia. The Carnival, the *Cançó de Taverna* (tavern song festival), the Patron's Saint Celebration, the September fairs or the procession of boats for the *Verge del Carme* are other events which have become major festivals over the years.

The cuisine of Sant Feliu de Guíxols is well-known for the quality of its ingredients, both in terms of fish and vegetables, fruit and meat. The culinary tradition is today reinterpreted in cuisine such as the *Quina del Peix Blau Ganxó* (Sant Feliu's blue fish) and seafood dishes such as our traditional fish anchovy, cod and stockfish *suquets* (fish cooked dish).

Accommodation

Sant Feliu de Guíxols offers a wide variety of accommodation, from first-class hotels to tourist apartments, holiday homes and campsites.

- HOTELS
 - * * * * 4 hotels with 434 rooms
 - * * * 5 hotels with 231 rooms
 - * * 3 hotels with 101 rooms
 - * 3 hotels with 71 rooms
- PENSIONS
 - 7 pensions with 98 rooms
- CAMPSITES
 - 1 2nd class campsite with 35 bungalows and 69 camping spaces



Ask for information at the Tourist Information Office

Geographical location

Sant Feliu de Guíxols is located in a beautiful area and is well-connected to cities such as Girona, Barcelona and Figueres. It's also near the natural parks of the Aiguamolls de l'Empordà, Cap de Creus, the Medes Isles, the Volcanic Area of La Garrotxa, the Montseny Massif and the natural reserve of La Serra de l'Albera.

- a 35 km from Girona
- a 110 km from Barcelona
- a 44 km from Girona – Costa Brava airport
- a 76 km from Figueres
- a 119 km from Barcelona airport
- a 23 km from Caldes de Malavella train station
- a 30 km from Exit 9 on the AP7 – E15 motorway
- a 97 km from the French border



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Les Bafelles. Keyphoto.



Cala Ametller.



César Bodi.



Platja de Sant Pol. Albert Gironès.



Cala Ametller. Keyphoto.



Cala Jonca. Jordi Gallego.



El Monestir Benedictí. Hug Argence.



Casino La Constància. Albert Gironès.

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Sant Feliu de Guíxols is an Empordanese town on the Costa Brava which enjoys a temperate climate and which is surrounded by a landscape full of contrasts.

Come and discover a coast of cliffs which ends in small coves, stroll on the beach and relax in the charm of natural areas around it, such as the Gavarres or the Ardenya Massif.

The town is an old fishing village, and still retains much of its heritage with a Benedictine Monastery and the Romanesque *Porta Ferrada* as its oldest historical feature.

Sant Feliu de Guíxols is a friendly, welcoming town which is alive all year round with a wide and varied choice of activities. The town has many facilities and services, while its inhabitants have made it a welcoming town without losing their maritime origins.

Whatever you want, Sant Feliu de Guíxols can offer you an enjoyable holiday.

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Landscape and natural surroundings

The contrasts of this typically Mediterranean area and the surrounding landscape are just one of the many attractive features of the town. Sant Feliu de Guíxols is surrounded by large natural areas such as the hills of the Gavarres or the Ardenya Massif, with a network of signposted paths to help you discover more.

Beautiful landscapes can also be found when sailing along the coast. Places such as the cove of *Cala Ametller*, *Punta de Garbí* and the cove of *Cala Vigatà*, all soon to be part of a protected marine reserve and which are popular areas among divers due to their ecological diversity.

The Greenway "*Via Verda*" is the local bicycle route and connects the town with the inland plain to the towns of Girona and Olot. The route is popular among tourists and follows the old railway lines of the Sant Feliu de Guíxols train service.



Via verda. Jordi Gallego.

Beaches and coves

The coast of Sant Feliu de Guíxols is full of contrasts: rocky or sandy coves lay amid rugged cliffs. From the south we find coves and beaches like: *Canyerets*, *Cala Vigatà* and *Port Salvi* among many others, which extend up to the bay of Sant Feliu. To the north, the beach of Sant Pol still preserves the beauty of its 19th century buildings with clear calm and shallow waters.

The port itself caters for leisure, merchant and fishing vessels, it is the connecting point between the town and its seafaring origins, the result of a close link with the Mediterranean, which has lasted until today. A stroll to the lighthouse on the pier reveals the link between the town of Sant Feliu de Guíxols and the sea.



Port de Sant Feliu de Guíxols. Keyphoto.

Heritage

The Benedictine Monastery is the town's most important architectural feature and it still conserves important aspects such as the 10th Century Romanesque *Porta Ferrada*, which has become a symbol. The church of *Mare de Déu dels Àngels* and the *Torres del Corn i del Fum* (the Smoke and the Horn towers), also are part of the monastic building, which today houses the Town History Museum and the temporally expositions of Carmen Thyssen-Bornemisza Art Collection.

The town's history is centred on the cork industry, in its use for bottle tops. The activity left an important architectural legacy in its wake, such as the Modernist (Art-Nouveau) houses near the beach of Sant Pol or the manor houses of the seafront presided over by *La Constància* Casino. Other places of interest are: the Toy History Museum, the Cava and Champagne Bottle Tops Museum, the Sea Rescue Museum and Casa Irla Museum, in addition to the Hermitage of Sant Elm, with one of the most spectacular viewpoints over the *Costa Brava* (wild coast), from where Ferran Agulló gave the coast its name.



El Salvament.



Ermita de Sant Elm. 7ze fotografia.