

# Sitges Tourism Press Kit 2021

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# Welcome to Sitges



Cosmopolitan, creative, diverse, respectful and devoted to the sea. Sitges is all that, the place that inspired Catalan Modernisme and that continues to inspire millions of tourists and visitors from all over the world year after year.

For many, its secret lies in its 26 fine sandy beaches. For others, its 300-plus days of sunshine a year. But in Sitges, we go way beyond all that. We are local cuisine, culture, festivals, traditions, shopping and sports. We are an accessible and top-quality destination. Sitges agrees with you, and our locals' friendly character wins over hearts and minds. Because if you visit Sitges, you're from Sitges.

Don't just let them tell you about it.

# Location and transport

Whether you are travelling by land, sea or air, wherever you are coming from, we are so close to you. Sitges is a strategic and exceptional starting point to discover Catalonia's main attractions.

Sitges is in the county of Garraf, just 35km from Barcelona and set between the mountains of the Garraf Park, the Penedés vineyards and the Mediterranean Sea.

Download the Sitges tourist map here:

<https://bit.ly/2MlebBx>

How to get here:

<https://bit.ly/354KnQo>

## Sitges is just...

35 min. from Barcelona

25 min. from Barcelona Airport

45 min. from Reus Airport

35 min. from Barcelona AVE high speed train station

45 min. from Tarragona AVE high speed train station

35 min. Port of Barcelona





## Distance is never an excuse. Sitges is very well connected.

By **plane**, the closest airport is Josep Tarradellas Barcelona-El Prat, just 28 kilometers from Barcelona. Reus airport is 67 km away and Girona airport, 135 km.

To reach Sitges by **car**, you need to take the C-32 Pau Casals highway at exit 30, the C-31 road via the Garraf Coast or the AP-7 and AP-2 freeways towards Barcelona.

The **train** lines that stop in Sitges are Renfe Rodalies' R2-Sur and R14. Another option is to take the R15 which stops in Sant Vicenç de Calders and change trains.

Transport by **bus** from different areas of Catalonia can be provided by the Monbus and Hispano Igualadina companies.

We have three marinas that can be accessed by **boat**, in accordance with the stipulated measurements.

Our 29,307 inhabitants\* are just a stone's throw away from World Heritage sites such as the Poblet Monastery, the archaeological ensemble of Tarragona or Antoni Gaudí's Modernista works. Besides, there is a lot to see **in the vicinity** of Sitges. Visit Montserrat mountain, FC Barcelona's Camp Nou and the Tibidabo and PortAventura World amusement parks.

For more information, click here:

<https://bit.ly/357BfKA> <https://bit.ly/3bdJgkW>

\* National Institute of Statistics, 2019.

# Tourist Profile

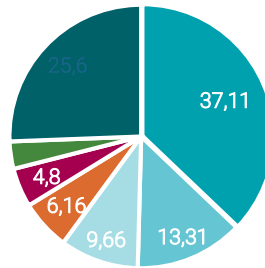
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<https://bit.ly/35Gf515>

2019 Sitges Tourist Profile:  
<https://bit.ly/3r0En7T>

62.75% Men  
37.25% Women  
47.04 years of age

Gender and average age

Country of origin



- Spain
- United Kingdom
- France
- Germany
- Netherlands
- United States
- Others

8.5 ★

Overall rating of stay

51.54%

European tourists per year

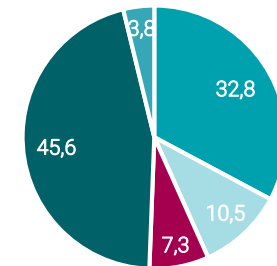
1028.5€ during  
a stay

Total spending per person

Average stay:  
6.2 nights  
63.4% repeat visit

Recurrence

Repetition

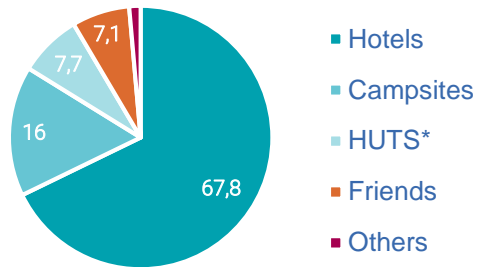


- 1st visit
- 2nd visit
- 3rd visit
- 4th visit
- Others

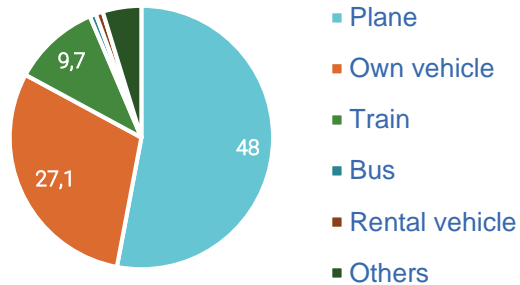
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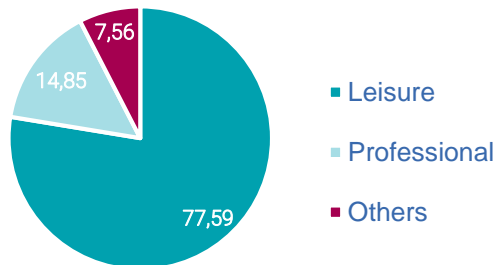
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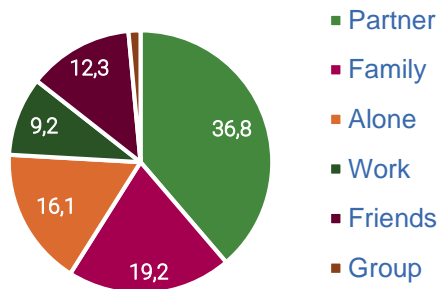
Means of transport



Purpose of the trip



Accompanying persons



258.7€ Transport

467.1€ Accommodation

302.7€ Stay

1028.5€ Total

Travel expenses  
Per person and stay

# Sitges Online

## Web

[www.sitgesanytime.com](http://www.sitgesanytime.com)

A user-friendly and intuitive portal with a mobile first and customer centric design for easy consultation via mobile devices.

A useful tool with the intention of being an "indispensable" consultation area for visitors or tourists when deciding on their next destination or looking for information about Sitges.

## Facebook

[www.facebook.com/turismedesitges](http://www.facebook.com/turismedesitges)

24.812 followers and an annual scope of over 169.404 people.

## Instagram

**@Sitgesturisme**

8116 followers, inspirational content focused on promoting the destination's tourism resources.

## Twitter

**@TurismeDeSitges**

3979 followers. With content targeting professionals.

## Tags

**#sitgesanytime**

The official Sitges Tourism Hashtag with more than 38.200 postings.

## Youtube

**Turisme Sitges Oficial**

Up-to-date content in 41 different themed videos in different languages available to visitors and local companies.

## Blog

Focusing on specific local issues, topics of interest, celebrations and always from the personal viewpoint of the locals.



# Annual Events Calendar

More information regarding events at:  
<https://bit.ly/3n83OxT>

## 01 JAN 2021

**December - January**

Christmas Holiday-related  
activities

**05 January**

Three Kings Parade

## 02 FEB 2021

**From 11 to 17 February**

Carnival

More information: <https://bit.ly/2KZYcbJ>

## 03 MAR 2021

Holy Week (Easter)

For more information:  
<https://bit.ly/2X9uP9q>

## 04 ABR 2021

**From 8 to 11 April**

Festival Jazz Antic Sitges  
(Sitges Old-Time Jazz Festival)

For more information:  
<https://bit.ly/3hDRYu2>

**17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> April**

Vila del Llibre

**23 April**

Sant Jordi (Saint George's Day)

For more information:  
<https://bit.ly/2X5DM3J>

**24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> April**

Barcelona-Sitges International  
Vintage Car Rally

For more information:  
<https://bit.ly/3ogjArC>

**29<sup>th</sup> April to 2<sup>nd</sup> May**

Festa del Carrer del Pecat

**29<sup>th</sup> April to 2<sup>nd</sup> May**

Bears Sitges Meeting

## 05 MAY 2021

**From 6 to 9 May**

International Patchwork Festival

**18 May**

International Museums Day

**22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> May**

Art Fair

**29<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> May**

ExpoNadó Fair

## 06 JUN 2021

**From 10 to 13 June**

Sitges Gay Pride

For more information:  
<https://bit.ly/389tGF6>

**From 1 to 6 June**

Corpus Christi Festival. Sunday,  
Flower Carpets

For more information:  
<https://bit.ly/2X9vOGE>

More information regarding events at:  
<https://bit.ly/3n83OxT>

**07 JUL** 2021

Estrella Damm Mediterranean Ladies  
Open

For more information: <https://bit.ly/2Lni0pC>

**16 July**

Nuestra Señora del Carmen (Our  
Lady of Mount Carmel)

For more information: <https://bit.ly/3rZbwy3>

**From 29 July to 12 of August**

Terramar Gardens Music Festival

For more information: <https://bit.ly/2MxNABx>

**08 AGO** 2021

**5 August**

Our Lady of Vinyet, celebrations at  
the Vinyet Chapel

**From 19 to 26 of August**

"Sant Bartomeu", Sitges' Festa Major,  
the Main Annual Festival.

The 23rd is the Fireworks Display

For more information: <https://bit.ly/355t69q>

**08 AGO** 2021

**From 12 to 15 of August**

Barraques

**09 SEPT** 2021

**From 3 to 12 of September**

International Bears Sitges  
Week

**September 22nd and 23rd**

Santa Tecla, Sitges' smaller  
Festa Major

The 22nd is the Fireworks Display

For more information:

<https://bit.ly/2Wt3kaa>

**10 OCT** 2021

**2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> October**

Sitges Electronic Park

**From 7 to 17 of October**

Sitges International Fantastic  
Film Festival of Catalonia

For more information:

<https://bit.ly/2JNjzg4>

Grape Harvest Festival  
and Wine Fair

**11 NOV** 2021

**5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> Novembre**

Sitges Next

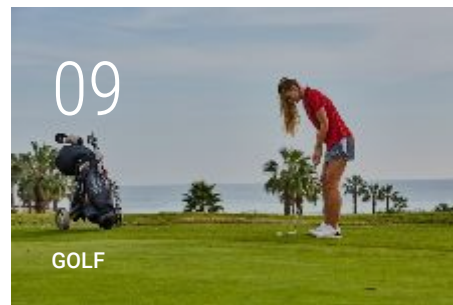
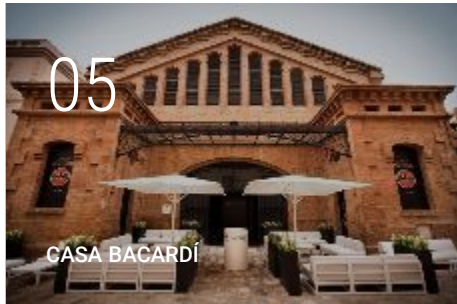
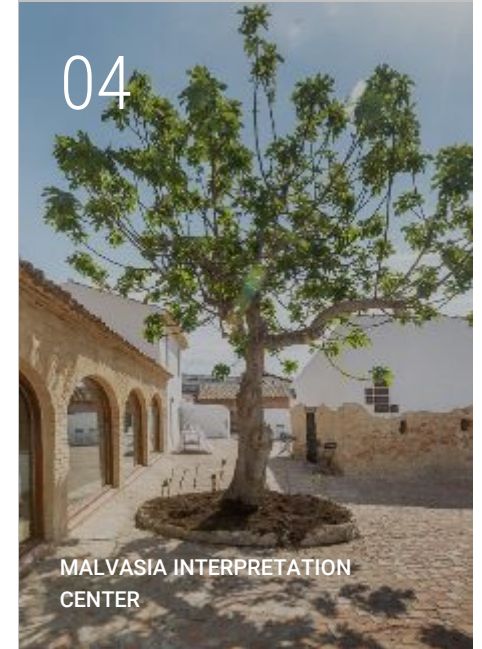
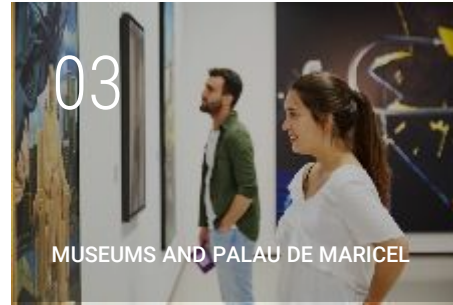
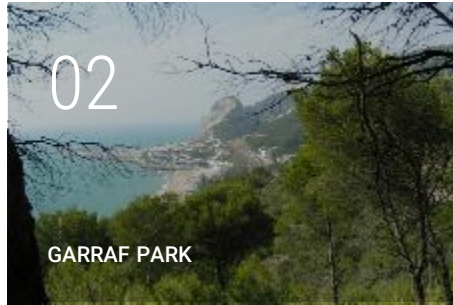
**12 DIC** 2021

Sunway Sitges International  
Chess Festival

**December – January**

Christmas Holiday-related  
activities.

# Top 10 things to do in Sitges



# 01. Beaches and Marinas

## Find your beach

Sitges has urban and family-oriented beaches, all easy to reach by public transport. Small coves with turquoise waters. LGBTIQ beaches. Beaches for exercising and sports, for relaxation or to take your pet. Altogether, Sitges' 17 km of coastline and 26 beaches form a natural, seaside, Mediterranean setting surrounded by the Garraf Park's natural beauty.

All of Sitges' beaches hold quality certifications such as the ISO 14.001, the EMAS and are affiliated to the Biosphere commitment, which certifies their dedication to sustainable tourism.

In 2020, Sitges was awarded 5 blue flags for the Aiguadolç Marina, La Barra, La Ribera, Les Botigues and San Sebastian beaches. With this award, Sitges is the town that has obtained the highest number of blue flags in the province of Barcelona.

Sitges' beaches have services and facilities that provide easy access to people with reduced mobility, children and adults. Shower areas, lifeguards, parking, beach bars by the sea and even live concerts and DJs. They are beaches of golden, fine sand, with gentle drops in depth and no rocky hazards.



# 01. Playas y puertos

Garraf beach is known for the fishermen's huts from the 30's situated right on the beach, giving it its own special character. These huts have been the stage for many different commercials for famous brands such as Freixenet, Booking, Qatar Airways, Audi, Coca Cola, Argal and films such as Krámpack. These tiny huts have been declared a Cultural Asset of Local Interest by the Sitges Town Council. Facing La Ribera Beach is the first "Chiringuito" or beach bar in Spain, created in 1913 by Captain Calafell, named after the Cuban expression for ordering a coffee (chiringo).

## Featured Annual Events

- **Virgen del Carmen (Our Lady of Mount Carmel).** Festivities in honor of the patron saint of seafarers including processions and floral offerings, on July 16th.
- **Concerts.** On summer evenings, the chiringuitos at Sitges' beaches offer live concerts for all ages.
- **Beach Rugby Championship.**

Get to know more about our beaches at: <https://bit.ly/38c1Xnf>

For more information about beach conditions in real time (service available during the bathing season): <https://bit.ly/3bciKZz>

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# 01. Beaches and Marinas

## Aiguadolç

Quiet, family-friendly and strategically located beside the Aiguadolç Marina, this beach is a safe bet. Accessible on foot from the town center, but located at the far end of town, it offers the added benefit of being set in natural surroundings that give it its own personality and protect it from the wind.



- Surface area:** 5,900 m<sup>2</sup>. **Length:** 145 m. **Limits:** East: Cliffs. West: breakwater and Marina access road.
- Signage:** Buoy-marked beach at 200 m. Safety beacons on breakwaters. Bathing flag. Information panels with this beach's services. No dogs allowed signs. ISO 14001 and SICTED (tourist quality label). EMAS label.
- First aid and rescue stations:** Medical treatment room. Changing room. One Chair for Immediate intervention. Rescue calendar: From June 24 to July 1 and from September 1 to 6, 10, 11, 17, 18 and from September 23 to 25 from 11:00 am to 6:00 pm. From July 2 to August 31, from 11:00 am to 7:00 pm.
- Beach access:** A-16 freeway, "Sitges nord" exit. C-246 road. BV-21111 road, which connects with Vilafranca del Penedés.
- Buses:** MONBUS company, Barcelona-Sitges line via the A-16 freeway (Oasis area stop). Local bus. (Stop 100 meters from the beach).
- RENFE:** Plaça de l'Estació Square, 1,200 m away.
- Parking:** Blue zone.
- WC:** One permanent toilet and one adapted sanitary cabin.
- Showers:** Eight standard showers.
- Ramps for disabled people:** Yes, and bathing chair service.
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# 01. Beaches and Marinas

## Balmins

Balmins beach boasts a prime location between the Aiguadolç Marina and the old town. It is an urban beach, but in a natural setting that consists of three small coves with views of Sitges' most photographic skyline. Balmins, which is a nudist beach, is an example of what Sitges represents: an open, fun and colorful beach where everyone is welcome and where there is an air of freedom not easily found elsewhere.

[info@calabalmmins.com](mailto:info@calabalmmins.com) <http://www.calabalmmins.com>

Cala Balmins, 08870-Sitges, Barcelona (Spain)



- Surface area:** 2,440 m<sup>2</sup>. **Length:** 240 m.  
**Limits:** East: Cliffs and Aiguadolç Marina.  
 West: Punta de les Mabres.
- Signage:** Buoy-marked beach at 200 m. Bathing flag. ISO 14001. Information panels with this beach's services. No dogs allowed signs. EMAS label.
- First aid and rescue stations:** One Chair for Immediate intervention. A "Sitges tower" type emergency response point. Rescue calendar: From June 24 to July 1 and from September 1 to 6, 10, 11, 17, 18 and from September 23 to 25 from 11:00 am to 6:00 pm. From July 2 to August 31, from 11:00 am to 7:00 pm.
- Beach access:** C-32 highway, "Sitges centre" exit. C-246 road. BV-21111 road, which connects with Vilafranca del Penedés.
- Buses:** Company: MON-BUS, Barcelona-Sitges line via C-32 highway (Can Robert area stop). Local bus. (Stop 100 m from the beach).
- RENFE:** Plaça de l'Estació Square, 800 m away.
- Parking:** Free.
- WC:** One adapted cabin.
- Showers:** Uses card system.  
 Three standard showers and one adapted shower.
- Ramps for disabled people:** Yes.

# 01. Beaches and Marinas

## Barra

Known as the beach with the four islets, this beach, where the sand and the sea seem to form a heart, is a lively and family-oriented option to spend the morning, the afternoon or the entire day.

There is never a shortage of services or entertainment.



- Surface area:** 13,315 m<sup>2</sup>. **Length:** 390 m.  
**Limits:** : East: breakwater and Riera Xica beach.  
 West: breakwater and Terramar beach.
- Signage:** Buoy-marked beach at 200 m. Bathing flag. Information panels with this beach's services. No dogs allowed signs. ISO 14001 and SICTED (tourist quality label). EMAS label.
- First aid and rescue stations:** A "Sitges tower" type emergency response point. Rescue calendar: From June 24 to July 1 and from September 1 to 6, 10, 11, 17, 18 and from September 23 to 25 from 11:00 am to 6:00 pm. From July 2 to August 31, from 11:00 am to 7:00 pm.
- Beach access:** C-32 highway, "Sitges centre" exit. C-246 road from Castelldefels. BV-21111 road, which connects with Vilafranca del Penedés.
- Buses:** Company: MON-BUS, Barcelona-Sitges line via C-32 highway (Can Robert area stop). Local bus. (Stop in front of the beach).
- RENFE:** station 2,000m away.
- Parking:** Blue zone.
- WC:** One standard cabin and one adapted cabin.
- Showers:** four showers.
- Ramps for disabled people:** Yes, and bathing chair service.













# 01. Beaches and Marinas

## Bassa Rodona

The most colorful and lively urban beach, it is a place to see and be seen, with a crowd predominantly from the LGTBIQ community. Quite busy during the summer, it is always a good barometer for the town and a good place to understand why Sitges is so special.













-  **Surface area:** 13,315 m<sup>2</sup>. **Length:** 390 m.  
**Limits:** East: breakwater and Riera Xica beach.  
West: breakwater and Terramar beach.
-  **Signage:** Buoy-marked beach at 200 m. Bathing flag. Information panels with this beach's services. No dogs allowed signs. Safety beacons on breakwaters. ISO 14001 and Biosphere Certification. EMAS label.
-  **First aid and rescue stations:** A "Sitges tower" type emergency response point, located on the breakwater which borders Estanyol Beach.
-  **Beach access:** C-32 highway, "Sitges centre" exit. C-246 road from Castelldefels. BV-21111 road, which connects with Vilafranca del Penedés.
-  **Buses:** Company: MON-BUS, Barcelona-Sitges line via C-32 highway (Can Robert area stop).
-  **RENFE:** station 800 m away.
-  **Parking:** Blue zone.
-  **WC:** One permanent WC located on the promenade, in front of the beach.
-  **Showers:** eight standard showers.
-  **Ramps for disabled people:** Yes.

# 01. Beaches and Marinas

## Home Mort Beach

One of the first beaches in the world considered to be 'LGTBIQ'. We're talking about since way back in 1930... Located in the middle of a nature park, it offers you natural scenery where it isn't mandatory to wear a swimsuit. It is accessed on foot from the parking lot of the former Atlantida nightclub. But it is well worth the effort. And the beach bar here guarantees good music and a great atmosphere.





-  **Surface area:** 460 m<sup>2</sup>. **Length:** 275 m.
-  **Signage:** Buoy-marked beach at 200 m. Entry and exit channel for boats. Animals (except guide dogs), are prohibited in public bathing areas, on the sand or in the water. This beach is certified with the EMAS and ISO 14001 labels.
-  **First aid and rescue stations:** There is no rescue service available. It has an SOS station.
-  **Beach access:** Over the cliff tops and difficult to access.
-  **Buses:** No.
-  **RENFE:** No.
-  **Parking:** No.
-  **WC:** No.
-  **Showers:** No.
-  **Ramps for disabled people:** No.

# 01. Beaches and Marinas








## Cala Ginesta

One of Sitges' smallest beaches, with water in front of it and boats behind. Located next to the Ginesta Marina, it provides an isolated and therefore peaceful option. It can also be the starting or finishing point of an outing to the Garraf Park. This cove can be accessed on foot, leaving the car on the road, or from inside the Marina.



-  **Surface area:** 2,970 m<sup>2</sup>. **Length:** 100 m.  
**Limits:** East: breakwater and Marina fence. West: cliffs.
-  **Signage:** Buoy-marked beach at 200 m. There is no entry or exit channel for boats.

Animals (except guide dogs), are prohibited in public bathing areas, on the sand or in the water. This beach is certified with the EMAS and ISO 14001 labels and a Biosphere Certification.


-  **First aid and rescue stations:** One Chair for Immediate intervention. It has an SOS station.
-  **Beach access:** C-31 and C-32.
-  **Buses:** No.
-  **RENFE:** No.
-  **Parking:** For a fee.
-  **WC:** One adapted cabin.
-  **Showers:** Two standard showers.


# 01. Beaches and Marinas

## Cala Morisca

One of Sitges' most emblematic beaches, where swimwear is optional. The cove, nestled between the Garraf Park cliffs, boasts a semi-wild appearance and transparent water for swimming. Frequented by couples and groups of friends, it can be accessed on foot from the C-31 road, or leaving the car at the restaurant's paid parking lot.





 **Surface area:** 1,940 m<sup>2</sup>. **Length:** 140 m.  
**Limits:** East and West: cliffs. North: train tracks.


 **Signage:** Buoy-marked beach at 200 m.

Entry and exit channel for boats.


Animals (except guide dogs), are prohibited in public bathing areas, on the sand or in the water. This beach is certified with the EMAS and ISO 14001 labels and the BIOSPHERE Certification.


 **First aid and rescue stations:** One Chair for Immediate intervention. It has an SOS station.


 **Beach access:** C-31.

 **Buses:** No.

 **RENFE:** No.

 **Parking:** For a fee.

 **WC:** Two standard sanitary cabins.

 **Showers:** Two standard showers.











 **Ramps for disabled people:** No.

# 01. Beaches and Marinas

## Cap de Grills

Located at the west end of the town center, its position and the fact that it is covered in round pebbles instead of sand, guarantee a peace and quiet that is hard to find in the other coves. Here, like at Balmins Beach, nudists coexist with people who prefer to wear swimsuits. The Hola Beach Club creates a great atmosphere and flavor, especially on Sunday evenings and at sunset.













-  **Surface area:** 2,000 m<sup>2</sup>. **Length:** 550 m.  
**Limits:** East: Sant Pere de Ribes creek bed.  
West: Home Mort Beach.
-  **Signage:** Entry and exit channel for boats: a floating jetty.  
Pets are allowed.
-  **First aid and rescue stations:** There is no rescue service.
-  **Beach access:** Via the access road for the Terramar Golf Club.
-  **Buses:** No.
-  **RENFE:** No.
-  **Parking:** Free.
-  **WC:** Two units.
-  **Showers:** Two standard showers.
-  **Ramps for disabled people:** No.

# 01. Beaches and Marinas

## Desenrocada

Located next to the Home Mort Beach, it shares its exceptional natural setting, which can only be reached on foot. Swimwear is not required. Its visitors are mainly from the LGTBIQ community.



-  **Surface area:** 642 m<sup>2</sup>. **Length:** 100 m.
-  **Signage:** Buoy-marked beach at 200 m. No entry or exit channel for boats. Animals (except guide dogs), are prohibited in public bathing areas, on the sand or in the water. This beach has EMAS and ISO 14001 Certifications.
-  **First aid and rescue stations:** There is no rescue service. It has an SOS station.
-  **Beach access:** Over the cliff tops and difficult to access.
-  **Buses:** No.
-  **RENFE:** No.
-  **Parking:** No.
-  **WC:** No.
-  **Showers:** No.
-  **Ramps for disabled people:** No.

# 01. Beaches and Marinas

## Estanyol

Urban beach located opposite the Vinyet neighborhood, in the heart of the seafront promenade. Measuring 366 meters, it is one of the longest beaches. With its family-oriented atmosphere, it provides plenty of fun in the summer thanks to its pedal boats.



- 📏 **Surface area:** 7,280 m<sup>2</sup>. **Length:** 365 m.  
**Limits:** East: breakwater and Real-Club Bassa Beach.  
 West: breakwater and Riera Xica Beach.
- ℹ️ **Signage:** Buoy-marked beach at 200 m. Bathing flag. Safety beacons on breakwaters. Information panels with this beach's services. No dogs allowed signs. ISO 14001 and Biosphere Certification. EMAS Label.
- 🏠 **First aid and rescue stations:** A "Sitges Tower" type emergency response tower, located on the breakwater which borders Riera Xica Beach.
- ➡️ **Beach access:** C-32 freeway, "Sitges center" exit. C-246 Castelldefels freeway. BV-21111 road, which connects with Vilafranca del Penedés.
- 🚌 **Buses:** MON-BUS company, Barcelona-Sitges line via the C-32 highway (Can Robert stop).
- 🚆 **RENFE:** Station 900 m away.
- P **Parking:** Blue zone.
- 🚻 **WC:** Two standard sanitary cabins and one adapted cabin.
- 🚿 **Showers:** 10 standard showers.
- ♿ **Ramps for disabled people:** Yes.

# 01. Beaches and Marinas

## Fragata

One of the most popular urban beaches. Located at the foot of the Saint Bartholomew and Saint Tecla Parish Church, this beach primarily appeals to young people. Located next to the Yacht Club, it is also the favorite beach for volleyball fans.



- 📏 **Surface area:** 7,540 m<sup>2</sup>. **Length:** 85 m.  
**Limits:** East: Levante breakwater and Yacht Club.  
 West: breakwater and Ribera beach.
- 📍 **Signage:** Buoy-marked beach at 200 m. Bathing flag.  
 Information panels with this beach's services. No dogs  
 allowed signs. ISO 14001 and Biosphere Certification.  
 EMAS Label.
- 🏠 **First aid and rescue stations:** A "Sitges Tower" type  
 emergency response point, located on the breakwater  
 which borders Ribera beach.
- ➡ **Beach access:** C-32 freeway, 'Sitges centre' exit. C-246  
 Road Castelldefels freeway. BV-21111 Road, which  
 connects with Vilafranca del Penedès.
- 🚌 **Buses:** MON-BUS company, Barcelona-Sitges line via  
 C-32 highway (Can Robert area stop).
- 🚉 **RENFE:** Station 600 m away.
- 🅅 **Parking:** No.
- 🚻 **WC:** Two standard sanitary cabins and one adapted cabin.
- 🚿 **Showers:** Eight standard showers.
- ♿ **Ramps for disabled people:** Yes.



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## Garraf

Another great alternative to the urban beaches. Located in the town of Garraf, this beach has a very special charm, characterized by the unique skyline formed by the 33 huts built for fishermen and former railway operators, all situated on the sand, and the Coma Roja mountains. Peaceful and family oriented, it is only a 15-minute drive from Barcelona and has its own train station.



- 📏 **Surface area:** 12,135 m<sup>2</sup>. **Length:** 380 m.  
**Limits:** East: La Falconera cliffs.  
 West: Garraf town center.
- ℹ️ **Signage:** Buoy-marked beach at 200 m. Bathing flag. Information panels with this beach's services. No dogs allowed signs. Security beacons in the cliff area. ISO 14001 and Biosphere Certification. EMAS Label.
- 🏥 **First aid and rescue stations:** A permanent medical treatment room. One Chair for Immediate intervention.
- ➡️ **Beach access:** C-246 Freeway.
- 🚌 **Buses:** Ciutat Comtal Transport Company. Departure from the Sitges and Castelldefels RENFE national railway station.
- 🚆 **RENFE:** Garraf train stop, 25 m away.
- P **Parking:** Blue zone, restricted.
- 🚻 **WC:** Two standard sanitary cabins and one adapted cabin.
- 🚿 **Showers:** 18 standard showers and one adapted shower.
- ♿️ **Ramps for disabled people:** Yes.  
 And a bathing seat service.

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## Les Anquines

Located opposite the Terramar hotel, this is a beach that was created artificially in the 1920s, precisely to cater to the hotel. Flanked by two stone breakwaters, Les Anquines Beach is ideal for swimming as it has very few waves and is very popular amongst families.



**Surface area:** 5,190 m<sup>2</sup>. **Length:** 160 m.

**Limits:** East: breakwater and Terramar beach.  
West: breakwater.



**Signage:** Buoy-marked beach at 200 m. Bathing flag.

Information panels with this beach's services. No dogs allowed signs. ISO 14001 and Biosphere Certification. EMAS Label.



**First aid and rescue stations:** Chair for Immediate intervention.



**Beach access:** C-32 freeway, 'Sitges centre' exit. C-246 Castelldefels freeway. BV-21111 Road, which connects with Vilafranca del Penedès.



**Buses:** MON-BUS company, Barcelona-Sitges line via C-32 highway (Can Robert area stop).  
Local bus (bus stop right on the beach).



**RENFE:** Station 2,600 m away.



**Parking:** Blue zone.



**WC:** One adapted sanitary cabin.



**Showers:** Six standard showers.













**Ramps for disabled people:** Yes.

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## Les Botigues

Sitges' largest beach, nearly one and a half kilometers long. It is located in the town of Les Botigues, between the C-32 road and the railway line, and is a good option for a change of scenery and pace. Family oriented but also ideal for young people and couples, offering all kinds of different services and up to six beach bars right on the sand.



-  **Surface area:** 136,000 m<sup>2</sup>. **Length:** 1,415 m.  
**Limits:** East: Castelldefels beaches.  
West: Cala Ginesta Marina breakwater.
-  **Signage:** Buoy-marked beach at 200 m. Bathing flag.  
Information panels with this beach's services. No dogs allowed signs. ISO 14001 and Biosphere Certification. EMAS Label.
-  **First aid and rescue stations:** Two medical treatment rooms with changing rooms.  
Three chairs for immediate intervention.
-  **Beach access:** C-246, Castelldefels freeway.
-  **Buses:** Ciutat Comtal Transport Company. Exit from the Sitges and Castelldefels RENFE railway station.
-  **RENFE:** Castelldefels station, 2 km away.
-  **Parking:** Free.
-  **WC:** Six sanitary cabins, four standard cabins and two adapted cabins.
-  **Showers:** 20 standard showers.
-  **Ramps for disabled people:** Yes.  
And bathing seat service.

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## Ribera

One of the most central and therefore most popular beaches. With its year-round ambience, it is a strategic place to start or end your day. Everything is nearby. It all begins and ends here.



- 📏 **Surface area:** 8,085 m<sup>2</sup>. **Length:** 260 m.  
**Limits:** East: breakwater and La Fragata Beach, West: breakwater and Bassa Rodona Beach.
- ℹ️ **Signage:** Buoy-marked beach at 200 m. Bathing flag. Information panels with this beach's services. No dogs allowed signs. Security beacons on breakwaters. ISO 14001 and Biosphere Certification. EMAS Label.
- 🏠 **First aid and rescue stations:** Medical treatment room. One changing room situated on the breakwater which borders Bassa Rodona Beach.
- ➡️ **Beach access:** C-32 highway, 'Sitges centre' exit. C-246 Road Castelldefels freeway. BV-21111 road, which connects with Vilafranca del Penedès.
- 🚌 **Buses:** MON-BUS company, Barcelona-Sitges line on the C-32 highway (Can Robert area stop).
- 🚆 **RENFE:** Station 600 m away.
- P **Parking:** Blue zone.
- 🚻 **WC:** Two standard cabins and one adapted cabin.
- 🚿 **Showers:** 10 standard showers.
- ♿ **Ramps for disabled people:** Yes. And bathing seat service.

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## Riera Xica

Located beside Estanyol Beach, it is another good urban beach option, and is less crowded than the more centrally located ones. Family friendly and quiet, it is an excellent option, especially in the middle of summer.



- Surface area:** 2,305 m<sup>2</sup>. **Length:** 320 m.  
**Limits:** East: breakwater and Estanyol Beach.  
 West: breakwater and Barra beach.
- Signage:** Buoy-marked beach at 200 m. Bathing flag. Security beacons on breakwaters. Information panels with this beach's services. No dogs allowed signs. ISO 14001 and Biosphere Certification. EMAS Label.
- First aid and rescue stations:** A "Sitges Tower" type immediate intervention tower, located on the breakwater which borders Barra beach.
- Beach access:** C-32 highway, 'Sitges centre' exit. C-246 Road Castelldefels freeway. BV-21111 road, which connects with Vilafranca del Penedès.
- Buses:** MON-BUS Company, Barcelona-Sitges line via C-32 highway (Can Robert area stop). Local bus (bus stop 50 m from the beach).
- RENFE:** Station 1,600 m away.
- Parking:** Blue zone.
- WC:** One standard sanitary cabin.
- Showers:** Eight standard showers.
- Ramps for disabled people:** Yes.

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## Sant Sebastià

If you are looking for a family-friendly beach where you can share a space with the locals, this is one of the best options. With its traditional seafaring character, as well as the the rest of the surrounding neighborhood, Sant Sebastià Beach boasts exceptional views of the Saint Bartholomew Church and is a perfect entry or exit point when visiting Sitges' old town.



- 📏 **Surface area:** 3,615 m<sup>2</sup>. **Length:** 205 m.  
**Limits:** East: Children's playground and Balmins Avenue.  
 West: Vidal i Quadras Bastion.
- 📍 **Signage:** Buoy-marked beach at 200 m. Bathing flag. Information panels with this beach's services. No dogs allowed signs. Security beacons on breakwaters. ISO 14001, Blue Flag and Biosphere Certification.
- 🏠 **First aid and rescue stations:** A "Sitges Tower" type immediate intervention tower.
- ➡ **Beach access:** C-32 highway, 'Sitges centre' exit. C-246 Road Castelldefels freeway. BV-21111 road, which connects with Vilafranca del Penedès.
- 🚌 **Buses:** MON-BUS Company, Barcelona-Sitges line via C-32 highway (Can Robert area stop). Local bus (bus stop 25 m from the beach).
- 🚆 **RENFE:** Station 400 m away.
- P **Parking:** Blue zone.
- 🚻 **WC:** One permanent standard toilet and one adapted.
- 🚿 **Showers:** Five standard showers and one adapted shower.
- ♿ **Ramps for disabled people:** Yes.  
 And bathing seat service.

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## Terramar

Located opposite the Terramar residential neighborhood, it shares aesthetics and an atmosphere that are very similar to those found at Barra Beach, with four artificial islets and a relaxed family friendly atmosphere.











- ↗ **Surface area:** 11,720 m<sup>2</sup>. **Length:** 395 m.  
**Limits:** East: breakwater and Barra Beach.  
 West: breakwater and Les Anquines Beach.
- i **Signage:** Buoy-marked beach at 200 m. Bathing flag. Information panels with this beach's services. No dogs allowed signs. ISO 14001 and SICTED (tourist quality label). EMAS Label.
- 🚑 **First aid and rescue stations:** A "Sitges tower" type emergency response point. Rescue calendar: From June 24 to July 1 and from September 1 to 6, 10, 11, 17, 18 and from September 23 to 25 from 11:00 am to 6:00 pm. From July 2 to August 31, from 11:00 am to 7:00 pm.
- ➔ **Beach access:** C-32 highway, 'Sitges centre' exit. C-246 Road Castelldefels freeway. BV-21111 road, which connects with Vilafranca del Penedès.
- 🚌 **Buses:** MON-BUS Company, Barcelona-Sitges line via C-32 highway (Can Robert area stop). Local bus (bus stop at the beach).
- 🚆 **RENFE:** Station 2,300 m away.
- P **Parking:** Blue zone.
- 🚻 **WC:** Two standard sanitary cabins and one adapted cabin.
- 🚿 **Showers:** Eight standard showers.
- ♿ **Ramps for disabled people:** Yes.

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## Vallcarca

The beach where you can go to enjoy your pets.



-  **Surface area:** 2,300 m<sup>2</sup>. **Length:** 120 m.
-  **First aid and rescue stations:** There are no available rescue or first aid services.
-  **Beach access:** C-31.
-  **Buses:** No.
-  **RENFE:** No.
-  **Parking:** Free.
-  **Showers:** No.
-  **Ramps for disabled people:** No.



# 01. Beaches and Marinas

## Find your Marina

Marinas are also another attraction in Sitges. And the town has three: Port de Sitges - Aiguadolç, the busiest and one of the best marinas in the Mediterranean; Port del Garraf, which specializes in recreational sailing and has direct access to Cala Bou and Les Casetes Beach; and Port Ginesta, the largest in Catalonia for its technical and nautical services.

All three marinas are equipped with modern services and facilities, such as information points, parking, waste collection, surveillance and care of pleasure crafts with refueling facilities, as well as a vibrant atmosphere thanks to their range of pubs, cocktail bars and restaurants. In the vicinity of the marinas there are also a number of user-focused services, such as ATMs, pharmacies, laundromats, post offices, Wi-Fi, showers and toilets. Transport connections with other parts of Sitges and the main transport channels (train, bus, cab) facilitate their access to the rest of Catalonia.



# 01. Beaches and Marinas

## Featured Annual Events

- **Marina Day.** Every June the Catalan marinas, and among them the 3 in Sitges, celebrate Marina Day in a festive atmosphere normally related to ecological awareness: <https://bit.ly/38b9i6u>
- **Ophiusa and Sitges – Ciutadella Regattas.**
- **Fishermen's Association activities for tourists.** For more information: <https://bit.ly/2WBe9Hr>
- **“Concerts de Mitjanit” (Midnight concerts).** Every summer, the Port de Sitges – Aiguadolç Marina organizes its open-air concert series.

## Contact details Sitges' Marinas

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## 02. Garraf Park

A natural spectacle just waiting to be discovered

Getting to know the Garraf Park's landscapes is one of the best ways to discover Sitges and its surroundings. With a unique geomorphology, it offers a rugged Mediterranean setting full of panoramic views and routes for school and family activities, guided tours or individual outings. The Park's principal GR footpaths are easy to identify and are adapted for hiking, running and cycling. The Park covers 65.6% of the municipal territory (28.65km<sup>2</sup>).

The Garraf Park is one of the town's main tourist resources, covering more than 12,000 hectares by the sea and 20% of the territory belonging to Sitges.

\*Data from the study of the economic impact of tourism on Sitges. <https://bit.ly/35rMRYc>



## 02. Garraf Park

The Garraf Park belongs to the Barcelona Provincial Council's Xarxa de Parcs Naturals ("Natural Park Network"), is accessible from Sitges following the GR5 and GR92 and is certified with the European Charter for Sustainable Tourism (ECST) and subscribes to the Biosphere commitment to sustainable tourism. The European Charter for Tourism guarantees a use of the Park for tourism that is compatible with the territory's conservation, minimizing negative impacts and contributing to local economic development. At the same time, it also implies a sustainable tourism strategy developed and agreed upon with the area's relevant agents.

Accessible itineraries: Inside the park we find the Pleta botanical trail, which is circular and exclusively for pedestrians. It is 1,300 meters long - with a drop of about 35 meters-, which allows you to see 33 of the Park's characteristic species. Benches have been installed in two areas for visitors to rest. The first part of the route, 650 meters, is adapted for people with motor disabilities (recommended for wheelchairs). The trail also provides material designed for the blind. It consists of four copies of texts written in Braille for them to follow.

For more information: <https://bit.ly/2yowJuk>

### Featured Annual Events

- **Sitges Rock Trail:** Mountain race through the Park during the month of March. Sign up at: <https://bit.ly/2YFW9hK>
- **Guided walks through the Park.** <https://bit.ly/2ThNKwY>



## 02. Garraf Park

### GR 92 Mediterranean Trail. The Coastal Path

The views of the coastline, as well as the visit to the picturesque village of Garraf, are some of the most striking attractions of this pleasant trail, which starts at La Pleta and presents us with some of the most characteristic aspects of the massif's natural landscape, as well as some of the ongoing economic activities that take place there today. The exploitation of the Park's primary natural resource, calcareous rock, and the communication routes that cross it, will inevitably lead to a reflection on our society's needs and the landscape's conservation.

The path follows the entire ridge of a quarry. A very well signposted path leads to the sea passing through areas where the Park's different native species can be observed, such as the palmetto, the mastic tree, common reed grass or the European sea rocket, a plant with pink flowers that is very characteristic of the areas near the cliffs of the Garraf coast. It is advisable not to get too close due to the danger of landslides. To return to the starting point, you must retrace your steps in the opposite direction. Before starting this trail, it is highly recommended to visit the Park's office. The audiovisual material and the permanent exhibition there will provide you with the keys to understand the landscape much better.

The route is very easy, as it follows paths, trails and roads. The total drop is 360 meters, all downhill. It is highly advisable to wear suitable footwear and bring a water bottle, especially during the hottest months of the year. Binoculars will allow us to observe the fauna more closely and enjoy excellent panoramic views.



**Length** 4.5 km

**Approximate duration** 2 h 30 min

**Difficulty** Low

**Modality** On foot

## 02. Garraf Park

### GR 5 Viewpoint trail. From Sitges to Olesa de Bonesvalls

The GR 5, nicknamed "The Viewpoint Trail", is a long-distance trail that stretches from Sitges to Canet de Mar, passing through Garraf, l'Ordal, Montserrat, Sant Llorenç del Munt i l'Obac, the Montseny and Montnegre and the Corredor. The GR 5 enters Garraf Park via La Fita pass, near Sitges, and after passing through Maset de Dalt and Can Grau, it heads out through the Hospital district, near Olesa de Bonesvalls. The route is marked out by unmistakable red and white signposts arranged horizontally, one over the other.

It is recommended to wear suitable footwear, bring water during the warmer months and binoculars to enjoy the landscape, vegetation, fauna and architectural heritage.

You can find all the information on this route at the Federació d'Entidades Excursionistes de Catalunya (FEEC), the Catalan Federation of Hiking Organizations).



**Length** 17.6 km

**Approximate duration** 4 h 50 min

**Difficulty** Medium

**Modality** On foot

## 03. Museums

### Benchmark Modernista Heritage

The best way to discover Sitges' culture is by visiting its museums. The town has numerous venues that exhibit and preserve its popular heritage, from Modernisme to Romanticism and contemporary art.

5 museums containing more than 13,000 works of art.

We start with the Cau Ferrat, the cradle of Catalan Modernisme and Santiago Rusiñol's home-museum, which houses works by a young Picasso, as well as others by artists such as Santiago Rusiñol himself, Casas and El Greco.

And we continue with the Maricel ensemble, declared to be a National Interest Site; the Maricel Museum and the Palau de Maricel, a Noucentista palace by the sea.

The Can Llopis Romanticism Museum, which is scheduled to reopen in 2021, is an early neoclassical house and in addition to preserving all its original furniture, it houses the Lola Anglada collection of antique dolls, the most important in all of Europe.

For more information: <https://bit.ly/3b6ZgFm>



## 03. Museums

At the Stämpfli Foundation - Contemporary Art Museum we will find more than 100 works by renowned painters such as Arroyo, Pere Stämplli or Marc Brusse.

Sitges' museums are members of the Catalan Network of Maritime Museums.

Find out more at: <https://bit.ly/2Ld4N2p>

### Featured Annual Events

- **International Museum Day.** In May, for International Museum Day, you can participate in free visits to the different museums.
- **Sitgestiu Cultura:** During the summer months, Museu de Sitges organizes a series of activities to bring culture closer to visitors. For more information: <https://bit.ly/3hH80U6>





## 03. Museums

### Cau Ferrat Museum

To enter the Cau Ferrat, declared a museum of national interest by the Catalanian Generalitat, is to enter the treasure house of Modernisme. What was once Santiago Rusiñol's home-atelier is now an artistic feast where every work of art and every detail is related to the life of this artist. In addition to Rusiñol's own works, the museum contains two original paintings by El Greco and five Picassos. In short: Cau Ferrat is Sitges' crown jewel.



#### ⌚ Opening hours:

**From March 1 to June 30 and from October 1 to October 31:**

Tuesday to Sunday (holidays included): 10 am to 7 pm  
Monday: closed.

**From July 1 to September 30:**

Tuesday to Sunday (including holidays): 10 am to 8 pm  
Monday: closed.

**From November 1 to February 28:**

Tuesday to Sunday (holidays included): 10 am to 5 pm  
Monday: closed.

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## 03. Museums

### Stämpfli Foundation - Contemporary Art Museum

In Sitges, contemporary art has its own little gem in the form of a museum. Located in the town's historic fish market, the Stämpfli Foundation features a collection of approximately 100 pieces, primarily from the second half of the 19th century and signed by artists such as Arroyo, Canogar, Monroy, Stämpfli, Klassen, Chevalier or Marc Brusse.



#### ⌚ Opening hours:

**From March 1 to June 30 and from October 1 to October 31:**

Friday: 5 pm to 7 pm.

Saturdays and Sundays: 11 am to 2 pm and 5 pm to 7 pm.

**From July 1 to September 30:**

Friday: 5 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Saturdays and Sundays: 11 am to 2 pm and 5 pm to 8 pm.

**From November 1 to February 28:**

From Tuesday to Sunday: 10 am to pm.

Monday: closed.

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## 03. Museums

### Maricel Museu

The Maricel Museum, also acknowledged as a museum of national interest by the Catalanian Generalitat, makes an impression both inside and out. Inside, because it brings together ten centuries of art, ranging from Dr. Jesús Pérez Rosales' collection of art and antiques to Modernista paintings and sculptures by artists such as Llimona, Sunyer, Jou, Rusiñol and Casas. And outside because we are dealing with a Noucentista-style building that overlooks the sea and offers a unique experience by tinging some of these works blue.



#### ⌚ Opening hours:

##### **From March to June 30 and from October 1 to 31:**

Tuesday to Sunday (holidays included): 10 am to 7 pm  
Monday: closed.

##### **From July 1 to September 30:**

Tuesday to Sunday (holidays included): from 10 am to 8 pm  
Monday: closed.

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# 03. Museums

## Can Llopis Romanticism Museum

Romanticism inside and out.

Situated in a building with a Neoclassical facade, its interior and its romantic garden justify both its name and a visit. Converted into a museum since 1949, displayed on the first floor are murals with biblical scenes by the painter Pau Rigalt. The second floor houses one of the most important collections of dolls and toys in all of Europe, donated by Lola Anglada.



### Opening hours:

Temporarily closed for renovation work.



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## 03. Museums

### Palau de Maricel


Its outdoor spaces merit a special mention; for example, the cloister or the terraces, where architecture and art once again look out towards the Mediterranean to offer an incomparable experience. The Palau de Maricel has become an essential venue in Sitges for holding a wide variety of business events, presentations, conferences and weddings as well.




#### **Opening hours:**

Check the calendar of guided tours.

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## 03. Museums

### Miramar Cultural Center

This center hosts cultural activities including exhibitions and conferences. The building is neo-classical in style (1852) and is located between San Sebastian Beach and the historic center.




#### Opening hours:

Monday to Friday: 10 am to 7 pm.

Saturday, Sunday and holidays: 11 am to 2 pm and 4 pm to 7 pm.

Christmas - December 27, 28, 29 and 30: 10 am to 8 pm  
December 25, January 1 and 6, closed December 31:  
11 am to 2 pm.

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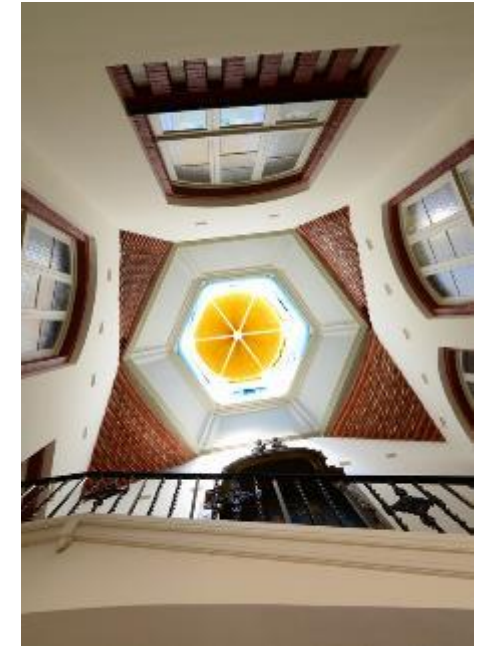
## 04. Sitges Malvasia Interpretation Center

### A unique wine like no other in the world

Wine and social work are the main reasons why the Sant Joan Baptista Hospital winery, now the Sitges Malvasia Interpretation Center (CIM), has a unique identity. This venue, managed by the Sitges Sant Joan Baptista Hospital Foundation and inaugurated in April 2019, is dedicated to Malvasia, that sweet wine that was brought to Sitges from Greece in the 15th century. This Foundation's primary activity is caring for people while it also runs the winery, for which it manages the mail, production and marketing of Sitges' Malvasia. All activity carried out in this facility has a direct return on the Institution's social function.

Malvasia wine in Sitges is synonymous with the Sant Joan Baptista Hospital winery, Sitges' Malvasia Interpretation Center, which has been instrumental in preserving this unique product that is so much a part of the town.

The arrival of phylloxera and the appearance of champagne in the last quarter of the 19th century, marked the beginning of the Malvasia variety's downfall. Aware that Malvasia would eventually disappear completely, shortly before his death, the Sitgetan diplomat Manuel Llopis de Casades (1885-1935) decided to prevent this from happening and bequeathed a vineyard located in Aiguadolç to the Sant Joan Bautista Hospital, in addition to his family's Malvasia production business.



## 04. Sitges Malvasia Interpretation Center

The CIM is divided into two parts: in the first we find a museum that reminds us of the history of this wine and its relationship with Sitges' heritage. On the other hand, the construction of the building over the former Corral de la Vila (the Town Corral), which was for public use until the 18th century, restores this space and opens it up to the world as a tourist attraction. The Corral de la Vila is the only popular traditional architectural example from the modern era and reflects Sitges' economic and stockbreeding activity throughout history. Furthermore, this venue has been reinvented to become the headquarters for new cultural proposals such as small independent festivals.

Sitges' Malvasia is rated 92/100 in the 2019 Peñin guide. Among the Sitges Hospital's wine production, its Blanc Subur also deserves special mention, a gold medal winner among young white wines with the Penedès appellation (2020).



### ⌚ Customer service:

Monday to Friday from 8:30 am to 3:30 pm.

The CIM will be closed the following days:

January 1 and 6

May 1

August 23 and 24

September 11

September 22 and 23

November 1 and December 8

December 25 and 26

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## 05. Casa Bacardí

It all started here...

Ron Bacardí is one of the most popular spirits in the world and its creator, Facundo Bacardí i Massó, was born in Sitges. Situated in the Mercat Vell (Old Market), a Modernista building dating back to 1890, guided tours are available here to learn about the brand's history, including a tasting session, as well as a cocktail exhibition. The building was constructed in 1890 by Gaietà Buigas, creator of the well-known monument to Columbus in Barcelona.

The company was founded in the city of Santiago in Cuba and still maintains numerous ties with the town. During your visit to Casa Bacardi, you will learn about the history and production of this famous rum. The activity lasts approximately 45-60 minutes, and once it's over, visitors will be able to enjoy a rum cocktail of their own making out on the private terrace or in the tasting area.

**Visiting Casa Bacardí.** Please check the website for details of guided tours and opening hours:

<https://bit.ly/392D8JG>



## 05. Casa Bacardí

The visitor center offers organizers, agencies and companies the possibility of organizing a highly successful event in an elegant and avant-garde setting, with a capacity for cocktail parties of up to 120 people and banquets for up to 50.



### Customer service:

Opening hours in June:


Closed on Mondays and Tuesdays.


Wednesday to Sunday:

from noon to 3:15 pm and from 4 pm to 9 pm.

Last visit: 7:45 pm

Sunday it closes at 8 pm.


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## 06. Gastronomy

Sitges has a special flavor of its own.

One of Sitges' particularities is that it has its very own gastronomy. Its proximity to the sea, its wine growing areas and its natural surroundings promote sea-related traditions that are part of its culture.

Among its flagship products is Sitges Malvasia, a sweet, golden, late-harvest wine with fresh fruit aromas and Mediterranean floral hints. It is unique in the world, and a regular lunch and dinner accompaniment at Sitges' restaurants.

A signature dish from Sitges is its Xató, a cold winter salad prepared with escarole, codfish, salted tuna, anchovies and Arbequina olives. Regional produce flavored with the traditional romesco type dressing. In Sitges, Xató is usually eaten at Carnival both on Fat Thursday and Ash Wednesday. Sitges-style rice is another classic from the local recipe book; a 19th century dish that combines products from both the sea and the mountains. It is a seafood rice dish recovered by Emerencià Roig Raventòs in his book "El Sitges dels nostres avis" (Our Grandparent's Sitges), published in 1934 and written based on oral transcriptions. In addition, Sitges-style rice contains a very special, local ingredient: Sitges Malvasia wine.



# 06. Gastronomy

## Sitges and the Slow Food brand.

Slow Food's philosophy is committed to craftsmanship and sustainability applied to gastronomy, with local, seasonal ingredients, for which traditional processes are used that are in no way aggressive to the environment and at a fair price for both consumers and producers. In Sitges there are two restaurants that are members of the Slow Food Barcelona brand: La Nansa and La Salseta, which have received numerous awards such as the "Cargol d'Or" (Golden Snail).

### Featured Annual Events

- **Tapa a tapa.** A gastronomic route around Sitges' bars and restaurants in a tapa format.
- **Tasta Sitges.** A sampling of Sitges' main dishes at the town's restaurants.
- **Grape Harvest Festival and Wine Fair.** A space to taste the wines from local wineries with the Penedès appellation and others produced in El Garraf. Usually held in October.
- **National Tapas Competition.** A competition to select the best tapa in Catalonia. During the days it takes place, the award-winning tapas can be sampled at Sitges' establishments.
- **Xató salad route.** The local restaurants offer set menus that include Xató along with other traditional local dishes. It is usually held from November to April. For more information: <https://www.rutadelxato.com/en/>
- **Sitges Malvasia Week.**



# 07. Festivals and traditions

## We celebrate our roots

Any time of the year is a good time to come to Sitges. We never close and always have something to celebrate and share.

365 days a year with a festival and events calendar that begins in February with the multitudinous Carnival and ends in October with Sitges Live by Creative Connections, a festival that unites Irish and Catalan cultures. And between these two events: The Barcelona-Sitges International Vintage Car Rally, with cars and motorcycles produced up until 1938. Corpus Christi, with its flower carpets. Sitges Gay Pride, the only gay pride party on the beach. Festa Major, the big annual celebration declared to be of National Interest, with its traditional fireworks display as well as Santa Tecla. The Grape Harvest Festival and Wine Fair and the "Sitges, International Fantastic Film Festival of Catalonia", with more than 50 editions behind it and a global pioneer. In addition to the Christmas Festival and the Winter Market where you can find handmade products and Christmas suggestions for the whole family.



# 07. Festivals and traditions

These are just a few of the highlights among many other events related to culture, sports and gastronomy.

## Featured Annual Events

- **Carnival**, one of the best in Europe with two intense days of street parades and 7 days full of events for all ages.
- **International Vintage Car Rally**. Exhibition and rally of pre-1938 cars from Barcelona to Sitges. For more information: <https://bit.ly/389HRtN>
- **Festival Jazz Antic Sitges, JAS**, an early jazz festival that fills Sitges with music for 3 days.
- **Corpus Christi Festival**. A celebration where the streets are lined with flowers and local decorations to guide the procession during the month of June. Event information at: <https://bit.ly/2SGUbtY>
- **Gay Pride Sitges**, the most famous seaside gay pride party in Southern Europe.
- **Fiesta de la Virgen del Carmen (Our Lady of Mount Carmel)**, where boats depart from the Sitges Marina in a procession to honor their patron saint.
- **"Sant Bartomeu"**, Sitges' Festa Major, its big annual celebration. A local festival with performances, fireworks and traditional events in August. For more information: <https://bit.ly/3bbzGLX>
- **Grape Harvest Festival and Wine Fair**. A meeting point for wine lovers with traditional activities such as the first pressing and the grape treading competition.
- **Sitges International Fantastic Film Festival of Catalonia**. Premieres, presentations and film events at a festival devoted to fantastic and horror films. For more information: <https://bit.ly/3o8cC86>

For more information about these and other events: <https://bit.ly/3na5vLe>

4.8M €  
economic  
impact

Sitges Carnival

5.4 M €  
economic  
impact

Sitges - International  
Fantastic Film Festival  
of Catalonia

2.3M €  
economic  
impact

Sitges Gay Pride

1.2 M €  
economic  
impact

International Patchwork  
Festival

## 08. Shopping

Let yourself be amazed!

Sitges has more than 500 independent and family-run establishments. Craftwork, decor, art galleries, local Km Zero cuisine, clothing and accessories. In addition, during the summer months you can find more than 20 stands at the Crafts Market along the Seafront Promenade every year.

A clear commitment to a unique and top-quality shopping experience, with a personalized treatment, stores and businesses that preserve Sitges' heritage. Fresh local ingredients are one of the key elements in all of Sitges' cuisine. The commercial hub revolves around the main square, Cap de la Vila, in the town center. These are very busy streets, with the majority of the streets pedestrianized to make it easier to get around on foot and to ensure all visitors' safety. The most popular walks are along the streets Carrer de les Parellades, Carrer de Jesús, Carrer Major and Carrer de Sant Francesc, which are full of small stores and leisure establishments.

For lovers of gourmet shopping, the Sitges Market is a slow food option with modern facilities. On Saturdays, the "Mercat de pagès" street market is another good option for enjoying local and regional produce. Plus, you can come to Sitges whenever you want; the stores are open from Monday to Sunday.



## 08. Shopping

In Sitges, the retail sector works together through the Sitges Shopping Association to promote lively, dynamic and unique trade.

**Asociación Sitges Shopping**

[www.sitgesshopping.com](http://www.sitgesshopping.com)

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### Featured Annual Events

- **Sitges Christmas Festival.** Patchwork, scrap and Christmas Decor are the flagship products of the town's holiday market, with thousands of customized "do it yourself" products. For more information: <https://bit.ly/357Hcrb>
- **Pop Up Terramar,** Part of the Terramar Gardens Festival (NEXT EDITION 2021); a designer market in the Terramar Gardens' unique setting. <https://bit.ly/357PS00>
- **Winter Market** ; Top-quality, handcrafted products, with an activity program for the whole family in a space featuring a distinctly Nordic style.





## 09. Terramar Golf Course

*The best views just a swing away*

The Sitges golf course is not just one of Catalonia's historic courses, but also has an exceptional location overlooking the sea. Holes like the 3rd and 4th are played a little more than 15 meters from the water. Its surface area of 43.6 kilometers includes natural grass courses and pitch and putt, tee-off and learning areas. With its 18 holes, the course is surrounded by pine trees, providing terrains with different characteristics that allow you to play a wide variety of strokes.

The Golf Terramar also features the Gramen Restaurant, headed by Paolo Casagrande and Alvaro Carro, icons of creative Mediterranean cuisine. The restaurant hosts both private and corporate events. In addition, the Terramar Golf Club is home to the Estrella Damm Mediterranean Ladies Open, a European professional women's golf tournament with the leading women athletes from this sector. For the more inexperienced in this sport, the Club has several coaches who help and accompany them in their introduction to golf. Other activities available at the course are tennis, paddle, soccer or basketball.




# 09. Terramar Golf Course

For visits with children there is a toy library and a children's club offering a range of sports and leisure activities. The facilities also have a Wellness & Fitness area for adults, with exercise machines and platforms. The gym has personal trainers, Pilates classes and physiotherapy and massage services. In the rest area there are sauna, steam bath and relaxation room services.

The golf course also offers a practice area with a driving range, two putting greens, a 3-hole Pitch & Putt, tee-off and bunker areas and equipment rental.


## Featured Annual Events

- **Estrella Damm Mediterranean Ladies Open:** Ladies' professional golf tournament that is part of the Ladies European Tour. Next championship in September. For more information: <https://bit.ly/358X3FH>
- **Sitges Hospital Foundation Charity Golf Tournament.**

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 Club de Golf Terramar

# 10. Terramar Gardens

## A green lung by the sea

Designed in 1920 by Miquel Utrillo, the Noucentista Terramar Gardens are a natural space to enjoy activities for the entire family.

With facilities suitable for sports and leisure activities, there are areas for picnics, games (swings, zip-lines and a small soccer field) or to unwind in areas with vegetation and ponds. The Gardens are located between the sea and the golf course, and are open all year round. Thanks to their architectural and artistic characteristics, they possess a unique patrimonial value for the town.

The Terramar Gardens were created as part of the Terramar Garden City project, designed and directed by Francesc Armengol i Duran, Josep Maria Martino i Arroyo and Miquel Utrillo. The idea behind the town planning was to transform Sitges into one of the most glamorous beach towns on the Mediterranean, as well as to build an urban complex with all the facilities of the time and some attractive, lush green gardens for tourists. The space was built with special attention to sustainability and ecological awareness.

**Opening hours:** From September 15 to June 15, 9:00 am to 7:00 pm.  
During the summer: 10:30 am to 8:30 pm.

### Featured Annual Events

**Terramar Gardens Music Festival and Terramar Pop Up**, Series of musical and entertainment events throughout the month of July. For more information: <https://bit.ly/3hH9ttA>



# Latest news and trends



Sitges renews its Biosphere Certification. For more information:  
<https://bit.ly/2Lgjim4>



Work is progressing on Sitges' new visitor information office. For more information:  
<https://bit.ly/3nQfaY8>



People's friendliness, safety, the beaches, restaurants and shopping, aspects best rated by tourists in 2019. For more information:  
<https://bit.ly/3pNWwlg>

"Yes, to Sitges": the new tourism recovery campaign launched to address the pandemic.



Sitges renews its EMAS maximum beach quality certification. For more information:  
<https://bit.ly/2LjDrYB>

# Sustainable Tourism



## CERTIFICACIÓN

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**Sitges**

Barcelona (España)

El Instituto de Turismo Responsable (RTI) certifica que la entidad mencionada ha sido evaluada y se muestra acorde con los requerimientos de la

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NÚMERO DE CERTIFICADO  
BDT 000/2016 RTI

FECHA DE APROBACIÓN INICIAL  
31 de mayo de 2016

CERTIFICADO VÁLIDO HASTA\*  
29 de junio de 2023

PRESIDENTE  
Dr. Tomás Azcárate Bang

\*Sujeto a renovaciones anuales.



Since 2016, Sitges is one of the Biosphere destinations, a group of towns and tourist regions that have been awarded this international Certification endorsed by the UNESCO.

Consequently, the town is regulated by 5 key aspects for tourism: cultural-social, economic, environmental, territorial and governance.

In 2020-2021, we seek to strengthen our sustainability in Sitges via the Biosphere Gold Destination certification. In order for this to be possible, a number of the town's companies and tourism resources must subscribe to the Biosphere commitment, of which there are already 30 organizations and tourism resources actively working.

# Companies and tourism assets subscribing to the Biosphere commitment

## Tourism

### Sitges Tourism Office

Year joined: 2017

Enlace: <https://bit.ly/3jlGoXY>

## Beaches and Marinas

### Cala Ginesta

### Platja d'Aiguadolç

### Platja de Garraf

### Platja de la Barra

### Platja de la Bassa Rodona

### Platja de La Fragata

### Platja de la Ribera

### Platja de la Riera Xica

### Platja de les Anquines

### Platja de les Botigues

### Platja de l'Estanyol

### Platja de Sant Sebastià

### Platja de Terramar

### Platja dels Balmins

Year joined: 2017

Web: <https://bit.ly/2X52jWF>

### Port de Sitges - Aiguadolç

Year joined: 2017

Web: <https://bit.ly/3ngqKuK>

## Subscribed places of interest

### Parc del Garraf

Year joined: 2017

Web: <https://bit.ly/3dnRnLb>

### Sències Can Girona

Year joined: 2018

Web: <https://bit.ly/3nkIYLT>

### Camping Sitges

Year joined: 2018

Web: <https://bit.ly/3rQEuQu>

### Camping El Garrofer

Year joined: 2019

Web: <https://bit.ly/3b9tmYW>

### Gremi d'Hostaleria de Sitges

Year joined: 2019

Web: <https://bit.ly/2SDncGg>

### Hotel Calipolis

Year joined: 2020

Web: <https://bit.ly/3lrdBi8>

### Cristina Milà - guia

Year joined: 2020

### Sunway Playa Golf & Spa

Year joined: 2020

Web: <https://bit.ly/3rRr1rx>

### Club de Golf Terramar

Year joined: 2020

Web: <https://bit.ly/388ZxWD>

### Blau Sitges

Year joined: 2020

Web: <https://bit.ly/3obDRyM>

### Hotel Capri

Year joined: 2020

Web: <https://bit.ly/3ngrX5g>

### Institut Joan Ramon Benaprès (Escuela de Hostelería de Sitges)

Year joined: 2020

Web: <https://bit.ly/36KNqP6>

### Sorea

Year joined: 2020

Web: <https://bit.ly/3iEOZjR>

### Vivero Beach Club

Year joined: 2020

Web: <https://bit.ly/34A0VP3>

In addition to the Biosphere certification, 17 of Sitges' 26 beaches have the ISO 14.001 seal of quality, and all of them have the EMAS guarantee that acknowledges their environmental legislation, as well as other sustainable attributes such as external communication or the involvement of visitors and residents who actively contribute to reducing the town's ecological footprint.

In 2020, Sitges was awarded 5 blue flags for its Aiguadolç Marina, La Barra, La Ribera, Les Botigues and San Sebastian beaches. With this acknowledgement, Sitges is the town that has received the highest number of blue flags in the province of Barcelona.

In order to promote sustainability, Sitges launched numerous environmental actions such as #ReSitges, an annual campaign to raise awareness, inform and educate people regarding respect, waste reduction, recycling and the reuse of elements for a greener destination.



Hi ha 12 punts de contenidors mòbils al casc antic. Per identificar-los, hi ha senyals que ens recorden el lloc i l'horari. Els contenidors s'installeixen cada dia de les 8 del vespre a les 2 de la matinada. Però durant el dia es retiren per mantenir la imatge de Sitges neta i endreçada.

Hay 12 puntos de contenedores móviles en el casco antiguo. Para identificarlos, hay señales que nos recuerdan el sitio y el horario. Los contenedores se instalan cada día de las 8 de la tarde a las 2 de la madrugada. Pero durante el día se retiran para mantener la imagen de Sitges limpia y ordenada.

There are 12 mobile container points in the old town. To identify them, there are signs that remind us of where and when the containers are installed every day from 8 p.m. until 2 a.m. But during the day they are removed to keep Sitges' image clean and tidy.



# Sitges



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**Apostem per un model de desenvolupament turístic sostenible des d'un punt de vista ambiental, cultural, social i econòmic. Gaudiu de la vostra estada a Sitges de manera responsable i sostenible!**

**Apostamos por un modelo de desarrollo turístico sostenible desde un punto de vista ambiental, cultural, social y económico. Disfrutad de vuestra estancia en Sitges de forma responsable y sostenible!**

**We believe in a model of sustainable tourism development from an environmental, cultural, social and economic point of view. Enjoy your stay in Sitges in a responsible and sustainable way!**

**Podem trobar tot el que us ofereix Sitges a. Podéis encontrar todo lo que os ofrece Sitges en. You can find everything that Sitges offers you in.**

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Another noteworthy action is the Sitges Tourism Department's knowledge generation and transmission studies, which analyze and share the sector's impact and reality with companies and citizens. A few of these studies are:

- **The 2019 Sitges Tourist and Visitor's Profile.** A study of economic and corporate interest on travel patterns and behavior in our town. Complete report at: <https://bit.ly/2HtVmKo>
- **2019 Sitges Tourist Profile.** We continue the previous studies to get to know, understand and receive insights about the changes in leisure and consumption. All studies here: <https://bit.ly/338m036>
- **Citizen's Opinion.** We analyze the residents' perception of the lifestyle, satisfaction and tourist activity. Report available at: <https://bit.ly/sitges-opinion>
- **Economic impact of tourism.** A study of different events' economic impact and visitor's profile: Sitges Carnival, Sitges - International Fantastic Film Festival of Catalonia, Sitges Gay Pride and International Patchwork Festival. Complete report here: <https://bit.ly/3nRinq7>
- **Carnival 2014.** We analyzed the principal characteristics of Sitges' visitors during the Carnival event and their shopping and entertainment habits. Access the report at: <https://bit.ly/3pYdxth>
- **Patchwork 2014.** We researched the characterization and profile of the Sitges Patchwork Festival visitors to learn about their economic and leisure activity. Report available at: <https://bit.ly/sitges-patchwork>
- **Gay Pride 2014 and Sitges - International Fantastic Film Festival of Catalonia 2014.** A review of the most significant characteristics of the audience and the range of services offered during the two events. For more information: <https://bit.ly/sitges-gay-pride>





The environmental changes in Sitges have also affected its municipal architecture. In order to contribute to energy efficiency and conservation, the lighting has been replaced and streetlights have been fitted with low consumption lights. Also, 24-hour electric vehicle recharging stations have been installed in different strategic areas of town, as well as a new cleaning service adapted to the use and influx of each area, which improves the condition of the streets and reduces inconveniences to residents. Among the principal innovations are new containers for selective waste collection, greater accessibility to containers all over town, and an exclusive service for the collection of tree cuttings and vegetable oil.

Administratively speaking, Sitges has implemented a number of environmental improvements that also favor sustainability and municipal welfare. One of them is e-administration, the project for modernization that speeds up procedures and facilitates information and communication with citizens by reducing paper consumption. The tourist information office has also experienced an evolution, with a strong commitment to Biosphere objectives in energy saving, waste management, noise pollution control, lost and found management or sustainable and committed information.

In natural environments, sustainability has been enhanced especially in the Terramar ponds, where the biodiversity of protected native species has increased thanks to the naturalization of the ponds and the surrounding area. An educational initiative that has turned the ponds into both an educational and a tourist attraction.

A commitment to respectful, diversified, deseasonalised, decentralized and responsible tourism has made Sitges a benchmark sustainable destination. We have a clear vision: promoting tourism that is respectful to culture, traditions, the surroundings and the environment is and will be our commitment. We all work together to ensure that Sitges continues to be Sitges.



# Sitges Seaside Town



**Sitges is and has always been a town with a sea-related tradition. Its legacy can be seen in the white fishermen's houses, in the old town, in its traditions and, above all, in its cuisine.**

The town preserves many elements of the old fishing village such as the area called La Fragata, the houses of the Americanos, the Bastion Cannon, replica of one of the originals that protected the town from the attacks of British frigates in 1747; or the votive offerings of the Virgin of Vinyet, which the sailors would present to the Virgin before setting out on their long voyages.

Sitges' gastronomy is an element marked by its seafaring origins. In its recipe book you can find traditional dishes like Sitges-style rice, made with ingredients from both the sea and the mountains, or Malvasia, a sweet wine of Greek origin produced in Sitges' vineyards. Facundo Bacardí Massó, founder of the well-known rum brand, emigrated to Sitges by the sea and today there is a visitor center in town to make his legacy known.

Sitges is also sea-related thanks to its culture. All the museums are members of the Maritime Museums of Catalonia network, where the Emerencià Roig i Raventós maritime collection stands out with over 350 works from Catalonia's maritime heritage, currently housed in the Santiago Rusiñol Popular Library. There are 64 models of ships, miniatures of navigational elements, elements related to life on board and fishing, representations of ships, paintings with a nautical theme, lithographs, magazines and elements of marine flora and fauna, among others.

All through the town, a blue stripe, a color recognized as "blauet de Sitges" (Sitges blue), indicates the houses where fishermen used to live. The fishermen's houses in Garraf, which date back to the 1930s, are 5 minutes away from the town center by train and were

declared a heritage site of cultural interest by the Sitges Town Council. In addition, in recent years, they have also been featured in numerous film and photo shoots.

In 2019, with the intention of recovering and promoting its more sea-related character, the town joined the "Vilas Marineras" (Seaside Town) brand from the Agència Catalana de Turisme (Catalan Tourist Agency), a label that brings together coastal destinations that are linked to the sea through their history, culture, gastronomy and landscape. Among many other activities, they promote events based on the relationship between people and the sea.

Find out more about the Sitges Malvasia Interpretation Center here: <https://bit.ly/3hGU1xy>

Access comprehensive information about Casa Bacardi here: <https://bit.ly/2XbHlZG>



## Calendar of maritime events

- **Marina Day**, the day of Catalonia's marinas. Activities related to port and maritime life are organized.
- **Virgen del Carmen (Our Lady of Mount Carmel)**, a traditional seafaring festival where boats leave the Port de Sitges-Aiguadolç Marina and a floral offering is made in memory of the deceased fishermen and sailors. The festival ends with a Habanera singing and a "ron cremat" (flambéed rum) tasting.
- **Ophiusa Regatta and Sitges – Ciutadella Regatta**, sports activities that promote nautical practice and maritime leisure activities.



# Sitges and fishing

The fishing trade in Sitges has been passed down from generation to generation and has been preserved to this day.

Lesser arts, rowing and sailing boats and sustainable fishing have continued to date, in a local tradition that preserves the town's essence.

In the early 20th century, sailors would take their catches to Town Hall Square, where they were auctioned off or loaded onto trucks to be taken to Barcelona's Born market. It was also common for Sitges' boats to sail to the Barceloneta port and there they would unload the fish to sell it.

Together with the Sitges Town Council, today the Sitges Fishermen's Association is devoted to offering traditional fishing in the market with premium quality products, promoting "Peix de Sitges" (Fish from Sitges) and fishing-related tourism. The Association aims to complement its economic activity by promoting activities based on fishing-related tourism, where the fisherman encourages entrepreneurship and the value of local heritage while conserving natural resources by reducing the impact on the environment.

Furthermore, the Sitges Fishermen's Association has the Fishing - Tourism certification granted by the Catalanian Generalitat. Among the activities it organizes are guided tours of the Marina, tours of the traditional boats to discover their history and an introduction to traditional fishing techniques, with thematic seafood tastings of fresh products from the Garraf region.

For more information:  
<https://bit.ly/3okdabl>



# Sitges Convention Bureau



**Sitges has grown to become a key hub for meetings, congresses and incentive trips, having become the destination with the highest turnover in Catalonia second only to Barcelona.**

Just 20 minutes from the international airport and 30 from Barcelona, it offers more than 3,000 hotel rooms in 4 and 5 star establishments, meeting rooms, 2 convention centers with a capacity for 900 and 500 people respectively, an auditorium for 1,400 attendees, 100 meeting rooms and venues for events and banquets.

A multipurpose environment full of cultural treasures and a rich variety of cuisine, leisure and sports activities that make it a preferred destination for all types of conferences, conventions, company presentations, seminars or incentive trips.

The Sitges Convention Bureau is part of the Sitges Town Council's Department of Tourism, a member of the International Congress and Convention Association (ICCA), which brings together the most important companies specializing in the business tourism sector. It also belongs to the Spain CB and is a collaborator of the Catalonia CB and the Barcelona CB.

According to the Sitges Hotel and Catering Association, business tourism accounts for 40% of annual overnight stays in hotels with meeting rooms, and 20.7% of the destination's overall volume, with an average of 600 meetings a year, 50% of which are international. Its primary markets are Spain, as well as the United Kingdom, Germany, France, Benelux, Scandinavia, the United States and Canada. In recent years, tourism from emerging markets has been starting to play a major role, as in the case of Asian tourism.

The most relevant sectors handled by the Sitges Convention Bureau are the pharmaceutical, IT, insurance, automotive, banking and industries such as the textile, food and sports sectors. The town leads in promoting the destination both nationally and internationally, with its participation in more than 25 professional fairs and workshops per year. Among its principal areas of action are

advice on hotels, meeting rooms, unique venues, social programs and post-meeting activities, mobility and municipal permits.

In addition, other functions promoted and activated by the Sitges Convention Bureau are candidatures for congresses, presentations and other networking actions that promote synergies between sector professionals and corporations. It also provides tourist information materials about Sitges for participants, and organizes fam trips and site inspections. As a result, it becomes a global professional service to ensure the success of thousands of projects over time.

Some of the corporations that are members of the Sitges Convention Bureau are internationally famous companies, such as Dolce by Whyndam and Meliá Internacional, with 2 establishments in town; Meliá Sitges and ME Terramar 4\* Hotel. MiM Sitges, owned by Leo Messi and managed by the Majestic Hotel Group and 5 other independent hotels with meeting rooms, guarantee Sitges as the ideal destination for holding all kinds of events.



The Sitges Convention Bureau also offers exclusive venues that allow for new event and celebration formats in unique spaces, such as the Modernista-style Palau de Maricel overlooking the sea; Grup Peralada's Mas Solers Estate, a Renaissance palace for gala celebrations; or Casa Bacardí, a visitor center belonging to the renowned international brand and dedicated to its founder, Facundo Bacardí.

### References

The town is a benchmark for congresses and conventions around the world, and among the most outstanding are the HIMSS EUROPE AND HEALTH 2.0 CONFERENCE, held in 2018 and attended by more than 2,000 people; and the International Congress on Borderline Personality Disorder attended by 900 people. In previous years there were events such as the World Congress of Hair Research with up to 1,000 people in 2019, or the 9th International Colloids Conference with 300 people.

In 2020, the European CAR-T CELL MEETING held one of the town's largest congresses, bringing together 1,200 participants. Other events that took place in the last year were the European Physical Society Conference on Plasma Physics, the European Peptide Symposium, the ECCB - European Conference on Computational Biology or the World Orphan

Drug Congress. As a special mention, we would like to highlight the 35th Meeting of the Cercle d'Economia, remaining loyal until 2019, and the 30th Professional Auditor's Forum, which is holding its 30th consecutive edition in Sitges.

For more information: [www.sitgescb.cat](http://www.sitgescb.cat)





# Sitges LGTBIQ



Our town takes a stance as a gay friendly destination open to the rest of the world. The locals' open and tolerant mentality has always made visitors feel welcome at all times.

Over the years, Sitges has successfully maintained its elegance and idiosyncrasy, along with its varied tourist options with specialized infrastructures and establishments. Today, it has become one of the leading gay destinations in Europe.

According to the commonly shared story, the birth of the local gay community is linked to the arrival and settling of 19th century Modernista artists. The carnivals are another high point for this community, since they were revived clandestinely during the last period of Franco's dictatorship, from 1970 to 1975.

## Specialized tourist services

In the 50's and 60's, the first openly gay bars and hotels opened their doors in Sitges.

This factor has provided the local services on offer with a very well-established base of gay-friendly options among a wide variety of venues such as bars, stores, restaurants or hotels. The cultural activities organized by the associations themselves favor this welcoming, with guided tours, exhibitions, parties and charity events open to everyone.

### Sitges Rainbow Tour Cultural Route

A route to get to know Sitges' LGTBIQ history, offered in English and Spanish simultaneously. With a different perspective, this guided tour explains why Sitges has become the number one gay paradise in the Mediterranean.

During the tour, you will visit emblematic places and the marks that artists and celebrities have left on Sitges throughout the 20th century. For more information: <https://bit.ly/3535Mt9>



# LGTBIQ Events Calendar

## International Bears Sitges Meeting

Also known as Bears Sitges Spring Edition, this event brings together Bears from all over the world to kick off summer and share a few days with seasonal activities such as: beach days, cultural routes, Appetizer and Official Lunch Day, the Bear Crawl, parties at clubs, shows... All this in the Bear Capital par excellence and in the greatest setting in the Mediterranean with more than 800 Bears from all over the world. For more information: <https://bit.ly/3iFTPgk>

## Sitges Gay Pride

Sitges Gay Pride is one of the most important and accessible gay pride parties in all of Europe, celebrating its tenth anniversary in 2019. For 5 days Sitges' promenade is filled with concerts, performances and events of a protest and cultural nature, being the only Pride party held by the sea. One of its main events is the Gay Parade. For more information: <https://bit.ly/30JYAjn>

## Bears Sitges Week

With over 7,000 Bears from different countries, Bears Sitges Week is the group's main event in Sitges and the largest and most diverse in the world. For one week, coinciding with September 11th, in addition to the multitude of activities programmed in May, the famous

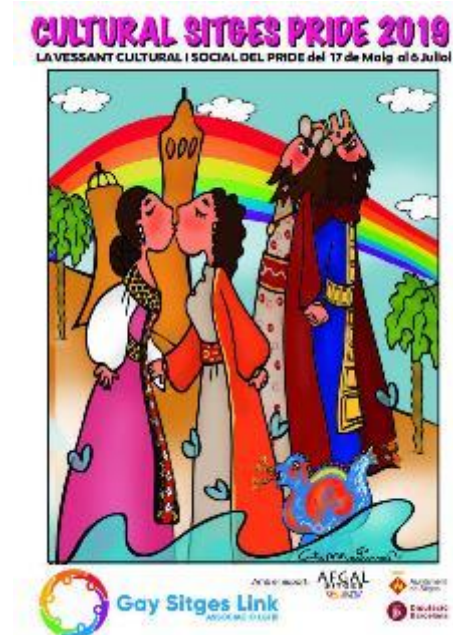
Bear-Village opens its doors right on the seafront. For more information:

<https://bit.ly/3jFtFfE>

## Monument against homophobia

Sitges was the first town in Spain to erect a monument against homophobia: a pink triangle and at the base, the slogan "Sitges against homophobia / Never again / October 5th 1996 - 2006". Also in 2006, the monument was installed over the stones of the fourth jetty, between the beaches known as Bassa Rodona and Estanyol. In May 2013 it was restored and moved to its new location in the gardens of the Passeig Marítim Promenade, where it has greater visibility and has become a landmark for the entire community.

Sitges has become a pioneering destination in freedom from the heteronormative pattern. The LGBTBI community feels totally at liberty in the town, and feelings are openly and uninhibitedly displayed.



# Associations

There are various outstanding local LGTBI associations in Sitges that are very involved in the organization of social and cultural events and activities.

## **Gay Sitges LGTBI Association**

A non-profit association that aims to socially connect and assist the LGBTI and LGBTI-friendly community in Sitges. Official website: <https://bit.ly/30NcTnb>

## **Bears Sitges Association**

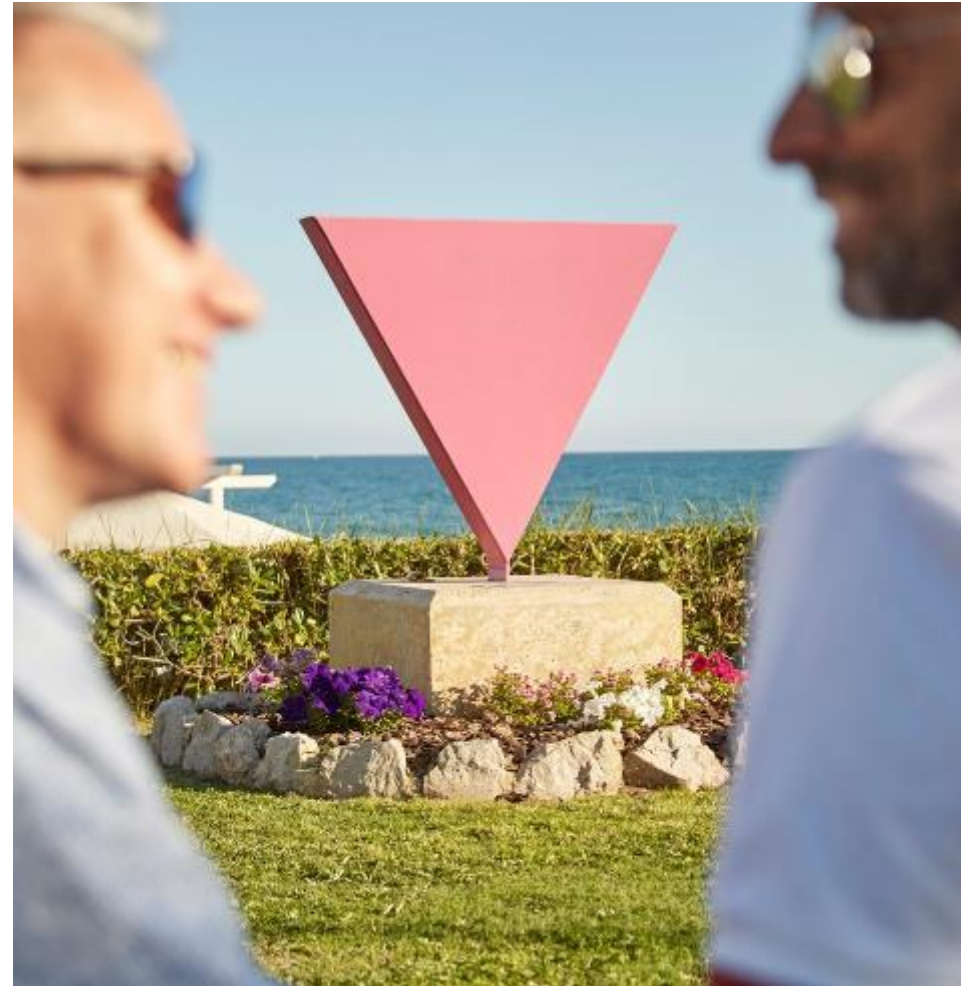
A non-profit association that collaborates with and actively helps different local, national and international Foundations and Organizations, both financially and media-wise. It organizes the Bears' different celebrations. Official website: <https://bit.ly/2I5a1M0>

## **Sitges Voluntaris Socials (SVS – Sitges Social Volunteers)**

A non-profit association that brings together and helps people who have suffered any form of discrimination due to their sexual, economic, cultural or ideological diversity.

## **Association For Gays and Lesbian (AFGAL)**

An independent association that supports the LGTBI community in Sitges and organizes the Sitges Gay Pride.



# Sitges Weddings



**According to the Expertus Tourism and Leisure consulting firm for the Department of Tourism, Sitges hosts more than 400 weddings annually, 25% of which are foreign couples.**

The town obtains an economic impact of 8.5 million euros in income per year from local companies. Likewise, foreign couples' weddings are the ones that generate the longest stays and the greatest economic impact. International wedding tourism also allows for deseasonalization and diversification.

Among the destination's main attractions are its location and easy accessibility, climate and available open spaces: from beaches to unique venues such as country houses, Modernista villas and homes.

## Wedding services in Sitges

There are up to 89 companies in town dedicated to the wedding and nuptial ceremony sector, with 18 unique venues, 7 specialized hotels, 5 caterers and 59 companies providing complementary services.

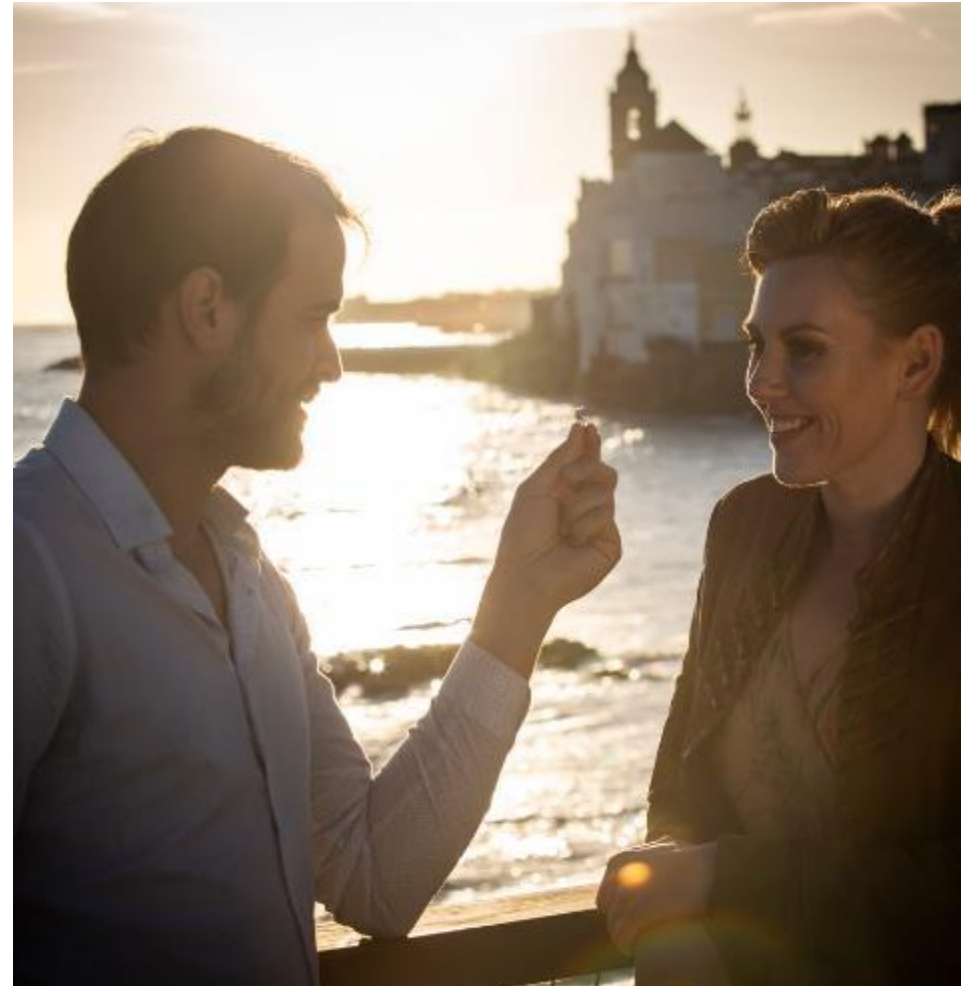
There are many options for every kind of celebration, such as wedding planners, photography, video production, make-up, hairdressers, florists, establishments specializing in wedding fashion or bakeries.

With more than 13 years of experience in the sector, the selection is structured and consolidated. Among the most outstanding values are the companies' personalized treatment, quality and environment. This factor has allowed the Sitges Weddings brand to be created in the town, promoted by the Department of Tourism as an international wedding destination that encompasses all of this tourism segment's activities and encourages business cooperation.

In addition to its own promotional activities, the Department of Tourism offers local companies promotional material to boost their marketing, such as photographs and video specifically designed for the wedding sector. For more information: <https://bit.ly/3hH0FnE>

For those couples who would like to get married in Sitges, there is a guide explaining the legal procedures to be followed, prepared by the Department, which provides all the information in a much clearer and more useful way.

Complete guide at: <https://bit.ly/2HxckaW>



# Sitges Culture



The town has inherited a vast legacy that is expressed every day through the dynamism of its cultural activities and the richness and variety of its tangible heritage.

Throughout its history, cultural facilitators and patrons such as Santiago Rusiñol, Ramón Casas, Miquel Utrillo and Charles Deering have made Sitges a place of reference for writers, painters, musicians and intellectuals, being the birthplace and center for the dissemination of Modernisme in Catalonia.

The town's art collections, spread out among 5 museums and 2 visitor centers, contain more than thirteen thousand works of art, including Gothic carvings, Modernista paintings, wrought iron, ceramics, glass, furniture and antique dolls. Discover the 10 cultural sites that you simply cannot miss here: <https://bit.ly/3rU7sia>

# Cultural Routes

Wandering around and losing yourself in Sitges' old town is a real treat for your emotions. A walk that reveals Sitges as a unique destination. With the sound of the sea as your companion, we propose a journey through the town's history and its cobblestone lanes lined with palaces, ancient castles and historic buildings from the Modernista and Noucentisme movements. A route to let yourself go with the flow...

## The Route of Souls

A stroll through the most intimate part of Sitges, visiting the historic Sant Sebastià cemetery, with its rich heritage from different eras and late 19th-century funeral monuments by renowned sculptors such as Josep Llimona, Frederic Marés and Pere Jou. For more information: <https://bit.ly/358nVpp>

## The "Americanos" Route

This route traces the history of the streets from Sitges' first expansion area and its Modernista homes, inspired by the residents who emigrated to the Spanish colonies in Latin America and returned as successful entrepreneurs, forming the new Sitges bourgeoisie. For more information: <https://bit.ly/3ndJZFp>

## The Sculpture Park Route

Sitges has a wide range of sculptures by many different artists and from many periods that enrich the town's public and private spaces. This route offers a tour of Sitges' principal artistic monuments and culture. For more information: <https://bit.ly/2LimXQi>

## The "Memory of our Houses" Route

The town has experienced numerous encounters full of popular stories. Stories that transcend the local reality and mark its identity. This tour is intended to locate and reveal the buildings where certain illustrious figures lived or worked. For more information: <https://bit.ly/2JGwFeQ>





### Sitges Rainbow Tour

A route to discover Sitges' LGBTI history in emblematic settings and the mark that artists and celebrities left on Sitges throughout the 20th century to make it today's Mediterranean gay paradise. For more information:

<https://bit.ly/3rZzwRF>

### The Old Town Route

A tour to discover the origins of Sitges through its medieval walls, the Racó de la Calma ("The Quiet Corner"), the former fishermen's houses, the cannons and the different museums in Sitges such as the Cau Ferrat Museum, the Maricel Museum and the Palau Maricel. For more information: <https://bit.ly/3rP8WKJ>

### The Terramar Route

The Terramar Route reveals the history of Terramar's urbanization, enjoying the architecture and the Modernista gardens. It was the first garden-city project in Catalonia and one of the main centers of Catalan Noucentista architecture.



## Temporary exhibitions and art galleries

Since the artist Santiago Rusiñol made his home here, Sitges became a popular destination for creative people, who found the ideal place to exhibit their artwork.

The Neoclassical style Miramar Cultural Center (1852), located between San Sebastian Beach and the historic center, houses art exhibitions throughout the year. It is also home to the Sitges ReciclArt recycling art festival. The town has more than twenty art galleries to delight all lovers of culture.



# Cultural Events Calendar:

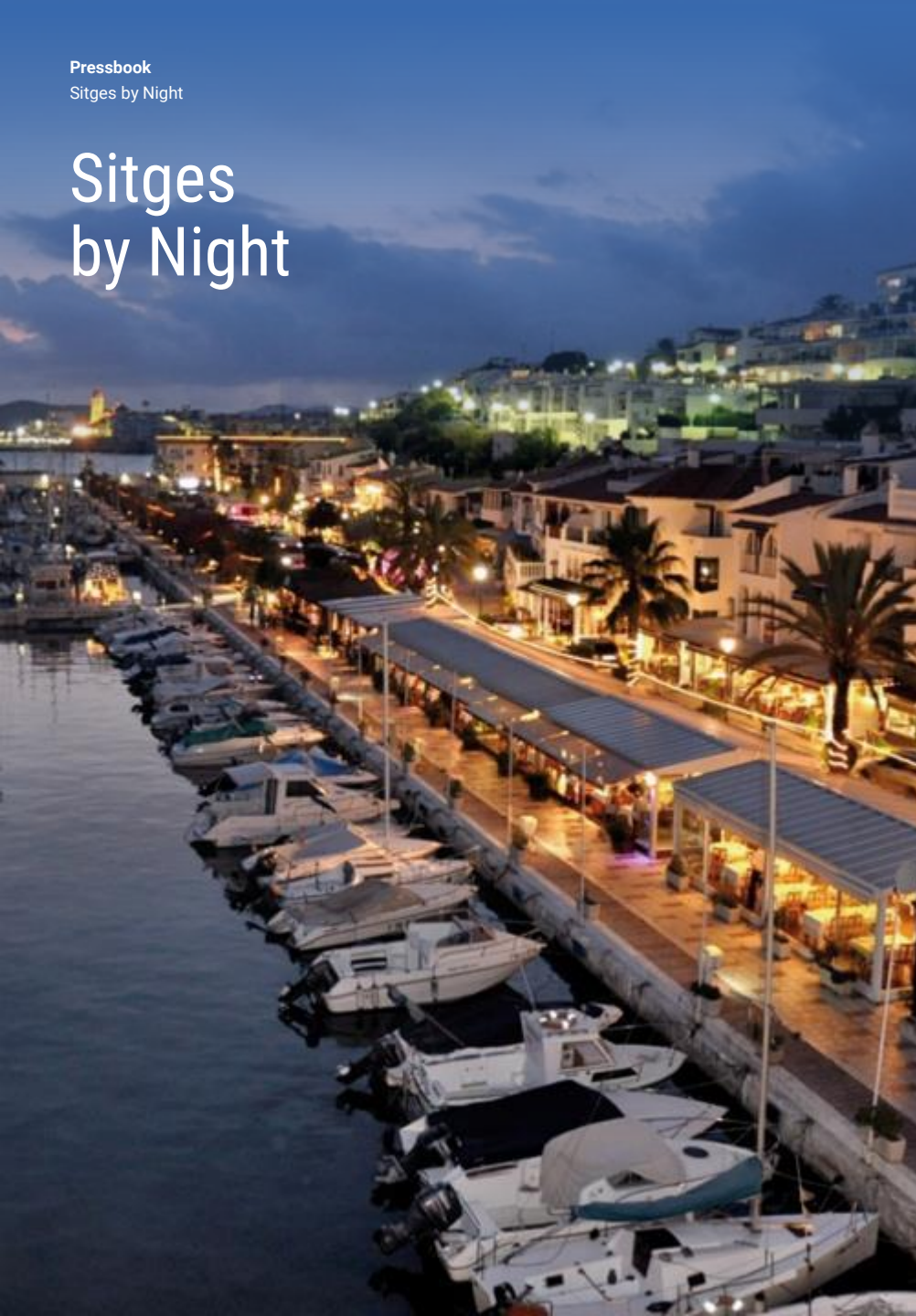
- **Scrap Fair+**. Meeting point for professionals and fans of the art of scrapbooking where scrap products from the sector's most representative companies are exhibited and purchased. For more information: <https://bit.ly/2Fch6JN>
- **International Patchwork Festival**. An event for patchwork fans with monographic courses, children's workshops and more than 100 stands and with free admission. <https://bit.ly/2Hp6x6L>
- **Festival de Jazz Antic de Sitges (Sitges Old-Time Jazz Festival)**. A jazz festival with international artists, concerts and culture revolving around this type of music. <https://bit.ly/3pR1b5I>
- **Art Fair**. A fair for creatives and artists featuring workshops and presentations of all kinds of works, drawings, paintings, engravings and sculptures. <https://bit.ly/38RyZlo>
- **Sitges ReciclArt**. A festival that seeks to raise environmental awareness regarding the planet's resources and human health through recreational activities involving responsible consumption. For more information: <https://bit.ly/38c4Y7h>

- **Poetry Festival**: A festival dedicated to poetry, where this practice is honored by sharing the works from renowned authors. For more information: <https://bit.ly/3lk7ThM>
- **Sitgestiu Cultural**: A cultural festival in Sitges offering workshops, music and activities related to the town's heritage. <https://bit.ly/357A0eG>
- **Concerts de Mitjanit (Midnight Concerts)**: A music festival in the Port de Sitges - Aiguadolç Marina to enjoy open-air concerts by well-known groups. For more information: <https://bit.ly/3iMa5wJ>
- **Sitges - International Fantastic Film Festival of Catalonia**: A film festival that has been bringing together artists, directors and professionals from the industry since 1967 and offering exclusive premieres of the latest alternative, fantastic and horror films. For more information: <https://bit.ly/3hH1xbV>

New this year, in 2020 the Sitges Town Council's Department of Culture presents "La Pregonera" (The Town Crier). An event from Sitges' annual professional circuit with more than 37 events, including performing arts, exhibitions, music and a multitude of cultural activities.



# Sitges by Night



**As night falls, the streets of Sitges come alive. Sitges is a mixture of styles and crowds that make it attractive and unique.**

It can boast of being both the birthplace of the first Pachá nightclub in the world, as well as of its gay friendly clubs, and including a more alternative offer with cocktail bars and craft beer breweries.

During summer afternoons and evenings, open-air concerts, festivals, seaside cocktails and beach bars broaden their range of leisure options to enjoy with family, partners or friends.

Primero de Mayo Street, popularly known as Sin Street, is one of the nerve centers of Sitges' nightlife, attracting up to 1,200 people on weekend nights, a figure that even doubles in high season<sup>1</sup>. Sin Street is named after Miquel Utrillo Jr. According to him, the first time this name was pronounced was on a hot summer night when he and a few friends were partying at one of the tables that a bar had set up on the street. The neighbors complained, the local authorities came and threatened them so they would stop making such a racket. Miquel Utrillo says that he told them, "But what sin are we committing here, we're only having fun"<sup>2</sup>. This was the "sin" that gave the street its name. Miquel Utrillo, who constantly insisted when starting something, continued to call it Sin Street, and managed to make the name popular<sup>3</sup>.

The Association of Sin Street Music Bars unites most of the bars on the street. It is an entity that was born with the spirit of working together for a high quality nightlife on an emblematic street on a global level.

Today, the bars and clubs are spread out over different easily accessible pedestrian areas in downtown Sitges as well as on Sin Street, including Sant Bartomeu and the streets leading down to the Ribera Promenade.

On Bonaire, Joan Tarrida and Plaza Industria Streets, in addition to the traditional Tacó Street, you will find most of the LGTBIQ establishments and other historic ones like El Comodín, El Horno or the Parrots bar-terrace in Plaza de la Industria<sup>4</sup>.

The Port de Sitges - Aiguadolç and Port Ginesta marinas, with their bars, restaurants and atmosphere, are also an epicenter of Sitges' nightlife. Added to these options are the bars and cocktail bars of hotels such as the Me Sitges Terramar or MiM Sitges, with their sky bars and summer parties.

#### Safe and Responsible Leisure

During the 2020 summer season, in the midst of the Covid-19 health pandemic, Sitges' nightlife was once again a pioneer in Catalonia for its commitment to safety measures, implementing special operations to avoid crowds and guarantee social distancing, as well as deploying a team of security personnel.

For more information: <https://bit.ly/2Lg7JLQ>

<sup>1</sup> Source: Association of Sin Street Music Bars

<sup>2</sup> Eco de Sitges newspaper (10 February 1979), p. 8.

<sup>3</sup> Source: <https://bit.ly/36KH02I> Muntaner Grup d'Estudis Sitgetans Societat d'Onomàstica

<sup>4</sup> Source: <https://bit.ly/2XatTl6>



## Annual events

- **Carnival.** The Sitges Carnival is one of the oldest in Catalonia and one of Europe's best. The numbers speak for themselves: 44 floats, 2,500 people in costume and over 300,000 spectators. All this in a festive and unrestrained atmosphere with two main events: the rua street parade on Sunday and Tuesday. The schedule of both the children's and the adults' parades encourages the presence of a young and family oriented audience. Link: <https://bit.ly/3oezYJd>
- **Bears Sitges Week.** For 11 days, coinciding with September 11th, the famous Bear - Village opens by the sea. More than 7,000 Bears from all over the world make it the greatest Bear event in the world with the most diversity. Beach days, theme nights, the Bear Crawl, the annual election of Mr. Bear Sitges, disco parties and a host of recreational and cultural activities fill these 11 days of genuine Bear communing. <https://bit.ly/3hE7Sot>
- **Sitges Gay Pride.** This international festival, with more than 10 editions behind it, has grown to be one of the most important in the Mediterranean. Open to everyone and with the beaches and the town itself as a stage, this event offers concerts, parades and parties by the sea that are hard to forget. <https://bit.ly/2LnDYc4>
- **Terramar Gardens Music Festival.** A unique leisure, cultural and gastronomic experience. The Terramar Gardens Music Festival, during the last weeks of July and the first weeks of August, is the best time of year to enjoy these centenarian gardens. From 8:00 p.m. to 2:00 a.m., you can enjoy the refreshing atmosphere and concerts in Terramar Gardens' natural and patrimonial surroundings. <https://bit.ly/38cy1HW>



# Sitges Family



**Sitges is a destination suitable for all ages, ideal to discover as a family any time of the year.**

Its 17 urban beaches with services and easy access, its leisure and culture activities adapted for the little ones, its annual calendar of events, its pedestrian streets, its unique stores, its gastronomic options for all tastes and its Mediterranean nature make the town an ideal place for families to relax and enjoy themselves.

The family tourism options include attractions such as the Garraf Park, with signposted trails for all levels, visits to traditional country houses such as La Fassina to sample locally made artisanal products, small wineries, educational farms and facilities such as the Garraf Park Astronomical Observatory offering learning activities for all ages.

The children's playgrounds by the sea and the Terramar Gardens, a Noucentista green lung in the Vinyet residential district, which includes an area with swings, a mini soccer field and a picnic area, are complemented by the cultural offerings of Sitges' Museums, with a range of activities that are increasingly focused on the family sector.

"Museus de Sitges" offers a family game of clues that takes place in Santiago Rusiñol's former home/atelier. This initiative was created in two different versions: one in paper format for children between 4 and 6 years old and another in digital format - adapted for tablets and cell phones for girls and boys between 7 and 10 years old. The game of clues can be played in three different languages (Catalan, Spanish and English) and for free as part of the regular visits to the Cau Ferrat Museum.

Among other things, participants must discover the building's previous history before Santiago Rusiñol's arrival, what kind of objects its tenant par excellence collected and various interesting facts about its rooms, the works of art it houses and its special connection with Sitges and its people. In addition, the "Museus de Sitges" app offers different interactive games in four languages so that children can broaden their knowledge of museums while playing.

Family activities are a regular feature of the Museus de Sitges' annual calendar. An excellent opportunity for the little ones -and not so little ones- to interact in an educational way with the artistic heritage of their immediate surroundings.

Children under the age of 16 will have free access to all the facilities managed by the Sitges Heritage Consortium and adults who are accompanied by a minor will also have a 20% price reduction. In addition, families have a 20% discount on all facilities and 30% if they are large or single-parent families.





# Valuation study of family tourism in Sitges

Based on the "Sitges Family Tourism Valuation Study", carried out by DNA, experts in tourism and leisure, families account for 13.50% of all visitors to Sitges compared to couples, which are the main sector with 45.10%. Families with children between the ages of 9 and 13 are the ones with the highest proportion (61.1%), followed by families with children between the ages of 4 and 8.

According to the surveys conducted as part of the study, for 25.5% of the companies, families represent more than half of their current clientele. The general perception among the business community is that this family profile is very compatible with other already consolidated destination sectors.

## Main events during the year:

- **Sitges Half Marathon.** The traditional Sitges half-marathon reaches its 37th edition in 2020 and includes a parallel event for the youngest members of the family. The day before the race, the children's race is held for boys and girls between the ages of 3 and 15. Link: <https://bit.ly/33E5fxy>
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costume and over 300,000 spectators. All this in a festive and unrestrained atmosphere with two main events: the rua street on Sunday and Tuesday. The schedule of both the children's and the adults' parades encourages the presence of a young and family oriented audience. Link: <https://bit.ly/3occo82t>

- **Barcelona-Sitges International Vintage Car Rally.** The Barcelona-Sitges International Vintage Car Rally is truly a huge social spectacle that has been held since 1959 and brings together classic cars and motorcycles from before 1924, the majority of which are part of private collections. The drivers and their passengers, all dressed in period regalia, arrive in Sitges from Barcelona via the Garraf coastline. Link: <https://bit.ly/3hlo7k4>
- **Corpus Christi.** On this day, the town's main streets wake up covered with flower carpets made by the locals after having worked all through the night. In the afternoon, the carpets serve as a guide and are trodden on by the religious procession led by the giants of Sitges. Link: <https://bit.ly/3pQQ9wD>
- **Children and family activities at Sitges' museums:** <https://bit.ly/3902MPb>

- **Festa Major, the big annual festival.** On the occasion of the celebration of Sitges' patron saint, Saint Bartholomew, on August 24th, giants, demons and folk dances invade the streets on both the 23rd and 24th. 36 intense hours that kick off with the arrival of the gralla flute players on the 23rd at noon. And at eleven o'clock at night, the spectacular traditional fireworks display takes from Fragata Beach.

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- **Santa Tecla.** The smaller version of Festa Major for the youngest ones, in honor of Sitges' female patron saint, Santa Tecla, reaches its climax with the children's matinee event held on September 23rd, where hundreds of boys and girls take to the streets with giants crafted by themselves, devils and folk dances after rehearsing for weeks on end.

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- **Music and sports on the beaches during the bathing season.**



# Sitges Coastline



**Sitges looks out to the sea; a sea that is part of its landscape and has maintained a role as an economic and cultural backbone, adapting to new times without losing its memory.**

Sitges Coastline is the project that encompasses all the sea-related and Garraf Park activities on its seafront that are carried out throughout the year and that brings together multiple kinds of activities.

Thanks to the "Sitges Sea" study, we can observe the existence of a very intense sea-related tradition and spirit spread out along the 17 km of Sitges' coastline, with a very wide range of activities and agents that shape Sitges' sea-related character with its 3 marinas, 6 yachting clubs and almost thirty recreational service companies that offer their services both from the marinas as well as from Sitges' beaches; charters, outings, paddle surf, surfing, parasailing, donuts, banana boats, windsurfing, scuba diving or jet skis or summer camps. In addition to all this, there is a very active yearly calendar of nautical activities with cruising, lateen and light sailing regattas that make Sitges a sector benchmark.

[The Seaside Town brand](#) The Seaside Town brand from the Agència Catalana de Turisme (Catalan Tourist Agency), which Sitges became part of in 2019, aims to promote tourist destinations with seafaring origins.

[The Fishermen's Association](#), with its range of fishing, tourism and gastronomic activities, is one of the key areas in the Sitges Coastline project; due to the quality and variety of its services, its involvement with the environment and its social responsibility.

[The Garraf Park](#) is a protected green space by the sea that perfectly complements Sitges Coastline's attractions thanks to the multitude of activities that can be enjoyed on its seafront. In addition to trial or bicycle routes, it is also possible to engage in other activities such as spelunking or sea-side rock climbing with views of the sea.

#### Calendar of annual events:

- **Marina Day**, the day of Catalonia's marinas. Activities related to port and maritime life are organized.
- **Virgen del Carmen (Our Lady of Mount Carmel)**, a traditional seafaring festival where boats leave the Port de Sitges-Aiguadolç Marina and a floral offering is made in memory of the deceased fishermen and sailors. The festival ends with a Habanera singing and a "ron cremat" (flambéed rum) tasting.
- **Ophiusa Regatta and Sitges – Ciutadella Regatta**, sports activities that promote nautical practice and maritime leisure activities.



# Accommodations in Sitges



Sitges features a wide range of tourist accommodations and facilities for all tastes and budgets. Luxury hotels from large international hotel companies, with exclusive amenities and special services, small family hotels and others located in unique settings.

Campsites in open surroundings that have been adapted to new styles and trends such as glamping. Tourist apartments and housing for tourist use to feel at home.

## 5\*

1 accommodation  
263 rooms  
526 beds

## 2\*

7 accommodations  
155 rooms  
280 beds

## Guest Houses\*

3 accommodations  
30 rooms  
55 beds

## Housing for tourist use

1,714 accommodations  
5,142 beds

## 4\*

11 accommodations  
1,244 rooms  
2,598 beds

## 1\*

6 accommodations  
174 rooms  
352 beds

## Campings

2 accommodations  
746 rooms  
1,915 beds

1,819  
Accommodations

3,197  
Rooms

12,498  
Beds

## 3\*

10 accommodations  
505 rooms  
987 beds

## Guest Houses\*\*

8 accommodations  
80 rooms  
234 beds

## Tourist Apartments

136 accommodations  
409 beds

### Hotel accommodations available

Sitges has 48 hotels of which 61% of the hotel beds are in 4 and 5 star hotels. For this reason and thanks to their characteristics, quality and uniqueness, Sitges' hotels are generally considered a premium product. Additionally, given the town's geography, most of them are located either on the seafront or just a few minutes from the beach.

Sitges offers everything from large hotels belonging to international chains that have invested a great deal in recent years to remain at the forefront of the sector, such as Dolce Sitges by Wyndham or ME Sitges Terramar, to small, family-run establishments in historic Modernista homes.

### Hotels in unique buildings

Among Sitges' available hotel accommodations, the hotels located in homes of Americanos are particularly noteworthy. The "Americanos" or "Indianos" who returned during the 19th century from making their fortunes in the Americas built their luxurious homes in neoclassical, eclectic, Modernista or Rationalist styles, some of which have now become hotels ranging from 4 stars to guest houses but all with the charm of the times as their common denominator. Among these accommodations we find; Hotel Casa Vilella,

Medium Sitges Park, Romàntic and Renaixença Hotels, Sitges Royal Rooms, Hotel El Xalet, Hotel La Renaixença and Hotel Sitges 1883.

### MICE Hotels

It is also important to note that Sitges' hotels are highly specialized in business tourism and MICE, with a total of more than 100 meeting rooms between them, making Sitges an ideal destination for this market segment and the second leading second leading destination in Catalonia for congresses, conventions and meetings. More information about MICE hotels at [www.sitgescb.cat](http://www.sitgescb.cat)

### Campsites

Sitges has two second-category campsites with a total of 2,220 places between them, located in a more natural setting but also just a short distance from the center of Sitges and the beach. In recent years, some of these establishments have made major investments to adapt to the latest trends in glamping, with bungalows and safari tents equipped down to the last detail.

### Apartments and housing for tourist use

In recent years, apartments and housing for tourist use have been increasingly promoted, allowing visitors to enjoy a greater degree of residential independence. The number of properties for tourist use declared in Sitges is

1741, with an approximate number of beds between 10,002 or 4,176, the former depending on the number of properties for tourist use declared and the latter according to the average occupation of primary residences in Sitges (data: Sitges economic impact study) (For more information: <https://bit.ly/2G6ffXg>)

### Tourist season

The tourist season in Sitges clearly goes well beyond the summer months as is traditionally the case in coastal destinations thanks to the diversification of segments it works with, its proximity to Barcelona and the international airport, the quantity and quality of events on the local calendar and the specialization of its hotels in the MICE sector.

### Gremi de Hostaleria de Sitges

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## Accommodations in Sitges

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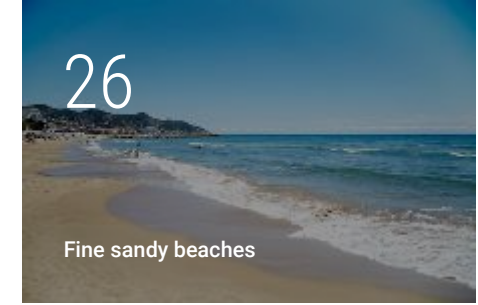
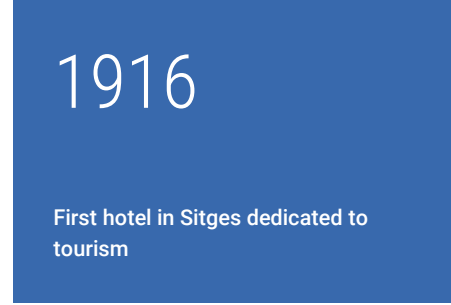
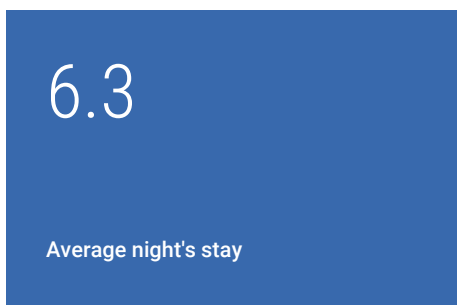
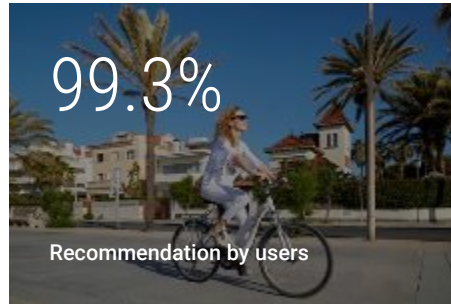
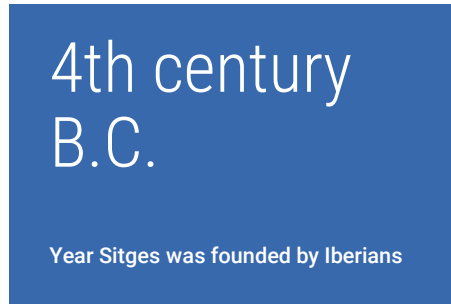
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# Sitges in numbers



# Sitges' History



Sitges' freedom, cosmopolitanism and dynamism can be explained by the key figure of Santiago Rusiñol, who opened the town up to Modernisme and bohemianism.

Our privileged location, so close to Barcelona, protected by the Garraf Park and bathed by the Mediterranean Sea, has stimulated our power of attraction, which is growing even stronger because we won't stop here: there is always something going on.

Iberians, architects, film buffs and establishments help to understand Sitges' present. Its legacy attracts thousands of families, couples, friends, sports and culture lovers year after year.

### Iberian Period – The Blanca Subur

The name of Sitges comes from "Sitja", a pre-Roman word meaning "deep hole or grain silo". Sitges was originally a small fishing village with a prime location sheltered by the Garraf massif. Its origins go back to the "Blanca Subur", the Iberian site described 3,000 years ago by Greek navigators.

### Middle Ages – Miralpeix Castle

Certain traces from the medieval period have been preserved, such as the remains of the castle wall on Carrer d'En Bosch, in the old town, or like the Miralpeix tower or castle, located at the western end of town on the hill of the same name. This castle was already mentioned in a document from the year 1057 and was successively plundered and reinforced until well into the 12th century.

### 16th to 18th centuries – Recovery following wars and pandemics

In the wake of wars and epidemics that undermined the population of Sitges during the 14th and 15th centuries, in the late 16th century an immigration movement coming primarily from France balanced the demographic deficit suffered previously. In the 18th century, the economy was fully recovering and in less than a hundred years the population practically tripled.

### 18th and 19th centuries – Catalonia and trade with America

Throughout the 18th and 19th centuries, Sitges played a key role in one of the most important waves of immigration to America in Catalonia. With the 1778 Free Trade Act with America, many young people from Sitges enthusiastically saw the possibility of embarking for the New World with the intention of devoting themselves to trade, they were leaving to "make it in the Americas". They first settled along the South American coast from Argentina, Uruguay, Venezuela, Colombia and even Mexico. In the 19th century, they concentrated mostly on Cuba and Puerto Rico. The emigrants and merchants from Sitges established a network with the new world that allowed them to export wines and later on, footwear. Some stayed and made their businesses grow for quite some time, like Facundo Bacardí or Andreu Brugal, founders of the renowned Ron Bacardí and Ron Brugal brands.

Others returned to their birthplace, where they participated in Catalonia's industrial development and became the architects of Sitges' urban transformation, buying and selling vineyards, plots of land and buildings. The "Americanos" who were economically successful had luxurious homes built for

themselves, of which there is still a rich selection of Neoclassical, eclectic, Modernista and Rationalist styles around the streets of Sitges. Today, some of these houses have been transformed into outstanding hotels.

\* Source: <https://bit.ly/2GC9i4F>



### 19th and 20th Centuries – Santiago Rusiñol moves to Sitges

The establishment of several industries in Sitges attracted new population movements that, around 1850, led to significant growth. On the other hand, Sitges' cosmopolitan prestige began in this century when painter, writer and collector Santiago Rusiñol settled here, turning the town into one of the meeting points for artists and intellectuals related to the Catalan Modernista movement.

The historical legacy from the 19th and 20th centuries is one of the most important attractions Sitges has to offer in the cultural arena: architectural jewels such as the Palau Maricel and the Cau Ferrat Museum, located in the Racó de la Calma (Quiet Corner), the mansions built by the "Americanos" and various public buildings make up an interesting heritage that visitors will find while strolling through the streets of Sitges.

### 20th Century – Sitges and the sea baths

In 1916 the first big hotel dedicated to tourism was inaugurated: the Hotel Subur. It was followed by the Terramar hotel in 1933, both of which complemented Sitges' services at the time when visitors came to Sitges to enjoy its famous sea baths.

In addition, in 1916 the 'Foreigner Attraction Commission' was born, which years later was constituted as the 'Foreigner Attraction Society', and today it is called "Foment de Sitges" ('Sitges Promotion'), a pioneering entity in the tourism world aimed at holding local events and celebrations to attract tourism. (Source: <https://bit.ly/2X5vWHe>)

### 1992 – Transformation of Sitges for tourism

The Port d'Aiguadolç Marina began operating in 1975. In the early 90s, the Garraf highway was inaugurated, bringing Sitges closer to Barcelona and the international airport, which led to increased hotel investment in the area, as well as an increase in the number of visitors, and in a short time Sitges became the second town in Catalonia to hold congresses.

The 1992 Olympic Games in Barcelona also contributed to the growth of the hotel sector in Sitges with the opening of large infrastructures such as the Meliá Sitges Hotel, with its auditorium for up to 1,384 people.

### 21st Century

Today, Sitges is a town closely tied to culture and tourism that has kept its origins alive and that stands out on the international tourist map. It is home to numerous congresses, the headquarters of the Sitges International Fantastic Film Festival of Catalonia, and has an

extensive cultural, sporting and festival program that covers the entire year.

In 2016, it was certified as a Biosphere Destination, a certification granted by the Institute of Responsible Tourism, which is connected to the UNESCO.

In terms of hotel facilities, the latest openings and investments place Sitges on the map of the best accommodations on the Catalan coast. With establishments like ME Sitges Terramar, which since 2018 has been reinterpreting luxury from a Mediterranean perspective to offer innovative experiences, with its Beso Sitges Restaurant and the Mercantil del Disseny (Design Trade) markets, a lifestyle event with live music, art, fashion and crafts. High-end refurbishments such as Dolce Sitges by Wyndham in 2020, with an investment of 15 million euros with the objective of becoming an oasis of Mediterranean luxury and investments such as those of footballer Leo Messi with his reopening of the 4\* Superior MiM Sitges Hotel (Messi and Majestic, the hotel company operating the establishment).



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# Available audiovisual material and studies

All the Sitges Department of Tourism's studies are available here:

<https://bit.ly/3oBSPDW>

## Studies

To know more about the profile of the tourists that visit Sitges and to adapt our range of services to an increasingly more sustainable local development, we have prepared two quality plan and socio-demographic profile reports that you can download here:

<https://bit.ly/3rPbJnb>

## Sitges Tourism Day 2019 Presentations

The future of tourism in Sitges is structured around the action plan, the Biosphere Certification, the economic impact and the town's new implementations and services. Discover them all at this link:

<https://bit.ly/2LjUYj4>

## Sitges 2019 online tourism reputation study

In relation to the town's 950 accommodations, restaurants and attractions, the Sitges Town Council's Department of Tourism analyzed more than 105,000 opinions from visitors and residents to determine its reputation as a tourist destination. Download the complete report here:

<https://bit.ly/3ldXO5D>

## Sitges video presentation

The best spots, the best sunsets and the overall opinions of several outstanding locals discussing Sitges as a destination made for each of us. View the material at this link:

<https://youtu.be/jZSByexbBy8>



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