

# LLORET DE MAR CITY GUIDE - THINGS TO SEE AND DO



See inside for details about getting around, sightseeing, shopping, nightlife and more



## About Lloret de Mar

Lloret de Mar is one of the biggest and liveliest resorts on the Costa Brava. This is the Costa Brava's answer to tourist resorts such as Benidorm on the Costa Blanca and Torremolinos on the Costa del Sol.

Lloret de Mar has an abundance of clubs, bars and discotheques open pretty much 24 hours – well almost!

Many families also enjoy this family friendly tourist resort due to the fabulous beaches and plentiful facilities. Lloret de Mar boasts over four miles of coastline – not just sandy beaches, there are also some nice coves in which you can generally escape the crowds on the main beaches.

## Moving around Lloret de Mar

**Urban buses** - The excellent municipal bus network connects the different districts and tourist areas in Lloret de Mar.



**Taxi's** - Lloret has 4 taxi stands with an extensive fleet of 41 taxi's providing services 24 hours a day, during the whole year.

They range in size from 4 to 7 people and there are also taxi's suitable for disabled people.

You can recognise an official taxi as they are white with a signal identification.

**Beaches and Garden's Tourist Tour** - A journey combined with a touristic train, an open top bus and depending on the ticket, a boat, where you can visit the most outstanding attractions in Lloret.

You can take this journey at your own pace, you can decide where and when you wish to hop on or hop off.

**Coast Walks** - The best way to take in the essence of Lloret de Mar is enjoying its multiple walking routes that go all along the coast line or that go into the woods, opening to the visitor every secret of the mediterranean flora and fauna.

**Parish Church of Sant Romà** - Whenever visitors to Lloret wander the streets of the town centre, they are struck by the dazzling beauty of Sant Romà's Parish Church, a building which has become one of Lloret's landmarks. The church was built from 1509 to 1522. It had fortification features, e.g. a raising door, and it also had a single nave. During the rest of the 16th and throughout the 17th century, other rooms have been built on, above all, side chapels, as deduced from the information there is about several altars and altarpieces.







**Sant Joan's Castle** - The castle is situated at the top of the hill which separates the beaches of Lloret de Mar and Fenals and dates back to the beginning of the 11th century, possibly from the age of Lady Sicardis and her sons, the Lords of Lloret (1041-1110), when it controlled the feudal territory of Lloret.

The war that England fought against Spain and France and which ended with the Battle of Trafalgar also had a disastrous effect on the tower of Sant Joan Castle. In 1805, the British Navy bombarded the tower, which destroyed the fortified site. The castle remained in disuse during the 19th century and was reduced to a pile of rubble.

## Shopping in Lloret de Mar

If you love shopping you will love walking through the streets of Lloret, it's a shoppers paradise. From some of the top designer names to the typical souvenir gift shops - its all here in Lloret de Mar!



The shops hold their sales twice every year and at the end of sale time (early March and end of August) they bring out all products onto the streets and create a market around the main shopping area. If your lucky enough to be in Lloret at this time then there are some fantastic buys to be found as the prices are reduced to rock bottom!

**Calle Sant Pere** is the main shopping street where you can find well known shops such as **Mango, Shanna, Benneton, Celio** or **Berska**, as well as big sport shops like **Esport Marqués** or **Esport Carós**. If it's a shirt by Custo, Desigual, or Armani you should go to **TK Jeans, Dress Room** or **Stock**, there are a wide variety. **TK Jeans** opened its first outlet selling at discounted prices in this store on the seafront, in the area of Passeig Verdager.

Lloret has a lot of shoe stores. A great shoe shop is **Vives**, for its good quality, assortment of leading brands and price. You can go to **Capriccio**, where shoes are a bit more extreme. In case you want cheap shoes, your best choice would be **Mary Paz** (right in front of Vives), or if you want brand shoes, **Fabregas**, in Church Square.



**Piccola** is a shop with high-quality Italian leather bags. You can find only one shop of Piccola bags in Lloret de Mar. Why do you need to buy this bag? Because it is handmade and is only in few shops in Europe. So if you are a fan of leather bags and wallets, we highly suggest you to visit the Piccola handbags shop.



For all music fans, we would suggest visiting the **Maxi discos shop**. This place has a lot of music stuff. You will find here authorised copies of different music albums. You can buy them on CD discs or if you are a true music lover, the shop has a lot of vinyl albums. Not only can you find modern music albums like Adele, but old school bands like Beatles, the Doors, and others.

**Ale-hop** is the most popular gift shop in Spain. You will find so many different kinds of goods so you won't forget why you are here. This shop is a perfect spot to shop for souvenirs for your friends. Ale-hop is an unusual shop that you need to visit while being in Lloret de Mar.



**The Lloret de Mar weekly market:** If you want to enjoy the local products while wandering through Lloret de Mar, come on Tuesdays to the weekly market held from 8:00 am along the Avinguda del Rieral, where you will find everything from fruit and vegetables to clothing and household utensils.

## What to do in the area

**Water World** is one of the largest water parks in Europe. Covering 140,000 m<sup>2</sup>, children and adults alike will find plenty of thrills in a wide variety of water rides, with everything from wave pools, rapids and toboggan rides to kamikaze shoots and fantastic gentle slides. It is the perfect place to spend an unforgettable day with your family and friends.

Within the park you'll find restaurants, crêperies, picnic areas and pine groves, where you can relax in stunning surroundings.

Here are some of the rides etc. that you can enjoy.....



**Wave Pool:** Enjoy the waves in the bigger pool of Water World, 50 m long, where you can play and ride the waves up to two meters high. A fun experience for all!

**Water Gagant:** This endless slide will take you through twists and curves, leaving you wishing the ride will never end.

**Relax Lagoon:** Relax a bit in a quiet zone. You can stay on the beach formed by the shore, swim quietly under a soft cascade or relax in the parts with hydrotherapeutic bubbles.

**Rafting River:** The biggest aquatic attraction in Europe. For everybody to enjoy. You let the river take you in a round boat for four people 155 metres of the 215 metres of the journey are in the dark. Then without expecting it, you will suddenly turn 360° and you will get wet under the waterfalls.



## Beaches



**Lloret beach** - At more than one and a half kilometres long, this is the largest beach in the town. It is located in the centre of Lloret and has parking facilities that enable visitors to leave their cars right next to the beach. White and thick sand, with all the necessary facilities to enjoy the sun and the sea in total comfort. (Certifications = Blue Flag)

Leisure activities available here includes: Parasailing, Rental store for umbrellas and hammocks, Waterskiing, Ski bus, Skates, Kayak, Jet ski, Ice cream and beverage kiosk. Restaurants and a Sports Zone from 21/06-11/09



**Fenals beach** - is the second largest beach of Lloret de Mar with an extension of 700 metres. It is located in a bay sheltered from the winds by a hill that separates it from the town centre and Lloret Beach. It is quite similar to the main beach because its sand is also thick and even has the same inclination. Like all the beaches of Lloret Fenals also enjoys calm and crystal clear waters. (Certifications = Blue Flag)

Leisure activities available here includes: Parasailing, Rental store for umbrellas and hammocks, Waterskiing, Skates, Kayak, Ice cream and beverage kiosk. Restaurants and a Sports Zone and Mini Club from 01/07-31/08



**Sa Caleta cove** - is located next to Lloret Beach. It stretches below a castle that enjoys lovely views. Small boats are clustered along the shore. It is a fisherman's cove with a 5% gradient and coarse sand.

**Cala Boadella** - combines the charm and crystal-clear water of the small coves of the Costa Brava with the space of larger beaches. The peacefulness of this 250 metre long beach is its main attraction. Visitors to this beach can enjoy a practically unspoiled beauty spot.

This beach allows the practice of naturism.



**Canyelles beach** - is the farthest beach from the town centre of Lloret de Mar and you can reach it by a small descending path on the right side of the road to Tossa de Mar.

It has the typical coarse white sand found on most of the beaches in Lloret. The beach is surrounded by high cliffs fully coated with pine trees.

Leisure activities available here includes: Rental store for umbrellas and hammocks, Waterskiing, Skates, Kayak, Ski bus. Ice cream and beverage kiosk and Restaurants.

## Lloret de Mar nightlife

The Lloret de Mar nightlife attracts thousands of people from far and wide.

Pubs and bars, Disco's and a Casino, the best ones are here in Lloret de Mar! As the sun goes down the town becomes the nightlife capital of the Costa Brava, the street's are almost bursting at the seams every night of the summer season.

You certainly don't need directions, just follow the crowds and you'll soon find the bright lights and the fantastic choice of venues! With Lloret de Mar's vast choice of cosy relaxing bars and pubs to the biggest and best clubs, you are sure to have the time of your life while in town. You can even take your chances at the casino...you may be lucky!



### Shooters Sports Bar Fenals/Lloret

A smart, friendly pub with a comfortable sunny terrace perfect for people watching.

Large screen TVs to watch any sports on genuine Sky sports channels. Shooters offer several drinks deals just ask the friendly staff for details. FREE wifi for customers.

Shooters Sports Bar is across the road from The Royal Star Hotel very close to The Palm Beach Hotel and Condado apartments, its on the main walk from fenals to Lloret.



### La Sal Lloret de Mar

cool 'chillax' bar overlooking the beautiful Mediterranean situated at the castle end of Llorets pretty seafront.

A stunning bar serving a large drinks menu at pub prices.



**St.Trop' Club** is the premier location for the Lloret de Mar nightlife experience since 1962. St.Trop' is the pioneer club of the Costa Brava!

The Venue contains three floors (dance-floor / first floor – chill-out area / 2nd floor – SKY champagne room / 3rd floor) and nine different bars. SKY and terrace that has become the grooviest and hottest spot in Lloret nightlife.

No other Lloret de Mar club can offer such a completely unique and exciting experience!



## In the surrounding area

Thanks to its outstanding location in the south of the Costa Brava, Lloret is very well connected to the surrounding towns and cities, giving you plenty of options for day trips during your stay in Lloret.....



**Tossa** is the only town on the Catalan coast that retains a walled enclosure. It was built in the 12th century to defend the town from pirates and today is one of the most important mediaeval ruins in Catalonia. You will also find ancient houses there, such as Els Ametllers, a Roman villa dating from the 4th century.



**Blanes** also known as the Gateway to the Costa Brava. You will find activities and attractions to visit all year round, such as the Marimurtra Gardens, a botanical garden with sea views and more than 3,000 plant species, or the International Fireworks Competition, one of the most important in Europe, held for one week in July.



**Barcelona** located just 50 miles from Lloret, is very well connected by road for travelling by car, or using public transport from Lloret de Mar bus station.

Some of its most important tourism attractions include Les Rambles, Port Olímpic and Gaudí's works, such as Parc Güell and the Sagrada Família.

It also offers huge variety in terms of culture, gastronomy and shopping.

## Getting There

The nearest airport to Lloret is **Girona-Costa Brava** which is 17 miles away. The following airlines fly there from the UK and Ireland.

**Jet2** from Birmingham, Bristol, East Midlands, Leeds/Bradford, London-Stansted, Manchester and Newcastle upon Tyne.

**RyanAir** from Bristol, Bournemouth, Dublin, East Midlands, Edinburgh, Liverpool, London-Luton and Manchester.

**TUI** from Birmingham, Bristol, Doncaster/Sheffield, London-Gatwick, Manchester and Newcastle.

Another option is **Barcelona El Prat** which is 54 miles away. These are the airlines that fly there from the UK and Ireland.

**Aer Lingus** from Dublin

**BA** from London-Heathrow.

**easyJet** from Belfast, Bristol, Glasgow, Liverpool, London-Gatwick, London-Luton and Manchester

**Jet2** from Birmingham, Leeds/Bradford and Manchester

**Ryan Air** from Belfast, Birmingham, Cardiff, Dublin, East Midlands, Edinburgh, Liverpool, London-Luton, London-Stansted, Manchester and Prestwick

**Vueling** from Belfast, Birmingham, Dublin, Edinburgh, London-Gatwick, Manchester and Newcastle.

## Know before you go

Voltage in Spain is 220 AC, 50 Hz. Plugs are two pin.

There are three main Tourist Offices in Lloret de Mar, they are:

Terminal de Autobuses, Avenida Vila De Blanes s/n, 17310, Lloret de Mar (Girona). Telephone: +34 972372493

Avenida de las Alegrías 3, 17310, Lloret de Mar (Girona). Telephone: +34 972365788

Paseo Camprodón i Arrieta 1-2, 17310, Lloret de Mar (Girona). Telephone: +34 972364735

The official website for Lloret de Mar is <http://lloretdemar.org/en/>

## Emergency Telephones numbers:

Ambulance - Telephone: +34 972 361 736

Local Police - Telephone: +34 972 361 736

National Police - Telephone: +34 972 361 598

Guardia Civil - Telephone: +34 972 367 250

Firemen - Telephone: +34 972 367 777

## How can I make a phone call from Spain?

If you wish to call abroad from Spain, dial 00 + country code + the phone number. You can place international calls from a public phone. Phone booths use coins or cards, which can be purchased at tobacconists' shops.

If you wish to make a phone call within Spain, just dial the number with no prefixes. The phone number always has 9 digits, whether it is a cell phone or a regular phone. If you wish to use your mobile in Spain, you should contact your service provider to make sure you will be able to use your phone in Spain (some carriers will have to activate international service for your phone). Once those steps are taken at the country of origin, use your mobile in Spain as if you were calling from a Spanish line. That is, you will need to dial 00 + country code + phone number to make international calls.

## Is smoking prohibited?

In Spain, smoking is prohibited in all enclosed public areas (including public transportation vehicles and buses). It is also not permitted to smoke in health facilities (including outdoor areas that are part of its premises), any educational or training centres (except in outdoor spaces in universities and adult education centres) and playgrounds or play areas (outdoor spaces equipped for children).

## Other than cash how else can I pay?

**With credit cards:** Payment using recognised international credit cards is also commonly available in Spanish shops. They usually have signs indicating this option at the entrance to the establishment. When you make a payment you should show your passport or ID card.

**With traveller's cheques:** Traveller's cheques, accompanied by a passport, are also accepted in many hotels, restaurants and shops.



### Where can you change foreign currency?

You can change currencies in bureaux de change and some banks. This service is also available in many hotels and travel agencies.

### Is tipping mandatory?

No; in every single establishment in Spain, service is included with the price of the meal or drink. However, tipping is a common practice at bars and restaurants, hotels, and taxis, depending on the total price for the service, and on the generosity of the client. It is usually around five to ten percent of the total price.

### Public Holidays 2022

1st Jan	Sat	New Year's Day	15th Aug	Mon	Assumption of Mary
15th Apr	Fri.	Good Friday	12th Oct	Wed	National Day of Spain
17th Apr	Mon	Easter Monday	1st Nov	Tue	All Saints' Day
1st May	Sun	Labour Day	6th Dec	Tue	Constitution Day
			25th Dec	Sun	Christmas Day

### How can you go online and check your emails?

If you want to connect to the internet, numerous establishments in Spain offer free WiFi connections: cafes, restaurants, kiosks... You'll also find it in a number of airports, train and bus stations, and some shopping centres and hotels. You may sometimes need to ask for the password. What's more, many venues offer free WiFi in public spaces like parks or squares.

WiFi connections have a maximum speed limit, so they're mainly useful for finding specific information. You can also connect to the Internet via your mobile device. Another advantage is that in Spain you can enjoy extensive 4G mobile coverage. Remember to check your usual mobile phone operator's conditions and rates before you travel.



### How can I send a letter or a postcard?

You can send a letter from anywhere in Spain. In order to do it, you need to find stamps, which you can buy at any tobacconist's shop or "Estancos". To send your letter, put it in a mailbox.

Mailboxes are yellow, and they can be found in the street, at railway and bus stations, and at the airports. It is also possible to leave your mail in the reception of your hotel, if it offers that service, for the staff to take care of the mailing for you