



# Ribera d'Ebre

a place you must see!



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The Ebro: the "mythical" river of the great poet Verges, the "Magical" river of Carmel Biarnés, the "peaceful" river of Blade and the "dream" river of Andreu Carranza ...

The Ribera d'Ebre is a region of Catalonia, within the Terres de l'Ebre and is an area where the Ebro River has marked the history, appearance and idiosyncrasy of its people.

Nestled in very rugged terrain, created by the pre-coastal mountains, the river is forced to fork its way through as it crosses our region and forms, consequently, two particularly emblematic places of the Ribera d'Ebre: the Pas de l'Ase, at Garcia, and the Pas de Barrufemes at Miravet. In between, the river flows through the plains of Mora, surrounded by the mountain ranges of Cavalls, Pàndols and the Picossa, among others.

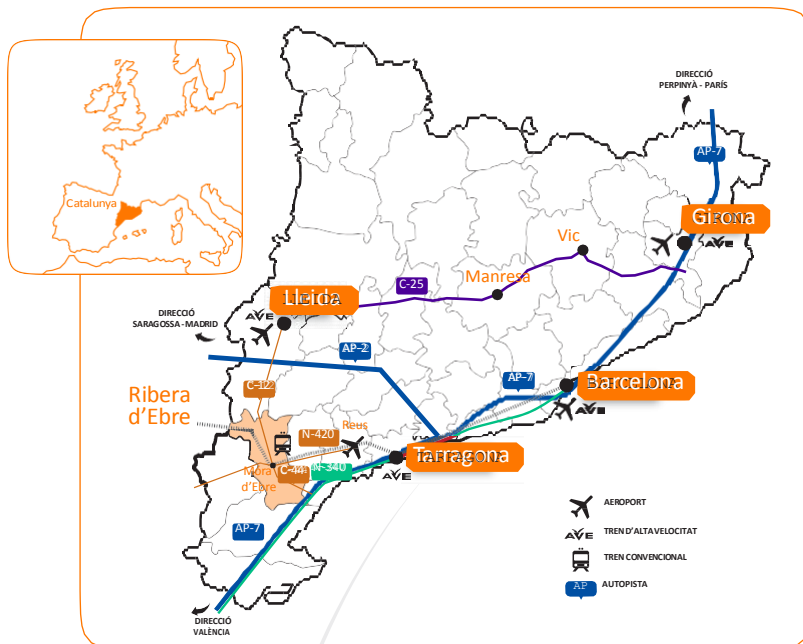
The Mediterranean climate of the region, thanks mostly to the isolated topography of the river flat lands, offers typically Mediterranean landscapes: orchards of almonds, olive trees, fruit trees and river-land forests, crisscrossed with extensive use of dry stonewall terracing.

We are hard working people. The sons of former bargemen, a tough and strong breed who dragged the barges full of merchandize up the river.

This "mythical" river of the great poet Verges, the "magical" river of Carmel Biarnés, the "peaceful" river of Blade and the "dream" river of Andreu Carranza ... The river was the means of communication between the interior and the Mediterranean back in those days and today it has become the lifeline of leisure activities and tourism in the region.

The Ribera d'Ebre has a **great cultural and historical heritage**. Since ancient times, the **waters of the Ebro River** have been navigated by varying peoples who have settled here: **Iberians, Phoenicians, Greeks, Carthaginians, Romans, Visigoths, Saracens, the Knights Templar ...** All have left their mark in the form of **prehistoric paintings, archaeological remains, castles, churches, historical places**. Today we can enjoy all of this and learn from it at the same time and it will be a truly unforgettable experience.

**Come, enjoy, explore and experience it all ...  
You will love it!**



### How to arrive by car

- S** EIX DE L'EBRE (C-12): from Lleida to Amposta following the Ebro River from North to South.
- S** N-420: from Tarragona to Teruel, passing through Reus, Falset and Alcanyís.
- S** C-44: alternative access route from l'Hospitalet de l'Infant and the toll road AP-7.
- S** TV-3022: connects the N-340, between l'Ampolla and l'Ametlla de Mar, from Perelló to Rasquera.



### How to arrive by train

- S** RODALIES DE CATALUNYA  
Regional Service. Line R-15, Barcelona França Station to Riba-roja d'Ebre. Stations at Móra la Nova, Ascó, Flix and Riba-roja d'Ebre.
- g** More information:  
RENFE: 902 320 320 · [www.renfe.com](http://www.renfe.com)



### How to arrive by bus

- S** HIFE  
Tel. 902 119 814 · [www.hife.es](http://www.hife.es)
- S** HISPANO IGUALADINA  
Tel. 902 292 900 · [www.igualadina.com](http://www.igualadina.com)



### How to arrive by air

- S** REUS AIRPORT  
48 km from Móra d'Ebre. The airport is connected by bus to Reus and Tarragona, among other destinations.



### How to arrive with the high speed train AVE

- S** AVE STATION at CAMP DE TARRAGONA  
11 km from the city of Tarragona. Connected via bus with the Ribera d'Ebre.
- S** ESTACIÓ DEL AVE DE LLEIDA  
In the city of Lleida, connected via bus with the Ribera d'Ebre.
- g** More information: 902 320 320



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# The river

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The river is something else.

The river is the essence of the Ribera d'Ebre.

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The Ribera d'Ebre region is most especially defined by the river, which opens out on both sides, meandering around river islands and wedged between the mountains. Do not miss the Pas de l'Ase, at Garcia and Barrufemes at Miravet. Observe the contrast between the rugged mountain passes and the river gently flowing through the 'Mora basin', the flattest part of the territory, surrounded by a carpet of flowering fruit orchards and edged by the mountains of Cavalls, Pàndols de Cardó and Picossa.







## You can discover the Ebro River in many different ways:

### By boat

- ⌋ On board Lo Roget, a reproduction of a historical barge, functioning as a museum with an audio guide, journey between the river piers situated at Ascó, Móra d'Ebre and Miravet.
- ⌋ By canoe or kayak, paddling at your own pace, accompanied by expert guides who will explain the secrets of the river.
- ⌋ Stay in a fully equipped houseboat residence at Riba-roja d'Ebre.
- ⌋ Cruising in a motorized leisure boat.
- ⌋ At the nautical clubs of the region you can practice rowing or enjoy other kinds of water sports.
- ⌋ Cross the river by ferry boat at Flix, Garcia and Miravet. The one at Miravet is one of the last ferries still crossing the Ebro just as it has been doing for centuries, un-motorized and using only the force of the water currents.



### Walking or Cycling

- ⌋ Following the GR-99

Known here as the Towpath, the route follows the riverbanks closely, often tracing sections once used by the bargemen long ago to drag the barges up river.

- ⌋ Throughout the natural areas and forests of the Ribera d'Ebre region there are multiple local walking tracks.



### Fishing

- ⌋ The Ebro River is ideal for relaxing and enjoying the sport of fishing at one of the most emblematic places of the catchment reservoir of Riba-roja d'Ebre.







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# Nature

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The generally temperate climate invites you to discover the region where the mountains, the river and the cultivated fields offer impressive natural displays of great beauty.

Every natural area that you explore here offers a totally different picture from the rest. Don't let them escape. A great way to discover the region is accompanied by a guide or through any one of the region's Nature Activity tourism companies.





The varied landscape of the Ribera d'Ebre is not only remarkable due to the natural river or mountain scenery, but also because of the fields of orchards that create an extensive patchwork of fruit trees, olive groves and vineyards, changing colour with every season and making it one of the most beautiful areas of Catalonia. The unfolding landscape offers an amazing chromatic display.

Some of the most interesting natural areas worth visiting are the **Nature Reserve of Sebes** and the Meandre de Flix, where an almost untouched riverside forest is preserved. There you may watch how the storks live in symbiosis with the French Camargue horses dwelling in the marshlands, or along with other activities in the area, visit the Towpath Interpretation Centre; a local museum dedicated to the history of the barges and the bargemen.

Enthusiasts of **bird watching** will discover here many species of birdlife in the marshes or in the dry surrounding areas and some interesting peculiarities during the migration or wintering periods. However, in the Llaberia Mountain Range the birds of prey are the protagonists.

Take advantage and enjoy the different **walking or cycling routes** through diverse natural areas, each with its own particularities, very different from the other: the **Riba-roja d'Ebre Natural Interest Area**, to the north of the region backed by the catchment reservoir, the **Llaberia Mountain Range**, a protected natural area with an extensive network of trails prepared for hikers and mountain bike lovers offering various levels of difficulty, the **Tivissa- Vandellós mountains** with important summits like Tossa and walking paths overflowing with history, the **Cardó mountains and valley**, boasting a historical convent and bathing complex located on top of the cliff from where routes set out to 14 still existing hermitages and the **GR-99**, the Natural Route of the Ebro that allows you to discover the great beauty of the forests and flatlands following the length of the river.

At Tivissa there are **Via Ferrates** equipped for lovers of this sport, with varying levels of difficulty.



# Cultural Heritage

The river, the waterway of strategic communication, has been throughout history the focal point of all civilizations and has left us a trail of cultural heritage.

The Ribera d'Ebre is a region with **great cultural and historical heritage**. We invite you to stroll through our villages and discover its features, its personality and its people. It is an ideal place to envisage the diverse influences and eras that combined to create it. From all of these periods important architectural features remain, allowing you to travel back in time. We invite you to come and enjoy.







## Castles

Several castles from different periods are still standing in the region.

The most emblematic monument of the Ribera d'Ebre is the **Castle of Miravet**, considered the best example of Romanic architecture built by the Temple Knights Military Order in Catalonia and one of the most important in all Western Europe. In addition to the Romanesque work of the 12th-13th centuries, the castle conserves part of the walls from the Islamic period which stretch along the top of the red cliff overlooking the Ebro River and offers a magnificent view of the region. The castle forms part of the Town Head, together with the old church of the Hospital religious order and the hanging houses set along the cliffs of the river, all of which constitute one of the most picturesque and charming villages of Catalonia.

**The Carlist castle at Flix** is a triangular fortification around a tower. It was built by the Carlists on a hill situated on a river bend in the year 1837 to protect and house the hundred year old boat crossing of the Ebro River towards Lleida. The castle has recently been restored.

**The castle of Móra d'Ebre** is located at the top of the old part of the town. Since its origins dating from the Iberian period it has been a place of strategic interest throughout history. It houses the Interpretation Center for the Carlist Wars and The Battle of the Ebro in the recently restored rifle tower.

## Iberian archaeological sites

In the Ribera d'Ebre there are 2 important archaeological sites from the Iberian period: one at Tivissa and the other at Vinebre.

The **Iberian settlement of Castellet de Banyoles**, located 6 km west of Tivissa is one of the most important Iberian archaeological sites and the largest in Catalonia. Not only remarkable for its size but its placement is also privileged, a place from which to observe magnificent views of the region and to discover the Treasure of Tivissa.

At the Iberian settlement of San Miguel de Vinebre you can see the remains of a latter period Iberian complex that exerted its functions and control over the territory and the river.



## Unique historic centres

All of the civilizations that once inhabited the Ribera d'Ebre have left their mark in the form of patrimony and the historic centers are one of the main exponents. All the municipalities have charming historical spaces to discover.

If you come to Ribera d'Ebre do not miss seeing historic towns like **Miravet**, with a network of houses overhanging the river and perched on the mountainside or the old church set in the centre of the town, or **Tivissa** with its medieval character and which is one of the most attractive and well preserved historical centres with a charming maize of little streets leading to a great fortified citadel.

**Ascó** proudly preserves its' Moorish streets and as you wander you can admire many historical buildings, also those from the Christian era set just outside the walls. **Vinebre** preserves historical remains of three cultures: Moorish, Jewish and Christian, of note is the large Renaissance period citadel of Ca Don Juan.

At **Flix** you should visit the church, the town square, the Olive Oil mill building and see the river facades, among other interesting assets of the town. The historical centre of **Mora d'Ebre** has a network of narrow winding streets that converge around the castle and **La Palma d'Ebre** stands out for its magnificent Romanesque church. **Riba-roja d'Ebre** comprises a core of old streets set around the ruins of the old castle and the town of **Ginestar** is notable for its large citadel and old Templar church.

Many of these centers and their respective historical buildings can be visited by guided tour or through one of the tourism companies working in the region.



## Museum Centres

There are two Museum Centres in the region that you can visit relating to historical industrial development. **The Railway Interpretation Centre at Mora la Nova** is an interactive museum using multimedia to bring visitors closer to the historical reality of the world of the railroad in a space that has been renovated specifically as a museum site. Outside the building you can see the swinging bridge and several restored railway vehicles. The **Information Centre at the Nuclear Plant at Ascó** educates and creates public awareness relating to energy.

You may also visit the **Towpath Interpretation Centre** located in the Natural Reserve of Sebes, a museum that immortalizes the memory of the river men and the barges and presents a historical review of society's relationship with the river.





## Historical and Cultural Itineraries

### Ib Route of the Iberians

The village of Castellet de Banyoles in Tivissa and San Miguel, Vinebre, are part of a national route which links the main Iberian sites of Catalonia. Both sites are open to visitors and equipped with information panels and signs.

### Ba Route of the Battle of the Ebro

The region of Ribera d'Ebre experienced one of the bloodiest episodes of the Civil War, the Battle of the Ebro which lasted from July to November and went down in history as the hardest and most horrific battles of the entire civil war.

Currently in the region six historical sites have been opened and which form part of the network of museums dedicated to the Battle of the Ebro: the bomb shelter at Benissanet; the bomb shelter at Flix; the trenches at Berrús in Riba-roja d'Ebre; the Bunker at Reguers and the 15<sup>th</sup> battalion Military Camp at Ascó. The castles of Miravet and Mora de Ebro, both historical strongholds that have suffered many conflicts throughout history, are also part of this route.



### Te Route of the Knights Templar

In Catalonia, the Knights Templar conquered populations of great strategic importance such as Tortosa and Miravet. Miravet castle forms part of the route that includes principal Templar castles once within the former Crown of Aragon.

### 3C Route of the 3 C's

This is an easy and fun route combining history, architecture, nature and gastronomic tradition and involves visiting three unique elements of the heritage of our land: Miravet castle, the Wine Cathedral at Pinell de Brai and the Wonder Caves.

### AB Literary route of Artur Bladé i Desumvila

The literary route of Artur Bladé covers seventeen villages of our region at the hand of this author. It is a journey through the riverside communities, its people and customs and their way of life all of which is all linked to the great river. A Benissanet, hometown of the author, you can follow a route that collects the most emblematic places of the town remembered by him when in exile.

## Handcrafts

Our region hosts a very broad group of artisans. Among these there are two trades whose roots have been kept alive: the craft of **Pottery** linked to **Miravet's ceramics** and the handcraft of **basket weaving**, strongly connected to the *Pauma* industry of Rasquera.

Most of Miravet's potters, traditionally called "Canterers" because they were making pitchers can be found in Raval dels Canterers, where they settled in the 19th century. There you will find seven active workshops, remains of ancient kilns and you can buy pottery, see the potters at work and some of them run workshops in the area. Close to Raval del Canterers in the neighboring municipality of Benissanet, you will also find another workshop.

Pauma weaving in the village of Rasquera is one of the most important remaining strongholds of this craft in our country. Most of the weavers are women. In some parts of the town of Rasquera you can watch the weavers at work and you can purchase Pauma items made by these artisans.







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# Gastronomy and produce

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The “clotxa” is a large round loaf of bread, cut in half, hollowed out and then filled with tomato, onion, garlic and salted herring, all roasted on the coals. The Gastronomic Fair of the Clotxa is celebrated every year in the Ribera d'Ebre.

The olive oil and wine, of specific local varieties and made according to traditional methods of production, is of high quality and is protected under different denominations of origin.

The **sweet stone fruits** grown in the Ribera are famous for their exceptional sweetness and intense color.

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The “Clotxa” is traditional dish of excellence in the Ribera. It speaks well of the peasant origins of the local farmers and highlights the simplicity and richness of our cuisine. It is the traditional food at many festivals and for gatherings of friends and family. Every year in March, a cycle of **Gastronomic Days of the Clotxa** are organized, where many restaurants in the region offer different versions of this dish. It all opens with the local Feast of the Clotxa.

The climate of the Ribera d'Ebre provide local produce with distinct characteristics that will make you want to try them again and again: olive oil, olives, wine, local white wine (vimblanc), cheeses, stone fruits, honey, blood sausages and white goat. Don't miss the specialties in cakes and pastries, in all their variety: filled with angel hair pumpkin, orange marmalade or chocolate, traditional almond biscuits (carquinyolis), traditional shortbreads (ensaginades) or almond meringues (capsetes).

You can purchase all of these products in the local shops where you will receive a friendly welcome throughout the region.



## JANUARY

- ✓ Feast day of Sant Antoni d'Ascó
- ✓ Feast day of Sant Antoni de Benissanet
- ✓ Feast day of Sant Antoni de Garcia
- ✓ Feast day of Sant Antoni de Móra d'Ebre
- ✓ Major Winter Festival in the Serra d'Almos
- ✓ Feast day of Sant Antoni de la Torre de l'Espanyol
- ✓ Inter-regional Olive Oil Fair at Móra la Nova

## FEBRUARY

- ✓ Feast day of Santa Agda de Riba-roja d'Ebre
- ✓ Mountain Race at Cameta Coixa de Miravet
- ✓ Major Winter Festival at Darmós

## MARCH

- ✓ Feast day the Clotxa d'Ribera d'Ebre
- ✓ Viacrucis Easter Friday at Móra d'Ebre (Easter Week)
- ✓ Procession of the Encounter of the Desmes at Flix (Easter Week)
- ✓ BTT race of the Cabra de Tivissa

## APRIL

- ✓ BTT Race the Transrabosenca of Torre de l'Espanyol

## MAY

- ✓ Artisan and Livestock Fair at Rasquera
- ✓ Display of traditional crafts and wine tasting at Ascó
- ✓ Ebrenc Book Fair – Litterarum, Fair of literary shows at Móra d'Ebre
- ✓ BTT Race, Figot Race at Riba-roja d'Ebre

## JUNE

- ✓ Cherry day and Fair at the quarries of Miravet
- ✓ Hunters Fair at Móra d'Ebre

## JULY

- ✓ Fair of the Auberge de Benissanet
- ✓ Major Summer Festival of Benissanet, la Torre de l'Espanyol i Tivissa
- ✓ Festival of the Moorish Mora at Móra d'Ebre. Celebrated bianually.
- ✓ BTT Race at Auberge de Benissanet

## AUGUST

- ✓ Feast day of the River, Móra d'Ebre
- ✓ Feast day of the River, Flix
- ✓ Feast day of the River, Ascó
- ✓ Major Summer Festivals at Ascó Darmós, Flix, Garcia, Llaberia, Miravet, Móra d'Ebre, Móra la Nova, la Palma d'Ebre, la Serra d'Almos, Rasquera, Riba-roja d'Ebre i Vinebre

## SEPTEMBER

- ✓ Festival of the Jota in Ribera d'Ebre
- ✓ Tradicional trades and crafts at Raure de Ginestar
- ✓ Auctioneers Fair at Móra la Nova

## OCTOBER

- ✓ Agricultural and Livestock Industrial Fair, at Móra la Nova
- ✓ Cross country mountain race, Tivissa
- ✓ Iberian weekend
- ✓ Major Autumn Festival at Miravet

## NOVEMBER

- ✓ Cross country race, Towpaths of Móra d'Ebre
- ✓ Major Festival of Ginestar

## DECEMBER

- ✓ Christmas Fair and Cava Fair at Ascó
- ✓ Christmas Fair at Tivissa
- ✓ Olive oil Fair at Serra d'Almos
- ✓ Christmas Fair at Móra d'Ebre
- ✓ Christmas Trade Fair at Móra la Nova







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## Tourist Information Points

**ASCÓ** | [www.ascoturisme.com](http://www.ascoturisme.com)

Pl. de l'Estació, 3. Tel. 977 406 583

**BENISSANET** | [www.benissanet.cat](http://www.benissanet.cat)

C. d'Antoni Gaudí, 1. Tel. 977 407 915

**FLIX** | [www.reservanaturalsebes.org](http://www.reservanaturalsebes.org)

Reserva Natural de Sebes. Tel. 977 265 112

**MIRAVET** | [www.turismemiravet.cat](http://www.turismemiravet.cat)

Plaça de l'Arenal, s/n. Tel. 608 189 733 · 977 407 134

**MÓRA D'EBRE** | [www.turismeriberaebre.org](http://www.turismeriberaebre.org)

Pl. Sant Roc, s/n. Tel. 977 414 029

**MÓRA LA NOVA** | [Mas de la Coixa](#)

Cruïlla C-12 i N-420. Tel. 977 400 541

**RIBA-ROJAD'EBRE** | [www.riba-roja.cat](http://www.riba-roja.cat)

Pl. de la Vila, 1. Tel. 977 416 003

**TIVISSA** | [www.tivissa.cat](http://www.tivissa.cat)

C. de la Foig, 3. Tel. 691 213 341 - 977 418 014

**VINEBRE** | [Ca Don Joan](#) [www.turismevinebre.cat](http://www.turismevinebre.cat)

C. Don Joan. C. Torre, 21. Tel. 977 405 781

**LO RACÓ DEL TEMPLE** | [www.miravet.info](http://www.miravet.info)

C. Riu, 14. Miravet. Tel. 656 266 398

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**Recommendation:** Before visiting any of the above Information Centres in the region we recommend that you call in advance to find out their opening hours and to ensure that you will be attended and provided with any information you require.

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