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Sydens Feriehuse/Catalonia Holiday Lettings is specialized in Catalonia. We want to pass as much of our knowledge of the province on to you, to make your holidays even better.

With point of departure in the region you will stay in, we have listed some things to do. Also, we can offer some small discounts on some of the activities if you present yourself as guests from Sydens Feriehuse. We hope you will do so, as it is also useful info for the activity providers and us.

# ACTIVITIES - COSTA BRAVA (There area where you will be staying)

### Chef in your holiday home – A typical Catalan dinner prepared and served in your house



Enjoy the dinner in your own holiday home without having to consider driving.



Catalonia is the region in the world with most Michelin stars, there are so many talented chefs around.

	<ul> <li>"CHEF IN YOUR HOLIDAY HOME" – let the dinner come to you!</li> <li>One of the most popular activities during the holidays is to have a chef out to cook a nice meal at you holiday home.</li> <li>As there are some costs involved in "moving the restaurant to your house", you should calculate with minimum 40 Euros/person and more if you want a more advanced menu.</li> </ul>	You should calculate with: 40-70 Euros/person + transport
	You will have a chef and a waiter making the night perfect! As it is a popular concept, the chefs are also very busy, so <b>we recommend that you</b> <b>contact us as soon as possible</b> , if you are interested. How to get more information:	Minimum 400€
rs,	<ul> <li>Send us an e-mail with your group size and possible dates (weeksdays are best, the more dates that are possible for you, the greater are the chance that the chefs are available)</li> <li>Then we will send you contact information for the different chefs, who will contact you with possible dates, menus and exact prices</li> <li>E-mail: info@sydensferiehuse.dk</li> </ul>	MORE INFORMATION Request the menus with more information and prices: Info@sydensferiehuse.dk Mark: "chef in the holiday home".



#### Private guide – Let Quim show you Costa Brava, Girona or Barcelona Prices depend on the type of Our friend **Quim** has a degree in Tourism from the University of Girona and works activity and the duration. professionally as professional guide en Girona, Barcelona and Costa Brava. Being Catalan and grown up this area, he knows this part of Catalonia both professionally and from the **Request information:** point of view of a child. Quim: Walking tours - with the possibility of being adapted for children E-mail: The most northern part of Catalonia has some fantastic walks following the coast, climbing joaquim@jvisitesquiades.net small hills and passing small, private beaches. Or you can contact us: Info@sydensferiehuse.dk An example could be - Example: "Llancá – El Port de la Selva – Llancá This part following the coast is an ideal excursion, also for children. FAMILY HIKING & GUIDED Along the walk you can take a swim in the Mediterranean Sea, bring for instance snorkels, and half TOURS GIRONA /BCN / way, you can eat lunch in the beautiful village of El Port de La Selva." COSTA BRAVA But Quim prefers to agree with you directly, what you most want to do. Languages: English German Private Guide – Girona / Barcelona /Costa Brava /Museum Dalí Figueres French Quim is certified guide in Barcelona, Girona and Costa Brava. He can make any tour you Spanish would like and adapt it to your wishes. Catalan If you want to visit the Dalí Museum, the tour includes direct entrance to the museum, which is a great advantage, as there is a very big line up.





#### GIRONA – WORLD FAMOUS CYCLING CAPITOL

#### **Routes and transport**



Example: Olot – Girona: From Girona you will be transported to Olot with the bicycle and from here you will follow a previous railway the 54 km. back to Girona through the scenic mountains.

# The city of Girona is widely known amongst cycle-enthusiasts as it many famous Tour de France stars live here and practice.

#### Child-friendly

The Costa Brava area is perfect for all levels of bicycling. From Girona towards the sea, the landscape is flat, and in the big natural park with sign posted routes, it is easy to make excursions, even with small kids.

#### Challenging

In the other direction, the mountains provide plenty of challenge for those, who want challenge themselves on professional racing bike or off road on a mountain bike.

### Routes or bicycle rental

We offer either bicycle rental or routes. You can rent bicycle to have in your holiday home, or you can choose to make a journey on a fixed route with transfer included.

## Bicycle rental:

You can rent either touring bicycles (mountain/city bikes) or you can rent road bikes. There are two different qualities. Also, you can rent children bicycles, seats for children, GPS and other equipment. You can pick up the bicycles in Girona or have them delivered against supplement.

## Routes with transfer

If you just want a single-day experience, you could choose a fixed route with transfer. You meet up in Girona in the morning. Then you follow a route one way and the other direction, you and the bicycles will be transferred as part of the package.

Saskia and Dave are kind and helpful. Please contact us, and we will provide the contact to them.



Subject in e-mail: "Cycling Girona"











#### River Kayaking -Ter river



A trip down the river Ter between Girona and the departure of the river to the Mediterranean Sea in Kayaks or Canoas is a very nice family activity.

The friendly and professional service from Roger and his team provides you with quality equipment and lifejackets. After an instruction, you will make your way from the departure point down stream of the Ter river. On the arrival point, Roger and his team will pick you up and bring you back to where you started. They can recommend a nice restaurant to finish a nice activity.



Contact: info@sydensferiehuse.dk

Subject in e-mail: "Kayak river Ter"

Contact:

info@sydensferiehuse.dk

Subject in e-mail:

"Sea kavak"

If you are very active they also offer packages combined with walking, cycling or segways.

For booking, please contact us, and we will provide the contact to Roger.

#### Sea Kayaking -Costa Brava



Explore the beautiful Cap de Creus from the Sea side.



In the top corner of the Costa Brava, you find the most natural part of Catalonia, which is perfect to explore from the Sea Side. With point of departure in Llancá or some other seaside towns in the area, you can make guide excursions exploring caves, hidden beaches and you can also come on a snorkel trip, where you stop to snorkel at the best places.

The trips will also include a guide and you can choose different levels of difficulty, different lengths of the trips and different themes for the trip.

Isabel can help you finding the right trip for your group. Contact us, and we will provide the contact to Isabel.





**Naturalwalks** Ecotourism, Botany and Sustainability.



ALSO OFFERED: Tailormade walk near your holiday home (bigger groups)

For bigger groups, Naturalwalks offer to come to a place near your holiday home and make a tailormade walk, either from their best choice in the area, or a specific theme (some driving might be necessary):

- Natural parks walk
- Lake or River walk
- Coastal walk

# Naturalwalks - Explore the nature's and the city's hidden secrets

### <u>Girona – the city's hidden secrets walk</u>

It is amazing how many things you pass without noticing! In June, we were lucky to try Natuaralwalk's "Girona – the city and its hidden secrets" walk. In short, you meet up as with any other "standard" guided tour in Girona, and walk to the Cathedral. **But where every body else look up, we look down** and the rocks of the cathedral with integrated fossils explores the amazing story of why Girona looks like it looks, who built it and much more.



Fossils in the Girona Cathedral building stones – Outside the wall and suddenly in the middle of nature!

From this point, we **were caught by fascination**, and Evarist took us through the streets of Girona, stopping by every seemingly random plant, explaining, eating... **Much sooner than expected**, as we had just been in the heart of the big city of Girona, we found ourselves in agravel road in the middle of nature and walked to a beautiful viewing point in a slow pace, as the plants, traces of animals, burned trees from forest fire, each told fascinating stories.

**The children loved it**, because they were assigned small jobs to find specific plants and in general were included in the activity rather than just being passive. It is important for Naturalwalks that the children enjoy the trip very much also.

About 2,5 hours later, we found ourselves back in central Girona, eating lunch on the Placa de la Independéncia, enjoying the food, the sun and this very unexpected, **highly recommendable experience**.

#### Girona – the city's hidden secrets walk

Approximate prices:

Adults: 30 Euros Children: 12 Euros (5-12 years) Toddlers: Free (0-4 years)

(smaller groups might be possible, we will try to gather several groups then)

For more information and booking: Please contact us on: info@sydensferiehuse.dk

Mark: "Girona Hidden Secrets Walk"

# Tailormade walk near your home:

If you are a bigger group interested in a tailormade walk near your holiday home, please mark your email:

"Tailormade Naturalwalk)



#### A day with Watersports!



Vindsurfing



Ringo





Catamarans

## L'Escala for a day with watersports..... or relaxation!

If the entire family or just some of you are interested in Watersports or perhaps learn, a day in L'Escala would be perfect.

#### For those who prefer beach, shopping and cafés:

The town itself is cosy with its antique town centre with cafés and shops, and if you are lucky, you can get fresh fish directly from the fishing boats.

#### Action on the Mediteranean Sea

Our local activity partner offers a variety of watersports activities ranging from all kinds of boats with sails (from windsurfers to bigger boats) and also classic fun like banana-rides and waterskiing, wakeboards and for this year, they will probably also have small motorboats, where you can visit limited parts of the coastal area near L'Escala.

If you are experiences, they will probably have the equipment you neeed.

If you are **not experienced**, they offer teaching (also for children, but as we understood it, you will need to follow classes for a whole week)

#### For more information:

Contact us for more information: info@sydensferiehuse.dk "watersports L'Escala"



Please contact us on: info@sydensferiehuse.dk

Mark: "Watersports L'Escala"



Sailing boats



Wakeboards



#### Salvador Dalí





Salvador Dalí has made a significant impact in the area. The most famous sight is the museum in Figueres. It might be an idea to reserve tickets (by the website below) in advance, as the line up in July and August tends to be long.

We can also recommend two other visits. The Dalí residence in Cadaques, but remember to reserve tickets. The village itself is also very nice, and you can take a swim there or in nearby El Port de la Selva. The third Dalí museum is his castle near Girona in Púbol. One of the attractions is the stuffed airaffe. For more information and tickets: https://www.salvador-dali.org/serveis/en\_entrades.php/?cancel

Locations: Figueres – Museo Teatro Dalí \* Cadaquez – His house \* Púbol – His castle

#### The Catalan "Tuscany"

- Explore the medieval village and their great restaurantes

#### The white villages

- Explore the villages where you still find the authentic Costa Brava atmosphere

Suggestion: If you want to explore these areas walking or by bicycle, contact our guide Quim for an offer. He is an expert in the area and it is really interesting to explore it with guide.

Around the town of La Bisbal d'Empordá, you find a lot of beautiful Catalan villages, fortified and situated on small hills, to protect them against attacks from the Sea. Now, they are all beautifully reformed and you find many nice restaurants. Take a ride around the area.



Ullastreet – Peratellada – Palau-Sator – Sant Feliu de Boada – Casavells – Monells – Corcá - Pals – Torealla d'Montarí -Begur

Right at the Costa Brava coast, a few villages have survived the arrival of mass-tourism and have maintained the cosy Costa Brava fisherman's village atmosphere. They are connected by a coastal walk, which is very nice. The shortest is from Llafranc to Calella de Palafrugell and back again, about 2 km. (4 km. return)



Aiguablava



Beaches	Costa Brava is of course known for its beaches. If you want a sand beach, there are plenty of (crowded) opportunities.
	If you like to swim from the cliffs or find you own small less crowed beach, you could follow the coastal road GI-682 from Llorét de Mar via Tossa del Mar to Sant Feliu.
	Further North (which can also be used as an alternative solution when you enter or leave Catalonia to/from France, the coastal road from El Port de la Selva via Llancá where it becomes to N-260 until Port Bou. You can drive into France via Cerbére where it becomes D-914.
Vall de Núria	The mountains are very beautiful and offer many activities. If you want it a bit organised, Vall de Núria is a good option. Here
1½ hour drive	there are cable cars and small trains giving you a lift, if the walk becomes a bit hard. Also, there is a broad variety of activities offered there. <a href="http://www.valldenuria.com/website-valldenuria/eng/index.asp">http://www.valldenuria.com/website-valldenuria/eng/index.asp</a>
Volcanic zone of Garrotxa	Catalonia actually has its own volcanoes. There are some excellent walks in the area of Garrotxa.
1½ minutes' drive	http://www.turismegarrotxa.com/_en.html
Besalú & Castellfollit de la Roca	
	If you want to go a bit inland, we can really recommend a visit to Besalú and Castellfollit de la Roca. This trip can easily be combined with a visit to Garrotxa. In Besalú, we recommend a visit to the miniature museum. It takes ½ an hour and is interesting for both adults and children.
	Museum de Miniatures: <u>http://www.museuminiaturesbesalu.com</u>
	Besalú: <u>http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Besal%C3%BA</u> Castellfollit de la Roca: <u>http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Castellfollit_de_la_Roca</u>
Football Golf	
- If you like soccer!	Football Golf – like normal golf, just with footballs
	If you like football and have never tried this sport, this is your chance. Read more: <u>www.futbolgolf.cat</u>
	Location: Maçanet de Cabrenys
	Contact information: Tel: +34 972 110 813 / Mobile: +34 617 377 037 / E-mail: Info@futbolgolf.com
Go Cart Agua parks Mini golf	The coastal areas of Costa Brava are very crowded with tourists. Hence, the area has a lot of services for tourists. You will find plenty activities such as Go Cart courses, Aqua parks, Mini Golf and small amusement parks near the bigger resorts.





#### MARKET DAY - buy the best local product along with the Catalans

In Catalonia, the markets big and small is the place where you buy your fresh food (fruit, vegetables, meat, cheese) and also where you get a chat with your neighbours and friends. Always a lively experience.

#### Village markets

Every small village has its weekly market day. They sell local product, fruit, vegetables and sometimes other things. Here is a list of some village. Remember **markets are always in the mornings until 13:00**!

#### MARKET DAY!



Hint! If you want an excursion and like markets, Tuesdays and Saturdays Catalonia's biggest market takes place in Vic, which is also a beautiful town.

Vic Market: Tuesdays (until 13:00) Saturdays (until 13:00)

Other activities

Town/Village	Area	Direction	Market day
Banyoles	Pla de l'Estany	PI. Major, PI. dels Turers, PI. de les Rodes	Wednesdays
Bàscara	Alt Empordà	PI. Major	Sundays
Besalú	Garrotxa	Prat de Sant Pere	Tuesdays
Bescanó	Gironès	PI. de les Nacions	Tuesdays
Blanes	La Selva	Passeig de Cortils and Vieta	Mondays
Bordils	Gironès	PI. de l'Estació	Tuesdays
Cadaqués	Alt Empordà	Riera Sant Vicenç	Mondays
Castellfollit de la Roca	Garrotxa	PI. Major	Saturdays
Castelló d'Empúries	Alt Empordà	PI. Joan Alzina	Tuesdays
Empuriabrava	Alt Empordà	Passeig Marítim	Saturdays
Figueres	Alt Empordà	PI. Catalunya and PI. del Gra	Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays
Girona	Gironès	Devesa	Tuesdays and Saturdays
La Bisbal	Baix Empordà	Major	Divendres
L'Escala	Alt Empordà	Passeig del Mar	Sundays
L'Estartit	Baix Empordà	Av. De Roma	Thursdays
Llançà	Alt Empordà	Gardiso	Wednesdays
Lloret de Mar	La Selva	Mestres	Tuesdays
Maçanet de Cabrenys	Alt Empordà	PI. de l'Ajuntament	Wednesdays
Maçanet de la Selva	La Selva	PI. de l'Esglèsia	Wednesdays
Pals	Baix Empordà	Passeig d'Europa	Tuesdays
Platja d'Aro	Baix Empordà	Parking Carrer Ginesta	Divendres
Port de la Selva	Alt Empordà	Av. Josep Vicenç Foix (hivern) Parking dels Horts	Divendres
Portbou	Alt Empordà	Av. Catalunya	Divendres
Roses	Alt Empordà	Gran Via Pau Casals	Sundays
Sant Gregori	Gironès	PI. de la Sardana	Sundays
Sils	La Selva	PI. Canigó	Divendres
St. Pere Pescador	Alt Empordà	Parking del Molí	Wednesdays
Tossa de Mar	La Selva	Av. Pau Casals	Thursdays



http://en.costabrava.org/main/home.aspx

# THE NEXT PAGES ARE DEDICATED TO THE LONGER EXCURSIONS – BEST FULL DAY:

- Barcelona
- Costa Brava
- The Pyrenees



		EXCURSION - BARCELONA
		celona, we will not make a detailed description of the city. Below a few useful hints when planning your trip to ng on which house you stay in.
How to get there:	Car:	We will recommend driving to Barcelona. It is fairly easy to drive in. There are many parking houses, but of course quite expensive in central city. Information about alternative cheaper parking options: http://www.bsmsa.cat/mobilitat/index.php/bsm-car-parks/advantages-and-discounts/special-rates
	Train:	From Tarragona, there is the possibility of parking in Tarragona Camp and take the high speed train to Barcelona.
Getting around in Barcelona	Tourist bus:	For a day trip, especially with children, it might be a good idea to use the jump-on-jump-off tourist bus, which will take you to all major sights. It is a bit expensive and tend to be very busy in the Summer, but on the warm humid summer days, you will get easily also to Parc Güell, The Miró Museum, Camp Nou and many other places without too much walking.
	Metro	The metro is excellent and air conditioned. You can buy some inexpensive day tickets or 10-trip cards
Visits		Barcelona is now one of the most popular destinations in the world. It has put a pressure on the sights, such as Parc Güell, La Sagrada Família and La Pedrera. It is recommendable to book your visits in advance, as it should save you some of the line up: Parc Güell: <u>http://www.parkguell.cat/en/buy-tickets/</u> La Pedrera: <u>https://www.lapedrera.com/en/home</u> La Sagrada Família: <u>http://www.sagradafamilia.org/en/tickets/</u>
F.C. Barcelona		From late August to around May, you might be lucky that there is match in Camp Nou. But if not, the museum is also very nice. If you decide to buy <b>tickets</b> , you can print them directly on <u>http://www.fcbarcelona.com/info-tickets/next-matches-football</u> - we personally prefer to be near the pitch, so you can get a good look at the stars © Behind the goals is not bad. The <b>tour and visit to the museum</b> (always open) can be booked here: <u>http://www.fcbarcelona.com/camp-nou</u>
Hints:	Barcelona	Remember swimsuit, the Barcelona beach is excellent. "Menu del medio dia" – Often you can get some nice inexpensive lunch menus, look for signs



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More tourist information: <u>http://meet.barcelona.cat/en</u>

# **EXCURSION - THE PYRENEES (Long drive)**

These spectacular mountains offer all you can think off with regards to scenery and outdoor activities. The drive is from **2-3 hours** depending on where you want to go.





<b>The hidden Gaudi Park</b> <u>Location:</u> Near La Pobla del Lillet	Gaudi is famous for his spectacular buildings in Barcelona, but few know that he actually made a very beautiful hidden park in the mountains near La Pobla de Lillet.
	You can walk or take the small train, which used to be for transportation of cement. http://www.trendelciment.cat/cat/recorregut.html
	How to get there: Road C-16 – Just before Guardiola de Berguedá take road B-402 direction La Pobla de Lillet. Just before the village, you will find the station of the train. Alternatively, there is a station inside the village. Turisme La Pobla del Lillet: +34 93 823 61 46
	Can be combined with Parc Palomera
PARC PALOMERA climb the treetops	The perfect activity for children in all ages and adults. Climb under the crowns of the trees or for the youngest half a meter above ground © - It is very good fun and each person can find a suitable challenge, as there are different levels of difficulty.
	Take C-16 until just before "el collet" and then take road B-400 to Saldes. More information: http://www.parcdepalomera.com/
Location: Saldes	You can then eat lunch in Saldes, which is a very cosy village. Can be combined with the hidden Gaudi park, which is only 30 minutes' drive away.
Andorra	Andorra: http://www.andorra.ad/en-US/Pages/default.aspx
an Dialactic Contraction	The small independent state in the Pyrenees is mainly known for tax free shopping and skiing in the winter time. But you can also find wellness and a lot of outdoor activities



#### DELTA DEL EBRO – THE MOST SOUTHERN PART OF CATALONIA

## Swimming with Tuna

#### Swim with the Tunas!

Beat your friends' Dolphin trips, with this very unusual experience. In the bay just before the Ebro-delta, they breath semi-natural tuna, in some huge cylinders with nets, preventing the Tunas leaving.



Booking: <u>info@sydensferiehuse.dk</u> - Mark: "Swimming with Tuna" Tuna Tours has made an agreement, so in one of the cylinders, they are allowed to bring their guests, so they can snorkle and experience the Tunas first-hand.



It is an unusual and fun experience and you will of course taste some tuna on the way back. Remember to bring swimsuit.

If you are online, we also recommend the video made by our student Johan posted on facebook 9. of November. <u>www.facebook.com/sydensferiehuse.dk</u> (Danish) www.facebook.com/cataloniaholidaylettings (English)

## Game fishing



Booking: <u>info@sydensferiehuse.dk</u> - Mark: "Game fishing"

#### Game fishing in the Mediteranean Sea

The Ebro-delta is one an important point of depature for game-fishing trips on the coast of Catalonia.



So if it has been your dream to fish in water with a possibilities of cathing big tunas and other Mediterranean species, a day trip from Riumar could be a very nice activity.





#### DELTA DEL EBRO – Rice, Birdlife and Beach

The Ebro Delta and Riumar



**The Ebro delta is a very special place**, flat unlike most other places in Catalonia and wet, as an advanced system of channels with small locks makes it possible to direct the water.

#### Rice:

Beach:

The wet-fields makes it possible to cultivate rice, and the area has a big rice production. If you want to explore this a bit more, our local contact in the tourist office recommends following place (no personal experience) http://www.moliderafelet.com/ingles/index.html







## Birds:

There is a rich bird life in the delta, as the area provide perfect conditions for many species. The most famous bird is of course the Flamengo, but be aware that it is a seasonal bird, so you cannot expect to see them. Two recommended websites:

www.seo.org/catalunya/reserva-natural-de-riet-vell-tarragona/ http://birdwatchingnews.terresdelebre.travel/en/02-2014/arrozvolucion-000



There is a great beach in Riumar https://goo.gl/maps/sZpfAT8gyzA2, where you also find some restaurants. Alternatively, if you want a nice beach town, you can drive down to L'Ampollá https://goo.gl/maps/6SLyMaCtQPy



Game fishing and Swimming with Tuna: See the seperate sections in this document





## Universal Studios Port Aventura – The children will love it





#### Amusement park – Water park – Universal Studios

If you let the children decide, you will probably spend the entire vacation in Universal Studios Aventura. The park consists of the amusement park including the Universal Studios part and an aqua park. You can buy combined ticket and easily spend one day in each of the two parks.

From the Ebro area, it is 1-1,5 hours away in car.

Port Aventura: <u>http://www.portaventura.co.uk/</u>





# TOWN LIST – Authentic towns and villages with nice town centre

Besides visiting the sights, we personally like visiting authentic towns and villages with beautiful town centre and nice atmosphere. The listed towns and villages is a list of towns which have passed along our way the last 8 years and liked. There are many others we have not yet seen!

Central Catalonia & Solsona	Vic area	Costa Brava interior	Costa Brava Coast	Pyrenees	Urgell	Tarragona	Penedés
Berga Borredá Cercs Cardona Solsona Gironella Sant Llorenc de Monunys	Moiá Olot Rupit Tavertet Vic Viladrau	Besalú Banyoles Castellfolit de la Roca	Castelló de Empúries Girona Figueres L'Escala Paleu Sator Port Bou	Camprodón La Pobla Lillet Puigcerda Ripoll Saldes	La Seu de Urgell Lleida Montsonis	Reus Tarragona	Sitges Vilafranca del Penedés
<b>/</b>	1	Nice	e drives where you co	an get a good experi	ence		
There are a lot of curves, but if you do not mind, the drive from Berga – Sant Llorenc de Moronys – Solsona – (Cardona) and back is very beautiful	Drive up to Rupit and Tavertet. From Tavertet, there is an incredible view. Or take the new C-37 road to Olot and perhaps on to Castellfolit de la Roca and Besalú.	The trip with stops in Besalú and Castellfolit de la Roca (you can make a walk so you see the village from all angles) and perhaps up to Camprodón or just Olot	If you arrive in car from France, you can consider entering by the coast: Cerbere -> Port Bou -> Llanca The coastal road from Llorét del Mar -> Tossa del Mar very beautiful	Saldes and La Pobla Lillet are both nice small villages Also the route including Puigcerda – Ur – Andorra – La Seu de Urgell is very scenic	There are some nice drives around the Segre river – and the artificial lake. Also a drive up to La Seu de Urgell is a great trip	Cruise through the wine district Priorat and perhaps down to Delta del Ebro	Cruise through the Penedés wine district and perhaps via Garraf to Sitges to have a Swim. The drive from Garraf to Sitges following the old coastal road is very beautifil

We are available at: Sydens Feriehuse / Catalonia Holiday Lettings - E-mail: info@sydensferiehuse.dk - Tel: +45 3333 9233

We hope you will enjoy Catalonia very much! - Kind regards Lisbeth and Bertel