

## Coventry Section - Catalonia Tour - September 2001

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The outline arrangements for the tour have now been made, thanks largely to Keith who has been practising his Spanish, booking up some accommodation in advance:-

Thu 13<sup>th</sup> BA flight BA1796 1035hrs from Birmingham Airport to Barcelona, arriving at 1345hrs.  
Cycle to the airport leaving Roger's house at 0730hrs or make your own way, meeting at 0830hrs. There are no specific charges for carrying bicycles, but excess baggage will be charged at £3/kg over 23kg - you might alleviate this by taking heavy items like pedals and tool kits into the cabin. I have not asked about the degree of dismantling they require, but we can establish that on the day.

50 km to Hotel Abat Cisneros, Plaza del Monestir, s/n Montserrat 08199, España Tel: +34 938777701 to arrive by 7pm 3 twins and one single with breakfast.

We might be able to ease the ride, and exit from airport, by using the train to Castellbisbal

Fri 21<sup>st</sup> Hostal Levante, Barcelona 1 triple and 2 double rooms

Sat 22<sup>nd</sup> Hostal Levante, Barcelona 1 triple and 2 double rooms

Sun 23<sup>rd</sup> BA flight BA1797 1430hrs from Barcelona, arriving Birmingham Airport 1545hrs

### Outline route



Distances are for the armchair route - in most cases there are shorter alternatives, which might become more, or less attractive according to the prevailing conditions.

Day	km	Intermediate villages	Destination	Comments
Thu 13 <sup>th</sup>	50k		Montserrat	Possible rail assistance, spectacular monastery
Fri 14 <sup>th</sup>	70k	Manresa Moia	Vic	Museu Episcopal - second most important collection of Romanesque art outside of Barcelona.
Sat 15 <sup>th</sup>	62k	Sant Hilari Sacalm	Anglès	Additional distance to Les Planes Hostales (79k) will reduce mileage on the following day
Sun 16 <sup>th</sup>	85k	Olot  Santa Pau Banyoles	Besalú	Museu Comaecal de la Garroxta - closed Sundays! and Casal dels Volcans exhibition about local volcanic geology. Medieval centre and good for lunch. Hosted 1992 Olympic rowing events Monestir Sant Esteban founded by 9 <sup>th</sup> Century monks who came with Charlemagne 12 <sup>th</sup> Century bridge with gatehouse and portcullis Miqvé, or jewish bathhouse - unique in Spain Plaça Libertat - entirely medieval buildings
Mon 17 <sup>th</sup>	86k	Castellfollit de la Roca  Oix  Beget	Ribes de Freser	Perched on a 60m cliff has impressive approach but disappointing town Has a Sausage Museum Unmetalled road from Oix to Beget - recommended by Rough Guide Showcase village - 2 medieval bridges, 12 <sup>th</sup> Century Church of Sant Cristofor with "Majestat" (12 <sup>th</sup> Century Romanesque Christ figure)
Tue 18 <sup>th</sup>			Ribes de Freser	Spectacular narrow gauge railway to Nuria
Wed 19 <sup>th</sup>	79k	Guardiola de Bergueda Saldes	Gòsol	Spectacular road to Saldes  Old hilltop village (1430m)
Thu 20 <sup>th</sup>	109k	Josa de Cadi Organya Oliana	Solsana	Picturesque village
Fri 21 <sup>st</sup>	100k		Barcelona	
Sat 22 <sup>nd</sup>			Barcelona	
Sun 23 <sup>rd</sup>			Home	

