

SOUTHAMPTON YOUTH ORCHESTRA
SIX DAY TOUR TO CATALONIA
21ST – 26TH JULY 2010
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Day 1 – Wednesday 21st July

Travel to Catalonia

- 11.00 Coaches arrive at King Edward's bus stops, Hill Lane (Motts Coaches). On your arrival, check in with group leader, showing them your passport, instrument and music. Check concert clothes and stand. Bring packed lunch or money to buy lunch at Heathrow.
- 11.30 dep. Southampton
- 13.15 arr. London Heathrow (Terminal 5) 67m/107km
Check in British Airways – BA480
Lunch in airport lounge
- 15.25 dep. London Heathrow
- 18.30 arr. Barcelona (local time)
Met by Tour Escort – Max Schreck
Mob: +44 7726 479538
Coach transfer to Corbera de Llobregat (Autocorb Coach Co.)
- 20.00 arr. Corbera de Llobregat 27km/17m
Check in:
Hotel Can Fisa (swimming pool)
Bellavista 1
Corbera de Llobregat
08757 Barcelona
www.canfisa.com



Day 1 – continued

- 21.00 Dinner in hotel restaurant
23.00 In your own rooms for the night

Day 2 – Thursday 22nd July

Igualada

- 08.00 Breakfast
09.00 Introduction to Catalunya (Max Schreck)
10.00 **Rehearsal** at hotel (2 hrs)
12.30 Lunch in hotel
14.00 dep. Corbera de Llobregat (take concert dress,
instrument, music and stand)
16.00 arr. Igualada 57km/35m



Igualada (population 36,000) is the central market town of a rich agricultural and wine producing district. The Old Town is full of narrow and irregular streets and contains the remains of a fortress and ramparts.

- 16.00 – **Rehearsal** in Teatre Municipal l'Ateneu (pictured
19.00 above)
19.15 Evening meal in El Café de l'Ateneu
21.00 **Concert** in Teatre Municipal l'Ateneu (no interval)
Programme:
Sibelius: Karelia Suite
Tchaikovsky: Symphony No.6 'Pathétique'
23.00 dep. Igualada
00.15 arr. Corbera de Llobregat 57km/35m

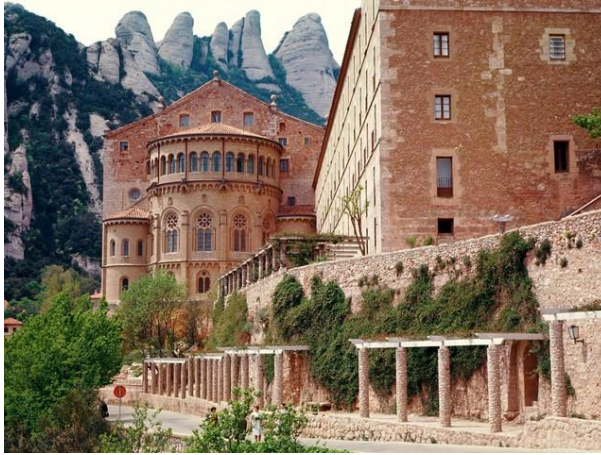
Day 3 – Friday 23rd July

Montserrat/Tàrraga

09.00 Breakfast

10.30 dep. Corbera de Llobregat with packed lunch, concert dress, instrument, music stand and reasonable shoes for walk at Montserrat

11.30 arr. Montserrat 46km/29m



Montserrat is a spectacular Benedictine Order mountain retreat. The monastery is also famous for its Boys Choir who sing during the services for much of the year.

There is a funicular to the top of the mountain and from there you can choose a number of different walks, all with amazing views of the Catalan countryside.

Visit Monastery

Packed lunch

14.00 dep. Montserrat

15.30 arr. Tàrraga 75km/47m

15.45 – 17.45 **Rehearsal** in the Teatre Ateneu

Free time

19.15 Evening meal in Restaurant Epoca

20.30 Return to Teatre Ateneu (changing at theatre)

21.00 **Concert**

Programme:

Glinka: Overture 'Russian and Ludmilla'

Arutiunian: Trumpet Concerto

(soloist: Andrew Thompson)

Beethoven: Symphony No.7 in A

22.45 dep. Tàrraga

24.30 arr. Corbera de Llobregat 100km/62m
In your own rooms

Day 4 – Saturday 24th July

Barcelona

08.00 Breakfast

09.00 dep. Corbera de Llobregat

10.00 arr. Barcelona 31km/19m



Barcelona, one of the Mediterranean's busiest ports, is more than the capital of Catalonia. In culture, commerce and sport it not only rivals Madrid, but also considers itself on a par with the greatest European cities. Although there are plenty of historical monuments in the Old Town (Ciutat Vella), Barcelona is best known for the scores of buildings in the Eixample left by the artistic explosion of Modernisme in the decades around 1900.

10.15 **Visit Sagrada Família Cathedral from the outside**

Sagrada Família Cathedral

Europe's most unconventional church is an emblem of a city that thinks of itself as individualistic. The church became Gaudi's life's work and he lived like a recluse on the site for 16 years. He is buried in the crypt. Eight of the twelve spires, one for each apostle, have been built and work continues today, financed by public subscription.



11.00 Coach transfer to Barcelona Cathedral

11.50 Take concert dress, instruments, etc. to Cathedral

Orchestra Van parks in Cathedral Square

Day 4 – continued

Lunch in the neighbourhood of the Cathedral
(independent arrangements)

13.00 Assemble at Barcelona Cathedral

13.30 – **Rehearsal** in Cathedral

16.30 (Cathedral closed to public between 13.00 – 16.00)

16.45



An hour's sightseeing time.
The Roman walls and fort are right by the Cathedral. You can also go up in a lift to the roof of the Cathedral where there is a great view across the city. There is a Gaudi

Museum by the Cathedral front door. Groups of 4 people as a minimum and there will be a designated check in place and time.

17.45 Walk to restaurant

18.00 Evening meal in:

*El Reloj Restaurant
Via Laietana 40
08003 Barcelona*

20.00 **Concert**

Programme:

*Weber: Overture 'Der Freischütz'
Tchaikovsky: Symphony No.6 'Pathétique'*

Help pack van

22.00 dep. Barcelona

23.00 arr. Corbera de Llobregat 29km/18m

23.30 In your own rooms

Day 5 – Sunday 25th July

Vic

09.00 Breakfast

Relaxation and maybe a quick swim. Swimming pool opens at 10.00

11.00 dep. Corbera de Llobregat

Day 5 – continued

12.45 arr. Vic

84km/52m



Vic was the capital of an ancient Iberian tribe, the Ausetans, in the 3rd century BC. The town was then colonised by the Romans. In the 11th century, Abbot Oliva commissioned the El Cloquer tower, around which the cathedral was built in the 18th century. Adjacent to the cathedral is the Museu Episcopal de

Vic, which has one of the best collections of Romanesque artefacts in Catalonia.

Unload at the Església Sant Domeneç

Lunch in the Plaça Major (independent arrangements)

15.00 – **Rehearsal** in Església Sant Domeneç
17.00

An hour's sightseeing time in the Plaça Major

19.00 Evening meal in Racó Pep Restaurant

20.30 Changing in the church

21.00 **Concert**

Programme:

Kabalevsky: Violin Concerto in C op.48

(Soloist: Simon Harper)

Beethoven: Symphony No.7 in A

22.30 dep. Vic

24.15 arr. Corbera de Llobregat

84km/52m

In your own rooms

Day 6 – Monday 26th July

Travel to UK

09.00 Breakfast

Check out of hotel

10.30 dep. Corbera de Llobregat

Day 6 – continued

11.30 arr. Barcelona (Columbus Monument) 31km/19m

Walk along La Rambla (starting from the Port end) with Tour Guide



La Rambla

The historic avenue of La Rambla leading to the sea, is busy around the clock. News-stands, caged birds and flower stalls, musicians and mime artists throng the wide, tree-shaded central walkway. Among its famous buildings are the Liceu Opera House, the huge Boqueria food market

*and some grand mansions. **Be Warned!** This is a notorious area for pick-pockets. There are also gift shops for last minute presents*

14.00 Lunch in:

*El Reloj Restaurant
Via Laietana 40*

15.45 Coach arrives outside restaurant

16.00 Coach transfer to airport

17.00 arr. Barcelona Airport

Group A – 17 pax

17.20 Check in British Airways – Flight BA481

19.20 dep. Barcelona

20.35 arr. London Heathrow (local time)

21.30 Coach transfer to Southampton

23.00 arr. Southampton 66m/106km

Group B – 43 pax

18.40 Check in British Airways – Flight BA487

20.40 dep. Barcelona

21.50 arr. London Heathrow (local time)

22.45 Coach transfer to Southampton

24.15 arr. Southampton 66m/106km