



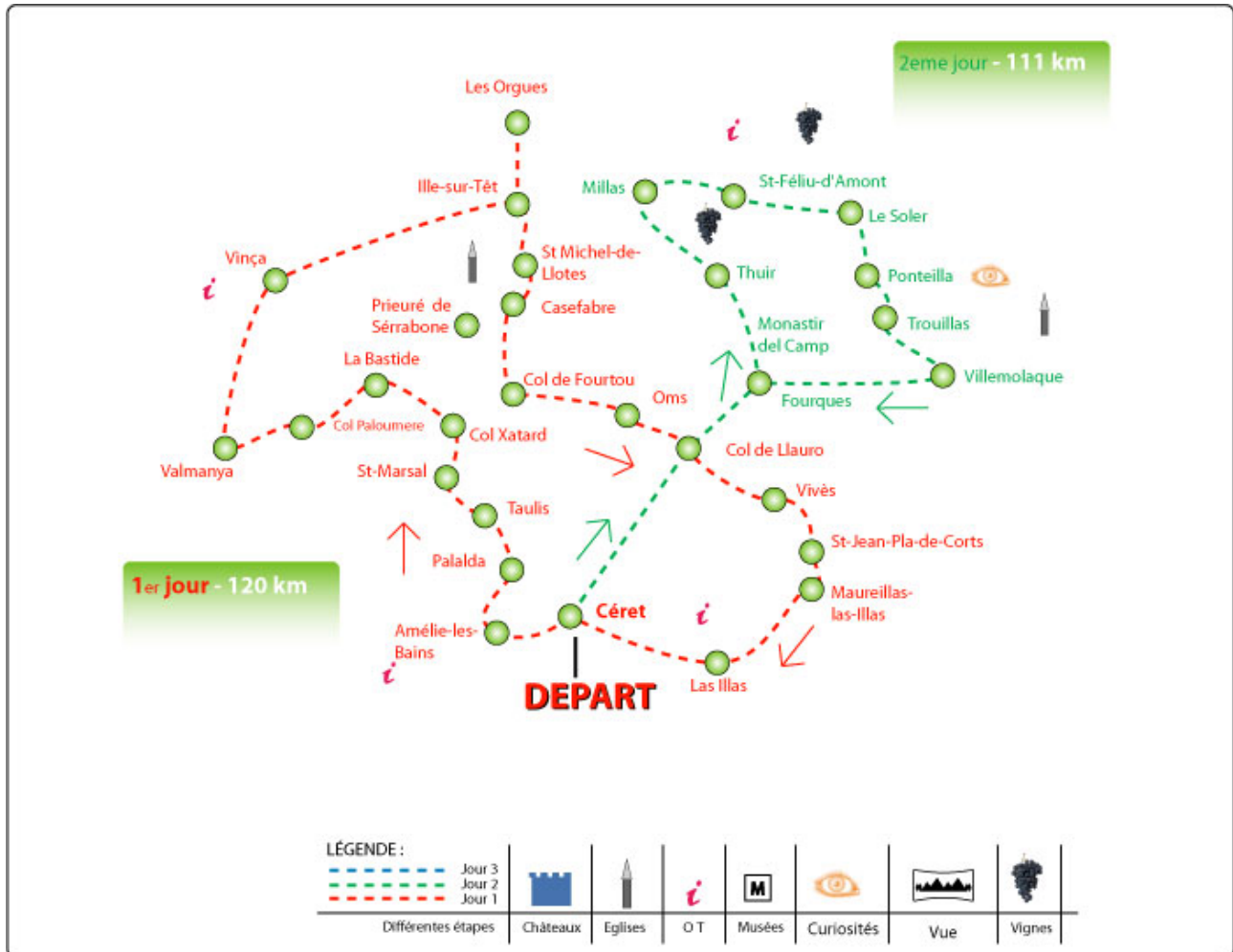
## Week-end in Catalan Country Circuit N°14



This week-end will provide the opportunity to discover the Catalan hinterland and its charms.

As you will overlook the turquoise waters of Collioure bay you will travel along the Pyrénées foothills where vineyards and scenic towns follow one another.

<i>The travel book recommend the number of minimum days which can be devoted to the itinerary.</i>



From the rocky creeks, the fine sand beaches along the Mediterranean coast to the mountain resorts Pyrénées, Mounts of Lozère and the Massif Central, a wide variety of landscapes features the Languedoc Roussillon region.

What to discover : The unassailable fortresses in Pays Cathare, avens and grottoes (Clamouse, Limousis, Trabcu...), the impressive gorges of the Tarn river (Sainte Enimie), the Haut-Languedoc valley, the ski-resorts in the Cerdagne massif (Font Romeu, Pyrénées 2000, Formigueres...), the magical city of Carcassonne, la Camargue (birds, manades : bull farms), Nîmes the Roman city and its arenas.

Wines : Cabardès, Collioure, Corbières, Costières de Nîmes, Coteaux du Languedoc, Côtes de Malepère, Côtes du Roussillon, Faugères, Fitou, Limoux, Minervois, Saint-Chinian, Banyuls.

Local Produce/Gastronomy : anchovy from Collioure, bourride, brandade, cassoulet, pâtés from Pezenas, cheeses (bleu des Causses, pèlardon) touron, catalan cream, croquant de Mende, tielles sétoises, oysters from Bouzigues.

Traditional Handicraft : Provençale cotton fabrics (souleïado, olivado), santons (traditional figures).



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### 1 Day 1 :

For your stay in catalan country settle down at "La Terrasse au Soleil", between sea and mountain in this haven of peace where Charles Trenet drew his inspiration.

You will enjoy the southern flavours in this old cottage, nestled in the greenery and in the shade of a centennial olive tree while admiring the majestic shapes of the Canigou mountain.

After having left Céret, drive up the Tech valley towards Amélie-les-Bains, a small mountain spa town nicely invaded by oleanders, palm trees and mimosas. Amélie-les-Bains is famous for its sulphur water which springs at 63° C as well as the exceptional mildness of its climate. Chestnuts and green oak trees run alongside the road which crosses Saint-Marsal and Taulis villages. After the Xatard pass you will drive down the valley vallée before travelling up towards the Paloumère pass, with a view plunging down to the Têt valley.

After the small village of Valmanya, you will approach the slope towards Vinça in the wild gorges of Lantilla. Then you will follow the stream which trickles out from the imposing dam on the Têt valley up to Ille-sur-Têt.

Drive around to admire the amazing geological formation composed of devil's chimneys called the Organs of Ille.

You will drive back to Céret through the mountains including a mandatory stop at the Serrabone priory church a marvel of the Roman in Roussillon. After crossing the passes of Fourtou and Llauro you will find back your refuge for a well deserved rest.

### 1 Day 1 : Road book

Crossed places and towns	N° of crossed roads	KM	Comments
CERET	D115	2.0	
AMELIE LES BAINS	D618	8.0	
PALADA	D618	0.0	
TAULIS	D618	0.0	
SAINT-MARSAL	D618	0.0	
COL XATARD	D13	22.0	
LA BASTIDE	D13	0.0	
COL PALOUMERE	D13	0.0	
VALMANYA	D13	19.0	
VINCA	N116	13.0	
ILLE-SUR-TET	D2	8.0	
LES ORGUES	D2	0.0	
ILLE-SUR-TET	D2	5.0	
SAINT-MICHEL-DE-LLOTES	D72	3.0	
CASEFABRE	D72	5.0	
CROISEMENT	D618	7.0	
CROISEMENT	D84	1.0	
PRIEURE DE SERRABONE	D84	0.0	
COL DE FOURTOU	D13	7.0	
OMS	D13	11.0	
COL DE LLAURO	D615	7.0	
CERET	D13F	2.0	

### 1 Day 1 : The lodgings suggested by french-itinerary.com

#### . CAMELAS

Mas Del Roc (Chambres d'Hôtes) - Chemin du Mas Vidal - 66300 CAMELAS  
Phone : 0468530543 - @ : ch.arcis@wanadoo.fr

Le Mas Bellecroze (Chambres d'Hôtes) - Lieu-dit Bellecroze - 66300 CAMELAS  
Phone : 0468536711 - @ : masbellecroze@tiscali.fr

#### . PRADES

Villa Lafabrègue (Chambres d'Hôtes) - 15 avenue Louis Prat - 66500 PRADES  
Phone : 0468962990 - @ : nick.wilcock@wanadoo.fr



Maison Prades (Chambres d'Hôtes) - 51 avenue du Général de Gaulle - 66500 PRADES  
Phone : 0468057427 - @ : maisonprades@aol.com

Castell Rose (Chambres d'Hôtes) - Chemin de la Littera - 66500 PRADES  
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#### **. CERET**

Le Mas de Trilles (Hôtel) - 66400 CERET  
Phone : 0468873837 - fax 0468874262 - @ : mastrilles@free.fr

La Terrasse au Soleil (Hôtel) - route de Frontfrede - 66400 CERET  
Phone : 0468870194 - fax 0468873924 - @ : terrasse-au-soleil.hotel@wanadoo.fr

#### **. AMELIE LES BAINS**

Le Lion d'Or (Hôtel) - 3, Carrer del Pardal - 66110 AMELIE LES BAINS  
Phone : 0468391304 - fax 0468399730 - @ : le-lion-dor-amelie@wanadoo.fr

Le Castel Emeraude (Hôtel) - Route de la Corniche - 66110 AMELIE LES BAINS  
Phone : 0468390283 - fax 0468390309 - @ : castel.emeraude@wanadoo.fr

#### **. ILLE-SUR-TET**

Les Buis (Chambres d'Hôtes) - 37 rue Carnot - 66130 ILLE-SUR-TET  
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#### **Day 1 : Visits selected by french-itinerary.com**

##### **. SERRABONE**

Prieuré de Serrabone (Eglise)  
Phone : 0468840930



#### **Day 1 : The Notebook practises of french-itinerary.com**

##### **. PERPIGNAN**

Cycles Mercier Roussillonais (Location de vélos) - 20 avenue Gilbert Brutus - 66000 PERPIGNAN  
Phone : 0468850271

Automobile club ROUSSILLON (Automobile club) - 28 cours Palmarole - 66000 PERPIGNAN  
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##### **. CERET**

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##### **. AMELIE LES BAINS**

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### 2 Day 2 :

Undoubtedly Céret is the capital of the Catalan hinterland. This heritage cannot only be found in the corridas which are held every year at the arenas, but as well in the shimmering colours on the front walls and the loggias. These ones provide the town with a Spanish hint so much appreciated by Picasso, Braque and Matisse.

When leaving Céret, the road rises towards the Aspre hills in direction of the Llauro pass. Then you will travel down into the heart of the Roussillon vineyard which produces much appreciated sweet natural wine. Besides Thuir is famous for its cellars "Byrrh".

From Millas a town which has maintained its Catalan specificity, you will be able to drive around the Bataille pas and the Hermitage chapel of Força Réal. From that point you will discover a impressive panorama over the vineyard, the plain, the coast from Collioure to Port Leucate and of course the majestic peak of Canigou. After leaving the peace from the Hermitage, you will travel back towards the plain to encounter Ponteilla. There you will have the opportunity to visit an exotic graden and within a few kilometres the Priory church of Monastir del Camp. You will notice the fortified elegant front wall which hides a gothic church.

To end this day you will climb the Eastern Pyrénées foothills before travelling down to Céret, scattered with views over the Tech valley, le Boulou, Perpignan and the coast.

### 2 Day 2 : Road book

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CERET	D615	0.0	
COL DE LLAURO	D615	0.0	
FOURQUES	D615	17.0	
THUIR	D612	8.0	
MILLAS	D612	8.0	
COL DE LA BATAILLE	D612	0.0	
MILLAS	D916	18.0	
SAINT-FELIU-D'AMONT	D916	0.0	
LE SOLER	D37	8.0	
PONTEILLA	D37	0.0	
TROUILLAS	D37	7.0	
CROISEMENT	D	0.0	
MONASTIR DEL CAMP	D	0.0	
VILLEMOLAQUE	D2	0.0	
FOURQUES	D615	8.0	
LLAURO	D13	6.0	
VIVES	D13	0.0	
SAINT-JEAN-PLA-DE-CORTS	D13	0.0	
MAUREILLAS-LAS-ILLAS	D13	12.0	
LAS LLILAS	D13F	9.0	
CERET	D13F	10.0	

### 2 Day 2 : The lodgings suggested by french-itinerary.com

#### . CASTELNOU

La Figuera (Chambres d'Hôtes) - 66300 CASTELNOU  
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Domaine du Mas d'en Llinas (Chambres d'Hôtes) - 66300 CASTELNOU  
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#### . CERET

Le Mas de Trilles (Hôtel) - 66400 CERET  
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### . SERRABONE

Prieuré de Serrabone (Eglise)  
Phone : 0468840930

### . FOURGUES

Cave des vigneronns de Fourgues (Viticulteur) - 1 rue des Taste Vin - 66300 FOURGUES  
Phone : 0468388051

### . MILLAS

Domaine de Força Réal (Viticulteur) - Mas de la Garrigue - 66170 MILLAS  
Phone : 0468850607

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### . PONTEILLA

Jardin Exotique (Curiosité)  
Phone : 0468532244

### . TROULLAS

Prieure de Monastir del Camp (Eglise)  
Phone : 0468388071

### . FOURGUES

Cave des vigneronns de Fourgues (Viticulteur) - 1 rue des Taste Vin - 66300 FOURGUES  
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