Great routes:

Start enjoying the journey again.

Road routes:

Let the road lead the way.

Just pick a direction and get behind the wheel. Fate will steer you through picture postcard scenery which is welcoming and full of things to do including, of course, the Pyrenees, with panoramic mountain passes and nature in all its splendour, the Mediterranean and its infinite blues, and an interior peppered with castles, monasteries and vineyards.

The following six routes are only suggestions: come and experience the Catalan landscape and enjoy nature, culture, fine food and, above all, the journey. Stop off at the beaten track and try variations and additions which open up new possibilities and offer unmissable spots. Surprises await you around every corner. Charming villages, breath-taking landscapes, film locations and a myriad of activities which come up in an astonishingly natural and accessible fashion, interweaving different routes and extending the journey as much as time and commitments allow.

And Catalonia’s road network really offers it all: from travelling peacefully alongside rocky woodlands, or driving so close to the sea that you could almost dip a finger in, to the fact that it is possible to cross the country from north to south in a single afternoon. Come lose yourself among us.
welcome to the kingdom of silence

Mountain roads, wild animals, totally authentic fine food, age-old architecture... of a land and its age-old culture

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before entering Seu d’Urgell. For company along the way you can count on Vall d’Aran

The unique qualities of the Vell d’Aran mark the start of this route, before venturing on to the Vell de Boi, where you can enjoy pieces of the most charming Romanesque world, classed as heritage of humanity by UNESCO. Then you need to cast your eye downward to the Muga Pallejà River and to its 154 kilometers of opportunities for adventure, before entering Sea of Ripoll and carrying on towards Cardona. For company along the way you can count on Romanesque architecture and typical mountain dishes. You absolutely must find the time to pull over and try them. Ripoll then opens the door to the monastery church and directs you towards Santa Maria d’lleps, an organic zone which is a true paradise for nature lovers, and which you can see from the road thanks to the wind from the mountains, known locally as the tramontana, on your skin to be able to understand surrealism.

Gastronomy and wine

Traditional dishes like pa sa pa amb (tomato bread) and the local green sauce known as mar i terra already make the journey worthwhile. But Catalonia offers much more in terms of rich and traditional, twelve winemaking denominations of origin, avant-garde chefs and restaurant owners which are renowned on an international level.

Nature

Two big parks in the north Alpilles and Estrior de Sant Maurici, and in the south of the country, the Els Ports. They give you an idea of the wealth of nature which can be admired in Catalonia. Protected natural spaces make up more than 30% of the land area and more than 10% of the marine environment, with exceptional biodiversity.

Sustainability

Travelling these routes while thinking about the planet is an option with mutually beneficial aspects: the more you protect the environment, the better you feel it and the longer it will be there for you to enjoy in Catalonia there are 2,028 protected areas for nature’s sake and parks and reserves which can be visited.

Accessibility, Tourism for everyone

To enjoy a road trip, whatever your accessibility needs may be, it is just a question of framing yourself and choosing one of the many options that Catalonia offers, with all people in mind.

Who are you travelling with?

Travelling as a couple is different to holidays with friends or family. Tomás makes the most of this journey and the company, the best thing is to ask recommendations for activities and places.

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The Pyrenees, from summit to sea

The waves whisper stories from over 4,000 years of culture. Are you ready to hear them all?

After admiring the cave paintings in the Úbedaicia Heritage rock shelters, the route takes you on to the Els Ports Natural Park. Both areas enjoy UNESCO protection. Head northeast to find one of Europe’s biggest amusement parks, PortAventura World, just before arriving in Tarragona and exploring its Roman past. On the long journey north it’s likely to discuss which beach to spend time on, since each one has its own unique character: sandhills and natural pools. On the Costa Brava, little caves cut into the cliffs as you head towards the Arquitectura del Semiparcels. You arrive at the City of Cheese heading for the last vodives of your journey before they submerge themselves in the Mediterranean.

From Barcelona to the Catalan Pyrenees

This route takes you on a journey from the blue of the sea to the green of the Pyrenean meadows. Before starting the journey, be sure to check the hotel and tapas bars in Barcelona. From here, you start along the route, passing into the Pyrenees and Saint-Denis de Vallerus and Tarragona. From here, you continue with the Cathedral of Tarragona and the Mediterranean area, the latter due to its significant industrial past. The route continues to Santes Creus, where you can expect if you travel across the Vall de Boí, one of Europe’s biggest amphiatres. You arrive at the City of Cheese heading for the last vodives of your journey before they submerge themselves in the Mediterranean.

Hidden Catalonia: from the coast towards the west

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From Barcelona to infinity: the capital is just the stepping stone to everything the country has to offer

Go from admiring modernist buildings to losing yourself amongst grape views. This is the experience you can expect if you travel across the Pyrenees, just outside of Barcelona. Staying with the wine culture theme, the route takes you into the Priorats Sol de Montsant, an area with a Mediterranean character and close to another wine capital, the Pedraforca. Then you can explore the Cadí mountains, visit the Poblet monastery, and visit the Sant Cugat del Vallès, a town full of megalithic monuments. From here, the route continues to Sant Cugat del Vallès, just before arriving in Barcelona.

Discovering World Heritage

UNESCO recognises places of outstanding international value and each landmark on this route is such a place. Discover them and explore them.

Sant Cugat del Vallès (one of the nine churches which form the Romanesque group of the Vall de Boí, just outside of Barcelona. An area further south, in Pont de Suert, you can discover the story of the town, the very first town, the same town that takes you to the Mojito region. To enjoy the impressive Mont-rebei gorges, head downstream after visiting the Poblet monastery, enter another part of the town, the Sant Cugat del Vallès, a paradise for wine lovers. This route takes you both towards the coast, passing through modernist Tarras and Tarragona, the provincial capital of the Roman Empire.