

**SANCTUARY** (name)

Sanctuary of Montserrat (Santuari de Montserrat)

**Sanctuary Description**

**History**

Santa Maria de Montserrat is a benedictine monastery located at the top of Montserrat mountain (720m above sea level). It is a Catalan symbol and it has become a point of pilgrimage.

The origin of the monastery is uncertain, but the legend tell that it was around 880.

At the beginning of the 19th century the abbey was twice burned down and sacked by Napoleon's troops, in 1811 and in 1812, and many of its treasures were lost. In 1835, the abbey was closed until restoration in 1844.

In 1880 Montserrat celebrated 1000 years of existence and on 11 September 1881, to coincide with the Catalan national day Pope Leo XIII proclaimed the Virgin of Montserrat patron of Catalonia.

During the rule of Francisco Franco, Santa Maria de Montserrat was seen as a sanctuary for scholars, artists, politicians and students ; and from the 1940s onward, Santa Maria de Montserrat Abbey was often also seen as a symbol of Catalan nationalism.

**Spirituality**

According the legend, the first image of Mare de Déu de Montserrat was found by two young boys on 880. When the Bishop of Manresa knew it, he tried to move the sculpture but it was too heavy. He interpreted that Mare de Déu de Montserrat wanted to stay in that place so he ordered to build an hermitage. That hermitage is now the Monastery.

The romanic sculpture, carved on wood in the 12th century, has a height of 95cm and because of his black colour it is known by the name of “Moreneta” (“Little Brunette”).

Mare de Déu de Montserrat is, from 1881, Patroness of Catalonia.

**Services**

Consult website: http://www.montserratvisita.com/en/spirituality/pastoral-services

**Pilgrimage Routes**

The Way of Saint James (Camino de Santiago): <http://www.caminodesantiago.gal/en/inicio>

**Catholic Rite**

Roman Catholic

**General Information**

**Location**

https://goo.gl/564sR9

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**Website**

https://goo.gl/tCMSXz

**Facilities**

**Accommodation**

Montserrat International Scout Centre (MISC) is an small Scout Centre opened to Scout and Guide leaders (over 18) who want to develop their spiritual dimension, to make it grow at a personal level and thus be able to enrich their work as leaders. It is managed by Minyons Escoltes i Guies de Catalunya, one of the Scout and Guide associations in Catalonia.

+ Info: https://goo.gl/pFA55S

Hotel Abat Cisneros \*\*\*

+Info: https://goo.gl/opcFM3

Cel·les Abat Marcet

+ Info: https://goo.gl/XyEiYK

Monestir de Sant Benet (Monastery of Sant Benet)

+ Info: https://goo.gl/GsKQ6w

Refugi Agulles “Vicenç Barbé” (Mountain refuge)

+ Info: https://goo.gl/GZ8Scb

Refugi de Santa Cecília “Bartomeu Puiggròs” (Moutain refuge – Temporary out of service)

+ Info: https://goo.gl/RmZsRX

**Campsites**

Els Ametllers – Olesa de Montserrat

Campsite managed by “Campaments i Més”.

Capacity: Minimum 15 – Maximum 40

Surface: 3.000m2

Price per person/night: 2.90€

+ info: <http://www.campaments.cat/en/terrain/els-ametllers>

**Transports** (access by Air)

Airport Barcelona – El Prat / 55km

**Transports** (access by Train)

[RENFE](http://m.gencat.cat/mobi_rodalies/AppJava/pages/Inici.htm?viewportHeight=1024&viewportWidth=1024&activeGPS=false&isBackAction=true&lang=en_EN) – Barcelona – Martorell Central (R4)

[FGC](http://www.fgc.cat/eng/index.asp) – Martorell – Monistrol de Montserrat (R5)

[Rack Railway](http://www.cremallerademontserrat.cat/en/rack-railway/the-rack-railway/) – Monistrol de Montserrat – Monastir de Montserrat

+ Info: https://goo.gl/HbqTHj

[Cable Cab](https://www.aeridemontserrat.com/en/)

**Transports** (access by Car/Coach)

From Barcelona. Leaving the city by Avinguda Diagonal:

— B- 23 dual carriageway and A-2 Barcelona -Lleida motorway (Manresa exit); C-55 road to Monistrol de Montserrat and BP-1121 to Montserrat.

— B- 23 dual carriageway and A-2 Barcelona -Lleida motorway (Montserrat exit); BP-1103 road to Montserrat.

From Barcelona. Leaving the city by Avinguda Meridiana:

— C- 58 dual carriageway; C-16 motorway (Montserrat exit); C-55 road to Monistrol de Montserrat and

BP-1121 to Montserrat.

— C- 58 dual carriageway; C-58 road; C-55 to Monistrol de Montserrat and BP-1121 to Montserrat.

From Barcelona. Leaving by the Vallvidrera tunnels:

— Vallvidrera tunnels, C- 16 motorway (Montserrat exit) C- 55 road to Monistrol de Montserrat and BP-1121 to Montserrat.

From Girona.

—AP-7 motorway; C- 58 road, then C- 55 to Monistrol de Montserrat and BP-1121 to Montserrat

—C-25 road (“eix transversal”); C-55 road to Monistrol de Montserrat and BP-1121 to Montserrat.

From Tarragona:

—AP-7 motorway (Martorell exit); A-2 dual carriageway (Manresa exit), C-55 road to Monistrol de Montserrat and BP-1121 to Montserrat.

From Lleida:

—A-2 Barcelona -Lleida dual carriageway (Montserrat exit); BP-1103 road to Montserrat.

—C-25 road (“eix transversal”); C-55 road to Monistrol de Montserrat and BP-1121 to Montserrat.

[Here](http://www.montserratvisita.com/en/organize-the-visit/how-to-get-here/by-road) you have the Parking prices and information about buses.

**On foot**

Info: https://goo.gl/Rqt5Zx

**Transports** (inside the City)

On foot

**Other Facilities**

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**Activities’ Resources**

**Geographic Description**

Montserrat is a multi-peaked rocky range located near the city of Barcelona, in Catalonia. It is part of the Catalan Pre-Coastal Range. The main peaks are Sant Jeroni (1,236 m), Montgrós (1,120 m) and Miranda de les Agulles (903 m).

"Montserrat" literally means "saw (serrated, like the common handsaw) mountain" in Catalan. It describes its peculiar aspect with multitude of rock formations which are visible from a great distance. The mountain is composed of strikingly pink conglomerate, a form of sedimentary rock. Montserrat is Spain's first National Park.

**Volunteering Opportunities**

Info: http://www.montserratvisita.com/en/spirituality

**Spiritual Activities**

Info: http://www.montserratvisita.com/en/spirituality

**Cultural Activities**

Guided tours: <http://www.montserratvisita.com/en/ideas-for-your-visit/guided-tours>

Some adventure proposals: <http://www.montserratvisita.com/en/ideas-for-your-visit/nature>

Montserrat by helicopter: <http://www.montserratvisita.com/en/ideas-for-your-visit/montserrat-surrounding>

**Useful Links**

**Schedules of Montserrat Services:** <http://www.montserratvisita.com/en/organize-the-visit/useful-information/times>

**+ INFO:** http://www.montserratvisita.com/en/to-find-out-more

**Scout Contact Person and Resources**

**Contact Person**

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**Scouting Centres**

Montserrat International Scout Centre (MISC). Just for Scout and Guide leaders (over 18) who want to develop their spiritual dimension.

**Country Information**

**Visa**

Info about visa:

http://www.exteriores.gob.es/Consulados/WASHINGTON/en/Consulado/Pages/Visas.aspx

**Languages**

Catalan is the original and official language in Catalonia.

Spanish is also an official language.

In touristical areas it is easy to find people who understand and speak English.

**Currency**

Euros (€)

**Time**

GMT+1 on Winter. From last Sunday of October to last Sunday of March.

GMT+2 on Summer. From last Sunday of March to last Sunday of October.

**Climate**

Catalonia’s climate is characterized by mild winters and hot and dry summers but depending on the area the trends vary a bit. For example: Pirinees are colder and rainy than the coast; Empordà is known by its wind of the north and Lleida and Vic, by its fog.

You can check the weather forecast on: www.meteo.cat

**Health**

If you come from Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Croatia, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Ireland, Iceland, Italy, Latvia, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Malta, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Slovakia, Sweden, Switzerland or United Kingdom, you should bring your European Health Insurance Card (EHIC) which guarantees the reception of healthcare under the same conditions and at the same cost as in your country.

+ Info: <http://ec.europa.eu/social/main.jsp?catId=559>

If you come from another country, you should have your own insurance and follow their conditions.

**Emergency**

In case of emergency (whatever) call to 112.

In case of medical doubts (not emergencies), call to 061 (CatSalut Respon)

**Useful Links**

Generalitat de Catalunya(Catalan Governtment) – www.gencat.cat

**OTHER / ADDITIONAL Information**

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**COMMENTS**

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**Responsible for Information**

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