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# PT Meet the Press – Sant Jordi

## 22 – 26 April 2018

### Costa Daurada – Terres Lleida – Pirineus



***"Famous knights, well-known detectives, and even a world-renowned wizard  
fill the pages of books written in or inspired by Catalonia"***

## **Sunday 22, 2018 – BARCELONA**

**Arrival of participants - 15/18 journalists**

**Transfer El Prat Airport – Barcelona**

**Accommodation H10 Art Gallery Hotel**

[www.h10hotels.com/en/art-gallery](http://www.h10hotels.com/en/art-gallery)

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**Morning Free time – Barcelona Bus Turístic**

[www.barcelonabusturistic.cat/en](http://www.barcelonabusturistic.cat/en)

**13h30 Lunch**

**16h00 Literary tour – Barcelona**

*Barcelona contains a host of literary settings and many novels have vicariously helped their readers to travel. Now you can tour the city by following the sceneries of certain books written by internationally renowned authors. We propose you a new view of Barcelona through our literary routes.*

**20h00 Dinner – restaurant to be confirmed**

## **Monday 23, 2018 – BARCELONA / COSTA DAURADA**

**09h00 SANT JORDI – MEET THE PRESS**

### ***The Tradition of Sant Jordi***

*Every 23 April, we celebrate the anniversaries of the deaths of Shakespeare and Cervantes. To remember both literary geniuses, people in Catalonia give each other books. It is also a day on which lovers' day is celebrated, as the legend of the knight Saint George (Sant Jordi in Catalan) says that he slayed the dragon when it was about to devour a princess. From the Dragon's blood, a rose bush grew and Saint George offered the princess one of the flowers. The streets of Catalonia fill with stands selling books and roses. It's worth seeing. It is the festival of literature and love.*

**Meet the Press:** *We will walk through the multitude to enjoy the special and wonderful atmosphere during the festivity of Sant Jordi. We will visit some of the several sites where you can buy books, and we will even feel the emotion to getting them signed by its author.*

**13h00 Lunch in Barcelona**

### 14h30 Transfer to Costa Daurada

[www.costadaurada.info/en](http://www.costadaurada.info/en)

Over the centuries, **Costa Daurada** has been home to some of the most emblematic civilizations in human history. Each has left marks on the region's art and culture so indelible and unique that even today they can still be enjoyed and admired. Among the most important examples of this artistic legacy, the ancient Roman heritage sites in Tarragona and Cistercian heritage sites in Poblet stand out. Both have been declared official World Heritage Sites by the UNESCO. Attention should also be called to the legacy of the Modernist movement in Reus, primarily through the city's architecture.



### 16h00 Literary tour – Visit to Poblet Monastery

[www.poblet.cat/en](http://www.poblet.cat/en)



Poblet Monastery is extraordinarily important in terms of art, culture, history and spirituality. In 1991 it was declared World Heritage Site by (UNESCO).

Its library and scriptorium were well known from the 13th century onwards for their works on law and history, and the monastery served as a custodian of the history of the dynasty as well as the Royal remains. This Cistercian abbey in Catalonia is one of the largest in Spain. At its centre is a 12th-century church. The austere, majestic monastery, which has a fortified royal residence and contains the pantheon of the kings of Catalonia and Aragon, is an impressive sight."

### 18h00 Literary tour - Montblanc

[www.costadaurada.info/en/legendofsantjordi/montblanc](http://www.costadaurada.info/en/legendofsantjordi/montblanc)

The noble knight **Sant Jordi** could have killed the dragon at the gates of this beautiful walled city and perhaps that is why Sant Jordi gives his name to one of the four portals of the town. With this background it is not surprising that a passionate and multitudinous group of Montblanc neighbors celebrate each year the Medieval Week of the legend of Sant Jordi, among thousands of visitors from all over.



The Medieval week takes place around the 23rd April, and includes an extended activity program. Among the main ones there is the "**Entrega de la Rosa**", a representation of the most beautiful moment of the Legend, when the king gives a rose to the Princess as symbol of his love towards her.

### 20h30 Check in hotel and dinner in Tarragona

## Tuesday 24, 2018 – COSTA DAURADA / TERRES DE LLEIDA

### 09h00 Literary tour - Tarragona

[www.tarragonaturisme.cat/en](http://www.tarragonaturisme.cat/en)



Tarragona is a pleasant medium-sized city, classified as a UNESCO World Heritage Site. The city's old center now draws the ancient Tarraco to modernity, with its art studios and its fashion venues. Beyond the urban life, in the north of the region, the natural areas of Els Munts of Torredembarra stand out, where added to the Castells del Gaià area, nature continues shining with all its authenticity.

### **12h00 Literary tour – Reus: Moderism and visit to the library**

A route through seven special settings of the city that will enable you to enrich the view of the city through the eyes, the thoughts and hearts of some young writers who wanted to change and improve the Catalan culture.

### **13h00 Lunch in Reus**

### **14h30 Transfer to Terres de Lleida**

[www.aralleida.cat/en](http://www.aralleida.cat/en)

*The tremendous diversity of the Lands of Lleida is surprising; the landscapes of the plains are crossed by a thousand and one enchanting routes*

*The capital, Lleida, is an open city in which cultural heritage—including the magnificent old cathedral, La Seu Vella—coexists with the most modern items of infrastructure which include the new Congress and Conference Centre and the Lleida-Alguaire airport.*

*Festivals and age-old traditions, natural settings that are ideal for ornithologists, and a local gastronomy based on natural products; these are just a few of the attractions of a territory whose welcoming people and settlements full of character will seduce visitors.*

### **16h30 Literary tour – Manuel de Pedrolo, in Tàrraga**

Centennial commemoration of the birth of the writer **Manuel de Pedrolo**.

**Manuel de Pedrolo** is one of the most prolific writers of contemporary Catalan literature.

### **18h00 Transfer to Pyrenees of Lleida**

[www.visitpirineus.com/en](http://www.visitpirineus.com/en) [www.aralleida.cat/en](http://www.aralleida.cat/en)

*A land steeped in history—with a surprising cultural heritage whose most outstanding treasure is the Romanesque art and architecture of the Vall de Boí, which has been declared a UNESCO World Heritage Site— and which offers an open invitation to enjoy tasty cuisine based on the best traditional products and craftwork.*

### **19h30 Accommodation and dinner – hotel in the area**

## **Wednesday 25, 2018 – TERRES DE LLEIDA**

### **10h00 Literary tour – Vall d'Assua**

[www.valldassua.cat/vallassua](http://www.valldassua.cat/vallassua)

*Àssua Valley and El Batlliu, a landscape of novels offers a set of itineraries that will take you through this real and fictional geography. Special attention has been given so that this balance will not be broken at any time, since we understand that the literary landscapes are never real landscapes. Thus, the itineraries and places are often presented as a game, in which the reader has to discover a mountain, a village, a house... In this way, the itineraries have been designed for those who love books and walking, but also for all those that want to fall in love with a landscape that knows how to maintain the essence of a novel.*



### **13h30 Lunch**

### **15h30 Transfer to Lleida**

**17h00 Visit to Lleida and La Seu Vella, ancient cathedral of the city**

[www.turoseuvella.cat](http://www.turoseuvella.cat)



*La Seu Vella is the old cathedral of the city, where it will take place a themed tour focused on wine and the sculptural heritage of the site.*

*The Hill of La Seu Vella is the most representative heritage complex of the city. La Seu Vella, or old cathedral of the city, is a unique icon of this area, as well as the remains of the Castell del Rei, that was the royal palace of the Crown of Aragon. It is surrounded by a fortification that was built on the rich medieval city, where we can now find archaeological remains.*

*La Seu Vella is a candidate for World Heritage Site by Unesco.*

**19h30 Accommodation and dinner in Convent del Roser (Parador de Lleida)**

[www.paradores.es/en](http://www.paradores.es/en)

*The Parador de Lleida is a 4-star hotel located in the Convent of Roser, which dates back to the 17th century and is comprised of two buildings: the church and the hotel complex. Its 53 rooms distributed across three floors and around a beautiful central cloister from which guests can access the church which has been converted into a Marmita Restaurant.*

**Thursday 26, 2018 – BARCELONA**

**00h00 Check-out and transfer to the Airport**

**00h00 Departure of the flight VYxxxxxx**



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