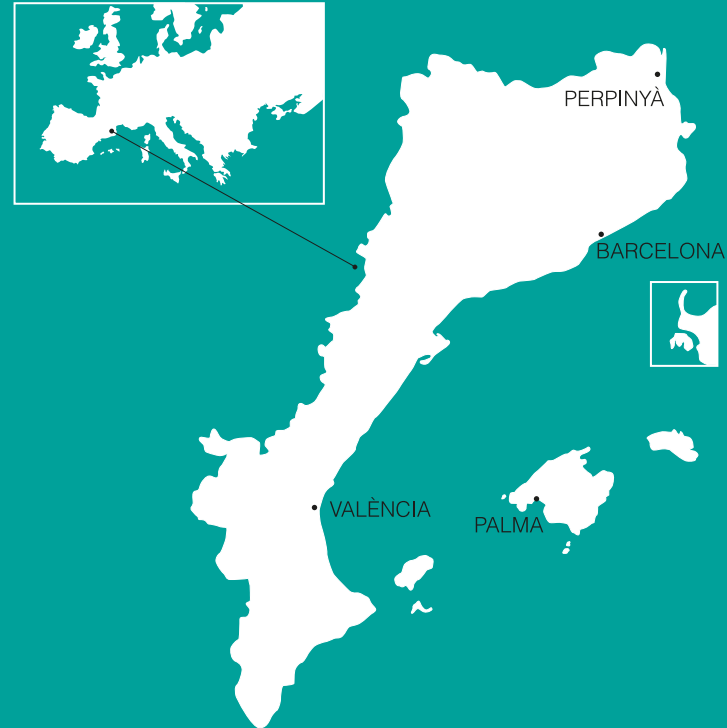


LITERATURE

- ❓ **Did you know Catalan authors are read and translated all over the world?**
- ❗ **Jaume Cabré, Mercè Rodoreda, Quim Monzó, Carme Riera, Baltasar Porcel, Maria Barbal and Joan Fuster** are all part of the Catalan culture.

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GASTRONOMY

- ❓ **Did you know we have some of the best chefs in the world?**
- ❗ **Ferran Adrià, Carme Ruscalleda and Joan Roca** are all part of the Catalan culture.

CUISINE

- ❓ **Did you know the foods we export are held in high esteem across the globe?**
- ❗ **Wine and cava, olive oil, paella, calçots and aioli** are all part of the Catalan culture.

THE CATALAN LANGUAGE

Catalan is a Romance language which has been spoken for more than 1000 years.

Today, 10 million people speak Catalan in 4 different countries: Andorra, France, Italy and Spain.

Catalan is the 8th most used language on the internet in relation to its speakers*.

Catalan is the 14th most spoken language in the European Union and the 22nd most translated language in the world*.

125 universities in 32 countries teach Catalan*.

(*Source: InformeCat 2012, Plataforma per la Llengua)



ARCHITECTURE

- ❓ **Did you know we have designed some of the most innovative buildings in the world?**
- ❗ **Antoni Gaudí, Josep Lluís Sert, Ricard Bofill and Santiago Calatrava** are all part of the Catalan culture.



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TRADITIONS

- ❓ **Did you know our traditions are recognized as part of the Cultural Heritage of Humanity?**
- ❗ **Castells** (human towers), the **Patum of Berga** (a popular festival featuring dancing and fireworks), the **Chant of the Sybil** (sung in Catalan on Christmas Eve since medieval times) and the **Mystery Play of Elx** (a sacred musical drama performed in Catalan since the Middle Ages) are all part of the Catalan culture.



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MUSIC

- ❓ **Did you know we have made significant contributions to the international music scene?**
- ❗ **Pau Casals, Josep Carreras, Isaac Albéniz, Carles Santos, la rumba** and **la cobla** (musical ensemble) are all part of the Catalan culture.



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FINE ARTS

- ❓ **Did you know we have created some of the most important avant-garde masterpieces?**
- ❗ **Dalí, Miró, Tàpies, Maillol, Alfaro, Valdés, Barceló** and **Plensa** are all part of the Catalan culture.



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PERFORMING ARTS

- ❓ **Did you know we have been featured on stages across the globe?**
- ❗ **Margarida Xirgu, Sergi Belbel, Jordi Galceran, Sol Picó** and the **Comediants, La Fura dels Baus**, and **Tricicle** theatre companies are all part of the Catalan culture.



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INTERNET

- ❓ **Did you know we were the first linguistic and cultural community with our own web domain?**
- ❗ Although we are not an independent country, the **.cat** domain brings together Catalan culture online.



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SPORTS

- ❓ **Did you know we have produced some of the best elite athletes?**
- ❗ **Pau Gasol, Xavi Hernández, Rafael Nadal, Josep Guardiola**, and **Dani Pedrosa** are all part of the Catalan culture.