

WINE & NATURE • 1 H 45

Priorat and Montsant motorhome route

Terraced vineyards on slate, the Escaladei charterhouse, cliff-top Siurana and the Montsant range: the Priorat wine country explored at an unhurried pace.



START AND FINISH

Les Franqueses del Vallès

DURATION

4 rental nights

APPROX. DISTANCE

450 km

BEST TIME

April — June and September — November

MILEAGE

1,200 km included (300 km/day) • extra km €0.40

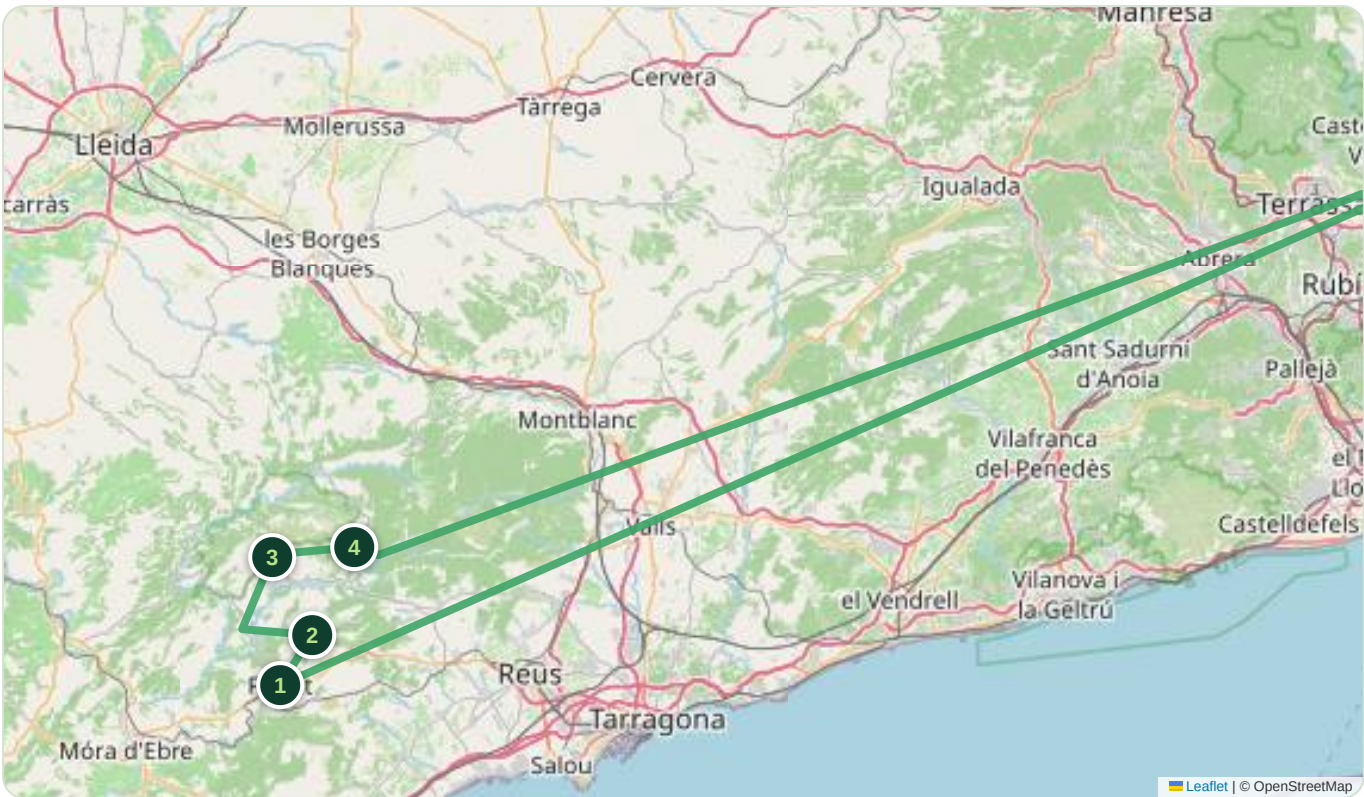
INDICATIVE PRICE

from €500 rental in low season

The Priorat is a small, mountainous district where Garnacha and Cariñena vines grow on terraces of llicorella, a dark slate that gives its wines their character. It is one of only two qualified appellations in Spain, the DOQ Priorat, surrounded by the DO Montsant. Above the villages rises the Serra del Montsant, a natural park of rock walls, and at one edge of the district Siurana sits on top of a cliff.

The route is designed for 4 rental nights: collect on day 1 in the afternoon and return on the morning of day 5. It covers about 450 km in total, within the 300 km a day included on 3 to 6 day rentals with Segimon Rental. In low season you can do it in 3 nights by visiting Escaladei and Siurana on the same day; from April to June and in September and October, the best time to go, the minimum is 4 days, and in July, August, Christmas and Easter it is 7. The roads are narrow and winding, and they set the pace.

Route map (approximate line)



Route plan

Day 1	Pick-up • Falset
Day 2	Falset • Porrera • Gratallops
Day 3	Cartoixa d'Escaladei • La Morera de Montsant
Day 4	Cornudella de Montsant • Siurana

Day-by-day itinerary

Day 1 • Pick-up and drive to Falset

Collect the motorhome between 16:00 and 19:00 in Les Franqueses del Vallès and head south on the AP-7 towards Reus, bypassing Barcelona, then climb to Falset: roughly 1 h 45 in all. It is the longest leg of the trip; if you collect late, you can sleep in the Camp de Tarragona and drive into the Priorat in the morning, in daylight and without hurrying. Sleep at a campsite or authorised area.

Day 2 · Falset, Porrera and Gratallops

Falset is the district's main town. Its modernista cooperative winery, designed by Cèsar Martinell, is one of the so-called wine cathedrals. From there a narrow road full of bends climbs to Porrera, a stone village tucked into a valley with several small producers. In the afternoon carry on to hilltop Gratallops, where in the late 1980s a group of winemakers started the revival of Priorat wines. Almost every winery is visited by advance booking, so arrange visits before you set off. If you are tasting, the driver does not drink: use the spittoon or choose a designated driver. Never drink and drive.

Day 3 · Escaladei and La Morera de Montsant

The Cartoixa d'Escaladei, founded in the late 12th century, was the first Carthusian monastery on the Iberian Peninsula and gave the district its name: Priorat comes from the prior who ran it. Today you can visit its ruins and a reconstructed monk's cell; check opening times and tickets. A few minutes away, La Morera de Montsant sits at the foot of the range's cliffs and is a good starting point for walks in the Serra del Montsant Natural Park. Choose a route that suits your level, carry water and follow the park rules. Spend another night at a campsite or authorised area in the district.

Day 4 · Cornudella de Montsant and Siurana

From Cornudella de Montsant a narrow, very winding road climbs to Siurana. In a 6.66 m vehicle it is fine taken slowly, ideally early on a weekday, when there are fewer visitors and climbers. The village is pedestrianised: park where indicated before the entrance and walk in. Siurana was the last Moorish stronghold in Catalonia, in the 12th century; it has a Romanesque church, the legend of the Moorish Queen's Leap and views over the reservoir and the Prades mountains. In the afternoon drive down to the Camp de Tarragona and spend the night there: on day 5 the AP-7 gets you to the Vallès in roughly 1 h 15 to return the motorhome between 9:00 and 12:00.

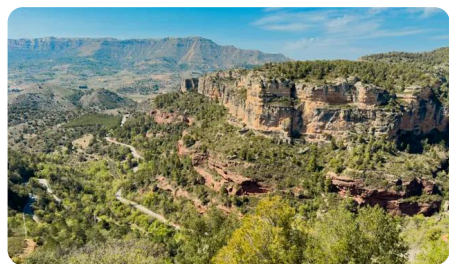
What you will see



Priorat



Siurana



Vall de Siurana

Where to sleep

Motorhome options in the Priorat are more limited than on the coast: there are a few campsites and only a handful of areas, often small. Check them first on Park4Night or Campercontact and book ahead for bank holidays and the grape harvest. For the last night, the Camp de Tarragona and the nearby coast have far more choice. More in our guide to where to sleep in a motorhome.

The Serra del Montsant is a natural park, and overnight stays are only allowed in authorised places; wild camping is generally not permitted in Catalonia. Parking wherever any vehicle may park is legal in Spain (DGT instruction 08/V-74), but without awning, chairs or levelling ramps, and without emptying any water.

Practical tips

- Priorat roads and the climb to Siurana are narrow with tight bends: drive slowly, use low gears on descents and pull in where there is room to let others pass.
- Book winery visits in advance; many are small family estates without walk-in opening hours.
- Taste responsibly: whoever drives does not drink. Spit at tastings or choose a designated driver, and save the bottles for the evening, once parked at the campsite.
- Fill the 116-litre water tank before entering the district and empty grey water at campsites or service areas: there are few points inside the Priorat.
- Summers are very hot; spring and autumn are the best seasons, with the harvest in September and October.

Information and bookings

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