

DO'S AND DON'TS IN CATALONIA



DO'S

- Do ask questions about what to do or where to go at nights, it is a good way to meet job mates, especially if they are young.
- Do taste **Catalan "embutits"**, they are different kinds of cold meat, on a sausage shape. It is also compulsory to taste "**Pa amb tomaquet**" (bread with rubbed tomatoes).
- Do make sure you have slept enough if you want to go out with friends at night, it starts at dinner time and does not end before 04:00h.
- Find good friends and plan activities with them, some places are not well communicated by public transport.
- Do learn some words in Catalan, which is a different language from Spanish. Depending on the area, people use to speak Catalan; despite they know and speak Spanish.

DONT'S

- Don't try to buy anything but the newspaper or bread on Sunday; all shops are closed on this day. The only exception is in big cities, where you can find shops which have open 24 hours a day.
- Don't drink too much beer because the % of alcohol is higher than the European standard you might be used to.
- Don't try to understand why people take a starter, a main course and a desert every day as a lunch, just eat it.
- Don't be surprised about prices; living in Catalonia is also expensive.
- Don't find it strange that someone tells you that he or she is not Spanish, some Catalan people feel only Catalan. Catalonia has historically fought for its freedom.
- Don't be late, despite people think in Spain everybody is always late, in Catalonia, people use to be in places on time.
- Don't smoke unless you are on permitted areas. In public buildings it is always forbidden. Small bars and restaurants can choose if they are smoking or non smoking areas, but big ones must have separated areas for smokers and non-smokers.