

## A PROPOSAL FOR DISCOVERING

# REGIONS THROUGH THEIR RIVERS









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### **VIA DE RIU**

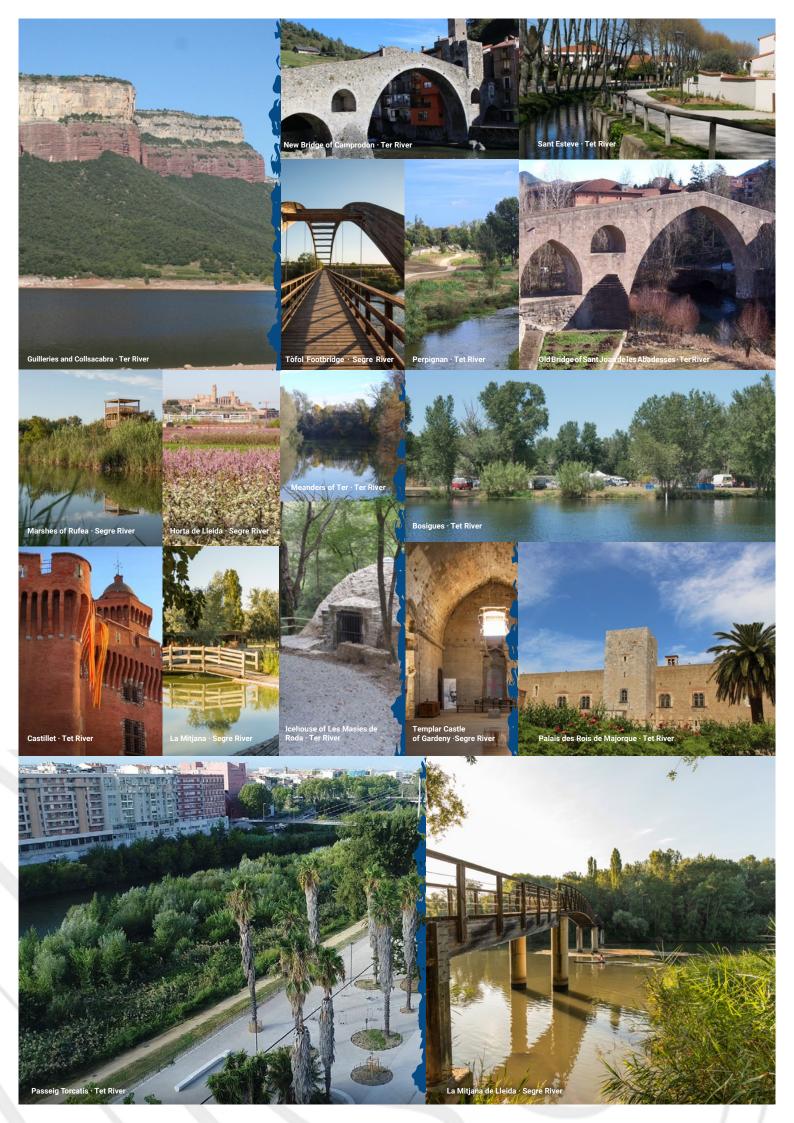
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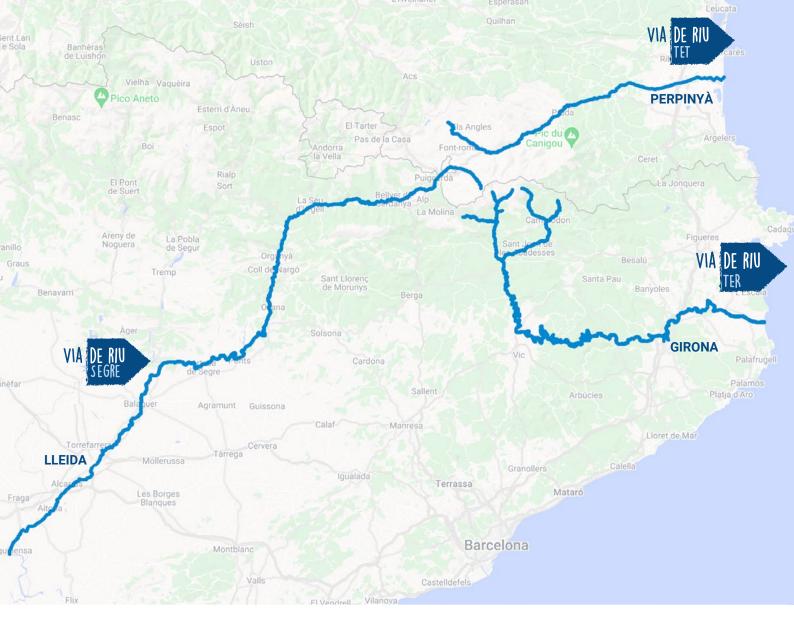
- · A river which defines us
- An interest in promoting conservation and improving the river environment
- The desire for this river to become
  - A new tourist attraction of the region
  - A space for citizen enjoyment
  - A motor for sustainable regional development

Via de Riu ("river route")
is formed by rivers
which spring from the
Pyrenees and flow into
the Mediterranean,
and it aims to grow











Segre: 90-km route between Camarasa and La Granja d'Escarp. 14 km of trails in the municipality of Lleida.

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Tet: 120 km from the source, the last 25 km to the mouth are in the Mediterranean Perpignan region.



Ter: 220 km between the source in the Pyrenees, in Ulldeter, and the mouth on the Mediterranean, in Gola del Ter.

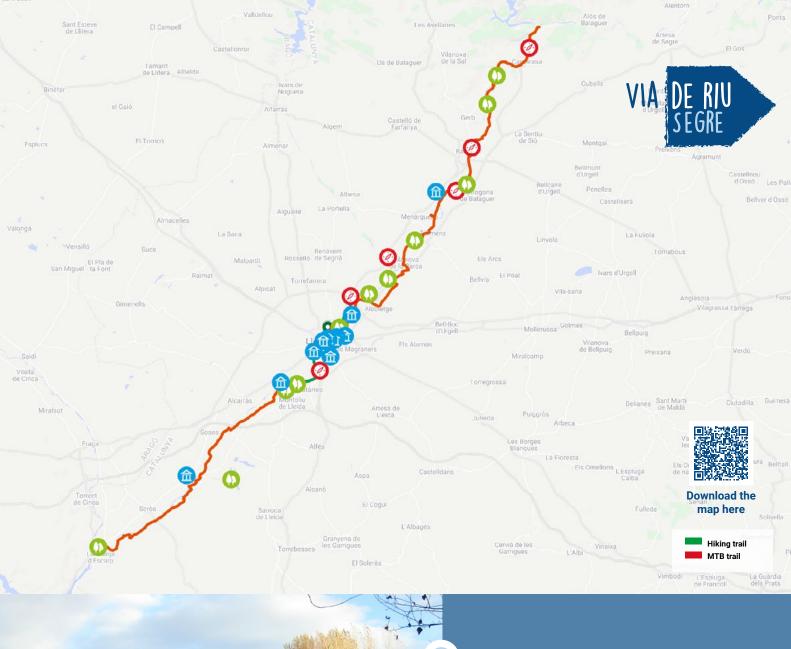
Discover, travelling at your own pace, how the rivers have shaped their environment and Catalan history and culture. Traverse the Catalan rivers and their landscapes in a sustainable and healthy way, enjoying the nature and the fluvial environment: its good food, great wines and hospitable people in towns and cities alike. From the Pyrenees to the Mediterranean, follow the flow of the water from the ephemeral fragility of snow crystals to the immensity of the sea.











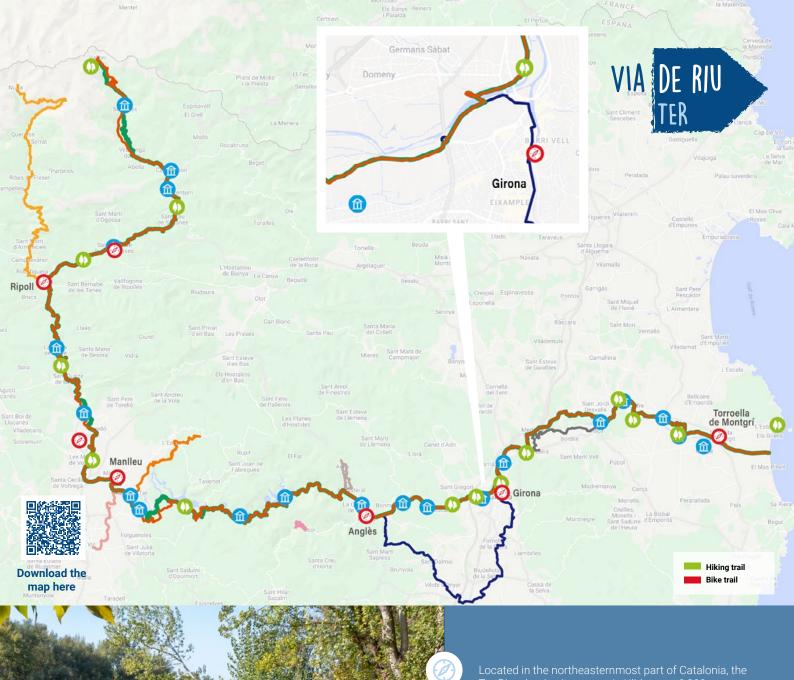
La Mitjana · Segre River

The Segre River springs from the north side of Segre Peak, in the French commune of Llo, and flows into the Ebro, at the height of Mequinenza, after crossing the eastern Pyrenees, Pre-Pyrenees and Lleida Plain. With an area of 21,922 km², it is the largest and most important watershed in Catalonia.

Via de Riu Segre, in the municipal boundaries of Lleida, is a pedestrian and bike path which follows the Segre River through Horta de Lleida and the riverbank woods for 15 km, connecting various natural fluvial spaces and putting the river's rich natural, cultural and landscape heritage within the visitor's reach.

Beyond the municipality, the 90-km MTB trail will allow you to discover the formidable ecological corridor constituted by the Segre River on the Lleida Plain

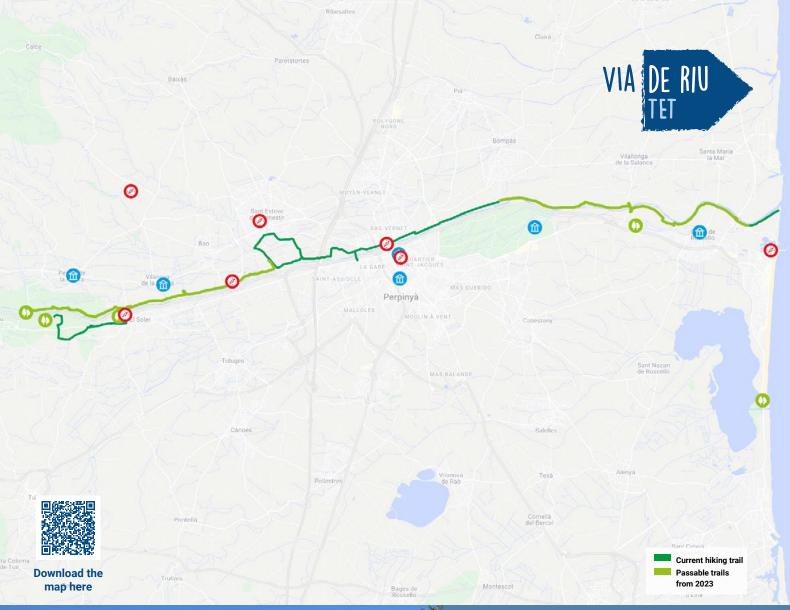
The trail crosses 17 municipalities, with numerous elements of natural, historical and cultural interest, including the city of Lleida, a centre of attraction and regional services, with the hill of the Seu Vella cathedral –the best lookout point over the Segre River and the



Located in the northeasternmost part of Catalonia, the Ter River begins its course in Ulldeter, at 2,200 metres and empties into Gola del Ter. With a length of 208 km and a watershed area of 3,010 km2, it is, along with the Llobregat, the longest river in the Pyrenees-Mediterranean river system.

Via de Riu Ter, ideal for both sport and leisure, can be considered a sustainable tourist route. Following the river's course, both on foot (hiking route) and by bike (bicycle touring route), it connects two hubs of tourism, the Pyrenees and Costa Brava. You will ride and/or walk along GRs, PRs, forest paths, greenways, royal roads, and for a few short stretches, paved roads. A good portion of the Ter's course is included in the Natura 2000 Network.

You will find –and you can visit– various elements of natural and cultural heritage along the way. You can consult them on the route's website, although some of them are also highlighted in the Via del Ter leaflet. The Ter Consortium also organises river activities all year round.





Via de Riu Tet is a stretch of gentle travelling on a fun, family-friendly trail. This greenway will finally offer over 25 km of circuits along the Tet River, its channels and its lakes. It connects to Canet de Rosselló via the European biking route EuroVelo 8, the Mediterranean by bike. It will allow you to discover 11 municipalities of the Mediterranean Perpignan Metropolitan Area bordering the river, each offering its own emblematic places.

Via de Riu Tet offers various itineraries for sustainable tourism and leisure.

Discover Perpignan and its jewels: the Torcatis walkway, a large landscaped park with views of the Tet and Canigó, the city of Art and History, the former capital of the Kingdom of Mallorca distinguished as a Grand Site Occitanie.

Push your pedals to reach Sant-Esteve del Monestir: the Vernet-Pla canal and Canigó, a holy mountain for Catalans, can be spotted through the woods and hedges along the banks of the river and canal.

Further on, awaken your senses at the lake of Les Bosigues de Sant-Feliu d'Avall and the lake of Molí del Soler. They are privileged places for recreationa birdwatching.





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