

BCNMONAM - MONTSERRAT MORNING TOUR WITH PRIORITY ACCESS TO THE BLACK MADONNA

PERIOD	01 st March 2022 – 31 st March 2023
FREQUENCY	Daily except Boys' Choir option : From Monday to Friday
DEPARTURE TIME	09:30 AM
CHECK IN TIME	15 minutes before departure time *Any person failing to appear at the established time will not be refunded*
DURATION	Approx. 5 and a half hour (The duration of the tour includes transportation.)
DEPARTURE POINT	Julia Travel office, Estació del Nord, ground floor, platform 19
ARRIVAL POINT	Julia Travel office, Estació del Nord, ground floor
TYPE OF SALE	Free Sale CONNECTED NOT CONNECTED release 0 hours
CANCELLATION POLICY	24 hours free of charge. Less than 24 hours or No Show 100%.
BLACKOUT DATES	Montserrat AM : 02, 09, 16, 23, 30 Oct; 06 Nov; 25 Dic; 01 Ene. Others to be confirmed Montserrat AM with the Boys' Choir : Every weekend. 12 oct; 01 nov; 6 & 8 dec; from 24 th December to 6 th January. Others to be confirmed
VOUCHER TYPE	Printed voucher and E-voucher
PRICE	Montserrat AM: 55€ adults (+13 years) / 42€ child (4-12 years). Montserrat + Escolania: 60€ adults (+13 years) / 42€ child (4-12 years).
PURCHASE LINK	https://juliatravel.com/en/products/Montserrat-Afternoon-Tour-with-Cog-Wheel-Train/

LANGUAGES: Guaranteed in English & Spanish.

WHY SHOULD YOU GO

Discover one of the most mystic Catalan wonders on this half day tour. Walk around the sanctuary and imagine the many lives lived by the monks at the site through the centuries. Visit the Black Madonna, popularly known as la Moreneta, and get a free gift. Upgrade your experience with the option that includes the access to the basilica and listen to one of the oldest **Boys' Choir** in Europe (depending on schedule).

ITINERARY

Board a coach from our office in central Barcelona to the magical mountain of Montserrat. Famous for its peculiar morphology, its name comes from the Catalan words **Mont** (mountain) and **Serrat** (serrated). World-famous for its rocky geography, Montserrat beautiful scenery was declared **National Park** in 1987 to protect its natural and cultural wealth.

Follow your local guide through the site and learn about the history and architectural style of the Monastery. A community of 80 monks currently lives and follow the rule of Saint Benedict in Montserrat. Fall in love with the Gothic and Renaissance details of the basilica and sanctuary. Learn about the legend of the miraculous apparition of the **Black Madonna** and Child in the cave of **Santa Cova**. To this day their wood carving is kept in the Church of the monastery, which you will be able to visit. The figure is popularly known as **La Moreneta** (The **Black Madonna**) as a result of a varnish reaction.

Besides the main area, there are a great number of small churches and trails you can follow. You will be given free time to taste the finest liquors, to visit the basilica and the Black Madonna and

get a free gift, to shop for **locally produced treats** or to visit the audio-visual exhibition once our guided tour finishes.

Upgrade your experience with the option that includes the access to the basilica when the Boys' Choir is singing. This is one of the oldest Boys' Choir in Europe, and they sing every day from Monday to Friday at 13:00h.

HIGHLIGHTS

We would like to show you some activities that you can do during your free time. Please, bear in mind that your free time is limited so you will have to choose one of the activities.

- **Montserrat Museum:** wide variety of archeological artworks from medieval times to avant-garde style. Entrance fee not included on the tour.
- **Funicular of *Sant Joan* and funicular of *Santa Cova*:** use the Sant Joan funicular to enjoy the panoramic views or reach the cave of *La Santa Cova* to see the original place of the apparition.
- **Hiking routes:** although there are plenty of trails to follow, we recommend you to reach the cross of ***Sant Miquel*** (approximately 15 minutes from the monastery) as it offers one of the best views of the area.

WHAT'S INCLUDED

- Access to the basilica and the Black Madonna
- Optional: Access to Boys' Choir.
- Taste of 4 typical liquors of the area.
- Entrance to the audio-visual exhibition in Montserrat "Espai Audio visual Montserrat".
- Transportation on an air-conditioned coach.
- Tour operated in both Spanish and English.
- Radio guide system.

EXCLUSIONS

- Food and drinks, unless specified.
- Hotel pickup and drop-off.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

- This tour will have a maximum of 30 travelers per guide.
- Operates in all weather conditions, please dress appropriately.
- Please note this is a walking tour on arrival at the site. Wear appropriate attire.
- Please check the schedule for the facilities you wish to visit at the site.

COVID MEASURES

In accordance with current regulations, the use of face mask will be compulsory in the transport from Barcelona to Montserrat.