



SUNDAY

9 *The Road to France* 10 a.m.

Leave Cadaqués and drive north on the narrow N-260, keeping bathing suits at the ready. The coves will be ever less populated and more tempting as you near the French border. A crazy, breathtaking zigzag road pulls you through the mountains and hugs the coast.

10 *Farewell Tortilla* Noon

In Llançà, a tiny dot on the map that is one of the last towns before the Costa Brava melts almost seamlessly into coastal France, find **Platja Grifeu**, a

glorious beach with clear tropical-looking water to swim in. Savor an alfresco lunch—your own picnic or food from a nearby vendor—as you face the sea, watching the local families sunning themselves and children splashing in the water. Worldwide, beach shacks aren't known for their cuisine, but on one visit to Platja Grifeu, an informal beachside kitchen here yielded a perfect version of the tortilla española, the ubiquitous potato omelet of Spain.

ABOVE A quiet scene in Peratallada, which also has a well-preserved central square filled with cafes.

OPPOSITE The old stone buildings and walkways of Pals.

THE BASICS

Fly into Barcelona, rent a car, and drive north to the Costa Brava. The area is also easily accessible from southern France.

Hotel Sa Rascassa

Cala d'Aiguafreda 3, Begur
34-972-622-845
hostalsarascassa.com
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Five-room pension with restaurant on a minuscule cove called Aiguafreda, five minutes by car from the center of Begur.

Hotel Rocamar

Calle Dr. Bartomeus, Cadaqués
34-972-258-150
rocamar.com
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Overlooking what might as well be a private beach on a quiet side of the Cadaqués bay; 73 rooms, pools, tennis.

