

Sitges is a small town with a large gay scene just forty minutes by train south of Barcelona. It's got the quintessential beach town vibe with white painted buildings and windows often framed with bright blue colors. It's surrounded by mountains providing a micro-climate where it's warm in the summer and mild in the winter. In the summer months, this Mediterranean hotspot fills up with visitors of all ages looking to relax on the beach during the day and enjoy the nightlife. The buildings are separated by narrow pedestrian streets that are perfect for wandering among all the shops, bakeries and restaurants. Sitges is not exactly the type of place you go to do a bunch of sightseeing but rather where you go to simply relax on the beach, window shop at the various boutiques, people watch on the restaurant and bar terraces and mingle at the bars at night.

General Tips

In the evening, take a stroll down Passeig Maritim where you'll have a beautiful view of the town and its people on one side and the Mediterranean coast on the other. You can visit Sitges anytime of year, but the high season runs from June through September, when the weather is warm and you can hang out at the beach all day.

The vibe in Sitges is different than major cities like Madrid or Barcelona. Sitges is a small beach town, totally relaxed but comes alive at night with a surprisingly vibrant nightlife scene for such a small town. The night kicks off early in the evening at Plaça Indústria. This large square is filled with outdoor terraces with all tables pointing inward to the center of the plaza – perfect for people watching and sipping your first cocktail of the night.



Transportation & Airport Transfer

Barcelona is the transportation gateway, so you'll likely be heading to Sitges from either Barcelona Sants train station or Barcelona El Prat Airport. From Sants station, take the train line R2 (called Rodalies) in the direction of *Vilanova G*, and get off at the Sitges stop. Trains to Sitges from Barcelona run approximately every twenty minutes and the journey only takes 40 minutes. The train is about 4€ one way.

From the airport, take any train line (also called Rodalies) and get off at the first stop named *El Prat de Llobregat*. Then transfer to line R2 and head towards either *Vilanova G* or *St. Vincenç de Calders* until you arrive at the Sitges stop. If your flight arrives very early or late (before 7am or after midnight) then you'll need to either take the night bus or a taxi (approx. 70€).

The bus is also a more direct option from the airport. The MonBus runs twice per hour from Monday to Friday during the day. On Saturdays the bus runs every hour. On Sundays and holidays, they run nine times per day. The night bus runs four times per hour from 00:55 until 04:50. For details of the times of the MonBus check the MonBus Website. Go to the 'Timetable Searcher' and key in 'Aeroport' to 'Sitges'.



Gay Hotels in Sitges

It's always best to stay in the center or walking distance to the center of Sitges. It's a walking town, so you'll never need transportation if you're centrally located. They are a quite a few gay hotels in Sitges and all are gay-friendly.

ME Sitges Terramar – a cosmopolitan and sophisticated gay-friendly hotel with exclusive services and facilities in a luxurious and contemporary setting. Enjoy a holiday on the coast in a chic and elegant environment.

Avenida Sofia Hotel – a gay-friendly hotel centrally located near the gay beach and bars, plus right in the heart of town where all the action takes place.

Parrots Hotel – this hetero-friendly hotel is set just 100m from the beach. Breakfast service is offered from May to September. Parrots Sitges Hotel is just a 5-minute walk from the historic old town of Sitges. Guests receive a reduced rate for Parrots Gym + Fitness.

Hotel Liberty – a gay hotel centrally located and set in a 19th-century, Cuban-style building with a charming garden. Some rooms have a balcony or terrace, and views of the garden, the mountains or the town. Guests can enjoy a drink from the hotel bar in the tranquility of the Liberty's garden.

Hotel Los Globos – a gay hotel located only 30m from the beach also near the town center. Unwind in the on-site garden, with its tropical plants, where you can also admire the sunsets. You can enjoy a hearty breakfast in the morning on the terrace of the hotel, set in the shade of the gardens. This is also the perfect place for a drink in the evening, in a tranquil atmosphere.

Apartments

There are many sites for apartment rentals in Sitges, with AirBnB probably being one of the most popular. Prices are generally comparable to budget hotels, especially if you're willing to get a room in a shared apartment.



There are even a few LGBT-oriented booking sites like misterb&b with listings from gay hosts for gay guests where you can either rent a whole apartment or a private room in a shared apartment. Understanding Sitges' gay scene is much more easily done with the help of a local and apartment sharing is one of the best ways to meet someone living in the city who knows how things work, where and when are the best nights to go out, and what places to eat at and which to avoid.

Special Offer!

Sign up with AirBnB or misterb&b and you will receive a free \$25 credit to use on your first booking!

Sightseeing & Activities in Sitges

Gay Shops – shopping in Sitges is a never-ending discovery of cute little shops just around the corner. Pick up the latest styles from Additional or ES Collection or shop for some sexy underwear from Andrew Christian, AussieBum and other popular gay brands.

Museums – if you can give up a beach day for a museum, there's Museu Cau Ferrat which was once painter and writer Santiago Rusiñol's homes studio and Museu Maricel with a collection of art from Dr. Perez-Rosales. Both are located along the waterfront just behind the lovely Church of Sant Bartomeu & Santa Tecla.

Food and Wine Tour – Explore the beautiful village of Sitges while tasting two organic or natural wines, plus try ham, cheese and tapas in three stops. You will be guided on this tour by a history and geography graduate, and wine culture lover. They will bring out the wine enthusiast in you as you enjoy a special day surrounded by vineyards, landscapes and unique sensations. Book tour →

Casa Bacardi – Live the Bacardi experience in Sitges, the birth town of founder Don Facundo.

Discover the brand's history in the museum with a rum tasting and cocktail workshop. Book tour →

Gay Beaches in Sitges

Perhaps one of its most famous assets and the main day-time attraction during the warm months, are the sun-soaked beaches that line the coast of this tiny Catalan town. You'll find 17 beaches in total, some quite crowded in high season and others always with plenty of room. All are gay-friendly though Platja de la Bassa Rodona is the main gay beach along with Platja d'Aiguadolç and Platja dels Balmains, which are the nude beaches a bit farther from the city center. There is nothing better than heading to the beach and spending the afternoon laying out, having a swim and sipping a cocktail from one of the beachside bars.



Restaurants and Cafes

Parrot's Restaurant – Parrot's is situated right in the club/bar district of Sitges. That makes the small outdoor area perfect for people spotting and gossiping and being a part of the hectic nightlife scene in Sitges. Indoors seating offers you the opposite. It's best to make a reservation in advanced as seating is limited. The food is good but the atmosphere is even better and you can often see a drag performance on weekend evenings.

Restaurant Queenz – informal restaurant in the center of Sitges with good hospitality and a great dinner show. The show begins just after dinner with a variety of theater and comedic acts. The show lasts about an hour. It's important to make a reservation if you want to secure a spot since seating is very limited.

Merci Fish&Chips – offers gourmet-style fish & chips. This is the top rated restaurant in Sitges with 5-star reviews on TripAdvisor. Due to its popularity, reservations are recommended.

Guria Taberna – a small and cosy tavern-like atmosphere serving pinchos, which are available self-serve on the counter of the bar. You pay based on the amount you eat by saving your toothpicks. Pinchos are a popular dish from the north (Basque) region of Spain. Pinchos are small tapas or portions of food typically searched with a toothpick holding the ingredients together.

The Beach House – Mediterranean Asian fusion restaurant with seaside seating. Enjoy a great meal and views of the sea for either breakfast, lunch or dinner. They also offer vegetarian/vegan friendly options on the menu.

Sitges Gay Bars

Plaça Indústria, where Carrer Marquès Montroig crosses Carrer de Joan Tarrida, is the best place to start out your night. This large square is filled with bar crawlers sitting at large terraces sipping drinks and catching up while admiring the people passing by. All the gay nightlife venues are located near each other. During high season, you can't miss it as people crowd out onto the street with their drinks since all the venues themselves are so small.

Parrots Pub – a good bar choice and you can also check out Parrots Restaurant for dining and a drag performance by Lady Diamond – a Sitges drag legend from the UK. Open until 3am.

Privilege – this venue has three bars indoor and outdoor, plus a very small dance floor in the back. Open until 3am.

Queenz – located just next to Queenz Restaurant is the bar which is open until 3am. The bar is small and has an outdoor terrace out front as well as a small dance floor in the back.

XXL – a small gay cruise bar with a dance floor and cruising area and dark room upstairs.XXL hosts regular events and parties throughout the high season. Open until 3am.

Sitges Gay Clubs and Parties

Organic – starting after midnight (and usually a bit later like 2 or 3am) you can head to Organic – Sitges' main dance club, which hosts themed parties during the summer high season. The club is open every night and this is where you should go if you're in the mood for the Sitges Foam Party, usually hosted on Sunday nights.

Sitges Gay Sauna & Cruising Bars

Sauna Sitges – just like the town itself, this sauna is small but the staff is friendly and it's very clean with a variety of amenities including lockers, jacuzzi, private cabins and more. The sauna is usually open until 8am and gets busy after the bars and clubs close after 3am.

Bukkae – For cruisers and kinksters, go to Bukkae, open every Thursday to Sunday from 11pm to 6am starting in the spring. In the high season it opens at 8pm. There's a cruising area, slings and showers for those looking for some fun.

Gay Events in Sitges

Sitges Carnival – not technically a gay event, but the town is such a major gay destination that local gay residents organize a gay-specific Carnival a few days prior to the official start of Carnival. Escape the winter weather at home and enjoy a fun and party-filled LGBT event on the coast.

Sitges Gay Pride – a well-organized annual affair with a fantastic lineup of events and performances. Events run from Thursday to Monday and include T dances, drag shows, pool parties, a high heel race, various music performances and DJs, themed club parties and of course, the parade which takes place on Sunday afternoon.



Sitges Bear's Week – Sitges Bears week in September is one of the biggest and most popular Bear festivals in Europe attracting more than 5,000 visitors, bears, admirers, chasers, muscle bears and more. They setup a small Bear's Village on the beach with a stage and several bars. It's one of the most popular events in Sitges and attracts a large international audience.

Day Trips from Sitges

Barcelona – it's one of the most popular destinations in all of Europe. With year around mild temperatures, a seaside location and a welcoming atmosphere for LGBT people, it's no wonder that gay travelers from around the world come here to indulge in the culture, nightlife and vibrant atmosphere. If the warm weather and seaside location isn't enough, its stunning architecture and welcoming gay scene will keep you coming back for more.

Montserrat – a beautiful mountain monastery located one-hour northwest of Barcelona renowned for its unique rock formations. You can reach the mountain by a scenic train route and then take a funicular up to the top. It's considered one of the most important and significant sites in all of Catalonia. Book tour →

Girona – located 100 kilometers northeast of Barcelona and by train. Girona is one of the more prominent cities in Catalonia and has famous sites in the well-preserved old town like the Girona Cathedral, the city wall, the Church of Sant Feliu, Plaça de la Independència, and remnants of Jewish history before their expulsion from Spain. Book tour →