

# Hike

## 7 The Balcony of Ceret

### CÉRET

Travelling through Céret means discovering a city marked by the history and imprint of Catalan culture and traditions echoing with a heritage preserved through the centuries.

Céret has always been a source of inspiration for the greatest masters of Modern Art, as well as the greatest artists of Contemporary Art. You can find their works at the Modern Art Museum, a museum of European scale.

Céret takes advantage of its wonderful location between sea and mountain to offer Cérétiens and tourists a multitude of outdoor activities. Hiking and mountain biking adapted to all levels, including paragliding on the tops of Céret, bungee jumping or canyoning in the Canyon du Gourg des Anelles.

### THE BALCONY OF CERET

After crossing the river Nogarède, the path of the 'Porte de Fer' (Iron gate) follows a little irrigation canal carved into the rock. This canal has been providing water to the public fountains of Ceret for centuries and allowed the habitants to water their agricultural plots. Its water comes from the Tech (Amelie-les-Bains). And along the run of the river, it crosses hills and slopes, leaving the orchards and gardens with a welcome freshness. Thus, the lands in Reynes, Ceret, Maureillas and St. Jean Pla de Corts have their thirst quenched.

### TO DISCOVER

The view of the town of Ceret and the Roussillon plain.

Céret waterfalls.

The irrigation canal from 1866 very useful for the farmers.

### ONLINE MAP



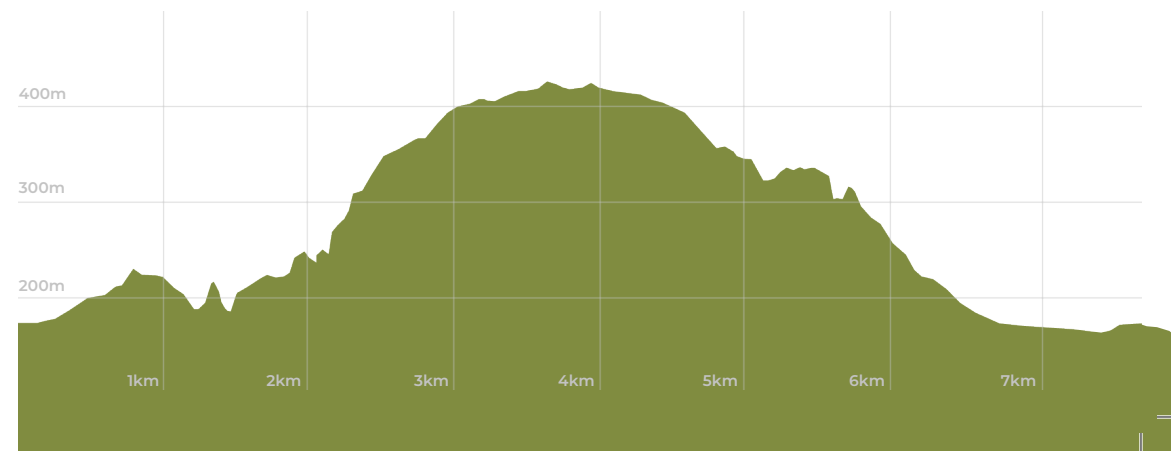
### CÉRET

 310m d+



DIFFICULTY 

2h45 - 8 km





## Departure : Park on rue de l'Astrabol.

From Ceret follow the direction Maureillas, then turn right at Mas Nogarède on rue de Nogarède. Park on rue de l'Astrabol.

**0 min :** Take the road rue de Nogarède. After a few hundred meters, turn right towards Falguerolles. Go between the houses then follow the road up to the housing estate.

**5 min :** Once you arrive at the last house, turn right and follow the paved road that becomes a path to the forest.

**1** **10 min :** At Mas Calça there is a fork. Taking the path on the right, you can reach the waterfall and get back to this spot in 20 mins. Then the Balcon de Ceret loop continues in the direction of Mas d'en Poble this time on the left path.

**35 min :** At Mas d'en Poble, follow the trail right up to the paved road.

**2** **40 min :** At the junction with the paved road, turn right. Follow this road for about 15 min.

**3** **55 min :** Shortly after the Mas d'en Blasi, take the small path that goes down the road on the right in the direction of Mas d'en Clic.

**1h10 :** Cross the little stream flowing on natural rocks, follow the narrow path on the right and continue alongside the cherry trees. Climb the path to Mas d'en Clic.

**1h15 :** At Mas d'en Clic take the trail and go straight on to the start of the irrigation canal that is on the left.

**4** **1h20 :** Follow the path alongside the irrigation canal. It is a very nice path but watch out the canal sometimes overflows! Be careful crossing over slippery rocks at the 'Porte de fer' (iron gate).

**1h30 :** The trail crosses the road so cross it and go straight on.

**1h35 :** This trail crosses the road again, cross it and continue straight on through the cherry orchards.

**5** **1h45 :** Arrive at the stadium. Follow the street rue des Capucins.

**1h50 :** At Avenue d'Espagne turn right. Stay alongside the stadium and continue straight forward. After crossing the bridge take the steps up to the right and you will reach the car park.

