



# FIGUERES

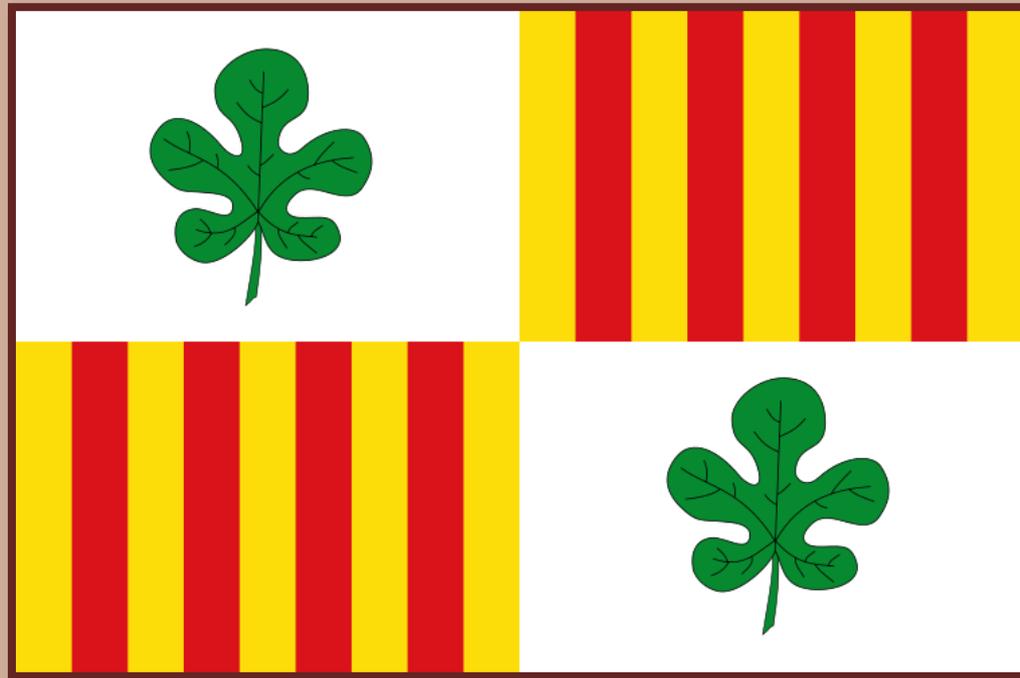
city of Dalí's birth and death

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The city is placed on the north-east corner of Catalonia, near the French border. Its name comes from catalan and it means a fig tree. During the Spanish Civil War the city was bombed because of its loyalty to the Republican government. In the 1950's it started to recover itself by building its economy around the tourism industry.



Figueres has its own flag, which contains the main colours of Catalonia and two leaves of the fig tree as a symbol of this city.





Figueres is mostly known as the city of a talented painter and a true genius - Salvador Dali. He was the one of the greatest figures of spanish culture. The master of surrealism. The painter was born there in 1904 and after his death in 1989 he was burried in his native city. He was very self-confident and he put a lot of trust in his talent. People think of him as an eccentric person with a great love for his art and luxury. Despite all his flaws he was the one who anticipated his own epoch.

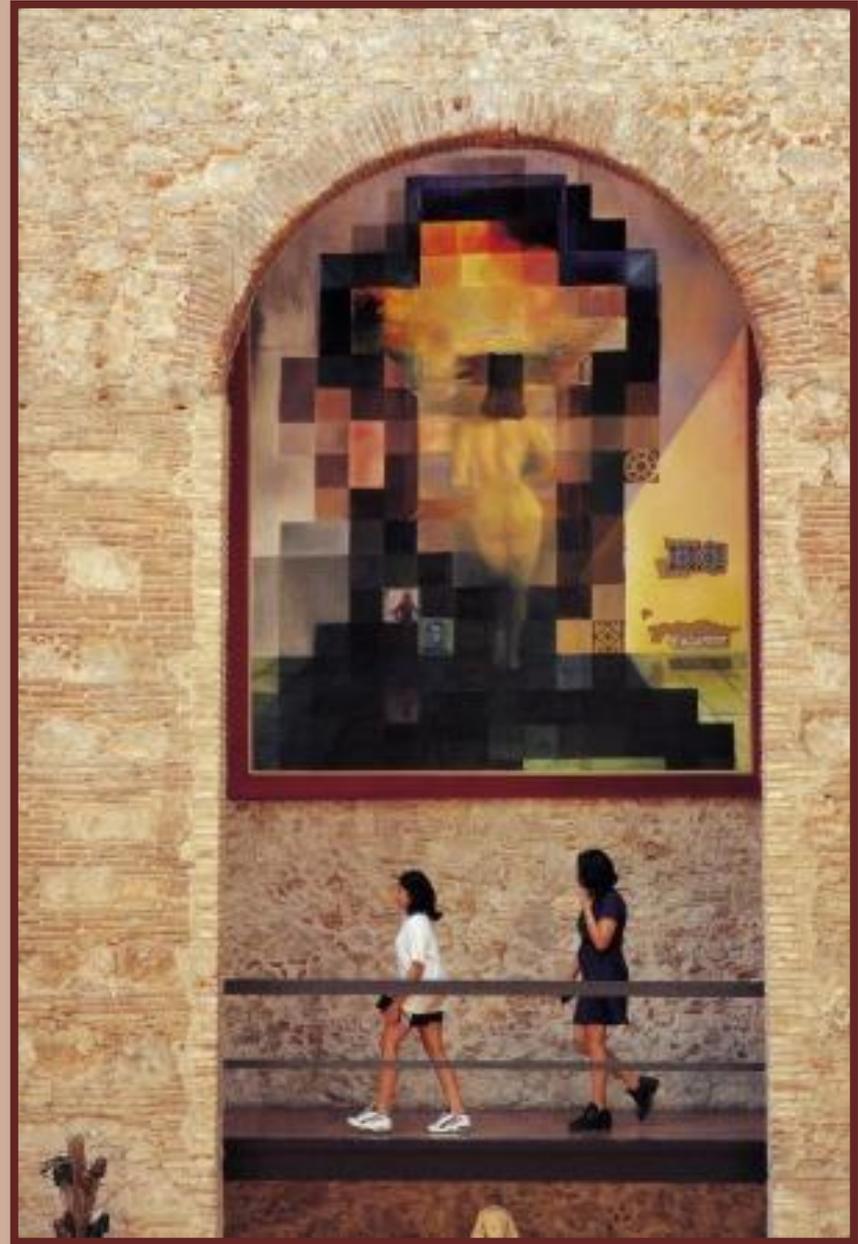


One of the most interesting places is Figueres is Teatro-Museu Dalí de Figueres designed by Salvador Dali himself. This museum is a part of The Dalian Triangle, which contains also a castle in Pubol and Porte Lligat situated in Cadaqués.



**Teatro-Museu Dalí de Figueres** is a place with 360 pieces of his art and it's also the place where the great artist was buried. The main facade of the building is graced with shapes of eggs and the wall is decorated with small pieces of bread. Egg and bread - those are the things that Dali consider as a symbols of a beggining of life. Inside the museum there's a room named Treasury - it's a place where the greatest of Dali's works are exhibitted. The museum offers also a lot more than just paintings: you can find there sculptures, mechanical devices, 3-dimensional collages and even more.





Another place worth seeing is the **Sant Ferran Castle**, placed on a hill. It's a military fortress built in eighteenth century and is the largest monument in Catalonia.



In Figueres you can also find a very beautiful example of sacred architecture: **Parish church of St. Peter**, built in Gothic style. It is at this church Salvador Dali was baptised.



There is another museum that's bringing tourists attention:  
Technical Museum of the Empordà.

