

ETOA reacts to attacks in Spain



ETOA offers its heartfelt sympathy to Spain following yesterday's shocking and senseless attacks, to the people of Barcelona and Cambrils, and to our members and partners throughout Catalonia.

Regional and national authorities have acted promptly and efficiently. Daily life has quickly been resumed. Only the immediately affected areas have been cordoned off. Public transport systems are largely unaffected.

Visitors will see substantial additional police presence. Some temporary restrictions are in place: Las Ramblas is open with visitors subject to police controls; Plaza Catalunya in Barcelona may only be accessed on foot, and without large luggage; Paseo Marítimo in Cambrils is open. There is no wider disruption of any significance. ETOA will continue to monitor the situation.

Mario Bodini, Chairman of ETOA – the European tourism association, commented: “Spain reacted with impressive resilience to the terrible train attacks on Madrid in 2004; her admirable reaction to yesterday's events in Catalonia underlines the determination for life to carry on as normal. Europe in general, and Spain in particular, remains a very safe destination.”

Further information in English about the current situation in Barcelona is available via the following links:

- <http://ajuntament.barcelona.cat/en/>

- <http://www.barcelonaturisme.com/wv3/en/>
- https://twitter.com/VisitBCN_CAT

The municipality has also set up two telephone numbers for visitors: (+34) 93 285 38 32 (+34) 93 285 38 34

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