



### Catalonia and Catalan culture in figures

**37%**

Of population that was born abroad

**8%**

Annual fiscal deficit of Catalonia's GDP with Spain's current sharing tax system

**9th**

Catalan is 9th most spoken language in the EU

**1st**

The ".cat" domain was the first cultural one in the world



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**Òmnium Cultural** is an independent organization founded in 1961 with over 50,000 members. Its main aims are to promote social cohesion, culture, and the Catalan language.

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**WHAT'S GOING ON IN CATALONIA?**



**#CatalansVotingOnIndependence**





## Welcome to Barcelona, the Catalan capital

Barcelona is the capital of Catalonia, a country of 7.5 million inhabitants that has a distinctive language (Catalan), culture and history, constantly enriched with new citizens from all over the world.

Well-known figures include Gaudí, Dalí, Miró, Tàpies, Pau Casals, Mercè Rodoreda and Ferran Adrià. It is also the home of the world-famous FC Barcelona football team.

Despite political and cultural repression throughout history, the national identity of Catalonia is very much alive, and its people want to decide their own political future by voting.



## Did you know that Catalans will vote on independence next 27 September?

Catalonia is nowadays part of Spain, but 80% of Catalans and 2/3 of the Catalan Parliament want to vote on whether or not to be a new state in Europe.

The Spanish Government does not allow Catalans to hold a referendum on independence (unlike the case of UK with Scotland, or Canada with Quebec). Nevertheless, the Catalan Government, according to democratic mandate, organised a first non-binding social consultation on November 9th last year. (The Yes for independence won by 80.2%.)

Next 27 Sept, the regional elections will serve as a second round to find out how much support for independence there is. If the votes for political parties promoting independence win as predicted, then Catalonia will soon be a new state.

For many years, people have been carrying out this democratic and peaceful process to become an independent country and most of political parties, ideologically diverse, are working to make it happen.



## How can you help Catalans?

Upon returning to your country, we would appreciate your sharing our situation with the people around you.

Catalans just want to decide for themselves and have what everyone wants —a normal country, better, more democratic, and with strong links to the rest the world.

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