

Ebro Delta, the perfect combination between sweet and salt!

Area

The Ebro is the longest river in Spain with no less than 925 kilometres of water. The river flows into the Mediterranean Sea at Riumar. Here fresh and salt water come together and that is exactly where the fishing takes place. During its course, the Ebro is an important source of food for humans and animals, and at the mouth of the Ebro Delta a special nature reserve of 320 km² has been created where the pink flamingo, among other animals, is found. Like all rivers, the Ebro and its surroundings are an important source of food and habitat for many animal species.



The nature reserve is a kind of 'wetlands' where many wet and swampy landscapes dominate. The combination of fresh and salt water here produces a special and beautiful mix of flora and fauna that is unique in Europe. This nature reserve is the largest 'wetland' area in Europe and unique in its kind. It is three times the size of Barcelona. That alone is worth a visit.



At this location we work together with three accommodation options of different levels.

The Delta hotel has 3 stars and is functional and familial. It offers an excellent breakfast buffet, has a small swimming pool and is located in the 'wetlands' of the Ebro Delta. The rooms are simple but air-conditioned and there is a covered outdoor terrace where you can enjoy breakfast or dinner. There is also Wi-Fi and each room has a TV, minibar, private safe and bathroom.



The second option is the Rull hotel. This is of a higher level and also has free wireless internet, a swimming pool and free parking. All rooms have a bathroom, air conditioning and central heating. The hotel's restaurant serves local specialties such as paella and various types of fish. Hotel Rull is also an excellent base for a relaxing week of fishing.

Where the hotels are perfect for couples, for example, it is also possible to provide private accommodation for groups of friends or families. For this we work together with the Marisol Family Resort and Riumar Pura Natura. If it is not too warm you could almost walk from this location to the fishing boat. At this resort you can choose from several properties that are offered at favourable rates. These apartments are also available for larger groups of up to 12 people and offer a high degree of comfort and often a private swimming pool. The apartments are all different but are just a stone's throw from the sea. So also for a wonderful evening session from the beach this is a perfect base.





Riumar itself is a small village and has a similar supermarket. A loaf of bread, some toppings and drinks are available here, but for the more specific groceries it is 5 kilometres further to Deltebre. Here is a spacious supermarket. In Riumar there are two angling shops where you can go for equipment that you might lose or miss. In front of the exit there is also a cooler where you can buy rag worms 24/7 so you never have to be without on this location.



Boats

There are several boats available at this location that are sailed by a professional guide and you can also rent your own fishing boat.

The Quicksilver 505 activ is 5.05 metres long and 2.12 metres wide. The engine is a 50 hp Mercury 4-stroke with low fuel consumption and excellent performance. Sonda-Plotter and 10 rod holders on the bow, stern and console. Of course safety equipment, insurances and licenses are included. Also the collective fishing license. It is an easy to sail boat and is seaworthy so you can go in any direction.



The Robalo 190 is an American console boat of 6 meters 30 and has 14 rod holders, fishfinder, a live bait bun and a 150 HP engine. It is used as the guideboat. The boat is allowed for up to 6 people but for comfortable fishing we do not recommend more than 4 anglers on this boat. It goes without saying that also all permits, insurances and other necessities are perfectly arranged.



The Whaly is 4.35 meters and is a polyester boat that is allowed for up to 6 people. In practice, it is advisable to fish from this boat with 2 and max 3 people. During our test trip we fished standing up with two people and were able to cast very well from the boat which shows that it is very stable. They are ideal fishing boats for this location because of the light weight and this boat can be sailed without a boating license.



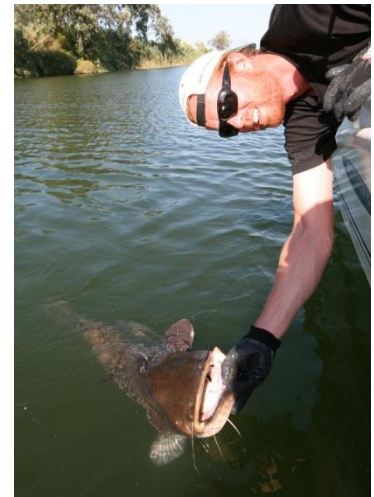
For the Robalo, Quicksilver and Fisherman a boating license is required and for the Whaly it is not necessary. So when you rent one of the first three boats, one of the guests must have a boating license and have it with them while sailing and fishing.

Fishing

For fishing, you're in the perfect place here. You have a very varied choice to practise your hobby. On the fresh water you can go for catfish and carp and on the saltwater you have the possibility to fish for bluefin tuna, albacore, bonito, dorado, bluefish, sea bass, garrick and mullet. You have the choice to do this yourself or accompanied by a fishing guide. The most convenient option is to choose a combination. Let the guide show you the first days to the best spots and learn the best methods and bait species for specific fish then try your luck yourself with your own rental boat.

In Riumar itself there are two small but well-equipped angling shops. Here you can get any extra materials but also rag worms for fishing for flatfish or sea bass from the beach. The best bait are the small mud crawlers that you can catch here at night with a net and a headlight in the rice fields. It takes some practice to catch them. But in general a simple dropshot mounting with a single hook and a small mud crawler as bait for the sea bass is irresistible.

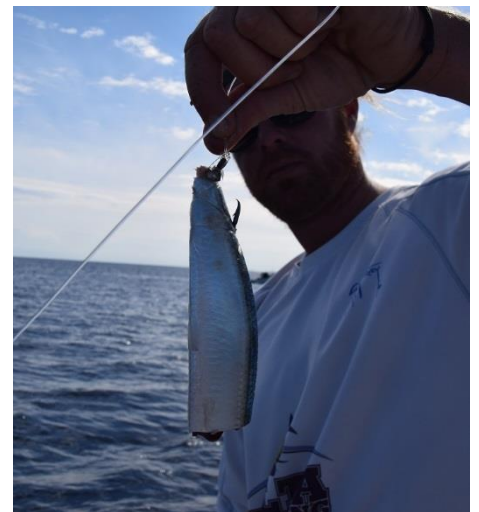
You can also buy live eel here that is perfect as bait to fish for catfish. The eel is a common fish that is high on the list in terms of food for the catfish. In the town of Deltebre (next to Riumar) you can get live eel for around € 25,- per kilo. Just ask the guide.



Tuna fishing is done in two ways.

1. Chumming to bring the fish to the boat. For this purpose, large quantities of sardines are cut into small pieces and mixed with other food substances. A handful of this mix is regularly thrown overboard during the drift. This creates the scent trail to which the tuna comes up. During the drift, two rods are set with a whole sardine on a single hook on an 80 lbs rod and reel with over 1000 meters of nylon.

2. Casting with lures / poppers. Especially in spring when the tuna are hunting this is spectacular fishing. The water is boiling with angry and foraging tuna and with the boat you can quickly go after the fish to offer your popper, stickbait or shad.





Fishing for bluefish and garrick can also be done in two ways.

1. Casting: with surface bait in the Delta and at various locations along the coast, this is a fun and active fishery with spectacular strikes and the fish give a beautiful drill and a run for your money. When you catch a bluefish pay close attention to your fingers because one bite and you have very serious damage, so be careful! A lip gripper may be advisable here.



2. Trolling: With a "barracuda mount". The barracuda's are available at the fish market or via the guides and a weight of about 80 to 200 grams (depending on how deep you want to fish) is mounted in combination with a large single hook. Attached to this hook is a steel wire leader which is wired through the barracuda with a strong treble hook at the end. This combination is trolled upstream up to 15 kilometres for garrick and bluefish. The sailing speed is around 5.5 knots.



Material

At this location we work with real quality stuff like Shimano Tiagra and TLD, Daiwa Saltiga, Everol, Temple Reef, Lamiglass, Braid, Gibi Marine, Sebile, Rapala, Williamson etc. These high quality materials are standard included in the price for the fishing days including a guide.



When fishing with your own rental boat and no guide you will have to bring your own fishing materials.

When you bring your own material you end up with a light spinning rod for the sea bass and mullet, a medium spinning rod for the garrick and bluefish and a (very) heavy spinning / popping rod for fishing bluefin tuna. For the catfish a strong spinning rod with a casting weight of 100 to 200 grams. For fishing catfish and bluefin tuna you can use the same rod.



For sea fishing medium to heavy spinning rods and strong reels such as Daiwa Saltiga 4500 and Shimano Stella 5000 / 8000. The bluefin tuna really demands the utmost of your equipment. That is why it is important not to fish too light. Lures are needed for different depths but poppers and other surface lures do well here and provide spectacular strikes.

On the spot it is possible to provide extra bait such as rag worms, barracudas, sardines and anchovies. The local guides will be happy to assist you with any information you may need.

Season / Weather

Each period has its own characteristics here. The summer period July and August are warm, but because of the direct location at the sea, the average temperature in these periods is around 30 to 35 °C. If you go on a boat trip, the wind makes it feel nice and not too hot. That is also where the danger lies. Protection with sun lotion is a must at this location! Bring long-sleeved T-shirts and a fishing cap because you will be in the sun all day long. In the winter period a long pair of trousers and a rain / windbreaker is always sensible to have with you!

It is also advisable to drink enough. A lot of moisture evaporates unnoticed and 2 to 3 litres of fluids a day (no alcohol) is quite normal. In the evening you will have earned the well-deserved beer or two.

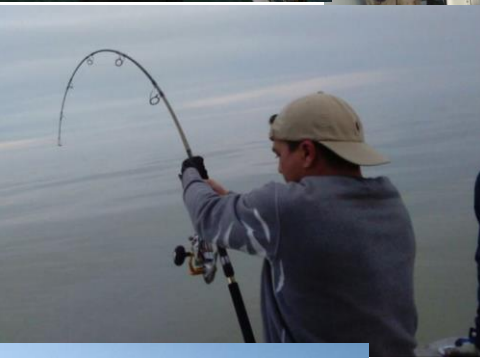
	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Catfish	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
Sea bass	P	P	G	G	G	G	G	G	G	P	P	P
Bluefish	M	M	G	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	M
Garrick	R	R	R	G	P	P	G	G	P	P	P	R
Blue fin tuna	G	G	P	P	P	R	G	P	P	P	P	G
Little tuny	G	G	P	P	P	R	G	P	P	P	P	G
Dorado	M	M	M	M	M	M	M	P	P	P	P	M
Mullet	G	G	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	G
Amberjack	P	G	G	M	M	M	M	M	P	P	P	P
Mackerel	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P

P = PERFECT

G = GOOD

R = REASONABLE

M = MEDIOCRE





Travel and price

For this fishing trip many combinations are possible. For the flights we can use multiple airlines depending on the country you come from. Vueling, Easyjet, Ryanair and many others fly to Barcelona or Salou. The cost of a ticket to Barcelona varies per season and the time between booking and departure. In general, the sooner you book the lower the price. We will be happy to arrange the final flights with you personally. From Barcelona it takes about two hours to Riumar by rental car waiting for you at the airport.



A price example for 4 persons:

- Rental car for the whole week (medium category), kilometre free
- 1 day guided tuna fishing on Antares / Robalo
- 1 day of guided fishing for bluefish on Antares / Robalo
- 1 day guided catfish fishing on Antares / Robalo
- 3 days self fishing with Robalo
- spacious four-bedroom apartment with 2 bedrooms
- air conditioning, bedlinen and towels included
- final cleaning, water and electricity included

With 4 persons this fishing trip is available from € 1.000,- per person in the low season. During the fishing with a guide you have your own boat where no other anglers come and you decide what you want to fish for. This is a big difference compared to other providers. During fishing the soft drinks and water are included. It is necessary to provide your own lunch.

A long weekend with four friends on Friday, Saturday and Sunday fishing with the guide, stay at the Delta Hotel in two double rooms and on Monday return around € 700, - per person.

Additional costs: flights, food and drinks, fuel for car and rental boat.

It goes without saying that a stay here can be fully customized. This can be a midweek, long weekend, 1 week or even several weeks when you go with your family or group of friends. So contact us and compose your own dream fishing trip to this location.





Rental prices for the boats:

	Boating license	per day
Whaly console 435	No	€ 150
Quicksilver	Yes	€ 300
Robalo	Yes	€ 450

These prices of the rental boats include VAT for a whole day of 8 hours and do not include the cost of fuel.

The price for the guide boat Fisherman including material, bait, guide, fuel etc. is as follows

persons	8 hour
1	700
2	800
3	875
4	925
5	975
6	995

Tuna fishing is subject to a surcharge of € 75,- per day for sardines / bait when chumming or extra fuel when navigating and searching for groups of hunting tuna.



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