

Focus on Festivals
Peralada, 2-4 November 2023

We look forward to welcoming you to our first event dedicated to Opera Festivals! Festival Peralada has offered to welcome us on their beautiful grounds in the North-East of Spain.

On our website, you will find our recommendation for accommodation in Figueres, the main town close to the festival. A private bus will bring you every morning from Figueres to Peralada, and back every evening.

Programme

Thursday 2 November at Mirador Peralada

11.30	Visit Museu Dalí, Figueres
14.00	Meet at Museu Dalí for bus departure from Figueres to Peralada
14.30	Registration
15.00	Welcome by Oriol Aguilà and Karen Stone
15.15	Are Festivals the Future of Opera? With Oriol Aguilà (Peralada), Katharina Wagner (Bayreuth), moderated by Karen Stone
16.30	Coffee Break
16.45	Building an international audience with specialised repertoire Nicole Braunger (Karlsruhe), Jukka Pohjolainen (Savonlinna), Floriana Tessitore (Bergamo / Macerata)
18.00	Visit Museu Castell Peralada
19.30	Concert: <i>El violín de Farinelli</i> by Tercia Realidad
20.30	Dinner
22.30	Bus to Figueres

Friday 3 November at Mirador Peralada

08.45	Meet at Hotel Pireneus for bus from Figueres to Castell Peralada
09.30	Programming a festival in an opera season Plamen Kartaloff (Sofia), Luciano Messi (Parma)
11.00	Coffee Break
11.30	The unusual experience: from mainstage opera to fringe creation Michael Csar (Bregenz), Krystian Lada (Ruhrtriennale), Amy Lane (Copenhagen), Maja Lozic (Rotterdam/Gent), Francesco Micheli (Bergamo)
13.00	Lunch
14.30	Philanthropy at Festivals: a natural habitat? Andrea Compagnucci (Bergamo / Verona), moderated by Oriol Aguilà (Perelada)
16.00	Coffee break
16.30	The role of the festival for their region - rural vs. urban settings Vincent Agrech (Drottningholm), Cristian Della Chiara (Pesaro)
18.00	End of sessions
18.15	Visit New Wine Cellar Peralada
20.00	Bus to Figueras

Saturday 4 November at Hotel Peralada 5*

09.00	Meet at Hotel Pireneus for bus from Figueres to Castell Peralada
09.45	Digital distribution for festivals – open discussion
11.00	Coffee break
11.30	Elaborating a green strategy for festivals and touring Led by Stephen Langridge (Glyndebourne)
13.00	Closing light lunch
14.30	Bus to Figueres

How to get from Barcelona El Prat airport to Figueres and back:

We recommend you travel from the airport to Barcelona Sants train station, with Metro L9 to Zona Universitària, then L3 to Sants Estació. From there, take the fast train to Figueres-Vilafant. The journey into Barcelona takes 40min and the fast train to Figueres takes 55min.

[Renfe | Train tickets AVE, Avlo Low Cost \(with No Booking Fees\)](#).

How to get from Girona Airport to Figueres and back:

The 602 bus from Girona airport will bring you to Figueres in 90min

The fastest connection between Girona Airport and Figueres is the car, it is a 40min ride.

You will find some Taxis at the airport or can use these official Taxi phone numbers:

Taxi Girona: + 34 972 203 377 and + 34 972 222 323 / ECO Taxi 93 278 30 30 /

Taxi Mercedes 93 516 99 20 / Taxi Més 93 330 03 00 24-hour hotline: + 34 676 669 814