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Following the wheat trail down to L'Hospitalet de l'Infant, you come across the Vall de Llors, where the olive oil is said to have the aroma of bay leaves.

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guarding

* Ilercaonia

Dozing as he stood on guard, he let his thoughts drift away from this spot high above the great river, where his ancestors had built one of the most important settlements in Ilercaonia. **From where he was, he could see half the world, ranges of hills, mountain peaks, plains and the great river** which – they said – came from far away to pass below him, bringing life.



Daydreaming in the peace and quiet, he wasn't thinking about what he'd heard about the Carthaginians, how they wanted to recruit them to fight the Romans, but about the girl he'd seen the day before in Hibera.

She was dressed like a priestess, with two elegant coils on either side of her head. She had beautiful silver bracelets winding halfway up her arm and was carrying beautiful ceremonial platters. More than the silver, what had taken his breath away was those deep green eyes with which she looked at him.

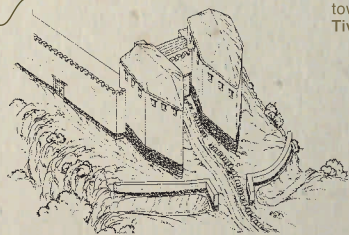




Castellet de Banyoles

A terrace overlooking the Ebre with a spectacular view of the river and its islands, and the mountains of Els Ports.

Iberian settlement



The treasure of Tivissa

The testimony of the Ilercavones
4th-3rd century BC



Goodness me! Imagine the look on the face of the farmer who discovered the hoard in 1912 while he was ploughing the fields at Castellet de Banyoles: bracelets, earrings, rings, mirror handles, coins and more. But the best was yet to come: in 1925 a pair of bronze oxen appeared, and in 1927 a bracelet, eleven beautifully-decorated silver cups and the famous gilded silver ceremonial platters decorated with wolf heads, fish and chariots.

A strategic point from which to survey the great river

Iberus, the Ebre,

the river which was to give its name to the whole of the Iberian Peninsula.



While much remains to be excavated of this fortified town, the foundations of a large number of homes and the base of two magnificent towers which guarded the entrance can be seen. Of Greek influence, these towers are unique in the Iberian world.



The wheat trail

From Móra d'Ebre to Tivissa, passing over the pass at the Coll de Fatxes, through Vandellòs and L'Hospitalet de l'Infant and on to Barcelona...



The Iberian route

Every year in the first weekend of October, all the Iberian sites in Catalonia celebrate Iberian Weekend. Guided tours and a range of workshops are organised, among other activities.



On the same spot from which the Ilercavon sentry gazed down at the Ebre, in the 14th century the city of Barcelona built a small fortification known as Castellet de Banyoles, the remains of which can still be seen. The aim of the burghers of Barcelona was to divert the wheat coming down the river from Aragon and Lleida, so that they would not have to pay tolls to the people of Tortosa.