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View of Sa Palomera from Blanes

CATALONIA FACTS
Population, 7.6 million people (like Switzerland)Surface area: 32,114 km² (bigger than Belgium)
GDP: 204,000 million (like Denmark)
Over 10 million people speak Catalan in Spain, France and Italy (more than Swedish for example).
Catalonia’s Government has had 129 Presidents to date. Its first Constitution dates back to the 13th century.