Capital of the District of Anoia, in the province of Barcelona (Spain), the municipality of Igualada is located 60 km from Barcelona in the interior of Catalonia with a population of 38,000 (2007 figures) spread out over 8.12 Km². The municipality began as a small settlement in 1003 and developed and spread out over the centuries. The first defensive walls date to the 12th century but were enlarged and expanded in the 14th and 15th centuries. They kept their form until the 18th century, at which time new neighbourhoods were built up, extending even further the city centre’s urban core.

In terms of the local economy, the industrial sector predominates, immediately followed by the service sector. For the former, the textile, paper and leather goods industries are the most important. Igualada is also notable for having Spain’s only factory producing large hot-air balloons.
Lugares de interesse
Núcleo Antigo
- Igreja de Santa Maria
- Capela do Santo Cristo
- Asilo do Santo Cristo
- Museu Comarcal
Nova Igualada
- Passeio Verdaguier
- Cemitério Novo
- Edifício do Hotel Cidade de Igualada

Festas e Tradições
- Festa dels Reis d’Igualada (Janeiro)
- Carnaval (Fevereiro)
- Cicle Pascual (Marco/Abril)
- Processó del Sant Crist d’Igualada (Marco/Abril)
- Processons del barri de Fàtima (Marco/Abril)
- Sant Jordi (Abril)
- Sant Joan (Junho)
- Festa Major (Agosto)
- Diada Nacional (Setembro)
- Santa Cecília (Novembro)
- Cicle Nadalenc (Dezembro)
- Castelos Humanos (qualquer época do ano)

A nível de actividades de gemação, destacam-se as abaixo indicadas, distribuídas pelas seguintes áreas:
- Desportiva (festivals; torneios; conferências)
- Social (visitas oficiais; encontros de idosos, de deficientes, de jovens)
- Cultural (representação musical, teatral, dança, coros; jornadas; conferências; seminários)
- Económica (participação em feiras; seminários; intercâmbio de projectos económicos)

Places of Interest
In the Historical City Centre
- The Church of Santa Maria
- The Chapel of Santo Cristo
- The Asilo del Santo Cristo
- The District Museum
In Nova Igualada
- The Passeio Verdaguier
- The New Cemetery
- The Cidade de Igualada Hotel Building

Festivals and Traditions
Feast Day of the 3 Kings of Igualada (January)
- Carnaval (February)
- The Easter Cycle (March/April)
- Procession of Sant Crist d’Igualada (March/April)
- Processions of the Barri de Fátima (March/April)
- St. George’s Day (Sant Jordi) (April)
- St. John’s Day (Sant Joan) (June)
- Festa Major (August)
- National Holiday (September)
- St. Cecilia’s Day (November)
- The Christmas Cycle (December)
- The “Castells” - Human Pyramids (any time of year)

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