

This celebration is called "the Catalan day". The most important organization is a yearly march that is made every 11th September in commemoration of the fall of Barcelona and the lost of the independence in 1714.

Catalonia started being sieged in July 1713, but the kingdom of Castile finally conquered the territory on 11th September, 1714 (Catalan Day). The French kingdom helped to conquer Catalonia.

In this day, there are lots of traditions and habits that many people do. It's common to hang an independent flag in the window or in the balcony. There are some speeches in "El Fossar de les Moreres" in commemoration of the victims of the siege of Barcelona but the main act is a massive demonstration in the center of Barcelona during the evening.

The Catalan National Assembly is an organization whose aim is to promote Catalan nationalism and to explain the independence of Catalonia around the world. It organizes lots of acts, talks and marches. It tries to be present in all the places of the country.

The last four years, the ANC has organized and controlled four demonstrations instead of the yearly march. They was a massive demostration in Barcelona in 2012, the "Via Catalana" in 2013, a demostration creating a v-shaped mosaic in 2014, and a demonstration covering six kilometres of an avenue called La Meridiana with the slogan "free way to Catalan Independence", ending with some speeches by some members of the ANC in 2015.

The "Via Catalana" in 2013 was a human chain in which everybody who wanted to participate had to grab the hand of another forming a chain that crossed all the country. It was one of the largest human chains of the history.

The 2014 demostration was organized to commemorate the tercentenary of the siege of Barcelona. It consisted in a march covering two of Barcelona's main avenues. The participators had to wear two types of shirts: red ones and yellow ones. There were more or less 1.8 million people in the march.

Nowadays, the ANC is still organizing and will organize lots of events until we achieve the Catalan Independence.





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