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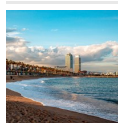
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Impressive architecture and hip restaurants meet a sunny Spanish climate and beautiful beaches. This has transformed Barcelona, in just a few decades, from a rough port city into one of Europe's — if not the world's — premier destinations. Stroll along La Rambla and Passeig de Gràcia, admire Gaudí's masterpieces, visit the colourful Market of La Boqueria, lose yourself in the Gothic Quarter, bask in the sun at Barceloneta beach, and discover some of the city's vibrant late-night haunts while you're at it.

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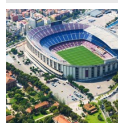
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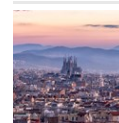
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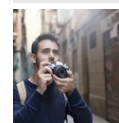
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Like many other cities in the Mediterranean, Barcelona was founded by the Romans. The original settlement, called *Barcino*, was a small port located in the same spot as today's cathedral. The town was overshadowed by Tarragona, the capital of the province. Both the Visigoths and the Moors invaded Barcelona; however, their influence was not as important to the future of the city as the arrival of the Franks in the late 9th century. It was at that point that Barcelona and Catalonia started shaping their own identity, different from the rest of Spain.

This is most apparent in the language – Spanish, or Castilian, has many Arabic words, while Catalan has many French words instead. So Catalan is not a Spanish dialect, but a language in its own right, related to other Romance languages.

Barcelona's history is seen everywhere in the city. The oldest areas are located by the sea, including the shopping enclave *Barri Gotic*. On the other side of the main boulevard, *La Rambla*, lies the legendary *Raval* district. Until the 1980s, this was the slum area, home to the city's own Chinatown (*Barrio Chino*) and the red light district. Today, designer shops and cafés have moved in. Further north is the fashionable *Eixample* neighbourhood, an area created as a

result of the 19th-century expansion of the city.

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TOP 10 FOR ARCHITECTURE LOVERS



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Barcelona is known for its rich architectural heritage and is home to some of the most iconic and innovative buildings in the world. The architecture of Barcelona is special for a number of reasons, including its unique blend of historical and modern styles, its use of light and colour, and its emphasis on functionality and innovation.

One of the most notable architectural movements in Barcelona is the Art Nouveau style, also known as the Catalan modernism or modernism, which was developed in the late 19th and early 20th centuries. This style is characterized by its use of organic forms, intricate decoration, and bold use of colour and light. The most famous examples of this style in Barcelona include the works of Antoni Gaudí, such as the *Sagrada Família*, *La Pedrera* and *Park Güell*.

In addition to the Art Nouveau style, Barcelona is known for its modernist architecture, which emerged in the 20th century and was characterized by the use of new materials and techniques, as well as a focus on functionality and simplicity. These buildings, such as the former Hospital de la Santa Creu i Sant Pau, Norman Foster's Torre de Collserola and Calatrava's Torre Telefónica, are considered to be some of the most innovative and influential works of modern architecture.

La Sagrada Família



Antoni Gaudí's ambitious project remains, as of today, unfinished, which by no means takes away its massive popularity, receiving nearly 4.5

million visitors every year.

The Basílica de la Sagrada Família, or simply La Sagrada Família, is a large unfinished Roman Catholic minor basilica, considered the best example of Modernist architecture. Meticulously crafted to embody the Christian faith through composition, sculpture, and individualistic, offbeat design, this masterpiece is the kind of attraction that has to be experienced to be believed. Guided and audio tours are available in several languages.

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Address: Carrer de Mallorca 401, Barcelona

Public Transport: Metro stop: Sagrada Família, lines 2 and 5

Opening hours: Daily 9am–6pm

Phone: +34 932 08 04 14

Internet: sagradafamilia.org/en/home

Email: informacio@sagradafamilia.org

Park Güell



Park Güell is one of the most impressive public parks in the world, a complex garden with architectural elements situated on a hill in the Gràcia district. In this park with stunning views over the city, you can admire several impeccable works of Gaudí. Actually, the entire park was designed by the artist himself. Statues and buildings in different colours and shapes stand side by side, and the park is listed as a UNESCO World Heritage Site.

Photo: Vladitto/Shutterstock.com

Address: Carrer d'Olot, Barcelona

Opening hours: Daily 9:30am–7:30pm

Phone: +34 934 09 18 31

Internet: parkguell.barcelona/en

Email: parkguell@bsmsa.cat

Casa Batlló



Once Gaudí got his hands on this previously unremarkable building in Passeig de Gràcia, it was never to be simply passed by again. Fascinatingly idiosyncratic and almost beast-like on the outside, it continues to amaze from within, with twisted lines and elements that could only be thought up by the genius of Gaudí.

Photo: altafulla/Shutterstock.com

Address: Passeig de Gràcia 43, Barcelona

Opening hours: Daily 9am–8pm

Phone: +34 932 16 03 06

Internet: www.casabatllo.es/en

Email: info@casabatllo.cat

Casa Milà — La Pedrera



Built between 1906 and 1912, Casa Milà, commonly known as La Pedrera ("The stone quarry") is a modernist building in Passeig de Gràcia and the last private residence designed by Catalan architect Antoni Gaudí.

Its interior is even more striking than its wrought-iron, stone-carved facade, especially the rooms displaying where people actually lived. So get inside Casa Milà to discover another one of Gaudí's unconventional architectural creations.

Photo: Arnau Miguel/Shutterstock.com

Address: Passeig de Gràcia 92, Barcelona

Opening hours: Mon-Wed 9am-6:30pm; Thu-Sun

9am-6:30pm / 9pm-11pm

Phone: +34 932 14 25 76

Internet: www.lapedrera.com/en

Email: web@fcatalunyalapedrera.com

Casa Vicens



The more recent of Gaudí's many projects to be opened to the public is the Casa Vicens. Built between 1883 and 1885 and declared a World

Heritage Site by UNESCO in 2005, Casa Vicens was the first house designed by Catalan architect Antoni Gaudí. Situated in the bohemian district of Gràcia, this bold project, commissioned as a summer house, combines elements of nature into a chaotic yet peaceful retreat.

Photo: OnedayPix/Shutterstock.com

Address: Carrer de les Carolines 20-26, Barcelona

Opening hours: Sat-Mon 10am-7pm, Tue 10am-4pm, Wed

10am-7pm, Thu 3pm-7pm, Fri 10am-3pm

Phone: +34 932 71 10 64

Internet: casavicens.org

Email: reserves@casavicens.org

Basilica de Santa Maria del Mar



One of Barcelona's most beautiful churches is probably the best existing example of Catalan Gothic, with a cleaner style than what is normally associated with Gothic architecture.

Construction of the Basilica of Santa Maria del Mar began in 1329 and finished in 1383, a record time considering this type of construction. The church has an incredible feeling of spaciousness and weightlessness emphasized by slender pillars and very sparsely decorated chapels.

Three naves of the same height, supported by very tall pillars, are the main features of the structure. The splendid rose window on the main façade allows for the illumination of the church together with the beautiful stained glass windows.

Photo: TTstudio/Shutterstock.com

Address: Plaça de Santa Maria 1, Barcelona

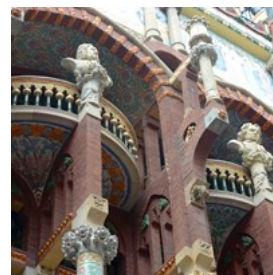
Opening hours: Mon-Sat 9am-1pm / 5pm-8:30pm, Sun

10am-2pm / 5pm-8pm

Phone: +34 933 10 23 90

More Info: Near the Picasso Museum

Palau de la Música Catalana



This sublime concert hall designed by Lluís Domènech i Montaner and built between 1905 and 1908 is not quite as wacky as some of Gaudí's architecture, but it is still equally impressive.

The Palace of Catalan Music not only pays

tribute to the musical heritage of the Catalans but to all music, as well as beauty, colour, and joy.

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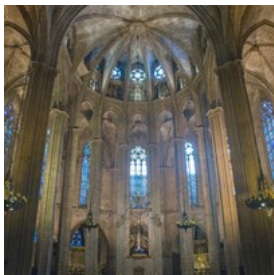
Address: Carrer Palau de la Música 4-6, Barcelona

Phone: +34 932 95 72 00

Internet: www.palaumusica.cat/en

Email: atencioclient@palaumusica.cat

Cathedral of Barcelona



The Cathedral of the Holy Cross and Santa Eulàlia, or simply the Barcelona Cathedral, is the Gothic cathedral and seat of the Archbishop of Barcelona.

Its construction began in 1298 on the site of an ancient Roman temple and took more than 150 years to be completed.

Located in the centre of the historic Gothic Quarter of Barcelona, the cathedral is dedicated to the martyr Santa Eulàlia – the patron saint of Barcelona – who was tortured to death in late Roman times. Her corpse is buried under the main altar.

Be sure to climb to the roof for a nice view of the city, and don't forget to visit the serene and beautiful courtyard, which is occupied by thirteen white geese representing the years of Saint Eulalia's life before she was martyred.

Photo: Héctor J. Rivas/Unsplash

Address: Pla de la Seu s/n, Barcelona

Public Transport: Metro stop: Jaume I

Opening hours: Mon-Fri 8am-12:45pm / 1pm-5:30pm / 5:45-7:30pm; Sat 8am-12:45pm / 1pm-5pm / 5:15pm-8pm;

Sun 8am-1:45pm / 2pm-5pm / 5:15pm-8pm

Phone: +34 933 15 15 54

Internet: www.catedralbcn.org/index.php?lang=en

Email: info@catedralbcn.org

Plaça Reial



Plaça Reial, a beautiful square in the Gothic Quarter and one of Barcelona's busiest, most vibrant spots (especially so at night), is known for

its many outdoor venues, restaurants, and nightclubs. During summertime, it becomes an even more popular meeting place when open-air concerts take place. Stroll around or sit down with a tasty drink at one of the bars and just enjoy the moment.

Photo: Iakov Filimonov/Shutterstock.com

Address: Plaça Reial, Barcelona

Poble Espanyol



Situated in one of the most emblematic areas of Barcelona, within walking distance from the Montjuïc Fountains, Poble Espanyol reveals

the essence of Spanish culture where history meets culture and leisure through a pleasant and quiet open-air walk.

With the mission of representing the essence of life in the towns of Spain, Poble Espanyol boasts more than 100 full-scale architectural constructions, buildings, squares, and streets from various areas of the country spread out through its more than 40,000 m2 of outdoor enclosure.

Take a stroll around Poble Espanyol to discover a variety of restaurant offers with typical products of Spanish gastronomy, shops where you can buy local products, and audiovisual spaces representative of different peninsular areas. At

the Fran Daurel Museum, you can admire works by great artists such as Miró, Picasso, Dalí, and many others under the same roof, plus a Sculpture Garden, a space where nature and art merge in one.

Poble Espanyol is also synonymous with craftsmanship, a sustainable, quality, local, and handmade art. Declared in 2003 as an Artisan Zone by the Generalitat of Catalonia, it is undoubtedly one of the best concentrations of crafts in Barcelona and the country, offering the possibility of buying or creating a unique, unrepeatable and personalised piece.

Photo: Catarina Belova/Shutterstock.com

Address: Avinguda Francesc Ferrer i Guàrdia 13, Barcelona

Public Transport: Metro Stop: Espanya (Lines 1 & 3)

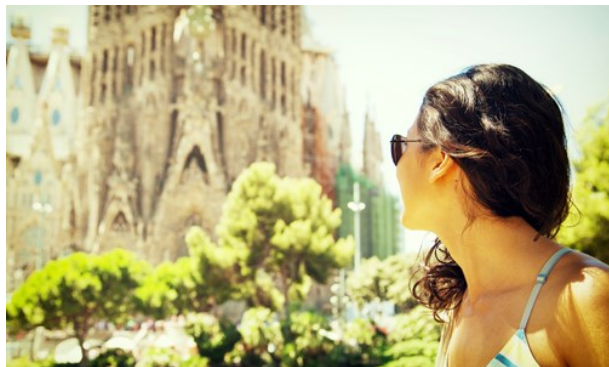
Opening hours: Mon 10am-8pm, Tue-Sun 10am-midnight

Phone: +34 935 08 63 00

Internet: www.poble-espanyol.com/en

Email: info@poble-espanyol.com

DO & SEE



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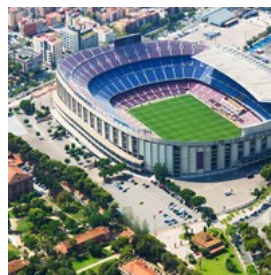
Barcelona's impressive range of sights caters to all tastes – whether you're an architect, a designer, a football fan, a historian, or even a city planner – there is something for everyone in the most self-assured city on the Mediterranean.

You can start your day by losing yourself in the narrow medieval streets of the Gothic Quarter,

then take a stroll on La Rambla and Passeig de Gràcia, and why not enjoy the Mediterranean sun in one of the city's many stunning beaches?

Just be sure to visit some of Gaudí's masterpieces, including La Sagrada Família, Casa Milà, Casa Batlló, and the mesmerizing Park Güell.

Camp Nou



FC Barcelona is much more than just a football club. Sometimes it feels as if it carries the whole nation's pride on its shoulders. Even those not interested in football will enjoy a visit to the grandiose Camp Nou, the largest stadium in Europe, with a seating capacity of 99,354 spectators.

Follow in the footsteps of football legends from past and present by taking a tour of the stadium and then visiting the FC Barcelona Museum to learn all about the club's history, see its trophy collection, the press room, the presidential box, and the locker room.

Photo: Iakov Filimonov/Shutterstock.com

Address: Carrer d'Aristides Maillol 12, Barcelona

Phone: +34 902 18 99 00

Internet: www.fcbarcelona.com/en

Picasso Museum



One of the most popular and visited museums in Barcelona, the Picasso Museum offers valuable insight into the formative years of the renowned 20th-century Spanish artist. The museum houses a permanent collection of over 4,000 pieces,

showcasing Picasso's connection to Barcelona and its impact on his artistic development.

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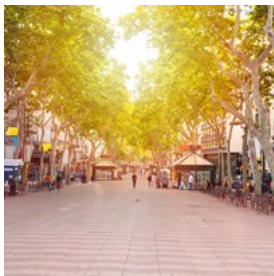
Address: Carrer de Montcada 15-23, Barcelona

Opening hours: Tue-Sun 10am-7pm

Phone: +34 932 56 30 00

Email: museupicasso@bcn.cat

La Rambla



Barcelona's most well-known street is unofficially not just one uninterrupted stretch but five – hence the name "Las Ramblas" – each

containing attractions of its own. A tree-lined, pedestrian-only walkway running through the street's central section, with street artists, souvenir vendors, bars and restaurants competing for visitors' attention.

Photo: LALS STOCK/Shutterstock.com

Address: La Rambla, Barcelona

Barcelona City Tour Hop-On Hop-Off



Hop on the Barcelona City Tour Bus and discover all the highlights that make this Mediterranean city so special. From the

modernist buildings and the great cuisine to the Olympic city and the Mediterranean sea: it's all Barcelona!

The air-conditioned double-decker open coaches travel all around the city, stopping at the most famous attractions including the Sagrada Familia and the Arc du Triomf. There is a multilingual audio guide system and individual headphones as well as free Wi-Fi onboard. Hop on or off

wherever you choose from one route to another.

Because it can be very busy at the ticket offices, buy your ticket online now and hop on at the location of your choice!

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Ciutadella Park



Parc de la Ciutadella, Barcelona's "green lung", is not only the most central park in the city but also a park that includes a zoo, a lake, a

large fountain, and a couple of museums. In the centre of the park, you will even find the building where the Catalan Parliament is seated. So take a walk, have a picnic, and enjoy this very lusciously green and well-maintained park.

Photo: lornet/Shutterstock.com

Address: Passeig de Picasso 21, Barcelona

Opening hours: Daily 10am-10:30pm

Phone: +34 638 23 71 15

Tickets: Free entrance

National Art Museum of Catalonia



The Museu Nacional d'Art de Catalunya (MNAC) hosts many temporary exhibits throughout the year, but it is also known for its Romanesque

collection of mural paintings. Here you can also find pieces like Gaudi's furniture or illustration from Casas and other artists of Catalan Modernism.

Photo: Suradech Singhanat/Shutterstock.com

Address: Palau Nacional, Parc de Montjuïc, Barcelona

Opening hours: Tue-Sat 10am-6pm, Sun 10am-3pm

Phone: +34 936 22 03 60

Internet: www.museunacional.cat/en

Beaches: Barceloneta, Mar Bella & Bogatell



Two of Barcelona's most popular beaches, Mar Bella & Bogatell are just a few minutes apart. Mar Bella is a naturist and gay-friendly beach, while

Bogatell is known for volleyball and sunbathing. Both are located within walking distance of trendy bars and restaurants.

However, the most popular beach in Barcelona is Barceloneta, mainly for its proximity to the city centre. Visited by tourists and locals, particularly as an after-work spot, Barceloneta Beach stretches from the Hotel Vela on the harbour-side for around 2 kilometres up to the Hotel Arts on the Puerto Olímpico. Between these two landmarks, the fine sands and the beach promenade are particularly inviting for cyclists, joggers, and inline skaters.

Photo: chan lee/Unsplash

Interactive Spanish Cooking Experience



When in Spain, why not take the opportunity to learn how to cook authentic Spanish food in a relaxed and fun atmosphere? Join this

cooking class where you'll learn how to make Spanish tapas, traditional paella, and sangria with a Barcelona chef, while you get the chance to meet new friends from around the world.

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Magic Fountain of Montjuïc



Montjuïc, the so-called mountain of the Jews, has an elevation of 173 metres, and it is higher than any other building in the city. The stairs of

Palau Nacional face west towards Fontana Magica (Magic Fountain), which is the main feature of the collection of waterfalls and ponds on Avinguda Maria Cristina. Built in 1929 for the Universal Exposition, the Magic Fountain of Montjuïc is a popular attraction in Barcelona, attracting both visitors and locals who come here to watch the magical show of jets of water blasting into the sky while dancing to the rhythm of lights and music.

Photo: Neirfy/Shutterstock.com

Address: Plaça de Carles Buïgas 1, Barcelona

Public Transport: Metro stop: Plaça d'Espanya

Opening hours: Check the website for The Magic Fountain's show times

Tickets: Free entrance

Internet:

www.barcelona.cat/en/what-to-do-in-bcn/magic-fountain

Aquarium de Barcelona



The sharks are the stars at this

Mediterranean-themed aquarium, but you'll be able to see almost all different kinds of marine

species here. The aquarium is situated at the end of Las Ramblas and is very close to the city centre. When here, make sure not to miss the tunnel where you can spot stingrays, sharks and many kinds of fish swimming around and above you.

Photo: Fotokon/Shutterstock.com

Address: Moll d'Espanya del Port Vell, Barcelona

Opening hours: Mon-Fri 10am-7pm, Sat & Sun 10am-8pm
Phone: +34 932 21 74 74
Internet: www.aquariumbcn.com/en
Email: info@aquariumbcn.com

View — The Bunkers



The Bunker, located at the top of Rovira in the Carmel neighbourhood is one of the few “secret” places in Barcelona, not overtaken by tourists yet.

The place consists of the remains of an old air raid civil war bunker built in 1937. It gives you a beautiful 360-degree view of the city and is really nice to visit just before sunset and watch the city come to life at night as the lights turn on.

Photo: Kenneth Dedeu/Shutterstock.com
Address: Carrer del Turó de la Rovira, Barcelona

Horta's Labyrinth Park



Designed in 1792, this park surrounds Torre Soberana, a 14th-century country house redecorated in the Arabesque style. Wander

the garden's lavish maze and romantic gardens to discover sculptures of mythological figures and a hidden waterfall.

Photo: Oh Barcelona/Flickr(image cropped)
Address: Passeig dels Castanyers 1, Barcelona
Opening hours: Daily 10am-6pm
Phone: +34 931 53 70 10

Sitges



This town, only 35 km south of Barcelona, is a popular day-trip destination for visitors to the city. Come here to have a lazy day on the beach or stroll through the cosy town. You will find trendy shops, beautiful sights, and delightful restaurants. If you choose to stay overnight, do not miss the well-reputed Sitges nightlife.

Photo: M.V. Photography/Shutterstock.com
Address: Sitges
Public Transport: Trains leave every fifteen minutes from Barcelona train station.

PortAventura Park & Ferrari Land



PortAventura is an amusement park situated in Tarragona – less than two hours by car from Barcelona – featuring lots of thrilling attractions for

all tastes and ages. The park is composed of six different worlds where you will enjoy all kinds of rides, attend shows, or go to various restaurants and shops.

Ferrari Land is another park, which was built around the theme of the famous Ferrari car brand, and where you will find many rides and a new kids' area in tribute to the genius Enzo Ferrari, the founder of the brand, and his passion for innovation. Here, you can also ride Europe's tallest and fastest vertical accelerator and experience F1 racing on eight virtual reality rides.

Photo: Olia Nayda/Unsplash
Address: Avinguda de l'Alcade Pere Molas, Km 2, Tarragona
Internet: www.portaventuraworld.com/en
More Info: www.portaventuraworld.com/en/ferrari-land

Barcelona Segway Tour

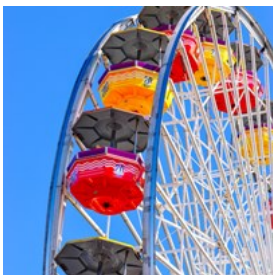


Are you ready for an adventure to remember for a lifetime? Go on a private Segway tour of Barcelona and explore the beautiful city in style.

Never tried a Segway? Don't worry, it is as safe and easy as walking!

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Tibidabo Amusement Park



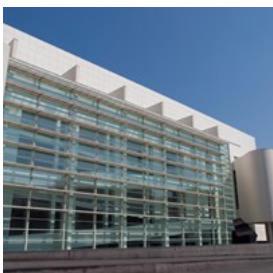
The Tibidabo Amusement Park is a magical place and a true Barcelona landmark. Located on top of Mount Tibidabo, 512 m above sea level, it is the highest point on Collserola Ridge, a magnificent natural park with ten million trees, and all this with the city of Barcelona as an exceptional backdrop. The Tibidabo Amusement Park dates back more than 100 years and is one of the oldest in the world.

Photo: Bart Dunweg/Unsplash

Address: Plaça del Tibidabo 3, 4, Barcelona

Internet: www.tibidabo.cat/en

Barcelona Museum of Contemporary Art – MACBA



Escape the hustle and bustle of Barcelona and check out the fascinating MACBA - a museum of contemporary art featuring Spanish and

Catalonian art from the 20th century. It's a must-see for anyone interested in local art and culture, as well as international works on display in rotating exhibitions.

Photo: Teo Stuivenberg/Shutterstock.com

Address: Plaça dels Àngels 1, Barcelona

Opening hours: Mon & Wed–Fri 11am–7:30pm; Sat 10am–8pm; Sun 10am–3pm

Phone: +34 934 12 08 10

Internet: www.macba.cat/en

Email: macba@macba.cat

Barcelona Zoo



In the beautiful Parc de la Ciutadella, you'll find this well-maintained zoo with over 7,000 animals representing 400 different species. Spend a

perfect day here with your family and see up close lions, leopards, hippopotami, red pandas, and gorillas – just to mention a few.

Photo: MARIOLA GROBELSKA/Unsplash

Address: Parc de la Ciutadella, Barcelona

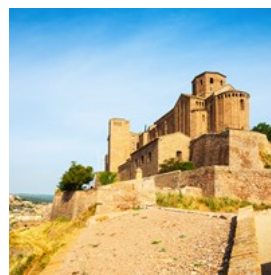
Opening hours: Mon–Fri 10am–4:30pm, Sat & Sun 10am–5:30pm

Phone: +34 937 06 56 56

Internet: www.zoobarcelona.cat/en

Email: zoobarcelona@bsmsa.cat

Cardona Castle



Cardona is a medieval village just one hour away from Barcelona. Come and see Cardona, go inside its Salt Mountain, a unique place in the world,

and visit the castle that was once the residence of the wealthiest lineage of Catalonia, the Cardonas. Also, visit the Medieval Centre and enjoy the natural beauty surrounding the town.

Photo: Iakov Filimonov/Shutterstock.com

Address: Lloc Parador Nacional Turisme 506, Cardona, Barcelona

Opening hours: Tue–Sun 10am–1pm / 3pm–7pm

Phone: +34 938 68 41 69

Gaudí Experiència



The Gaudí Experiència is an interactive museum that offers visitors a chance to travel inside the creative mind of Catalan architect Antoni

Gaudí and understand what inspired him in a fun and magical way. There is a 4-D movie, exhibits, and interactive walls with several languages that put the life and works of the genius architect at your fingertips.

Photo: FastMotion/Shutterstock.com

Address: Carrer de Larrard 41, Barcelona

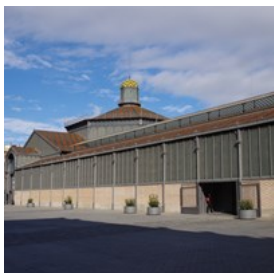
Opening hours: Daily 10am-5pm

Phone: +34 932 85 44 40

Internet: www.gaudiexperiencia.com

Email: info@gaudiexperiencia.com

El Born Cultural & Memorial Centre



11 September 1714 marks a crucial chapter in the history of Catalonia: the fierce siege of the Bourbonic troops of King Philip V, which

ended in the capitulation of Barcelona and the loss of Catalan liberties. El Born Cultural Centre shows the vivacious, dynamic Barcelona of 1700 and the events of 1714 in the context of the War of the Spanish Succession. The archaeological site also contains the remains of the neighbourhood demolished by King Philip V of Spain.

Photo: Marc Canela Fotografia/Shutterstock.com

Address: Plaça Comercial 12, Barcelona

Opening hours: Tue-Sat 10am-7pm, Sun 10am-8pm

Phone: +34 932 56 68 51

Internet: elbornculturaimemoria.barcelona.cat/en

Email: infoelbornccm@bcn.cat

More Info: Near the Picasso Museum

CosmoCaixa Barcelona



CosmoCaixa, a science museum that attracts both kids and grown-ups, is one of the most thrilling museums in Barcelona and all of

Spain. This hands-on museum offers physical, technical, geological, chemical, and mathematical experiments and with its permanent exhibitions such as "Flooded Forest," "Geological Wall," "Room of Matter", and Planetarium, can keep nearly anyone busy for hours. It is easy to spend some hours here but make sure not to miss "The Amazon Jungle" with 30m tall trees and animals from tropical regions.

Photo: Jerzy Kociatkiewicz/Flickr(image cropped)

Address: Carrer d'Isaac Newton 26, Barcelona

Opening hours: Daily 10am-8pm

Phone: +34 932 12 60 50

Internet: cosmocaixa.org/es/cosmocaixa-barcelona

Email: icosmocaixa@magmacultura.com

Sant Pau Art Nouveau Site



Sant Pau-the former Hospital de la Santa Creu i Sant Pau-is Barcelona's latest wonder. The world's largest Art Nouveau site has been

restored and invites you to enjoy one of the most emblematic works of architect Lluís Domènech i Montaner. Built between 1901 and 1930 and declared a World Heritage Site by UNESCO in 1997, Sant Pau is a city within a city, with 12 buildings of great architectural value surrounded by gardens where history and architecture coexist side by side.

Photo: Brian Kinney/Shutterstock.com

Address: Carrer de Sant Antoni Maria Claret 167, Barcelona

Opening hours: Mon-Fri 10am-2:30pm, Sat & Sun

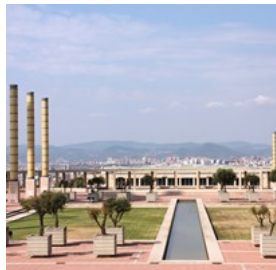
10am-5pm

Phone: +34 935 53 78 01

Internet: santpaubarcelona.org

Email: recintemodernista@fundaciosantpau.cat

Olympic Park Montjuïc



Barcelona's Park Montjuïc was the location for the 1992 Olympic Games, and all the facilities are still there for you to see. The biggest

structure is the Olympic Stadium, but you can also see the Swimming Complex, the Olympic Spire structure, and an array of landscaped walkways.

Photo: Tupungato/Shutterstock.com

Address: Park Montjuïc, Barcelona

Public Transport: Metro: Lines 2 and 3, Paral·lel Station. Bus: 55 and 150.

DINING



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The easiest thing is to divide Barcelona's overwhelming range of restaurants into two categories: the new and the old. Some of the world's most modern restaurants, managed by the world's most innovative chefs (the most famous is Ferrán Adrià) can be found here, but there is also traditional Catalan cuisine, which, despite being heavy on occasion, includes very good vegetable dishes: samfaina, a kind of

ratatouille; escalivada, grilled, peeled peppers, aubergines, and onions; espinacs a la Catalana, spinach fried with garlic, pine nuts, and raisins, among others. Best known is the simple rustic pa amb tomàquet: a slice of bread with olive oil, salt, and freshly crushed tomatoes.

"The new ones" in particular may be expensive, but many of the best-known chefs' apprentices have now opened their own lower-priced restaurants. Generally speaking, "the old ones" provide better value for money, although even the traditional restaurants know how to charge. You should always reserve a table in Barcelona, and dinner here is not served until 9 pm.

Els 4Gats



Els 4Gats is an iconic and historic restaurant, which opened on June 12th 1897 and served as a meeting point for the great artists and

intellectuals of Barcelona, including Ramon Casas and Pablo Picasso. The latter had his first exhibition of drawings here and designed the cover art for the menu that is still used to this day.

Housed in a modernist neo-Gothic building, just a few minutes from the Palau de la Música Catalana, Els 4Gats offers Catalan cuisine in a bohemian atmosphere with regular, live piano sessions.

Photo: Helena Lopes/Pexels

Address: Carrer de Montsió 3, Barcelona

Opening hours: Tue-Sat 11am-12:30am, Sun noon-5pm

Phone: +34 933 02 41 40

Internet: 4gats.com

Email: 4gats@4gats.com

Cal Pep



Cal Pep is a very popular tapas bar and restaurant near the Basilica of Santa Maria del Mar. It is best to jostle your way to the counter seats and let Pep

himself recommend the best hors d'oeuvres.

Otherwise, there are also tables and a quieter dining room further in. On offer is a mixture of traditional and innovative cooking with a focus on seafood & fish.

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Address: Plaça de les Olles 8, Barcelona

Phone: +34 933 10 79 61

Internet: www.calpep.com/?lang=en

Email: calpep@calpep.com

Banna



Unpretentious Asian restaurant specialised in Thai cuisine offering curries, stir-fries, plus Singha beer in a cosy atmosphere in the heart

of the Gràcia neighbourhood.

Photo: Kzenon/Shutterstock.com

Address: Plaça Revolució de Setembre 1868, 15, Barcelona

Public Transport: Metro stop: Fontana

Opening hours: Tue-Sun 1pm-4pm / 8pm-midnight

Phone: +34 932 13 30 44

Email: bannathaigracia@gmail.com

El Filete Ruso



El Filete Ruso is a grill house, near Casa Milà, serving organic meats, juicy burgers, steak tartare, entrecôte, and tapas in a cosy

atmosphere. Enjoy your meal on the lovely

terrace and watch the world go by.

Photo: farbled/Shutterstock.com

Address: Carrer d'Enric Granados 95, Barcelona

Phone: +34 932 17 13 10

Internet: elfileteruso.com

Email: hola@elfileteruso.com

Poble Espanyol: the Richness of Traditional Spanish Cuisine



The wide range of bars and restaurants in Poble Espanyol allows you to discover the variety and richness of Spanish cuisine. Enjoying

authentic paella or delicious tapas in a peaceful environment is quite an experience. And if the weather permits, why not relax on one of the pleasant terraces too?

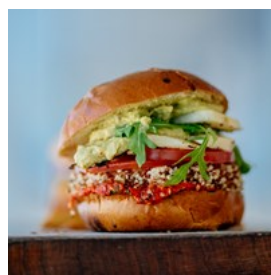
Photo: tradville/Shutterstock.com

Address: Avinguda Francesc Ferrer i Guàrdia 13, Barcelona

Phone: +34 935 08 63 00

Internet: poble-espanyol.com/en/the-visit/gastronomy

Vratal



Vratal is a vegan restaurant, in the Poble Nou district, serving house-made burgers and healthy bowls, plus cocktails. The Blind Date

burger and the crispy cauliflower wings come highly recommended.

Photo: Lefteris kallergis/Unsplash

Address: Rambla del Poblenou 16, Bajos 4, Barcelona

Public Transport: Metro stop: Llacuna

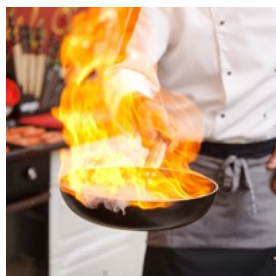
Opening hours: Daily 1pm-midnight

Phone: +34 934 91 48 06

Internet: www.vratal.es/en

Email: hola@vratal.es

UMA



UMA is a Michelin-starred restaurant offering creative tasting menus in a charming and exclusive environment. From the

presentation of the dishes to the flavour combinations to the well-thought-out wine pairing, dining at UMA will be an experience you will not forget.

Photo: Shebeko/Shutterstock.com

Address: Carrer de Mallorca 275, Barcelona

Public Transport: Metro stop: Diagonal

Opening hours: Mon 1:30–4:30pm / 8:30–11:30pm; Thu–Sat 1:30pm–4:30pm / 8:30pm–11:30pm; Sun 8:30pm–11:30pm

Phone: +34 656 99 09 30

Internet: espaciouma.com/en

Email: info@espaciouma.com

More Info: Near Casa Milà

Blavis



Tucked away on a small side street, Blavis offers a truly unique culinary experience in an intimate and cosy atmosphere. The owners, Paco and Marc,

are an attentive and warm duo. Together they offer simple yet mouthwatering tapas dishes with Italian and Japanese influences. The place is indeed small and seats only 18 people, so booking in advance is highly recommended.

Photo: Andrey Bayda/Shutterstock.com

Address: Carrer de Saragossa 85, Barcelona

Opening hours: Tue–Sat 7pm–11:30pm

Phone: +34 640 50 36 11

Internet: restaurantblavis.com/en/home

Email: blavis@restaurantblavis.com

Carlota Akaneya



Inspired by a famous restaurant in Kyoto, Carlota Akaneya is the first sumibiyaki in Barcelona. What makes it special is the grill placed

in the centre of the table where you can cook impeccable quality meats, fish, and vegetables. So if traditional and authentic Japanese cuisine is what you are looking for, then this is the place to head for.

Photo: Quang Mau Thanh/Shutterstock.com

Address: Carrer del Pintor Fortuny 32, Barcelona

Opening hours: Mon–Fri 7pm–11pm; Sat & Sun 1:30pm–5:30pm / 7pm–11pm

Phone: +34 933 02 77 68

Internet: carlotaakaneya.com/eng

Email: reservas@carlotaakaneya.com

Piazzes d'Italia



This simple and cosy small Italian restaurant is a hidden gem compared to the many tourist traps a few streets away.

Homemade pasta, pizza, and meat dishes are served here every day by the attentive staff.

Photo: marinatakano/Shutterstock.com

Address: Carrer de Casanova 94, Barcelona

Opening hours: Daily 1pm–3:45pm / 7:45pm–11pm

Phone: +34 933 23 59 77

Viana Barcelona



When dining at Viana Barcelona, one can relish the beautifully presented modern take on tapas along with refined Mediterranean-style

dishes with global twists. Although the restaurant is tiny and noisy, the delicious food, the artisan cocktails, and the excellent service make it all worth it.

Photo: Shebeko/Shutterstock.com

Address: Carrer del Vidre 7, Barcelona

Opening hours: Mon & Wed-Fri 6pm-11:30pm; Sat & Sun
1pm-4pm / 6pm-11:30pm

Phone: +34 930 15 25 25

Internet: www.vianabcn.com/en

Email: info@vianabcn.com

Mian



Authentic Chinese restaurant serving hearty dishes, including dim sum steamed dumplings, gyoza, noodle soups, and fried rice in a modern and

cosy atmosphere.

Photo: leungchopan/Shutterstock.com

Address: Carrer de Girona 49, Barcelona

Opening hours: Tue-Sun noon-4pm / 7:30pm-11pm

Phone: +34 936 81 78 29

Internet: www.restaurantemian.es

Email: bcn@restaurantemian.com

Bodega Biarritz 1881



Bodega Biarritz 1881 is a cosy little tapas bar located near the famous la Rambla. Make sure to pick a wide variety of different tapas from the

menu to get a comprehensive overview of the Spanish speciality. To round up your menu, enjoy one of the available Spanish, Basque, or Catalan wines with your dish.

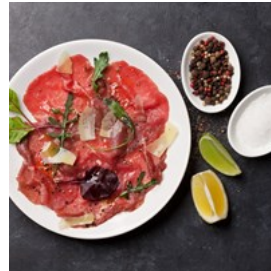
Photo: marcin jucha/Shutterstock.com

Address: Carrer Nou de Sant Francesc, 7, Barcelona

Opening hours: Thu-Mon 1pm-4pm / 5pm-10pm

Phone: +34 618 67 79 27

Cera 23



Cera 23 is the result of three friends sharing the same passion for food with a focus on the anatomy of a dish, which really shows. Try

different types of seafood, meat, and vegetable dishes and round them off with a delicious dessert from the menu. A special pride of the restaurant is the black rice volcano, assembled of its ingredients to imitate an erupting volcano on your plate.

Photo: Evgeny Karandaev/Shutterstock.com

Address: Carrer de la Cera 23, Barcelona

Opening hours: Fri-Tue 7pm-11:30pm

Phone: +34 934 42 08 08

Internet: www.cera23.com

Email: reservas@cera23.com

CAFES



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Barcelona's cafe culture is half Italian and comes with its own set of simple rules: *café con leche* (*café amb llet* in Catalan) is for breakfast, preferably with a croissant; mid-day, especially after a meal, the locals have an espresso, *café solo* (*un café*) or a *cortado* (*un tallat*), which is an espresso with milk (*café Americano* is what some would call watered-down versions of the

two first coffees); in the afternoon, or after dinner, order a *café solo corto*, a strong espresso, or a *carajillo* — a *café solo* with Spanish brandy.

And since you are in Barcelona, you cannot leave the city without having some crispy *churros* with a hearty cup of hot chocolate.

Cafè de l'Òpera



Historical cafe, in the heart of La Rambla, offering breakfast, *churros* with chocolate, coffee, *sangria*, and cakes in a classically decorated venue with a terrace.

Photo: Ana del Castillo/Shutterstock.com

Address: La Rambla 74, Barcelona

Opening hours: Daily 8:30am-2:30am

Satan's Coffee Corner



The coolest coffee house in Barcelona may be small, but it makes up for personality and customer loyalty. Coming from a family of coffee makers,

Marcos Bartolomé set up Satan's Coffee Corner and started creating his original and creatively named blends, which are possibly the best coffee available in the city.

Photo: Siegi/Shutterstock.com

Address: Carrer de l'Arc de Sant Ramon del Call 11, Barcelona

Opening hours: Mon-Fri 8am-6pm, Sat & Sun 10am-6pm

Phone: +34 932 52 62 49

Internet: www.satanscoffee.com

More Info: Near the Barcelona Cathedral

Café Salambó



Famed for its exquisite and varied cocktails, great selection of *tapas*, and wooden decor that gives the place a homey feeling, Café Salambó

attracts a young and vibrant crowd, many of whom stop by for a snack and a bite to eat before or after a visit to the nearby Verdi Park cinema.

Photo: Pheniti Prasomphethiran/Shutterstock.com

Address: Carrer de Torrijos 51, Barcelona

Opening hours: Mon-Thu 1pm-12:30am, Fri 1pm-1:30am, Sat noon-1:30am, Sun noon-7pm

Phone: +34 932 18 69 66

Internet: www.cafesalambo.com/en

Cafès El Magnífic



"Magnífic" in both name and quality, this high-end coffee house allows its patrons to try different types of coffee and speciality blends in the

shop's sampling area before deciding what to order. Many customers choose to take some beans home, which attests to their high quality and exquisite flavour.

Photo: bajinda/Shutterstock.com

Address: Carrer de l'Argenteria 64, Barcelona

Opening hours: Mon-Sat 9am-8pm

Phone: +34 933 19 39 75

Internet: cafeselmagnifico.com/en

Email: elmagnifico@cafeselmagnifico.com

Granja M. Viader



Barcelona's traditional cafés are known as "granjas", and M. Viader may be one of the most famous. Opened in 1870, Granja M. Viader remains after all these years a great place to stop by for coffee, traditional desserts, pastries, and sandwiches, as well as to try the traditional cacaolat (a Catalan chocolate drink), always best paired with churros. The whole place oozes charm and personality, and staff and clientele alike ensure that it is always lively.

Photo: AS Food studio/Shutterstock.com

Address: Carrer d'en Xuclà 4, Barcelona

Opening hours: Tue-Sat 9am-1:45pm / 5pm-8:45pm

Phone: +34 933 18 34 86

Email: granjaviader@gmail.com

Caelum



Offering a wealth of cakes and pastries, Caelum aims to satisfy even the most discerning visitors' sweet tooth. The products on offer are made by

monks and nuns in various monasteries and convents located around the region, and they can be enjoyed along with a steaming cup of coffee in the small café area of the shop.

Photo: karnavalfoto/Shutterstock.com

Address: Carrer de la Palla 8, Barcelona

Opening hours: Daily noon-8pm

Phone: +34 933 02 69 93

Internet: www.instagram.com/caelumbcn

Churrería Laietana



Traditional churrería in the heart of Barcelona serving freshly prepared Spanish churros, alongside a dip of creamy chocolate. Hand in hand with a cup of coffee or tea, Churrería Laietana is a great place for breakfast, an afternoon snack, or a time-out while exploring Barcelona.

Photo: nelea33/Shutterstock.com

Address: Via Laietana 46, Barcelona

Opening hours: Mon-Fri 7am-1pm / 4pm-8:30pm; Sun 8am-1:30pm

Phone: +34 932 68 12 63

BARS & NIGHTLIFE



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Barcelona stays awake while the rest of Europe sleeps. Nightlife starts late, preferably at a bar. Catalans believe it's smart to eat while drinking, so most bars also serve tapas. Barcelona's trendy nightlife is constantly changing, so the best advice is to ask around for the latest and greatest places.

Dr Stravinsky



A true hidden gem in the maze of back streets of the El Born district, Dr Stravinsky is a small and unique cocktail bar serving masterfully crafted drinks and bar bites in a cosy and whimsical atmosphere.

Photo: Emily Andreeva/Unsplash

Address: Carrer dels Mirallers 5, Barcelona

Opening hours: Mon-Fri 5:30pm-1:30am; Sat 1pm-4:45pm / 5pm-2:45am; Sun 1pm-4:45pm / 5pm-1:45am

Phone: +34 931 57 12 33

Internet: drstravinsky.cat/en

Email: info@drstravinsky.cat

More Info: Near the Picasso Museum

Can Paixano (La Xampanyeria)



Can Paixano, best known as La Xampanyeria is a traditional bar, in the heart of the Barceloneta neighbourhood, famous for its cava - a typical

Catalonian sweet sparkling wine - which is best enjoyed with a side of tapas and bocadillos (sandwiches).

La Xampanyeria is quite a popular bar among travellers and locals, so it is continuously packed. Stand wherever you can find space, and don't be afraid to gently push your way through the crowd to place your order.

Photo: Mads Eneqvist/Unsplash

Address: Carrer de la Reina Cristina 7, Barcelona

Public Transport: Metro stop: Barceloneta

Opening hours: Tue-Thu noon-10pm

Phone: +34 933 10 08 39

Internet: www.canpaixano.com

Icebarcelona



Maintained at a chilled -5°C, Icebarcelona is the only ice bar in the world located directly on the beach, a nice respite from the oppressive heat of the Barcelona summer. Enjoy cocktails and beers surrounded by ice blocks and ice sculptures in this unique bar.

Photo: Marcin Sylwia Ciesielski/Shutterstock.com

Address: Passeig Marítim de la Barceloneta 38 A, Barcelona

Opening hours: Daily noon-3am

Phone: +34 932 24 16 25

Internet: www.icebarcelona.com/en

Marula Café



Marula Café is known and loved for the old-school flavour of the jams that blaze from the speakers on a nightly basis. Funk, soul, and disco beats keep the crowd dancing, and the regular live bands and DJ sessions keep them coming to this Gothic area nightclub.

Photo: wedninth/Shutterstock.com

Address: Carrer dels Escudellers 49, Barcelona

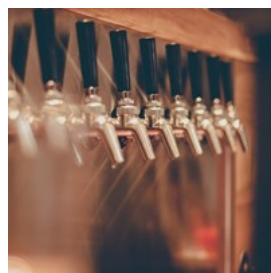
Opening hours: Wed & Thu 10:30pm-5am, Fri & Sat 10pm-6am

Phone: +34 933 18 76 90

Internet: marulacafe.com/bcn

Email: eventos@marulacafe.com

L'Ovella Negra (Ramblas)



L'Ovella Negra is a rustic and bustling tavern offering cheap drinks - including one of the best sangrias in town - and bar bites in a casual and

friendly atmosphere. Plus, foosball tables, billiards, and free popcorn when ordering a drink. Great spot to either start or end your night.

Photo: Veex/Pixabay
Address: Carrer de les Sitges 5, Barcelona
Opening hours: Sun-Thu 5pm-2:30am, Fri & Sat 5pm-3am
Phone: 34 933 17 10 87
Internet: ovellanegraramblas.com
Email: comunicacio@ovellanegra.com

Sidecar Factory Club



Indie and underground rock acts have called this place home for nearly 30 years. Nightly concerts and/or DJ sessions make this tiny bar, live venue & club one of the coolest places to party in Barcelona.

Photo: Africa Studio/Shutterstock.com
Address: Plaça Reial 7, Barcelona
Public Transport: Metro stop: Liceu
Opening hours: Wed & Thu 5pm-5am, Fri & Sat 5pm-6am, Sun 7pm-6am
Phone: +34 933 02 15 86
Internet: sidecar.es/en
Email: info@sidecar.es

Jamboree



Jamboree is an insanely popular jazz club that crams huge crowds into its small, cave-like space to listen to raucous jazz, blues, and funk acts on a nightly basis. It is an integral part of the Plaça Reial night scene, transforming into a dance club later at night.

Photo: Rawpixel.com/Shutterstock.com
Address: Plaça Reial 17, Barcelona

Phone: +34 933 04 12 10
Internet: jamboreejazz.com/en
Email: info-jamboree@masimas.com

La Whiskeria — Whisky & Cocktail Bar



With a great selection of wine, cocktails, beers and, of course, whiskey, this bar offers a welcoming and comfortable location for sitting together for a drink and a little chit-chat. For newbies to the whiskey game, the staff is ready to introduce and help you find the most appealing drop for your taste.

Photo: Jag_cz/Shutterstock.com
Address: Carrer de Casp 39, Barcelona
Opening hours: Daily 5pm-2am
Internet: lawhiskeria.es
Email: whiskeriabcn@gmail.com

Sala Apolo



Apolo began as an amusement park, but over time it evolved to include a ballroom, bingo, professional skating club, and nightclub. Today, it serves as a concert hall and nightclub, catering to a more alternative audience in Barcelona. It hosts weekly DJ parties, musical performances, and events spanning various music genres.

Photo: Sinelev/Shutterstock.com
Address: Carrer Nou de la Rambla 113, Barcelona
Phone: +34 934 41 40 01
Internet: www.sala-apolo.com/en
Email: info@sala-apolo.com

Harlem Jazz Club



Barcelona's premier destination for live jazz, swing, blues, and rock music, Harlem Jazz Club brings the feel of the Harlem music scene to

the Catalan coast. There are performances every night, attracting the best of the local talent as well as visitors from all around the globe.

Photo: Geoff Goldswain/Shutterstock.com

Address: Carrer de la Comtessa de Sobradiel 8, Barcelona

Opening hours: Tue 8pm-2am, Thu-Sat 8pm-3am, Sun 8pm-midnight

Phone: +34 933 10 07 55

Internet: www.harlemjazzclub.es/en

Email: zingariaproduccions@yahoo.es

Kælderkold Craft Beer Bar



The selection of beer in most bars in Barcelona is not very impressive, which makes Kælderkold all the more special. They offer many different

varieties of craft beers both local and global in a small but cosy setting, plus tapas.

Photo: Brent Hofacker/Shutterstock.com

Address: Carrer del Cardenal Casañas 7, Barcelona

Opening hours: Daily noon-2:30am

Phone: +34 932 77 96 71

Internet: www.kaelderkold.com

Email: info@kaelderkold.com

More Info: Near La Boqueria Market

CDLC Barcelona | Carpe Diem Lounge Club



The location is by far the greatest draw for Carpe Diem, as its fantastic spot right on the beach makes for an enjoyable evening meal and drink. Many

come here to start the evening off, and some even stay longer and enjoy the restaurant's transformation into a nightclub later at night.

Photo: oneinchpunch/Shutterstock.com

Address: Passeig Marítim de la Barceloneta 32, Barcelona

Opening hours: Daily noon-5:30am

Phone: +34 932 24 04 70

Internet: cdlcbarcelona.com

Email: info@cdlcbarcelona.com

La Terrazza



La Terrazza is one of Barcelona's most stunning party spots, located at the site of a former 16th-century farmhouse that has now

been converted into an open-air nightclub that thousands know and love, especially those into electronic music.

Photo: Thoom/Shutterstock.com

Address: Avenida Francesc Ferrer i Guàrdia, Barcelona

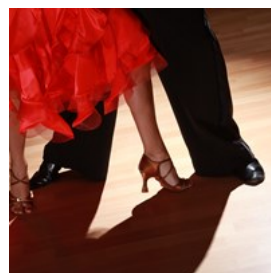
Opening hours: Fri & Sat midnight-6am, Sun 6pm-12:30am

Phone: +34 687 96 98 25

Internet: laterrazza.com

Email: contact@laterrazza.com

Mojito Club



Latin beats are the stars at Mojito Club, which, as the name suggests, specialises in salsa and Cuban music. Beginners can take salsa dancing

lessons at 10pm, and seasoned veterans can show up later to tear up the dance floor. Other Latin American rhythms always make an appearance, so all dancers feel welcome.

Photo: Billion Photos/Shutterstock.com

Address: Carrer del Rosselló 217, Barcelona

Opening hours: Thu 11pm-3:30am, Fri & Sat 11pm-5:30am,

Sun 8pm-3:30am
Phone: +34 654 20 10 06
Internet: mojitobcn.com
Email: infomojito@gmail.com

Casino Barcelona



Discover a world of entertainment where gastronomy, live music, and gambling are brought to life. Come and taste their Mediterranean, international and fusion cuisines, paired with the best wines and champagnes. Enjoy live concerts and a variety of musical performances and entertainment, which take place in their most innovative gaming rooms.

Photo: Hadrian/Shutterstock.com
Address: Carrer de la Marina 19-21, Barcelona
Opening hours: Daily 9am-5am
Phone: +34 932 25 78 78
Internet: www.casinobarcelona.com/en
Email: info@casinobarcelona.com

SHOPPING



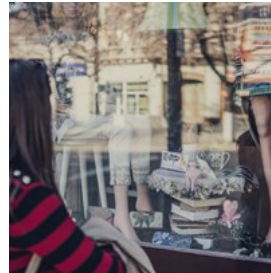
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Shopping in Barcelona offers lots of interesting browsing. Unusual shops can be found in most parts of the city, but those who want to be efficient should focus on Plaça Catalunya and the Gothic Quarter. This last one offers plenty of shopping opportunities throughout its maze of medieval streets – souvenirs, clothing, shoes,

quirky shops, and everything you can think of, you will find here.

For those into high-end fashion, head to Passeig de Gràcia, Barcelona's version of the Champs-Élysées. Shopping malls abound around Barcelona, El Triangle and Maremagnum are the most popular ones among tourists due to their central location. The gigantic department store El Corte Inglés is located at Plaça Catalunya. Come here for the wares, but also for the people-watching.

Avinguda del Portal de l'Àngel



Avinguda del Portal de l'Àngel is a crowded, pedestrian-only avenue in the heart of Barcelona, known as one of the best addresses for shopping in the city. Throughout this long avenue, which stretches from the always busy Plaça Catalunya to the historic Gothic Quarter, you'll find plenty of global retailers such as Bershka, Pull & Bear, H&M, Desigual, another El Corte Inglés, Zara, Disney Store, Massimo Dutti, Benetton, as well as a handful of eateries.

Photo: George Bakos/Unsplash
Address: Avinguda del Portal de l'Àngel

Passeig de Gràcia

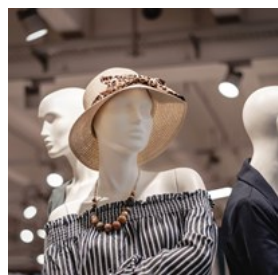


If you're looking for some serious fashion shopping, then make your way to Passeig de Gràcia, the parallel street, Rambla de Catalunya, and the surrounding district. You'll find all the big international fashion names here, including Spanish greats such as Adolfo Domínguez,

Armand Basi, Groc, and the leather specialist Loewe. More economic alternatives such as Zara, Mango, and Massimo Dutti are also represented here. You can also find a good selection of trend-conscious designer fashions at Noténom.

Photo: Iakov Filimonov/Shutterstock.com
Address: Passeig de Gràcia, Barcelona

El Corte Inglés



Spain's department store colossus is both loved and hated, but successfully performs the main task of a department store, which is to offer most

things to most people. Designer fashions, their own low and medium-priced lines, enormous perfumery and make-up departments, accessories, toys, children's and baby's clothes, art materials, souvenirs, food and delicatessen, household furniture and decorations, electrical goods, books, and a range of services can be found here.

The largest El Corte Inglés in Barcelona is situated in Plaça Catalunya.

Photo: Sara Kurfel/Unsplash
Address: Plaça de Catalunya 14, Barcelona
Public Transport: Metro stop: Plaça Catalunya
Opening hours: Mon-Sat 9am-9pm

Mercat dels Encants



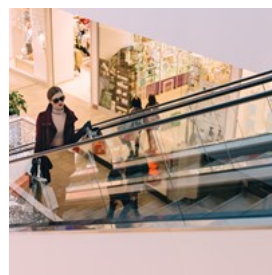
Mercat dels Encants is a long-running flea market selling countless treasures under a mirrored roof location near the imposing Agbar

Tower. Also known as Barcelona's Encants Vells

or Mercat de Bellcaire, the Mercat dels Encants is one of the oldest markets in Europe, dating back to the fourteenth century – a great example of Barcelona's commercial dynamism. Here you will find everything from books, jewellery and clothing to furniture, art, and random knick-knacks. Come early to find the best-hidden gems and prepare your best haggling skills.

Photo: Mats Hagwall/Unsplash
Address: Carrer de los Castillejos 158, Barcelona
Opening hours: Mon, Wed, Fri & Sat 9am-8pm
Phone: +34 932 45 22 99
Internet: hencantsbarcelona.com/en
Email: comunicacio@encantsbarcelona.com

Arenas Mall



Housed on a site of a former bullfighting ring near Montjuïc, Arenas de Barcelona is a beautiful shopping complex boasting plenty of shops, eateries, a cinema, a large supermarket, and best of all, a 360 rooftop view of the city.

Photo: freestocks/Unsplash
Address: Gran Via de les Corts Catalanes 373-385, Barcelona
Public Transport: Metro Stop: Espanya (Lines 1 & 3)
Opening hours: Mon-Sat 9am-9pm
Phone: +34 932 89 02 44
Internet: www.arenasdebarcelona.com/EN
Email: informacion@arenasdebarcelona.com

Mercado La Boquería



Visiting the La Boquería Market, halfway down La Rambla, is something of a must. The historic and colourful market is one of the city's main

attractions, and it offers everything when it comes to food – from fresh fruits, vegetables,

nuts and sweets to meat, fish, and cheese. The place is also popular for lunch, a quick bite, or a refreshing glass of cava.

Photo: Iolanta Kli/Shutterstock.com
Address: La Rambla 91, Barcelona
Opening hours: Mon-Sat 8am-8:30pm
Phone: +34 934 13 23 03
Email: elmercatdelaboqueria@gmail.com

Westfield Glòries & Diagonal Mar Centre



Not far from each other on Avinguda Diagonal, you will find two shopping malls with plenty of shopping, dining, and leisure

options.

Westfield Glòries is a modern shopping centre, in front of the famous Agbar Tower, featuring a large selection of shops spread out on different levels, some indoors and others outdoors, plus restaurants, a large supermarket, and a movie theatre.

A little bit further, the Centre Comercial Diagonal Mar is another contemporary and spacious shopping mall offering a range of shops, eateries and services as well as a cinema and a supermarket.

Photo: gonghuimin468/Pixabay
Address: Avinguda Diagonal 208; Avinguda Diagonal 3
Opening hours: Mon-Sat 9am-9pm
Internet: es.westfield.com/glories

Grey Street



Grey Street is a cute little shop offering a well-curated selection of one-of-a-kind and quirky gifts from local artists and a few international ones, right in the heart of the Raval neighbourhood.

Photo: Jason Briscoe/Unsplash
Address: Carrer del Peu de la Creu 25, Barcelona
Opening hours: Mon-Sat 11am-3pm / 4pm-8pm
Internet: www.greystreetbarcelona.com/en
Email: greystreetbarcelona@gmail.com

Santa Caterina Market



The unique mosaic-like, wavy roof structure of the Mercat de Santa Caterina illustrates the colours of the vast number of fruit and vegetable stalls represented in the halls of this bustling market. Aside from a variety of fresh food vendors, you'll also find a few eateries.

Photo: HQuality/Shutterstock.com
Address: Avenida de Francesc Cambó 16, Barcelona
Opening hours: Mon, Wed & Sat 7:30am-3pm; Tue, Thu & Fri 7:30am-8pm
Phone: +34 933 19 57 40
Internet: mercatsantacaterina.com
Email: info@mercatsantacaterina.cat

La Manual Alpargatera



If you are visiting Barcelona during the summer, you'll notice some locals walking around the city wearing a pair of espadrilles—sandals typical of Catalonia that are

handmade in cotton canvas, with a sole of jute rope and long cotton laces. And if you're thinking about getting a pair for yourself or for someone back home, the best place to buy them is at La Manual Alpargatera, a long-running workshop selling these traditional and quite comfortable summer shoes in every colour and several styles.

Photo: Big Dodzy/Unsplash

Address: Carrer d'Avinyó 7, Barcelona

Opening hours: Mon-Sat 10am-2pm / 4pm-8pm

Phone: +34 933 01 01 72

Internet: lamanual.com

Email: support@lamanual.com

More Info: 2nd location: Carrer de Montcada, 13, Barcelona

Poble Espanyol Crafts and Shopping Centre



Open to the public 365 days a year, Poble Espanyol is a singular shopping centre in Barcelona. More than 30 artisans work every day crafting unique or custom-made pieces of glass, leather, ceramics, jewellery and Spanish guitars, among others. There is also a wide range of gourmet shops offering premium food products.

Photo: Catarina Belova/Shutterstock.com

Address: Avinguda Francesc Ferrer i Guàrdia 13, Barcelona

Opening hours: Summer: daily 10am-8pm. Winter: daily 10am-6pm. Autumn & Spring: daily 10am-7pm

Phone: +34 935 086 300

Internet: www.poble-espanyol.com/en/artisanat-barcelone

TOURIST INFORMATION



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Best Time to Visit



Barcelona, the second-largest city in Spain, is the first tourist destination of the country, ahead of its rival Madrid. The city is particularly appreciated for its climate because it enjoys beautiful and sunny days eight months per year. It is popular with tourists from around the world during the two summer months because of its high temperatures, which can reach up to 37°C. The many nearby beaches are perfect for a swim after a long day of sightseeing but expect a busy crowd.

Spring and autumn are, therefore, the best time to visit Barcelona. During these seasons, you can enjoy the sun and the beautiful and shining days away from the holidaymakers of July and August. Besides, the prices are more affordable, so it is easier to find a place to eat and sleep.

It is also possible to explore the Catalan capital during the winter because the climate is cool, but the temperatures are still mild. You will not find negative temperatures or frosts at this time of the year.

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Frequently Asked Questions about Barcelona (FAQs)



Is Barcelona a safe city?
Yes. Although Barcelona is a big city – the second-largest in Spain and the most visited city in the country – it is still

considered a fairly safe place for tourists. However, as with most popular tourist destinations, such as Paris, pickpockets and bag thieves are the biggest concerns here. So be careful when walking around and taking pictures near major tourist attractions, such as La Rambla, Plaça Catalunya, and La Sagrada Família.

What is Barcelona famous for?

Barcelona, the capital of Catalonia, is famous for its remarkable architecture, gold-sand beaches, vibrant nightlife, world-class cuisine, and of course, its local football team, commonly known as Barça.

Is Barcelona expensive?

Yes, Barcelona is quite expensive to visit but still more affordable when compared to other European destinations, such as Paris, London, and Rome. As of today, the average cost per traveller in Barcelona is between €90-120 per day.

How many days do you need for Barcelona?

First-time travellers should try and plan around 4-5 days – enough time to visit the city's main attractions, explore its characterful

neighbourhoods and still have time to kick back and relax at the beach.

Photo: Olena Bohovyk/pexels

Passport / Visa



Spain can be visited visa-free for up to 90 days by citizens of Australia, New Zealand, Japan, South Korea, Taiwan, Malaysia, Israel, UAE and most countries in America. If you are unsure whether or not you need to apply for a visa, we recommend contacting the embassy or consulate in your country. International (non-Schengen) travellers need a passport that is valid for at least 3 months after the end of their intended trip in order to enter the Schengen zone. Citizens of Schengen countries can travel without a passport but must have a valid ID with them during their stay.

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Barcelona El Prat Airport (BCN)



Josep Tarradellas Barcelona-El Prat Airport, also known as Barcelona Airport or simply El Prat Airport, Barcelona's main airport, is located 13 km southwest of the city centre.

Aerobus serves both terminals every 5 minutes before leaving for the city centre with stops at Plaça Espanya, Plaça Universitat, and Plaça Catalunya. A one-way Aerobus ticket costs 5.90€ (10.20€ for a round trip) and the trip takes about 25 minutes to reach the city centre.

Local trains leave for Barcelona every 30

minutes (from the train station next to terminal 2). From terminal 1 to terminal 2 there is a free connecting shuttle bus that takes around 10 minutes. The train takes about 30 minutes to Barcelona's Sants station and the ticket costs 4 €.

Taxis are available just outside the terminals. The price depends on traffic, luggage, day of the week and time.

Consult the airport website to learn more about other public transport routes servicing the airport.

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Address: Aeropuerto Josep Tarradellas Barcelona-El Prat
Internet:
www.aena.es/en/josep-tarradellas-barcelona-el-prat.html

Girona-Costa Brava Airport (GRO)



Girona airport lies about 100 km from the centre of Barcelona, and there are three ways of getting between the two places. Buses will take you to

Estacio d'Autobusos Barcelona Nord. They depart on a schedule based on the flights' arrival times. Prices for a one-way ticket start from 16 €.

A taxi to Barcelona city centre may cost around 125 €, so a better option might be to stay overnight at Girona and travel by bus the next day.

There are also trains to and from Barcelona from central Girona but you will have to find a solution to get from Girona train station to the airport.

Photo: Andrea Piacquadio/pexels
Address: Girona-Costa Brava Airport
Phone: +34 913 21 10 00
Internet: www.aena.es/en/girona-costa-brava.html

Public Transport



Tickets for the underground and trams can be bought from travel information booths and from stations. They are valid for one trip. Bus tickets are bought from the driver. There is also a selection of different travel cards to purchase if you know that you will be travelling a lot.

Photo: emrecan arik/unsplash
Internet: www.tmb.cat/en/home

Taxi



Barcelona's black and yellow taxis can be hailed on the street, at stations or called by telephone. Standard fares apply between 6am and 10pm from Monday to Friday. At all other times, including public holidays, fares are higher. Remember that drivers often have minimal small change and do not take credit cards.

Barnataxi: +34 933 22 22 22

Ràdio Taxi: +34 933 03 30 33

Another option for lower fares is the rideshare company Uber.

Photo: Lluís Bazan/unsplash
Internet: radiotaxi033.com

Post



The post offices in Spain are called "Correos" (Correu in Catalan). Stamps can be purchased from post offices and kiosks - "Estancos". The

main post office is located at Plaça d'Antonio López, near the Barceloneta metro station, and it is open from Monday to Friday 8:30 am to 8:30 pm.

Photo: Diana Light/unsplash

Address: Plaça d'Antonio López, Barcelona

Opening hours: Mon-Fri 8:30am-8:30pm

Phone: +34 934 86 83 02

Internet: www.correos.es/es/es/particulares

Pharmacy



Pharmacies in Barcelona take turns operating the after-hours service. The nearest pharmacy that is open at night will be

posted on the door of adjacent pharmacies. Pharmacies with 24-hour service are:

Farmàcia Clapés

La Rambla 98

+34 933 01 28 43

Farmàcia A. Torres

Carrer d'Aribau 62

+34 934 53 92 20

Photo: kkmaraais/cc by 2.0/Flickr(image cropped)

Opening hours: 24/7

Telephone



Country code: +34 Area code: 93

Photo: Sofia Rabassa/pexels

Electricity



220 volts (125 volts in some older buildings), 50 Hz

Photo: Mike Winkler/unsplash

Population

The city: 1.7 million (2021)

Metro area: 5.5 million

Currency

Euro, €1=100 cents

Opening hours

Usually Monday to Friday from 9:30 am to 1:30 pm and 4:30 pm to 8 pm with some variations. Many establishments have the same opening hours on Saturdays and some are open until lunchtime on Sundays. Shopping centres and many large stores do not close for siesta.

Internet

www.barcelonaturisme.com

www.barcelona.cat/en

Newspapers

La Vanguardia — www.lavanguardia.com

El Periódico — www.elperiodico.com

El País — elpais.com/noticias/barcelona

El Mundo — www.elmundo.es

Emergency numbers

Emergency call: 112

Tourist information

Barcelona has a number of tourist offices located at strategic points around the city.

Punto de Información Plaza Catalunya Barcelona Turismo

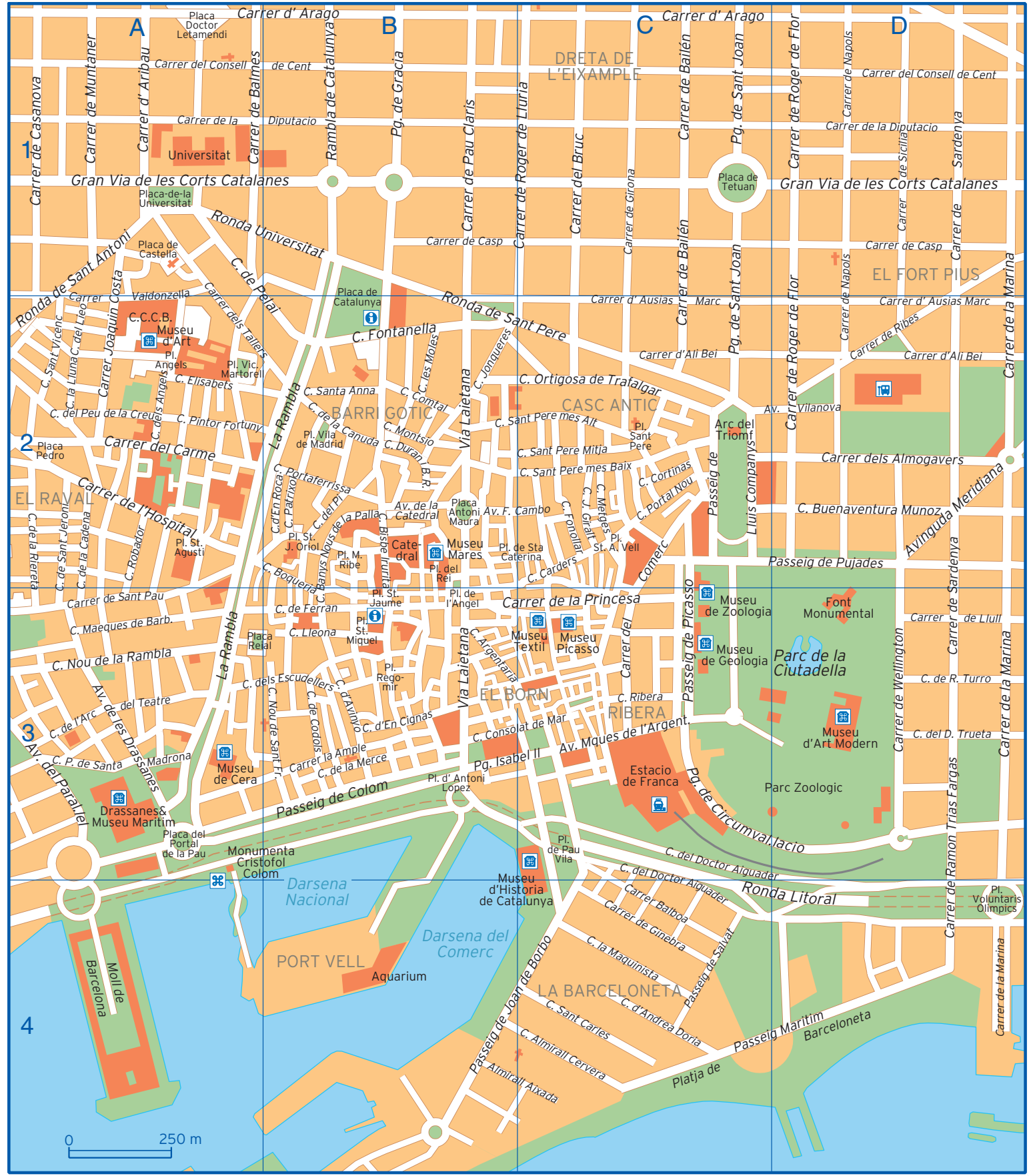
Plaça de Catalunya 17, Barcelona

+34 932 853 834

Open daily 8:30am–8:30pm







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Av. del Paral.lel	A3	C. Nou de Sant Francesc	B3	Carrer Joaquin Costa	A1 A2
Av. F. Cambo	B2 C2	C. Ortigosa de Trafalgar	C2	Carrer la Ample	B3
Av. Marques de l'Argentera	C3	C. Patrxol	B2	Carrer Valdonzella	A1 A2
Av. Vilanova	D2	C. Pintor Fortuny	A2	Gran Via de les Corts Catalanes	A1 B1 D1
Avinguda Meridiana	D2	C. Portaferriassa	B2	La Rambla	A3 B2
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C. Cortinas	C2	C. Santa Anna	B2	Pg. de Sant Joan	C1 C2
C. de Codols	B3	C.d'En Roca	B2	Pg. Isabel II	B3 C3
C. de Ferran	B3	Carrer Balboa	C4	Pl. Angels	A2
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C. dels Angels	A2	Carrer de Pau Claris	B1	Pl. Vic. Martorell	A2
C. dels Escudellers	A3 B3	Carrer de Ramon Trias Fargas	D3 D4	Pl. Vila de Madrid	B2
C. Duran i B. R.	B2	Carrer de Ribes	D2	Pl. Voluntaris Olimpics	D4
C. d'Andrea Doria	C4	Carrer de Roger de Flor	D1 D2	Placa Antoni Maura	B2
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C. d'En Cignas	B3	Carrer de Sant Pau	A3	Placa de Tetuan	C1
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C. Fonollar	C2	Carrer de Sicilia	D1	Placa Pedro	A2
C. Fontanella	B2	Carrer de Wellington	D3	Placa Reial	A3 B3
C. J. Giralt	C2	Carrer del Bruc	C1	Placa-de-la Universitat	A1
C. Jonqueres	B2	Carrer del Carme	A2	Plaça de Catalunya	B1
C. la Lluna	A2	Carrer del Comerç	C3	Plaça del Portal de la Pau	A3
C. la Maquinista	C4	Carrer del Consell de Cent	A1 D1	Rambla de Catalunya	B1
C. les Moles	B2	Carrer dels Almogavers	D2	Ronda de Sant Antoni	A1 A2
C. Lleona	B3	Carrer dels Tallers	A1 A2	Ronda de Sant Pere	B2 C2
C. Maeques de Barbera	A3	Carrer d' Arago	A1 B1 C1	Ronda Litoral	C4 D4

Ronda Universitat

A1 B1 Via Laietana

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