

Barcelona, the art capital of Spain

You couldn't choose a better place to enjoy contemporary art than in Barcelona. Boasting a long list of famous Catalan artists, such as Picasso, Miro, Dali and Tapies, artistic architectural expressions can be found everywhere. While art in other cities is confined to museums and galleries, in Barcelona art is a part of the fabric of the city, with beautiful examples of modernist architecture of the 19th and the beginning of the 20th centuries. The most obvious ones are Gaudi's creations (Sagrada Familia, Casa Batllo, Casa Mila), but a walk through the Barrio Gotico (Gothic Quartier) is a visit to a golden era, shown in every portal and every door. Sitting in a tapas bar somewhere in 'The Born' it is possible to admire a corner building beautifully maintained, and have a peek at how life was 150 years ago.

This city has superb museums such as the ones dedicated to Picasso, Miro and Tapies, and also the MACBA (Barcelona Museum of Contemporary Art), the MNAC (National Art Museum of Catalunya), the Museum of Design, and Barcelona's best-kept secret, the Museum Can Framis in Poblenou housing a brilliant contemporary catalan art collection. This workshop will run in the Poblenou, now a vibrant area with a great mix of historical fishermen houses, recycled buildings remnants of its industrial past, and its iconic Rambla, the hub of the life in the neighbourhood and a wonderful urban attraction. While there, you may choose to have a wonder around and take in some of the great street art on display.

Poblenou Studio 42 and Rambla



Barcelona is built on the coast, so there are easy access beaches all along the seashore, from Barceloneta to Forum. In addition, the Costa Brava is an amazing long stretch of coast where every beach is a balcony on the Mediterranean. Short trips from Barcelona may take you to stunning towns like Sitges and Tossa de Mar for a bit of sightseeing.

A similar short trip will take you to Figueres, a handsome little coastal town, once the home of Salvador Dali. You can visit the Dali Museum, and then wonder about and enjoy the sea and the views while having lunch.

In short, Barcelona is an exciting city and a thriving center for contemporary art, home to brilliant architecture, great views, and cutting-edge museums and galleries showcasing local and international talent. No better place to be inspired to create contemporary art.

Poblenou Architecture



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Poblenou Street Art



