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Barcelona



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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, 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.

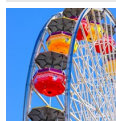


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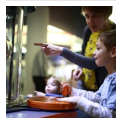
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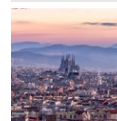
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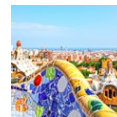
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THE CITY



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Like many cities in the Mediterranean, Barcelona has ancient Roman roots. The original settlement, Barcino, was a small but strategic port located where the city's cathedral now stands. Unlike today's bustling metropolis, Barcino was overshadowed by Tarragona, the provincial capital of Roman Hispania.

Over the centuries, Barcelona saw invasions by Visigoths and Moors, though their lasting impact was minor compared to the transformative influence of the Franks in the late 9th century. This marked the emergence of Barcelona – and Catalonia – as a distinct entity, setting it apart from the rest of Spain.

This uniqueness is most evident in the language. While Spanish (or Castilian) features many Arabic loanwords, Catalan reflects its ties to neighbouring Romance languages like French and Occitan. Catalan is not a dialect of Spanish but a language with its own identity, spoken proudly across Catalonia.

Barcelona's layered history is visible throughout the city. The oldest areas are clustered by the sea, including the Gothic Quarter (Barri Gòtic), a maze of medieval streets with Roman foundations. Across the famous boulevard La Rambla lies El Raval, a neighbourhood once

infamous for its red-light district and the city's 'Chinatown' (Barrio Chino). In the 1980s, Raval began shedding its rough reputation and is now a hub for trendy cafés, art galleries, and eclectic culture.

Further north, the Eixample district showcases Barcelona's 19th-century urban expansion, with its strict grid, airy boulevards, and modernist architecture, including Gaudí's unmistakable landmarks.

From narrow alleys to wide avenues, the city moves between centuries effortlessly, its streets, buildings, and plazas carrying traces of the past while buzzing with contemporary life.

TOP 10 FOR ARCHITECTURE LOVERS



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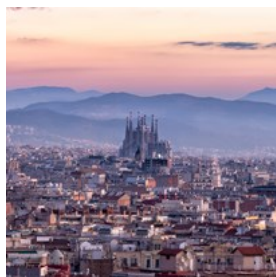
Barcelona is famous for its rich architectural heritage and is home to some of the most iconic and innovative buildings in the world. What sets the city's architecture apart is its masterful use of light and colour, combined with a focus on functionality and cutting-edge design.

One of Barcelona's most renowned architectural movements is Catalan modernism (Modernisme), which flourished in the late 19th and early 20th centuries. Known for its organic forms, elaborate ornamentation, and bold integration of colour and light, Modernisme is epitomised in the works

of Antoni Gaudí. Iconic landmarks such as the Sagrada Família, Casa Milà (La Pedrera), and Park Güell are enduring testaments to his creative genius.

Beyond Modernisme, Barcelona also showcases striking examples of modern and contemporary architecture. Structures like the former Hospital de la Santa Creu i Sant Pau by Lluís Domènech i Montaner, Norman Foster's Torre de Collserola, and Santiago Calatrava's Torre Telefónica reflect the city's ongoing embrace of cutting-edge materials, techniques, and design philosophies. These buildings underscore Barcelona's role as a hub of architectural innovation and creativity.

Basílica de la Sagrada Família



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

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Address: Carrer de Mallorca 401, Barcelona

Opening hours: Mon–Fri 9am–8pm, Sat 9am–6pm, Sun 10:30am–8pm

Phone: +34 932 08 04 14

Internet: <https://sagradafamilia.org/en/home>

Email: informacio@sagradafamilia.org

Park Güell



Park Güell is one of Barcelona's most iconic landmarks and a masterpiece of Antoni Gaudí's creative vision. Perched on a hill in the

Gràcia district, this enchanting park offers sweeping views of the city alongside whimsical architectural designs.

Originally conceived as a residential project, the park is now a UNESCO World Heritage Site and showcases Gaudí's signature style, with colourful mosaics, curving structures, and imaginative sculptures.

From the famous lizard at the entrance to the serpentine bench of the Terrace, every corner of Park Güell is a testament to Gaudí's ingenuity and a must-visit for any traveller.

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Address: Carrer d'Olot, Barcelona

Opening hours: Daily 9:30am–5:30pm

Phone: +34 934 09 18 31

Internet: <https://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

Address: Passeig de Gràcia 43, Barcelona
Opening hours: Daily 8:30am-10pm
Phone: +34 932 16 03 06
Internet: www.casabatllo.es/en
Email: info@casabatllo.cat

La Pedrera - Casa Milà



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: Noostos/Shutterstock
Address: Passeig de Gràcia 92, Barcelona
Opening hours: Daily 9am-11pm
Phone: +34 932 14 25 76
Internet: www.lapedrera.com/en
Email: info@lapedrera.com

Casa Vicens



Casa Vicens, the first house designed by Antoni Gaudí, is one of his earliest masterpieces and the latest to open its doors to the public. Built

between 1883 and 1885 as a summer residence, it showcases the unmistakable beginnings of Gaudí's creative genius. Located in the Gràcia district, this UNESCO World Heritage Site combines elements of nature into a chaotic yet peaceful retreat.

Photo: OnedayPix/Shutterstock

Address: Carrer de les Carolines 20-26, Barcelona
Opening hours: Mon 2:30pm-6pm, Tue-Sun 9:30am-6pm
Phone: +34 932 71 10 64
Internet: <https://casavicens.org>

Basilica de Santa Maria del Mar



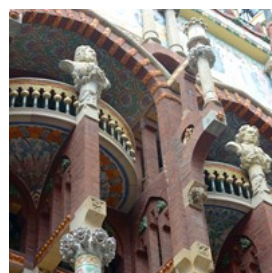
The Basilica de Santa Maria del Mar is one of Barcelona's most stunning churches and a prime example of Catalan Gothic architecture. Its design showcases a cleaner, more restrained style compared to the elaborate ornamentation typically associated with Gothic structures.

Construction began in 1329 and was completed in 1383 — an impressive feat for such a monumental project. Inside, the basilica feels remarkably spacious and airy, with its three naves of equal height supported by towering, slender pillars. The sparse decoration of the chapels enhances this sense of openness.

Natural light filters through the magnificent rose window on the main façade and the vibrant stained glass windows, bathing the interior in a serene glow.

Photo: TTstudio/Shutterstock
Address: Plaça de Santa Maria 1, Barcelona
Opening hours: Daily 10am-8:30pm
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's still equally impressive.

Photo: Wangkun Jia/Shutterstock

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

Phone: +34 932 95 72 00

Internet: www.palaumusica.cat/en

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: Alesya Avs/Shutterstock

Address: Pla de la Seu, Barcelona

Public Transport: Metro stop: Jaume I

Opening hours: Daily 9am–6:30pm

Phone: +34 933 42 82 62

Internet: <https://catedralbcn.org>

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. A standout feature is the elegant lampposts designed by Antoni Gaudí in 1879—one of his earliest works—featuring intricate details like the city's coat of arms. Stroll around or sit down for a drink at one of the bars and just enjoy the moment.

Photo: BearFotos/Shutterstock

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 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.

Photo: davide bonaldo/Shutterstock

Address: Avinguda Francesc Ferrer i Guàrdia 13, Barcelona

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

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

Phone: +34 935 08 63 00

Internet: <https://poble-espanyol.com>

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 mesmerising Park Güell.

La Rambla



La Rambla is Barcelona's most famous street, actually a series of five connected avenues, each with its own character.

The central, tree-lined promenade is pedestrian-only and buzzes (nearly 24/7) with street performers, souvenir stalls, cafés, and tapas bars. It's lively and fun, but keep an eye on your belongings as pickpockets are notorious here.

Photo: Arcady/Shutterstock

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 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 Família and the Arc de 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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Barcelona's Beaches



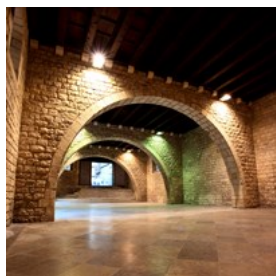
Barcelona has several beaches within easy reach, each with its own vibe. Mar Bella and Bogatell sit just minutes apart. Mar Bella is naturist and gay-friendly, while Bogatell draws volleyball players and sunbathers. Both are close to trendy bars and restaurants.

The most famous one is Barceloneta, stretching roughly 1.1 km from the W Hotel to Port Olímpic. It's popular with locals and tourists alike, especially after work. Cyclists, joggers, and inline skaters love its promenade.

For a quieter scene, Nova Icària offers calm waters and family-friendly facilities, while Ocata Beach in El Masnou, a 20-minute train ride north, provides expansive sands and a peaceful escape from the city.

Photo: chan lee/Unsplash

Picasso Museum



The Picasso Museum in Barcelona is one of the city's most visited cultural gems, offering a glimpse into the early years of one of the world's most influential artists. With a permanent collection of over 4,000 works, the museum highlights Picasso's deep connection to Barcelona, a city that played a key role in

shaping his artistic evolution. The collection spans his formative years, showcasing a variety of styles and periods that reveal the development of his unique creative vision.

Photo: gary718/Shutterstock

Address: Carrer de Montcada 15-23, Barcelona

Opening hours: Tue-Sun 10am-7pm, Mon closed

Phone: +34 932 56 30 00

Internet: <https://museupicassobcn.cat/en/node/6010>

Email: museupicasso@bcn.cat

Ciudadella 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.

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Address: Passeig de Picasso 21, Barcelona

Opening hours: Daily 10am-10:30pm

Tickets: Free entrance

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 mingle with travellers from around the world.

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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 the 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.

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Address: Carrer d'Aristides Maillol, Barcelona

Phone: +34 902 18 99 00

Internet:

www.fcbarcelona.cat/ca/club/installacions/spotify-camp-nou

National Art Museum of Catalonia



The Museu Nacional d'Art de Catalunya (MNAC) is a must-visit for art lovers, offering a sweeping journey through Catalonia's artistic

heritage. While the museum is famous for its remarkable collection of Romanesque mural paintings (some of the finest in Europe), it also houses a diverse range of works. Highlights include Gaudí-designed furniture and illustrations by Ramón Casas, alongside other masterpieces of Catalan Modernism.

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Address: Palau Nacional, Parc de Montjuïc, Barcelona

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

Phone: +34 936 22 03 60

Internet: www.museunacional.cat/en

Magic Fountain of Montjuïc



Montjuïc, known as the 'Mountain of the Jews', rises 173 metres above the city, offering stunning views and a rich history.

At its base lies the grand staircase of the Palau Nacional, which faces west toward the Font Màgica (Magic Fountain). This fountain, built in 1929 for the Universal Exposition, is the centrepiece of a series of cascading waterfalls and ponds along Avinguda de la Reina Maria Cristina.

Today, the Magic Fountain is one of Barcelona's most beloved attractions, drawing crowds of locals and visitors alike, 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.

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Address: Plaça de Carles Buigas 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

Sitges



Just 35 km south of Barcelona, Sitges is a favourite day-trip destination that offers a perfect mix of relaxation and charm. Known for its

golden beaches and easygoing atmosphere, the

town invites visitors to spend a leisurely day soaking up the sun or wandering its narrow, cobblestone streets. Along the way, you'll discover trendy boutiques, historic sights like the Church of Sant Bartomeu i Santa Tecla, and a tempting array of seaside restaurants serving fresh seafood. For those staying overnight, Sitges' well-reputed nightlife is not to be missed.

Photo: BearFotos/Shutterstock

Address: Sitges

L'Aquàrium de Barcelona



The sharks are the stars at this Mediterranean-themed aquarium, but you'll be able to see almost all 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.

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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

The Carmel Bunkers (MUHBA Turó de la Rovira)



Perched atop Turó de la Rovira in the Carmel neighbourhood, the Bunkers del Carmel remains one of the few "secret" places in

Barcelona, not overtaken by tourists yet. These are the remnants of a 1937 air-raid bunker from the Spanish Civil War, now a peaceful spot to

enjoy a stunning 360-degree panorama of the city. It's an especially magical place to visit at sunset, as the golden light fades and Barcelona transforms into a sparkling sea of lights.

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Address: Carrer de Marià Labèrnia, Barcelona

Park of the Labyrinth of Horta



Designed in 1792, Parc del Laberint d'Horta is Barcelona's oldest garden and a hidden gem for those seeking tranquillity away from the city's

bustling centre. It surrounds Torre Soberana, a 14th-century country house later redesigned in the Arabesque style. The park's highlight is its cypress hedge maze, where visitors can get lost in a whimsical journey while encountering sculptures of mythological figures like Eros.

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Address: Passeig dels Castanyers 1, Barcelona

Opening hours: Daily 10am-6pm

Phone: +34 931 53 70 10

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 built around the theme of the famous Ferrari car brand, 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.

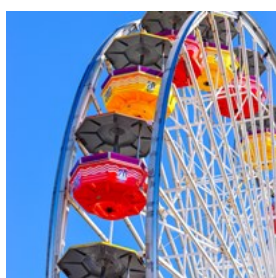
Photo: Olia Nayda/Unsplash

Address: Avinguda de l'Alcade Pere Molas, Tarragona

Internet: www.portaventuraworld.com/en

More Info: www.portaventuraworld.com/en/ferrari-land

Tibidabo Amusement Park



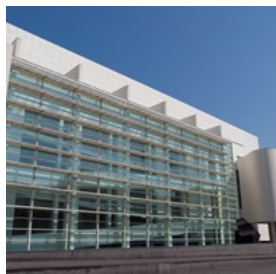
The Tibidabo Amusement Park is a magical place and a true Barcelona landmark. Located on top of Mount Tibidabo, 512 m above sea level, it is the highest point on Collserola Ridge, a magnificent natural park with ten million trees, and all this with the city of Barcelona as an exceptional backdrop. The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

Internet: <https://tibidabo.cat/en>

Barcelona Museum of Contemporary Art – MACBA



Escape the hustle and bustle of Barcelona with a visit to the Museu d'Art Contemporani de Barcelona (MACBA), a hub of contemporary art located in the El Raval neighbourhood.

The museum showcases an impressive collection of Spanish and Catalan works from the mid-20th century onward. It also features an array of international pieces, with rotating exhibitions

that bring fresh perspectives to its permanent collection.

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Address: Plaça dels Àngels 1, Barcelona

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

Phone: +34 934 81 33 68

Internet: www.macba.cat/en

Email: macba@macba.cat

Barcelona Zoo



Located within the picturesque Parc de la Ciutadella, the Barcelona Zoo is home to approximately 2,000 animals representing

over 300 species. Families can enjoy observing a diverse range of animals, including lions, leopards, hippopotami, red pandas, and gorillas.

The zoo also features a terrarium with one of Europe's largest collections of reptiles and amphibians, an aviary housing numerous bird species, and the Palmeral, which consists of thirteen aviaries with different species of macaws and cockatoos.

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: <https://zoobarcelona.cat/en>

Email: zoobarcelona@bsmsa.cat

Cardona



Cardona, a charming medieval village just an hour from Barcelona, is steeped in history and natural beauty. A highlight of any visit is

the iconic Salt Mountain, a one-of-a-kind geological formation that offers guided tours into its shimmering salt caves.

The imposing Castell de Cardona, perched on a hill, once served as the residence of the influential Cardona family, among Catalonia's wealthiest lineages. Today, the castle houses a parador (luxury hotel) and offers breathtaking views of the surrounding countryside. Don't miss exploring the Medieval Centre, where cobbled streets and historic buildings will transport you back in time.

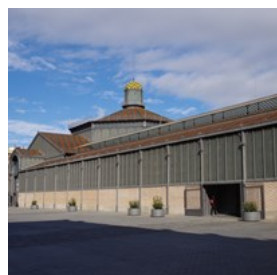
Photo: Lev Levin/Shutterstock

Address: Lloc Parador Nacional Turisme 506, Cardona, Barcelona

Opening hours: Tue-Sun 10am-5:30pm, Mon closed

Phone: +34 938 68 41 69

El Born Center for Culture and Memory



of Barcelona.

El Born Centre for Culture and Memory is housed in a beautifully restored 19th-century market and offers a glimpse into the history

The centre's focus is on the significant events of 11 September 1714, when Barcelona fell to the Bourbon forces of King Philip V, marking the end of Catalonia's independence and the loss of its liberties. Through the lens of the War of the Spanish Succession, the centre brings to life the vibrant Barcelona of the early 1700s.

The archaeological site beneath the building reveals the remains of the neighbourhood that was demolished by King Philip V after the siege, offering a rare and fascinating insight into the city's past.

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Address: Plaça Comercial 12, Barcelona

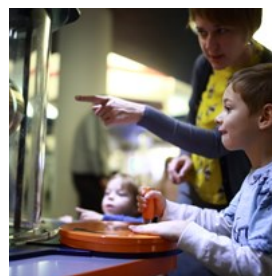
Opening hours: Tue-Sat 10am-7pm, Sun 10am-8pm, Mon closed

Internet: <https://elbornculturaimemoria.barcelona.cat/en>

Email: infoelbornccm@bcn.cat

More Info: Near the Picasso Museum

CosmoCaixa Museum of Science



CosmoCaixa is a must-visit for science enthusiasts of all ages. This hands-on museum in Barcelona combines education with curiosity,

featuring interactive exhibits on physics, geology, biology, and more. Permanent highlights include the 'Flooded Forest', a living recreation of the Amazon rainforest complete with 30-metre-tall trees and tropical wildlife, and the 'Geological Wall', showcasing massive rock samples that tell Earth's story. There's also the 'Room of Matter', which delves into the origins of the universe, and a Planetarium for stargazers.

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Address: Carrer d'Isaac Newton 26, Barcelona

Opening hours: Daily 10am-8pm

Phone: +34 932 12 60 50

Internet: <https://cosmocaixa.org/es/cosmocaixa-barcelona>

Recinte Modernista de Sant Pau



Sant Pau, formerly the Hospital de la Santa Creu i Sant Pau, is one of Barcelona's architectural treasures and the world's largest Art Nouveau

complex. Designed by the renowned architect Lluís Domènech i Montaner, this stunning site was built between 1901 and 1930 and declared a UNESCO World Heritage Site in 1997.

The complex feels like a city within a city, with 12 beautifully restored pavilions surrounded by lush gardens. A visit to Sant Pau offers a unique blend of history, art, and architecture, inviting you to explore one of Barcelona's most iconic landmarks.

Photo: Mistervlad/Shutterstock

Address: Carrer de Sant Antoni Maria Claret 167, Barcelona

Opening hours: Daily 9:30am–5pm

Internet: <https://santpaubarcelona.org>

Email: visites@fundaciosantpau.cat

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

Address: Carrer de Larrard 41, Barcelona

Opening hours: Daily 10am–4:30pm

Phone: +34 932 85 44 40

Internet: www.gaudiexperiencia.com

Email: info@gaudiexperiencia.com

Lluís Companys Olympic Stadium



Barcelona's Montjuïc Hill is home to several iconic structures from the 1992 Olympic Games, including the Lluís Companys Olympic Stadium, which

remains one of the city's most impressive landmarks.

The stadium, still used for major events today, stands at the heart of the Olympic complex. Surrounding it, you'll find the Olympic Swimming Complex, the striking Olympic Spire, and beautifully landscaped walkways that weave through the park, offering panoramic views of the city.

Photo: iladm/Shutterstock

Address: Passeig Olímpic, 17, 19, Barcelona

Internet: <https://estadiolimpic.barcelona/en>

Barcelona Segway Tour



Are you ready for an adventure to remember for a lifetime? Then jump 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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DINING



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Barcelona's dining scene balances tradition and innovation. The city is home to some of the world's most forward-thinking restaurants, led by groundbreaking chefs like Ferran Adrià, alongside a deep appreciation for Catalan cuisine. From pa amb tomàquet — the simple bread rubbed with tomato, olive oil, and salt — to

classics like escalivada (smoky roasted peppers and aubergines) and espinacs a la Catalana (spinach with garlic, pine nuts, and raisins), traditional flavours remain central even as young chefs experiment with global influences.

While avant-garde restaurants can be pricey, many of Barcelona's celebrated chefs have inspired a wave of more affordable eateries run by their former apprentices. Traditional restaurants often offer better value while still maintaining quality.

A word of advice: always book ahead, and remember that dinner in Barcelona doesn't usually start until 9 pm.

Els 4Gats



Els 4Gats is an iconic and historic restaurant, which opened in 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-11pm, Sun 11am-4pm, Mon closed

Phone: +34 933 02 41 40

Internet: <https://4gats.com>

Email: 4gats@4gats.com

Disfrutar



Disfrutar delivers an avant-garde culinary adventure in Barcelona with two standout tasting menus: the Disfrutar Classic, featuring

signature staples, and the Disfrutar Festival, highlighting seasonal innovations. The sleek, modern interior exudes understated elegance, setting the stage for the creative dishes to shine. With its reputation as one of the city's most sought-after dining spots, reservations are essential.

Photo: Greentellect Studio/Shutterstock

Address: Carrer de Villarroel, 163, Barcelona

Opening hours: Mon-Fri 12:30pm-1pm / 7:15pm-8pm; Sat & Sun closed

Phone: +34 933 48 68 96

Internet: www.disfrutarbarcelona.com

Cal Pep



A long-time favourite in El Born, Cal Pep is known for its lively counter and seafood-driven tapas. There's no printed menu, just point, ask, and let the

team guide you through whatever came in fresh that day. The place still draws a line, especially for the bar seats, so going early helps. Founded by Josep "Pep" Manubens, the restaurant is now run by his team, and the spirit of the original spot remains firmly in place.

Photo: Lecker Studio/Shutterstock

Address: Plaça de les Olles 8, Barcelona

Opening hours: Mon 7:30pm-11:30pm, Tue-Sat 1pm-3:30pm / 7:30pm-11:30pm; Sun closed

Phone: +34 933 10 79 61

Internet: www.calpep.com

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: Manuela Durson/Shutterstock

Address: Plaça Revolució de Setembre 1868, 15, Barcelona

Public Transport: Metro stop: Fontana

Phone: +34 932 13 30 44

Internet: www.instagram.com/banna_bcn

El Filete Ruso



Recognised by Slow Food Barcelona since 2010, El Filete Ruso specialises in organic meats, from its signature filete ruso (a traditional Spanish-style hamburger) to steak tartare and entrecôte. The menu also includes tapas and seasonal organic vegetables. The interior is simple yet refined, and the terrace, open year-round, offers a relaxed spot to enjoy a meal in the heart of the city.

Photo: stockcreations/Shutterstock

Address: Carrer d'Enric Granados 95, Barcelona

Phone: +34 932 17 13 10

Internet: www.instagram.com/elfileteruso

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: Ferveez Mohideen/Shutterstock

Address: Carrer de Torrijos 51, Barcelona

Opening hours: Sun–Thu 9am–1am, Fri & Sat 9am–3am

Phone: +34 932 18 69 66

Internet: www.cafesalambo.com/ca

Poble Espanyol: the Richness of Traditional Spanish Cuisine



Poble Espanyol offers a variety of bars and restaurants where you can explore the richness of Spanish cuisine. From authentic paella to fresh tapas, each meal is a chance to taste something memorable. When the weather's good, the terraces provide a perfect spot to unwind and soak up the village-like atmosphere.

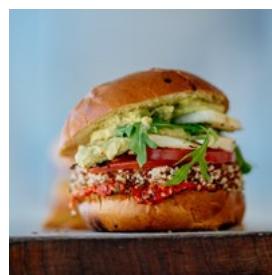
Photo: Shootdiem/Shutterstock

Address: Avinguda Francesc Ferrer i Guàrdia 13, Barcelona

Phone: +34 935 08 63 00

Internet: <https://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

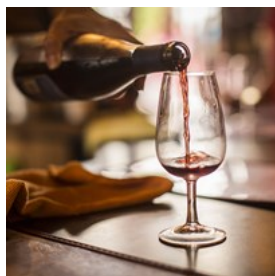
Opening hours: Sun–Thu 1pm–midnight, Fri & Sat 1pm–1am

Phone: +34 934 91 48 06

Internet: www.vratal.es/es

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: JaysonPhotography/Shutterstock

Address: Carrer de Mallorca 275, Barcelona

Public Transport: Metro stop: Diagonal

Opening hours: Thu-Mon 1:30pm-4:30pm / 8:30pm-11:30pm;
Tue & Wed closed

Phone: +34 656 99 09 30

Internet: <https://espaciouma.com>

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

Address: Carrer de Saragossa 85, Barcelona

Opening hours: Tue-Sat 7pm-11:30pm, Sun & Mon closed

Phone: +34 640 50 36 11

Internet: <https://restaurantblavis.com/en/home>

Carlota Akaneya



Carlota Akaneya brings the essence of Kyoto to Barcelona as the city's first sumibiyaki restaurant. Each table is fitted with a central

charcoal grill, allowing diners to cook premium cuts of wagyu and Kobe beef, as well as fresh seafood and vegetables, right at their seats. The industrial-chic décor and intimate lighting create a warm, stylish setting that enhances the authentic Japanese dining experience.

Photo: Supapich Methaset/Shutterstock

Address: Carrer del Pintor Fortuny 32, Barcelona

Opening hours: Mon-Fri 7pm-11pm, Sat & Sun
1:30pm-2:30pm / 7pm-11pm

Phone: +34 933 02 77 68

Internet: <https://carlotaakaneya.com>

Piazzed'Italia



This simple and traditional trattoria 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.

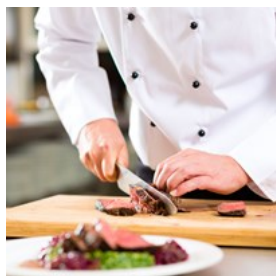
Photo: marinatakano/Shutterstock

Address: Carrer de Casanova 94, Barcelona

Opening hours: Mon-Fri 1pm-3:45pm / 7:45pm-11:25pm; Sat
& Sun 1:15pm-4pm / 7:45pm-11:45pm

Internet: <https://piazzeditalia.com>

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 small and noisy, the delicious food, the artisan cocktails, and the excellent service make it all worth it.

Photo: Kzenon/Shutterstock

Address: Carrer del Vidre 7, Barcelona

Phone: +34 930 15 25 25

Internet: www.vianabcn.com/en

Email: info@vianabcn.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 specialty. To round up your menu, enjoy one of the available Spanish, Basque, or Catalan wines with your dish.

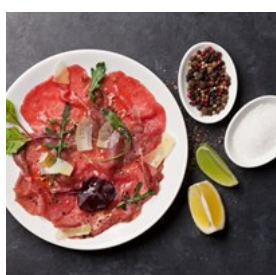
Photo: marcin jucha/Shutterstock

Address: Carrer Nou de Sant Francesc, 7, Barcelona

Opening hours: Thu-Mon 12:30pm-11pm, Tue & Wed closed

Internet: www.bodega-biarritz.es

Cera 23



Three friends brought their shared passion for food to life at Cera 23, located in the El Raval neighbourhood. The menu covers seafood, meat and vegetables, but one dish steals the

show: the black-rice "volcano", which consists of black rice stacked like a mountain, saffron-"lava" flowing over seafood and dried tuna flakes crackling on top.

Photo: Evgeny Karandaev/Shutterstock

Address: Carrer de la Cera 23, Barcelona

Opening hours: Daily 1pm-11pm

Phone: +34 934 42 08 08

Internet: www.cera23.com

Email: reservas@cera23.com

CAFÉS



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Barcelona's café culture shares some similarities with Italian traditions but has its unique quirks. Café con leche (or *café amb llet* in Catalan) is a popular breakfast choice, often paired with a croissant or pastry. Mid-day or after meals, locals typically enjoy *café solo* (un *café*), a strong espresso, or a *cortado* (un *tallat*), which is an espresso with a splash of milk. If you prefer a milder coffee, a *café Americano* offers a watered-down version of espresso. For the afternoon or after dinner, a *café solo corto* (a shorter, stronger espresso) or a *carajillo* (an espresso spiked with Spanish brandy or another liqueur) is a traditional choice.

And yes, when in Barcelona, trying crispy churros dipped in thick hot chocolate is an essential part of the experience. Many locals enjoy this treat during chilly afternoons or as an

indulgent dessert.

Bloome By Sasha



Bloome by Sasha is all about fresh, feel-good food. The menu is packed with items like avocado toast, colourful salads, and smoothie bowls piled high with fruit. They also do great coffee and fresh juices if you need a pick-me-up. The space itself is light and airy, with minimalist décor and plants everywhere, giving it a relaxed, almost Scandinavian feel.

Photo: Anna Mente/Shutterstock
Address: Via Laietana, 45, Barcelona
Opening hours: Daily 8:30am-8pm
Phone: +34 932 20 36 95
Internet: www.bloomebysasha.es

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.

Photo: Metamore Studio/Shutterstock
Address: Carrer d'en Xuclà 4, Barcelona
Opening hours: Tue-Sat 9am-1:30pm / 5pm-8:30pm; Sun & Mon closed
Phone: +34 933 18 34 86
Internet: www.instagram.com/granjaviader

Little Fern



In the up-and-coming Poblenou district, Little Fern delivers a relaxed brunch with creative flair. The kimchi pancakes stand out, and the

avocado toast, smoothie bowls, and vegan options are strong contenders as well. Specialty coffee, fresh juices, and breakfast cocktails round out the lineup. It's a popular spot, so expect a short wait if you arrive at peak time.

Photo: Luke SW/Shutterstock
Address: Carrer de Pere IV, 168, Barcelona
Opening hours: Daily 9am-4pm
Internet: www.littleferncafe.com

Molinet Cafè Antic



Tucked in El Poble Sec, Molinet Cafè Antic offers a menu spanning breakfast, brunch, and lunch, with notable dishes like their fluffy

homemade pancakes and a tempting selection of cakes to be enjoyed in a quaint space filled with vintage furniture and décor.

Photo: JopieJusuf/Shutterstock
Address: Carrer d'Elkano, 69, Barcelona
Phone: +34 937 63 56 19
Internet: www.instagram.com/molinetcafeantic

Churrería Laietana



Churrería Laietana is a classic spot in the heart of Barcelona, serving up freshly made churros with a rich, creamy chocolate dip. It's the

perfect place to stop for breakfast, an afternoon treat, or just a quick break while wandering the

city.

Photo: Muhammad Umair132/Shutterstock

Address: Via Laietana 46, Barcelona

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

Phone: +34 932 68 12 63

Laie Llibreria Cafè



Laie Llibreria Cafè is one of those places where you can easily lose track of time. Hidden above a lovely bookstore, the café feels like a retreat in the middle of the city. Shelves of books surround the tables, and there's a small terrace if you prefer some fresh air. The menu offers coffee, pastries, and simple dishes like pasta and salads.

Photo: ZoranOrcik/Shutterstock

Address: Carrer de Pau Claris, 85, Barcelona

Opening hours: Mon-Fri 9am-8:30pm, Sat 10am-8:30pm, Sun closed

Phone: +34 933 18 17 39

Internet: www.instagram.com/llibreriaiaie

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: Sergey Ryzhov/Shutterstock

Address: Carrer de la Palla 8, Barcelona

Opening hours: Mon-Fri noon-8pm, Sat & Sun 11:30am-8pm

Phone: +34 933 02 69 93

Internet: www.instagram.com/caelumbcn

BARS & NIGHTLIFE



Javier Bosch/Unsplash

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.

Boadas Cocktails



Established in 1933, Boadas is Barcelona's oldest cocktail bar, located just off La Rambla. Bartenders, dressed in tuxedos, craft

classic cocktails like the Martini and the house-special Boadas in an intimate setting featuring wood-panelled walls adorned with vintage photographs and memorabilia.

Photo: guys_who_shoot/Shutterstock

Address: Carrer dels Tallers, 1, Barcelona

Opening hours: Daily 5pm-1:30am

Phone: +34 933 18 95 92

Internet: www.instagram.com/boadascocktails

Slow Barcelona



Slow Barcelona has a dual personality that keeps things interesting. The ground floor is a cosy bar with dim lighting and vintage touches, perfect for unwinding over cocktails inspired by famous works of art like the 'Starry Night', a gin-based nod to Van Gogh, or the 'Salvador Sour', a playful twist inspired by Dalí. Upstairs, the vibe amps up with live music and DJ sets spanning a mix of genres, making it a hotspot for a lively night out.

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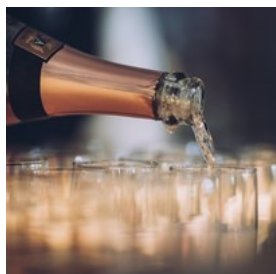
Address: Carrer de París, 186, Barcelona

Phone: +34 933 68 14 55

Internet: www.slowbarcelona.es

Email: info@slowbarcelona.es

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 Catalan sweet sparkling wine – 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.

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Address: Carrer de la Reina Cristina 7, Barcelona

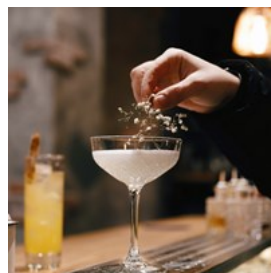
Public Transport: Metro stop: Barceloneta

Opening hours: Tue–Sat noon–10pm, Sun & Mon closed

Phone: +34 933 10 08 39

Internet: www.canpaixano.com

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–Thu 5pm–1:45am, Fri 5pm–2:45am, Sat noon–2:45am, Sun noon–1:45am

Phone: +34 931 57 12 33

Internet: <https://drstravinsky.cat>

Email: info@drstravinsky.cat

More Info: Near the Picasso Museum

CocoVail Beer Hall



CocoVail Beer Hall brings a taste of American beer culture to the centre of Barcelona. It's a big, warehouse-style space with long communal tables where strangers end up sharing stories over pints. With 24 craft beers on tap, there's always something new to try. The food sticks to proper comfort classics: burgers, wings, and mac 'n' cheese done right. Come game night, the lights dim a little, the crowd grows louder, and the place turns into a sea of clinking glasses and football chants.

Photo: Joshua Resnick/Shutterstock

Address: Carrer d'Aragó, 284, Barcelona

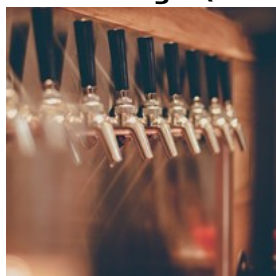
Opening hours: Mon–Thu 12:30pm–1am, Fri 12:30pm–2am, Sat & Sun 1pm–2am

Phone: +34 937 82 24 79

Internet: <https://cocovailbeerhall.com/en/home>

Email: info@cocovailbeerhall.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: <https://ovellanegraramblas.com>

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

Address: Carrer dels Escudellers 49, Barcelona

Phone: +34 933 18 76 90

Internet: www.instagram.com/marulacafe

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

Address: Passeig Marítim de la Barceloneta 38A, Barcelona

Opening hours: Mon & Tue noon–8pm, Wed–Sun noon–3am

Phone: +34 932 24 16 25

Internet: <https://icebarcelona.com>

Email: info@icebarcelona.com

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: Kzenon/Shutterstock

Address: Plaça Reial 17, Barcelona

Phone: +34 933 04 12 10

Internet: www.instagram.com/jamboree.club

Email: info-jamboree@masimas.com

Paradiso



Hidden behind a pastrami shop, Paradiso transports you to another world as you step through its secret door. The dimly lit space, with its curving

wooden interiors resembling the ribs of a whale, feels both dramatic and intimate. The menu, inspired by 'The Mysteries of the Universe,' features cocktails that are as much art as they are drinks, served in imaginative vessels that add to the experience.

Photo: Cristi Lucaci/Shutterstock

Address: Carrer de Rera Palau, 4, Barcelona

Opening hours: Daily 5pm–2am

Internet: <https://paradiso.cat>

Email: info@paradiso.cat

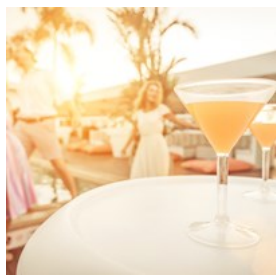
La Whiskeria



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: Maksym Fesenko/Shutterstock
Address: Carrer de Casp 39, Barcelona
Internet: <https://lawhiskeria.es>
Email: whiskeriabcn@gmail.com

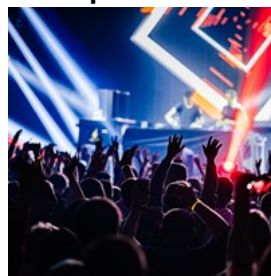
CDLC Barcelona | Carpe Diem Lounge Club



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
Address: Passeig Marítim de la Barceloneta 32, Barcelona
Opening hours: Sun-Thu noon-2am, Fri & Sat noon-5am
Phone: +34 932 24 04 70
Internet: <https://cdlcbarcelona.com>
Email: info@cdlcbarcelona.com

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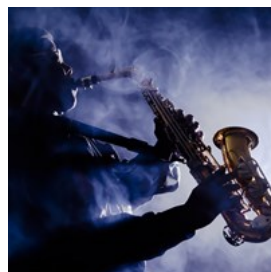


Apolo began as an amusement park, but over time it evolved to include a ballroom, bingo, a professional skating club, and a nightclub.

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: glazok90/Shutterstock
Address: Carrer Nou de la Rambla 113, Barcelona
Opening hours: Tue-Sat midnight-5am, Sun 5pm-5am, Mon closed
Phone: +34 934 41 40 01
Internet: www.sala-apollo.com/en
Email: info@sala-apollo.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 almost every night, attracting the best of the local talent as well as visitors from all around the globe.

Photo: Geoff Goldswain/Shutterstock
Address: Carrer de la Comtessa de Sobradiel 8, Barcelona
Opening hours: Tue 8pm-3am, Thu-Sat 8pm-3am, Sun 7pm-2am, Mon & Wed closed
Phone: +34 933 10 07 55
Internet: www.harlemjazzclub.es

Kælderkold Craft Beer Bar



Kælderkold Craft Beer Bar is a haven for beer lovers in Barcelona, standing out in a city where the usual beer selection can feel a bit

limited. This casual brewpub boasts over 15 rotating taps pouring a mix of local and international craft beers, which will go hand in hand with their tasty selection of tapas.

Photo: Brent Hofacker/Shutterstock

Address: Carrer del Cardenal Casañas 7, Barcelona

Opening hours: Sun-Thu 11am-2:30am, Fri & Sat 11am-3am

Internet: www.kaelderkind.com

Email: info@kaelderkind.com

More Info: Near La Boqueria Market

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

Address: Avenida Francesc Ferrer i Guàrdia, Barcelona

Phone: +34 687 96 98 25

Internet: <https://laterrazza.com>

Email: contact@laterrazza.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: Nejron Photo/Shutterstock

Address: Carrer de la Marina 19-21, Barcelona

Opening hours: Open 24/7

Phone: +34 932 25 78 78

Internet: www.casinobarcelona.com

SHOPPING

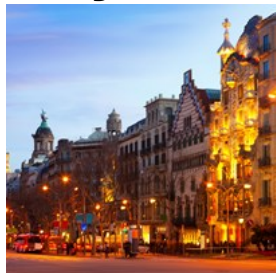


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Shopping in Barcelona offers lots of interesting browsing. Unusual shops can be found in most parts of the city, but those who want to be efficient should focus on Plaça Catalunya and the Gothic Quarter. This last one offers plenty of shopping opportunities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

Passeig de Gràcia

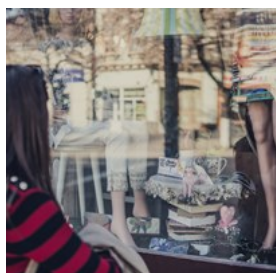


If you're looking for some serious fashion shopping, then make your way to Passeig de Gràcia, the parallel street, Rambla de Catalunya, and the surrounding district. You'll find all the big international fashion names here, including Spanish greats like Adolfo Domínguez, Armand Basi, Groc, and the leather specialist Loewe. More affordable 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: BearFotos/Shutterstock

Address: Passeig de Gràcia, Barcelona

Avinguda del Portal de l'Àngel

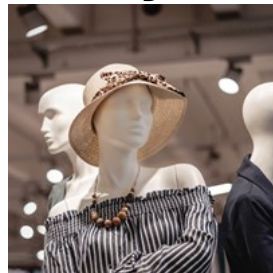


Avinguda del Portal de l'Àngel is a crowded, pedestrian-only avenue in the heart of Barcelona, known as one of the best addresses for shopping in the city. Throughout this long avenue, which stretches from the always busy Plaça Catalunya to the historic Gothic Quarter, you'll find plenty of global retailers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

Photo: George Bakos/Unsplash

Address: Avinguda del Portal de l'Àngel

El Corte Inglés



Spain's department store colossus is both loved and hated, but it 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, souvenirs, food and delicatessen, house decor, books, and a range of services can be found here.

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

Photo: Sara Kurfelß/Unsplash

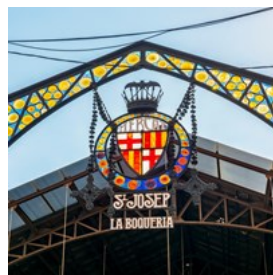
Address: Plaça de Catalunya 14, Barcelona

Public Transport: Metro stop: Plaça Catalunya

Opening hours: Mon-Sat 9am-9pm, Sun closed

Phone: +34 932 81 50 13

Boqueria Market



Visiting the Mercat de Sant Josep de la Boqueria, or simply La Boqueria, is a rite of passage for every traveller in Barcelona.

Located halfway down La Rambla, this historic, colourful market bursts with fresh fruits, vegetables, nuts, sweets, and local delicacies. It's also a favourite spot for a quick lunch, a snack, or a refreshing glass of cava.

Photo: Mistervlad/Shutterstock

Address: La Rambla 91, Barcelona

Opening hours: Mon-Sat 8am-8:30pm, Sun closed

Phone: +34 934 13 23 03

Internet: www.boqueria.barcelona

Mercat dels Encants



Mercat dels Encants, also called Encants Vells or Mercat de Bellcaire, is one of Europe's oldest flea markets, tracing its roots back to the 14th century.

Situated near the iconic Agbar Tower, its distinctive mirrored roof shelters a sprawling array of treasures. The market offers an eclectic mix of goods, from books, jewellery, and clothing to furniture, art, and quirky knick-knacks. It's a haven for bargain hunters and vintage lovers alike. Arriving early is key to snagging the best finds before the crowds descend.

Photo: Mats Hagwall/Unsplash

Address: Carrer de los Castillejos 158, Barcelona

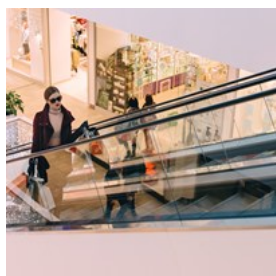
Opening hours: Mon, Wed, Fri & Sat 9am-8pm; Sun, Tue & Thu closed

Phone: +34 932 45 22 99

Internet: <https://encantsbarcelona.com>

Email: info@encantsbarcelona.com

Arenas de Barcelona



Housed on the 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: Daily 9am-9pm

Phone: +34 932 89 02 44

Internet: www.arenasdebarcelona.com/EN

Email: informacion@arenasdebarcelona.com

Westfield Glòries & Diagonal Mar Centre



Westfield Glòries and Centre Comercial Diagonal Mar are two popular shopping malls located along the

Avinguda Diagonal, offering a mix of shopping, dining, and leisure options.

Westfield Glòries, situated near the unmistakable Agbar Tower, blends indoor and outdoor spaces across multiple levels, featuring a variety of shops, restaurants, a supermarket, and a cinema. Further along the avenue, Centre Comercial Diagonal Mar boasts a similarly spacious setup with a wide selection of stores, eateries, a cinema, and even a supermarket for convenience.

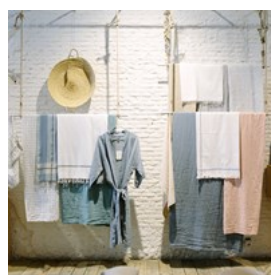
Both malls are great options for a shopping spree or a relaxed day out.

Photo: gonghuimin468/Pixabay

Address: Avinguda Diagonal 208; Avinguda Diagonal 3

Internet: www.westfield.com/es/spain/glories

Grey Street



Grey Street is a cute little shop offering a well-curated selection of one-of-a-kind and quirky gifts, such as ceramics, illustrations, and

jewellery from local artists and a few international ones, right in the heart of the Raval neighbourhood.

Photo: Jason Briscoe/Unsplash

Address: Carrer de Jovellanos, 1, Barcelona

Opening hours: Mon-Sat 11am-3pm / 4pm-8:30pm; Sun noon-3pm / 4pm-8pm

Internet: www.greystreetbarcelona.com/en/

Email: info@greystreetbarcelona.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: Allik/Shutterstock

Address: Avenida de Francesc Cambó 16, Barcelona

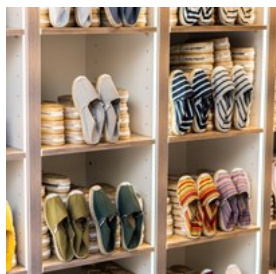
Opening hours: Mon, Wed & Sat 7:30am-3pm; Tue, Thu & Fri 7:30am-8pm; Sun closed

Phone: +34 933 19 57 40

Internet: <https://mercatsantacaterina.com>

Email: info@mercatsantacaterina.cat

La Manual Alpargatera



If you're visiting Barcelona during the summer, you'll probably notice some locals walking around the city wearing a pair of

espadrilles – sandals typical of Catalonia, which 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 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: Miguel AF/Shutterstock

Address: Carrer d'Avinyó 7, Barcelona

Opening hours: Mon-Sat 10am-8pm, Sun 12:30pm-7pm

Phone: +34 933 01 01 72

Internet: <https://lamanual.com>

Email: info@lamanual.com

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

Poble Espanyol Crafts and Shopping Centre



Open to the public nearly 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

Address: Avinguda Francesc Ferrer i Guàrdia 13, Barcelona

Phone: +34 935 086 300

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

TOURIST INFORMATION



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Best Time to Visit



The best time to visit Barcelona is during the spring (April to June) or autumn (September to early November). The weather is pleasantly

warm, typically ranging from 17°C to 25°C, perfect for exploring the city's attractions like the Sagrada Família and Park Güell or enjoying the beach without the summer crowds.

Spring ushers in the city's vibrant festival season, with highlights like La Feria de Abril de Catalunya, a lively Andalusian fair, and the Sant Jordi Festival in April, celebrating books and roses. In autumn, the La Mercè Festival in late September steals the spotlight with parades, concerts, and fireworks.

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Josep Tarradellas Barcelona-El Prat Airport (BCN)



Josep Tarradellas Barcelona-El Prat Airport is situated approximately 14 kilometres southwest of Barcelona's city centre, a journey that typically takes around 30 minutes, depending on the chosen mode of transport and traffic conditions.

Travellers have several options to reach the city: The Aerobús provides a direct shuttle service from both Terminal 1 and Terminal 2 to central locations like Plaça Catalunya and Plaça Espanya, with departures every 5 to 20 minutes. Alternatively, the R2 Nord train line connects Terminal 2 to key city stations such as Barcelona-Sants and Passeig de Gràcia in about 20 minutes.

For those preferring underground travel, Metro Line L9 Sud serves both terminals, though reaching central areas requires transfers and may take up to 50 minutes. Public buses, including Line 46, offer economical routes to the

city, albeit with longer travel times.

Taxis are readily available at designated ranks outside the arrival areas of each terminal. Additionally, ride-hailing services like Uber operate at the airport, with pick-up points in specified parking areas.

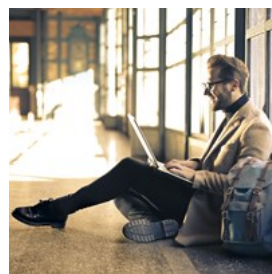
Photo: Bao Menglong/Unsplash

Address: Josep Tarradellas Barcelona-El Prat Airport

Internet:

www.aena.es/en/josep-tarradellas-barcelona-el-prat.html

Girona-Costa Brava Airport (GRO)



Girona-Costa Brava Airport is located approximately 90 kilometres northeast of Barcelona, translating to a journey of about 1 hour

by car. Travellers can reach Barcelona via a direct bus service operated by Sagalés, which departs from the airport and arrives at Barcelona's Estació d'Autobusos Nord in approximately 75 minutes. Buses run every three to four hours, with schedules coordinated with flight arrivals. Alternatively, taxis are available at the airport, though this option is more costly.

Photo: Andrea Piacquadio/pexels

Address: Aeroport de Girona-Costa Brava, Aiguaviva, Vilobí d'Onyar, Girona, Spain

Phone: +34 913 21 10 00

Internet: www.aena.es/en/girona-costa-brava.html

Passport & Visa



Citizens of the European Union (EU) and the European Economic Area (EEA) do not need a visa to enter Spain; only a valid ID is required. Many other countries, including the United Kingdom,

United States, Canada, United Arab Emirates, Australia, and New Zealand, benefit from visa-free entry for short stays of up to 90 days within a 180-day period.

Visitors from visa-exempt countries must hold a valid passport and, starting in late 2025, will need to apply for an ETIAS (European Travel Information and Authorisation System) authorisation online before travelling.

For those requiring a visa, such as travellers from some Middle-East, African, or Asian nations, a Schengen visa must be obtained prior to arrival. All travellers should ensure their passport is valid for at least three months beyond their intended stay.

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Internet: https://home-affairs.ec.europa.eu/policies/schengen/visa-policy_en

Public Transport



Public transport in Barcelona is extensive, efficient, and one of the best ways for tourists to explore the city. The network includes buses, trams, and the subway (known locally as the Metro), all operated by Transports Metropolitans de Barcelona (TMB).

The Metro is particularly useful for quickly getting around key areas of the city, including popular attractions, while buses cover areas the Metro doesn't reach. Trams are an excellent option for travelling along the waterfront and in some suburban areas.

For tourists, the T10 ticket is a convenient and cost-effective option, offering ten single journeys

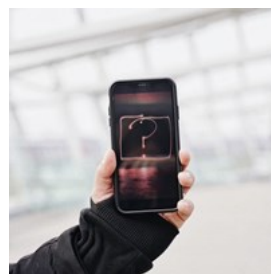
on the Metro, buses, and trams. Additionally, the Barcelona Card provides unlimited travel on public transport, including discounts on various attractions, making it ideal for longer stays or those planning to visit several sites.

For information on fares, routes, and timetables, visit the TMB's official website.

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Internet: www.tmb.cat/en/home

Frequently Asked Questions about Barcelona (FAQs)



- Is Barcelona a safe city?
Yes. Although Barcelona is a big city – the second-largest in Spain and a top tourist destination 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 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.

- 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

Taxi



Taxis in Barcelona are easy to find and can be hailed on the street or picked up at designated taxi ranks throughout the city. The iconic yellow and black taxis are a familiar sight and are equipped with a meter, so fares are regulated. In addition to traditional taxis, ride-sharing apps like Cabify, Bolt, and Uber operate in the city, offering a convenient alternative to taxis.

Photo: Lluís Bazan/Unsplash

Post



In Barcelona, post offices (Correos) typically operate from 8:30am to 2:30pm, Monday to Friday, though some branches extend their hours and open on Saturday mornings. The main post office, Correos Central, located in the Plaça d'Antonio López near Via Laietana, offers longer opening hours, often from 8:30am to 8:30pm on weekdays. This central location makes it convenient for travellers.

Post offices in Barcelona provide a range of services, including sending letters and parcels

domestically and internationally, purchasing stamps, and using express mail services like Correos Exprés. They also offer packaging materials and prepaid envelopes, currency exchange services, and bill payments. For quick and simple transactions, yellow mailboxes on the streets are available for posting letters.

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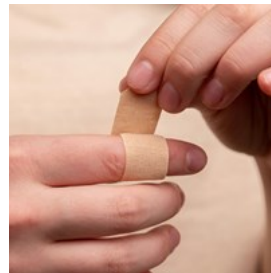
Address: Oficina de Correos, Plaça d'Antonio López, Barcelona

Opening hours: Mon-Fri 8:30am-8:30pm, Sat & Sun closed

Phone: +34 934 86 83 02

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

Pharmacy



In Barcelona, the pharmacy landscape is predominantly composed of independent establishments rather than large chains.

Notable pharmacies include Farmacia Central, located on Via Laietana, near the Gothic Quarter; Farmàcia La Pedrera, situated opposite Gaudí's Casa Milà; and Farmacia Torres, which offers round-the-clock service and is conveniently located a short walk from Plaça Catalunya.

Photo: Diana Polekhina/Unsplash

Address: Farmacia A. Torres, Carrer d'Aribau 62, Barcelona

Opening hours: Open 24/7

Phone: +34 934 53 92 20

Telephone



Country code: +34 Area code: 93

Photo: Sofia Rabassa/pexels

Electricity



Spain's power grid operates at 230 volts with a frequency of 50 Hz, using Type F (Schuko plug) and Type C (Europlug) outlets. Both

types accept plugs with two round prongs, common across continental Europe.

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Population

The city: 1.7 million (2025)
Metro area: 5.7 million (2025)

Currency

Euro (€, EUR)

Internet

www.barcelonaturisme.com

Newspapers

La Vanguardia: www.lavanguardia.com
El Periódico: www.elperiodico.com/es
El País: www.elpais.com
El Mundo: www.elmundo.es

Emergency numbers

Emergency call: 112

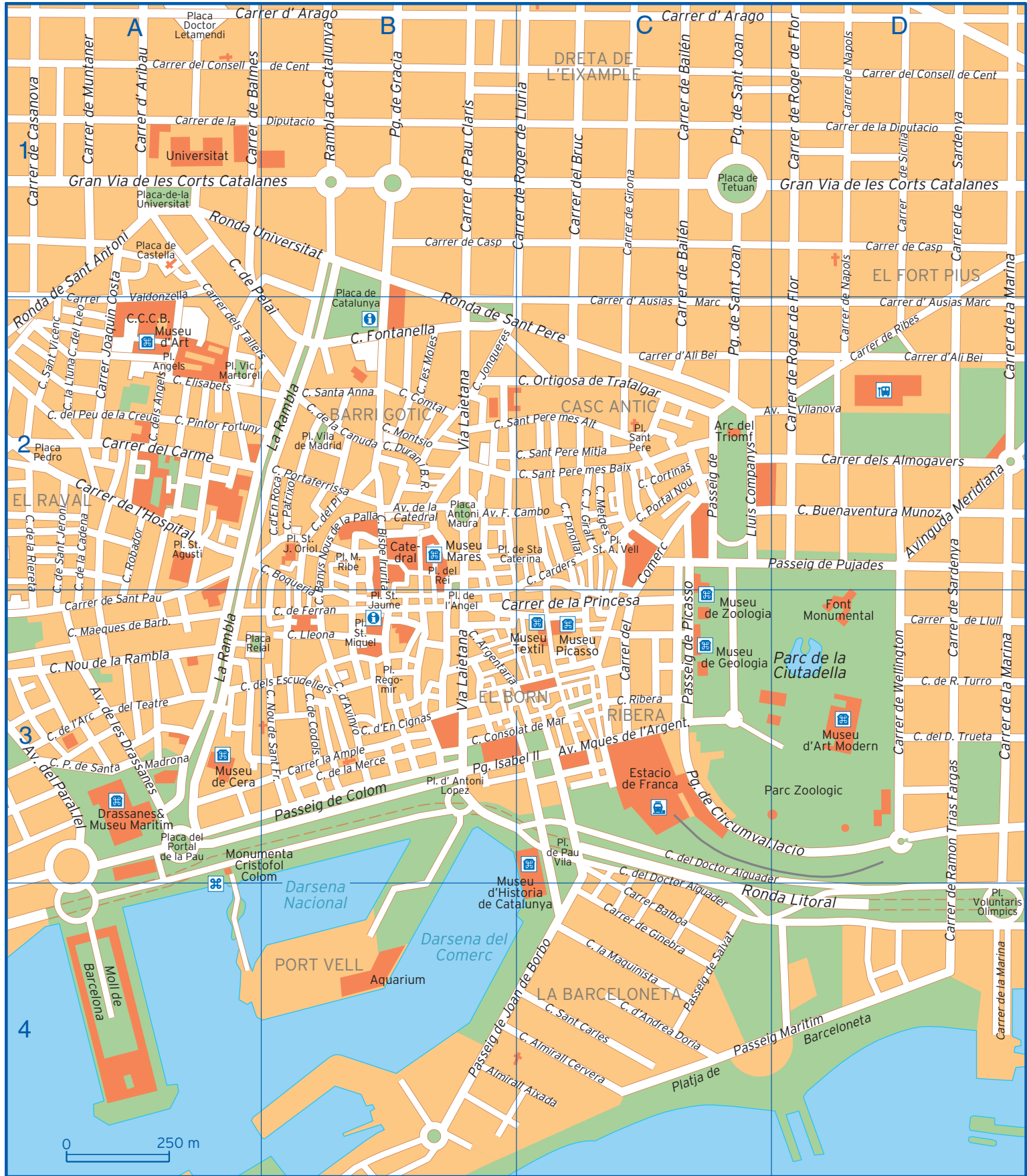
Tourist information

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

Turisme de Barcelona Plaça Catalunya
Plaça de Catalunya 17, Barcelona
+34 932 85 38 32
Open daily 8:30am–8:30pm







Almirall Aixada	B4 C4	C. Metges	C2	Carrer d' Aribau	A1
Av. de la Catedral	B2	C. Montsio	B2	Carrer d' Ausias Marc	C2 D2
Av. de les Drassanes	A3	C. Nou de la Rambla	A3	Carrer d'Ali Bei	C2 D2
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
C. Almirall Cervera	C4	C. Portal de Santa Madrona	A3	Passeig de Colom	B3
C. Argentaria	B3	C. Portal Nou	C2	Passeig de Joan de Borbo	B4 C4
C. Banys Nous de la Palla	B2 B3	C. Ribera	C3	Passeig de Lluís Companys	C2
C. Bisbe Irurita	B2	C. Robador	A2	Passeig de Picasso	C2 C3
C. Boqueria	A2 B3	C. Sant Carles	C4	Passeig de Pujades	C2 D2
C. Buenaventura Munoz	D2	C. Sant Pere mes Alt	B2 C2	Passeig de Salvat	C4
C. Carders	C2	C. Sant Pere mes Baix	C2	Passeig Maritim	C4 D4
C. Comtal	B2	C. Sant Pere Mitja	C2	Pg. de Circumval.lacio	C3 D3
C. Consolat de Mar	B3 C3	C. Sant Vicenc	A2	Pg. de Gracia	B1
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
C. de la Cadena	A2 A3	Carrer de Bailén	C1 C2	Pl. de l'Angel	B3
C. de la Canuda	B2	Carrer de Balmes	A1	Pl. de Pau	Vila
C. de la Merce	B3	Carrer de Casanova	A1	Pl. de Sta Caterina	B2 C2
C. de la Riereta	A2 A3	Carrer de Casp	B1 D1	Pl. del Rei	B2
C. de l'Arc del Teatre	A3	Carrer de Ginebra	C4	Pl. d' Antoni Lopez	B3
C. de Pelai	A1 B2	Carrer de Girona	C1	Pl. M. Ribe	B2
C. de Ramon Turro	D3	Carrer de l'Hospital	A2	Pl. Regomir	B3
C. de Sant Jeroni	A2 A3	Carrer de la Diputacio	A1 D1	Pl. Sant Pere	C2
C. del Doctor Aiguader	C3 C4 D3	Carrer de la Marina	D1 D2 D3 D4	Pl. St. A. Vell	C2
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C. del Lleo	A2	Carrer de Llull	D3	Pl. St. J. Oriol	B2
C. del Peu de la Creu	A2	Carrer de Muntaner	A1	Pl. St. Jaume	B3
C. del Pi	B2	Carrer de Naps	D1 D2	Pl. St. Miquel	B3
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
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C. d'Andrea Doria	C4	Carrer de Roger de Flor	D1 D2	Placa Antoni Maura	B2
C. d'Avinyo	B3	Carrer de Roger de Lluria	C1	Placa de Castella	A1
C. d'En Cignas	B3	Carrer de Sant Pau	A3	Placa de Tetuan	C1
C. Elisabets	A2	Carrer de Sardenya	D1 D2 D3	Placa Doctor Letamendi	A1
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

B2 B3