

World66's guide to Barcelona

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Barcelona

Barcelona is one of the nicest cities to visit. Its museums, theaters, art galleries and nightlife are of an impressive high standard. Besides that, this art and design centre has a lot of interesting sights to offer to its visitors. The best place to watch people go by, to stroll or simply relax, is 'Las Ramblas', a pedestrian street with dozens of outdoor cafes. Here, you'll find flower-stands, book kiosks and small market stalls where they sell birds and small animals. You'll also find an endlessly fascinating flowing receptacle of pageant-jugglers, singers, dancers, puppeteers, sidewalk artists, living statues and assorted oddballs on parade. Nearby is 'Plaça Real', with plenty of bars and restaurants, and 'Palau Guell', built by the Catalan architectural genius Antoni Gaudí in his undulating art-nouveau style.

After having seen these sights, stroll the narrow winding streets of the 'Barri Gotic', the medieval Gothic quarter full of interesting tapas bars and cafes. Check out Picasso's old hangout, 'Els Quatre Gats', which has been renovated without losing its bohemian charm. Or head for the old Barceloneta section on the waterfront. This working-class area, which was always slightly rundown and scruffy-looking, is now packed with paella restaurants. The new beach area, which runs from Barceloneta to the Olympic village, is much cleaner than the old beach area. Although some people believe that it has been cleaned up considerably, it might be a wise idea to stay out of the water. Fortunately, the beach itself is already a feast for the eyes (and ears), with its huge and roaring waves.

Catalans are known for their independent spirit and their sense of humour. Salvador Dali was a Catalan and his bizarre sense of humour is just one example of the region's endearing weirdness. Spring is the best time to visit Barcelona, you can expect a temperature of round and about 20 degrees. During summer, it can get very hot (about 35 degrees) and crowded (because of the cultural events). Barcelona will be as expensive as you want it to be. Attention: Barcelona is pretty rich and so prices are much higher than somewhere else in Spain. Still, restaurants are relatively cheap (at lunch time you can find a two course meal and desert for 7-9) and for a hotel, three meals and a night out, count on some 145 Euro for two persons.

Barcelona – Getting Around

The modern part of the city is built on a grid system and the old town (from Plaça de Catalunya to the port) is a labyrinth of narrow winding streets. Bring a good map to find your way or get lost and see what the city has to offer. You can explore the Barcelonian sights by foot or use one of the many other possibilities, such as the metro, taxi or cable car.

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Bus

City buses run daily from 5:30am to 11:30pm and the route maps are displayed at the bus-stops. They do not drive very carefully, like the rest of the traffic in Barcelona, so beware. The ones with a red band always have a stop at a central square and blue bands indicate night buses. The single ticket costs 1,10, so it's better to take a 10-ticket card for 6,00. If you will stay just a couple of days and want to use it a lot a unipersonal ticket for 2 days costs 8,40 and the 3 days card 11,80

To see the best known sights in the city, take the Barcelona Bus Turistic which operates from 28 March to 6 January, 9am–7.45pm. The bus runs every 20 to 30 minutes and the whole journey takes up to 2 hours. A one day ticket (purchase it on the bus) costs 15.00, a two days' ticket costs 19.00

url: www.tmb.net

Cable car + funicular

The Telerifico de Montjuic (aerial cable car) takes you up to the Montjuic Castle and costs 675 pts retour.

The cable car operates daily 11:30am–9pm in summertime and weekends and fiestas 11–2:45 and 4–7:30.

Barcelona's funiculars operate to Tibidabo from Plaça Dr Andreu (350 pts one way) and to Montjuic from Avda. Paral.lel (215 pts one way).

During all the year 2005, the Cable car will remain closed and it will be opened again approximately during the first quarter of the year 2006.

More info: http://www.tmb.net/en_US/turistes/commouret/commouret.jsp

Subway

The subway is the fastest and cheapest way to get around and also the easiest to use. You can get almost everywhere for 140 pesetas. When you take a T 10 (ticket for ten trips for metro and bus) card you save a lot of money (this costs 875 pesetas). The trains run until 11pm or 1am at weekends.

Taxi

In Barcelona, it won't be a problem to get a taxi and the taxi-stands are scattered all over town. The taxis are priced reasonably (3 km = ±600 pst, especially when you travel with more persons (the maximum is four persons). The telephone number of the main taxi service is: 93 225 00 00 or 93 330 03 00.

Boat

You can make short harbor trips from the Portal de la Pau, near the Columbus Monument. For a half hour trip with a Golondrinas harbor boat you pay ± 350 pts.

Car and Motorcycle rentals

Atesa (Balma 141, tel. 93/237–8140), Avis (Casanova 209, tel. 93/209–9533), Hertz (Tuset 10, tel. 93/217–3248), and Vanguard (cars and motorcycles, Londres 31, tel. 93/439–3880).

Barcelona – Sights

Where to start in Barcelona? What most people do is starting at the Ramblas, the lovely promenade that runs from the port to Plaça de Catalunya. If you head for the port, you can stroll down de Paseo de Colon boulevard, visit the beach, the harbour and the aquarium and climb de San Sebastia tower to have some good views of the city. This tower in the area that is better known as Barceloneta (little Barcelona) is also the place where the cablecar for Montjuic leaves.

The hill Montjuic has a nice park, an impressive fortress and some good museums, such as the Miro museum which has, besides a good collection of Miro paintings, also a fairly extensive modern art collection. The

Spanish village, which remained fairly intact, is also located in this area.

Plaza de Catalunya is the heart of the modern centre. This is also the area where there is a high concentration of houses designed by Gaudí. Pick up one of the walking tour guides and follow the traces of this remarkable architect all throughout town. Of course, the tour isn't finished without a visit to the unfinished Sagrada Família, the Parc Guell and the Gaudí Museum.

The old city centre, better known as the Gothic Quarter, offers a good view of medieval times and all sorts of architectural styles that left their mark on this part of the city afterwards. The Santa Maria del Mar Cathedral and its plaza are only a few of the interesting places in this area. There are several palaces, either still in use by the government (or foundations) or left on their own to be explored by visitors. The Picasso museum is located in one of these palaces and this is only one of the many interesting museums that Barcelona has to offer. This is the perfect area to get lost and explore the winding streets, the little shops and the tapas bars.

City sightseeing tours are run by Julia Tours (Ronda Universitat 5, tel 93/317–6454) and Pullmantur (Gran Via 635, tel 93/318–5195). Tours leave from these terminals, although it may be possible to be picked up from your hotel.

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Plaça Reial

Built in the 19th century, this is a lovely spot where you can relax from the hustle and bustle of the Ramblas and enjoy a drink in one of the many terraces and enjoy the view of people passing by, the palm trees and the fountain.

address: Just off the Ramblas

Plaça de Sant Jaume

The Adjuntament (town hall) with its impressive façade faces the Plaça de Sant Jaume.

address: C.
Paradis

Plaça del Rei

The former royal palace faces this plaza in the Gothic Quarter. **Brett E. Haase:** This plaza has an interesting medieval feel to it. I would recommend catching a drink at one of the bars and enjoying the history.

address: C.
Libreteria

Plaça de Sant Just

Plaça, with its Gothic fountain and palace, that keeps the memory of Barcelona's character in the old days vivid.

address: End of C. Gercules

Plaça de Ramon Berenguer el Gran

Beautiful spot where you can see remnants of the old Roman walls and a broken part of the royal palace, Palau Reial Major.

address: End of C. Tapineria

Funicular railway

The funicular is a good alternative to climbing your way up Montjuic. It offers some great views and stops quite close to the Castle. It takes you from or to Torre Sant Sebastia nearby the beach.

Poble Espanyol

Poble Espanyol (Spanish Village), which was built for the exposition in 1929 as a concoction of architectural styles from all around the country, is worth a visit. Especially in the evenings, you can enjoy the temperamental Spanish music.

Olympic Stadium

The Olympic Stadium of Barcelona was redesigned in 1992 in order to host the Olympic Games professionally. An absolute must for sports freaks.

address: Montjuic

Castell de Montjuic

Rising above it all, you can have spectacular views over the city from this 18th century castle that was built on top of ruins dating from the 17th century. *D. Ralphs*: A fine place to visit with military exhibits. Wonderful views of Barca and the port. A cablecar takes you there past a small fairground and the whole visit is not expensive.

address: Montjuic

Museum Nacional d'Art de Catalunya

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address: Pg Santa Madrona 39 - 41

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address: Montjuïc. Plaza de Neptú

open: Tue–Wed–Fr: 11–19:00. Thu 11–21:30.

Casa Calvet

This is one of Gaudí's most conventional awards and he received the Barcelona City Council Award for it in 1900.

address: C/Casp 48

Collegi de les Teresianes

Gaudí built this school in a style that is not organic but rather gothic.

address: C/Ganduxer 86–105

tel: +34 93 212 33 54

Torre Bellesguard

Also known as La Casa Figueras and built nearby the former Royal Palace. It is mainly constructed of local brick and stone. The benches in front of the building seem to be of a different design and this is probably because they were made by Gaudí's assistant, Domingo Sugranes.

address: C/Bellesguard 16–20

La Casa Mila

La Casa Mila (nicknamed La Pedrera) is the last wonderful building that Gaudí designed. It is built between 1905 and 1910 and has beautiful ornamental balconies and an extraordinary chimneys. *Justin* : When I was there, there were long queues for the entrance. I found the entrance fee steep too.

So if you're not into a full guided tour, you can go into the exposition hall on the first floor. It shows expositions of contemporary artists and entrance is free. You get a good impression of the building too, although you miss the chimneys on the roof. *shelley*: The museum in the attic provides interesting information about Gaudí and his methods of designing. The roof is fun to explore and offers great views of Passeig de Gràcia. Best of all is the reconstructed Art Nuveau apartment on the top floor. The designs and furnishings are breathtakingly beautiful.

address: Passeig de Gràcia 92

tel: +34 93 487 36 13

Temple Expiatori de la Sagrada Família

This is one of Gaudí's unfinished masterpieces and pays tribute to the Sagrada family. La Sagrada Família the magnificent surreal church is designed by Gaudí. While still unfinished it's like no other church you'll ever see:

Its design is a combination of a dragons cave and a castle made from whipped cream. (You can take an elevator up one of the spires but be prepared to cover your ears the bell may gong while youre up there. The view is awe– and vertigo–inspiring.)*Daily opened 9–18 in wintertime and 9–20 in summertime.*

address: Pl. de la Sagrada Familia **Justin** : I must say I was a bit disappointed. Sure, it's very strange and it's huge and world famous, but I found that the structure as a whole was lacking in unity. Still, you can't afford to miss it.

address: C/Mallorca 401

tel: +34 93 207 30 31

Parc Güell

Outside the centre of Barcelona you find the beautiful Parc Guell. Guadi wanted to design a municipal parc that looked like one of the English parcs and so compensate the industrialisation in Barcelona a bit. Gaudí made it a splendid parc with lots of colours, round shapes, mosaic and lovely little houses which make you believe in fairy tales. Take bus nr. 24 or the metro. When you want to skip walking up the hill I'd suggest you take the bus. **bart**: If you want to see something incredible? GO THERE **Angele**:

address: C/d'Olot

Gaudí Museum

The Gaudí Museum is where the cradle of Gaudí stood located in the Gaudí park.

tel: 93 21 93 811

address: Ctra Carmel 23, Parque Güell

open: Daily: 10–14:00 and 16:00– 19:00.

Casa Vincens

This was Gaudí's first architectonic work and seems to have escaped from 1001 Arabian nights.

address: Carrer de les Carolines 18–24

Palau Güell

This special and beautiful palace is designed by Gaudí for his family and you can find it at Carrer Nou de la Rambla 3.

address: C/Nou de la Rambla 3–5

Pavellons de la Finca Güell

The gate of the Finca Guell is also designed by Antoni Gaudí and is beautifully decorated and made out of iron. Metro Sagrada Família/bus 10, 19, 33, 34, 43, 44, 50, 51, 101. Open Nov–Feb 9am–6pm; Mar, Sep–Oct 9am–7pm; Apr–Aug 9am–8pm, daily. Closed pm 25 Dec, 1 Jan. Admission 800ptas, 600ptas students; group discounts.

address: Avda Pedralbes 7

Casa Batlló

Astonishing colourful building that illustrates one way Gaudí wanted to represent naturalism, that is, abstract with a lot of colours, mosaics and themes. Make sure you get to see the inside as well.

address: Passeig de Gràcia 43

Palau de la Musica Catalana

The Palau is a great masterpiece of Art Nouveau architecture. The stained glass ceiling alone is worth the 5 euro you pay to get the guided tour. *jasna goic: Phillipa:* This is one of the most beautiful concert halls in the world, a World Heritage site. From the minute you go into the foyer with the huge mural on the left, and start to climb the shallow marble staircase with its amber glass balustrading, through to the point where you come out at the top and realise that those huge white plough-horses looming over the balcony are hardly attached to the wall, it's a feast of visual art & craft. It was build out of stained glass, for goodness sake, so that the human voice should reproduce as perfectly as possible. The half-circle stage is a glowing homage to the muses of Music, via the muses of ceramics and painting, the great Tree of the Catalan choral tradition rises up one side and the bust of Beethoven glowers down the other, with – oh unwitting touch of Dali – the wildest Riders of the Valkyrie streaming out over his head up to the roof – which is covered by huge ceramic roses – and supports a sunflower of a sky-light hanging like a giant golden beehive over the stage. Go to a concert, the sound is fabulous, and the ambiance out of this world. A once –in–a–lifetime place. Concert Halls should all be as wild, exciting, stimulating as this.

openinghours: 10:00 – 18:00

Museu Nacional d'Art de Catalunya

This Museum stands right on the top of Mont Juic. They've rescued loads of bits of old Roman/Romanesque country churches which were all painted inside and put them back up. No intellectual Zen simplicity here – astonishing bright colours and uncompromising faces, pain, ecstasy and humour, the immediacy of 6th–10th century worship socked home to you via the solar plexus. This is essential viewing for history buffs wanting to "feel" the crossover from Roman times to Modern times. Forget the "Dark" Ages, once you've seen these you'll never think of them as dark again. A stunning, airy, spacious place – they have Gothic art as well, with some lovely Madonna & Child statues which deserve shrines rather than museum displays but hey, that's life....

email: mnac@mnac.es

address: Palau Nacional, Parc de Montjuïc 08038 Barcelona

openinghours: Tuesday to Saturday, 10 a.m. to 7 p.m/ Sunday , 10 a.m. to 2.30 p.m /Monday closed,

tel: 00 34 93 622 03 76

La Seu Cathedral

Built in the 14th century, this Gothic Cathedral is definitely one of the highlights of the Gothic Quarter. There are also three other palaces in the Cathedral complex: Cases dels Casonges, Casa del Dega and Case de LArdiaca. *joni:* La Seu Cathedral is great!

address: Plaza de la Seu

Palau de la Generalitat

This is the place where the Catalan government is seated these days. Make sure you visit the closter at the ground floor.

address: Plaza de la Seu

Iglesia de Santa Agata

Lovely church with impressive glass–stained windows. *jasna*: i want to see it

address: Plaça del Rei

Palacio Reial Mayor

The former royal palace.

address: Plaça del Rei

Adjuntament

Barcelona town hall has an impressive Gothic façade.

address: C. Ciutat

Plaça de Sant Just

Excellent example (with its Gothic fountain and Palau Moixó) of the old character of Barcelona.

address: End of C Hercules

Santa Maria del Mar

Great impressive basilica that is built on what used to be the shore in the 14th century. With its impressive glass–stained windows it's a synbol of Catalan superiority.

address: Plaça de Santa Maria

tel: +34 93 310 23 90

Museum in the Cathedral

See some examples of paintings of the Catalonian School and famous Gothic religious art.

tel: 93 31 02 580

address: Pla de la Seu 1

open: Mon–Frid: 10–13:00/16:00–18:30. Sat/Sun: 10–13:00.

Museum of the History of Barcelona

Museum that deals with Barcelonas political history.

address: Casa Clariana Padellàs. Plaça del Rei

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Frederic Mares Museum

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address: Plaça Sant Iu 3–5

open: Tues–Sat 10–17:00. Sun/Holidays 10–14:00. Closed on Mon.

Les Ramblas

Barcelona is known for the promenade with its book stalls, flower stalls and people parading. It stretches from the seaside to Plaza de Catalunya and is a good promenade from which to explore the rest of the town. Interesting buildings along the promenade are the Academia de Ciencias, the old Gothic church de Betlem and the Palacio de Moya. When you leave the Ramblas for the Mercado de la Boqueria, you'll see the hustle and bustle of one of the oldest markets in the city. A must is also the Plaça Reial, a lovely square with a tranquil atmosphere, palm trees, terraces and a fountain. Once a week, you can swap or buy stamps at the little market underneath the arches of the buildings bordering on the square.

Paseia de Gracia

La Diagonal

Barcelonas main street packed with shops, restaurants and traffic

Paseia Maritim

Take a walk on Barcelonas sea–walk and have a look at the beach and the sea.

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Wax Museum

You can see over 300 famous figures in real life, accompanied by a light and sound system.

tel: 93 31 72 649

address: Ptge Banca 5

open: Mon–Frid: 10–13:30/16– 19:30. Sat/Sun/Bank holidays:
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Ethnological Museum

tel: 93 42 46 402

address: Pg Santa Madrona 22

open: Mon–Thu: 10–19:00. Wed, Fri, Sat, Sun: 10 14:00.

Botanical Institute

Scientific and cultural presentation of botanical life.

address: Av Montanyans 1

tel: 93 32 58 050

Museum in the Monastery of Pedralbes

The monastery is a Gothic structure and is declared a national and artistic monument.

tel: 93 20 39 282

address: Baixada Monestir 9

open: Workdays and Sunday: 10–14:00. Saturday 10–17:00. Monday and holidays closed.

Museum Temple Expiatori

This museum gives an overview of Gaudí's intentions of the Sagrada Família and the attempt till so far to realize them.

address: Mallorca 401

tel: 93 20 73 031

Zoological Museum

The collections in the Zoology Museum make up one of the best displays of fauna.

tel: 93 31 96 912

address: Parc Ciutadella

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Naval Museum

The Naval Museum is basically a shipyard. This is the place where the ships that sailed the world were built. *seven caldwell*: The restaurant next door to the museum was unfriendly, expensive and the guy who seems to be the head waiter was rude. The menu of the day is generally poor quality (the wine is ok) and limited in the choices compared with other places. We would recommend that you avoid this if you are looking for good service.

address: Avda. Drassanes

tel: 93 301 18 71

Museum of Contemporary Art

Designed and developed to make art accessible to the public. The collection consist mainly of art from the forties until the nineties. A personal audio guide is free. The permanent collection focuses on the art of the 2nd half of the 20th century. The museum is housed in a building designed by the North–American architect Richard Meier.

tel: 93 41 20 810

address: Pl Angels 1

open: Mon–Wed–Fri: 11–19:30. Sat: 10–20:00. Sun/Bank Holidays: 10–15:00.

Museum of Modern Art

The Museum of Modern Art houses a colourful and varied collection of paintings and sculptures dating from the 17th century until today. Continuation of the exhibition of the Museum of Catalan Art. *merc verstraeten*:

tel: 93 319 50 23

address: Parque de la Ciutadella. Plaza de Armas

open: Tue–Sat: 10–19:00. Sun/Bank Holidays:
10–14:30.

Museum of Decorative Arts

The museum has a permanent exhibition on decorative carpets, numerous other art objects and industrial design.

tel: 93 28 05 024

address: Av Diagonal 686

open: Tues–Sat: 10–18:00. Sun/Bank Holidays: 10–15:00.

Picasso museum

The Picasso museum is one of the most popular attractions of Barcelona and represents mainly the master's early works donated by Picasso's secretary in 1963 and 1970. A nice detail is that this museum is situated in two 15th-century palaces. *shelley*: While the Picasso Museum does not contain many cubist works, it does allow a rare glimpse into his early works. The museum also features Picasso's deconstruction of Velasquez's "Las Meninas," from small studies to several full scale interpretations. The gothic mansion which houses the museum is also fascinating.

tel: +34 93 31 96 310

address: Montcada 15 – 23

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open: Tue–Sat 9.30–19. Sun/Bank holidays:10–14.30

Thyssen Bornemisza Foundation

One of the most impressive private collections in the world that illustrates the history of the monastery on an artistic level.

tel: 93 28 01 434

address: Bda Monestir 9

open: Tues–Sun/Bank holidays:10–14 hours.

Sports Museum

The Sports Museum comprises also a study centre and is dedicated to the history of sport in Catalonia.

tel: 93 41 92 232

address: Buenos Aires 56 – 58

open: Mon–Fri: 10–14:00/16–20:00.

Museo del Futbol Club de Barcelona

Real soccer–fanatics go to the world–famous Museo del FC Barcelona (near the stadium of Camp Nou), which is almost the best visited museum here. They try to recapitulate the rich history of this popular club using pictures, trophies and videos.

open: Tues–Sat 10–18:10 and Sun 10–14:00.

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Plaça de Catalunya

The main square of Barcelona where all activities come together. Also the place where the main tourist office is located.

address: At the end of the Ramblas

Barcelona – Practical Information

Although – or maybe because of the fact – Barcelona is a rich city, there are many poor people on the street begging for money, sometimes a bit aggressive. Whenever you sit down on a place in a cafe, there will be someone making music and asking for money. Take care of your hand–luggage, there are pick–pockets, too.

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Tourist Attention

If you have been the victim of a crime, need medical or psychological help, or need temporary documents in the event of loss of the originals you can go to Tourist Attention at the Ramblas 43 which is open 24 hours.

address: Ramblas 43

tel: +34 93 317 7016

Hospital Clinic

Ambulance: Creu Roja, tel: 93/300–2020, Emergency doctors: tel: 061.

address: Villaroel 170

tel: +34 93 454 6000/7000

Tourist offices

This is only one of the many tourist offices in Barcelona. Other departments are Palau de Congressos (Av. Maria Cristinas/n, open daily 10–8 during trade fares and congresses only), Ajuntament (Plaça Sant Jaume,

open June 24–Sep., Mon–Fri 9–8; Sat 8:30–2:30) and Palau de la Virreina (La Rambla 99, open June 24–Sept, Mon–Sat 9–9; Sun 10–2).

When you need information about Catalunya or the rest of Spain you can go to El Prat Airport (open Mon–Sat 9:30–8; Sun 9:30–3) and Gran Via de les Corts Catalanes 658, near the Ritz Hotel (open weekdays and Sun 9–7; Sat 9–2).

address: Plaça de Catalunya

tel: 906 30 12 82.

Main Police Station

National Police, tel: 091, Municipal Police, tel: 092

address: Creu Roja

tel: +34 93 300 2020

Language & Nationalism

Catalan is the language spoken in Barcelona and in Catalonia (as well as in Andorra, Mallorca and southern France). If you speak Spanish to somebody who is a Catalan independentist or nationalist, they might not even reply to you! – NEVER wear any bulls, Spanish flags or other Spanish patriotic symbols while in Barcelona and Catalunya. It CAN be dangerous. It is considered offensive to locals.

Barcelona – Eating Out

When eating out in Barcelona, expect much olive oil, garlic and fish as the main ingredients of your dish. Furthermore, pasta dishes are more popular here than elsewhere in Spain. It goes without saying that no matter what dish you're opting for, it can be combined perfectly with one of many fabulously tasty Spanish wines. Generally you can ask for the open red or white wine or the 'vino de la casa'. The average quality of those is pretty good!

In general, the restaurants in Barcelona open around 8 or 8.30pm and stay open until midnight. Eating out starts very late: not seldom people go out for dinner at 9.30–10 pm. Cheap restaurants offer tasty home cooked food and often excellent tapas. For the latter, go to 'Pinocho' near the Boqueria market. Omelette–lovers go to 'Flash–Flash', where they serve a hundred different omelettes and also the famous Barcelonian special, the potatoe–tortilla.

For a traditional Catalan meal (mainly fish and other fresh ingredients from the market) try a moderately priced restaurant such as 'L'Olive'. Make your reservations at 'Can Ros' for a tastful paella or 'arroz negre'.

If you want to have a very exclusive meal, go to Via Veneto. This restaurant has won several prizes for its exquisite and innovative Catalan dishes and is therefore worth trying. Another good option is 'Ca l'Isidre' where you might run into some famous artists– even King Juan Carlos of Spain has been here! They serve food based on the freshest ingredients. However, many visitors of 'Elderado Petit' claim that this is the best restaurant of Barcelona. It's a lovely turn–of–the–century building and they serve a menu that follows the availability of fresh ingredients from one of the many markets.

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Agua

Located directly at the waterfront, next to the Hotel Arts, Agua is a popular, mediocly priced seafood restaurant. The Menu includes a wide variety of fresh fish and the seaside terrace provides a beautiful ambiente both for business diners as well as a time-out for two.

Self Naturista

address: C/Santa Anna 11-17

tel: (93) 318 23 88/93 318 26 84

La Cuina Magica

tel: (93) 323 29 48

Tenda

address: C. Villaroel 178

tel: (93) 439 86 26

Arrel del Born

Our restaurant just opened Jan 2002. It is located in El Born area of town and offers moderate price food. Its speciality is the seafood. You can find some more information at our webpage www.arreldelborn.com
Sincerely Santiago Garcia Co-owner

address: Fusina 5, 08003 Barcelona

openinghours: 1pm-5pm and 8pm-12am

tel: +34 93 319 92 99

Puda can Manel

address: Pg. Joan de Borbó

tel: (93) 221 50 13

Casa Leopoldo

address: Sant Rafael 24

tel: +34 93 441 30 14

La Garrotada

address: C. de Magalhaes 52

tel: (93) 4411061

Passadis del Pep

tel: +34 93 310 10 21 // 93 268 12 11

Rey de la Gamba II

address: Pg. de Joan de Borbó 46 – 53
tel: +34 93 221 75 98 // 93 221 40 96

Carballeira

address: C Reina Cristina 3
tel: +34 93 310 10 06

El Poisson

address: C. d'Oliana 8
tel: +34 93 200 47 37

Can Gaig

Excellent value for excellent food. The ingredients cant be any fresher.

address: Passeig de Maragall 402
tel: (93) 429 1017

Emperador

address: Port Vell
tel: (93) 221 0220

Merendero de la Mari

Try the grilled fish and enjoy the excellent views of the harbour.

tel: (93) 221 31 41.

Can Majó

One of the best seafood restaurants in town. The house specialties are suquet and paella.

address: Almirall Aixada 23
tel: +34 93 221 54 55

La Bricola

address: C. d'Olzinelles 19
tel: +34 93 432 19 33

Specchio Magico

address: C. Luis Antúnez 3
tel: +34 93 415 33 71

Targa Fioro

address: C. de Villarroel 190–192
tel: +34 93 430 72 79

Giardinetto Notte

address: C. La Granada del Penedès 22

tel: +34 93 218 75 36

Il Mercante di Venezia

address: C. de Josep Anselm Clavé 11

tel: +34 93 317 18 28

Montella

address: C Via Laietana 42

tel: +34 93 310 35 26

Il Bellini

address: C. de Muntaner 101

tel: +34 93 454 31 25

Tramonti

address: Av. Diagonal 501

tel: +34 93 410 15 35

Piccola Italia

address: Moll D'Espanya (Maremagnum) s/n– Local 109

tel: +34 93 225 80 34

Ginos

address: Rbla Catalunya 7–9

tel: +34 93 317 43 10

Little Italy

address: C. de Rec 30

tel: +34 93 319 28 60 // 93 319 79 73

Quattro Staggioni

address: C. del Doctor Roux 37

tel: +34 93 205 22 79 // 93 280 65 85

Pasta & Co

address: Pl. de Tetuan 9

tel: +34 93 265 48 26

Que Hubo

Close to the Sagrada Familia. Venezuelan food, including Venezuelan beers and pop drinks.

address: Calle Grassot numero 15. Barcelona, España.

tel: Tel: +93-4574095.

Sagardi

Instead of counting plates, count your cocktail sticks and find out how much youll have to pay.

address: Basea 8

tel: +34 93 319 9993

Rincon de Aragon

address: C Carme 28

tel: +34 93 302 67 89

Kasparo

steven caldwell: Log onto its website for more information. This is a great place for breakfast if you like a very quiet read and enjoy good coffee(though not a patch on Maison-del-cafe). You may get a smile out of the staff if you are lucky but dont hold your breath. Try the Tortilla and the tomato bread if you go there for tapas.

address: Pl. Viçenç Martorell 4

tel: +34 93 302 20 72

Santa Anna

address: C. de Santa Anna 8

tel: +34 93 318 63 36

Bar Castells

address: Pl. Bonsuccés 1

tel: +34 93 302 10 54

Bar Bodega Las Campanas

address: C. de la Mercè 21

tel: +34 93 315 06 09

La Principal

address: C. de Muntaner 178

tel: +34 93 410 82 42

Pasa Tapas

address: C Dr. Aiguader 6-8

tel: +34 93 319 42 33

Gilda la Reina de la Tapa

address: Vía. Augusta 115

tel: +34 93 200 13 48

Rio Dragon

address: C. Oblit 3

tel: +34 93 347 93 89

Doble Dragon

address: C. de Lepanto 286

tel: +34 93 235 31 48

Kowloon

address: C. d' Aribau 115

tel: +34 93 453 17 53

El Cafeti

Great paellas. Besides that, the place and the staff makes you feel like youre the king of Barcelona.

address: Carrer Hospital 99

tel: +34 93 329 2419

Envalira

Good atmosphere and good service in this traditional Catalan restaurant.

tel: +34 93 218 5813

address: Plaça del Sol 13

Madrid–Barcelona

This restaurant used to be part of the former Madrid–Barcelona railway station.

address: Carrer Aragó 282

tel: +34 93 215 7026

El Convent

Good and tasty value in a traditional Catalan setting.

address: Jerusalem 3

tel: +34 93 317 10 52

La Tramoia

Tramoia is Catalan for backstage. Although it resembles the backstage scene, the guests are treated like kings.

address: Rambla de Catalunya 15

tel: +34 93 412 36 34

Can Manel la Puda

The best place to go to when you want to have a good paella in the sun.

address: Passeig Joan de Borbó 60

tel: +34 93 221 50 13

Can Ramonet

Can Ramonet is the oldest tavern in Barcelonetta and this is the main reason why you can eat, besides good Catalan meals, exquisite tapas.

address: Calle Maquinista 17

tel: +34 93 319 30 64

L'Olivé

address: Muntaner 171

tel: +34 93 430 90 27

Can Isidre

address: Les Flors 12

tel: +34 93 441 11 39

Los Caracoles

address: Escudellers 14

tel: +34 93 302 3185

Ateneu Gastronomic

ildenaro:

address: Pl Sant Miquel

Pla de la Garsa

Exquisite dishes and tasty wines in old quarter of Barcelona.

address: C/Assaonadors 13

tel: +34 93 315 24 13

Talaia Mar

Check out the daily specials that offer a taste of the chefs best work.

address: Marina 16

tel: +34 93 221 90 90

El Salon

Make sure you make your reservations because a lot of people know this restaurant with its fabulous dishes.

address: Carrer L'Hostal d'en Sol 6–8

tel: +34 93 315 21 59

Escriba

address: Litoal Mar 42

tel: +34 93 221 07 29

Flash–Flash

address: Granada 25

Can Ros

address: Almiral Aixada 7

Eldorado Petit

address: Dolors Monserda 21 in Sarria

Govinda

Indian vegetarian restaurant just off the Ramblas.

address: Plaça Vila de Madrid 4–5

tel: (93) 318 77 29

L'Illa de Gràcia

Great place to devour your vegetarian lunch. Also cosy in the evenings.

address: C/Sant Doméneç 19

tel: (93) 238 02 29

L'Atzavara

Probably one of the most popular and one of the best vegetarian places in Barcelona.

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address: C/Muntaner 109

tel: (93) 454 59 25

La Buena Tierra

You can have your surprising vegetarian dishes in the charming little garden at the back.

address: C/Encarnació 56

tel: (93) 219 82 13

L'Hortet

Excellent elaborate inexpensive menu. Check out the daily specials.

address: C/Pintor Fortuny 32

tel: (93) 317 61 89

Juicy Jones

Decorated in an original way, this restaurant also (as the name suggests) offers an extensive list of excellent fruit juices

address: C/Cardenal Casañas 7

tel: (93) 302 43 30

Comme Bio

Besides the good vegetarian restaurant, you can also buy your own veggies and natural things in the shops that are also part of the complex. *Richard Osinga*: I quite liked the place. Staff was friendly and I can't complain about the services: well, we took the lunch buffet for 8 euro – first course, main dish, desert, bread and water. It was a very good deal and the veggie food was good enough to please me – a carnivore. *felix*: first impressions; slow service and staff off-hand! However, the food was good and fresh and a good selection of juices and wine.

address: Via Laietana 28

tel: (93) 319 89 68

Oolong

address: C/Gign-s 25

tel: (93) 315 12 59)

Barcelona – Accommodation

It was not until the Olympic Games in 1992 that a real explosion in accommodation facilities took place. The cheapest way to spend the night is bring your tent and stay at one of the campsites. However, most of them are located at some distance from Barcelona. For more comfortable accommodation you can go to one of the youth hostels, pensions or hotels. It might be a wise idea to book a bed or room in advance to save you the hassle of finding an appropriate room at the end of the day.

HINT: Unless you don't stay in one of the bigger hotels that offer a breakfast buffet, it is recommended to take a room without breakfast and take one in the many cafés which offer milk coffee (cafe con leche or cafe amb llet) and croissant for 1,5 – 2 .

<http://www.TerreEspagne.com>

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Racó del Raval

The first time that I visited Barcelona, I made it asset of Catalonia with some friends, who they recommended me to pass some days in this charming city.

We stay a month during the October in an apartment in the historical center of the city, very near the Rambles and of the sea.

This house the regent the Meritxell a charming girl who facilitated us the stay a lot and gave us a lot of information.

It has 2 rooms, kitchen, bath and a big living, totally equipped in a calm street.

For more information you can go to: <http://www.laxicra.com/anades-i-vingudes/index.htm>, you will not regret and will have very fun.

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address: Arenys de Mar

tel: +34 93 792 13 55

Camping Car.

address: Av. Roma 12

tel: +34 600 400 200

Albatross

address: Autovía de Castelldefels

tel: +34 6330695

La Tortuga Ligera

address: Avenida Europa, 69

tel: +34 6330642

Masnou

address: Canetra N-11

tel: +34 93 555 15 03

El Toro Bravo

Filipinas

La Ballena Alegre

A B Viladomat

3* hotel with a restaurant. The hotel is located in the heart of Barcelonas Eixample area, close to Plaza de Catalunya and very near Barcelona-Sants railway station, the main business area of the city, the Exhibition Centre and the Conference Hall. Both the airport and the citys road network are easily accessible. 81 outward-facing double rooms 2 rooms with a terrace 6 connecting rooms 8 triple rooms 3 rooms adapted for disabled persons 1 floor for non-smokers (12 rooms) All rooms are equipped with: Parquet flooring Adjustable air conditioning and heating 2 direct telephone points (ISDN line upon request) Interactive colour TV with pay-per-view films, radio, piped music and 12 satellite channels Minibar Free individual safe-deposit box Fully-equipped bathrooms with: Bath with shower, bidet and washbasin Toiletries and hair-dryer

address: Address: Calle Viladomat, 197

tel: Tel. + 34 93 229 65 65

url: www.hotelabviladomat.com

Layetana

address: Plaza Ramón Berenguer El Grande 2

tel: +34 93 319 20 12

Paloma

address: La Paloma 26

tel: +34 93 412 43 81

Miret

address: Nou de Sant Francesc 40

tel: +34 93 317 30 19

Mesón de Castell

troostwijk:

address: Valldonzella 5

tel: +34 93 318 21 82

Monegal

address: Pelai 62

tel: +34 93 302 65 66

Ramblas

ricky: frist time in spain want more information,for longer accomdation

address: Ramblas 33

tel: +34 93 301 57 00

Oriente

address: Ramblas 45

tel: +34 93 302 25 58

Medicis

sedo:

address: Castillejos 340

tel: +34 93 450 00 53

Paseo de Gracia

address: Pg. de Gràcia 102

tel: +34 93 215 58 24

Park Hotel

address: Avda. Marqués de L'Argentera 11

tel: +34 93 319 60 00

Oliva

address: Passeig de Gràcia 32

tel: +34 93 488 01 62

Nouvel

address: Santa Ana 18 y 20

tel: +34 93 301 82 74

Hotel Internacional

In a privileged situation in the middle of the city's shopping centre and tourist area, in the well-known Ramblas, just in front of the Liceo Theatre.

The hotel has 60 bedrooms with bathroom, heating, direct-dial telephone and safe. Some of the rooms have been specially fitted for groups and large families. Parking 100 metres away.

address: Ramblas

tel: +34 933022566

url: www.husa.es

Hostal Orleans

The position of this hostel is simply unbeatable: at the south–eastern edge of the pedestrial zone, between the top acts of the latter and Barcelonetta, the harbour quarter. It is not really a quiet place, but VERY clean and unexpensive (just paid 63 for a huge triple room with bathroom). Strongly recommended!

Hostal Residencia Lausanne

address: Av. Portal de L'Angel 24

Hotel Toledano

Charming hotel in the heart of Barcelona (Ramblas!). Strongly recommended!! : A very nice and charming place with a long tradition.

Pension Marie–Luz

Fax 93–317 3463 *Lim:*

address: Calle Palau No 4 2nd Floor

tel: +34 93–317 3463

Hostal Fernando

Fax 93–301 7993

address: Calle Ferran 31

tel: +34 93–301 7993

Hostal Delfos

Fax 93–3231651

address: Ronda Sant Antoni 61

tel: +34 93–3231651

Hostel de Joves

address: Pg. de Pujades 29

Kabul Hostel

address: Plaça Reial 17

tel: 34–93.318 51 90

Hostal Paris

address: Cardenal Casanas 4

tel: +34 93 301 37 85

Hostal Levante

steven caldwell: ideal cheap accommodation but the prices have gone up this year. We visited in march 2001 and the prices were 6000psts for a twin room (no bath) compared with 4400psts in sept 1999 (during the festival). The family however is very friendly and welcoming. Most of the rooms have street views but watch out for the odd "store room" without windows to the street. Plenty of activity in the adjacent streets but it is still quieter than many of the other central hostals.

address: Baixada de San Miguel 2

tel: +34 93 317 95 65

Albergue Juvenil Palau

address: C. Palau 6

tel: +34 93 412 50 80

Hostal de Joves

shannon: this closed down.

address: Passeig de Pujades 29

tel: +34 93 300 31 04

Hostal Layetana

address: Pl. Ramon Berenguer el Gran 2

tel: +34 93 319 20 12

Hostal Malda

address: C. Pi
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Hostal Maritima

address: Las Ramblas 4

tel: +34 93 302 31 52

Hostal Fontanella

address: Via Laietana 71

tel: 317 59 43

Pension L'Sard

address: Tallers 82 First Floor

tel: +34 93 302 51 83

hotel condal

This is a mid range room only modern hotel which has recently been refurbished (late 1999). The central location just off of The Ramblas makes it ideal at festival time and the facilities include A/C, ensuites, TV,

balconies and safe. The streets are very noisy at around 3am every day as the local refuse collectors pick up but the stay is comfortable and relatively cheap at 8750psts per night for a double room with e/s etc. **Joanne Griffith:** This is a great hotel right in the centre of the action just off of La Rambla. Liceu Metro station is just around the corner with easy access to buses to and from the airport at Placa Catalunya. My only real complaint is that no record was made of my reservation which was made the old fashioned way over the phone and I had to pay for my stay daily rather than at the end which struck me as a bit odd. Still as a solo traveller I felt safe, the staff were great and you couldn't hope for a better location for tourist attractions, shopping, food and travel. Go for it!!!

address: c. boqueria 23, barcelona

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Gran Hotel Catalonia

address: Balmes 142-146

tel: +34 93 415 90 90

Arts Barcelona

address: Marina 19-21

tel: +34 93 221 10 00

Atenea

address: Joan Güell 207

tel: +34 93 490 66 40

Le Meridien Barcelona

address: Ramblas 111

tel: +34 93 318 62 00

Expo Hotel Barcelona

address: Mallorca 1 al 23

tel: +34 93 325 12 12

Arenas

address: Capitán Arenas 20

tel: +34 93 280 03 03

Barceló Sants

address: Plaza Països Catalans

tel: +34 93 490 95 95

Ritz

address: Gran Vía Corts Catalanes 668

tel: +34 93 318 52 00

Hilton Barcelona

address: Avda. Diagonal 589–591

tel: +34 93 495 77 77

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address: Comte D'Urgell 194

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Barcelona – Getting There

There are several ways to reach Barcelona:

Barcelona – Nightlife and Entertainment

If you haven't been in touch with the Barcelonian nightlife, you have really missed out on something. Barcelona offers some of the trendiest nightclubs and discos. The best time to go out is on Thursday–, Friday–and Saturday–evenings and most of the times you don't have to pay an entrance fee.

The current favourites are 'Fellini', in the basement of the Estacio de Franca, and the 'Nitsaclub', which calls itself 'the New York–style disco where the beautiful people go' (opens at midnight). If you like a more Latin and Salsa style, 'Antilla Cosmopolita' is the hottest place to be. The more alternative people find their way to 'Zelete' or 'Studio 54'.

Barcelona is a lively city at night and if you don't feel like dancing, there is always a nice bar or cafe where you can have a nice drink and tapas. Feel like watching a movie? The 'Filmotheca de la Generalitat' is a good option. Theatre performances can be seen at the 'L'Espai de Danza i Musica'.

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Chaps

The premier leather bar of Catalonia.

tel: +34 93 215 53 65

Salvation & La Madamme

A very cool club in the centre of Barcelona. The boys are beautiful, the girls are stunning and the transexuals are gorgeous. Salvation on Friday's and Saturday's and La Madamme on Sundays are the nights to visit. Despite it being a gay club, all the coldest and most stylish from Barcelona's nightlife flock in. There are two rooms. One with international DJs playing harder house and techno, and the other with a more commercial house theme.

address: Ronda San Pere, 19–21
openinghours: 11.30pm – 4am

Santanassa

Combination of bar, disco and art.*jimmy* :

address: 93 451 00 52

Martin's Disco

jimmy :

tel: +34 93 218 71 67

Café del Sol

address: Laca del Sol 29

Café de LOpera

steven caldwell: This is a very friendly and stylish cafe' bar and has an established staff who are the quickest and most efficient waiters we've seen. The coffee is good (but not a patch on the Maison-del-Cafe) and the tapas is varied. The decor is very impressive and worth a visit for that alone.

address: Ramblas 74

Els Quatra Gats

Modern café

address: c/Montsio 5

tel: +34 93/302-41-40

Zsa-Zsa

Zsa-Zsa is a real elegant place where you can sip professionally made cocktails. *pero*:

address: Rosello 156

Flann o Brien's

address: C. de Casanova

tel: +34 93 201 16 06

El Bosque de Fades

It's behind the Las Ramblas, near the statue of Columbus. It is part of the Museo de Cera, the waxmuseum of Barcelona. *hendrickx* : *hendrickx* :

La Fira

„Address=C/Provenca 171 Cafe La Fira', where they mainly play house, offers you bizarre design (including a row of warped mirrors in the entrance hall).

Cocktail Bar Boadas

The oldest cocktail bar in the city

address: Les Ramblas

tel: +34 93 318 95 92

El Paraigua

address: Pas de l'Ensenyanca 2

Octopussy

address: M Barceloneta, nearby Moll de la Fusta

La Bolsa

address: Tuset 17, M Diagonal

Casa Fernandez

address: Santalo 46, M Diagonal

Salambó

When you want to have a bit of a conversation that isn't overruled by loud music, you might want to mingle with the people in this arty café.

address: C/Torrijos 51

tel: 93 218 69 66

Sol Solet

One of the few bars that has an extensive list of tapas

address: Plaça del Sol 21

tel: +34 93 217 44 40

Tetería Jazmín

Teteria Jazmin has a nice relaxing African atmosphere.

address: C/Maspons 11

tel: +34 93 218 71 84

Insolit

Futuristic bar with internet facilities.

address: Maremagnum, local 111

Seltz

Rosello 154

M Hospital Clinic Seltz offers an assortment of over 40 different kinds of tapas.

L'Atelier – Art de Vivre Total

Its still on the way of becoming a tremendous trendy place. In the mean time, you can enjoy the DJ sessions and the experimental music. *mohamad:*

address: C/Cadena 49 baixos

tel: +34 93 441 07 16

Las Lolos Club

Las Lolos Club offers exciting evenings with a lot of traditional live music, locals and inciting dances.

address: C/Tiradors s/n

tel: +34 93 268 20 27

Mau Mau Bar

Although you wont hear the traditional folk music that is made by the band with the same name, this is a popular trendy spot. However, it is very likely that you need a local to get in.

address: C/Fontrodona 33

tel: +34 93 606 86 06

Paloq'sea

Concerts and funky parties are held in the Paloq'sea.

address: C/Doctor Trueta 186

tel: +34 93 221 33 71

Shaft Club

A good combination of folk and 80s music will most certainly make you boogie.

address: C/Comtessa de Sobradie 1

tel: +34 93 317 06 87

Simbiosis

This is the place to go to when you want to see live concerts and DJ's in an original setting.

address: C/Riereta 5

tel: +34 93 443 10 71

Antilola Cosmopolita

When youre into salsa, youve hit the right spot.

address: C. de Muntaner 244

tel: +34 93 200 77 33

Up and Down

The disco attracts a very diverse crowd and therefore offers a great variety of music styles.

address: Nuancia Diagonal 179

tel: +34 93 280 29 22

Moog

address: C Arc del Teatre

tel: +34 93 301 72 82

Malpaso

Malpaso offers a nice melange off all sorts of modern rock.

address: C. de Rauric 20

tel: +34 93 412 60 20

Velvet

Music from the sixties and plush furnishing.

address: Balmes 161

Woman Caballero

address: Av. Marqués de L' Argentera

tel: +34 93 300 40 17

Elderado

address: Pl. del Sol 4

tel: +34 93 237 36 96

Fellini

address: Avda. Marques de l'Argentera

Nitsaclub

address: C/Nou de la Rambla 113

Antilla Cosmopolita

address: Muntaner 244

Barcelona – Internet Cafes

There are cybercafes of all sizes spread all over the inner city. There are really not very hard to find. Prices are modest (3 /h) and most of them have great coffee, too.

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Infoespai

Infoespai is a social center, that also offers free internet access. Also provides wireless access.

address: Plaça del Sol

url: infoespai.org

easyeverything "La Rambla"

easyInternetcafé's 2nd store in Barcelona.

address: La rambla 31, 08002 Barcelona

hours: 08:00–02:30, 7 days a week

price: 1,30

zipcode: 333

Tanga Coca-Cola Club

Avinguda dels Banys 27.

E-08860. Castelldefels Beach.

Barcelona.

Tel: 93-6645464 o

mobil 908.131.131

address: Avinguda dels Banys 27

tel: +34 93 664 5464

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\$1.00 per hour It is a real Internet Cafe. Web Cam available, microphone. International calls using VoIP. MS Office. ADSL.

address: c/ Tigre 22

tel: +34 93 412 50 53

Cyberclub

address: C/ Sant Pau, 124

tel: +34 93 4421104

El Balconet

address: Recinte del Poble Espanyol

tel: +34 93 292 41 00

El Cafe de Internet

address: Avenida de las Corts Catalanas

tel: +34 93 412 19 15

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address: C/ Ast ries 78

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Insolit

address: Marem gnum Local 111

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spa

address: Pau Claris 106

tel: +34 93 301 11 80

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url: www.bcnetafe.com

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address: Carrer Irlanda, 9, Barcelona, 08030,
Spain
url: www.blackholecafe.com

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email: [9:00 – 22:00](mailto:9:00-22:00)
hours: 700 ptes. /hour
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url: [+34 3 877 52 25](http://+34.3.877.52.25)

easyeverything "Ronda Universitat"

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address: Ronda Universitat 35, 08007 Barcelona
hours: 08:00–02:00, 7 days a week.
price: 1,30 â‚¬, -
zipcode: 240

Barcelona – Day Trips

There are some interesting cities in the vicinity of Barcelona that lend themselves perfectly to an interesting daytrip. The Salvador Dali Museum in Figueres, reached easily by train, is definitely worth a day of your trip to Barcelona.

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Tarragona

In Tarragona you can see Roman ruins and is about an hours drive south along the coast.

Salou

If you are an amusement park fan stop by Port Aventura a mega theme park at Salou (60 mi/100 km south of Barcelona). Owned in part by the Anheuser–Busch Co. the park is designed with Catalonian Chinese Mexican Polynesian and Wild West motifs (the Catalans love amusement parks). 315 mi/500 km northeast of Madrid.

Montserrat

Montserrat is a breathtaking 9th–century monastery in a mountain setting 35 mi/55 km north of Barcelona.

Figueres

The Salvador Dali Museum can be found in the town of Figueres about 75 mi/125 km north of Barcelona. The museum is a must–see because Dali designed the museum himself: It echoes his bizarre personality look for the photo of the artist going to a bullfight with a loaf of bread for a hat.

Sitges

Sitges is the prettiest and most popular resort in Barcelona's immediate environs and has an excellent beach.

Barcelona – Shopping

When you want to go shopping in Barcelona you have to bear in mind that most shops are not open during lunchtime/siesta. In general, they're opened during weekdays from 9–1.30 and from 5–8. On Sundays, most shops don't open their doors in the afternoon. There are various shopping areas. The most elegant shopping places can be traced at the Passeig de Gracia, the Rambla de Catalunya, Avinguda Diagonal and at the Eixample. For small boutiques and souvenirs, try Carrer Tuset.

If you're looking for some real Spanish–style shops, don't forget to explore the area between the Ramblas and Via Laietana, especially around Carrer de Ferran. Looking for some real big shopping malls? Then you're at the right place at the harbor, where you can find the shopping centre Maremagnum. They sell everything that is new, modern and fashionable. A must–see is also the megastore of Playa del Ingles that has one establishment at Plaça de Catalunya and another one at Diagonal.

If you are more interested in markets, you shouldn't miss out on the Boqueria at the Ramblas which starts early in the morning. A very popular place for youngsters and yups is Boulevard Rosa. It has, besides many cafes and bars, over 100 stores that contribute to the lively character of the boulevard and make it into a popular place to visit. For those who have a rather chic taste, Sogo has an impressive number of design fashion (Dior, Sonia Rykiel, Prada etc). The last main shopping area in Barcelona is the Barri Gothic for trendy streetwear, secondhand clothes, interesting junk and antiques.

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La Maquinista

"La Maquinista" is a large mall on the outskirts of Barcelona. It has a few larger stores rather than the boutique like stores found many other places. To get there take the Metro L1 Line (red) to the Sant Andreu exit. Walk towards the church across the street (to the right when you exit the station) and pass the Renfe train station. It's about a 10–15 minute walk.

Maremagnum

Mon–sat 11:00–23:00

: The Mare Magnum Shopping center (which has not only fans amongst the inhabitants of Barcelona) is a big American style shopping mall. Some like it, some don't. I liked the Aquarium next to it, although this is expensive.

address: Moll d'Espanya, M Drassanes

Boulevard Rosa

address: Pg de Gracia 55

El Corte Ingles

Sogo

Mon–Sat 11:30–20:00

address: Pl. de la Maria 19, M Vila Olimpica

La Tienda Gratis

Free shop, take what you want, bring what you don't need anymore. CSO El Teatro, Metro Arc de Triomf

address: Carrer St. Pere Més Baix 55

Barcelona – History

In the late 1800's Hans Gamper and ten other enthusiasts were playing an unknown sport called 'foot–ball'. When Gamper went on to found Barcelona Football Club on 29 November 1899, he could hardly have imagined the momentous events that would follow!

Throughout some of Catalonia's most difficult years, the flag represented the people's hopes for freedom, and today that very flag is the symbolic link which continues to represent the ties between a very special club and its' supporters.

Over the course of 100 years, the club has lived through moments of glory and tragedy, through good times and bad, through epic victories and crushing defeats. Each one of these moments has contributed to shaping Barcelona into the absolutely unique club that it is today.

Barcelona's renown can be attributed, in part, to impressive statistics but another factor is certainly that Barcelona is one of the most highly decorated teams in the world. With the exception of the International Cup, the showcases of the Barcelona museum contain every trophy possible. Topping off the impressive collection is the European Cup, the crowning glory of a Wembley final that went into the history books.

Quite apart from winning the supreme continental prize, Barcelona is also in the extremely enviable position of being the only team in Europe to have participated in every European Cup since 1955 the first year the tournament began. Their massive European trophy collection also includes the Cup Winners' Cup, which the club has won no less than four times – making it undisputed king. Barcelona has also collected four UEFA Cups, two of these when the tournament was still known as the Industrial Inter-Cities Fairs Cup.

Of course, Barcelona reigns in Spain as well as in Europe and no other Spanish team can equal Barcelona's 24 championship titles in the Copa del Rey.

As for the Spanish championship league (historically one of the toughest competition grounds for the club), Barcelona celebrates the centenary birthday with 16 league titles to its name. Six of these were amassed over the last ten years alone.

Barcelona – Things to do

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