

BARCELONA

Travel Guide



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BEST PLACES TO SEE

1 | Park Guell

Park Guell is one of the major works of Antoni Gaudí in Barcelona. He teamed up with the entrepreneur Eusebi Guell after Guell was impressed with a few of Gaudí's works, mainly his exhibition in Paris in 1878.



When visiting Park Guell, taking a bus is more convenient than metro. Find more information on how to get there [here](#).

ADDRESS

Carrer d'Olot, s/n, 08024 Barcelona, Spain.

ENTRANCE

An adult ticket is €7; it will give you access to the monumental zone. If you want to visit Gaudí's House Museum at Park Guell you will pay extra.

You can buy tickets online or at the gate when you arrive at the park. I would recommend purchasing tickets online as the ticket queue at the gate is very long.

When you are buying online, you will be asked to choose the time you want to visit the park. Don't go too early as you will not enter the paying zones before your allocated time slot.

Once you enter you can stay as long as you want; don't go out of the gate before finishing your tour as you won't be allowed back in. For information on opening times and tickets visit the [Official Website for Park Guell](#).

TRANSPORTATION

Buses 24 and 92 stop at the main entrance of Park Guell.

Bus Turístic and Barcelona City Tour also stop outside the park's main entrance.

Metro stations are Vallcarca and Lesseps on the Green Line (L3). It is a 15 minute walk from both stations and some streets are steep.

2 | Sagrada Familia Cathedral

Sagrada Familia Cathedral is a well known spot in Barcelona that attracts millions of visitors every year. Antoni Gaudi started constructing the cathedral in 1883 and worked on it until he died in 1926. Sagrada Familia and other works of Antoni Gaudi are the must see Barcelona attractions.



Here is an in-depth article
on [Sagrada Familia Cathedral](#).

ADDRESS

Carrer de Mallorca, 401, 08013 Barcelona, Spain.

ENTRANCE

Please find entry fees on the cathedral's [Official Website](#).

TRANSPORTATION

The nearest metro station is Sagrada Familia. Line 2 and 5 will take you there.

You can also get there by buses 19, 33, 34, 43, 44, 50, 51, B20 and B24.

3 | La Rambla

La Rambla is the most famous street in Spain. Laid out in 1766, it is more like a pedestrian mall/street with cafés, restaurants and shops. It runs from the center of Barcelona (Plaça de Catalunya) all the way to the beach just after the Christopher Columbus monument, covering approximately 1.2km. Palau Guell and Placa Reial are some of the Barcelona attractions off La Rambla Street.

La Rambla acts like a boundary between El Raval and Gothic Quarter. One famous Spanish Poet, Federico García Lorca, described La Rambla as so beautiful and that it is the only street in the whole world he wishes to never end.



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ADDRESS

La Rambla's address is 08002, Barcelona, Spain.

ENTRANCE

Entrance is FREE (it is a public street).

TRANSPORTATION

Catalunya, Liceu, Drassanes are the three Metro stops in La Rambla Street.

4 | Gothic Quarter

Barri Gotic (Gothic Quarter) is located east of La Rambla and has buildings dated from the 15th century.

Attractions in the Gothic Quarter include the Placa Reial, Call Jueu, City Hall, Palau de la Generalitat, as well as gothic churches

Placa Reial is a square you will find just off La Rambla Street and one of the main Barcelona attractions in Gothic Quarter.

A beautiful fountain was planted in the middle of the square and has Gaudi's lamp posts.

Very good and popular restaurants are found here. Most of popular night places are also located here making this area suitable for both daylight sightseeing as well as dining and night life.



City Hall is very popular and also known as the Casa de la Ciutat and is found in the middle of Gothic Quarter. You will also find colorful homes belonging to local people and the old Jewish Quarter called Call Jueu, which has narrow streets and remains of the ancient synagogue.

ADDRESS

Plaça Reial, 08002 Barcelona.

ENTRANCE

You can walk around the streets of Gothic Quarter for FREE.

TRANSPORTATION

The nearest metro stations are Liceu and Drassanes. Buses 14, 59, 91 will get you there.

5 | Parc de la Ciutadella

This park is very beautiful and attracts many visitors from around the world. My favorite place is the waterfall and the small lake in the park; Barcelona Zoo is also located there and on its own stands as one of the must see Barcelona attractions.



ADDRESS

Passeig de Picasso, 21, 08003 Barcelona, Spain.

ENTRANCE

Entrance to Parc de la Ciutadella is FREE

TRANSPORTATION

Metro Line 4 stops at Ciutadella-Vila Olímpica station.

Buses 39, 40, 41, 42, 51 and 141 go there.

You can also take a Tram, T4 stops at Ciutadella-Vila Olímpica Station or Wellington Station.

Barcelona Tour Buses stop at Parc de la Ciutadella-Zoo.

See this in-depth article
on [Ciutadella Park](#).

6 | Arc de Triomf

Arco de Triunfo de Barcelona is a stunning brownish structure that sits outside Ciutadella Park and is almost identical to the Arch of Triumph in [Paris](#).



ADDRESS

Passeig de Lluís Companys, 08018, Barcelona.

ENTRANCE

You do not pay to see Arc de Triomf.

TRANSPORTATION

The nearest metro station is 'Arc de Triomf' on the red line (L1).

7 | Casa Batllo

Casa Batllo is another masterpiece of Antoni Gaudi that sits magnificently in Barcelona. Like Gaudi's other works, Casa Batllo is at the top of Barcelona attractions that will never lose its magnet.

ADDRESS

Passeig de Gràcia, 43, 08007 Barcelona

ENTRANCE

Casa Batllo is open from Monday to Sunday, 9am to 9pm and an adult ticket is sold at €22.50.

TRANSPORTATION

The nearest metro station is Passeig de Gràcia on lines 2, 3 and 4. Buses 22, 24, 7, V15 and H10 will take you to Casa Batllo.

You can also take a train. For Renfe trains, the nearest station is Passeig de Gràcia, while for FGC trains the nearest station is Provença station.

8 | Plaça de Catalunya

Plaça de Catalunya is the center of virtually everything right in Barcelona City Center. This is a large square where you will find a tourist information office, fountains, sculptures, a large shopping mall with department stores, as well as Catalunya Metro station that connects you to almost all places in and outside Barcelona City.

Aerobus, that transports people to and from Barcelona del Prat Airport, is parked here. You will also find hop on-hop off tour buses at this square.

ADDRESS

Plaça de Catalunya, 08002 Barcelona

ENTRANCE

This is an open square and entrance is FREE.

TRANSPORT

The nearest metro station is Catalunya on Green Line (L3) and Red Line (L1). Also, buses 14, 24, 41, 42, 55, 58, 59, 67, 68, 91, H16, V15 stop at Catalunya Square.



9 | Platja de la Nova Icària Beach

This beach is very clean and sandy; my favorite place in Barcelona. It is mostly visited by foreigners and has nice cafés. Also, nearby there are very good restaurants and night clubs right next to Port Olímpic. Some famous restaurants/clubs located here are Shoko, CDLC and Opium.

Bathing assistance for people with reduced mobility is available. You can play volley ball and table tennis here. You can also rent small sailing boats, canoes etc. You need to reserve in advance, contact details are: Centre Municipal de Vela - CMV Moll de Gregal, s/n. Port Olímpic. Tel. 932 257 940 | www.velabarcelona.com



Watch your possessions closely. Also, there are local women on the beach offering massage services; as lovely as they are they hound you for business even after you say no a million times.

ADDRESS

Passeig Marítim de la Nova Icària, 60, 08005 Barcelona.

ENTRANCE

It is **FREE** to sit anywhere on the beach but you pay about €7 to sit under a shade and €7 for the beach chair.

TRANSPORTATION

The nearest metro stations are Ciutadella-Vila Olímpica and Bogatell on Line 4.

Buses 36, 92, H16, V27 will also take you there.

For Trams, take T4 and get off at Ciutadella-Vila Olímpica (please note that you will walk about 10 - 15 minutes from this tram station to Nova Icaria Beach.

10 | Barceloneta Beach

Barceloneta Beach is one of the oldest beaches in Barcelona. Restaurants are lined up along this beach and the food is amazing. Wi-fi is available at the beach offered by the City of Barcelona.

Sports activities offered are table tennis, beach tennis and beach volleyball. There is a gymnastics area as well.

There are nice 10 Beaches in Barcelona you can visit, some of which are considered best Barcelona attractions.

ADDRESS

Passeig Marítim de la Barceloneta, 16, 08003 Barcelona

ENTRANCE

Barceloneta is a public beach and it is FREE.

TRANSPORTATION

Buses 45, 59, D20 will take you there.

The nearest metro station is Ciutadella-Vila Olímpica on Line 4.

Tram (T4) will go to the same station (it's a 10 minute walk from this station to Barceloneta Beach).



11 | La Boqueria Market



Mercat de Sant Josep de la Boqueria is one of the biggest and prominent food markets in the whole of Europe. This market is often referred to as La Boqueria and is situated in the Ciutat Vella district of Barcelona.

La Boqueria has its entrance from La Rambla right at the center of Barcelona City. Different commodities are sold in the market, but it is well known for its fruits and spices.

ADDRESS

La Rambla, 91, 08001 Barcelona, Spain

ENTRANCE

It is FREE to enter the market.

TRANSPORTATION

The nearest metro station is Liceu on Line 3; you can also get off at Catalunya station. Buses 14, 59 and 91 also go there.

12 | La Pedrera

Casa Mila is another name of La Pedrera. Pedrera means quarry and normally used by the local people because of its stone like appearance. Antoni Gaudi designed the building in the 1900's for the famous and wealthy Mila family.

ADDRESS

Passeig de Gràcia, 92. 08008, Barcelona

ENTRANCE

La Pedrera is open from Monday to Sunday, 9am to 11pm. An individual adult ticket costs €20.50. For more information on tickets and general visitors information [click here](#).

TRANSPORTATION

The nearest metro station is estació Diagonal (Lines 3 and 5).

Buses 7,16,17, 22, 24 and V17 will also take you there.

For trains, the train station Passeig de Gràcia services this location.

13 | Barcelona Zoo

Barcelona Zoo sits on 14 hectares of land that is connected to Ciutadella Park. It has over 7,000 animals and was founded in 1892. People who travel with children would love the Zoo as they have dolphin shows and pony rides.



ADDRESS

Parc de la Ciutadella s/n, 08003, Barcelona

ENTRANCE

An adult ticket costs €19.90 but children under the age of 3 enter for free.

TRANSPORTATION

Nearest metro stations are Barceloneta and Ciutadella-Vila Olímpica on the yellow line 4 (L4), and Marina and Arc de Triomf stations on the red line 1 (L1).

You can also get there by tram; take the T4 and get off at Ciutadella - Vila Olímpica station.

Renfe train stations Arc de Triomf and Estació de França serve this area. You can also take buses D20, H14, H16, V21, V27.

14 | Picasso Museum

Museu Picasso was opened in 1963 and has Pablo Picasso's art collection. The museum attracts millions of people from all over the world to see Picasso's masterpieces.

ADDRESS

Montcada 15-23, 08003, Barcelona

ENTRANCE

An adult pays €11 to see the collection. If you want an audio guide you pay €16 for a ticket. For more information on rates and opening times, [click here](#). Make sure you buy tickets online to avoid long queues at the ticket office outside the museum.

TRANSPORTATION

The nearest metro station is Jaume I on line 4.

Buses 17, 39, 45, 51, 120, V17 will take you there.

15 | Camp Nou

Camp Nou, the home of F.C. Barcelona, is a huge stadium and one of the most visited places in Barcelona. It attracts tourists who are interested in seeing the stadium as one of Barcelona attractions and/or attend an event, particularly a seasonal football game. The Camp Nou Experience, offered at the stadium, includes a tour of the stadium and a visit to galleries.



ADDRESS

Avinguda d'Àrístides Maillol, s/n. Estadi FCB, accesos 7 o 9, 08028, Barcelona.

ENTRANCE

Camp Nou Experience tour costs €23 per person. Visit [this page](#) for tour tickets; for football game tickets [click here](#).

TRANSPORTATION

Metro stations are Palau Reial on Line 3 and Collblanc on Line 5.

Buses 50, 54, 75, 113, D20, H8, H10, L12 as well as Barcelona Tour Buses go there.

You can also get there by Trams T1/T2/T3-Avinguda de Xile.

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TRADITIONAL FOOD TO EAT & WHERE TO STAY

Traditional Food in Barcelona

1| PAELLA (A RICE DISH)

The original type of Paella is believed to be Valencian Paella. It comes with white rice, chicken, rabbit, white and green beans, snails, tomato, pepper, onion, garlic and herbs.

Other types of Paella are: (1) Vegetarian Paella (Paella de Verduras – ingredients include asparagus, artichokes, olives and mushrooms), (2) Seafood Paella (Paella Marinera or Paella de Mariscos), (3) Mixed Paella (Paella Mixta - a mixture of meats and seafood), (4) Black Paella (Arròs negre - the rice turns black because of the octopus or squid ink).



2| ESCUDELLA

Escudella is a Catalan stew that has three courses (broth, a meat course and a mixed vegetable course).

3| XAI ROSTIT AMB 12 CABEÇES D'ALL

Roast lamb with 12 heads of garlic.

4| EMBUTIDO

Embutido cured, dry sausages that are spiced. Botifarra and Fuet are the common types in the Catalonia area.

5| TAPAS

Tapas may be appetizers, snacks or Spanish cuisines. Tapas can be served cold or hot. Gambas al Ajillo are fresh prawns in olive oil, chili and garlic; Croquetas are fried balls with meat, fish or vegetable fillings; Montaditos are toasted sandwiches with meat, fish or vegetables.



Restaurants Known for Traditional Food



LA BOQUERIA MARKET

This market is in La Rambla and has very good restaurants serving traditional food at a price that is reasonable.

Address: La Rambla, 91, 08001 Barcelona, Spain

CAN PINEDA RESTAURANT

A meal costs around €35 – €55.

The restaurant is open from Tuesday to Saturday (1pm - 4pm and 9pm – 11pm). It is closed on Sundays, Mondays and holidays. Free parking.

Address: Carrer de Sant Joan de Malta, 55, 08018, Barcelona

Metro Stations: Clot and Glories

Telephone: 933 083 081

Email: restaurantcanpineda@gmail.com

CA L'ISIDRE RESTAURANT

A meal costs between €30 and €40.

The restaurant is open from Monday to Saturday (1:30pm - 4pm and 8:30pm – 11pm). It is closed on Sundays and holidays.

You can park at Carrer Aldana n°5 and Carrer Abat Safont n°2.

Address: C/ Les Flors. 12, 08001. Barcelona

Metro Station: Paral.lel Station

Telephone: (+34) 93 441 11 39

Fax: (+34) 93 442 52 71

Email: info@calisidre.com

Hotels

FOUR POINTS BY SHERATON BARCELONA DIAGONAL

Address: Avenida Diagonal 161-163, Barcelona, 8018,
Spain

Phone: (34) 93 486 88 00

Rates: start form €79 per night

LE MÉRIDIEN BARCELONA

Address: La Rambla 111 Barcelona, 08002 Spain

Phone: (34)(93) 318 6200

Rates: start form €190 per night





TRANSPORTATION

El Prat de Llobregat (BCN) Airport

Public transportation to and from Barcelona del Prat Airport:

1| AEROBUS

A1 Aerobus (terminal 1)

A2 Aerobus (terminal 2)

From Plaça de Catalunya (Barcelona) to Terminals 1&2 (Airport BCN) – runs from 05:00am to 00:30am everyday.

From Terminals 1&2 (Airport BCN) to Plaça de Catalunya (Barcelona) – runs from 05:35 am to 01:00 am everyday.

The average travel time per journey is 35 minutes. A single ticket is €5.90, a return ticket is €10.20. More information on [Aerobus Official Website](#).

2| METRO

Metro (Yellow Line 9) stop at both terminal 1 (Aeroport-T1) and terminal 2 (Aeroport-T2). Travel time is 32 minutes and trains come every 7 minutes.

Single ticket from Barcelona City to the airport costs €4.50.

3| BUSES

Regular buses from Barcelona City Center to Airport (BCN) are: A2, 46, L77, L99, PR1, PR2, PR3. Night buses from Plaça de Catalunya (Barcelona) are N17 to Terminal 1 and N16 to Terminal 2.

T-10 ticket allows you to take 10 trips in Barcelona and starts from €9.95.

4| RENFE TRAIN

A single ticket from Barcelona City to the airport costs €4.50. It takes about 35 minutes to reach Barcelona town center.

From Barcelona City Center to the Airport BCN – runs from 05:22 to 23:32 everyday.

From the Airport (BCN) to Barcelona City Center – runs from 05:42am to 00:08am everyday.

More information on [Renfe Official Website](#).

4| TAXES

Charges range from €26 to €30 from the airport (BCN) to Catalunya Square (Barcelona Town Center).

Girona-Costa Brava Airport (GRO)

Transportation to and from Girona-Costa Brava Airport (GRO).

Please note that this airport is 91 km from Barcelona City.

1| BUSES

Barcelona Bus is the popular choice.

For more information about transportation to and from the airport [click here](#).

2| TAXIS

A taxi from Girona-Costa Brava Airport to Barcelona City costs approximately €127 during the day and €140 at night and during weekends.

Getting Around Barcelona City



⇒ Metro and Buses information will be found on [Transports Metropolitans de Barcelona \(TMB\) website](#).

⇒ Barcelona Tram will also get you around smoothly.

⇒ Trains

FGC trains

Renfe Trains

⇒ Taxi

BUS MAP

[Barcelona Bus Map](#)

METRO MAP

[Barcelona Metro Map](#)



IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Basic Things to Know

LANGUAGE

Spanish and Catalan

Basic Spanish words / phrases to know:

Hola (oh lah): Hello

Cómo está? (coh moh es tah): How are you?

Bien, gracias (bee ayn, grah cee ahs): I am good, thank you

Gracias (grah cee ahs): Thank you

Por favor (por fah vohr): Please

Habla inglés? (ahblah een glays): Do you speak English?

CURRENCY: Euro

ELECTRIC: Spain's power has 220 volts and 50 Hertz. If you are coming from a country with lower volts such as North America (USA's power is at 110-120 volts and 60 Hertz), you should buy a step down to connect to your plug when charging your appliances.

Spain uses Plug Type F, consider buying an adapter for this type of plug.



Official Barcelona Tourism Website:

www.barcelonaturisme.com

TOURIST INFORMATION

Tourist Offices:

1 | Plaça de Catalunya, 17-S, Barcelona

Tel: 932 853 834

Opens daily, 8.30am to 9pm

2 | Barcelona Airport del Prat - Terminal 1 and 2 (B), Barcelona

Opens daily, 8.30am to 8.30pm.

WEATHER IN BARCELONA

BARCELONA TEMPERATURE IN CELSIUS (°C) AND FAHRENHEIT

	Jan	Feb	March	April	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec
High (°C)	14	14	16	18	22	26	28	29	26	23	18	14
High (°F)	57	57	61	64	72	79	82	84	79	73	64	57
Low (°C)	5	6	8	10	14	18	21	21	18	14	9	5
Low (°F)	41	43	46	50	57	64	70	70	64	57	48	41



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