

The student friendly guide to

BARCELONA



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WELCOME TO BARCELONA!

Hola amigos

We are here to bring you a young person's guide on how to enjoy Barcelona on a budget. We will still bring you all the top tourist attractions, as well as hidden gems and local hotspots but with tips on how to have an amazing time without breaking the bank. Whether you are a student or a group of friends enjoying a city break, be sure to find everything you need in this guide. We are here to make sure you make the most of every minute in this amazing city!

In our survival guide we've got information on how to avoid pickpockets, what to do if you do get your stuff stolen, how to get medical treatment and any other useful information or contact numbers that you may need during your trip. Our transport section explains the best ways to travel around the city, including how to use the metro system and information on the night buses you will be using after a long night of partying. Both the metro and bus system can seem a bit confusing at first but don't worry you will figure it out pretty quickly!

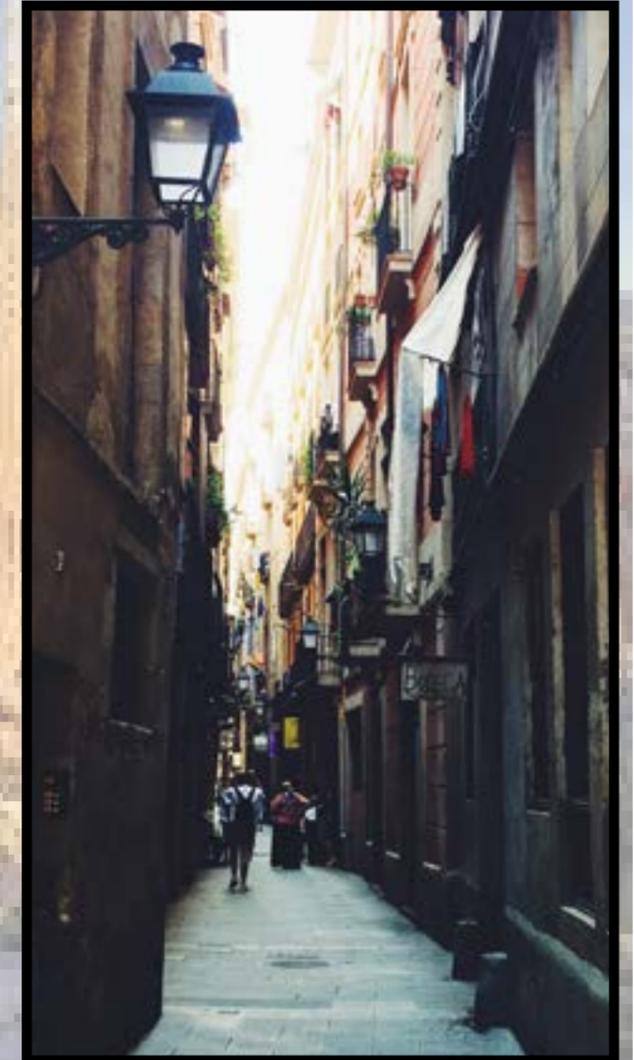
Barcelona really is the city that never sleeps. At home you may be used to coming home from

a night out at 3am or maybe 4, but not here. It's not unlikely that you will find yourself stumbling back from the night club at 7am, walking home as the sun comes up. We have a range of different bars and clubs here in the guide, as well as tips on how to get in the clubs for free and skip those long queues!

In this guide we also explore the best places to eat- rule number 1 is to avoid La Rambla! As well as drinking and eating we have also covered the best parks & beaches, sightseeing, historical monuments, arts & culture and sports and shopping.

During our time here we have discovered the do's and don'ts of exploring Barcelona, and by creating this guide we hope to ensure that you have the most authentic Barcelona experience possible. We also want you to enjoy the city without burning a hole in your pocket! We hope to help you have an unforgettable Barcelona experience.

Ella Crumpton



BARCELONA AND BEFORE:

Here's a brief history of Catalonia. They have an eventful past that still continues to this day:
Sophia Dapra



250BC Barcelona was founded by the Carthaginians (Amilcar Barca)
27BC-AD14 Roman 's occupied Barcino (Barcelona)
3rd C Barcelona most important outpost in the Hispanic Citerior
415 Barcelona gets occupied by the Visigoths who rename Barcino->Barcinona 8th C Moors capture the city
9th C Franks capture the city
988 Count Borrell II gains independence for Barcelona
1000-1200 Barcelona --->most important Mediterranean ports
13th C Beginnig of the construction of Cathedral de la Seu
14th C War between Barcelona and Genoa
1327 Jaume II dies
1336-1387 Pere III. City Boom
1391 Pogrom – massacre against the jewish community
1640 Monarchy begins in Barcelona; Catalonia allied to Louis XIII of France
1652 Don Juan José of Austria ends the Catalan rebellion
1680 War --> France last till 1690
1705-1714 Independence- War against Spain; (England and Genoa federated)
18th C Textile industry starts. Spain in comperation with America
18th C Napoleonic Wars
1821 Epidemic of yellow fever
1868 Spanish revolution
1901 and 1902 General strikes in Barcelona
1909 Anarchists destroy buildings, Riots
1936 Spanish Civil War starts
1977 Catalonia recovers some self-government under the Estatut de Autonomia
1992 Olympic Games in Barcelona

Take this survival guide as a way of easing yourself into the flow of the city. As well as some safety tips, it will also help you to make better use of your time in Barcelona... on a budget!

Personal safety:

In any large city that attracts tourists, there will always be the risk of pick-pockets. Make sure you carry a bag that is secure at all times to avoid any unwanted surprise. (La Rambla and the metro is especially known for highly skilled pick-pockets so watch out)

Health:

EU citizens, be sure to bring your health insurance card (EHIC) with you, in case you need to seek medical treatment. If you don't already have one or yours has expired, make sure to obtain one before travelling.

Tourist offices can provide information on English-speaking doctors.

If you need a doctor and you're in a hurry, there are several walk-in clinics around the city, the most convenient located near Pla a de Catalunya; Creu Blanca, open Mon – Fri 9.00am-1.00pm, 4.00pm-7.00pm, Saturday 9.00am-1.00pm, Sundays call 934 12 12 12.

If visiting Barcelona during the summer months, don't forget your sun cream, and always carry water wherever you go!

HOW TO SURVIVE:

Important numbers:

Emergency No.: 122 (for all emergencies)

Ambulance no.: 061

Police: 092 (local) 061 (regional)

Siesta:

Shop opening times: One thing that Spain is known for is Siesta. This is no joke. Between the hours of 14:00-16:00 most shops are closed. So don't be disappointed.

Restaurant times:

Here, a little different to many other countries, lunch time is usually around 14:00pm-17:00pm. Dinner is from 21:00pm-23:00pm, usually followed by a drink or two to end the day.

Although there is a temptation to treat Barcelona as another Zante or Magaluf, it is important to know that there are large numbers of locals that live here. You may have the rightful urge to show everyone your full body tan beyond the confines of the beach, but that look is not as sought after in Barcelona. Avoid walking into shops further than 50m from the beach in swimwear.

Money:

Currency: Euro (€). This can be changed at Beuraus de Change straight away at the airport, or you can look around for places with better commission/handling or exchange rates. It's best to

bring a small amount of Euro with you to start you off.

Credit cards: VISA and MasterCard are widely accepted in most places. Less widely accepted are American Express and Diners Club.

Key Terms in Spanish and Catalan:

Making yourself heard:

Hello: **Hola/Hola**

Good Morning: **Buenos Días/ Bon Dia**

Good Afternoon: **Buenas Tardes/Bona Tarda**

Good Night: **Buenas Noches/ Bona Nit**

How are you?: **Cómo estás?/Com Estas?**

I would like: **Me gustaría/M'agradaria**

Please: **Por Favor/ Si us Plau**

Thank you: **Gracias/Gracies**

You're Welcome: **De nada/De res**

Sorry: **Lo siento/Perdona**

Goodbye: **Adios/Adeu**

Where is...?: **¿Dónde está...?/¿On és?**

Can you help me?: **¿Me puedes ayudar?/¿Em pots ajudar?**

I'm lost: **Estoy perdido/ Eitic perdut**

Recognizing your surroundings:

Square: **Plaza/Pla a**

Street: **Calle/Carrer**

Avenue: **Avenida/Avenguda**

Entrance: **Entrada/Entrada**

Exit: **Salida/Sortida**

Bus: **el autobús**

GETTING AROUND:

In a new and unknown city, the transport systems can often feel a little overwhelming. Especially when you have limited time in the city and you want to be able to get stuck right into exploring it, rather than having to endlessly try and figure out which means of transport will be the quickest, most economical and less taxing on your activity-crammed days. So don't let this be anything you worry about too much, as here we'll give you the low-down on the essential info you need to master your way navigating around the city.

Despite being vast in scale, the city is very easy to get around by foot (as long as you're prepared with water, comfy shoes and sun cream if it's that time of year). It also brings good opportunities to view the city's wealth of architectural and historical places of interest while passing, as well as observing the Catalan pace of life. On maps and looking over the city distances appear deceptively further away than they are, but in reality when walking you'll be surprised at how much ground you cover! However the public transport options all mean that you can arrive at your destination in no time at all, ensuring you don't waste time and really make the most of however long you have here. It's clean, cheap, reliable

and simple; all adjectives you want to hear when describing an unfamiliar transport system!

Ticket system and options.

There are several different options for purchasing tickets for travelling around the city. Depending on your length of stay, where you want to visit and how much walking you're up for, this is something to consider before making your purchase, to ensure you get the most financially worthwhile option.

- single ticket: € 2.15 *
- T-10: € 10.30*
- T-Dia (one-day pass): € 7.60
- 2-days pass: 14.00 €
- 3-days pass: 20.00 €
- 4-days pass: 25.50 €
- 5-days pass: 30.50 €

From the airport: Here you should be prepared to have to do a little lugging of your luggage, unless you want to pay for a taxi. However if you have to change station or means of transport mid-journey you generally won't have to make more than one or two changes, as the city

is so well inter-connected.

The airport is linked by a train which connects all four corners of the city, all passing through the centre at Pla a Catalunya. It runs every 30 mins roughly from 5am-12am. Cost: single €4.10.

The Aerobus is a regular and convenient bus service that shuttles between the airport and city centre; more specifically Pla a Catalunya. It runs about every 10 minutes, between 5.30am-12.30am from Pla a Catalunya, and 6am-1am from the Airport

- Going to/from Terminal 1 take the A1 Aerobus (25-30 mins).
- To/from Terminal 2 take the A2 bus (30-35 mins).
- Cost: single €5.90, return €10.20 (valid for 15 days).



Metro: Possibly the most commonly used means of transport in the city, the metro underground rail system reaches every part of the city, ensuring that you never have to walk more than a few blocks to find the nearest station. Clean and nicely air-conditioned once 'on-board', you never have to wait longer than 5 minutes for the next metro, so there's no need to rush if you see one whilst approaching the platform. The metro has 8 different coloured lines, each with a certain number after the letter L. To know which platform to head to inside the station, simply look to the end of the line on the map for the ultimate stop. This will be the name written by the metro line.

- Sun-Thurs & Public hols: 5.00am-12.00am
- Fridays: 5.00am-2.00am
- Saturdays: 24hrs (also on Jan 1st, Aug 15th, Sept 24th)

Bus: Buses all pass through or begin/end at Pla a Catalunya, which is convenient as from there you can easily take another bus/the metro on to your destination. Buses generally run every 10-15 from 8.00am-9.00pm Sunday-Friday. Less frequently are times before 8.00am, after 9.00pm and on Saturdays.

However whilst 'day buses' are done for the day, night buses function, particularly handy when the metro isn't working either. The 16 urban night bus routes of the night buses generally run from 10.30pm-6.00am, around every 20-30 minutes (however this depends on the bus; the more 'out of town' ones can be less frequent).



Funicular: This 86 year old railway vehicle is an experience in itself, before you've reached your destination! To take the Funicular to Montjuic Mountain, go from Paral-lel station (L2) to Parc de Montjuic.

To take the funicular to Tibidabo or the hills approaching the peak of Tibidabo, go to or from Vallvidrera Interior to Vallvidrera Superior, or from Pla a del Funicular to Tibidabo.

Teleféric: Again, this 750m long cable-car system is more of its own experience, with incredible views over the city. The Teleféric is a spectacular option for travelling to or from Montjuic mountain. Look for Torre de Sant Sebastian near Barceloneta beach to do the full journey, or for half go to Torre Jaume 1, which both arrive at Pla a de l'Armada on Montjuic. Once at Montjuic you can take the cable car between Castell de Montjuic, Av. de Miramar and Pla a de la Sardana.

- Teleféric to Montjuic:
- Opening times January-March: 10 am- 6pm
- April -May: 10am-7pm
- Jun-Sept: 10am -9p
- Oct: 10am- 7pm
- Nov-Dec: 10am -6pm
- Cost: Adult return: €10.80
- Child return (4-12 yrs): €7.80
- Adult single: €7.50 Child sin-

Bicycle: Another popular means of transport amongst residents and holiday makers, there are many positives to bike-rental; fresh air, good exercise, environmentally friendly, relatively cheap, and an alternative and cool way to see the city!

Useful Websites:

<http://www.tmb.cat/en/linies-de-metro>

<http://www.tmb.cat/en/linies-de-bus>

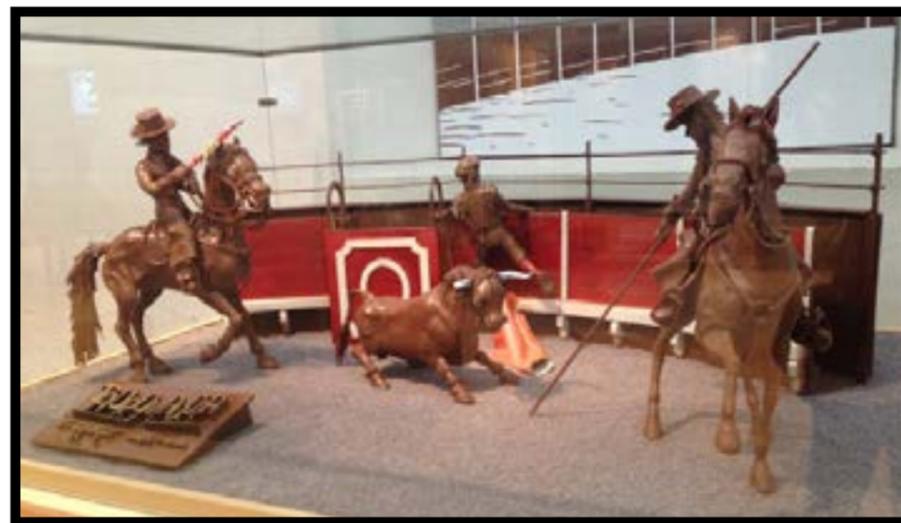
<http://www.telefericodebarcelona.com/en>

<http://www.telefericdemontjuic.cat/en/welcome>

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PLACES OF INTEREST:



Name: Museu de la Xocolata
Address: Carrer del Comerç, 36, 08003, Born.
Website: www.museuxocolata.cat/
Number: +34 932 68 78 78

Are you a chocolate lover? Willy Wonka believer? Fudge fan? You have not been left out amigo! To experience chocolate in its fullness, take a gluttonous trip to Museu de la Xocolata. You will soon discover that chocolate is not limited to a cheap bar, but has a plethora of purposes. The museum takes you on a journey from its origins to many artistic forms. It also gives a historical lesson into Catalonia's own chocolatier past, and into its present. You will see detailed chocolate sculptures of some of Barcelona's famous sights, like the Sagrada Familia, from a more palatable perspective. For the foodies, there is a brandy and chocolate combining workshop, which actually allows you to sample different types of chocolate, and see what type of brandies best compliment its flavour. There are other workshops and activities that cater for all age ranges. This destination will give you a new-found appreciation for this sweet anti-depressant and edible problem solver.

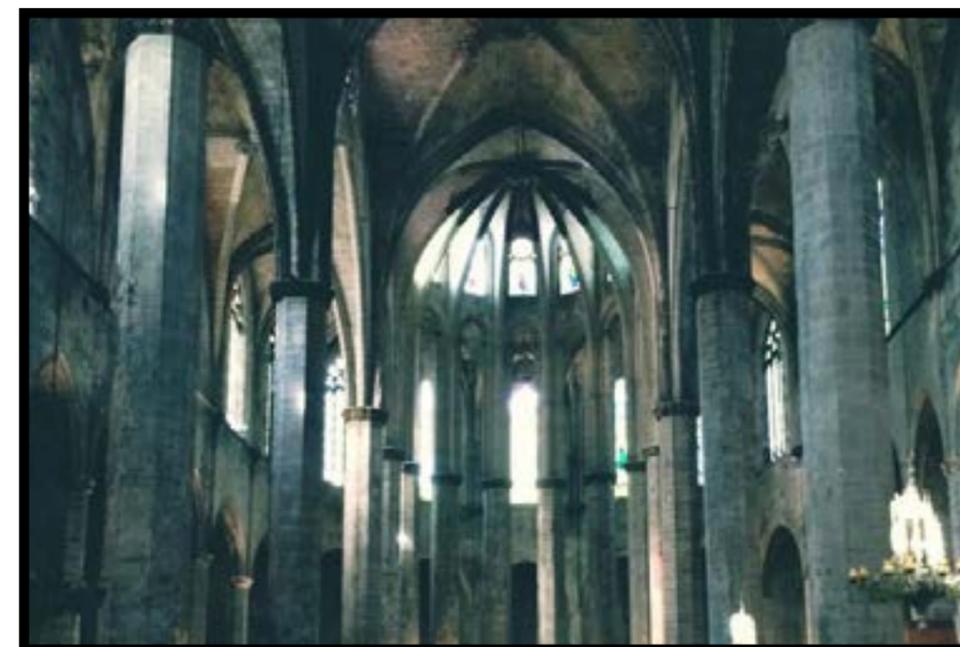
Zoe Adia

Name: Santa Maria del Mar
Address: Plaça de Santa Maria, 1, 08003
Transport: Jaume I (L4)
Type: Church
Opening times: Mon- Sat 09.00am- 1.30pm, 4.30pm - 08.00pm.
Sun & Public hols 10.30am- 01.30pm, 04.30pm- 08.00pm.
Price: €8 before 5.00pm. Free after this time.

The Santa Maria del Mar church is a top sight to visit in Barcelona. This beautiful church near the port, situated in the Ribera district of Barcelona amongst various bars and restaurants. Constructed between 1329 and 1383, it is a magnificent example of Catalan Gothic architecture. Designed by famous architect Berenguer de Montagut, construction was completed within 55 years. This church had a highly unique design for this period, and provided a groundbreaking new style of architecture upon which many more churches were modelled.

When you visit the church before 5.00pm entrance costs €8. This includes a guide through the church and takes you to the roof. After 5.00pm Santa Maria del Mar can be visited for free, so if you're a student with a low budget, go at this time because it's definitely worth a visit. But if you're really interested in the construction, and would like a great view over Barcelona, paying €8 will be worthwhile.

Sophia Dapra



Name: El Mercat de Sant Josep de la Boqueria/ La Boqueria

Address: La Rambla, 91, 08002 Barcelona

Transport: Liceu (L3)

Opening times: Mon - Sat 8.00am – 8:30pm

Price: Fruit juices from €1

Website: www.boqueria.info/index.php?lang=en

Strolling through the endless street of La Rambla in search of something to eat?

Are you unbearably hot, extremely hungry and frantically turning over the pages of multiple overpriced restaurants? Are you hoping to find something delicious that will fit your tight student budget, and is typical to Spanish cuisine? Don't panic, the relief to your rumbling tummy is very close! Look for (or better, challenge yourself to ask one of the lovely souvenir vendors in Español/ Catalan) a little food haven with the name of 'El Mercat de Sant Josep de la Boqueria' (or simply 'La Boqueria', because the time spent trying to pronounce the full name, is better used getting yourself stuffed with lots of cheap and delicious food). This place is full of little mouthwatering dishes that can satisfy anyone's taste and destroy the hunger that has built up after the hours of sightseeing. Endless vibrant stalls of fruit, meat, salads, pies and freshly squeezed juices. There are so many flavours that you will have a hard time deciding which one you want! You could even get some delicious gourmet pancakes ranging from €1 to €7. Aim to go before the lunchtime rush and remember to say 'gracias'/ 'gracies' to those who serve you!

Nadiya Veselukha



Name: Museo d'Historia de Catalunya

Address: Pla a de Pau Vila, 3, Palau de Mar, Barceloneta 08003

Transport: Barceloneta (L4)

Opening times: Mon – closed, Tues-Sat 10.00am-7.00pm, Weds 10.00am-8.00pm, Sun & public hols 10.00am-2.30pm

Price: Child under 8 yrs – free. Under 25 yrs €3.50. Standard €4.50

Website: www.en.mhcat.cat

Barcelona has many, many museums to offer tourists. From the museum of chocolate, to the museum of perfume and, of course, the classic Picasso museum; there's so many it can be hard to choose which to visit. The Museum of the History of Catalonia doesn't get as noticed as much as all the others, but this only works in your favour! It offers a comprehensive history of Catalonia, from prehistoric to the present day, along with a vast array of artefacts, and you never have to fight the crowds to see anything! It's super cheap, only €3.50 for under 25s and being situated down by Barceloneta beach, it offers some shady, cool relief from the sun.

It's advised to allow a good few hours to make the most of all the museum has to offer. There is also a restaurant, but this is more than pricey, so it's not for those who are on a bit of a budget. If you're interested in history then the museum is well worth a visit and offers a complete history in a nice compact way.

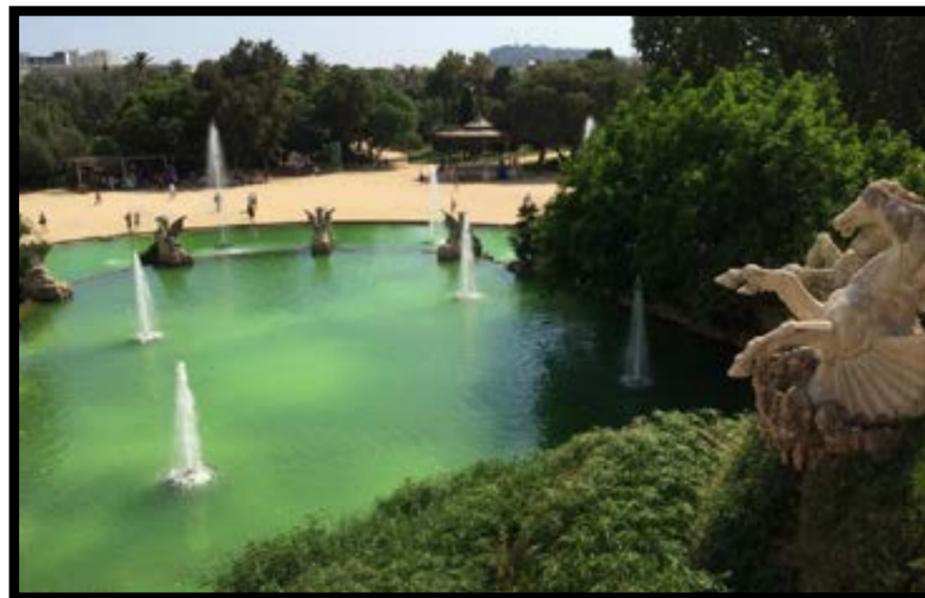
Rebecca Cart



Name: Parc de la Ciutadella
Address: Passeig de Picasso, 21, 08003
Transport: Arc de Triomf (L1)
Opening times: 08:30am-22:00pm
Price: Free

The Parc de la Ciutadella, built in 1714 as a fortress, is now a charming green area situated in the heart of Barcelona. It hosts the city's extraordinary zoo, the Parliament of Catalonia, small lakes, outdoor activities, a children's playground, natural history museums and a beautiful picturesque fountain designed by Josep Fontserè. It is a great spot for relaxing on the grass verges, along which are displayed a variety of fresh vegetation. This free park offers enchanting sights and a soothing oasis just around the corner from the crowded city centre. The most entertaining feature is the lake, allowing you to rent a rowing boat that holds two people for 30 minutes at the cheap price of €6. This exposes you to a unique view of the park and some adorable turtles paddling along your side. For the full effect, walk under the magnificent Arc de Triomf before entering the park's luxurious ambience straight in front of you.

Fiona McKernan



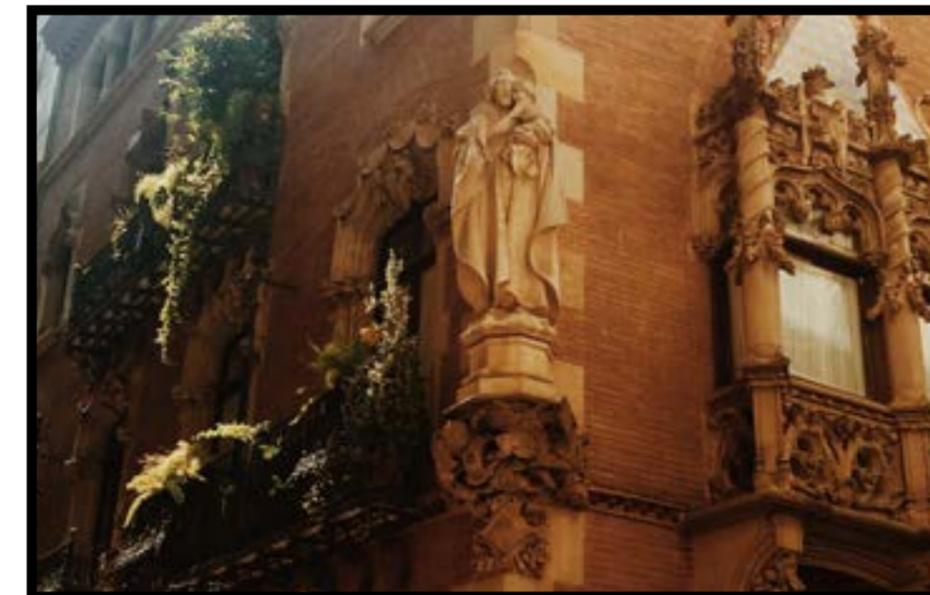
Address: Barrio Raval.
Transport: Liceu (L3), Sant Antoni (L2)

In the heart of the Raval neighbourhood is La Rambla de Raval, a charming tree-lined square full of traditional tapas bars and markets on the weekend, not to mention the huge sculpture of a cat by Fernando Botero. Much of this neighbourhood is not frequented by tourists, given its slightly dodgy reputation in previous years. But it is safe to say that the barrio has been transformed since the opening of Richard Meier's Museu D'Art Contemporani in 1995. But those that don't visit are missing out on the most up and coming neighbourhood, one that is full of hidden treasures just dying to be found, such as the legendary chocolate shop Viader and the comic book shop, Arkham Comics, found on Xuclà street.

Located just around the corner from the Contemporary Art Museum is the 'Centre de Cultura Contemporània de Barcelona (CCCB), which has wonderful exhibitions all year round. If you are looking for a bit of peace away from the fast pace of the city, then head to the Catalan National Library, which also houses the Massana Art School. Here you will find the most beautiful courtyard offering some tranquillity and a bar to eat, drink and chat the day away.

If you're looking for a little something in the evening, apart from the hundreds of traditional tapas bars, head to Bar Marella, which is famous for serving Absenta. Watch out though, even when sweetened with a teaspoon of sugar, at 80% alcohol it is not for the faint hearted!

Rebecca Cart



Name: Museu Olímpic i de l'Esport de Barcelona

Address: Av. de l'Estadi, 60

Transport: Paral·lel (L2), from there take the funicular to Parc de Montjuïc.

Opening times: Museum: Oct-March, Tues-Sat, 10.00am-6.00pm. Sun & public hols, 10.00am-2.30pm. Apr- Oct, Tues- Sat, 10.00am-8.00pm. Sun & public hols 10.00am -2.30pm. Stadium – Summer 10.00am-8.00pm, Winter 10.00am-6.00pm

Price: Museum -Adults €5.10, Students €3.70

Stadium-free!

Website: <http://www.museuolimpicbcn.cat/eng/home.asp>

If you get a bit of Olympic-fever when it comes around, and its history and Barcelona's memories of hosting in 1992 interest you, then you're on the right track with a visit to the museum and stadium.

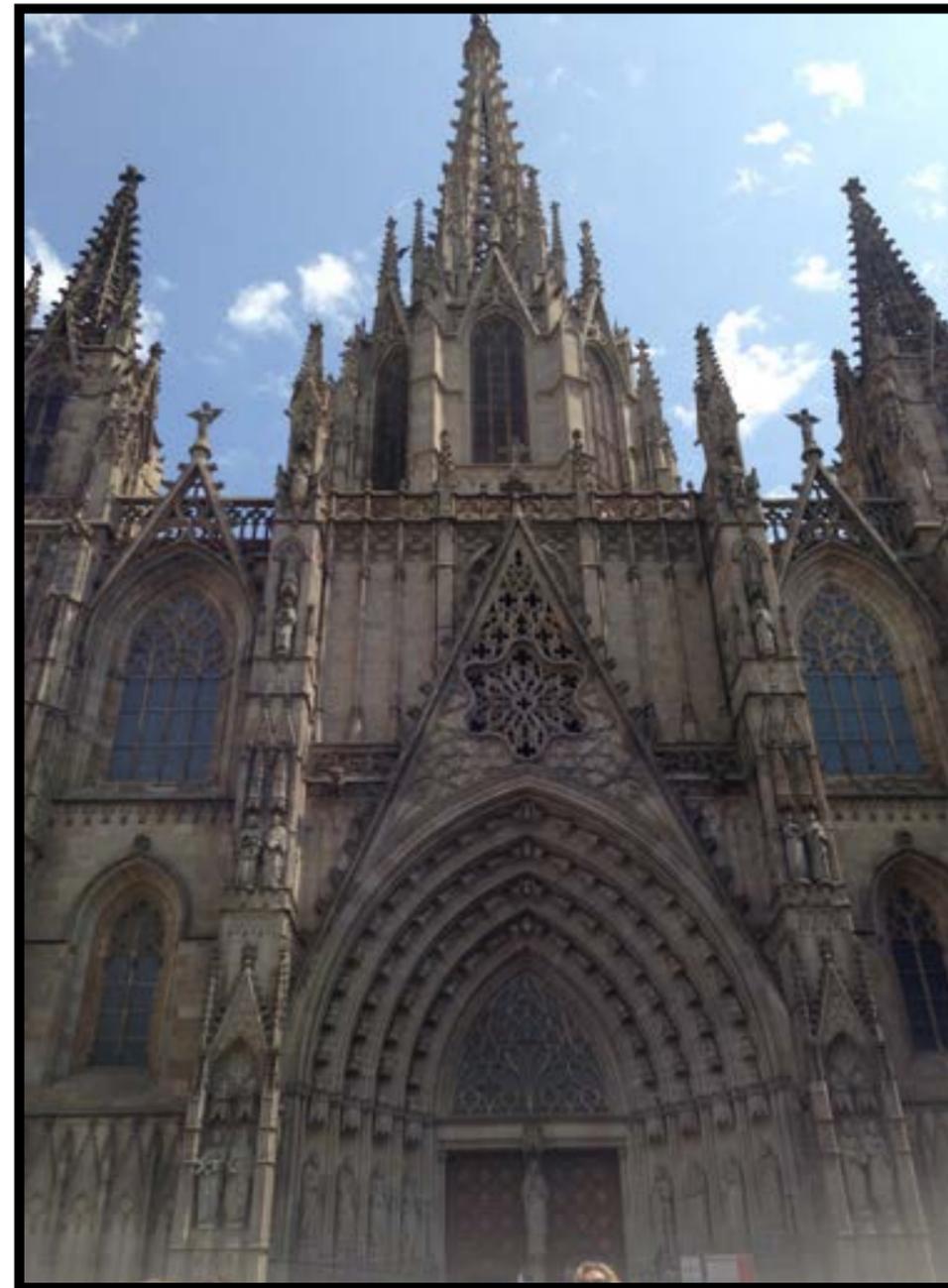
The spectacular thing about the whole visit is its dramatic location; perched on top of the historic Montjuïc Hill, overlooking both the city and port and beyond. This makes the visit that bit more memorable. You can only imagine the atmosphere in '92 with spectators and athletes already filled with a buzz from the breathtaking views.

The museum contains many historic artefacts from the Olympics over time, while being informative of the history. Here you can almost touch the (huge) trainers legendary basketball player Michael Jordan wore, or a hurdle Sally Pearson leapt over on her run to glory. In the audiovisual room Olympic winning races are projected on a continual stretch of screens around the walls. Further on you can try your hand (or leg) at competing against the best; including running against a projected simulation of the sprint speed or jumping distance of Olympic athletes.

Just along the street outside you see the grand, white building of the stadium. Entrance to the viewing area is free, and it's worth a look in just to imagine how it felt at the time, filled with spectators and immense talent. Outside the main entrance it overlooks a beautiful open space of water features, trees and a huge white statue of the Olympic torch, before you look on further to the expanse of the city.

Being an inexpensive visit in total, if you're a bit of a fanatic you're sure to appreciate all the museum and stadium hold, not to mention its location!

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Name: Barcelona Cathedral

Address: Plaça de la Seu, 08002, Gothic.

Transport: Jaume I (L4)

Website: www.catedralbcn.org

Number: +34 933 15 15 54

If you would like to visit a side of Barcelona that is drenched in social and political history, the Gothic quarter is the place to go. Other than the many artistic treasures found here, Barcelona Cathedral is one worth seeing. The visual experience in itself is breathtaking. As you look at the scale of this hand-crafted building, you begin to realise how small you are. The high ceilings and aged walls create a haunting ambience, which is reminiscent of a cave with glistening treasures. The intricate precision of the arches and gargoyles quintessential to Catalan gothic style represents a time when Barcelona was setting itself apart from the rest of Europe in terms of architecture.

Interesting Fact:

During its construction between the 13th-15th Century, builders would leave a signature on each brick they laid so that they would get paid according to the number of bricks. Even today, these marks are still visible.

Top tips: For the ladies, if you plan to visit the Cathedral make sure you take a scarf or shawl with you. This is mainly for modesty purposes, as it is a sight that many regard as sacred.

The best time to see the cathedral is between 12pm and 3pm, as it is free between those times.

Zoe Adia