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**FOR THOSE WHO TRAVEL
TO LEARN ABOUT THE
COUNTRY, ITS PEOPLE,
ITS COSTUMES AND
CULTURE**

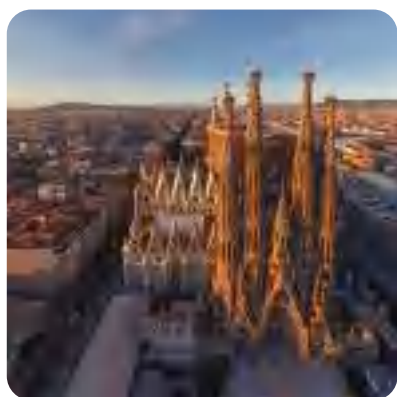
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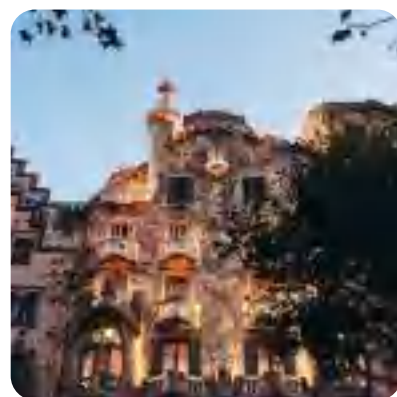
Visit one of the most iconic buildings of Barcelona that has been under construction for over a century.



PARC GUELL

Park Guell is one of the most beautiful places in the city.

The park is located in the upper part of the town, where you can enjoy wonderful views of Barcelona.



CASA BATLLÓ

Casa Batlló's nature-inspired facade, and brilliant colors make it one of Gaudí's most popular masterpieces.

EXTRA TIP



BUNKERS

Make sure to visit this magical viewpoint which is only 20 minutes walk from the Parc Guell and oversees Barcelona from the heights of Bunkers del Carmel.

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CASA VICENS

It is a modernist building situated in the Gràcia neighbourhood. The first great project of Gaudí (1883-1888), clearly influenced by oriental architecture, which fascinated the architect at a time when Arab salons proliferated in the city.

EXTRA TIP



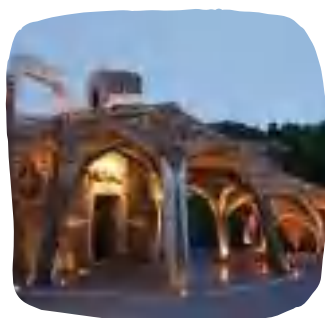
CASA MILA

Casa Milà, popularly known as La Pedrera was the last private residence designed by architect Antoni Gaudí and was built between 1906 and 1912.



PALAU GÜELL

The Palau Güell is a mansion designed by Gaudí for Eusebi Güell's that had a dual function: on one hand, to house his large family and on the other, to host all the events of his active social life.



COLONIA GÜELL

This gem is located 23km from Barcelona, but you can easily get here by train. It was built as a industrial colony for the workers of the Guell Factory, on a hillside in Santa Coloma de Cervelló.

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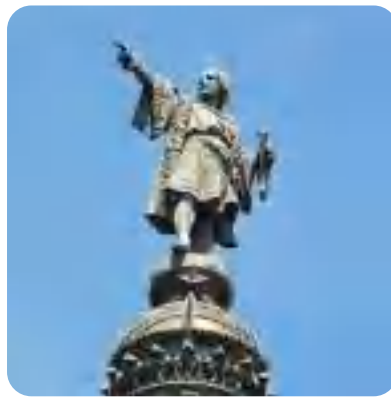
old town

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GRAN TEATRE DE LICEU

Liceu was built in 1847 and it is a unique cultural facility in Barcelona and one of Europe's leading opera houses. Every year it hosts major opera and ballet productions and symphony concerts.



MIRADOR DE COLOM

The Columbus monument which the tower is above the port area at the foot of Las Ramblas offers the traveler a 60 metres high vantage point from which to view Las Ramblas.



CATEDRAL DE BARCELONA

This magnificent Cathedral is dedicated to the martyr Santa Eulàlia, the patron saint of Barcelona.

SANTA MARIA DEL MAR

Among the most beautiful churches in Barcelona, Santa María del Mar is a peaceful oasis in the midst of a tremendously busy city and is most definitely worth a visit.

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PLAÇA REIAL

One of the most famous squares in Barcelona is Plaça Reial. It is located directly next to Las Ramblas. Surrounded by palm trees, here you can find some popular nightclubs, bars and restaurants.



EL CALL JUEU

The Jewish Quarter is a pretty labyrinth of alleys. These are some of the narrowest streets in all of Barcelona where Jewish merchants played an important role in city life.



PALAU DE LA MÚSICA CATALANA

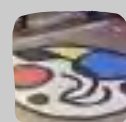
The Palau de la Música Catalana is an architectural jewel of Catalan Art Nouveau, the only concert venue in this style to be listed as a World Heritage Site by UNESCO, which today represents an essential landmark in the cultural and social life of Catalonia.

EXTRA TIP



Go vintage shopping at Carrer D'Avinyó.

Pay attention to your step at Las Ramblas to find the famous Mosaico de Miró.



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WHAT TO VISIT



ARC DE TRIOMPH

The Arc de Triomf was built as the gateway to a fair which was held in the Parc de la Ciutadella.

Today it continues to serve as the finishing point for several marathons and charity races, as well as a venue for a number of music festivals.

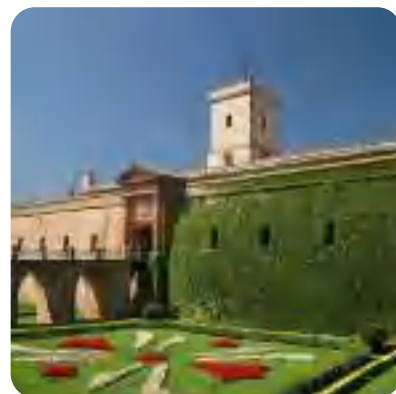


POBLE ESPAÑOL

Here you have the soul of Spain concentrated in a single space. Its constructions are scale reproductions of streets of different regions of Spain.

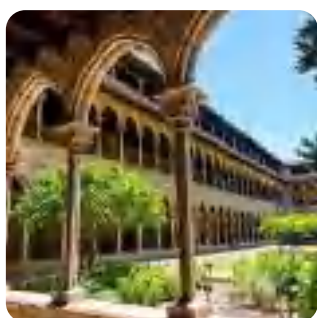
MONASTERY OF PEDRALBES

Certainly one of the most beautiful gothic buildings in Barcelona. Built in the early 14th century, it shows the everyday life of the nuns, while its Museum exhibits objects of ecclesiastical art from the 14th to the 20th centuries.



MONTJUIC CASTLE

Previously used to repress the anarchists in the 19th century, and political prisoners under Franco's regime, it currently serves as a Barcelona municipality's facility. It is open to the public and guests can explore the grand historical grounds.



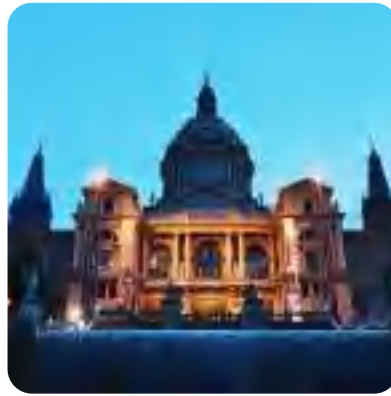
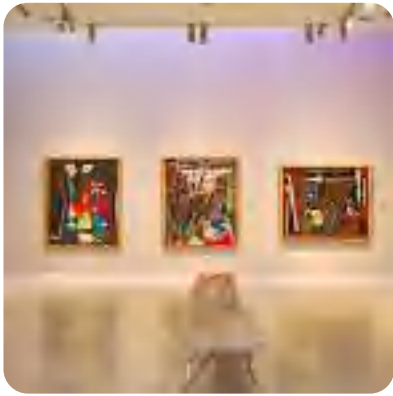
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OUR TOP PICKS



PICASSO MUSEUM

The Museu Picasso, housed in five adjoining medieval stone mansions, has over 4,000 works in its permanent collection, making it one of the best places to explore the artist's legacy.

MNAC

One of Catalonia's finest museums: the Museu Nacional d'Art de Catalunya (MNAC) designed by Josep Amargós. This place has the best collection of Romanesque wall paintings in the world.

MUHBA

Museu d'Història de Barcelona (MUHBA) exhibits the archaeological excavation of the Gothic Quarter which was accidentally discovered in the 1920s. See an ensemble of medieval buildings and Roman ruins that represent the foundation of Barcelona.

MORE MUSEUMS

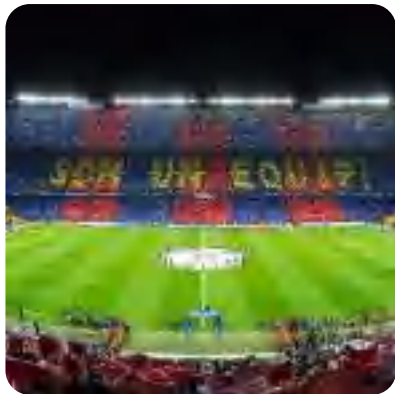
- MACBA
- COSMOCAIXA
- MEAM
- MUSEUM OF NATURAL SCIENCES

EXTRA TIP

The first Sunday of each month, many of Barcelona's best museums offer free entry.

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CAMP NOU

After the Sagrada Família, the Camp Nou is undoubtedly the other temple of the city. It is the largest stadium in Spain and Europe. Its tour lasts around 2 hours. The FC Barcelona Museum, is Barcelona's most popular museum, receiving close to 2 million visitors a year.



FUNDACIÓ JOAN MIRÓ

On Montjuïc Mountain, integrated into the landscape while retaining its own personality, you will find the Fundació Joan Miró building, a major work of Rationalist architecture that is home to 14,000 pieces by the Catalan artist.



CCCB

The CCCB is a cultural centre dedicated to the contemporary culture of Barcelona. It organizes excellent exhibitions and the building is a perfect example of architectural renewal. It's a great place for visitors to learn about the history of the city's culture from fields and perspectives that range from architecture, multimedia, design, and literature.

BORN CULTURAL AND MEMORIAL CENTRE

One of the most remarkable iron architecture markets in Barcelona is home to an important modern age archaeological site.



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NATURE

FOR THOSE WHO
ENJOY HICKING
AND HANGING OUT
WITH FRIENDS IN A
PARK

NATURE

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MONTSERRAT

Montserrat is a spectacularly beautiful mountain about one hour North West from Barcelona by train.

Not only is Montserrat Monastery of significant religious importance but the natural beauty surrounding the monastery is simply breathtaking.

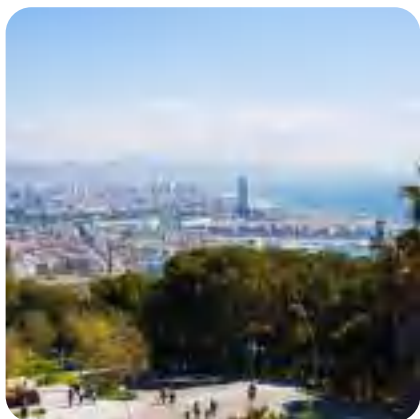
If you enjoy walking, there are also some interesting roads through the mountains where you will experience magnificent views of some of the most unusual rock formations in the whole of Catalonia.

HOW TO GET HERE?

TAKE
CREMALLERA
DE MONSERRAT
AT PLAÇA DE
ESPAÑA

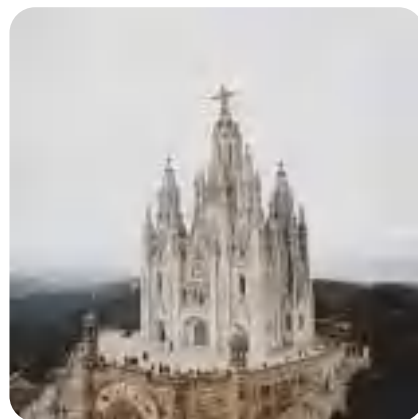
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MONTJUÏC

Montjuïc is one of Barcelona's green lungs and it offers some of the best city views. This little world of history, gardens, museums, cultural centres and Olympic facilities makes it unique. The imposing hill looks towards the port and offers you an impressive city landscape. Do not miss the spectacular display of colour, light, motion, music and water acrobatics at the magic fountain.



TIBIDABO

Tibidabo is a hill overlooking Barcelona, it is the tallest hill in the Serra de Collserola. Rising sharply to the north-west, it has views over the city and the surrounding coastline.

The summit of the hill is occupied by the Sagrat Cor church and adjacent Tibidabo's Amusement Park.



EXTRA TIP

REACH MONTJUÏC BY TAKING THE PORT CABLE CAR FROM THE BARCELONETA BEACH AND ENJOY STUNNING VIEWS OF THE CITY.

NATURE

parks



CIUTADELLA PARK

Ciutadella is the biggest park in Barcelona. You can rent a boat to row on the lake, take a walk or jog around. Do not forget to admire the beautiful fountain that a young Antoni Gaudí had a hand in creating.



THE HORTA LABYRINTH PARK

Go for the labyrinth that gives the park its name. Stay for the lovely ponds, stream and waterfall, footbridges, paths and plenty of amazing trees that just invite you to take a few calming deep breaths.



POBLENOU CENTRAL PARK

A green space over five hectares, packed with native Mediterranean vegetation everywhere you look. Designed by French architect Jean Nouvel, the park boasts a prominent avant-garde style.

MORE PARKS

- LARIBAL GARDENS
- CERVANTES PARK
- TEATRE GREC
- BOTANICAL GARDEN

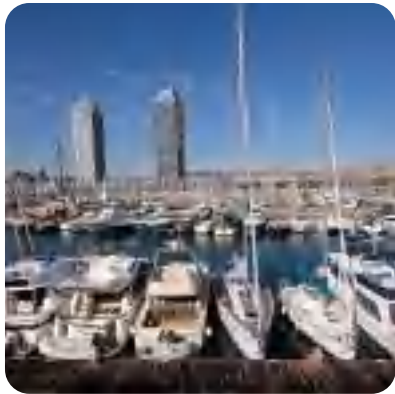
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BESIDE WATER

TAKE A WALK ON THE
PORT VELL'S
PROMENADE, RELAX
AT THE BEACH OR
WATCH THE SUNSET

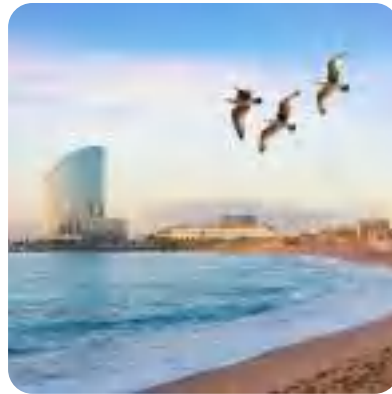
BESIDE WATER

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OLD PORT

Port Vell commences at the end of Barcelona's La Rambla, by the Columbus monument, the Port Vell is the oldest part of the Port of Barcelona, converted into a space of reference for locals and tourists and perfectly integrated into the urban life of the city.



BARCELONETA BEACH

Located in the traditional fishing district, this is one of Barcelona's oldest and best-loved beaches. La Barceloneta is known for its sandy beach and its many restaurants and nightclubs along the boardwalk.



AQUARIUM

The marine aquarium is located in Port Vell. It has 35 aquariums holding six million litres of sea water featuring 11,000 sea creatures from 450 different species, and claims to be the biggest aquarium in Europe. Each tank of the marine aquarium simulates a different sea region, such as the tropical and mediterranean tanks.

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YOUR FOOD GUIDE

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CARRER BLAI

Pinxos are a key part of the gastronomic experience in Spain. Luckily, this street is full of restaurants with those tasty bites.



LA BOQUERIA

In the heart of Las Ramblas you will find the Boqueria market which is one of the biggest fresh food markets in Spain and in Europe.

OUR TOP RESTAURANTS PICKS:

- CERVECERIA CATALANA (TAPAS) \$\$
- CAL BOTER (CATALAN CUISINE) \$\$
- LA XARXA (CATALAN CUISINE) \$\$
- HONEST GREENS (HEALTHY) \$\$
- SOL SOLER (TAPAS) \$
- ARUME (PAELLA) \$\$
- BARCA DE SALAMANCA (SEAFOOD) \$\$

TIPICAL FOOD TO TRY:

- PAN AMB TOMAQUET
- PINXOS
- FIDEUA
- PAELLA
- FUET
- TRINXAT

EXTRA TIP

Try "Churros con Chocolate" at La Pallaresa Xocolateria



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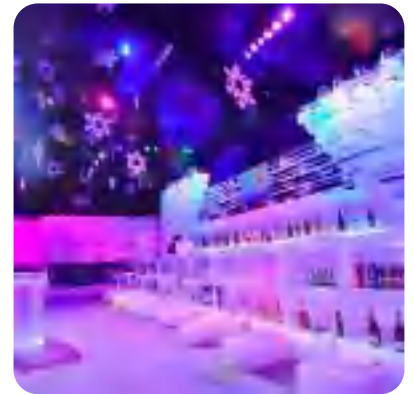
ELS QUATRE GATS

The café opened on June 12, 1897 in the famous Casa Martí, and served as a hostel, bar and cabaret until it eventually became a central meeting point for Barcelona's most prominent modernist figures, such as Pablo Picasso and Ramon Casas i Carbó.



EL BOSC DE FADES

At the cafe, you'll find trees, illusory mirrors, music, and simulated rainstorms that are all part of the experience.



ICE BARCELONA

Unusual and thrilling, IceBarcelona is an overall body experience as you are provided with warm jackets upon entering the bar filled with ice. Set at minus five degrees Celsius, sculptures and ice blocks fill the interior as you shiver yourself through this ice palace.

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NIGHT LIFE



PORT OLIMPIC

Right on the waterfront, the compound of restaurants, lounge bars and dance clubs around this area make it the city's main playground for the grownups. The most popular clubs are Pacha, CDLC, Opium and Shoko. A dress code does help getting through the picky bouncers.



GOTHIC QUARTER

Here you will find spots hidden away in dark corners, such as the stylish Milk Bar, which has a great cocktail menu or the L'Ascensor. Plaza Real is a great place with bars as the hidden Pipa Club and famous clubs like Jamboree, Sidecar and nearby the Marula Café. Get around the street Ample for more bar options.



EL RAVAL

The heart of the district is the Rambla de Raval where you can find hip bars like Ambar. In Raval you can find great options as L'Ovella Negra, La Confiteria, Two Schmucks, Casa Almirall or Somnia. Check the London Bar (opened the 1910) which used to be frequented by the likes of Dalí, Picasso and Hemingway. For clubbing choose the famous Sala Apolo.

DO AS THE LOCALS

In Gracia you'll find a very Catalan crowd, with not too many tourists. Try the Bloody Mary Coctail Bar, El Ciclista or for vermouth lovers Las Vermudas. Check the Gracia Latina for live Cuban music or salsa classes.

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EVERYTHING AND
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GIRONA

Girona is known for its medieval architecture, walled Old Quarter and the Roman remains of the Força Vella fortress. It is also famous for being the location of several scenes of Game of Thrones.



FIGUERES AND DALÍ MUSEUM

A trip to the Dalí museum is well worth a visit when you are in Barcelona. The Dalí museum is based in a small town called Figueres and has one of the largest collections of Dalí's works.

EXTRA TIP



CASTELLFOLLIT DE LA ROCA

Around 40km from Girona it stands on an amazing cliff that's 50m high and almost 1km long, cut away by the Fluvià river.

HOW TO GET HERE?

TAKE A MD
GIRONA TRAIN
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IF WANT TO GET
TO FIGUERES
TAKE THE
PORTBOU
REGIONAL
TRAIN

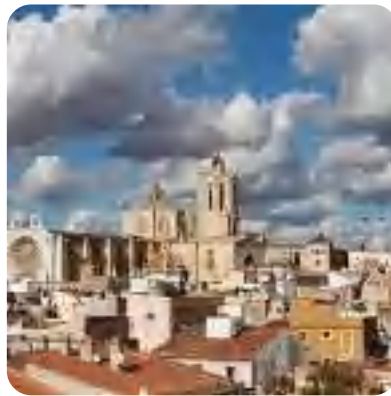
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PORT AVENTURA

Spend a day in this amusement park in Salou which attracts around 3.5 million visitors per year, making it the most visited theme park in Spain and the sixth most visited theme park in Europe



TARRAGONA

In this effervescent port city, Roman history collides with beaches, bars and a food scene that perfumes the air with freshly grilled seafood. The biggest lure is the wealth of ruins in Spain's second-most important Roman site, including a mosaic-packed museum and a seaside amphitheatre.



BESALU

Besalú is a dreamy place, a village that seems to come out of a fairy tale. is a magnificent example of a medieval town. Cobbled streets and facades and a wonderful bridge are the trademarks of Besalu.

DAY TRIPS

TOP PICKS



CADAQUES

Cadaqués is one of the most emblematic locations of the landscape and of the fishing tradition of the Costa Brava. At the head of Cadaqués bay is its historic quarter, with a Mediterranean air and deep seaside flavour.

costa brava



LLORET DE MAR

This small coastal city is characterized by crystal blue waters, a castle that sits on top of a hill overlooking the Mediterranean, and mountains that border the city.

HOW TO GET HERE?

FOR CADAQUES
TAKE REGIONAL
CERBERE TRAIN
THEN
BUS N12

FOR LLORET DE MAR
TAKE REGIONAL
GIRONA TRAIN
THEN
BUS N660

MORE

- TOSSA DE MAR
- CALELLA DE PALAFRUGELL
- PALS
- BEGUR

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REST ON THE BEACH

**WHEN TIRED OF THE
BIG CITY AND WANT
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LOOK AT ONE OF THE
BEST BEACHES
CLOSE TO
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REST ON THE BEACH

relax

TOP PICKS



SITGES

Sitges is known for its Mediterranean beaches and seafront promenade lined up with grand mansions and restaurants.



CASTELLDEFELS

Castelldefels is an idyllic beach town with golden Mediterranean beaches and impressive mountains that surround the bay, ideal for a relaxed and scenic day .



GARRAF

Follow the rugged cliffs down to the sea, and you will find the quiet coastal town of Garraf, a former fishing village with a peaceful stretch of golden sand.



SANT POL DE MAR

In Sant Pol de Mar, you'll discover a fishermen's town, with white houses and narrow, quiet streets, rocky bays and heavy-grained sand beaches bathed with crystal-clear waters.

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MUSIC FESTIVALS

GET TO KNOW THE
BEST MUSIC
FESTIVALS OF
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CRUILLA

Cruilla arrives to Barcelona every year with a full weekend of music at the Parc del Fòrum. There you will hear a variety of music from pop to reggae, folk, and rock.



PRIMAVERA SOUND

This music festival that takes place between the end of May and beginning of June in Parc del Fòrum. It offers music from the most independent underground musician.



DGTL

DGTL Barcelona is an electronic music festival. With captivating art installations and creative lighting it transforms each space into an immersive clubbing experience.

OTHER FESTIVALS PICKS:

- Rock Fest
- BBF (Barcelona Beach Festival)
- Mas i mas (jazz)
- Sónar Festival (electronic and alternative)



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PALO ALTO

It is a sophisticated street market taking place on the first weekend of each month in the area of Poble Nou. In the Palo Alto Market you will find organic and street food, fashion, accessories, jewelry, vintage crafts and records. Besides during the market they organize workshops, concerts and art exhibitions.



ENCANTS BARCELONA

Mercat dels Encants is one of the oldest markets in Europe. There you will be able to find things of any kind. From clothes and jewelry to books and antiques.



FIRA DE NAUTUMISMO

It is more than a flea market, is a collector's paradise that offers a wide selection of coins and stamps from all around the world. The market, which takes place on Sundays from 10 am to 2.30 pm, features a wide range of collectables, such as antique jewelry, handicrafts and other handmade items.

WHERE ELSE?

- **Santa Caterina Market (Food Market)**
- **Mercat de la Concepció (Flower Paradise)**
- **Mercadillo de la Plaça de Sant Josep (Art)**
- **Fira Artesana (Best Honey in Barcelona)**
- **La Roca Village (Outlet Market)**

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SPECIAL DAYS

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DÍA DE REYES

January the 6th is the most important day for all children.

Tradition tells that the three wise men followed a star that showed them the way to where the King of the Jews was.

Upon arrival, they offered him three gifts.

For this reason, each year, when Christmas approaches, all the children begin to write their letters to the kings asking for gifts.



SANT JORDI

It is one of the most original celebrations in Catalonia and takes place in Spring, on the 23rd of April.

On this day, it is custom for couples to exchange gifts: books and roses following the legend of the dragon.



LA NIT DE SANT JOAN

It's a magical night when the summer solstice is celebrated. In Barcelona is a popular celebration that everyone enjoys in their own way, with neighbors, family or friends' gatherings for dinner, playing music and lighting bonfires.

SPECIAL DAYS

festa major

Barcelona's festes majors are the most authentic parties in town, and completely free to attend. Throughout the year, the city's different neighborhoods take turn hosting their own version of the festa major.



LA MERCÉ

Barcelona's Festa Major (LA MERCÉ) is a macro festival made up of various individual festivals that showcase Barcelona's cultural wealth; from the La Mercè Street Art Festival, to displays of popular culture. Usually they offer over five hundred activities in total.



FESTA MAJOR DE GRÀCIA

If you are in Barcelona in August make sure that you head to the up town district of Gràcia to see what this unique festival is all about. The concept of Gràcia festival is that streets in the neighbourhood compete to win the prize of being the best decorated street.

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TRADITIONS



ELS CASTELLS

"Castell" means castle in Catalan. The aim of this cultural activity is to build a human castle. The origins of this tradition dates back to the 18th century. It was in the small town of Valls that the inhabitants started building the towers. The individual groups (colles) compete in sporting events.



CORREFOC

The origin of the Correfocs dates back to the 12th Century. You'll see people dressed as devils and demons running with fireworks, dancing to music, or occasionally swallowing fire. This tradition takes place as part of La Merce, Sant Joan, and the Festes Majors of the neighborhoods.



SARDANA

It is a group circle dance. This tradition has been hailed throughout the 19th Century. At that time the Catalans claimed their identity and this dance became one of its symbols, so in some sense it remarks a strong cultural difference with the rest of Spain.

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