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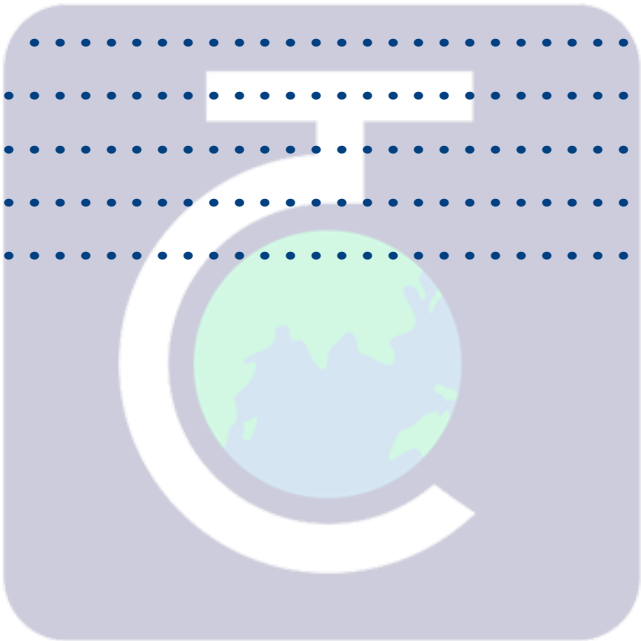
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1. Geographical location

Located in the northeast cost of the Siberian Peninsula, the city is facing the Mediterranean Sea. It has the Llobregatr river on the southwest and besos river to the north. The plain area of the city is around 170 square kilometres while the city has a covered area of 101 square kilometres. Barcelona has a concentration of small hills and most of them are inhabited.



Index**2. Neighbouring cities/countries**

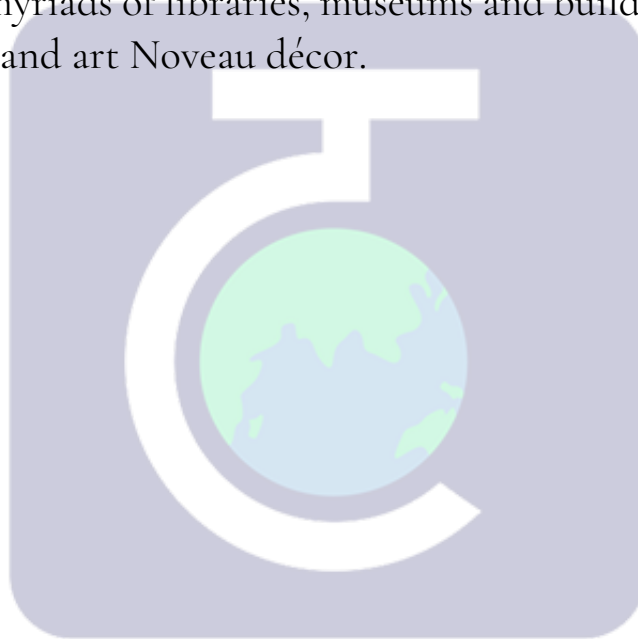
Palma Is Located At A Distance Of 207 Kilometres From Barcelona Whereas Zaragoza Lies At An Approximate Distance Of 255 Kilometres. The Balearic Islands Are Situated At A Distance Of 215 Kilometres From Barcelona And Catalonia Is One Of The Nearest Cities From Barcelona And Is Situated At Minimal Distance Of 58 Kilometres.



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3. Significance

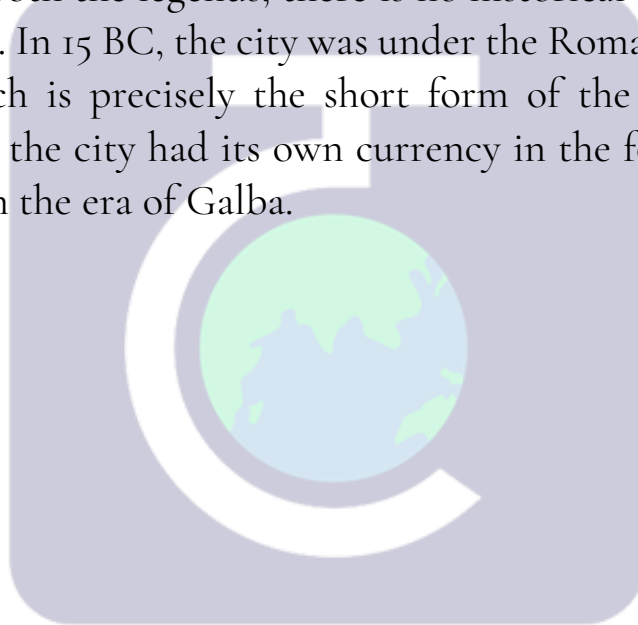
The city of Barcelona houses a major seaport which lies 150 kilometres south of the French border. It is a major Mediterranean port and is a popular commercial centre which is known for its individuality and beauty. Hans Christian Andersen once commented that Barcelona was the 'Paris of Spain'. In addition to this, Barcelona is undoubtedly a major cultural centre and has a remarkable history to its credit. There are myriads of libraries, museums and buildings in the city which exemplify modernist and art Nouveau décor.



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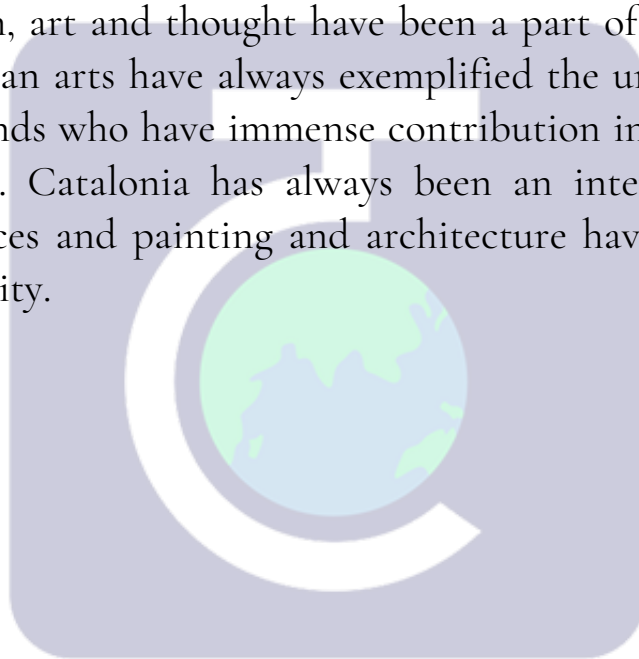
4. History

The origin of the earliest settlement is still uncertain and therefore it is a little difficult to ascertain when the city actually came into being. The founding of this city is subject to two different legends wherein the first legend states that the city owes its foundation to the mythological Hercules. Whereas the second one denotes that the city was founded with the historical Carthaginian general, Hamilcar Barca. For both the legends, there is no historical or linguistic evidence to support the claims. In 15 BC, the city was under the Romans and had a colonial name 'Faventia' which is precisely the short form of the original name itself. During the same era, the city had its own currency in the form of coins wherein there were some from the era of Galba.



Index**5. Cultural identity**

Being the Capital of Catalonia, Barcelona is endowed with a unique culture and its history has left a heavy influence on the present culture of the city. The culture of this city has developed its own identity over the centuries. The capacity to absorb different influences and the tolerance values have shaped a culture which is cosmopolitan and national at the same time. As a result of country's geographical location, art and thought have been a part of the catalonia from a long time. The Catalan arts have always exemplified the universal vocation and there have been legends who have immense contribution in shaping the cultural identity of this city. Catalonia has always been an intersection of different cultures and influences and painting and architecture have formed an integral part of Catalan identity.



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6. Natural resources

Barcelona is well endowed when it comes to natural resources as well. Some of the imperative natural resources of this country are coal, lignite, iron ore, copper and gypsum. There are some more to the list viz. mercury, tungsten and magnesite which are found in abundance here.



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7. Key site seeing places (paid and free)

7.1. Paid

7.1.1. Monastery of Pedralbes

Deemed as one of the most stunning buildings of the Catalan Gothic in Barcelona, the building showcases religious art from the 14th to the 20th century. Founded by Queen Elisenda de Montcada, the construction of the monastery started in the year 1326 and is a fine example of homogeneous Gothic architecture in Catalonia. The 3-storey cloister and the park which are situated inside the monastery are the main highlights of this place.

Address : Baixada del Monestir, 9, 08034 Barcelona, Spain

Zipcode : 08034

Location : 41.3953392, 2.11207009999999826

Contact : +34 932 563 434

Website : <http://monestirpedralbes.bcn.cat/en>

Nearest Public Transport : Av d'Esplugues-Abadessa Olzet Bus Station

Entry Fee : Regular- €5 Reduced (students, seniors above 65)- €3.50 Disabled Person- €3.50 Children below 6 and Barcelona card holders - Free admission 12th February, 18th May and 24th September - Free admission Sundays after 15:00hrs and first Sunday of every month - Free admission

Open & Close Timing : April to September: Tuesday to Friday: 10:00hrs-17:00hrs Saturday: 10:00hrs-19:00hrs Sunday: 10:00hrs-20:00hrs October to March: Tuesday to Friday: 10:00hrs-14:00hrs Saturday and Sunday: 10:00hrs-17:00hrs

Time Required : 2

Buy Ticket : No

7.1.2. La Sagrada Familia

Found on every visitor's 'must-see' list, La Sagrada Familia is a masterpiece built by Antoni Gaudí, attracting around 2.8 million visitors per year. The structure of this building is inspired by its sheer verticality and the style is related to Spanish Late Gothic, Catalan Modernism and Catalan Noucentisme or Art Nouveau. Even though a staggering number of people visit La Sagrada every year, the structure is still under construction despite its century-long standing, and has been estimated to finish any time between 2020 and 2040.

Address : Carrer de Mallorca 401, 08013, Barcelona

Zipcode : 08013

Location : 41.4036299, 2.1743558000000576

Contact : +3493 208 04 14

Website : <http://www.sagradafamilia.org/>

Nearest Public Transport : Sagrada Familia Subway Station

Entry Fee : Top views - €29 Gaudi's work and life - €24 Guided experience - €24

Audio tour - €22 Basic ticket - €15 Children below 10, people with accredited disability 65% or higher + 1 companion, the unemployed (Wednesdays from 14:00hrs), ICOM members, Barcelona Press Cardholders - Free admission Students below 30 and seniors - Discounted admission

Open & Close Timing : November to February: Daily 09:00hrs-18:00hrs March: Daily 09:00hrs-19:00hrs April to September: Daily 09:00hrs-20:00hrs October: Daily 09:00hrs-19:00hrs 25th, 26th December and 1st, 6th January: 09:00hrs-14:00hrs

Time Required : 1.5

Expected Wait Time : 10 minutes

Buy Ticket : No

7.1.3. Camp Nou

Home to the FC Barcelona, Estadio Camp Nou was built between the years of 1954 and 1957. The stadium's capacity has been flickering over time and decreased to 99,354, but it still is the largest stadium in Spain. Even though the football matches rope in a huge crowd, the stadium is used for other purposes as well. This venue is well-known for Pope John Paul's declaration as an honorary citizen of Barcelona, U2's first performance and the legendary Michael Jackson's appearance on one of his tours.

Address : C. Aristedes Maillol, 12, 08028, Barcelona, Spain

Zipcode : 08028

Location : 41.380896, 2.1228198000000002

Contact : +34902 189900

Website: <https://www.fcbarcelona.com/club/facilities/card/camp-nou-a-five-star-stadium>

Nearest Public Transport : Les corts- Arizala Bus Station

Entry Fee : General - €25 Youth (6-13 years) - €20 Senior (above 70 years) - €20
Children below 6 years - Free admission

Open & Close Timing : Hours of operations vary depending on the day of the week/month. The stadium usually opens at 09:30hrs and closes anywhere between 14:30hrs-18:30hrs depending on the day of the week. It is advisable to check the same once you finalize the day of visit. Closed on 25th December and 1st January

Time Required : 2

Buy Ticket : No

7.1.4. Park Güell

Being a UNESCO World Heritage Site, Park Güell is considered as one of Gaudi's most artistic works. Situated on the top of Carmel Hill, visitors need to go through a long uphill walk in order to view this beauty or they can hire a taxi for the same. Originally, the park was going to be converted into a residential garden village consisting of around 60 houses. But this plan did not materialize and eventually, Guelli's family donated this park to the city, making it public.

Address : 08024 Barcelona, Spain

Zipcode : 08024

Location : 41.41449480000001, 2.1526945000000524

Contact : +34 902 20 03 02

Website : <http://www.parkguell.cat/>

Nearest Public Transport : Sostres, 30-34 Bus Station

Entry Fee : General ticket - €7 Children (0-6 years) - Free admission Children (7-12 years), over 65 years, disabled person + accompanying person - €4.90

Open & Close Timing : 30th October to 26th March: Daily 08:30hrs-18:15hrs 27th March to 1st May: Daily 08:00hrs-20:00hrs 2nd May to 28th August: Daily 08:00hrs-21:30hrs 29th August to 29th October: Daily 08:00hrs-20:30hrs

Time Required : 2

Expected Wait Time : 10 minutes

Buy Ticket : No

7.1.5. Museu de Zoologia

Situated in the Parc de Ciutadella, this building is known as the Catell dels tres dragons which translates to 'Castle of Three Dragons'. The reason behind such a

name is that the building consists of 3 towers and the structure houses an extensive collection showing exhibits of amphibians, mammals, fish and reptiles. The collection of the zoo is used for research and teaching and the bird's eggs and shells displayed here are quite interesting. There are stuffed animals arranged into life-like poses, a huge impressive whale skeleton and a library of animal sounds, which is a favorite among children.

Address : Passeig de Picasso, 5, 08003 Barcelona, Spain

Zipcode : 08003

Location : 41.3881065, 2.1833685000000287

Contact : +34 932 56 22 00

Nearest Public Transport : Pg Picasso-Jutjats Bus Station

Entry Fee : General - €3.50 Reduced- €2.50

Open & Close Timing : Tuesday to Saturday: 10:00hrs-14:30hrs Thursday and Sunday: 10:00hrs-18:30hrs

Time Required : 2

Expected Wait Time : 10 minutes

Buy Ticket : No

7.1.6. Museu Blau

Situated in the Forum Park near the sea, Museu Blau is located in a modern building which was constructed in 2004 and houses an immersive world of biology along with geology, as it displays an extensive variety of exhibits. The museum covers around 1000 square meters and the theme of this place helps in educating the visitors about the origin of life on our planet. There is a section in the museum that goes by the name of 'Earth' and it shows different types of rocks, minerals, microbes and the type of algae found on our planet, whereas the evolution section displays different species and their evolution.

Address : Parc del Fòrum, Carrer de Leonardo da Vinci, 4, 08019 Barcelona, Spain

Zipcode : 08019

Location : 41.41073509999999, 2.2212895000000117

Contact : +34 932 56 60 02

Website : <http://museuciencies.cat/>

Nearest Public Transport : Eduard Maristany-St ramon de Penyafort Bus station

Entry Fee : General admission: Museu Blau - €6 Temporary exhibition - €6.50

Combined admission fee (Museu Blau and Botanical Garden) - €7 Combined admission fee (Permanent exhibition and temporary exhibition) - €10.50 Reduced admission (people aged 16-29 years, people aged 65 and above, unemployed people and holders of reduced pink card, families with a maximum of two accompanying adults, providing one is the father, the mother or the legal guardian. There must be at least one member under 16 years, groups of 10 or more people): Museu Blau - €2.70 Temporary exhibition - €4.50 Combined admission fee (Museu Blau and Botanical Garden) - €3.50 Combined admission fee (Permanent and temporary exhibition)- €6.50

Open & Close Timing : October to February: Tuesday to Friday - 10:00hrs-18:00hrs Saturdays - 10:00hrs-19:00hrs Sundays and holidays - 10:00hrs-20:00hrs March to September: Tuesday to Saturday - 10:00hrs-19:00hrs Sundays and holidays - 10:00hrs-20:00hrs Closed on Mondays, 1st January, 24th June and 25th December

Time Required : 1.5

Buy Ticket : No

7.1.7. Museu Picasso de Barcelona

The collection here focuses on the formative years of the artist and there are a lot of works from the subsequent period, which actually enlighten you on how Picasso developed into such a masterpiece himself. There are 5 contiguous stone mansions containing more than 3,500 artworks which he created during his early days, making you realize how Picasso was ahead of everyone in expressing himself. The permanent collection of the museum is housed in Palau Aguilar amongst other mansions and the visit to this museum starts with his sketches and oil paintings from the earliest years of his life.

Address : Carrer de Montcada 15-23, 08003 Barcelona, Spain

Zipcode : 08003

Location : 41.385216, 2.1808926999999585

Contact : + 3493256 3000

Website : <http://www.museupicasso.bcn.cat/>

Nearest Public Transport : Princesa - montcada Bus station.

Entry Fee : General Admission: Collection + exhibition Mythologies - €11 Collection + exhibition Cubism and War - €14 Temporary exhibition Cubism

and War - €6.50 Temporary exhibition Mythologies - €4.50 Reduced: Collection + exhibition Mythologies - €7 Collection + exhibition Cubism and War - €7.50 Temporary exhibition Cubism and War - €6.50 Free admission: Children below 18, duly accredited university students, holders of the free-of-charge pink card, all Sundays from 15:00hrs and first Sunday of each month

Open & Close Timing : Tuesday to Sunday: 09:00hrs-19:00hrs Thursday: 09:00hrs-21:30hrs Closed on Monday

Time Required : 2

Expected Wait Time : 20 minutes

Buy Ticket : Yes

7.1.8. Museu Nacional d'Art de Catalunya

Situated on the slopes of Montjuïc, the museum was built to accommodate the world exhibition, which took place in 1929. After that, the structure was restored during the year of 2005 and now the collection is mostly Catalan art spanning across the period of the early middle ages and 20th century. However, the highpoint here is the Romanesque art section, which is arguably the most imperative concentration of medieval art in the world. The collection also includes the neglected frescoes that were left to be ignored in the country churches around the early 20th century. A total of 21 frescoes, some woodcarvings, and painted altar frontals are on display here.

Address : Palau Nacional, Parc de Montjuïc, s/n, 08038 Barcelona, Spain.

Zipcode : 08038

Location : 41.36843990000001, 2.153569999999945

Contact : +34936 22 0360

Website : <http://www.museunacional.cat/ca>

Nearest Public Transport : Bellvitge Train station (not recommended)

Entry Fee : General Admission: €12 Various exhibitions: €4 - €8 Panoramic terrace - €2 Reduced admission (students, family with 2 adults and 1 child, groups) - 30% Children below 16, seniors above 65, accredited teachers, Saturdays starting at 15:00hrs, the first Sunday of each month, 12th February, 18th May, 11th September and 24th September - Free admission

Open & Close Timing : October to April: Tuesday to Saturday: 10:00hrs-18:00hrs Sundays and holidays: 10:00hrs-15:00hrs May to September: Tuesday to Saturday:

10:00hrs-20:00hrs Sundays and holidays: 10:00hrs-15:00hrs Closed on Mondays, 1st January, 1st May and 25th December

Time Required : 2

Expected Wait Time : 10 minutes

Buy Ticket : No

7.1.9. Casa Batlló

Considered as one of the masterpieces of Antoni Gaudí, Casa Batlló was remodelled in the 19th century and is a stunning piece of architecture. With a fairy-tale exterior, the interior of the building is just as mystical. Located in the center of the city, the building was originally constructed in 1877 and redesigned in the year of 1904 by Gaudí himself. Thereafter, it has been refurbished repeatedly, with the contribution of Gaudí's assistants to the renovation. The ground floor of the building has irregular oval windows with sculpted stonework, whereas the roof of the building is arched and resembles the back of a dragon.

Address : Passeig de Gràcia, 43, 08007 Barcelona, Spain

Zipcode : 08007

Location : 41.3916384, 2.1647697999999931

Contact : +34 932 16 03 06

Website : <https://www.casabatllo.es/>

Nearest Public Transport : Passeig de gracia Train Station

Entry Fee : Adults (18+): €23.5 Juniors (7-18), Students (with ID) and Seniors (65+): €20.5 Residents (Prov. BCN): €15 Children (0-7): Free admission

Open & Close Timing : Daily 09:00hrs-21:00hrs

Time Required : 1

Buy Ticket : No

7.1.10. Casa Milà

The last civil work of Antony Gaudí, Casa Milà was built between the years 1906 and 1912 and is reckoned as one of the most eccentric creations of the famous architect. Popularly known as La Pedrera, the building was originally built for the married couple, Roser Segimon and Pera Milà which they sold off in the year 1940 after the death of Pera Milà. The roof of the building is one of the most striking features and is crowned with skylights, staircase exits and fans. There is not even

a single straight edge if you take a look at the exterior of this masterpiece and it continues towards the interior which gives a peculiar look to the structure.

Address : Provença, 261-265, 08008 Barcelona, Spain

Zipcode : 08008

Location : 41.39538049999999, 2.1619613999999956

Contact : +34 902 20 21 38

Website : <https://www.lapedrera.com/ca/home>

Nearest Public Transport : Diagonal-pg. de Gracia Bus Station

Entry Fee : Pedrera de Jia (Audio guide included) Adult: €22 Student: €16.50

Disabilities: €16.50 Over 65: €16.50 Children 0 to 6 years: Free admission

Children 7 to 12 years: €11 Special rate for residents in Catalonia: Adult: €12

Children 7 to 12 years: €6 (you must prove residency status) La Pedrera: The

Origins Adult: €34 Children from 0 to 6 years: Free admission Children 7 to 12

years: €17 Discount for residents in Catalonia Adult: €20 Children from 7 to 12:

€10 (must prove residency status)

Open & Close Timing : Daily 09:00hrs-18:30hrs and 19:00hrs-21:00hrs

Time Required : 2

Buy Ticket : No

7.1.11. Palau de la Música Catalana

The most renowned concert hall in the city of Barcelona, Palau de la musica Catalana is designed in the Catalan Modernists style by the famous architect, Lluís Domènech i Montaner. Constructed between the year of 1905 and 1908, the concert hall can accommodate around 2,200 people and is illuminated only with natural light throughout the day. As the auditorium was commissioned by a choral society, its dominant theme is choral music which is clearly visible in the décor of the hall as well.

Address : C/ Palau de la Música, 4-6, 08003 Barcelona, Spain

Zipcode : 08003

Location : 41.3875891, 2.1752341000000115

Contact : +34 932 95 72 00

Website : <http://www.palaumusica.cat/ca/>

Nearest Public Transport : Via Laietana-Comtal Bus station

Entry Fee : Individual ticket: €18 Children below 10: Free admission Family pack

(4 to 8 members of the same family): €50 Students, pensioners and unemployed: €11 Groups of more than 25 people, aerobus, barcelona tourist card, city tours, walking tours: 20% discount First and last Wednesday of the month: 50% discount
Open & Close Timing : Tours every 30 minutes Daily: 10:00hrs-15:30hrs Easter and July: 10:00hrs-18:00hrs August: 09:00hrs-18:00hrs

Time Required : 1.5

Buy Ticket : No

7.1.12. Basilica of Santa Maria del Mar

An excellent example of Catalan Gothic, Basilica of Santa Maria del Mar has a very distinctive style and was built between 1329 and 1383 at the pinnacle of Catalonia's maritime. The interior is in complete contrast with the exterior giving an impression of light and spaciousness and is a little different from other Gothic churches in the city, as it is completely devoid of imagery. The church seems like a fortress with its monumental towers.

Address : Plaça de Santa Maria, 1, 08003 Barcelona, Spain

Zipcode : 08003

Location : 41.3838871, 2.18207110000003

Contact : +34 933 10 23 90

Website : <http://www.santamariadelmarbarcelona.org/home/>

Nearest Public Transport : Via Laietana - Jutjats Bus Station

Entry Fee : General admission: €8 Below 8 years: Free admission Students and senior citizens: €6.40

Open & Close Timing : Monday to Friday: 09:00hrs-13:00hrs and 17:00hrs-20:30hrs Sunday: 10:00hrs-14:00hrs and 17:00hrs-20:00hrs

Time Required : 1

Buy Ticket : No

7.1.13. Güell Palace

Antoni Gaudi, a famous Spanish Catalan architect, designed this mansion between 1886 and 1888 for the industrial tycoon, Eusebi Güell. The front iron gates feature a parabolic arch and complex patterns that resemble seaweed and a horsewhip in some parts. The ornate walls and ceilings of the entering room disguise small viewing windows. This UNESCO site should definitely be a part of

your itinerary while visiting Barcelona.

Address : Carrer Nou de la Rambla, 3-5, 08001 Barcelona, Spain

Zipcode : 08001

Location : 41.3788851, 2.1742398000000094

Contact : +34 934 72 57 75

Website : <http://palauguell.cat/>

Nearest Public Transport : La Rambla-Centre d'Art Santa Mònica Bus Station

Entry Fee : General: €12 Reduced (Students above 18, single parent families, large families European Union citizens above 65): €9 Mini (Children under 10, people with a disability of 65% or more with 3rd dependence degree, plus a companion, unemployed being resident in Spain): €5

Open & Close Timing : April to October: Tuesday to Sunday: 10:00hrs-20:00hrs
November to March: Tuesday to Sunday: 10:00hrs-17:30hrs

Time Required : 2

Expected Wait Time : 10 minutes

Buy Ticket : Yes

7.1.14. Recinte Modernista de Sant Pau

Experience the exceptional architecture at the Europe's foremost art-nouveau complex and an outstanding icon among Barcelona's dazzling range of landmarks, which shows the city's innovative spirit. Being a hospital first, this is now a knowledge campus and headquarters of many international organizations. The pavilions are breathtakingly beautiful and there is a showcase for applied arts, featuring stained glass, sculptures and mosaics.

Address : Carrer de Sant Antoni Maria Claret, 167, 08025 Barcelona, Spain

Zipcode : 08025

Location : 41.4118413, 2.1744032999999945

Contact : +34 935 53 78 01

Website : <http://www.santpaubarcelona.org/>

Nearest Public Transport : Sant Antoni Maria Claret-Independència Bus Station

Entry Fee : Standard ticket: Self-guided visit - €13 Guided visit - €19 Concession ticket: Self-guided visit - €9.10 Guided visit - €13.30 Children under 12 (accompanied by an adult), unemployed, teachers, people with a degree of disability equal to or greater than 65% or with a degree of dependency of 3, and

their companion - Free admission

Open & Close Timing : November to March: Monday to Saturday: 10:00hrs-16:30hrs Sundays and holidays: 10:00hrs-14:30hrs April to October: Monday to Saturday: 10:00hrs-18:30hrs Sundays and holidays: 10:00hrs-14:30hrs

Time Required : 1.5

Expected Wait Time : 10 minutes

Buy Ticket : No

7.1.15. El Born Centre de Cultura i Memòria

Formerly a market, the El Born Centre de Cultura i Memòria transformed into a cultural center to encourage and promote the remembrance of local and national events in 2013. They provide a variety of cultural and artistic events and carry out neighborhood activities to stimulate information about the events and promote national programs and international projects relating to memory and intangible heritage. You can take a look at the exceptional interiors or simply stroll through the exhibits.

Address : Plaça Comercial, 12, 08003 Barcelona, Spain

Zipcode : 08003

Location : 41.3858224, 2.1838451999999506

Contact : +34 932 56 68 51

Website : <http://elbornculturaimemoria.barcelona.cat/>

Nearest Public Transport : Av Marquès de l'Argentera-Pg Picasso Bus Station

Entry Fee : Normal - €4.40 Reduced (People between 16 to 29 years, people aged 65 or more, families with two accompanying adults with at least one being the legal one, holders of large family,) - €3.08 Children below 16 years - Free admission Guided tours in English or French (June, July and August): Price per person - €6.60 Price per group (max. 15) - €89.10

Open & Close Timing : Monday to Saturday: 09:00hrs-14:00hrs and 16:00hrs-20:00hrs

Time Required : 2

Expected Wait Time : 5 minutes

Buy Ticket : No

7.1.16. Catedral Basílica de Barcelona

Located in the heart of the city, this beautiful cathedral was built between the 13th and 15th centuries over the remains of two former churches. Today, it is the seat of the Archbishop of Barcelona, which expresses the importance of the cathedral not only to Barcelona but also to the region of Catalunya. The cathedral also houses a small museum that exhibits famous works of Spanish Gothic painter, Bartolome Bermejo.

Address : Pla de la Seu, s/n, 08002 Barcelona, Spain

Zipcode : 08002

Location : 41.383962, 2.1761990999999625

Contact : +34 933 15 15 54

Website : <http://www.catedralbcn.org/>

Nearest Public Transport : Via Laietana - Argenteria Bus Station Jaume I Subway Station

Entry Fee : Free admission to the cathedral floor and cloister. Visit to the choir - €3 per person Visit to the roof - €3 per person Donation entrance (Includes a visit to the cathedral floor and cloister, the roof, the choir with the golden fleece choir stalls, the chapter hall museum, the Saint Christ of Lepanto's Chapel) - €7 per person Groups - €5 per person

Open & Close Timing : Monday to Friday: 08:00hrs-12:45hrs and 17:45hrs-19:30hrs (Free entry) 13:00hrs-17:30hrs (Entry with donation) Saturdays and festive vigil: 08:00hrs-12:45hrs and 17:15hrs-20:00hrs (Free entry) 13:00hrs-17:00hrs (Entry with donation) Sundays and holidays: 08:00hrs-13:45hrs and 17:15hrs-20:00hrs (Free entry) 14:00hrs-17:00hrs (Entry with donation)

Time Required : 1

Expected Wait Time : 5 minutes

Buy Ticket : No

7.1.17. Montjuïc Castle

With its roots dating back to 1640, the castle is built on top of the Montjuïc Hill in Barcelona. This old military fortress now serves as a municipal facility and a famous tourist attraction because of the fantastic view it offers. The castle is renowned for its Catalan history because of its role in the civil war from 1936 to 1939. It was later converted into a military museum in the 20th century. The former watchtower that was used as a fortress was converted into a castle in 1694

and has always been central to various military events.

Address : Ctra. de Montjuïc, 66, 08038 Barcelona, Spain

Zipcode : 08038

Location : 41.362959, 2.1650635999999395

Contact : +34 932 56 44 45

Website : <http://ajuntament.barcelona.cat/castelldemontjuic/ca>

Nearest Public Transport : Castell Bus Station

Entry Fee : Standard admission - €5 Reduced admission - €3 Free admission: Free on Sundays after 15:00hrs Children below 16 - Free admission

Open & Close Timing : 1st November to 31st March: Daily 10:00hrs-18:00hrs 1st April to 31st October: Daily 10:00hrs-20:00hrs

Time Required : 2

Expected Wait Time : 5 minutes

Buy Ticket : No

7.1.18. Mirador de Colom

At the lower end of La Rambla stands this 197-foot tall monument of Christopher Columbus. Built in 1888, Mirador de Colom is one of the significant landmarks of the area erected as an homage to Columbus, who chose to step off at the port of Barcelona on his way back from America. Inside the monument lies a lift made in the Corinthian style of architecture that raises up to 51 meters to the viewpoint of the monument, providing a scenic 360-degree view of the city. Above this viewpoint stands the statue of Christopher Columbus holding a navigational chart in his left palm while pointing towards America with his right one.

Address : Plaça Portal de la pau, s/n, 08001 Barcelona, Spain

Zipcode : 08001

Location : 41.3757945, 2.1777724999999464

Contact : +34 932 85 38 32

Website : <http://www.barcelonaturisme.com/wv3/en/>

Nearest Public Transport : Portal de la Pau Bus Station

Entry Fee : Adults - €6 Concession - €4

Open & Close Timing : Daily 08:30hrs-20:30hrs

Time Required : 0.5

Expected Wait Time : 5 minutes

Buy Ticket : No

7.1.19. Zoo de Barcelona

Situated in the Parc de la Ciutadella in Barcelona, this 13-hectare zoo has more than 4,000 animals spanning across 400 species living in their own recreated natural habitats. The zoo houses a terrarium, a primate house, an "Aquarama" for dolphin shows and a "Land of Dragons" featuring Komodo dragons. Enjoy a fun-filled day at the zoo, as it offers exciting experiences for the entire family that includes restaurants and bars, pony rides, miniature railway, electric cars, shopping opportunities and a picnic area.

Address : Parc de la Ciutadella, 08003 Barcelona, Spain

Zipcode : 08003

Location : 41.386333, 2.189857599999982

Contact : +34 902 45 75 45

Website : <http://www.zoobarcelona.cat/>

Nearest Public Transport : Ciutadella | Vila Olímpica Subway Station

Entry Fee : Adults - €19.90 Children below 3 years - Free admission Children from 3 to 12 years - €11.95 Seniors (65 and above) - €10.05 Pink Card holders with reduced rate - €4.60 Red Card holders - Free admission Disabled people - €5.65

Open & Close Timing : 1st January to 18th March: Daily 10:00hrs-17:30hrs 19th March to 15th May: Daily 10:00hrs-19:00hrs 16th May to 15th September: Daily 10:00hrs-20:00hrs 16th September to 29th October: Daily 10:00hrs-19:00hrs 30th October to 31st December: Daily 10:00hrs-17:30hrs 25th December: Open till mid-day

Time Required : 6

Expected Wait Time : 10 minutes

Buy Ticket : No

7.1.20. Museu de la Xocolata

Gawk at the life-sized chocolate sculptures that include famous landmarks from Barcelona and illustrations from stories at this chocolate museum. It takes you on a journey through the origins of chocolate, how it arrived in Europe and its nutritional value. No other museum will tickle your senses as much as this one, as the place is perpetually filled with the aroma of chocolate, teasing your appetite,

since the piece that you receive at the entrance definitely won't last long. This museum is a must-visit for every chocolate-lover, especially children, as they have many activities and events revolving around chocolate.

Address : Carrer del Comerç, 36, 08003 Barcelona, Spain

Zipcode : 08003

Location : 41.38714799999999, 2.1817459999999755

Contact : +34 932 68 78 78

Website : <http://www.museuxocolata.cat/>

Nearest Public Transport : Pl Pons Clerch Bus Station

Entry Fee : Individual admission - €6 Group admission (15 or more) - €5

Disability card, students (with accreditation), seniors (with ID) - 15% Children below 7, ICOM members, BCN card - Free admission

Open & Close Timing : 16th September to 14th June: Monday to Saturday: 10:00hrs-19:00hrs Sundays and holidays: 10:00hrs-15:00hrs 15th June to 15th September: Monday to Saturday: 10:00hrs-20:00hrs Sundays and holidays: 10:00hrs-15:00hrs

Time Required : 1.5

Expected Wait Time : 5 minutes

Buy Ticket : No



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7.2. Free

7.2.1. Font Màgica de Montjuïc

Built in 1929 and popular as the main point of interest of Barcelona World Fair, the Magic Fountain of the Montjuic music and light show is a must-see attraction in Barcelona. The fountain was designed by Carles Buïgas and is visited by 2.5 million people annually making it one of the top 10 attractions of the city. The fountain has different choreographies ranging from film music shows, classical music shows, zarzuela, a 20th and 21st-century remix and a pop mix with the song "Barcelona". Note: The fountain may be closed during exhibitions and events at the venue.

Address : 08038 Barcelona, Spain

Zipcode : 08038

Location : 41.3711603, 2.15174030000000286

Website : http://www.bcn.cat/portal/site/FontMagica/indexa6be.html?lang=es_ES

Nearest Public Transport : Pl de Carles Buïgas Bus Station

Open & Close Timing : November to March: Friday and Saturday: 19:00hrs-20:30hrs April to October: Friday and Saturday: 21:00hrs-22:30hrs June to September: Thursday to Saturday: 21:30hrs-23:00hrs

Time Required : 1

Buy Ticket : No

7.2.2. La Rambla

The renowned Spanish poet, Federico Garcia Lorca said "It is the only street in the entire world which I wish would never end". Starting at Plaza Catalunya, the street extends till the monument of Columbus towards the Port vell harbour of Barcelona, making it a pleasant path to stroll down. Located in Ciutat Vella, which is fondly known as the old city of Barcelona, the street houses a bunch of showrooms that offer designer as well as non-designer clothes and multiple places to grab a quick bite.

Address : La Rambla, 08002 Barcelona, Spain

Zipcode : 08002

Location : 41.38075749999999, 2.17376730000000086

Nearest Public Transport : Liceu, subway station

Open & Close Timing : Open 24 hours

Time Required : 1

Buy Ticket : No

7.2.3. Font de Canaletes

Situated in Barcelona, it is believed that this mysterious 20th-century drinking fountain gets its water supply from what were once known as the springs of Canaletes. There are many myths related to the fountain. It is a major symbol representing the city and a meeting place where many visitors stop to drink the water. This spot holds a special place in the hearts of a lot of football fans as well. Whenever the main home side wins, or the FC Barcelona scores a win, the football fanatics gather here to celebrate the occasion.

Address : Rambla de canaletes, s/n, 08002, Barcelona, Spain

Zipcode : 08002

Location : 41.38513409999999, 2.1701825999999755

Website : <http://www.barcelonaturisme.com/wv3/en/page/1213/canaletes-fountain.html>

Nearest Public Transport : La Rambla-Pl de Catalunya Bus Station

Open & Close Timing : Open 24 hours

Time Required : 0.5

Buy Ticket : No

7.2.4. La Manual Alpargatera

Do you have a fetish for shoes? Then head to La Manual Alpargatera without a second thought. Tagged as the first place to make espadrille style sandals, this shop sells footwear to everyone from locals to tourists, as well as film stars. They incorporate a huge variety of shoes with prices starting from as low as €10 per pair.

Address : Carrer d'Avinyó, 7, 08002 Barcelona, Spain

Zipcode : 08002

Location : 41.3815781, 2.1761010999999826

Time Required : 0

Buy Ticket : No

7.2.5. Carrefour Market Rambles

One of the largest supermarkets in Barcelona, Carrefour Market Rambles is located right in the heart of the city. Spread over 2 floors, it sells a variety of products being a convenient one-stop shop for the customers.

Address : Rambla dels Estudis, 113, 08002 Barcelona, Spain

Zipcode : 08002

Location : 41.3840193, 2.17077749999999856

Time Required : 0

Buy Ticket : No

7.2.6. Gothic Quarter

Being the center of the old city of Barcelona, the Gothic Quarter stretches from La Rambla to Via Laietana. It houses many buildings from the medieval times though it was built primarily in the late 19th and 20th century. Many famous landmarks like the City Hall, Cathedral of Santa Eulàlia, Church of Santa Maria del Pi, Church of Sant Miquel and Plaça de Sant Felip Neri are a part of this quarter.

Address : Gothic Quarter, 08002 Barcelona, Spain

Zipcode : 08002

Location : 41.3819055, 2.1781849999999985

Nearest Public Transport : La Rambla-Liceu Bus Station Liceu Subway Station

Open & Close Timing : Open 24 hours

Time Required : 1.5

Buy Ticket : No

7.2.7. Plaça Espanya

Also known as Plaza de España in Spanish, it is one of the most important squares in Barcelona. This architectural marvel dates back to 1929 when it was built on the occasion of International Exhibition. The fountain located in the middle of the square had been designed by Josef Maria Jujol, a collaborator of Antoni Gaudi, that adds to the beauty. One of the city's major squares, it is also a junction of several major thoroughfares.

Address : Av. del Paral·lel, 298, 08015 Barcelona, Spain

Zipcode : 08015

Location : 41.37502929999999, 2.1491171999999978

Nearest Public Transport : Pl. Espanya - Creu Coberta Bus Station

Open & Close Timing : Open 24 hours

Time Required : 0.5

Buy Ticket : No

7.2.8. Plaça de Catalunya

Plaça de Catalunya is considered as the city center as well as the meeting point of the old city and the 19th century-built architecture. Famous for its fountains and statues, proximity to major attractions of the city and a viewpoint for flocks of pigeons gathering in the center, this destination ought to be on every traveler's list. The plaza covers an area of 50,000 square meters and various important streets and avenues of the city meet here.

Address : Plaça de Catalunya, 08002 Barcelona, Spain

Zipcode : 08002

Location : 41.3870154, 2.1700471000000334

Website : <http://meet.barcelona.cat/ca>

Nearest Public Transport : Pl. Catalunya - FNAC Bus Station

Open & Close Timing : Open 24 hours

Time Required : 1

Buy Ticket : No

7.2.9. Arco de Triunfo de Barcelona

This beautiful triumphal arch was built in 1888 for the Exposicion Universal de Barcelona as its main access gate by architect, Josep Vilaseca i Casanovas in reddish brickwork in the Neo-Mudejar style. The front frieze contains the stone sculpture "Barcelona rep les nacions" which translates as "Barcelona welcomes the nations". The friezes on the sides include the allegories of Agriculture and Industry works by Antoni Vilanova and of Trade and Art by Torquat Tasso.

Address : Passeig de Lluís Companys, 08003 Barcelona, Spain

Zipcode : 08003

Location : 41.3910524, 2.1806449000000061

Contact : +34 932 85 38 34

Website : <http://www.barcelonaturisme.com/wv3/ca/page/1211/arc-de-triomf.html>

Nearest Public Transport : Arc De Triomf Train Station Arc de Triomf Bus Station

Open & Close Timing : Open 24 hours

Time Required : 1

Buy Ticket : No

7.2.10. Port Olímpic

Located to the east of the port of Barcelona and established as an emblematic area, this marina opened in 1991 and is visited by a large number of tourists. It is well-known for hosting sailing events for the 1992 Summer Olympics. Beautifying the seafront, it houses 740 berths and 85 commercial establishments surrounded by beaches, gardens and prominent buildings. It provides all kinds of facilities ensuring its tourists can enjoy sailing in a marine setting.

Address : Port Olímpic, 08005 Barcelona, Spain

Zipcode : 08005

Location : 41.3864706, 2.2028470000000198

Nearest Public Transport : Ramon Trias Fargas-Pg Marítim Bus Station

Open & Close Timing : Open 24 hours

Time Required : 0.5

Buy Ticket : No

7.2.11. Finca Güell

One of the lesser-known works of Catalan modernist architect, Antoni Gaudí, the Güell Pavilions was built between 1884 and 1887 and is an architecturally significant site, with a complex of buildings located in the neighborhood of Pedralbes. The most salient feature of these pavilions is its iron gate with a dragon on it, which represents the triumph of craft, where Gaudí combined all of the different techniques he knew for forging iron.

Address : Av. de Pedralbes, 7, 08034 Barcelona, Spain

Zipcode : 08034

Location : 41.3893215, 2.1191503000000001

Contact : +34 933 17 76 52

Nearest Public Transport : Av de Pedralbes-Tòquio Bus Station

Open & Close Timing : Daily 10:00hrs-16:00hrs

Time Required : 0.5

Buy Ticket : No

7.2.12. Casa Vicens

Yet another famous modernist building by Antoni Gaudi, it is considered as one of the first buildings of Art Nouveau and the first house designed by Gaudi. The style of the house reflects Neo-Mudéjar architecture including oriental and neoclassical elements. The main feature of Casa Vicens is that Gaudi mixed various styles and merged different materials together such as glass, iron, ceramic tiles and concrete, which are visible in the building. His work exhibits Moorish influence and marks the first time he used an orientalist style blending together Hispano-Arabic inspiration.

Address : Casa Vicens, 08012 Barcelona, Spain

Zipcode : 08012

Location : 41.4034978, 2.1506454999999996

Nearest Public Transport : Breton de los Herreros-Aulestià i Pijoan Bus Station

Open & Close Timing : Open 24 hours

Time Required : 0.5

Buy Ticket : No

7.2.13. Casa Calvet

Being the most conventional out of all his works, Antoni Gaudi built this attractive building which served as both, a commercial property and a residence for a textile manufacturer. Squeezed between older structures and sited at one of the most elegant places of Barcelona, the curves and double gable at the top, the projecting oriel at the entrance and isolated witty details are modernista elements. There are 3 sculpted heads at the top that allude to the owners, and the gallery at the ground level is an outstanding bold amalgamation of wrought iron and stone.

Address : Carrer de Casp, 48, 08010 Barcelona, Spain

Zipcode : 08010

Location : 41.3909329, 2.1730058000000054

Nearest Public Transport : Casp - Pau Claris Bus Station

Open & Close Timing : Open 24 hours

Time Required : 0.5

Buy Ticket : No



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8. Key sites sports & adventure

There are plenty of adventure sports you can try in and around Barcelona. The terrain of this city is really favourable for trying outdoor adventure activities like rock climbing and mountain biking. There are a lot of tour operators which can help you in making the most of your trip by indulging in some adrenaline pumping sports.

- **Rock Climbing -**

Address : Gran Via de les Corts Catalanes, 759, 08013 Barcelona, Spain

Location : 41.4014984,2.18388449999997

Contact No : +34 660 86 63 90

Website : <http://www.barcelonaclimb.com/>

Nearest Public Transport : Padilla - Gran Via Bus Station

Entry Fees : €67

Open / Close Time : Open 24 hours

Time Required : 3

- **Bungee Jumping -**

Address : Carrer del Parlament, 20, 08720 Vilafranca del Penedès, Barcelona, Spain

Location : 41.342659,1.69719499999996

Contact No : +34 687 40 96 35

Website : <http://www.cataloniaadventures.com/>

Nearest Public Transport : Estación de Autobuses de Vilafranca Del Penedes Bus Station

Entry Fees : 1 jump per person: 1 person - €45 2 people - €40 3 people or more - €35 2 jumps per person: 1 person - €60 2 people - €55 3 people or more - €50

Open / Close Time : Monday to Friday: 09:00hrs-20:00hrs Saturday and

Sunday: 09:00hrs-13:00hrs

Time Required : 3

- **Water Sports -**

Address : Av. del Litoral, s/n, 08005 Barcelona, Spain

Location : 41.396652,2.2098191

Contact No : +34 932 21 04 32

Website : <http://basenautica.org/>

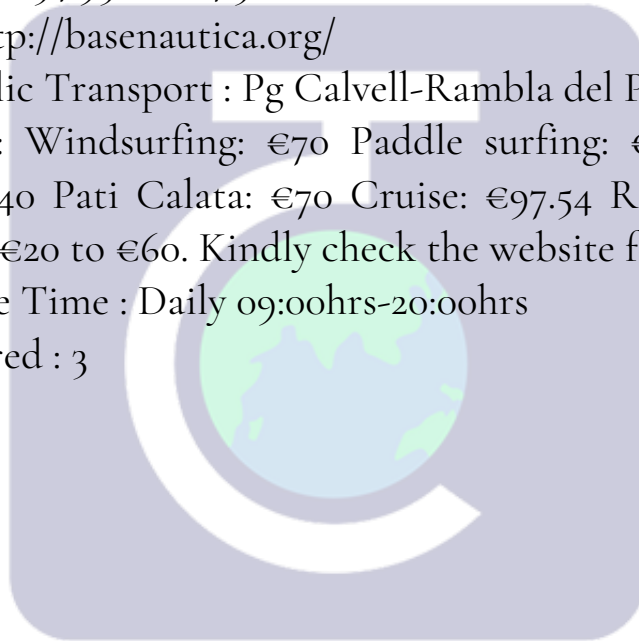
Nearest Public Transport : Pg Calvell-Rambla del Poblenou Bus Station

Entry Fees : Windsurfing: €70 Paddle surfing: €40 Catamaran: €70

Kayaking: €40 Pati Calata: €70 Cruise: €97.54 Renting for the above ranges from €20 to €60. Kindly check the website for the same.

Open / Close Time : Daily 09:00hrs-20:00hrs

Time Required : 3



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9. Adventure sports, Local sports, stadiums

Needless to mention, Football is by far the most popular sport in Barcelona. In addition to this, people here love playing Basketball and follow the same as well. Bullfighting and cycling are important sports as well and most of the stadiums here have legit playgrounds and courts to accommodate all the sports.

- **Estadi Olímpic Lluís Companys:**

Address : Avinguda de l'Estadi, 52, 08038 Barcelona, Spain

Location : 41.36476870000001,2.1556591999999455

Contact No : +34 934 26 20 89

Website : <http://www.estadiolimpic.cat/contacte/contacta-amb-nosaltres/>

- **Cornella-El Prat Stadium:**

Address : Av. del Baix Llobregat, 100, 08940 Cornellà de Llobregat, Barcelona, Spain

Location : 41.34797349999999,2.0747652999999673

Contact No : +34 932 92 77 00

Website : <http://www.rcdespanyol.com/>

10. Spas and relaxation

- **Gran Hotel La Florida:**

Address : Ctra. de Vallvidrera al Tibidabo, 83-93, 08035 Barcelona, Spain

Location : 41.425501,2.120802

Contact No : +34 932 59 30 00

Website : <http://www.hotellaflorida.com/en/>

- **W Barcelona:**

Address : Plaça de la Rosa dels Vents, 1, 08039 Barcelona, Spain

Location : 41.3683264,2.19032440000000086

Contact No : +34 932 95 28 00

Website : <http://www.w-barcelona.cat/>

- **Hotel Arts Barcelona:**

Address : Carrer de la Marina, 19-21, 08005 Barcelona, Spain

Location : 41.387020100000001,2.19608189999999674

Contact No : +34 932 21 10 00

Website : <http://www.ritzcarlton.com/en/hotels/spain/barcelona>

- **Bliss Spa:**

Address : Plaça de la Rosa dels Vents, 08039 Barcelona, Spain

Location : 41.368249999999999,2.19039899999999567

Contact No : +34 932 95 28 58

Website : <http://www.blissbarcelonaspa.es/>

- **Hotel Omm 5 Estrellas Barcelona:**

Address : Carrer del Rosselló, 265, 08008 Barcelona, Spain

Location : 41.3961986,2.1609538999999813

Contact No : +34 934 45 40 00

Website : <http://www.hotelomm.com/>



11. Events calendar

Month

Events

Dia de Los Reyes Magos (King's Day)

Held every year in January, the festival celebrates arrival of three kings. There is a stunning reception wherein the three 3 kings arrive and there are a lot of fireworks for the welcome.

The Calcotada

An exceptional culinary treat, this is a traditional Catalan festival. It is a citywide event wherein people wear bibs and taste mouth-watering Spanish dips.

Festa de SantMedir


The epic parade between carrere de san Salvador and gran de gracia, this festival is about consuming all the delicious free sweets. Sweets are thrown out the crowds and it is heaven for people with sweet tooth.

Feria de abril

Happening in the Parc del forum in the diagonal mar area of the

**city, highlights include paella dishes and a ferris wheel.
Formula One**

**The biggest motorcar race,
Barcelona hosts this event at the
Montmelo racetrack.
Fiesta de Baceloneta**



**Part of the summer festival
series, all the streets of the city
are decorated to the hilt.
Fireworks, drummers and
dancing devils are prevalent
throughout the city.
Monegros**

**Held in a desert outside
Barcelona, it is one of the best
electronic music festivals and is
attended by around 40,000
people over 22 hour of non-stop
music.
Circuit Festival Barcelona**

**This International Gay and
Lesbian festival is celebrated
across different venues in the
city. Music, pre parties and post
parties characterise this festival
and the festival is attended by
more than 50,000 visitors all over
the world.
Fiesta de la Merce**

Celebration of the city's patron saint, the festival includes a ton of street parties, decorations and free music in concerts.

In-edit befeater

An international music documentary festival profiling renowned musical acts displayed on a big screen.

Manga fair Barcelona

People who have always followed Manga films, their comic books and video games get together to celebrate the fair with workshops, fancy dresses and conferences.

New Year's Eve

Barcelona throws a huge party in December with fireworks over the beaches and exuberant parties in the streets of the city. The clubs are full and it's a night which is difficult to forget.

Nit de Sant Joan

Nit de Sant Joan (Night of San Joan) is one of the best festivals in Barcelona held on 23rd June every year which is the shortest night. The festival is basically a midsummer celebration where

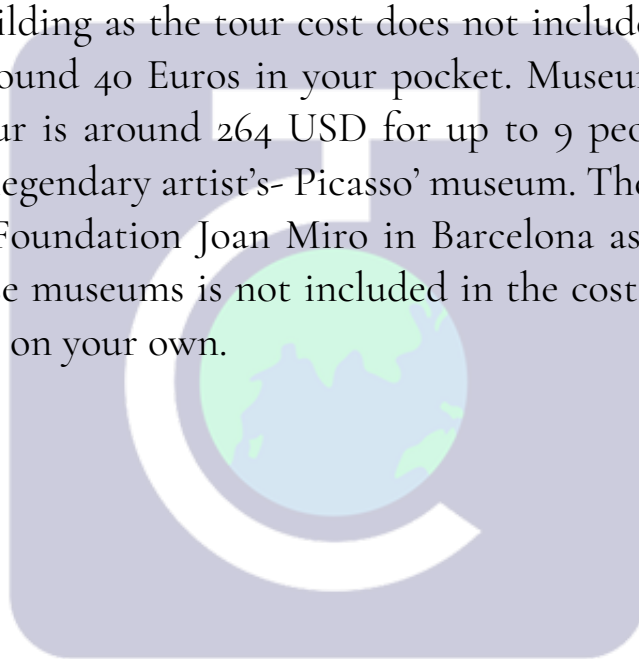
people party all night with drinks and excitement and is probably the noisiest and craziest parties you'll ever attend.



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12. Key local guides and tours

Gaudi Private tour- As the name suggests, the tour is about exploring all the buildings which were constructed under the supervision of the world renowned architect, Antonio Gaudi. The tour includes Casa Batllo, SagradaFamilia and Park Guell. The total cost of the tour is around 250 Euros for 9 people. A visitor also needs to carry some cash in order to purchase tickets for visiting or entering the museums and building as the tour cost does not include the ticket cost. It is advisable to carry around 40 Euros in your pocket. Museums Private tour- The total price of the tour is around 264 USD for up to 9 people. A walking tour, which will cover the legendary artist's- Picasso' museum. Then in addition to this, you get to visit the Foundation Joan Miro in Barcelona as well. The admission fees for entering these museums is not included in the cost of the tour and food and beverages will be on your own.



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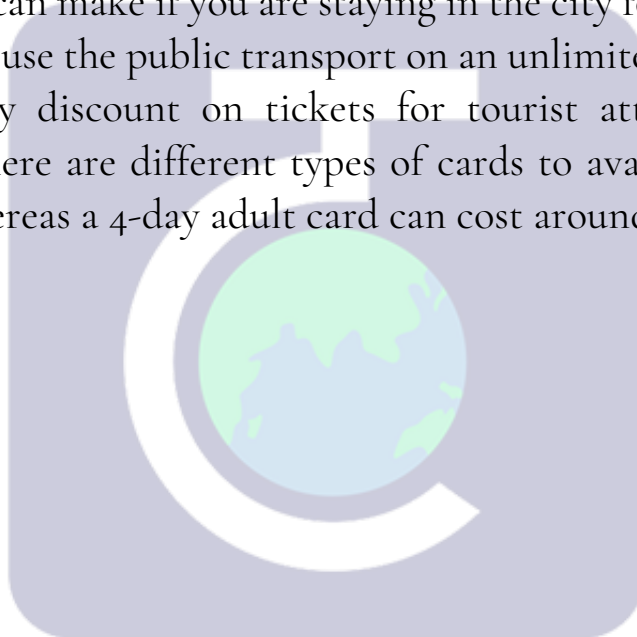
13. Transportation hubs

Railway: Being the first city of Spain to implement trains, Barcelona has a full-fledged railway system in place. With 27 open railway station in Barcelona, the city's main terminal station is Barcelona Sants. **Metro-** An electrified railway network, Barcelona metro has around eleven current working lines whereas the city is still trying to expand the network. **Trams-** During 1960's, around 101 PCC type tram cars were added to the city's tram network. **Trambaix and Trambesos** have three routes each and new introductions are also expected. **Buses-** Buses form a major form of public transport in this city. There is an extensive local and interurban bus network. In addition to this, night buses called Nitbus is intended to compliment the current bus network. **Airport-** Barcelona- El prat Airport is situated in the suburbs and is around kilometres from the centre of the city. Being the second largest airport in Spain, it is the main hub for click air and Vueling airlines. The airport is connected to the city by commuter train and schedules bus service. Handling around 35, 145, 176 passengers on an annual basis, the airport of this city accommodates European and domestic destinations on a primary basis.

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14. Transportation cost

Metro and Bus tickets- You can buy bus tickets for as low as €2.15 per ticket but if you intend to stay for more than a day, it is feasible to buy the T10 ticket. This is cheaper in case you plan to stay longer or make multiple bus or metro rides. The cost of a t10 card is around €9.95 and it allows 10 trips in total. The number of trips can be shared amongst partners as well. Barcelona card- This card is one of the best deals you can make if you are staying in the city for more than a day. It entitles the visitor to use the public transport on an unlimited basis and on top of it, you get a healthy discount on tickets for tourist attractions, shows and restaurants. Since, there are different types of cards to avail, a 3-day adult card costs around €45 whereas a 4-day adult card can cost around €55.



15. Baggage allowance

If you are travelling through public transport in Barcelona, there are seldom any extra charges for carrying baggage. However, if there is a lot of baggage to be carried, it is advisable to hire a private taxi.



Index**16. Must try food and local savouries**

Paella is one of those dishes which is eaten here on a regular basis. Although the dish is originally from Valencia, it is extremely famous in Catalonia region. The dish is generally cooked up fresh and is a prominent social ritual.



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17. Restaurant & Nightlife

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- **Cervecería Catalana:**

Address : Carrer de Mallorca, 236, 08008 Barcelona, Spain

Location : 41.3923915,2.1609966999

Contact No : +34 932 16 03 68

Open / Close Time : Monday to Friday: 08:00hrs-01:30hrs Saturday and Sunday: 09:00hrs-01:30hrs

- **Tapas 24:**

Address : Carrer de la Diputació, 269, 08007 Barcelona, Spain

Location : 41.3909891,2.1674686000

Contact No : +34 934 88 09 77

Website : <http://www.tapas24.ca/>

Open / Close Time : Daily 09:00hrs-00:00hrs

- **Tickets Bar:**

Address : Av. del Paral·lel, 164, 08015 Barcelona, Spain

Location : 41.3751767,2.1568459000

Contact No : +34 606 22 55 45

Website : <http://www.ticketsbar.es/ca>

Open / Close Time : Tuesday to Friday: 18:30hrs-22:30hrs Saturday: 13:00hrs-15:00hrs and 19:00hrs-22:30hrs Closed on Sunday and Monday

- **Bodega 1900:**

Address : Carrer de Tamarit, 91, 08015 Barcelona, Spain

Location : 41.375551699,2.1565617999

Contact No : +34 933 25 26 59

Website : <http://www.bodega1900.com/ca>

Open / Close Time : Tuesday to Saturday: 13:00hrs-22:30hrs

- **Spoonik:**

Address : 08023, Carrer de Bertran, 28, 08023 Barcelona, Spain

Location : 41.4052777,2.1402719999

Contact No : +34 934 88 64 84

Website : <http://spoonik.com/>

Open / Close Time : Monday to Saturday: 14:00hrs-17:00hrs and 18:30hrs-00:55hrs Sunday: 14:00hrs-17:00hrs and 18:30hrs-00:00hrs

- **ABaC Restaurant:**

Address : Av. del Tibidabo, 1, 08022 Barcelona, Spain

Location : 41.4106944,2.1362940000

Contact No : +34 933 19 66 00

Website : <http://www.abacbarcelona.com/en>

Open / Close Time : Daily 13:30hrs-16:00hrs and 20:30hrs-23:00hrs

- **Alkimia:**

Address : Ronda de Sant Antoni, 41, 08011 Barcelona, Spain

Location : 41.3826262,2.1634033000

Contact No : +34 932 07 61 15

Website : <http://alkimia.cat/>

Open / Close Time : Tuesday to Friday: 13:30hrs-15:30hrs and 20:00hrs-22:30hrs

- **Cinc Sentits:**

Address : Carrer d'Aribau, 58, 08011 Barcelona, Spain

Location : 41.388532,2.1593560000

Contact No : +34 933 23 94 90

Website : <http://cincsentits.com/en/>

Open / Close Time : Tuesday to Saturday: 13:30hrs-15:00hrs and 20:30hrs-22:00hrs

- **Els Pescadors:**

Address : Plaça de Prim, 1, 08005 Barcelona, Spain

Location : 41.3995358,2.2069254000

Contact No : +34 932 25 20 18

Website : <http://www.elpescadors.com/>

Open / Close Time : Daily 13:00hrs-16:00hrs and 20:00hrs-23:00hrs

Index**18. Average meal cost**

Barcelona is known for its food and culture. There are plenty of options for eating out. Therefore, the average cost of a meal comes to around €10. And when it comes to drinks, the average cost of a drink in Barcelona is around €3.



19. Shopping

There are plenty of things you can shop from Barcelona. Let us start with the legendary and tried & tested Espadrilles. A type of shoe which are made up of espart, which is a tough Mediterranean grass. The grass is used for making ropes as well. The pair can be bought for just 10 Euros and because of their material, they are extremely durable and have a good life span. You can easily buy a pair from La Manual Aparagatera. Then we have the Torro for all the sweet toothed people out there. A beloved holiday sweet which can be eaten all year round. It is an almond-based treat and you can avail different flavours of the same. There are lot of sweet shops in Barcelona offering the same. Last but not the least, a trip to Barcelona is not complete till the time you taste their alcohol and when we talk about spirits, we mean Cava. The Catalan sparkling wine brings all the bubbly awesomeness and is almost like champagne. The only difference being, it is cheap, which is the best part. Supermarkets like Carrefour market at the Las Ramblas street can offer varieties of this bubbly drink.

20. Tourist benefits

If you end up purchasing products in Barcelona, while you are not a resident of European union, you can save up to 21 percent of the shopping amount. But to avail this tax rebate of 21 percent, you need to have total bill of more than €90.15. If the bill is in accordance, you can enjoy Tax Free shopping in the capital city of Spain as well. However, this is not applicable on restaurant and hotel bills.



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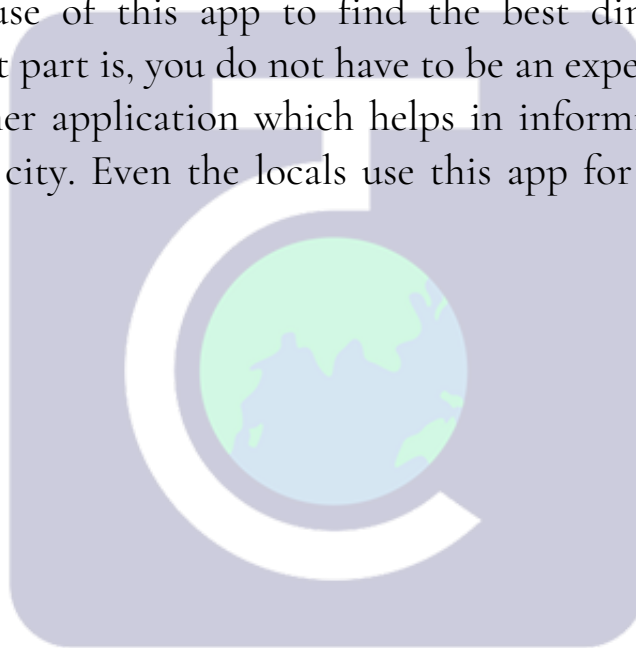
21. Essential local apps

Travelling to a new country can be a little difficult at times because of all the lack of info but with the help of these apps, you are in for exploring the city like a pro.

MyTaxi app- An app which substitutes uber in a way which is effortless and comfortable. Using Geolocation, the cab can pick you up in a few minutes.

Clubkviar- The personal food guide for quenching all the thirst and hunger. Visitors can make use of this app to find the best dining spots and book reservations. The best part is, you do not have to be an expert in Spanish for this.

Mercats BCN- another application which helps in informing you about all the local markets in the city. Even the locals use this app for finding markets and shops.



22. Driving

If a tourist or a visitor is trying to drive here, he or she needs to have an international driving permit and a driving license from the native state as well. If you do not have one, you can be fined a hefty amount.



23. Travel essentials

In Barcelona, the electric power comes in at 220 volts and at 50 Hertz. These specifications can be found throughout Europe but in North America, the specification differ a little. So, if you are coming in from North America or any other country/continent, it is advisable to take a charger which can manage the power at 220 volts so that you can charge your phones and laptops. Although most of the charger are able to convert from one to another standard charger, still, it is advisable to carry a standard travel adapter plug.



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25. Local currency

Euro is the official currency here and 1 Euro equals to 1.12 USD.



Index**26. Change vendor's commission, ATM charges**

The government has regulations in place which implies that every user who swaps an ATM card which does not belong to their network, will have to incur \$5 withdrawal charge and this will be charged on every transaction. Try using partner ATMs to avoid this charge.



27. Staying connected

You always have an option of browsing the airport for locating a phone shop. But many a times, the airports offer expensive phones and they might not have sim cards from the telecom operators. Whereas malls in the city have a lot of stores which offer cheap cell phone and unlocked cell phones as well. You can probably try buying one from the La Farga mall 41.361945, 2.104429 and avail an unlocked phone or a cheap new sim. Of course, you will always have to provide with valid identity proofs.



28. Time Zone

The city of Barcelona falls within the central European time zone (UTC +01:00).



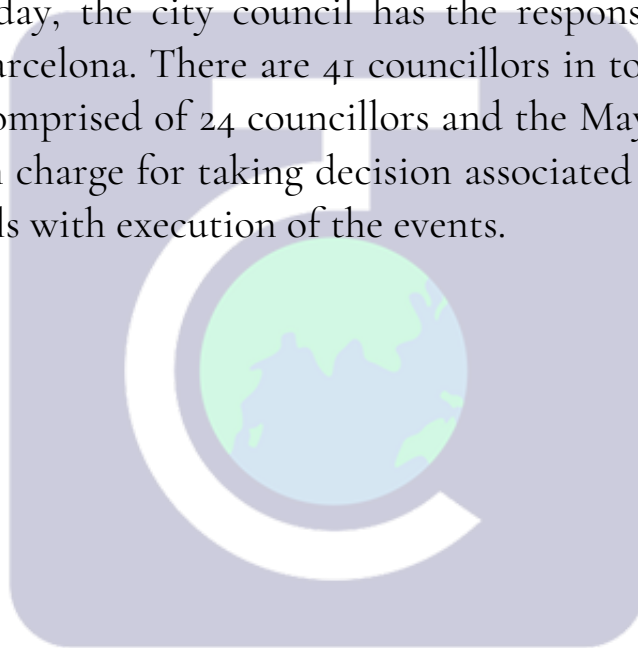
29. Languages

Barcelona is apparently a bilingual city wherein most of the people speak Catalan and Spanish. These are the two official language of this city and as the city is the capital of Catalonia, Catalan is also widely spoken throughout the city. The people prefer using both the languages in a mix.



30. Political Scenario

During the fifteenth century, Madrid was acknowledged as the centre of political activities. Back then, Barcelona also gained a lot of attention by serving as a platform for developing the Catalan revolt which eventually marked Catalonia independent and separate from the entire Spain. As the political scenario underwent a lot of changes back then, Barcelona developed into a full-fledged municipality and today, the city council has the responsibility for being the governing body in Barcelona. There are 41 councillors in total. Additionally, the city government is comprised of 24 councillors and the Mayor heads all of them. The city council is in charge for taking decisions associated with politics and the executive branch deals with execution of the events.



31. Economic Scenario

The metropolitan area of Barcelona consists of over 66 percent of people in one of the richest regions in Catalonia. The GDP per capita of Catalonia is €28,400 which is around 16 percent more than the average GDP of Europe (per capita). \$177 billion was the GDP of the Barcelona metropolitan area in the year of 2009. During that particular period, it was the 4th most economically powerful city in terms of GDP in the European union. Back in the year of 2004, it had a staggering GDP of €80,894 per head. And in addition to this, it was declared as the fourth best business city which witnessed a 17 percent growth in 2009 again. Barcelona has been economically strong from the onset of the 21st century and with a projection of 2.5 percent growth in 2015, Barcelona experienced a 1.3 percent increase in GDP during 2014.



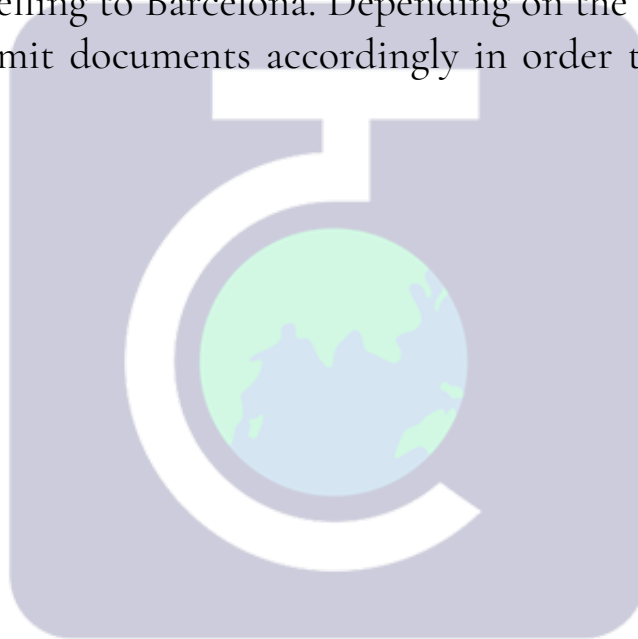
Index**32. Religious belief**

Catholic Christianity is easily the largest religion in Spain. Around 3/4th of the Spaniards identify themselves as Catholic Christians and around 3-5 percent of the total population follow Islam, Protestant Christianity and Buddhism. Whereas around a healthy 20-25 percent of population consider themselves as atheist or non-believers.



33. Visa requirements

The individual's passport needs to have at least two blank pages and in addition to this, a copy of the ticket reservation is also necessary. Schengen travel insurance of a minimum 30,000€ which provides coverage within the entire country and area that falls under the Schengen. After you complete the formalities associated with obtaining a visa, you can have the permission of the Government for travelling to Barcelona. Depending on the purpose of your visit, you will have to submit documents accordingly in order to obtain the specific type of Visa.



34. Essential vaccination

Travellers need to ensure that they are up-to date on routine vaccines before they commence their trip to Barcelona. You should pay a visit to your General Practitioner and ask about the kind of vaccines you require. As such there are no specific vaccines you need to take before visiting this part of Spain.



35. Theft and Safety

Barcelona is primarily a safe city and there is not much of crime to witness on a daily basis. There is no denial about the fact that there is a little crime in the country but there is nothing really serious that every traveller needs to know about. Around the metro or train stations of the big cities you need to be aware of pickpockets because tourists are a soft target for initialising such a theft. Even during the events and festivals, tourists need to be aware of pickpocket scam artists in order to ensure a satisfactory stay.



Index**36. Embassy/Consulate**

Barcelona is a popular tourist destination. Every single year, thousands of tourist visit this beautiful city and participate in myriads of festivals. Therefore, a lot of countries have their embassies in Barcelona In order to make sure that their natives have a wonderful stay here and have someone to fall back on in case of emergencies. Hence, here is a link for finding the embassies of all the countries here (countries who have an embassy in Barcelona) https://embassy-finder.com/in_barcelona_spain.



37. Accessibility

In the major cities like Barcelona, the accessibility for handicap able tourists and locals is improving every single day. In Barcelona, there are numerous monuments, museums and restaurants which offer partial or total accessibility. In fact, Barcelona is one of those European cities which have a one-hundred percent accessible bus transport system. However, in some of the smaller cities of this country, the accessibility options are still limited.



Index**38. Emergencies**

The Medical support system throughout the city is decent enough to ensure that you do not need to worry about the medical care. And for most of the tourists, the Schengen travel insurance is already in place, as it part of requirements for obtaining the Visa. And there are plenty of sound and consistent hospitals which can be trusted as well. a. Hospital de Barcelona 41.389899, 2.129438 b. Hospital Sant Joan de deu Barcelona 41.384264, 2.102131 c. Hospital de la santacreu I sant Pau 41.415713, 2.174262 d. Hospital del Mar 41.383782, 2.194315 e. Hospital UniversitariValld'Hebron41.427518, 2.143225 Emergency Numbers- Emergency services- 112 Ambulance services- 061 Municipal Police- 092 Fire service- 080 Civil Guard- 062



Index**39. Do's and Don'ts**

Do's- -Access free public Wi-Fi at different public transport station to save on your data bill. -Try to get a local orange sim card to save on your roaming bills.
Don'ts- -You should not carry a lot of luggage while using public transport for travelling. - Try to avail a 'same network' ATM card or partner ATMs for withdrawing money.



Index**40.Tipping basics**

Since Barcelona is full of restaurants there are myriads of eating joints which will prepare mouth-watering delicacies for you. So, if you are visiting an upscale restaurant, the usual tip is around 10 percent of the total bill. But if you are in a normal budget place, you can probably round up the bill or if you thoroughly enjoyed the service, you can possibly pay an extra Euro for maybe 2-3 Euros if the food and service were satiating enough for you.



41.Pet info

There are a lot of strict regulations if someone is planning to move to Barcelona along with their pet. You need to make sure that you carry all the correct papers, not only for Barcelona but for all the cities you are going to pass through. Dogs, cats and ferrets need to have a microchip in place or the pets need to have a registration number tattooed in an ear before they set foot in Barcelona. The regulations are strict and if you are not from the UK, you need to have a proof that your pet has been vaccinated against rabies before coming to Spain.



Conclusion – Why to select this destination

A city like Barcelona has plenty to offer in terms of food, festivals, adventures and events. It becomes a little difficult to absorb all of it in a single go. Starting with the culture of the city, it is an understatement to say that the cultural aspects of this city are simply overwhelming. The residents of Barcelona celebrate festivals with a lot of passion and there are plenty of festivals every single month. In fact, throughout the year, the festivals carry on with all the fun and frolic. As there are festivals evenly spread out through the year, a lot of people visit this part of Spain to celebrate these festivals. The native people here love celebrating these festivals and participate with all the zeal and fervour. Talking about the food in Barcelona, it is simply a pleasure to taste the cuisines here. This city houses some of the best restaurants in the entire world. Madrilenos consider food as an art and this is clearly evident from their preparation and the level of seriousness they have when it comes to food. The delicacies here are mouth-watering and every upscale restaurant is famous for a speciality or two. There is just no limit to the love people here have for their food. The Mediterranean cuisine and the kind of sea food offered in Barcelona is simply unparalleled. From football to food, Barcelona has a charm of its own and it is unique in one aspect or the other. Partly because, Spain has been through such a glorious time in the history and as different people governed the country, all of them left an indelible mark on the country which has led to a diverse culture and a unique history. But to be specific about Barcelona, it has so much to offer different kinds of travellers or tourists. Barcelona, has so many churches and parks and the buildings here are simply incredible. Thanks to Antoni Gaudi, his works are a piece and as the buildings are spread all over the city, they have rendered this city with colourful and some intricate architecture at the same time. All in all, it is simply a joyride to visit this part of the country and it is sure to be an experience of a lifetime for many.

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