

FELIZ NAVIDAD!

Ron and I wish all our family and friends Feliz Navidad! Happy Christmas!

Barcelona likes to dress up for Christmas so we and our friends ,Lynda and Don, and Sherry and Dennis, took a bus trip to see the Christmas lights. Sitting on the open top deck of a bus for 90 minutes in 10 degrees – it was freeezzzing. But the lights are so pretty even I didn't mind being cold for a while. So we thought we'd share some photos as our Christmas Card to you all. (There's a hint there ... don't bother looking in your letterbox!)

Also, please note that I took these photos from a moving bus so please excuse any blurriness.

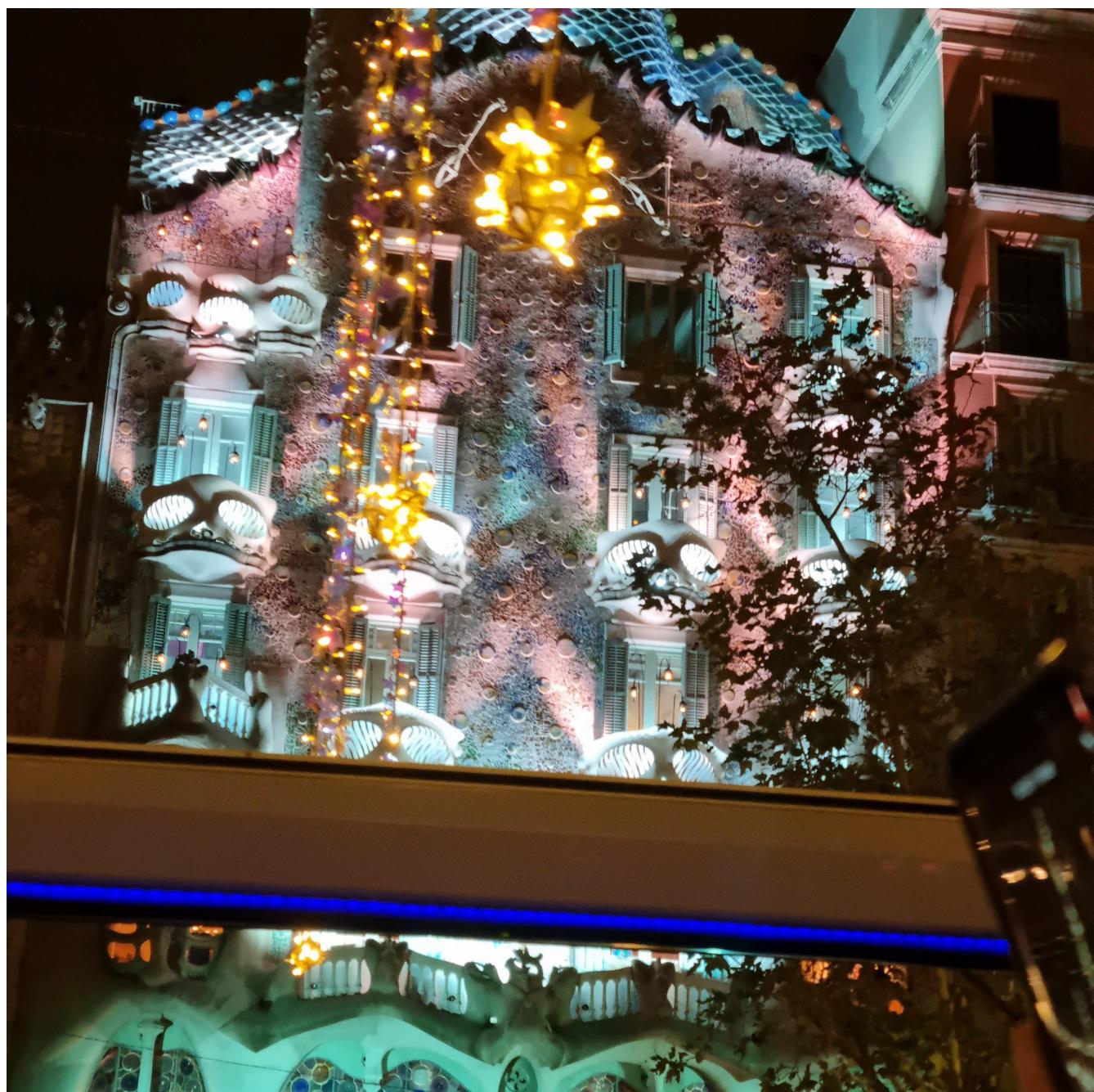
We started in Placa Catalunya then drove up Passieg de Gracia which is a lovely, wide boulevard and the place to go for your Hermes bag, Jimmy Choo shoes, Armani suit, new season outfits from Versace, Balenciga, Massimo Dutti you get the picture.



Passieg de Gracia is about 1.5km long and these lights go the whole distance. An impressive sight. They are designed to sparkle and twinkle in the sunlight so they even look pretty during the day.



Passieg de Gracia is also where you find one of Gaudi's amazing works, the Casa Batillo.



The bus then took us all around central Barcelona





A bit out of focus, this one. The sign reads *Bones Festes* which is Catalan for *Happy Holidays*. (*Bones* is pronounced Bo-nes.)



Here we're traveling along a section of Gran Via de les Corts Catalanes, another grand boulevard that goes right across the top of central Barcelona.

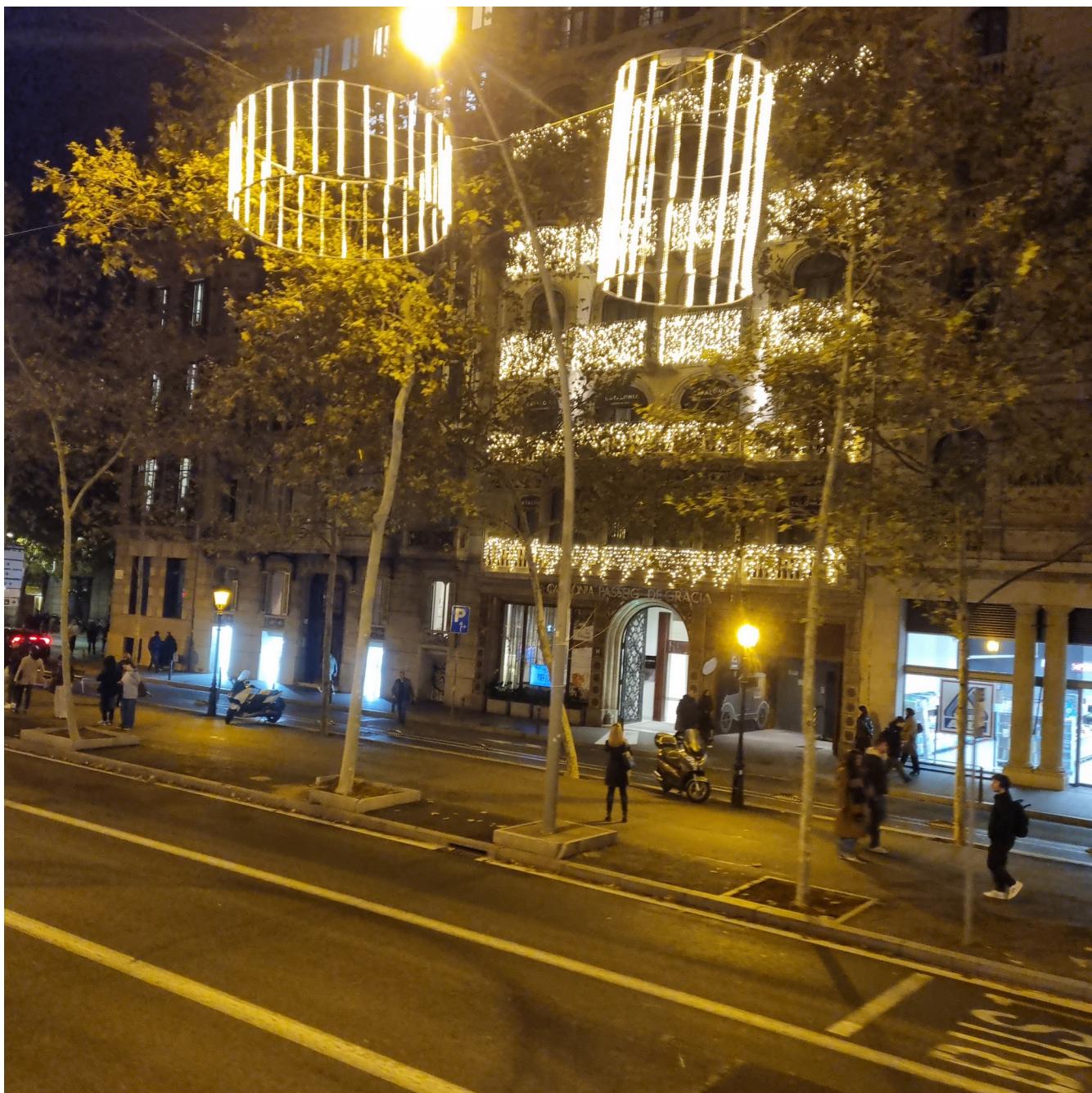


Ooops! Did someone forgot to pay the electricity bill?



Some of the buildings along the way added their own decorative lights.







I think this is a giant Advent Calendar.

More street lights.





A highlight of the bus trip was the Christmas projections on the front of the Hospital de Sant Pau – a fabulous example of Barcelona's modernista buildings, designed by architect Lluis Domenech y Montaner. This is what it looks like in the daylight.



And for Christmas



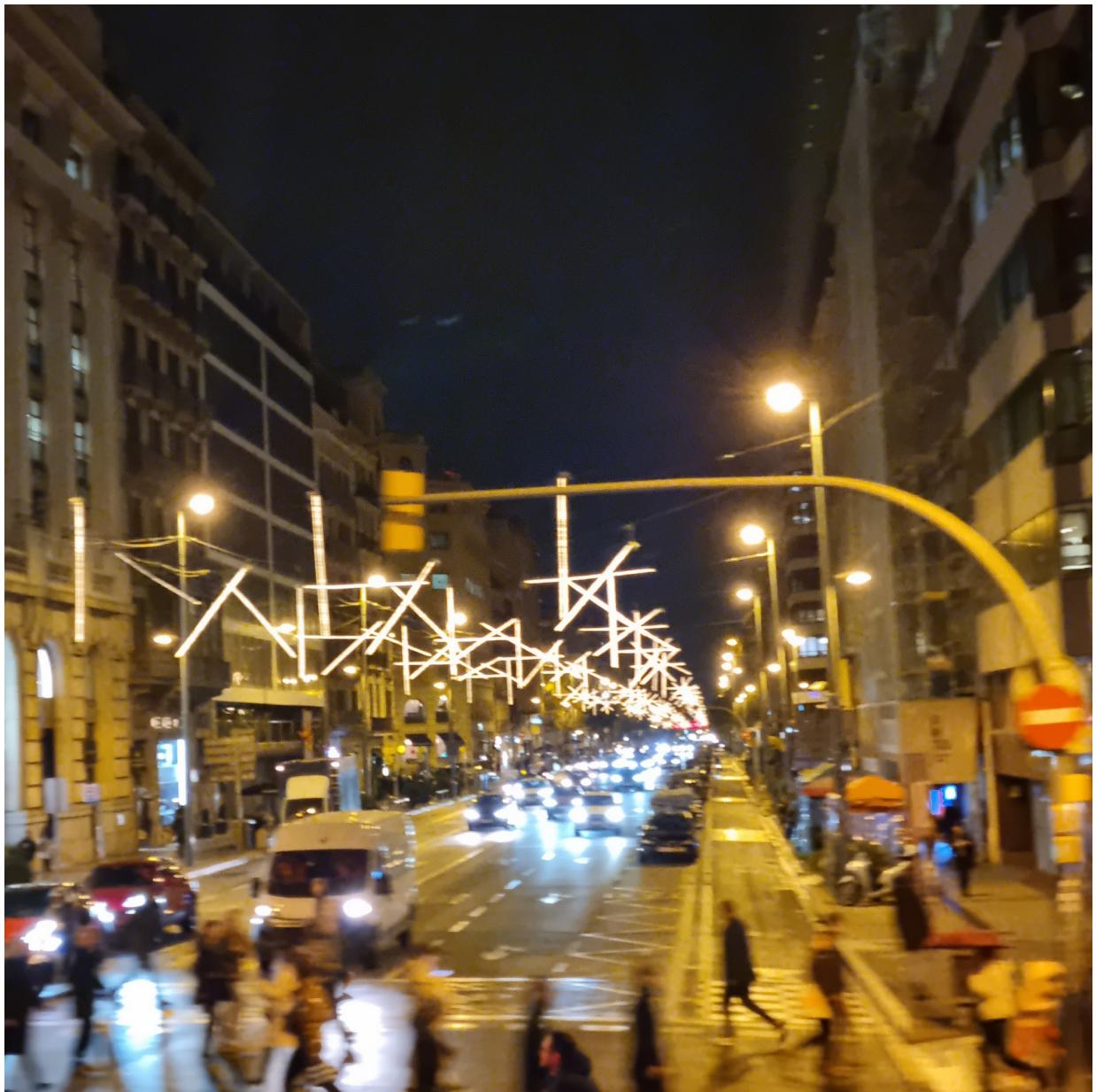












We hope you and your family have a delightfully wonderful and safe Christmas and New Year. Hugs to you all!

Feliz Navidad y Feliz Año Nuevo!!!!



Lindsay & Ron xxxxx

Last night: We went with friends Sheila (next to Ron) and Ellen to see a light show at the Sagrada Familia. Afterwards we strolled up to the Hospital Sant Pau for a glass (or two!) of cava. Salud!