

Barcelona – In a Weekend

How to Make the Most of your Short Stay in Barcelona

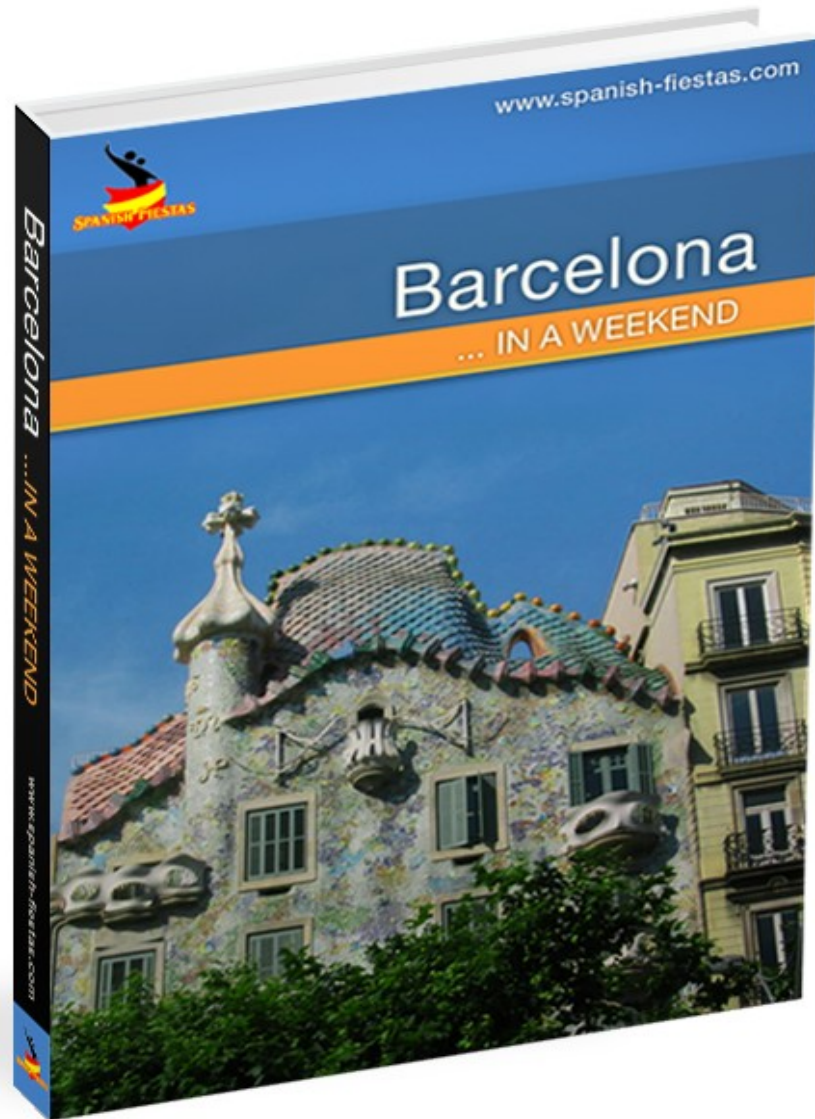


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Welcome to Barcelona

Barcelona has become Europe's most popular short break destination thanks to its superb location on the Mediterranean, its vibrant street life, fascinating Gaudi architecture, superb cuisine and its world famous football team, FC Barcelona.

In a weekend you'll get a taste for the magnificent Catalan capital which will have you wanting to return over and over again. And why not with budget airlines offering great deals into Barcelona airport all year round and the easy accessibility of Girona airport to the north and Reus to the south.

Most visitors stay in accommodation near the Ramblas and in the Gothic Quarter just to the east. This is a fine base from where you can explore the city's sights by day including Gaudi's masterpiece, the unfinished Sagrada Família Cathedral, and Parc Güell in the north. If you're lucky FC Barcelona might be playing at home and you can watch a match at the 98,000 seater Nou Camp stadium.

In the evening there are plenty cafés and restaurants around the Ramblas but you might like to head down to the harbour to dine at Port Olímpic or in a traditional paella restaurant in the Barceloneta area.

When to Go to Barcelona

Due to its location on the Mediterranean the Barcelona weather involves pleasant temperatures all year round without the blistering heat of some other Spanish cities but certainly hot enough in summer for most people's liking.

It does tend to have a reasonable amount of rain but there are also many clear, sunny days all year round.

The temperatures seldom if ever fall to 0°C even on the coldest winter's day and for a lot of the year you can eat and drink on the outdoor terraces of the bars and restaurants.

Barcelona has 4 kilometres of beach which you can also enjoy for most of the year with some good sea food restaurants along the waterfront.

Disclaimer

This E-Book will provide you with all the basic information you need to make the most of a few days in Barcelona. However, it is not intended as a definitive guide. If you want more information than is provided here then the Lonely Planet Guide to Barcelona is a good option.

Please note that prices and opening times are correct at the time of writing. Naturally these things change so check with the Tourist Information Office which is centrally located beneath Plaça Catalunya. They are open from 9am to 9pm and also have a website at www.barcelonaturisme.com. Other major tourist information offices are at the airport, at the Sants railway station and in Plaça de Sant Jaume.

Please notify us of any errors you come across as well as useful tips that we could add to updates of this guide at support.es@spanish-fiestas.com.

Getting to Barcelona

Three airports in Catalonia serve as gateways to Barcelona though you should fly directly to the main Barcelona El Prat airport if possible.

1) Barcelona Airport to Barcelona City (10km)

The majority of international visitors to Barcelona arrive at the city's El Prat airport which is just 10km from the city centre with good transport availability for getting into the city.

2) Barcelona Girona Airport to Barcelona City (115km)

Some budget airlines offer flights to "Barcelona Girona Airport" which has obviously confused many visitors as this airport lies just over 100km north of Barcelona. You might get a cheap flight but be sure to allow for the cost of airport transfers and the transfer time inconvenience.

3) Reus Airport to Barcelona City (110km)

Reus Airport near Tarragona is mainly used by holidaymakers heading for the Costa Dorada. Sometimes you might get a cheap flight there then arrange transport to Barcelona city.

To find cheap flights to Barcelona take a look at [Skyscanner](#). And to check which airlines fly to Barcelona check out [Whichbudget](#)..

Barcelona Airport

In summer 2009 Barcelona airport opened a brand new terminal called Terminal 1 (T1) which doubled the operating capacity of the airport and increased its physical size fourfold. Only a few years ago the airport was not particularly impressive considering it was the gateway to Catalonia. However, major improvements to the original terminal and the opening of this new terminal now makes it undoubtedly the premier international airport in the whole Mediterranean region and an impressive asset to the proud city of Barcelona.

The new terminal 1 (T1), which is the size of more than 80 football pitches, has 101 boarding gates, 166 check-in counters, over 12,000 parking spaces and an impressive supply of shopping facilities and commercial services including ATMs and internet access.

Barcelona Airport Terminals

When travelling through Barcelona airport be sure to check your booking details to be sure that you know whether you are arriving at/departing from the new Terminal 1 or the original Terminal 2 (T2).

Terminal 2 now consists of three areas known as A, B and C so you will need to look on the signs for T2A, T2B and T2C. These areas are very well signposted within the building.

To summarise, the new designation of terminals is as follows:

New Terminal = Terminal 1 (T1)

Original Terminal = Terminal 2 (T2A, T2B and T2C)

Airlines Operating from the New Terminal 1

At the time of writing flights from the UK and Ireland as well as Spanish domestic flights (except Spanair) are using the original Terminal 2. To be sure of which terminal you will be flying into check your booking confirmation or go to the Spanish airlines authority website at www.aena.es to check their list of airlines operating flights through Barcelona airport.

For information about your airline or for other information once you are in Spain you can call 902-404-704 or send a text message to 7472 with the name of your airline.

Barcelona Airport Transfers

Barcelona's El Prat airport lies some 12km south-west of the city. In the summer of 2009 a new terminal (T1) opened at Barcelona airport making it undoubtedly the leading airport of the whole Mediterranean region. There are plenty options for transferring between Barcelona airport and the city centre as well as to all other destinations.

To get the best deal on airport transfers and city transport take a look at the section on [Barcelona Travel Discounts](#) at the end of the book.

Barcelona Airport Bus (Aerobús)

Since the opening of the new terminal there are now two Aerobús routes. The A1 Aerobús service connects the new Terminal 1 with the city centre at Plaça de Catalunya via Plaça d'Espanya with two other stops on the way. The service operates every 10 minutes from around 6am through until 1am the next day.

The A2 Aerobús offers the same service from the original Terminal 2 with departures every 8-15 minutes. This is a great service for getting into the city centre. The trip takes about 40 minutes but varies according to traffic conditions. It costs €4.25 for a single ticket which you buy from the driver as you get on the bus. To check timetables, routes and latest price please refer to www.emt.cat

There is also a public bus (route 46) operating between the airport and Plaça d'Espanya (the timetable is at www.tmb.cat). Throughout the night you can use bus route N17 between both airport terminals and Plaça de Catalunya.

Local Trains

The RENFE R2 Nord train runs between the airport's terminal 2 (T2) and Macanet/Massanes to the north of Barcelona with stops at Estació Sants and Passeig de Gràcia. There is a free shuttle bus (Bustransit) that connects with terminal 1 (T1). Trains run daily every 30 minutes with the last service at about 11.30pm and it takes about 25 minutes to Passeig de Gràcia. From either of these two RENFE stations you can join the Barcelona metro system to continue your journey. It's better value to buy a T-10 multiple journey ticket rather than a single one (see [Transport within Barcelona](#)).

Private Airport Transfers

This pre-booked private transfer is a great service transporting you from the airport to any city centre hotel and other destinations outside Barcelona city. To get a quote simply fill in your travel details on the [Barcelona airport transfers form](#). The service is available for all destinations and all group sizes.

Taxis

There is generally no shortage of taxis available to/from the centre. It's a half-hour ride and should cost about € 30. Make sure the meter is on at the start of the journey. We recently took a taxi from the airport to C/ Ferran just off the Ramblas. On arrival the meter read €24 but this was then increased to €30. When questioned the driver said this is a supplement for entering the airport area and for placing two small bags in the boot. After checking the [Taxi Barcelona website](#) we discovered that the driver was within his rights to do so. However, we'll be checking out the private transfer option next time.

Metro

The Barcelona metro system does not serve the airport directly. To access the metro network you'll need to take the normal (RENFE) train from the airport to Barcelona Sants or Passig de Gracia then join up with the metro system. Buy the T-10 multiple journey ticket at the airport train station as this is valid for the airport train and for the city's metro system. The best value is to purchase the [Barcelona Discount Card](#) in advance which you collect at the tourist information office in the airport. This then gives you free transport on the airport train, all metro journeys and offers significant discounts on entrance fees during your stay.

See [Barcelona Metro Map](#).

Barcelona Airport Hotels

Strictly speaking there are no hotels located within the immediate Barcelona airport boundaries. The most popular places to stay tend to be near the Barcelona Sants RENFE station and Plaça d'Espanya in the city. These locations offer easy access to the airport by bus, train and taxi. An alternative that I found very good value the last time I had an early flight out of Barcelona is the [Sallés Hotel Ciutat del Prat](#) at El Prat de Llobregat which is only a few minutes from the terminals and offers free shuttle buses throughout the day.

For more Barcelona airport hotels take a look at [Venere Hotels](#).

Girona Airport Transfers to Barcelona

Girona Airport lies 12 kilometres from the city of Girona and is well linked by taxi services. There is also an airport bus that connects with Girona's central bus and train station.

If you're using Girona airport as a gateway to Barcelona then do bear in mind that it's a 100km journey and the cheap fares involved in getting to Girona may be offset by the costs of transfers from Girona airport to Barcelona. And that's not taking into account the time spent transferring between cities. Do try to get flights directly to Barcelona's El Prat airport if possible as it is located just 12km from the city centre.

By Bus to Barcelona

From Girona airport there is a Barcelona Bus running to the centre of Barcelona (70 minutes) which operates immediately after flight arrivals. This service is run by a local bus company called Sagalés whose timetable is determined by the expected arrival time of Ryanair flights. It is NOT provided by Ryanair themselves so don't assume that a Ryanair flight will wait for you if you are on this bus heading back for Girona, it won't! The cost of the service is €21 return. Their timetable (in Catalan) appears on the [Sagalés website](#). Once you arrive in the Barcelona's main bus terminal, Estació del Nord (Carrer d'Ali Bei 80) you can walk about 10 minutes to the Arc De Triomf metro station from where you can travel anywhere in the city. For more information see the [Estació del Nord bus station website](#).

By Train to Barcelona

An alternative is to head into Girona by bus or taxi then take one of the frequent trains that run to Barcelona's Estació Sants station. You can find [train timetables for this route](#) in English at the RENFE website. A taxi into Girona takes about 30 minutes and will cost about €20.

Private Transfers from Girona Airport to Barcelona

If you've chosen to fly to Girona rather than directly to Barcelona you were probably looking for a cheap deal so maybe a private transfer isn't what you're looking for as it may well cost more than you paid for your flight. However, for a stress free way of getting from Girona airport to Barcelona city, it's the best alternative. You can [pre-book private transfers to Barcelona](#) and have a driver waiting for you on arrival. Transfers are available by shuttle bus, coach, minibus, microbus and taxi transfer according to the size of your group.

Taxi to Barcelona

A taxi from Girona to Barcelona will cost at least €120 each way so you may well be better off flying to Barcelona rather than Girona.

Reus Airport Transfers

Reus airport is located 4km from Reus, 13km from Tarragona and approximately 110km from Barcelona.

It is one of the new breed of airports whose newly found popularity is thanks to the decision of Ryanair to fly there and give their passengers easy access to the beaches of the Costa Dorada, most notably Salou. If you're using Reus airport as a gateway to Barcelona then do bear in mind that it's a 110km journey and the cheap fares involved in getting to Reus may be offset by the costs of transfers from Reus airport to Barcelona. And that's not taking into account the time spent transferring to Barcelona. Do try to get flights directly to Barcelona's El Prat airport if possible as it is located just 12km from the city centre.

Transfer Options from Reus airport to Barcelona

By Bus & Train

There is a bus stop in front of the airport arrivals area from where you can take a bus to Reus Coach Station (20 minutes). From Reus there are train connections to Barcelona which take 90 minutes and cost about €5. There is also a bus which goes to Barcelona's Estació Sants station in about 1½ hours and costs 11 € for a single and 18 € for a return. Bus times depend on flight arrivals. You can [check the train timetable](#) at the RENFE website (The departure time is "Salida" and arrival time is "Llegada").

By Private Transfer

You can [pre-book private Reus airport transfers](#) and have a driver meet you in the airport arrivals lounge. You can get a quote from the search engine at the above link. Prices are very competitive to all the most popular destinations and the service is available for all group sizes. However, if you've found yourself a cheap flight to Reus you'll probably find that the transfer is more expensive than the flight!

By Taxi

There is a taxi rank outside the arrivals hall which cost approximately €15 to Reus, €18 to Tarragona and €120 to Barcelona (a bit steep if you've only selected Reus for the cheap flight).

Where to Stay in Barcelona

Barcelona Hotels

There's no shortage of hotels in Barcelona but as one of Europe's most popular short break destinations the city is often full at weekends so it's a good idea to book your accommodation well in advance. There are also a number of trade fairs every year which lead to the city's beds being "sold out" months in advance.

The majority of first time visitors to Barcelona will find accommodation to suit their budget on or near the Ramblas where there are properties ranging from small, family-run budget hotels to splendid four star lodgings. One area I'd recommend that you avoid is El Raval which is a run down and rather intimidating area running off the western side of the Ramblas.

[Venere Hotels](#) is a good place to start your search as they have more than 100 centrally located hotels available as well as a selection of self-catering apartments and cheap hostels. This website allows you to search by price or popularity and lists comments to their properties from previous guests.

If you don't find what you're looking for at the above link take a look at [Active Hotels](#), a British based company which tends to include a number of lower priced options within its portfolio.

Barcelona Apartments

An interesting alternative to staying in a hotel in Barcelona is to reserve an apartment for your stay. There are apartments to cater to the needs of all visitors to Barcelona ranging from small two person flats to larger apartments suitable for families and groups of friends. A great advantage of the apartment option is that you don't have to eat out all the time and if you find one near the Ramblas you can go shopping at La Boqueria market for a great selection of fresh produce.

The [Venere Hotels](#) website mentioned above has around 50 self-catering apartments on offer whilst another company called [Bookassist](#) have an even greater supply.

Barcelona Hostels

Many visitors to Spain aren't comfortable with the idea of staying in a "hostal" as it conjures up thoughts of some kind of down and out's hostel in English. This is a fallacy as a Spanish "hostal" is simply a cheap hotel which is often a family run business. In some parts of Spain these "hostals" are bursting with character and provide far more interesting accommodation than modern hotels. In Barcelona, however, the "hostals" tend to be more functional and are geared mainly to budget travellers and students. Some will have rooms ranging from shared dormitories to en suite double rooms. For the best selection of budget accommodation in Barcelona take a look at the [Hostelbookers](#) website

Enquiries About Specific Properties & Dates

If you have any questions about properties that you like the looks of when looking through the above websites please be sure to contact them directly through their website as we will not be able to help you regarding specific properties and dates.

Transport within Barcelona City

Once you're in Barcelona the best ways to get around are on the underground and by using the city sightseeing tourist buses. Take a look at the section on [Barcelona Travel Discounts](#) at the end of this book to find out about some excellent city transport deals.

Metro (Underground)

The metro is the easiest way to get around the city. You may need buses or suburban trains to reach some places. And buses run along most city routes every few minutes. You can buy the multiple-trip T-10 city transport ticket for €7.20 that gives you ten journeys within the zone 1 central area offering worthwhile savings (a single is €1.30). The ticket is valid on metro and bus journeys in the central area and can be used on the RENFE airport train (but not the airport bus). You can leave a metro station then jump on a bus provided the journey is completed within 1hr 15minutes. Tickets are sold at all metro stations and at the airport as you approach the train. If two or more of you are travelling it is perfectly legal to buy one ticket then pass it back to the next person to use another of the ticket's credits.

A good travel tip is to order the [Barcelona Card](#) on-line and collect it the airport train station on arrival as it covers the cost of the train into the city then all Metro and bus services for a specific number of days.

Metro Map

You can print out a copy of the [Barcelona Metro Map](#) and we've added a smaller version at the end of this book.

Types of Tickets

The Barcelona metro system, RENFE local trains, city buses and FGC suburban trains are all available modes of transport with a multi-trip transport ticket. During a weekend of sightseeing you will be unlikely to travel beyond zone 1 where all the major sights are located. The following tickets are available:

Targeta T-10: This provides for 10 journeys on any of the above forms of transport and you can transfer between the different modes within a 1¼ hour period on the same ticket. You can also buy one ticket and share it provided you pass it back to the other person as you go through ticket barriers.

Targeta T-DIA: This allows for unlimited travel on all the above forms of transport for one day.

Targeta T-50/T-30 and a monthly travel pass are available for longer term visitors to Barcelona.

Please note that transport for children under four years of age is free.

Taxis

Taxis swarm the streets of Barcelona. There's a basic charge as soon as you get in the taxi then a meter charge per kilometre as well as additional charges for putting luggage in the boot. More often than not you'll manage to flag down a taxi on any of the main streets, however, there are major taxi ranks at Plaça de Catalunya and at the bottom of the Ramblas near the Plaça de Colom. Prices are approximately €1.80 basic charge plus €1.00 per kilometre. It's €1.00 per piece of luggage in the boot and an extra €3.00 for airport pick-ups and drop-offs.

Bus Turístic

This is the best way to visit Barcelona in a day or two with all tours beginning from in front of El Corte Inglés in Plaça de Catalunya. You can get on and get off the bus at any one of the programmed stops (listed below) on the three routes which include stops at nearly all of Barcelona's main tourist attractions. Buses come every 20 to 30 minutes. Tickets are valid on all routes and are sold on the bus along with an informative leaflet on the places you can visit. Alternatively, you can [buy your ticket on-line](#) and print out a voucher which you present on the bus.

Fares for 2008 are as follows:

1 day adult: 20 €

1 day child (children between 4 - 12 years old): 12€

2 days adult (Must be consecutive days): 26€

2 days child (Must be consecutive days): 16€

(1) Northern Route (Red Line):

Plaça de Catalunya - Casa Batlló - Fundació Antoni Tapies - Passeig de Gràcia /La Pedrera - Sagrada Família - Gràcia - Parc Güell - Tramvia Blau/Tibidabo - Sarria - Monestir de Pedralbes/Col·lecció Thyssen - Palau Reial/Pavellons Güell - Fútbol Club Barcelona - Francesc Macià/Diagonal - Pelai/Centre d'Art Contemporani (MACBA).

(2) Southern Route (Blue Line):

Plaça de Catalunya - Casa Batlló - Fundació Antoni Tapies - Passeig de Gràcia /La Pedrera - Francesc Macià /Diagonal - Estació de Sants - Creu Coberta - Plaça d'Espanya - Caixa Forum/Pavello Van Der Rohe - Poble Espanyol - MNAC - Anella Olímpica - Funicular de Montjuïc - Fundació Joan Miró - Miramar/Jardins Costa i Llobera - World Trade centre - Colom/Museu Maritim - Port Vell - Museu d'Historia de Catalunya - Port Olímpic - Vila Olímpica - Place de la Citadell/Zoo - Pla de Palau - Barri Gòtic.

(3) Forum Route* (Green Line):

Port Olímpic - Platja del Bogatell - Forum - Parc Diagonal Mar - Poblenou

*The Green Line only operates between March 14 and September 28

Along with the **Bus Turistic** bus tour ticket you will also receive vouchers for significant discounts at various tourist attractions in Barcelona.

Cycle Taxis

Along the waterfront you'll see cycle taxis known as Trixis (www.trixi.info) which are a novel way to have a look around. They charge around €20 for an hour.

Barcelona Tourist Attractions

El Corte Inglés (Plaça de Catalunya,14)

Let's start with a rather unusual recommendation. In Plaça de Catalunya there's a huge El Corte Inglés department store, take the escalator to the 9th floor where there's a well stocked café/restaurant and marvel at the amazing view up Passeig de Gràcia and over the rooftops of Modernist Barcelona. It's a good place to take a break and to work out your bearings in this rather spread out city.

And now for some more conventional attractions:

La Rambla

It's more than likely that you'll be staying near the Ramblas on your stay in Barcelona. It will be central to your daily activity and nights out. It is a long boulevard which joins the Monument a Colom (Columbus monument) by the port to Plaça de Catalunya. All day long you'll find all kinds of buskers and mime artists in action as well as stalls selling flowers, newspapers, birds and rabbits. Look out for Palau de la Virreina, a grand 18th-century mansion, which is next to the Boqueria market.

The Boqueria market (Mercat de la Boqueria) is one of Europe's great food markets, and is well worth a visit. It's a good spot to go at breakfast time for excellent Spanish tortilla at one of the internal bars near the back. Further south is Barcelona's Opera house (Gran Teatre del Liceu) after which the Ramblas begins to get seedy as you approach the sea with peep shows and the like. La Rambla ends at the Columbus Monument which you can go up in a lift for spectacular views up the Ramblas and across the harbour.

A Word of Warning ...

Be extremely cautious as you walk along the Ramblas by day and night as this is probably the single worst place in all of Spain for pickpocketing and bag snatching. The times you're likely to be most vulnerable are if you stop to watch the man operating the "ball under three cups" scam as pickpockets operate amongst observers. At night overly persistent

prostitutes appear on the lower Ramblas, just ignore them and watch your wallet. You should also be aware of the 'legal fleecing' of unsuspecting visitors at some of the bars that line the Ramblas and charge astronomical prices often for enormous drinks that you hadn't expected (be warned that a beer could be served in a litre glass!). Check the price list before ordering.

Port Vell

At the bottom of La Rambla beyond the Columbus Monument is the bustling Port Vell. This was formerly the old port of Barcelona but today is an ultra modern leisure zone with bars, restaurants, shopping arcades, the Barcelona Aquarium and an Imax cinema. Another fun thing to do down here is to take a boat excursion on one of the '**golondrinas**' which takes you around the harbour and along to Port Olímpic where the sailing events at the 1992 Olympic Games took place.

La Barceloneta & Port Olímpic

If you're happy strolling around just continue north along the seafront from Port Vell until you reach La Barceloneta. Traditionally this was the living area of the port's fishermen and is still a heavily populated area of narrow streets criss crossing one another with washing hung out to dry from the upstairs windows of run down looking apartments. In spite of its earthy appearance it has become a popular place to visit attracting many locals and tourists to its fine selection of fish restaurants lining Passeig de Joan Borbò. Where the sea meets La Barceloneta you'll find Barcelona's best sandy beaches which were created as part of the city's pre-Olympics regeneration programme. They are very popular at weekends being only a stone's throw from the city. The Passeig Marítim is a walkway overlooking the beaches which connects La Barceloneta with Port Olímpic which is now a marina with many bars and restaurants. The area is overlooked by the five star Hotel Arts which has become Barcelona's residence of choice for celebrities visiting the city. There's an interesting transport option called the 'Transbordador Aeri' which is a cable car linking La Barceloneta with Montjuïc.

Montjuïc & La Font Magica

Montjuïc is the hill which overlooks Barcelona from the southwest and is home to the Olympic Stadium which was used in the 1992 Olympic Games. It also has some excellent art galleries including the Museu Nacional d'Art de Catalunya and the Fundació Joan Miró. The best approach is to get to Plaça d'Espanya then climb the steps (or use the escalator) or take the Metro to Paral.lel and then the funicular railway up the Montjuïc hill

On the terraces below the Palau Nacional de Montjuïc are a number of fountains including the largest one known as La Font Magica. Here you can watch a spectacular water, light and music display several times in the evening. From October to the end of June these take place every 30 minutes on Friday and Saturday nights between 7pm and 8.30pm. Between June and September there are displays every 30 minutes between 9.30pm and 11.30pm from Thursday to Sunday nights.

Olympic Stadium

The Catalan capital hosted the 1992 Olympic Games, an event that redefined the face of modern day Barcelona. The main athletics events took place at the Estadi Olímpic in Montjuïc. This impressive stadium with a capacity of 65,000 was originally constructed in 1929 when Barcelona hosted the World Fair. Having fallen into disrepair it was restored for the 1992 Games. Today it is the temporary home of RCD Espanyol who play their matches there whilst their new stadium is under construction. The stadium is open to the public at no charge on non-match days. There's a brilliant swimming pool complex at the Piscines Bernat Picornell right next to the stadium if you fancy a dip during the hot summer months.

Barri Gòtic

The Gothic Quarter is just east off the Ramblas and contains medieval Gothic buildings dating from the 14th and 15th century in what was the centre of old Barcelona. It's a maze of interconnecting dark streets joining together medieval squares. The main tourist attractions are the magnificent Gothic cathedral, the Ajuntament, Plaça del Rei and the Palau de la Generalitat. The [city's history museum](#) on Carrer de Veguer is well worth a

look. There's a good selection of cafés and bars, especially around Plaça de Sant Jaume, so refreshments are never far away.

Tibidabo

At 512 metres Tibidabo is the highest point you can see from Barcelona as you look to the north. It provides great views over the city and has an **amusement park** which attracts many locals. Spain's first funicular railway (tramvia blau), built in 1901, gets you to the top from Avinguda de Tibidabo.

Poble Espanyol

Address: Avinguda Marques de Comillas

Opening Hours vary as follows: Monday: 9am-8pm; From Tuesday to Thursday: 9am-2am; Friday: 9am-4am; Saturday: 9am-5am; Sunday : 9am-9pm

Metro: Espanya

Website: [Poble Espanyol](#)

This model Spanish Village was constructed for the 1929 exhibition consisting of replicas of some of Spain's most characteristic buildings. In the evening it also attracts many visitors to the typical Andalusia flamenco show at the Tablao de Carmen.

Barcelona Aquarium

Address: Moll d' Espanya, Port Vell

Opening Hours: From 9.30am until late most days of the year

Metro: Drassanes

Website: [Barcelona Aquarium](#)

At the bottom of the Ramblas beyond the Columbus monument there's a footbridge over to Port Vell which has been transformed from the old port of Barcelona into an ultra modern leisure complex with many attractions including the aquarium and an Imax cinema.

Barcelona Zoo

Address: Parc de la Ciutadella

Opening Hours: 10am-5pm (later in summer)

Metro: Ciutadella

Website: [Barcelona Zoo](#)

Another popular attraction, especially for children, is the city zoo which has a great range of animals on display. Unfortunately, their most famous long term resident, Snowflake the white gorilla, died in 2003.

Gaudi's Barcelona

The works of Antoni Gaudi dominate the city of Barcelona. Whilst the city is both modern and cosmopolitan in nature, it has a rich history in architecture and the arts. The city has always proven to be a bit ahead of the rest of the world in its tendencies and the discerning traveller can see this in the exquisite Gaudi architecture that is found throughout Barcelona.

In spite of impressive works from the Romanesque and Renaissance periods, it is Gaudi's Modernisme which attracts millions of visitors every year to Barcelona. The magnificent works of Catalonia's favourite son were created well before their time and you should dedicate much of your time in Barcelona to visiting a selection of his works.

As well as the main Gaudi buildings listed below there are around 25 more spread around the city. Not all of the works are open to the public but they're still worth looking for if Gaudi architecture is an important reason for your visit. The biggest concentration of these buildings is in the Gràcia district of Barcelona, just north of Plaça de Catalunya.

Take a look at the section at the end of this book about [Barcelona Travel Discounts](#) to find out about how to get reduced entry prices in many of these attractions.

Main Gaudi Buildings

Sagrada Familia

Address: C/ Mallorca 401

Opening Hours: 9am-6pm (Oct-Mar); 9am-8pm (Apr-Sep)

Metro: Sagrada Familia

Website: [Sagrada Familia](#)

If you only do one thing in Barcelona you must visit Gaudi's La Sagrada Família which is certainly his most famous work and recognised as a symbol of Barcelona worldwide. Work on this Modernisme cathedral was started by Gaudi in 1883 and he continued to work

obsessively on the project until his death in 1926 (he was hit by a tram in Girona). Many of Gaudi's building plans were destroyed during the Spanish Civil War leading to an ongoing debate as to how his masterpiece should progress. The completion date for the Sagrada Familia is estimated to be around 2030.

La Pedrera (Casa Milà)

Address: Passeig de Gràcia ,92

Metro: Diagonal

Opening hours: 9am-6.30pm (Nov-Feb); 9am-8pm (Mar-Oct)

Website: [La Pedrera](#)

La Pedrera is probably Gaudi's 2nd most recognisable masterpiece. It was built between 1905 and 1910 as a commission for the wealthy Milà family in the upmarket Gràcia district serving as an apartment and an office block. A visit to the Casa Milà allows you to get a taste of wealthy Catalan society a century ago as you wander through the fascinating rooms of the family home. The roof is particularly interesting with its selection of Modernist sculptures and chimneys from where you can see the Sagrada Familia in the distance. At weekends from July to September at 9pm you can go on the roof of La Pedrera and enjoy 'La Pedrera de Nit' when you can have a glass of cava (Catalan champagne) on the roof to the accompaniment of classical music.

Casa Batlló

Just down the Passeig de Gràcia on the other side of the road from La Pedrera is another classic Gaudi structure which we've featured on the cover of this Ebook. This building was also commissioned by a wealthy local businessman, Josep Batlló, to serve mainly as a family home. Although Gaudi originally designed the building to look like St George's Dragon your imagination can run away with you as you stare at the structure from outside. Typical observations are of tiles used to portray fish scales, balconies that look like bird's nests and a roof than resembles a dinosaur's back!

Address: Passeig de Gràcia, 43

Metro: Passeig de Gràcia (exit Calle Aragó-Rambla Catalunya)

Opening hours: 9am-2pm (Mon-Sat); 9am-8pm (Sun)

Website: [Casa Batlló](#)

Park Güell

Address: Carrer D'Olot, 7

Metro: Lesseps (more convenient is Bus Nº 24 or the Bus Turístic service)

Opening hours: 9am-9pm (June-Sept); Slight variations at other times of year

Park Güell dates back to 1900 when Eusebi Güell commissioned Gaudi to build a garden city intended for the elite of Barcelona society. As a real estate venture the property wasn't a success with only two homes ever being built on it. Today it is a Gaudi park which is owned by the city of Barcelona, and features a breathtaking selection of Gaudi architecture. Look out for the giant coloured lizard which is one of the city's most photographed attractions. Casa Museu Gaudi is the house at the entrance with a spire where the architect lived for most of his last 20 years.

Useful Modernisme Maps Online

1. A city map showing the location of all the main [Modernisme buildings](#)
2. A city map concentrating on Barcelona's main [Gaudi buildings](#)

Barcelona Museums & Art Galleries

Take a look at the section at the end of this book about [Barcelona Travel Discounts](#) to find out about how to get reduced entry prices in many of these museums.

Picasso Museum (Museu Picasso)

Address: Montcada, 15-23

Opening Hours: 10am-8pm. Closed Mondays & Public Holidays

Metro: Jaume I

Website: [Picasso Museum](#)

Barcelona is the city that shaped Picasso's youth and this museum is the result of his wish that after his death his art would have a permanent impact on the city. It is located in the historical Gothic quarter and the permanent collection is housed in three medieval palaces attracting over a million annual visitors. Much of the museum is devoted to Picasso's early works and the chronological order of the exhibits allows visitors to appreciate the artist's development.

Barcelona Museum of Contemporary Art - Museu d'Art Contemporani de Barcelona (MACBA)

Address: Plaça dels Angels, 1

Opening Hours: 10am-8pm (Saturdays); 10am-3pm (Sundays). Weekdays 11am-7.30pm (Winter); 11am-8pm (Summer). Closed Tuesdays, half price on Wednesdays.

Metro: Catalunya or Universitat

Website: [MACBA](#)

The Barcelona Museum of Contemporary Art has been the catalyst in the urban regeneration of the El Raval district of central Barcelona, just off the Ramblas. Even if you're not particularly an art enthusiast it's well worth a visit to the MACBA although you might find some of the exhibits rather weird. The building itself is an impressive work of modern art contrasting sharply with the rundown neighbourhood which surrounds it. The

main attractions amongst the exhibits are works by prominent Catalan artists such as Antoni Tàpies and Miquel Barceló.

National Art Gallery of Catalunya - Museu Nacional d'Art de Catalunya (MNAC)

Address: Palau Nacional

Opening Hours: 10am-7pm; Sundays 10am-2.30pm; Closed Mondays

Metro: Plaça Espanya

Website: [MNAC](#)

The National Art Gallery of Catalunya is one of Europe's greatest art museums exhibiting works of Catalan art from the Romanesque period to the mid-20th century. As well as displaying the best collection of Catalan modern art in the world the museum is also worth a visit simply to see the magnificent Palau Nacional building in which it is housed. This palace was built on the Montjuïc hill for the 1929 World Exhibition providing breathtaking views of the city of Barcelona down below.

Fundació de Joan Miró

Address: Parc de Montjuïc

Opening Hours: 10am-7pm; Sun. & public holidays 10am-2.30pm; Closed Mondays.

Seasonal variations.

Metro: Espanya or Paral·lel then take the Montjuïc Funicular

Website: [Fundació de Joan Miró](#)

This modern art museum is located on the Montjuïc hill and is dedicated to the works of Juan Miró, Catalonia's greatest 20th century artist. Only a selection of his many paintings, sculptures and drawings are on display at any one time with a tendency to focus mainly on the last 20 years of Miró's life.

FC Barcelona Museum

Address: Carrer d'Aristides Maillol

Opening Hours: 10am to 6.30pm; Sundays 10am-2.30pm; Closed Mon. Check website below to confirm.

Metro: Collblanc

Website: [FC Barcelona Museum](#)

The FC Barcelona museum is located within the grounds of the magnificent Nou Camp stadium. You can choose to simply visit the museum area where there's a selection of memorabilia including trophies on display. However, you should combine this with a guided stadium tour which includes visits to the changing rooms and onto the pitch. Please note that on match days the museum opens from 10am to 1pm but the stadium tour isn't available for obvious reasons.

Other Interesting Museums:

Museu d'Historia de la Ciutat

Website: <http://www.museuhistoria.bcn.es/indexeng.htm>

Palau de la Musica Catalana

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

Fundació Tàpies

Website: <http://www.Fundaciótapies.org/site/spip.php?rubrique64>

Barcelona Centre of Contemporary Culture (CCCB)

Website: <http://www.cccb.org/en/>

Maritime Museum

Website: <http://www.mmb.cat/default.asp?idApartado=97>

Museu d' Arqueologia de Catalunya

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

Caixa Forum

Website: http://obrasocial.lacaixa.es/centros/caixaforumbcn_en.html

Museu de l'Erotica

Website: <http://www.erotica-museum.com/>

Chocolate Museum

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

Museu del Perfum

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

Barcelona City Tours

There are four main ways to discover the city of Barcelona:

(1) By combining a strong pair of legs and a fine public transport system you can get around most of the main sights on foot. It's certainly the best way to see the Gothic Quarter and Ramblas area as well as some of the Gaudi monuments.

(2) The Bus Turístic provides a hop-on, hop-off service which covers all the main tourist attractions and is a good way to conserve energy considering that there is often a considerable distance between attractions.

(3) You can book a city tour with a local tour operator which offers a selection of theme based tours in their luxury, air-conditioned coaches (see [Barcelona city tours](#)).

(4) You can book private city tours which include a driver and guide but this is certainly not a budget option (see [Barcelona private tours](#)).

Top Barcelona City Tours

The most popular of these city tours listed below can all be pre-booked through Euroadventures at the links given below:

Classic Half Day Barcelona City Coach Tour

Approximate Duration: 3½ hours

Panoramic city coach tour of Barcelona with visits to some of the main sights including the Cathedral, Gothic Quarter, Port Olympic and the Olympic Stadium at Montjuic. You will also visit the "Poble Espanyol" (Spanish Village) and get to taste some of the famous Catalan Cava. ([More information](#))

Modernisme Coach Tour of Barcelona Visiting Gaudi Monuments and the Picasso Museum

Approximate Duration: 3½ hours

This scheduled city coach tour focuses on the highlights of Modernist Barcelona with visits to the main Gaudi buildings of the Sagrada Familia, Casa Batlló and La Pedrera. This is the best choice tour if your preference is to focus closely on the Gaudi monuments. The tour also includes a visit to the famous Picasso Museum, Barcelona's most visited attraction ([More Information](#))

Barcelona by Night Coach Tour and Flamenco Show

Approximate Duration: 4 hours

This tour begins with a coach tour of Barcelona with all the city's brightly lit streets, monuments and fountains. At the end of the tour you will be transferred to one of the city's flamenco dance halls where you can have drinks and tapas whilst enjoying some of Barcelona's best flamenco dancing ([More information](#))

Barcelona Excursions

If you're only in Barcelona for a weekend then this section won't apply to you as you certainly won't have time head out of the city. However, if you do have a little more time on your hands then it might be of interest.

A number of local tour operators offer full and half day [coach excursions](#) from Barcelona travelling in modern vehicles. If you're looking for a more luxurious (and expensive) option there are [private tours](#) with your own driver and guide. The following links show you some of the most popular excursions:

Top Barcelona Excursions

Barcelona to Montserrat Morning Coach Excursion

Approximate Duration: 5 hours

The most popular excursion from Barcelona is to the sacred Catalan shrine of Montserrat high in the mountains to the north-west of the city. The excursion is available travelling by coach from the city centre or by train and includes a visit to the Monastery of Montserrat and to the famous Royal Basilica. Like thousands of pilgrims before you, you won't be left untouched by a visit to this magical mountain, with its peculiar rocky crags, hidden caves and legends of St Peter's 'Black Virgin' and the Holy Grail. ([More information](#)).

This excursion can also be done by public transport. Just take the FGC train from Plaça d' Espanya to either Montserrat Aeri or Monistrol de Montserrat. At the first of these stops you can travel up to the monastery on a cable car whilst at the second stop there's a train called a 'cremallera' which climbs up the hillside.

Excursion to Penedes to Discover the Wines of Catalonia

Approximate Duration: 6 hours

From Barcelona this wine excursion heads out to the Penedès wine country where a resident wine maker meets the party and takes you on a tour of his vineyards where you'll learn about the production of Catalan wine and cava. In the wine cellar among the oak barrels you'll enjoy a generous tasting of wines and reserve cavas accompanied by a wonderful Catalan lunch. Before returning to Barcelona, guests will have the opportunity to personally make a bottle of cava in the old artisan fashion to take home with them. ([More information](#)).

By public transport there are local trains running from Estació Sants in Barcelona to Sant Sadurni and Vilafranca in the Penedes wine district but you'd get more out of joining one of the established wine tours.

Barcelona Excursion to Girona, Figueres and the Dali Museum

Approximate Duration: 10 hours

This full day excursions takes you north out of Barcelona to the medieval city of Girona which was originally built by the Romans as a fortress many centuries ago. Here you will visit the cathedral which dates back to 1038 and spend some time sightseeing in the tiny streets of the city. From here you will head to the town of Figueres and visit the the magnificent Dali Museum which is an an absolute must for art lovers. ([More information](#)).

Figueres and Girona are on the main train line out of Barcelona heading for France if you don't want to go on an existing tour but it would be impossible to fit in everything that these tours offer in a day if relying on public transport.

Barcelona Bars

Barcelona does not have the same bar culture associated with the rest of Spain. However, with a little research there are plenty to satisfy all tastes. The most popular spots for foreign visitors seems to be the Irish pubs off C/Ferran which is half way down the Ramblas heading towards the Barri Gòtic. These places are very expensive but then again so is everywhere else in this area so if it's 'craic' you're after then try out Molly's Fair City which is packed day and night with visitors and shows all the British and Irish sport on the Sky and Setanta channels. This is far from a Catalan experience but is evidently popular with the vast number of stag and hen parties in town every weekend together with plenty other foreign visitors.

As you walk down the Ramblas you might be tempted to stop for a beer at one of the terrace bars in the centre. By all means do so but be warned that waiters have a tendency to bring you an enormous glass (sometimes a litre) and charge accordingly. If concerned just check the price list before ordering.

Below I've listed a random selection of interesting bars that I've discovered during many visits to Barcelona. They are scattered around the city but are mainly near the tourist areas. No doubt you'll find your own gems and if you think they're worth adding to this list for future visitors please let me know at support.es@spanish-fiestas.com.

Cafè de l'Opera (La Rambla, 74)

The last real 19th century grand café in the city lies directly opposite the Liceu Opera House. It is the best of the cafés on the Rambla. Great place for a coffee and croissant in the morning.

Cafè Zurich (Plaça de Catalunya, 1)

This bar is an institution in Barcelona. As you get to the top of the Ramblas at Plaça de Catalunya just cross over to the left and it's there before FNAC. It has always been one of the city's top meeting places. Take a seat on the outside terrace and watch the life of the

Ramblas over a few beers.

London Bar (C/ Nou de la Rambla, 34)

A former hangout of the Picasso and Miró crowd, this atmospheric bar is well worth a visit. Large screen in the back room and live music some nights. Good prices but they rise after 9.30pm.

Bar Pastís (Carrer de Santa Mònica, 4)

This tiny bar lies down a narrow alley off the bottom of the Ramblas. Stepping inside is like entering a sailor's bar in the port of Marseille back in the 1940s. Not surprising really as it was set up by a Catalan couple who had lived there and modelled the bar on their French connection.

La Vinya del Senyor (Plaça Santa Maria, 5)

A great bar for wine connoisseurs with outside tables looking right at the church of Santa Maria del Mar. They offer over 300 fine wines as well as cavas and sherries to accompany their excellent Iberian hams and cheeses.

El Vaso de Oro (C/ Balboa, 6)

This narrow beer drinker's bar brews its own beer which attracts a lively crowd of boozers. Brilliant selection of tapas to go with the beer.

El Xampanyet (C/ Montcada, 22)

This traditional old bar is one of the city's most famous. A great spot to try Barcelona's typical cava wines along with light tapas.

Boadas (C/ Tallers, 1)

One of Barcelona's most celebrated cocktail bars based on the Floridita Bar in Havana.

Bar del Pi (Sant Josep Oriol, 1)

This historical bar on the edge of Plaça del Pi is a must for taking in the atmosphere of the Gothic Quarter. Outside heaters in winter are most welcome.

Cava Universal (Plaça Portal de la Pau, 4)

At the opposite end of the Ramblas from Café Zurich this is another great meeting point below the Columbus statue where you can sit outside and watch the endless stream of people strolling up and down the Ramblas.

Bar Celta & La Plata (C/ Mercè, 16&18)

There is a line of traditional old drinking bars near the port. Bar Celta sells great seafood tapas and white Galician wines served in the traditional white ceramic cups whilst the tiny La Plata bar serves just a few fishy tapas with salads and wines from the barrel.

Taverna Basca Irati (Carrer Cardenal Casanyes 15)

Great place to try Basque-style tapas which are displayed along the long bar. Just get a plate and help yourself then tell the barman what you've had.

Euskal Etxea (Placeta Montacada, 1-3)

The best Basque tapas in Barcelona offering a huge range of dishes. House favourites include 'pinchos' made from fresh tuna and others from crab claws.

Marmalade Bar (Riera Alta 4-6)

This large bar just a few minutes stroll off the Ramblas is a cool place to chill out over one of its amazing cocktails. Good restaurant too.

Barcelona Restaurants

Listing hundreds of Barcelona restaurants would be a pointless exercise so in this section we have recommended just a few that we feel would appeal to the majority of visitors to Barcelona.

Els Quatre Gats

C/Montsió 3bis

Tel: 93-302-4140

Website: [Els Quatre Gats](#)

In 1897 Pere Romeu opened this café in a Modernista building and for a few years it was the great meeting-point of bohemian Barcelona. Major artists of the day painted pictures especially for it, and the menu cover was Picasso's first paid commission. Today it is a popular restaurant especially at lunchtime when there is a set menu for €22. Good Catalan and Mediterranean dishes served up in the surroundings of copies of work by artists who formerly frequented the place. Closed on Sunday lunchtime.

Can Culleretes

C/ Quintana, 5

Tel: 93-317-3022

Founded in 1786 this gem, just off C/Ferran in the Gothic Quarter, is Spain's second oldest restaurant after Botins in Madrid. It offers a great range of Catalan dishes at unbelievably low prices served by members of the family who own it. Wine selection and prices are equally impressive. Good lunchtime menus available in dining rooms covered with paintings and photos of famous people who have dined here. Closed on Sunday night and all day Monday except for public holidays.

Mi Burrito y Yo

Paso de la Enseñanza, 2

Tel: 93-318-2742

This restaurant in English is called "My Donkey and I". It is centrally located just off C/Ferran from La Rambla. The surroundings are very quaint and the specialities on the menu are roast meats cooked on an open fire at the entrance level. Downstairs is a small

dining room with a pianist and upstairs is a larger dining room without entertainment.

Lasani

C/ Nou de la Rambla, 22

Tel: 93-412-5944

This is an unlikely inclusion on a list of recommended Barcelona restaurants but with so many curry lovers from the UK visiting the city it fully deserves to be here. El Raval is the run down area lying just west of La Rambla. It is home to a large immigrant population as such there are plenty places selling curries and kebabs. The Lasani is only a short distance off La Rambla and is a Pakistani restaurant serving excellent curries at rock bottom prices.

Cal Pep

Plaça de les Olles, 8

Tel: 93-310-7961

This is a well known restaurant in the La Ribera district which is most famous for its outstanding tapas which people eat at the bar. Popular with locals and always busy. The seafood dishes are pricey but of exceptional quality. Closed on Sunday and Monday lunchtime.

Suquet de l'Almirall

Passeig Joan de Borbó, 63

Tel: 93-221-6233

In La Barceloneta you will find a large choice of excellent seafood establishments with views out to sea. Just head for Passeig Joan de Borbó and find one that takes your fancy. Nearer the Olympic port you'll find others along the Passeig Marítim such as Agua. Closed on Sunday and Monday.

Les Quinze Nits

Plaça Reial, 6

Tel: 93-317-3075

Perfectly located on the Plaça Reial just off la Rambla, this elegant restaurant offers an impressive selection of Catalan style dishes. Prices are surprisingly low considering the location often leading to long queues at opening time (8.30pm).

Taxidermista

Plaça Reial, 8

Tel: 93-412-4536

Situated right next to Les Quinze Nits this former taxidermist shop serves up high quality Mediterranean dishes with a French influence in a stylish restaurant. The outside terrace is a most desirable spot in the summer. Closed on Monday.

Buenas Migas

Plaça Bonsuccés 6

Tel: 93-318-3708

This chain restaurant in a great little square just off the Ramblas has an outside terrace where they serve up delicious focaccia and pasta dishes at very reasonable prices as well as some scrumptious desserts.

Asador de Aranda

Avinguda Tibidabo, 31

Tel: 93-417-0115

Website: [Asador de Aranda](#)

You'll need to head away from the tourist areas to get to this well known lamb restaurant that gets packed with local carnivores. There's a chain of these restaurants in the main gastronomic centres of Spain which specialise in cooking roast lamb in clay ovens. Superb if you're a lamb fan.

Barcelona Nightclubs

Barcelona has a fine selection of clubs, many of which are the haunts of the city's celebrities and its self-proclaimed 'beautiful people'. Entrance fees vary according to what entertainment they have planned and you'll get into some for free if you arrive early enough though there might be nobody else there. In general, clubs don't start to fill up before 1am at the earliest and keep going until sunrise. Here are just a few of the better known clubs around town most of which operate a strict dress code so if you're planning on clubbing be sure to dress accordingly.

Here I've listed a good cross section of clubs in Barcelona with their websites. I'd suggest that you take a look around these sites before travelling to get a feel for the different clubs which should help you decide which ones are for you when you get there. You can find more information about many of these clubs at [Club Collective](#).

Elephant

Passatge dels Til.lers, 1

Metro: Zona Universitaria

Website: www.elephantbcn.com

This is a typical party night club. There are fast DJs, great beats, and good music for the younger, hipper crowd. This is often a great party scene, a place to both start and end your night.

Otto Zutz

Carrer de Lincoln, 15

Metro: Fontana

Website: www.ottozutz.es/

Another great club that is known for fantastic beats and a great place to have a hen or stag party as well. The crowd is a little more mature which adds to the rich atmosphere.

Baja Beach Club

Paseo Maritimo, 34

Metro: Vila Olimpica,

Website: www.bajabeach.es/

The Beach Club has a laid back and loose party atmosphere. It is a place to end the night with feisty music and an enjoyable crowd. This is the place where the beach goers and the party crowd love to be.

Luz de Gas

Carrer de Muntaner, 246

Metro: Hospital Clinic

Website: www.luzdegas.com

Another great club, this is one that caters to a younger audience. The college crowd is usually to be found here and often stays well into the early hours.

City Hall

Rambla de Catalunya, 2

Metro: Plaça Catalunya

Website: www.cityhall-bcn.com

A slightly more up scale club, City Hall is one that allows you to enjoy some of the finer things, whilst still being ready to get up and go to funky beats and great DJs.

Razzmatazz

C/ Almogavers, 122

Metro: Marina

Website: www.salarazzmatazz.com

If you are looking for the friendliest club, this just might be the one that you choose. Great music to be had as well as great new acts nearly every single night.

Moog

Arc de Teatre, 3

Metro: Drassanes,

Website: www.masimas.com/moog

This club is a mix of young and old which means that you can be anyone or any age and feel like you fit in. It is a fantastic place to either start your night or to end it.

Pacha, Pacha Barcelona

Av. Dr. Marañón 17

Metro: Zona Universitaria

Website: www.clubpachabcn.com

This can be a fantastic place for you to enjoy the sights and sounds of true Barcelona nightlife. It is a great place for adventurous spirits as the music is often new and exciting.

Sala Apolo

Carrer Nou de la Rambla, 113

Metro: Parallel

Website: www.sala-apolo.com/

It is easy to get carried away with going to clubs but the Sala Apolo shouldn't be missed. It is one of the most exciting clubs for a night out because it caters to those of all ages. You can fit in no matter where else you've been.

Apolo (2)

Carrer Nou de la Rambla, 111

Metro: Parallel

Website: www.sala-apolo.com/

This is one of the most popular places for stag nights and hen parties. You can meet interesting people and jam to great music here.

Be Cool

Plaça Joan Llongeras, 5

Metro: Hospital Clinic

Website: www.salabecool.com

This is truly a cool club, just like the name. It has perhaps one of the most laid back attitudes of clubs in Barcelona and is a great place to spend an evening.

Sidecar

Plaça Reial, 7

Metro: Liceu

Website: www.sidecarfactoryclub.com

This is a fun and interesting club where you can enjoy great music and great new DJs. You

might be able to hear some of the best experimental DJs here as well.

Fellini

La Rambla, 27

Metro: Liceu

Website: www.clubfellini.com

A club that is very down to earth and friendly. You'll feel like you stepped into a place where everyone truly does know your name. This is one of the best places to go if you want to spend an entire evening at one club.

Sutton Club

Carrer de Tuset, 13

Metro: Diagonal

Website: www.thesuttonclub.com

This is a trendy and upmarket club which regularly welcomes local and international celebrities as well as regular club goers.

Barcelona Festivals & Public Holidays

Dia de Sant Jordi (23rd April)

San Jordi (St George) is the patron saint of Barcelona) so this is a wonderful day to be in Barcelona when the Ramblas becomes a huge flower market and book stall. Men give women a rose reminiscent of St Valentines Day and women give men a book in tribute to Cervantes who died on this day in 1616 (Shakespeare died on the same day).

Festival de Sonar (mid-June)

Barcelona hosts the annual Sonar festival of "advanced music and multimedia art" according to the brochure. It consists of technology fairs during the day and music events by night. Hugely popular so book early (<http://www.sonar.es>).

Festival de Sant Joan (23/24th June)

In the weeks leading up to 23rd June there is a rise in the number of fireworks being let off around the city then on 23rd it's pyromaniac heaven as everyone heads down to the beach to celebrate the start of summer with an explosion of fireworks and bonfires burning on the beaches and all night revellery.

Grec Arts Festival (June-August)

Held at venues all over the city from the end of June through to August this is the city's largest music, dance and theatre festival (<http://www.barcelonafestival.com>)

Festa Major de Gràcia (around 15th August)

This is a week long festival in the streets of the Gràcia neighbourhood where a full scale party takes place with lots of live music, fireworks and heavy drinking.

La Diada (11th September)

This fairly subdued affair commemorates the fall of Barcelona during the War of Spanish Succession in 1714 resulting in Catalonia losing much autonomy. In 1980 it was officially recognised as Catalonia's national day when political groups remember those who died in the 1714 siege of Barcelona whilst fighting against the Bourbon army.

Festes de la Merce (around 24th September)

This is Barcelona's main annual festival with plenty events taking place from 22nd September including competitions to see which group of 'castellers' can form the highest human tower and processions involving wooden giants. There are lots of live music events, unbelievable firework displays and heavy consumption of Cava, the national drink of Catalonia.

Public Holidays in Barcelona (2009)

As well as the festivals listed above there are also local and national holidays which might take place during your visit. The effect on opening times of tourist attractions during such holidays will vary so it's best to check the official websites of these places which are listed throughout this e book. The main shops and banks will close on public holidays though many tourist businesses will stay open. Most bars and restaurants are unaffected.

1st January - New Year's Day

6th January - Epiphany/Three Kings

10th April - Good Friday

13th April - Easter Monday

1st May - Labour Day

12th May - Pentecost (local)

24th June - Sant Joan (local)

15th August - Feast of the Assumption

11th September - National Day of Catalonia (local)

24th September - La Merce Festival (local)

12th October - Columbus' Day (National Day in the rest of Spain)

1st November - All Saints Day

6th December - Constitution Day

8th December - Immaculate Conception

25th December - Christmas Day

26th December - Boxing Day

FC Barcelona

In few places in the world will you find a city whose existence is so closely related to its football team as you will in Barcelona. Everywhere you go you'll see the team colours proudly displayed and FC Barcelona shirts, scarves and memorabilia is on sale at every news stand around the city. Even the popular Bus Turistic hop-on hop-off tourist bus service has a dedicated stop at FC Barcelona's Nou Camp Stadium from where you can wander down to the club's official museum and souvenir shop as well as taking a guided tour of the stadium's facilities.

Every other weekend when FC Barcelona play at home in their 98,000 seater stadium there are thousands of visitors in Barcelona from all over the world who have arrived specifically to see a game in this magnificent stadium. For some matches you can buy tickets in Barcelona for games but on many occasions there aren't tickets available to the general public on the few days preceding the match so it's a good idea to buy tickets on-line before travelling to avoid disappointment.

League matches are played on Saturdays and Sundays though the day and time is only confirmed a little over a week before the game so if you do buy tickets make sure that you're in Barcelona between Saturday afternoon and Monday morning as games can be at various hours between late Saturday afternoon and Sunday night. Check the [Spanish Football Association website](#) to get confirmation of kick off days and times by selecting "Calendario" then the date of the weekend of your visit. European Champions League matches always kick off locally on a Tuesday or Wednesday night at 8.45pm.

Getting Tickets for FC Barcelona

Here are the main ways of getting hold of match tickets:

1. Buy your tickets in advance from [Spanish Fiestas](#) and have them delivered to your hotel reception. These tickets are provided by a fully bonded travel agency that is an official agent of FC Barcelona. Buying from this source is totally guaranteed and gives you total peace of mind to the point that we even provide an emergency local phone number

(902-903-912) in case you have any problems on arrival.

2. Phone the club (+34.93 496 36 00) in advance to find out exactly when the tickets will go on sale and queue at the ticket office (taquillas) on Travessera de les Corts before the taquillas open.

3. Wait at the entrance gates on the afternoon of the game and ask if anyone has extra tickets. This does sometimes work as members sell off their friend's ticket who couldn't make the game.

4. Try your luck with the ticket touts who usually stand in front of the ticket office on the day the tickets go on sale and on match day. Not recommended as the language barrier often means you get ripped off excessively with high prices and seats located in a different place than you were promised.

5. A few of the city's upmarket hotels have been known to have access to tickets (at a price). Try the reception at the Hotel Colón (Avenida de la Catedral, 7).

6. Some last minute tickets go on sale at the Easy Jet internet café on the Ramblas.

Getting to the Nou Camp Stadium

Barcelona's Nou Camp stadium lies about 3km north west of the Ramblas. If you book your tickets with [Spanish Fiestas](#) return transport is provided to the match from the bottom of the Ramblas. The Metro service is by far the best public transport option on match day although bus and taxi services are also available.

By Metro

If you're staying near the Ramblas you can get on the green Metro line 3 at Plaça de Catalunya or at Liceu (right outside the Opera House and on the same side of the Ramblas) heading in the direction of Zona Universitaria. Get off at Maria Cristina Leaving the underground by the exit marked "Sortida: Av. Diagonal". As you come out of this exit

you will see two huge black towers owned by La Caixa on the other side of the road. Keep them to your left and walk about 200m along Avinguda Diagonal where you'll see a road sign for FC Barcelona and Joan XXIII. On the other side of the road you'll see the Hotel Princesa Sofia. Cross the main road (the Avinguda Diagonal) here and take a left after the hotel heading down Joan XIII. You will see the stadium about 200m ahead of you. Some fans prefer to get off at Les Corts which is slightly closer, just follow the crowd.



An alternative route by Metro is to take the blue line 5 heading for Cornellà Centre then get off at Collblanc and follow signs for the stadium.



After the match with thousands of people looking for transport the metro is by far the best way to get back to the Ramblas area if that's where you're staying. You can get a beer at a bar on the way to the station to let the crowds die down a little as the Metro operates until 2am.

By Bus

The following bus lines serve the Nou Camp Stadium: 7, 15, 43, 67, 68, 74, 75, L12, L50, L60 and L62, however, with all the traffic on match days it's a much better idea to use the very fast and efficient Metro system.

By Taxi

A taxi to the stadium from around the Ramblas area shouldn't cost more than €12, however, the traffic can be so bad that the meter creeps up even further. After the game there are no taxis available for a long time after the final whistle and all the streets near the Nou Camp are packed with traffic making the Metro the best public transport option.

Going to Olympic Stadium of Montjuïc

The second main sporting venue in the city is the Olympic Stadium at Montjuïc. To get there you can use your Bus Turístic ticket on the southern route or else take the Metro to Paral.lel and take the funicular railway up the Montjuïc hill. Alternatively, you can take a Metro to Plaça d'Espanya and walk up the steps or take escalators up to the Palau Nacional. There's even a cable car (Transbordador Aeri) linking Montjuïc with La Barceloneta. This is no longer the home of RCD Espanyol who have now moved to their new Cornellà El Prat stadium at El Prat de Llobregat.

Going to the Mini Estadi Barcelona

If you're going to a game at the Mini Estadi it's located in close proximity to the Nou Camp so just follow the same directions as those given above.

Gay Barcelona

Barcelona is a beautiful city and a haven for tourists of all kinds and persuasions. Being one of the most liberal cities in Europe, Barcelona actually has a vibrant gay scene and many bars, hotels and restaurants that are gay-friendly.

Where to Stay

The most popular gay hotel in Barcelona is most probably the Hotel Axel on Calle Aribau. Found in the centre of L'Eixample, the Hotel Axel is in a restored 16th century building each room individually designed. Asides from a spa and a gym, it has its very own Turkish bath. Following on its heels is the Hotel California in the Ciutat Vella, close to many churches and historic monuments.

Hostels are also a good idea, with Friends Barcelona in the centre of the city at the top of the pack, with its humongous penthouse with three terraces, great views and a large kitchen. Other recommended places are Hostal Agua Alegre, Central Town, and Barcelona City Centre Hostal.

If exclusivity is what you're looking for, Beauty and the Beach Bed and Breakfast is a men only B&B just a short train ride from town. It has spacious rooms and pretty terraces with spectacular views.

You weren't able to make a reservation? Not to worry, there are many flats for rent with open and liberal landlords. GoGay Barcelona is an agency that will help you look for apartments, either for short vacations or for longer leases.

Where to go

One of the highlights of Gay Barcelona is the proximity of the gay beach resort of Sitges. The famous Gay Carnival in Sitges is held every February, but you must book accommodation in advance as the place is always fully packed during this time. There's also a major gay and lesbian festival in Barcelona on the Saturday nearest to June 28th.

Where to Eat

Right in the centre of Barcelona is an entire area full of wonderful restaurants which are popular with the gay community. Named L'Eixample, it is often called GayXample, as most of Barcelona's gay bars and restaurants are found here.

Restaurants in GayXample of note include Eterna, Sazzerak, Tafina and Iurantia, which is known as a great pizzeria. Tafina and Sazzerak offer live jazz over meals, as well as Nao Colón and Little Italy, both in the Born district. If you want live drag shows with dinner, you should visit Miranda, dDivine and La Diva.

Where to Party

Fenix has an underwear party every Thursdays, whilst Dietrich has live drag shows and acrobats. Punto BCN offers chillout music early evening and gets hotter as the night deepens, and another the must-see bar in Barcelona is Zeltas.

Aside from the highly popular Arena VIP, other gay discos in Barcelona include Salvation, Madame, Metro Disco and the other Arena discos Arena Dandy and Arena Classic. Some of these discos are open only on certain days of the week, although others are open every night. Space Ibiza, which recreates the Ibiza experience, is open every night in the summer season.

Shopping in Barcelona

Department Stores

If shopping is on your agenda during your visit to Barcelona you won't be disappointed in this shopper's paradise. Your first port of call should be Plaça de Catalunya where you'll find the enormous El Corte Inglés department store which sells just about anything you're likely to be looking for. On the opposite side of the square is FNAC which is a great store for anything electrical and technological as well as music and dvd products.

Transport for Shoppers

Heading north along Passeig de Gràcia and west along Avinguda Diagonal is a 5km route packed with shopping opportunities including some of Barcelona's best designer outlets and jewellery stores. Such is the popularity of this circuit with shopaholics that there's a dedicated bus service running along the route known as the TombBus. This service is marked as T1 Tombbus and departs regularly from Plaça de Catalunya to Avinguda Diagonal where it goes west as far as Plaça de Pius XII and turns back.

Designer Labels

For fashion items the city has become well known for for its own Custo Barcelona brand which has branches scattered around the city. Check the [Custo website](#) for store locators. More mainstream fashion stores for women include the Zara and Mango brands which both have shops on Passeig de Gràcia. Another Spanish brand is the shoemaker Camper that has an outlet at Carrer Elisebets, 11 in El Raval.

Although shopping for designer gear is concentrated mainly in the L'Eixample district and Avinguda Diagonal along the route of the Tombbus, there are trendy boutiques geared towards the younger market around the El Born area of La Ribera.

Porcelain and Leather Items

Another well known Spanish brand for shoppers worldwide is the porcelain figurine producer [Lladró](#) which you'll find on sale in the El Corte Inglés stores and in speciality shops on Passeig de Gràcia. Kastoria (Av. Catedral 6-8) in the Barri Gòtic is an official Lladró stockist and is also a good choice for leather products which aren't the bargain that they once were in Spain but are still much cheaper than in northern Europe for high quality leather items. The Loewe shop is another favourite for leather products and is on the shopper's circuit at at Passeig de Gràcia, 35.

Shopping Village Excursion

If you have time and want to take your shopping pastime to the next level then you should consider an outing to the La Roca shopping village which is just 30 minutes outside Barcelona in La Roca del Valles. This dedicated shopping village is packed with well known brand outlets and is accessible by bus from Fabra i Puig. Just check the [Roca Shopping Village Website](#) for bus timetables.

Barcelona Markets

If you enjoy wandering around flea markets then head for the Els Encants Vells on Friday or Saturday but don't expect to find much of interest. More convenient a venue is the Barri Gòtic which hosts various speciality markets including the coin and stamp collectors market in Plaça Reial on Sunday mornings and a art and craft market at Plaça de San Josep on Saturday and Sunday.

La Boqueria Food Market

No mention of shopping in Barcelona would be complete without reference to the Boqueria food market (La Rambla ,91) which is an absolute must for anyone visiting the city. It is a plethora of noise and colour, packed with fresh fruit and vegetable stalls, fish and meat vendors and all kinds of other food related merchants selling local cheeses, herbs and spices and a range of ethnic products. There are also some great little bars at the back

serving great tapas all day long.

Opening Times:

On average, independent shops open from 10am to 8pm with maybe a three hour break in the afternoon (2pm-5pm) The large department stores and shopping malls don't take this break. Saturday is the main shopping day though smaller shops may not open again in the afternoon whilst most places, apart from tourist shops on La Rambla, will close all day on Sunday.

Sales Time:

You can pick up some bargains in the winter sales which start in early January and in the summer sales during the first week of July.

Barcelona Travel Discounts

Barcelona Card with Guidebook & City Map

More often than not these discount cards tend to be no big deal when travelling but this one in Barcelona really is an exception to that rule. It offers unlimited free travel on public transport including the airport train, metro and urban buses as well as free entries and discounts to many of Barcelona's major attractions.

Passes are available for two, three, four and five days starting from as little as €25.00 for a two day adult ticket. Every card comes with a free guidebook in English with helpful information on the establishments associated with the card, as well as a city map. More and more establishments keep signing up to be part of the Barcelona Card programme and the current ones are listed below.

The Barcelona Card is a highly regarded travel pass issued by the Tourism Association of Barcelona. If you [buy the Barcelona Card on-line](#) you simply print out a booking confirmation form at home which you then present at the tourist information office in Barcelona airport (with ID) which is open from 9am to 9pm. You can then take the RENFE airport train into the city at no extra charge. Alternatively, you can collect your Barcelona Card at the main tourist information office under Plaça de Catalunya or any other official tourist information office.

Discounts on Museum Entrance Fees

The following museums are FREE with the [Barcelona Card](#):

Museu de les Arts Decoratives

Museu Barbier-Mueller d'Art Precolombi

Museu de Ceramica

Museu Ethnologic

Museu Frederic Mares

Museu D'Historia de la Ciutat (Conjunt Monumental de la Pl. del Rei / Centre

d'Interpretació i Acol·lida del Park Guell)

Museu Monestir de Pedralbes

Museu de les Ciències Naturals de la Citadella (Museu de Zoologia/Museu de Geologia)

Jardi Botànic

Cosmo Caixa

Caixa Forum

Jardi Botànic

There are several additional museums and cultural venues offering significant discounts with the **Barcelona Card**:

Museu Picasso (50%)

Museu Militar (50%)

Museu Olímpic i de l'Esport (50%)

Museu del Perfum (40%)

Fundación Francisco Godia (30%)

Museu d'Arqueologia de Catalunya-Barcelona (30%)

Museu de la Xocolata (30%)

Museu de l'Eròtica (30%)

Museu Egipci de Barcelona (30%)

Museu d'Història de Catalunya (30%)

Fundació Suñol (25%)

Casa Batlló (20%)

Gran Teatre del Liceu (20%)

Palau de la Música Catalana (20%)

Pavelló Mies van der Rohe (20%)

El Poble Espanyol de Barcelona (20%)

Fundació Caixa Catalunya - La Pedrera (20%)

Fundació Antoni Tàpies (20%)

Fundació Joan Miró (20%)

Centre de Cultura Contemporània de Barcelona (CCCB) (20%)

Museu d'Art Contemporani de Barcelona (MACBA) (20%)

Museu Nacional d'Art de Catalunya (MNAC) (20%)

Museu Marítim. Drassanes de Barcelona (20%)

Casa-Museu Gaudí (12%)

Temple de la Sagrada Família (12%)

Museu del Futbol Club Barcelona (10%)

Discounts on Leisure Activities

The following leisure activities are FREE with the [Barcelona Card](#):

Golondrinas

Mirador de Colom

Torre de Collserola

There are several other leisure activities at discount prices with the [Barcelona Card](#) including:

Barcelona Walking Tours (30%)

Parc d'Atraccions del Tibidabo (20%)

Poliesportiu Marítim Centre de Talassoterapia (20%)

Zoo de Barcelona (20%)

Barcelona Bici (15%)

Barcelona Mar (15%)

Barcelona Scooter (15%)

Aquarium (10%)

Imax (10%)

Casino de Barcelona (10%)

Club's DIR (10%)

Transport Discounts

There are many transport discounts with the [Barcelona card](#) providing for unlimited public transport:

Unlimited FREE travel on all public city transport including Metro and urban bus (including train from Barcelona Airport to the city)

Tibibus (25%)

Aerobus (20%)

Cooltra Motos (15%)

Cable Car (€2.00 Off)

Entertainment Discounts

Mercat de les Flors (25%)

Cordobes-Tablao Flamenco (20%)

Palacio del Flamenco (20%)

El Patio Andaluz (20%)

Teatre Poliorama (20%)

Teatre Victoria (20%)

L'Auditori (10%)

Nervion-Tablao Flamenco (10%)

Shopping Discounts

The following shops offer a 12% discount on presentation of the **Barcelona Card**:

BCN Original Shops

Calcats Alvarez

Colmado Murria

Joieria Bagues

Kastoria

La Mallorquina

Perfumeria Regia

Restaurant Discounts

The following restaurants offer a 10% discount on presentation of the [Barcelona Card](#):

Can Travi Nou

Costa Gallega

Diagonal Can Soteras

El Cangrejo Loco

El Chipiron de Moncho's

El Tinglado de Moncho's

L'Encis

Marina Moncho's

Masia Can Cortada

Masia Tibidabo

Montesquiu

Nervion

Real Compania Cervecera Casa Fernandez

Travi del Port

Discounts on Nightlife

The following establishments offer a 20% discount on presentation of the [Barcelona Card](#).

Dry Martini

Gimlet

The Michael Collins Irish Bar

Other Discount Cards

The [Barcelona Card](#) is obviously the best discount card for travel to Barcelona thanks to the sheer number of places offering discounts and the fact that both transport and entrance fees are heavily discounted as well as multiple leisure activities. However, there are a couple more discount cards that you might be interested to know about:

Art Ticket Barcelona

This multiticket initiative was launched by some of Barcelona's most important art centres. For €20.00 this combined ticket gives admission to the following major museums:

Museu Nacional d'Art de Catalunya (MNAC)
 Museu d'Art Contemporani de Barcelona (MACBA)
 Fundació Joan Miró
 Fundació Antoni Tàpies
 Centre de Cultura Contemporània de Barcelona (CCCB)
 Centre Cultural Caixa de Catalunya
 La Pedrera
 Museu Picasso.

The Art Ticket is available at official tourist offices including the main one under Plaça de Catalunya, at some branches of the Caixa de Catalunya bank and online at www.telentrada.com

Ruta del Modernisme Pack

If visiting the Gaudi architecture is the main focus of your visit then you should consider buying a copy of the Modernisme Route guidebook which contains the most comprehensive coverage of Modernisme in Barcelona. The book costs €12 and includes discounts of up to 50% on the admission charge to all the Modernist monuments in the city. It is available from most good bookshops but you'll need to take it to one of the following Modernisme centres to collect your discount vouchers:

Modernisme Centre
 Barcelona Tourist Information Centre
 Pl. Catalunya, 17, basement
 08002 Barcelona

Modernisme Centre

Santa Creu i Sant Pau Hospital
C. Sant Antoni Maria Claret, 167
08025 Barcelona

Modernisme Centre
Güell Pavilions
Av. de Pedralbes, 7
08034 Barcelona

At the above centres you can also purchase the full Modernisme Pack for €18 which includes the discount vouchers (valid for 12 months), a Barcelona Modernisme Route map, and a guide to Modernisme bars and restaurants with location map and carrier bag. [More information](#) is available at online.

Arqueoticket

The ARQUEOticket allows you to visit five other great historical museums in Barcelona as follows:

Barbier-Mueller Museum
The Egyptian Museum of Barcelona
The Maritime Museum of Barcelona
The Archaeology Museum of Catalonia
Museu d'Historia de la Ciutat de Barcelona

The ticket cost €18.00 and can be [ordered online](#) and collected on arrival in Barcelona.

Barcelona Metro Map



FC Barcelona Fixtures (2009-10)

Weekend	Match
AUGUST	
Wed. 19th	Joan Gamper Trophy
Sat. 22nd or Sun. 23rd	FC Barcelona v Athletic (Spanish Supercup)
Mon. 31st	FC Barcelona v Sporting
SEPTEMBER	
Sat. 19th or Sun. 20th	FC Barcelona v Atlético Madrid
OCTOBER	
Sat. 3rd or Sun. 4th	FC Barcelona v Almería
Sat. 24th or Sun. 25th	FC Barcelona v Zaragoza
NOVEMBER	
Sat. 7th or Sun. 8th	FC Barcelona v Mallorca
Sat. 28th or Sun. 29th	FC Barcelona v Real Madrid
DECEMBER	
Sat. 12th or Sun. 13th	FC Barcelona v Espanyol
JANUARY	
Sat. 2nd or Sun. 3rd	FC Barcelona v Villarreal
Sat. 16th or Sun. 17th	FC Barcelona v Sevilla
FEBRUARY	
Sat. 6th or Sun. 7th	FC Barcelona v Getafe
Sat. 20th or Sun. 21st	FC Barcelona v Racing
Sat. 27th or Sun. 28th	FC Barcelona v Málaga
MARCH	
Sat. 13th or Sun. 14th	FC Barcelona v Valencia
Tue. 23rd or Wed. 24th	FC Barcelona v Osasuna
APRIL	
Sat. 3rd or Sun. 4th	FC Barcelona v Athletic
Tue. 13th or Wed. 14th	FC Barcelona v Deportivo

Sat. 24th or Sun. 25th	FC Barcelona v Xerez
MAY	
Tue. 4th or Wed. 5th	FC Barcelona v Tenerife
Sat. 15th or Sun. 16th	FC Barcelona v Valladolid

Espanyol Fixtures (2009-10)

Weekend	Match
AUGUST	
Sun. 2nd	Espanyol v Liverpool
SEPTEMBER	
Sat. 12th or Sun. 13th	Espanyol v Real Madrid
Tue. 22nd or Wed. 23rd	Espanyol v Malaga
Sat. 26th or Sun. 27th	Espanyol v Xerez
OCTOBER	
Sat. 17th or Sun. 18th	Espanyol v Tenerife
Sat. 31st or Sun. 1st	Espanyol v Valladolid
NOVEMBER	
Sat. 21st or Sun. 22nd	Espanyol v Getafe
DECEMBER	
Sat. 5th or Sun. 6th	Espanyol v Racing
Sat. 19th or Sun. 20th	Espanyol v Almeria
JANUARY	
Sat. 9th or Sun. 10th	Espanyol v Zaragoza
Sat. 23rd or Sun. 24th	Espanyol v Mallorca
Sat. 30th or Sun. 31st	Espanyol v Athletic
FEBRUARY	
Sat. 13th or Sun. 14th	Espanyol v Deportivo
MARCH	
Sat. 6th or Sun. 7th	Espanyol v Villarreal
Sat. 20th or Sun. 21st	Espanyol v Seville
Sat. 27th or Sun. 28th	Espanyol v Sporting

APRIL	
Sat. 10th or Sun. 11th	Espanyol v Atletico Madrid
Sat. 17th or Sun. 18th	Espanyol v FC Barcelona
MAY	
Sat. 1st or Sun. 2nd	Espanyol v Valencia
Sat. 8th or Sun. 9th	Espanyol v Osasuna