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GAPE AT GAUDI'S
MASTERPIECES

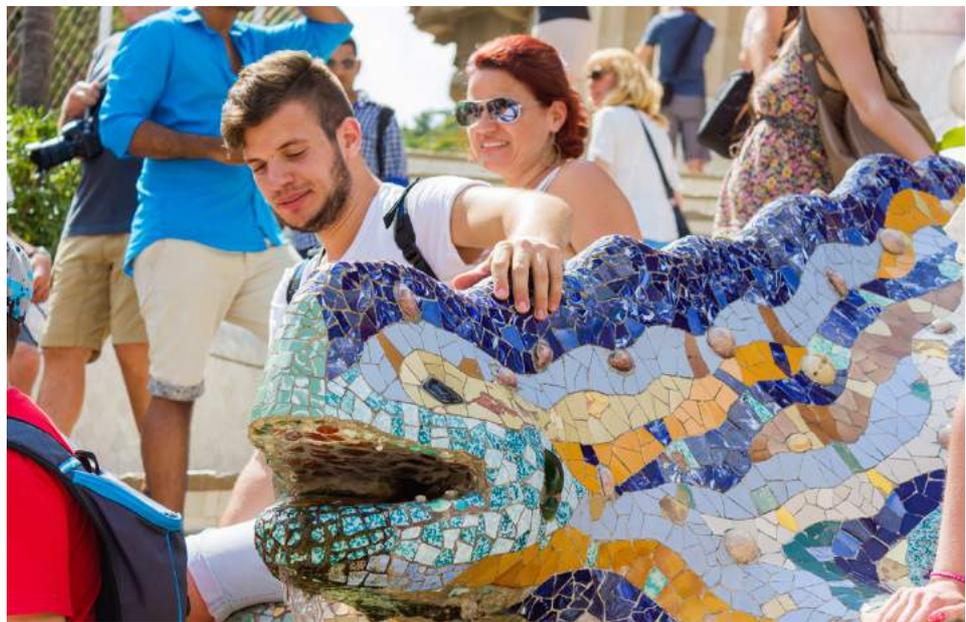


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SHOW

BARCELONA

7 days
in Europe's
most
vibrant city.

Barcelona definitely surprised us! It was hipper and more laid back, the people were far friendlier and genuine than we imagined.



DAY 1 - Be a Tourist

See: The Columbus Monument

Buy ticket on the spot, ride up the elevator.

Do: Stroll down Las Ramblas

A vibrant street with lots of buskers, shops and food.

Eat: La Boqueria Market

Discover the smells and tastes of Catalonia's cuisine.

Watch: The Gran Gala Flamenco

At the exquisite Palau de la Música. Book tickets in advance online.

Eat: Taller de Tapas

Great for a first night experience- a bottle of cava, Pimientos de Padron, Pan Tomat, Patatas Bravas, Anchoas.

Articket Barcelona

If you're planning to visit 3 or more museums, (or if you just want to skip the long lines) it's a good idea to pick up the ArTicket Barcelona which gives you access to 6 museums for 30 Euros (valid for 3 months). Buy it online at the Barcelona Tourisme website and get a 5% discount.

DAY 2 - Meet Gaudi

See: The Sagrada Familia

Buy Basilica + Towers ticket (Strict time slots, good audioguide) online.

Eat: Babilonia

Around the corner from Sagrada Familia, opposite the KFC.

Do: Explore Park Guell

Gaudi's fantastical wonderland is a fun day out for kids and adults.

Shop: Opposite the park exit

The second shop on the right has lovely plates of Gaudi's mosaic work.

DAY 3 - More Gaudi

See: Casa Mila

Buy skip the line tickets online with strict time slots.

See: Casa Batllo

Buy skip the line tickets online.

Shop: Vincon

A couple of doors away from Casa Mila, it's a fun concept store with lots of quirky things.

DAY 4 - El Born

See: The Picasso Museum

Buy skip the line tickets online with strict time slots.

Eat: Euskal

Experience this Pinxtos bar i.e. pick up a plate, serve yourself, eat, pay basis the number of toothpicks in your plate at the end.

See: The Old Monastery Ruins

Near Santa Caterina Market

See: The oldest church in Barcelona

In Placeta d'en Marcus. Across the chapel door, above plaque for #1, see *entrada* signage.

Shop: On the streets alongside Carrer dels Flassaders

Eat: Hofmann Patisserie

Awarded the world's best croissants.

Shop: Across from the very end of Passeig del Born

See: The Monument of Catalan Independence

Eat: Petra

A local hideout, make sure you book in advance.

Stay in El Borne:

Our favourite
neighbourhood



This is the perfect place to stay. The Bandra of Barcelona is hip, young and always alive. This area is made up of a network of tiny pedestrian only lanes connecting the bar-lined Passieg del Born and the Plaça Santa Caterina. Restaurants with open air seating, fire jugglers and bubble blowers, quirky concept stores and amazing patisseries. All the action (and noise) is here.

Take your pick of hotels and Airbnbs, both abound here. Caution: Taxis aren't allowed all the way in, so figure arrival/departure accordingly. Old apartment buildings don't have elevators.

DAY 5 - Barri Gotic

See: The Roman Temple of Augustus
Mont Taber, highest point of Barri Gotic.

See: Placa de Saint Jaume
Get onto Carrer del Bisbe to see the photogenic bridge between government buildings.

See: Placa Sant Filip Neri
This beautiful, tiny square houses a shoe museum (with a sweet old caretaker who speaks no English but wants to explain every exhibit) and a cool soap shop that'll make gorgeous gifts.

See: Casa de l'Ardiaca
Free entry. See the beautiful mailbox by Montaner.

See: Cathedral of Barcelona
No shorts allowed. Local senior citizens gather outside at 12pm for the traditional Sardana Dance.

See: Placa Nova
Roman towers, see the base "Barcino".

Eat: El Quatre Gats
Have lunch at this place you've seen in the movie Vicky Christina Barcelona. An old favourite of famous artists and writers.

Shop: Av. Portal del l'Angels
On this road, you'll find high street favourites (Zara/ H&M) nestled among local brands and buskers.

Shop: El Corte Ingles
A massive department store.

DAY 6 - For Football Fans

See: Camp Nou
Buy Tickets online in advance.
(If you're not a football fan, head to the beach - Barceloneta or take a day trip to the vineyards of Saint Sadurn d'Anoia)

DAY 7 - Get Outside

See: Castell de Montjuic
Take a cable car from M. Espanya

See: Fundacio Joan Miro
Miro's self-funded art gallery traces his evolution.

See: Magic Fountains
From 19:00 - 21:00 every 30 mins a magical sound and light show as the fountains dance.

Metro v/s Taxi

The Barcelona metro, isn't most convenient in terms of its layout. It's often shorter to walk. If you don't need to change trains, it's easy and the frequency is decent. If you're going to be taking about 10 journeys, it's cheaper to buy the T10 ticket that you can reuse.

Taxi rides in Barcelona may turn out much longer than necessary thanks to detours with one-ways or road work or insane traffic around the city. Sometimes, you're just better off walking. Although it's a nice aircon respite from the summer heat.



We hope you have
a fantastic trip!
Love,
Revati & Charles