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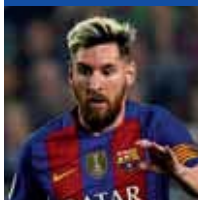
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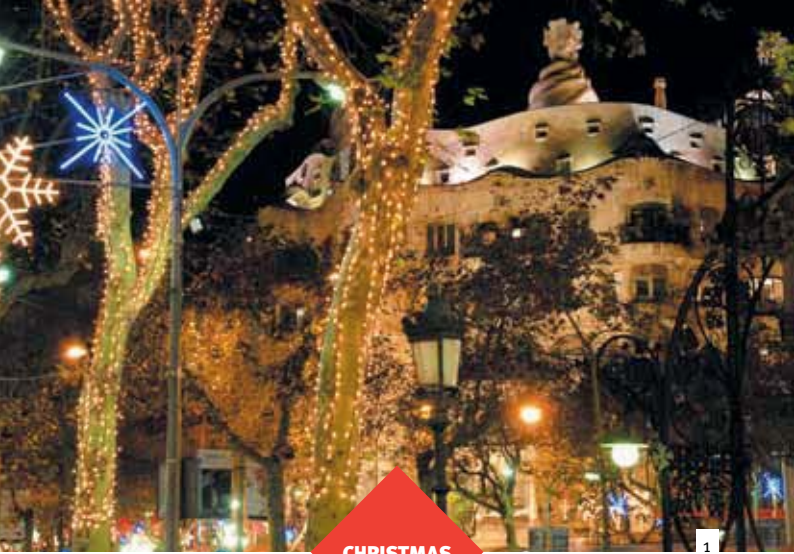


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CHRISTMAS

Unforgettable holiday season

FESTIVALS AND TRADITIONS, MUSIC, MARKETS, GASTRONOMY... CHRISTMAS IN BARCELONA HAS IT ALL. A MEMORY THAT WILL NEVER LEAVE YOU



BY **MARÍA V. VELASCO**

Strolling through Barcelona, with its illuminated streets and Christmas carols as providing the background, as you discover its various neighbourhoods, most emblematic monuments and most charming nooks and crannies is one of the most highly recommended things for you to experience. It will also help you to learn about the city's most typical Christmas celebrations, discovering unique and surpris-

ing local customs, buying handcrafted articles at its Christmas fairs and markets, tasting the most delicious seasonal dishes... The city is awash with the spirit of Christmas in December.

Christmas is not the same in Catalonia or Barcelona without **mangers** or **Nativity scenes** recreating the birth of Jesus Christ in miniature, a Christian tradition that greatly pre-dates deco-



1. Christmas lights next to La Pedrera. **2.** Nativity in the Plaça Sant Jaume.

rating the Christmas tree, with references dating back to the 15th century, although both customs coexist today. Apart from the baby Jesus, the most essential figures of a Nativity scene are those of the Virgin Mary and Saint Joseph, the mule and ox, the Magi and the shepherds. And among the latter, Catalan scenes have always included the curious figure of the ‘caganer’, a squatting shepherd with his buttocks exposed attending to his ‘personal needs’. Although the traditional iconography of this figure, dating back to the late 17th century, is that of a half-hidden man wearing a ‘barretina’ (typical Catalan cap), ‘caganers’ can now represent any personality of today, including politicians, actors, singers, athletes, etc.

Apart from private homes, you can find Nativity scenes in store windows, churches and many public places. But the city’s most popular is set up in **Plaça de Sant Jaume**, directly in front of the Town Hall, a Nativity scene that changes each year. This Christmas it is based on a poem by Barcelona’s J. V. Foix to commemorate the

Christmas markets

The city’s main Christmas market is **Santa Llúcia** (pictured). Its more than 200 stalls set up around the cathedral offer everything that you need for Christmas: figures, little houses and moss for your Nativity scene, ‘caganers’, candles, Christmas tree decorations, Santa Clauses... as well as many ideas for gifts, such as handcrafted products and jewellery. Another important market is the one at **Sagrada Família**, in front of Gaudí’s celebrated building. And there is also jewellery, decorations, ceramics, clothing and especially toys at the fair on **Gran Via de les Corts Catalanes**, open all night on January 5, the magical vigil of the Magi.





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30th anniversary of his death. The scene includes various types of everyday Christmas imagery with characters from Catalan popular culture. Also worth visiting is the exhibition of Nativity scenes in the **church of Bethlehem** (on Las Ramblas), comprising authentic works of craftsmanship, as well as the life-size living manger at **Poble Espanyol**, with real people instead of figures.

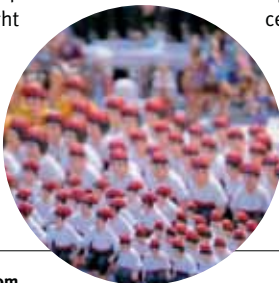
Another important part of Christmas in Catalonia is the **'tió'**, a trunk of wood with a face on one end. On Christmas Eve, children beat the **'tió'** with a stick while singing a song. As if by magic, the trunk lets out all its gifts, mainly sweets. The trunk was originally burned in the fireplace to 'give away' its light and heat and a giant **'tió'** will be set up to delight youngsters at the city's main Christmas fair: **Santa Llúcia**,

a popular market dating back to 1786.

One of the biggest parties over Christmas is **New Year's Eve**. If you are in Barcelona on December 31, make sure you join in the celebrations bidding farewell to 2016. But remember to swallow all 12 grapes to the chimes of the midnight clock on New Year's Eve. Make sure you don't forget, as they will bring you luck.

You will also be able to learn and maybe even hum some typical Christmas carols over this festive season. And you have the chance to hear them in Plaça del Rei on January 4 at the **Christmas carol concert by the Orfeó Català**.

Food and gifts are the two other main protagonists of these celebrations (more information on pages 18 and 19). You can easily find what you are looking for in Barcelona, because the city





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1. Santa Llúcia Christmas market.
2. Buying gifts is a tradition.

has a wide variety of stores and shopping malls with all manner of gift idea options. From world-famous chains to independent boutiques with clothing and jewellery by local designers or city-inspired art objects, shopping will always be a pleasant experience. You will find a variety of sustainable gifts and many of them with the 'made in Barcelona' label. And during **Shopping Night Barcelona** at the beginning of December, the stores of Passeig de Gràcia and surrounding streets will be open until dawn, with concerts, food stalls and bars.

Gifts also take centre stage on the most magical night of the year, the evening of January 5. It is when the three Magi arrive from the East to visit the city and, after first participating in a spectacular parade, fill it with gifts that both children and adults alike will find the next day, on 'Reyes'. Although of course Santa Claus also delivers gifts to home on Christmas Eve, before the arrival of Their Majesties.

New Year's Eve

ALL BARCELONA CELEBRATES

Welcome in 2017 on December 31 by celebrating the end of the year in Barcelona. The city's main party is held on **Avinguda Maria Cristina**, next to Plaça Espanya at the foot of Montjuïc. The show includes music, projections and fireworks. But many other places also organise special parties until dawn, including famous clubs like **Razzmatazz** and **Sala Apolo**, as well as Poble Espanyol, a very popular option among young people. In addition, many restaurants offer special menus, music and dancing. No matter where you go, enjoy this wonderful party as you bid farewell to 2016 and welcome in 2017. But remember to eat your 12 'lucky grapes'. Happy New Year!



Avinguda Maria Cristina.



Christmas with the family

Christmas is all about children, which is why Barcelona has a range of activities for the whole family to enjoy this festive season. At the **Festival de la Infància** on Montjuïc, they will have fun and learn values such as civil responsibility or respect for the environment. Other options include becoming a pirate or clambering up a climbing wall. At **Poble Espanyol**, you will find an entire town with Christmas decorations, a market, workshops for children... and you can even enter Santa Claus' house. There will also be recreational activities for all ages at **Plaça Catalunya**, as well as special dining options and shows at the **Port Aventura**



World theme park, just one hour from Barcelona. Music for the whole family at **L'Auditori** and **Palau de la Música**, dance at **Mercat de les Flors**, special activities at **CosmoCaixa**, **CaixaForum**, **L'Aquàrium**, **Tibidabo**... as well as at dynamic visits, 3D projections, etc. at various museums. But the most anticipated event is on the evening of January 5, when Barcelona welcomes Their Majesties, the Magi (Gaspar, Melchior and Balthasar), in a multitudinous parade: the **Cavalcada dels Reis Mags**. An outpouring of excitement that continues until the following day, when all the gifts they bring are opened. A very happy festive season to all... right here in Barcelona! \diamond
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Sport



SWIMMING AND RUNNING

The port of Barcelona hosts its traditional **Copa de Nadal** (pictured) on Christmas Day, when participants swim 200 metres. And fans of running can be found at the 10-km **Cursa dels Nassos** fun run on the last day of the year (December 31).



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ART

Must-see exhibitions

PICASSO AND ROMANESQUE ART, CUBISM AND THE FIRST WORLD WAR, CHESS AND THE AVANT-GARDE... DECEMBER ARRIVES IN BARCELONA PACKED WITH THE BEST ART



In the middle of the first centenary of the First World War, the Picasso Museum has brought together 70 works (paintings, sculptures and works on paper) from some of the world's most prestigious museums by leading artists who lived in France between 1914-18. The works were created by foreign artists residing in Paris during the conflict, including Pablo Picasso, Juan Gris or Diego Rivera, as well as French artists who

were not able to enlist, such as Henri Matisse. The exhibition also explores the role played by Maria Blanchard or Gino Severini. All of these artists took part in creating one of the most interesting movements in the history of contemporary art in the French capital. You can visit the exhibition **Cubism and War. The Crystal in the Flame** until January 29.

Picasso also features in an interesting exhibition at the Museu Nacional

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IN ALL ITS FACETS**

d'Art de Catalunya: **Picasso and Romanesque Art**, running until February 26. The show presents an overview of the artist's relationship with this style by focusing on two specific moments: one in 1906, when he visited the church of Gòsol and was enthralled by a carving of the Virgin, and the other in 1934, when he first saw the Romanesque collection of the Barcelona museum. Jointly organised by the Picasso Museum in Paris, the show features 40 works.

Chess is the subject of **Endgame: Duchamp, Chess and the Avant-garde**, a survey of styles from the 20th century to conceptual art. Visit the show at the Fundació Joan Miró until January 22 and you will discover how this game has been constantly present.

Two more exhibition highlights. One at MACBA, featuring the peculiar art of a Catalan who created large installations in a language that brought art closer to life. **Antoni Miralda. Made in USA** (until April 9) focuses on his projects in the United States, while the other exhibition is at the CCCB until December 11, comprising some stunning **World Press Photo** images, the best examples of photo-journalism. And you still have time, until January 8, to visit **Renoir Among Women. From the Modern to the Classical Ideal** at Fundación Mapfre, an overview of the artist's work through his interpretation of women. Art is the main star as we head towards the end of the year. ◇ visitbarcelona.com/agenda

**Unseen Thyssen...
until now**

Coinciding with the 25th anniversary of the opening of the Thyssen-Bornemisza Museum in Madrid, to be held in 2017, Barcelona's CaixaForum is running until February 5 an exhibition featuring a selection of 62 works seen outside Madrid for the first time. Hence the name of the show: **Un Thyssen mai vist (Unseen Thyssen)**. It includes works by Fra Angelico, Bellini, Brueghel, Rubens, Rembrandt, Canaletto, Pissarro, Picasso, Chagall, Hopper, among others.



**Hotel room by Edward Hopper (top)
and Quappi in a Pink Jumper by
Max Beckmann.**

PHOTOS: © MUSEO THYSSEN-BORNEMISZA.



Drap-Art: the art of recycling

The Drap-Art association is once again this year celebrating in Barcelona the **Festival of Recycling Art of Catalonia**, whose dual aim is to convert waste materials into art and promote responsible consumption.

Many of its activities will take place at the Centre de Cultura Contemporània de Barcelona (CCCB), such as a group exhibition (from De-

ember 16 to 30) featuring 68 artists and 120 works, a selection of the most outstanding work throughout the history of the festival, or activities being held over the weekend of **December 16, 17, and 18**. These three days will feature a creation and recycling marathon involving 30 artists working live; creative recycling workshops with audience participation; talks, conferences, concerts, performances and a fashion parade. And from December 20 to 23, Arts Santa Mònica will host a workshop to prepare the banners for a consumption with soul demonstration scheduled for December 23 on Las Ramblas, with its protest demand: "Goddesses and gods, transmutation and spirituality in our consumption". ◇

www.drapart.org



Chair by Alberto Carvajal.

Market

SUSTAINABLE CONSUMPTION



From 11am to 10pm between **December 23 and 30** (except Christmas day), the **Drap-art market** for artistic recycling and sustainable consumption will be held in **Plaça Reial**, just off Las Ramblas. Twenty exhibitors of small works of art, design objects and crafts created from recycled materials.

Piece by Jana Álvarez.



Enjoy the flavors while discovering history.



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FOOD AND
DRINK

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The best Christmas dishes

‘ESCUDELLA’, STUFFED CHICKEN AND ‘CANELONES’ ARE THE MAIN DISHES OF A CATALAN CHRISTMAS, SWEETENED BY ‘TURRONES’, A TYPE OF NOUGAT BASED ON DRIED FRUIT, AND ALL WASHED DOWN WITH ‘CAVA’, THE LOCAL SPARKLING WINE



BY ROSARIO SÁNCHEZ

Christmas in Barcelona is all about food, but of course good food with a Mediterranean flavour. Typical meals capped off by extended dessert periods with family or friends are an essential ingredient at home or abroad and many restaurants offer special menus on designated days. Enjoy traditional Catalan cuisine this Christmas – you’re going to love it.

Two celebrations mark Christmas meals in Catalonia: Christmas Day, on December 25, and Sant Esteve (Saint

Stephen’s Day), on December 26. The Christmas meal starts with a **soup of ‘galets’**, large pasta shells that are sometimes filled with meat. This is followed by an **‘escudella i carn d’olla’**, a filling meat and vegetable broth whose name comes from the bowl in which the soup used to be made: ‘escudilla’. Although the ingredients vary according to taste, it is usually made with various meats (lamb, ‘butifarra’ sausage, veal, pork, etc.) and vegetables. And it always includes the **‘pilota’**, a large meatball

Restaurant

WHERE TO HAVE LUNCH OR DINNER

There are many restaurants in Barcelona to try quality Christmas dishes. When it comes time to decide, pick up the complete map of restaurants in the city at tourist information points or download the free app at apps.barcelonaturisme.com. There are many fine options to choose from, but we recommend five in various neighbourhoods. **Gaig** (Còrsega, 200), a popular tavern in the 19th century and now, in the 21st, one of the foremost representatives of fine dining in Barcelona, with its one Michelin star. Also committed to combining tradition and innovation are **Roig Robí** (Sèneca, 20) and **Freixa Tradició** (Sant Elies, 22). Two other good choices in superb settings are **Can Cortada** (Av. de l'Estatut de Catalunya s/n), housed in an 11th-century castle that was restored as a farmhouse, and **La Font de Prades** in Poble Espanyol (Av. De Francesc Ferrer i Guàrdia, 13), a complex with more than a hundred buildings that reproduce the architecture of different parts of Spain.



Can Cortada restaurant.



CARLES GAIG.

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1. **Escudella i carn d'olla.**
2. **Canelones.**

made of minced meat, egg, garlic, parsley, pine nuts, salt and pepper, which is shared among the guests along with the ingredients used to make the broth. You will love 'escudella', because Catalans have chosen it as their favourite dish as part of the choice of Catalonia as European Region of Gastronomy in 2016.

A roasted dish follows this gastronomic starter: chicken or turkey stuffed with plums, dried apricots and pine nuts.

The leftovers of the 'escudella' and roast are traditionally used to stuff the 'canutos' (tubes) of pasta that are served on Sant Esteve: 'canelones', topped with béchamel sauce and melted cheese.

Every table also has fine wine and 'cava' for toasts, as well as desserts: 'turrones' and 'neules' (wafers), which can be also found on the day of kings (January 6), with its 'tortell', a local pastry filled with marzipan and candied fruit and containing a double surprise inside. If you end up with the first, you will be crowned king, but if you receive the second, you will have to pay for the pastry.

Healthy, nutritious and traditional, these are the Catalan Christmas dishes. Try them and don't forget to see out 2016 by managing to eat all the 12 'lucky grapes'. Enjoy your meal and have a wonderful Christmas and New Year! ◇



IN THE
CITY

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A very musical December

BAROQUE CLASSICS, CHRISTMAS CONCERTS, WALTZES, GOSPEL, POP ROCK... THE MOST VARIED MUSIC INVADES BARCELONA IN DECEMBER. ENJOY IT ALL!

◆◆◆
BY GLORIA MARTÍN

The last month of the year in Barcelona is packed with music, much of it typically Christmas. The city's three great 'temples of music' are staging the **Musical Christmas** event as part of Barcelona Obertura Classic & Lyric, the best ambassador of classical music in the city. L'Auditori will pay homage to the UK's main Baroque composer with its **Purcell Festival: Le Concert Spirituel** (December 13), baritone **Thomas Hampson** (December 16-18) will perform Mahler together with the Barcelona Symphony Orchestra and the violinist **Alina Ibragimova** (December 21) will

return to the city with Bach's sonatas for Eugène Ysaÿe. While at Drassanes Reials, Jordi Savall will pay homage to the Renaissance composer **Heinrich Isaac** (December 22). You can hear **Handel's Messiah** by Les Arts Florissants at Palau de la Música Catalana (December 15) and Strauss' **Elektra** opera will be performed at the Liceu (December 7 to 23).

But the Christmas concerts do not end there. L'Auditori will host the performers of the **Chamber Music Festival of Lockenhaus** (Austria) playing Schubert (December 11) and the



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1. Choir at Palau de la Música.
2. Alina Ibragimova.

Chamber Orchestra of Accordions of Barcelona (December 17), as well as special Christmas and New Year's concerts. At Palau de la Música, you can attend a **festival of waltzes and dances** (December 17) and two major concerts: the Christmas organ and Sant Esteve concerts.

More Christmas music will also be featured in some of the city's landmark buildings, such as Gaudí's **La Pedrera** (December 23) and **Palau Güell** (December 17), **Sant Pau Modernista complex** (December 19) and **Plaça del Rei** (January 4), a delightful square that will host a concert of carols by the Orfeó Català.

And finally, perhaps the most emblematic concert of 2016, or rather the first of 2017, will be held at the Liceu on January 1. The **Great New Year's Concert** will naturally include Richard Strauss' Blue Danube, an excellent way to welcome in the New Year. ◇

Handel's Messiah

CONCERT AT SANTA MARIA DEL MAR

One of the leading figures of Baroque music, George Frideric Handel composed his most celebrated oratorio in 1741 in just three weeks. Since then, his *Messiah* has been performed countless times all over the world. It has already become a Christmas holiday classic in Barcelona, where it has found a privileged home: the **Basilica of Santa Maria del Mar**, the best example of Catalan Gothic, whose magnificent interior includes sixteen large octagonal columns. The work will be performed there by the **Catalan Baroque Orchestra**, which specialises in historical compositions. Music and architecture will combine to provide an unforgettable evening. The concerts are on December 15, 16 and 17 at 9pm. More info and tickets: www.concertsabarcelona.com



Interior of Santa Maria del Mar.



Music for everyone

Some of the most important musical events this December are two long-running festivals. The **Mil·lenni Festival**, now in its 18th edition, will continue until May 25, 2017, and is known for its eclecticism, comprising more than 50 concerts of all kinds in a wide variety of venues in the city. Highlights of its performers this month include the UK's **Ocean Colour Scene**, performing at Sala Apolo, singer-songwriter Miguel Poveda at the Liceu, the prodigious violinist **Ara Malikian** and the traditional pipe-playing of **Carlos Núñez** at Palau de la Música. Then there is the **Voll-Damm Jazz Festival**, with the soprano **Barbara Hendricks**, who will pay homage to the prestigious Spanish winery Vega Sicilia in the Monvínic space and will also perform at the Teatre-Auditori de Sant Cugat, as well as **Andrea Motis** at Palau de la Música Catalana and **Black Heritage Choir** paying homage to the great Aretha Franklin at the same venue.



1. Piper Carlos Núñez.
2. Sonda Radvanovsky.

Palau Sant Jordi will host two great Spanish performers: **Malú** and **Manuel Carrasco**, and the UK's **Crystal Fighters** will perform at the Sant Jordi Club. The Liceu's programme also includes a recital by the soprano **Sonda Radvanovsky**, the rhythms of the original Glenn Miller Orchestra, a concert of the **great hits of film music** and **The Mersey Beatles**, playing the songs of the 'lads from Liverpool'. Music of yesterday and today for all tastes and audiences in Barcelona. visitbarcelona.com/agenda

Dance

TWO SHOWS

Julio Bocca directs the National Ballet of Uruguay in **Coppélia** (pictured) at the Gran Teatre del Liceu between December 16 and 20 and world-class dance can also be seen in the **Sálmon Festival** at Mercat de les Flors until December 4.



The most authentic gifts

CHRISTMAS IS ABOUT GIVING AND SHARING AND SHOPPING IN BARCELONA IS A GREAT EXPERIENCE, SO TREAT YOURSELF

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BY JUANJO GARMENDIZ

Barcelona is a fantastic city for shopping and Christmas is a unique time to take advantage of the variety of items on offer in its shops, comprising all manner of gift ideas for others and, why not, also for yourself.

Barcelona is also an attractive city for strolling. So shopping will involve much more than simple purchases as you enjoy the city's privileged heritage and architecture and discover its artistic treasures and most charming

nooks and crannies. You will easily be able to find unique gifts with which to surprise people, local, sustainable products in age-old, traditional, genuine stores.

The jewellery items at **Koetania** combine tradition and modernity to reflect the essence of Barcelona. In **4retinas** you will find images of the city on bags, purses or notebooks. **Omg BCN** has original modern and locally made souvenirs, while **Cooperativa**





1. **Torrans Vicens.**
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d'Arquitectes **Jordi Capell** is a bookstore where lovers of architecture will find gifts that are full of character.

If you are looking for something related to the religious traditions of Christmas, head to **Estamperia San José**, where you will find rosaries, crucifixes, carvings, etc. And because Christmas is a time for celebration and gift-wrapping, two leading stationery stores are **Raima** and **Konema**, selling cards, postcards, boxes, etc.

If this is not enough, you can take a 'piece' of Catalonia home with you when you visit **Palau Moja** on Las Ramblas. It is the site of the **Catalan Heritage House**, the best place to discover Catalonia's past secrets and heri-

tage. The products on sale there are related to Catalan culture and include wine and food items. And youngster will find their dreams fulfilled at the **Disney Store**.

And because it is Christmas, no home can be without some sweet 'turrones', a type of nougat made from the paste of almonds, pine nuts, hazelnuts or walnuts and mixed with honey, egg, fruit, chocolate, etc. You will find excellent handmade 'turrones' at all **Torrans Vicens** stores.

Barcelona Shopping City offers you a host of shopping areas and markets that are scattered throughout the city's neighbourhoods, where you can find local products with a Mediterranean flavour, as well as shopping malls and department stores where the most international brands can be found under one roof. ◇

Christmas Shopping

BEST DISCOUNTS FOR YOUR PURCHASES

You will discover unique local handmade products as part of the **Barcelona Christmas Shopping** campaign (until January 7). Visit its website to obtain discounts and benefits at 70 authentic stores



and department stores, with a wide variety of traditional items, Christmas food and festivities or activities on offer in the city's neighbourhoods. barcelonashoppingline.com

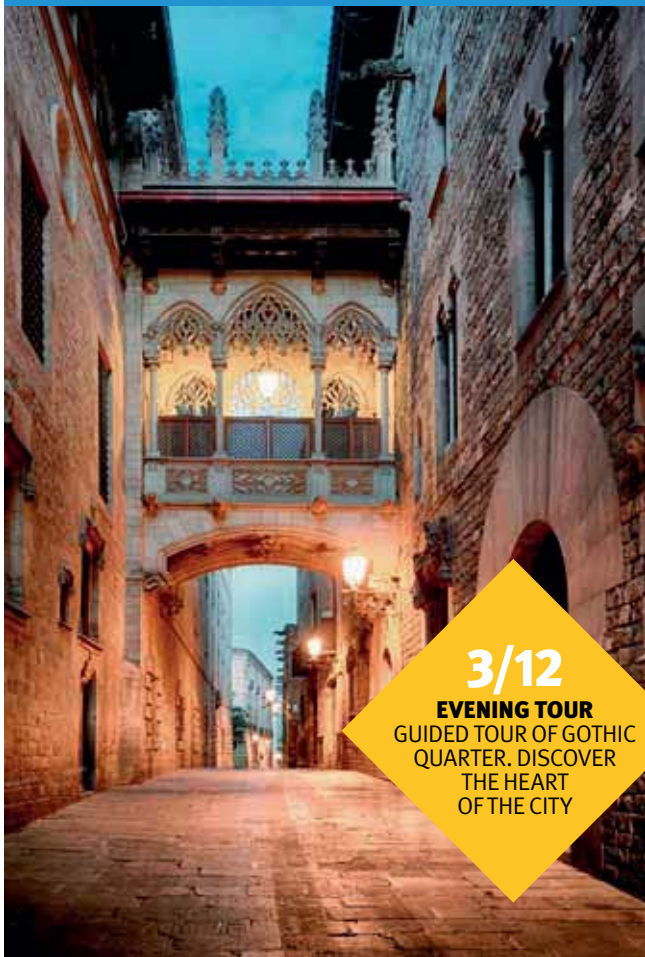
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CHRISTMAS MUSIC
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INFORMATION AND SALES

► Tourist information points and tickets. visitbarcelona.com

Exhibitions

ARXIU FOTGRÀFIC DE BARCELONA

(Pl. Pons i Clerch, 2). M: Arc de Triomf (L1), Jaume I (L4). Mon-Sat 10am-7pm. Closed Sun and public holidays. arxiufotografic.bcn.cat
FREE Footprints. Humberto Rivas Until Apr 8, 2017. Images taken between 1981 and 2005 featuring people and places related to the Spanish Civil War.

ARXIU HISTÒRIC DE LA CIUTAT DE BARCELONA

(Santa Lúcia, 1). M: Jaume I (L4), Liceu (L3). Mon-Fri 9am-8.45pm; Sat 9am-1pm. Closed Sun and public holidays, Dec 24 and 31. www.bcn.cat/arxiu/historic
FREE Diario de Barcelona, a journalistic company (1792-2009) Until Mar 31, 2017. History of this former city newspaper.

CAIXAFORUM

(Av. Francesc Ferrer i Guàrdia, 6-8). M: Espanya (L1, L3; FGC). 10am-8pm. Dec 24 and 31 10am-6pm. Closed Dec 25. €4. Under-16s, free. obrasociallacaixa.org

► **A never-before seen Thyssen** Until Feb 5, 2017. Exceptional works from Madrid's Museo Thyssen-Bornemisza.

► **Balm and fight** Until Jan 15, 2017. Artistic creation in prison.

► **Land of dreams** Until Jan 8, 2017. Large-scale images by Spanish photographer Cristina García Rodero of women in Anantapur, India.

CASTELL DE MONTJUÏC

(Ctra. de Montjuïc, 66). M: Espanya (L1, L3; FGC). 10am-6pm. Last entry: 5.30pm. Closed Dec 25. €5. Reduced: €3. Under-16s and Sunday 3pm-8pm, free. ajuntament.barcelona.cat/castelldemontjuic/en

Montjuïc, the construction of a castle Permanent exhibition.

Doble Creu Permanent exhibition of sculpture by Carles Berga.

Montjuïc trial Until Feb 28, 2017. Anarchism and repression in late 19th-century Barcelona.

CENTRE DE CULTURA CONTEMPORÀNIA DE BARCELONA

(Montalegre, 5). M: Catalunya (L1, L3; FGC).

Tue-Sun, public holidays 11am-8pm. Dec 24, 26 and 31 11am-3pm. Closed Mon (except public holidays) and Dec 25. One exhibition: €6. Reduced: €4. Two exhibitions: €8. Reduced: €6. Under-12s, free. Sunday 3pm-8pm, free. www.cccb.org

World Press Photo 2016 Until Dec 11. Incredible images from the past year.

The thinking machine Until Dec 11. The influence of 13th-century Mallorcan philosopher Ramon Llull.

1,000m2 of desire Until Mar 19, 2017. A novel exploration of architecture and sexuality.

Weapons Dec 15-Mar, 2017. Adaptation of a photographic book about arms sales and violence.

COSMOCAIXA

(Isaac Newton, 26). FGC: Av. Tibidabo. Tue-Sun 10am-8pm. Dec 24 and 31 10am-6pm. Closed Mon (except public holidays) and Dec 25. €4. Under-16s, free. obrasociallacaixa.org

► **The Material Room** Permanent exhibition. Voyage through the history of the Universe.

► **3D Planetarium: Is anybody out there?** Permanent exhibition. Installation for discovering space.

► **The flooded forest** Permanent exhibition. Living exhibit with over 100 species from the Brazilian jungle.

► **The birthplace of humanity** Until Jan 29, 2017. How our ancestors lived thanks to archaeological discoveries in Tanzania.

► **Two faces of the Antarctic** No end date. This area from two different perspectives.

► **Ferran Adrià** Until May 15, 2017. Exploring the complexities of creating an apparently simple dish.

EL BORN CENTRE DE CULTURA I MEMÒRIA

(Plaça Comercial, 12). M: Jaume I & Barceloneta (L4), Arc de Triomf (L1). Site and exhibitions: Tue-Sat 10am-7pm; Sun and public holidays 10am-8pm. Dec 26 10am-2.30pm. Closed Mon (except public holidays) and Dec 25. Permanent exhibition: €4.40. Reduced: €3.08. Franco, Victory, Republic: €2.20. Under-16s, free. Sunday 3pm-8pm and first Sunday of month 10am-8pm, free. elbornculturaimemoria.barcelona.cat

El Born Centre de Cultura i Memòria Under an emblematic 19th-century market, discover an archaeological site from 1700.

Barcelona 1700. From stones to people (Sala Villarroel) Permanent exhibition about life in the city 300 years ago.

FREE It happened to me *Until Jan 8, 2017*
Looking at the use of torture before and during the Franco dictatorship.
Franco, Victory, Republic. Impunity and urban space *Until Jan 8, 2017* Three statues from the Franco dictatorship are displayed to question the permissiveness of symbols related to that period.

ESPAI VOLART – FUNDACIÓ VILA CASAS

(Ausiàs Marc, 22). M: Urquinaona (L1, L4), Catalunya (L1, L3; FGC). Tue-Fri 5pm-8.30pm; Sat 11am-2pm, 5pm-8.30pm; Sun 11am-2pm. Closed Mon, public holidays and Dec 24-Jan 1, 2017. €1. www.fundaciovicilacasas.com

Jo Milne. I don't make predictions, only excuses *Until Dec 18*. The record of an artistic journey that includes visual constructions of scientific models.

Open the Windows. From Rogent to Rocasastre *Until Dec 18*. The creative confluence between Catalan artists Josep Roca-Sastre and Ramon Rogent.

FUNDACIÓ ANTONI TÀPIES

(Aragó, 255). M: Passeig de Gràcia (L2, L3, L4). Tue-Sun 10am-7pm. Closed Mon and Dec 25. €7.50. Students and over-65s: €5.60. www.fundaciotapies.org

Permanent exhibition Extensive collection of artworks by Tàpies.

1989. After the Algiers talks; the delayed peace *Until Jan 15, 2017*. In 1989, ETA and the Spanish government tried to negotiate a ceasefire.

Antoni Tàpies. Collection 1966-1976 (II) *Until Jan 15, 2017*. Pieces by the Catalan artist.

FUNDACIÓ CATALUNYA-LA PEDRERA

(Pg. de Gràcia, 92). M: Diagonal (L3, L5); FGC: Provença. Tel. 902 202 138. 10am-8.30pm. Last entry: 8pm. Closed Dec 25. €4. www.lapedrera.com

Jorge Oteiza *Until Jan 8, 2017*. Spanish artist Oteiza (1908-2003) was a leading sculptor in the second half of the 20th century.

FUNDACIÓ JOAN MIRÓ

(Parc de Montjuïc, s/n). M: Espanya (L1, L3; FGC). Tue, Wed, Fri 10am-6pm; Thu 10am-9pm; Sat 10am-8pm; Sun and public holidays 10am-2.30pm. Closed Mon (except public holidays). €12. Reduced: €7. Temporary exhibition: €7. Reduced: €5. Espai 13: €2.50. Under-15s, free. www.fmirobcn.org

Permanent exhibition The most important public collection of work by Catalan artist Joan Miró has been given an updated presentation.

Endgame: Duchamp, chess and the avant-gardes *Until Jan 22, 2017*. An examination of the history of modern and conceptual art.

One Foot Out. Expeditions and Diasporas *Until Sep 11, 2017*. Artistic works from outside the usual circuits of Barcelona contemporary art. Currently featured is the work of Nicolás Lamas.

Urban cut-outs *Until Jan 15, 2017*. Photography by Miró's friend, Lluís Maria Riera.

Nadala *Until Jan 8, 2017*. The Miró Foundation once again marks the Christmas period with a special work of art; this year it's an installation by Luis Bisbe.

FUNDACIÓ SUÑOL

(Pg. de Gràcia, 98). M: Diagonal (L3, L5). Foundation: Mon-Fri 11am-2pm, 4pm-8pm; Sat 4pm-8pm. Closed Sun and public holidays. €4. Reduced: €3. www.fundaciosunol.org

Found paths *Until Mar 18, 2017*. Juxtaposition of two works by Catalan artist Joan Rabascall, created in very different eras.

Dry glow Exhibition focused on Spanish painter and photographer Darío Villalba, featuring works held in the Suñol's collection.

Acte 35: Tatiana Busto Garcia – Landscape in flight *Until Dec 17*. Multidisciplinary works based on explorations the artist has made of Barcelona.

FUNDACIÓ MAPFRE

Casa Garriga i Nogués (Diputació, 250). M: Passeig de Gràcia (L2, L3, L4). Mon 2pm-8pm; Tue-Sat 10am-8pm; Sun and public holidays 11am-7pm. Dec 24 and 31 10am-3pm. Last entry: 30 mins before closing. Closed Dec 25. €3. Mon 2pm-8pm, free. www.fundacionmapfre.org

Renoir among women. From modern to classic ideals *Until Jan 8, 2017*. Sixty pieces highlight Renoir's dedication to images of women.

THE GAUDÍ EXHIBITION CENTER

Museu Diocesà (Pla de la Seu, 7). M: Jaume I (L4), Liceu (L3). 10am-6pm. €15. Reduced: €7.50, €12. Under-8s, free. www.gaudiexhibitioncenter.com

Walking with Gaudí Permanent exhibition featuring virtual reality and other technologies that give you the chance to delve into the life and work of the genius architect.

HASH MARIHUANA & HEMP MUSEUM

(Ample, 35). M: Drassanes (L3), Barceloneta (L4). 10am-10pm. Public holidays 2pm-10pm. Dec 24 and 31 noon to 8pm. €9. Under-13s, free. www.hashmuseum.com

➤ **Permanent exhibition** Discover the past, present and future of the cannabis plant and its potential for industrial, nutritional, medicinal and leisure uses.

JARDÍ BOTÀNIC DE BARCELONA

(Doctor Font i Quer, s/n). M: Espanya (L1, L3; FGC). Permanent exhibition: 10am-5pm. Closed Dec 25. €3.50. Reduced: €1.70. Garden + temp exh: €5. Reduced: €2.50. Combined ticket with Museu Blau: €7. Reduced: €3.50. Under-16s, free. First Sunday of the month, all day, and every other Sunday from 3pm, free. museuciencies.cat

Permanent exhibition Mediterranean plants from around the world.

Bonsai show Weekends and public holidays 10.30am-4.30pm. Collection donated by the Duran i Farell family.

MUSEU BLAU. MUSEU DE LES CIÈNCIES NATURALS DE BARCELONA

(Pl. de Leonardo da Vinci, 4-5, Parc del Fòrum). M: El Maresme/Fòrum (L4). Tue-Fri 10am-6pm; Sat 10am-7pm; Sun and public holidays 10am-8pm. Closed Mon (except public holidays) and Dec 25. €6. Reduced: €2.70. Temporary exhibition: €6.50. Reduced: €4.50. Combined ticket with Jardí Botànic: €7. Reduced: €3.50. Under-16s, free. First Sunday of month, all day, and other Sundays from 3pm, free. museuciencies.cat

Planet Life Permanent exhibition about the history of life and evolution of the planet.

MontPhoto Until Jan 29, 2017 Photos of nature submitted to MontPhoto contests.

Women's cricket with pride Until Jan 9, 2017 Photos of Spain's first female cricket team made up of 12 young Muslim women.

Spinosaurus: Lost Giant of the Cretaceous Until Mar 26, 2017 Created by the National Geographic Museum in Washington, D.C., the main exhibit of this show is a 15-metre skeleton of a Spinosaurus.

MUSEU CAN FRAMIS. FUNDACIÓ VILA CASAS

(Roc Boronat, 116-126). M: Glòries (L1), Poblenou & Llacuna (L4). Tue-Sat 11am-6pm; Sun 11am-2pm. Closed Mon, public holidays and Dec 24-Jan 1, 2017. €5. Reduced: €2. Temp exhibitions: €2.

www.fundaciovilacasas.com

Brut nature Until Dec 18 Young Catalan sculptor Gerard Mas won the Fundació Vila Casas Prize for Sculpture last year.

Painting Award 2016 Until Dec 18 Works by artists that have been selected by a jury from the foundation.

Elisava: (re)Visiones Until Dec 15 Different artists explore the relationship between people and their bodies.

MACBA. MUSEU D'ART CONTEMPORANI

(Plaça dels Àngels, 1). M: Universitat (L1, L2), Sant Antoni (L2). Mon, Wed-Fri 11am-7.30pm; Sat 10am-9pm; Sun and public holidays 10am-3pm. Closed Tue (except public holidays). Last entry: 30 mins before closing. €10 (valid for one month). Reduced: €8. Under-14s free. www.macba.cat

➤ **Antoni Miralda. Made in USA** Until Apr 9, 2017 Catalan artist Miralda is renowned for his focus on food and the way it's eaten around the world.

➤ **MACBA Collection 31** Until Jun 2017 Selection of works from among the 6,000 or so that make up the Museum's repository.

➤ **Hard gelatin** Until Mar 19, 2017 Looking at the 1977-1992 period of post-dictatorship creativity in Spain.

MUHBA EL CALL

(Placeta de Manuel Ribé, s/n). M: Liceu (L3), Jaume I (L4). Wed, Fri 11am-2pm; Sat-Sun 11am-7pm. Closed Dec 25. €2.20. Reduced: €1.54. museuhistoria.bcn.cat

The Jews in Medieval Barcelona Permanent exhibition about the city's historical Jewish community.

MUHBA OLIVA ARTÉS

(Espronceda, 142-146, Parc Central del Poblenou). M: Poblenou (L4). Wed 10am-2pm; Sat-Sun 11am-3pm, 4pm-6pm. Closed Dec 25. museuhistoria.bcn.cat

FREE Interrogate Barcelona Permanent exhibition that traces change in the city from industrialisation to the 21st century.

Flanders's industrial heritage, 1975-2015 Dec 15-Apr 16, 2017 From the mid-70s, the Belgian region of Flanders took active steps to preserve its industrial heritage.

MUHBA PARK GÜELL

(Olot, s/n. Casa de la Guarda). M: Vallcarca (L3). 8.30am-6.15pm. Last entry: 5.30pm. The Casa de la Guarda is part of the visit to the Conjunt Monumental of Park Güell, and is subject to the conditions regarding ac-

cess to Park Güell. €8. Reduced: €5.60. Under-7s, free. museuhistoria.bcn.cat; www.parkguell.cat

Güell, Gaudí and Barcelona, the expression of an urban ideal Permanent audiovisual exhibition about Park Güell and the city at the time of modernism.

MUHBA PLAÇA DEL REI

(Pl. del Rei). M: Jaume I (L4). Tue-Sat 10am-7pm; Sun 10am-8pm. Closed Mon and Dec 25. €7. Reduced: €5. Under-16s, free. First Sunday of month, all day, and other Sundays from 3pm, free. Temp exhibition only: €2.20. Reduced: €1.50. museuhistoria.bcn.cat

➤ **Permanent exhibition** Archaeological site that lets you get to know the Roman colony of Barcino.

➤ **Christianity, visigoths and the city** Permanent exhibition about Barcelona in the late antiquity period.

➤ **The first farmers. Major innovation from 7,500 years ago** Until Feb 12, 2017. Farmers led the first transformation of Barcelona's landscape.

MUHBA REFUGI 307

(Nou de la Rambla, 169). M: Paral·lel (L2, L3). Guided tours: Sun 10.30am (English), 11.30am (Spanish) and 12.30pm (Catalan). Closed public holidays incl. Dec 25. €3.40. Prior reservation necessary: reservesmuhba@eicub.net. museuhistoria.bcn.cat

➤ **Permanent exhibition** 400 metres of tunnels let you sense the anguish felt by residents during air raids on the city during the Spanish Civil War.

MUHBA SANTA CATERINA

(Pl. de Joan Capri, s/n.). M: Jaume I (L4). T. 93 256 21 22. Mon-Sat 7.30am-3.30pm. Closed Sun and public holidays incl. Dec 25. museuhistoria.bcn.cat

➤ **Permanent collection** Archaeological remains among the foundations of the Santa Caterina market.

MUHBA TEMPLE D'AUGUST

(Paradís, 10). T. 93 256 21 22. M: Liceu (L3), Jaume I (L4). Mon 10am-2pm; Tue-Sat 10am-7pm; Sun 10am-8pm. Closed Dec 25. museuhistoria.bcn.cat

➤ **Permanent exhibition** Visit the remains of Augustine's temple, which dates from Roman Barcelona.

MUHBA TURÓ DE LA ROVIRA

(Marià Labèrnia, s/n) Bus: 119, V17. T. 93

256 21 22. General access has no fixed timetable. Museum area: Wed 10am-2pm; Sat, Sun 10am-3pm. Closed Dec 25. museuhistoria.bcn.cat

➤ **FREE Barcelona to the limit** This spot overlooking the city was used for anti-aircraft guns in the Civil War.

MUHBA VIA SEPULCRAL ROMANA

(Pl. de la Vila de Madrid). M: Catalunya (L1, L3; FGC). T. 93 256 21 22. Tue, Thu 11am-2pm; Sat, Sun 11am-7pm.

Closed Mon, Wed, Fri and Dec 25. €2. Reduced: €1.50. Under-16s, free. First Sunday of month, all day, and other Sundays from 3pm, free. museuhistoria.bcn.cat

➤ **Permanent exhibition.** This secondary Roman road was also the site for burials between the first and third centuries AD.

MUHBA VIL·LA JOANA

(Ctra. de l'Església, 104). FGC: Baixador de Vallvidrera. T. 93 256 21 22. Thu 10am-2pm; Sat, Sun and public holidays 10am-7pm. Last entry: half an hour before closing. Closed Dec 25. museuhistoria.bcn.cat

➤ **FREE Permanent exhibition** Beautiful historical farmhouse in Collserola park that has recently undergone renovation works.

MUSEU D'ARQUEOLOGIA DE CATALUNYA-BARCELONA

(Pg. de Santa Madrona, 39-41). M: Espanya (L1, L3; FGC), Poble Sec (L3). T. 93 423 21 49. Tue-Sat 9.30am-7pm; Sun and public holidays 10am-2.30pm. Closed Mon and Dec 25, 26. €4.50. Reduced: €3.50. Under-8s, free. Last Tue of every month (Oct-Jun), free. www.mac.cat

➤ **Greek wine** Until Jan 29, 2017 The history of Greek wine in Catalonia.

MIBA. MUSEU D'IDEES I INVENTS DE BARCELONA

(Ciutat, 7). M: Jaume I (L4). T. 93 332 79 30. Tue-Fri 10am-2pm, 4pm-7pm; Sat 10am-8pm; Sun and public holidays 10am-2pm. Dec 24 10am-7pm. Dec 31 10am-5pm. Closed Mon and Dec 25, 26. €8. Reduced: €6. Under-4s, free. www.mibamuseum.com

➤ **Permanent exhibition** The fascinating world of invention and creativity.

MUSEU DE BADALONA

(Pl. Assemblea de Catalunya, 1. Badalona). M: Badalona Pompeu Fabra (L2). T. 93 384 17 50. Tue-Sat 10am-2pm, 5pm-8pm. Sun and public holidays 10am-2pm. Temp exhibition: Tue-Sat 5pm-8pm, Sun

10am-2pm. Closed Mon and Dec 25. €6. Reduced: €1, €3, €4.80. Under-7s, free. www.museudebadalona.cat

Baetulo, Roman city Permanent exhibition lets you see the remains of the steam baths and Decumanus Maximus street.

Guided tour to factory of Anís del Mono Dec 18, 10am, noon. €5.50. Monthly visit to one-time factory of local liqueur Anís del Mono.

The Monastery of Sant Jeroni de la Murtra: 600 years of history Until Jan 15, 2017. The museum celebrates 600 years of this nearby monastery, renowned for its Catalan Gothic architecture.

MEB: MUSEU DE L'ERÒTICA DE BARCELONA

(La Rambla, 96, bis). M: Liceu (L3), Catalunya (L1, L3; FGC). T. 93 318 98 65. 10am-midnight. Dec 24 10am-5pm. Closed Dec 25. €9. Reduced: €8. Special prices for groups. www.erotica-museum.com

➤ **Permanent exhibition** The history of eroticism and its representation in art.

MUSEU DE LA MÚSICA

L'Auditori (Lepant, 150). M: Glòries & Marina (L1), Monumental (L2). T. 93 256 36 50. Tue, Wed, Fri 10am-6pm; Thu 10am-9pm; Sat, Sun 10am-7pm. Closed Mon and Dec 25, 26. €6. Reduced: €4.50. Under-16s, free. First Sunday of month, all day, and other Sundays from 3pm, free. www.museumusica.bcn.cat

➤ **Permanent exhibition.** Enjoy a journey through the different periods that make up the history of music.

➤ **Catalan rock's big night** Until Jan 8, 2017. At the end of the 1980s and start of the 1990s, Catalan rock enjoyed a boom time.

MUSEU DE LA XOCOLATA

Antic Convent de Sant Agustí (Comerç, 36). M: Arc de Triomf (L1). Mon-Sat 10am-7pm, Sun and public holidays 10am-3pm. Closed Dec 25, 26. €6. Reductions available. Under-7s, free. www.museuxocolata.cat

➤ **Permanent exhibition** The origins of chocolate, its arrival in Europe in the 16th century and relationship with Barcelona.

MUSEU DE LES CULTURES DEL MÓN

(Montcada, 12). M: Jaume I (L4). Tue-Sat 10am-7pm; Sun and public holidays, 10am-8pm. Closed Mon (except public holidays) and Dec 25. Joint ticket for Museu Etnològic + Museu de les Cultures del Món: €5. Reduced: €3.50. Temp exhibition only: €2.20. Reduced: €1.50. Under-16s, free. First Sunday of month, all day, and other Sundays

from 3pm, free. museuculturesmon.bcn.cat

Permanent exhibition Explore the artistic heritage of different cultures.

Ikunde. Barcelona, colonial metropolis Until Feb 5, 2017. The connection between Barcelona and Spanish Guinea, a Spanish colony from 1778 until 1968.

MUSEU DE MONTSERRAT

(Abadia de Montserrat. 08199 Montserrat). FGC from Pl. Espanya (R5 line). Station: Montistol de Montserrat + zip train.

10am-5.45pm. €7. Reduced: €6. Children 8-16: €4. www.museudemontserrat.com

Permanent exhibition Paintings by El Greco, Caravaggio, Monet, Degas, Picasso...

Imagined Greece Until Feb 5, 2017. Sculptures by Catalan artist Josep Salvadó Jassans.

Absis Until Mar 19, 2017. A selection of works by contemporary Catalan artist Jaume Ribas.

MUSEU DEL DISSENY DE BARCELONA

Edifici Disseny Hub Barcelona (Pl. de les Glòries Catalanes, 37-38). M: Glòries (L1).

Tue-Sun 10am-8pm. Closed Mon (except public holidays) and Dec 25. Permanent exhibitions: €6. Reduced: €4.

Temp exhibition: €4.40. Reduced: €3. Under-16s, free. Sundays from 3pm-8pm and first Sunday of month, all day, free. www.museudeldisseny.cat

From the world to the museum. Product design, cultural heritage Permanent exhibition showing daily objects from a museum perspective.

Extraordinary! Collections of decorative arts and signature works (3rd-20th centuries). Permanent exhibition featuring art from the past 1700 years.

The dressed body. Silhouettes and fashion (1550-2015) Permanent exhibition about how women have long altered their shapes using their clothes.

Graphic design: from trade to profession (1940-1980) Permanent exhibition tracing the professionalisation of graphic design.

D'obra Until Jan 29, 2017. Around 12,000 years of tradition and innovation in the use of ceramics in architecture.

MUSEU DEL FUTBOL CLUB BARCELONA

Estadi FCB (Aristides Maillol, s/n. Gates 7 and 9). M: Les Corts (L3). Dec 1-17: Mon-Sat 10am-6.30pm; Sun 10am-2.30pm.

Dec 19-31: 9.30am-7.30pm. Closed Dec 25. €23. Reduced: €18. Under-6s and FCB members, free. Some areas closed and opening hours reduced on match days. www.fcbarcelona.com/camp-nou

➤ **Camp Nou Experience** Permanent exhibition that takes in the club's 107 years of history and includes a visit to the stadium facilities.

MUSEU DEL MODERNISME DE BARCELONA

(Balmes, 48). M: Passeig de Gràcia (L2, L3, L4). Tue-Sat 10.30am-7pm; Sun and public holidays 10.30am-2pm. Closed Mon and Dec 25, 26. €10. Reduced: €7. Children 6-16: €5. Under-6s, free. www.mmbcn.cat

➤ **Permanent exhibition** Over 350 works by 42 of the most important artists from Catalan modernism.

MUSEU EGIPCI DE BARCELONA

(València, 284). M: Passeig de Gràcia (L2, L3, L4). Mon-Sat 10am-8pm; Sun 10am-2pm. Closed Dec 25, 26. €11. Reduced: €8. Children 6-14: €5. Under-5s, free. www.museuegipci.com

➤ **Permanent exhibition** Almost a thousand items that date from the ancient civilisation of the Pharaohs.

➤ **Tutankhamun, history of a discovery** No end date How the tomb of the famous Egyptian king was uncovered.

MUSEU ETNOLÒGIC

(Passeig de Santa Madrona, 16-22). M: Poble Sec (L3), Espanya (L1, L3; FGC). Tue-Sat 10am-7pm; Sun and public holidays 10am-8pm. Closed Mon and Dec 25. Joint ticket for Museu Etnològic + Museu de les Cultures del Món: €5. Reduced: €3.50. Under-16s, free. First Sunday of month, all day, and other Sundays from 4pm-8pm, free. ajuntament.barcelona.cat/museuetnologic/en/home

Feel our heritage Permanent exhibition that aims to explain our society through the comparison of different places and times.

MEAM: MUSEU EUROPEU D'ART MODERN

(Barra de Ferro, 5). M: Jaume I (L4). Tue-Sun 10am-8pm. Closed Mon and Dec 25, 26. €9. Reduced: €7. Under-11s free. www.meam.es

➤ **Contemporary art** Permanent exhibition of nearly 300 paintings and 80 sculptures from the 21st century.

MUSEU FREDERIC MARÈS

(Plaça de Sant Iu, 5). M: Liceu (L3), Jaume I (L4). Tue-Sat 10am-7pm. Sun and public holidays 11am-8pm. Closed Mon (except public holidays) and Dec 25. €4.20. Reduced: €2.40. Under-16s, free. First Sunday of month, all day, and other Sundays from 3pm, free. www.museumares.bcn.cat

Permanent exhibition Wide-ranging display includes Frederic Marès's sculpture collection, his 'collector's cabinet', which houses thousands of items that he collected during his life, and his library-study.

Minerva Until Dec 11. Bronze work created by Marès in 1930.

MUSEU MARÍTIM DE BARCELONA

(Av. de les Drassanes, s/n). M: Drassanes (L3). 10am-8pm. Last entry: 7.30pm. Temporary exhibitions: €7. Reduced: €3.50. Sundays from 3pm, free. www.mmb.cat

7 vessels, 7 histories Until Dec 31. Hear different stories that feature a variety of boats as the protagonists.

Toy boats 1870-1939 Until Jan 9, 2017. Private collection of toys from Menorca.

Weaving cultures Until Dec 18 Installation based on the construction of artistic boats.

Sons of the ocean Until Feb 12, 2017 Paying homage to artisanal fishermen and women who live off and for the sea.

MUSEU MOTO BARCELONA

(C/ de la Palla, 10). M: Liceu (L3), Jaume I (L4), Catalunya (L1, L3; FGC). Mon-Sat 10.30am-7.30pm. For Sun and public holidays, check with museum. €9 including a drink. Reduced: €6 including a drink. Up to 8 years old, free. www.museumoto.com

➤ **Motorbike. Society, industry, competition** Permanent exhibition looking at the history of the motorbike.

➤ **Scooters: a century of the urban moped** Until Mar 2017. Discover the evolution of the moped.

MUSEU NACIONAL D'ART DE CATALUNYA

(Parc de Montjuïc). M: Espanya (L1, L3; FGC). Tue-Sat 10am-6pm; Sun and public holidays 10am-3pm. Closed Mon (except for public holidays) and Dec 25. €12. Under-16s and over-65s, free. Saturdays from 3pm, and first Sunday of every month, free. Lluïsa Vidal: €4. Other temp exhibitions: check with museum. Rooftop viewing-point: €2. www.museunacional.cat

➤ **Permanent exhibition** Most important collection of painted Romanic murals and Catalan modernism in the world.

➤ **Lluïsa Vidal** Until Jan 15, 2017. Lluïsa Vidal (1876-1918) is one of the most well-known women artists from the Catalan modernist period.

➤ **Marianne Breslauer** Until Jan 29, 2017. The artistic career of this German photographer was short but a key part of the 'new photography' movement.

➤ **Picasso and Romanesque art** *Until Feb 26, 2017.* An attempt to find affinities between Picasso and Romanesque art.

MUSEU OLÍMPIC I DE L'ESPORT JOAN ANTONI SAMARANCH

(Av. de l'Estadi Olímpic, 60). M: Espanya (L1, L3; FGC). Tue-Sat 10am-6pm; Sun and public holidays 10am-2.30pm. Closed Mon (except public holidays) and Dec 25, 26. €5.10. Reduced: €3.20. Under-7s and over-65s, free. www.museuolimpicbcn.cat

➤ **Permanent exhibition** Explore in-depth the worlds of sport and the Olympic Games.

➤ **Art on paper** *Until Dec 18* The 7th edition of this artistic competition organised by the Barcelona Olympic Foundation.

MUSEU PICASSO

(Montcada, 15-23). M: Jaume I (L4). Tue-Sun (except Thu) 9am-7pm; Thu 9am-9.30pm. Dec 24, 31 9am-2pm. Closed Mon and Dec 25. Collection + temp exhibition: €11. Reduced: €7. Collection + Cubism and war: €14. Reduced: €7.50. Cubism and war only: €6.50. Reduced: €4.50. www.museupicasso.bcn.cat

Permanent exhibition More than 3,800 works from different periods of the artist.

Cubism and war. The crystal in the flame *Until Jan 29, 2017.* Artists who settled in Paris during the First World War, including Picasso, Juan Gris and Diego Rivera.

Mythologies, graphic work in the collection of the museum *Until Mar 20, 2017.* Throughout his life, Picasso was drawn to the world of mythology.

PALAU ROBERT

(Pg. de Gràcia, 107). M: Diagonal (L3, L5). Mon-Sat 10am-8pm; Sun and public holidays 10am-2.30pm. Closed Dec 25, 26. palaurobert.gencat.cat

FREE El Celler de Can Roca. From the Earth to the Moon *Until Apr 23, 2017.* Thirty years of Girona's famous restaurant.

FREE Outumuro BCN Portraits *Until Feb 26, 2017.* Photographs of different members of society and culture linked to Barcelona.

FREE I will talk to the class *Until Dec 11.* Remembering the Isabel de Villena school that opened in 1939 and went against the Franco dictatorship by using educational principles from the Institut Escola of the earlier Republican Catalan government.

FREE J.B. Cendrós, an active businessman *Dec 21-Apr 30, 2017.* Joan Baptista Cendrós (1916-1986) took a proactive role in Catalan culture, which included the creation of the Sant Jordi Novel Prize and the organisation Omnium Cultural.

REIAL MONESTIR DE SANTA MARIA DE PEDRALBES

(Baixada del Monestir, 9). FGC: Reina Elisenda. Tue-Fri 10am-2pm; Sat, Sun 10am-5pm. Closed Mon and Dec 25. €5. Reduced: €3.50. Under-16s, free. Sundays from 3pm, and first Sunday of month, all day, free. monestirpedralbes.bcn.cat

Pedralbes Monastery. The treasures of the Monastery Permanent exhibition of a collection of art, furniture and liturgical items.

Plants, remedies and apothecaries; the medieval garden Permanent exhibition about how Greek and Roman medicine, with Arab-Islamic culture, uses nature as the basis of treating sickness.

Murals in the spotlight. Paintings in the Sant Miquel Chapel Permanent exhibition on the study and conservation of the earliest Italian Trecento murals in Catalonia.

Petrus Albas. The Pedralbes Monastery and the Montcada family (1326-1673) Permanent exhibition exploring the lineage of the Montcada family and its close relationship with the Monastery.

Silenced women *Until May 3, 2017* The legacy of Sister Eulàlia Anzizu (1868-1916).

Theatre, musicals and cabaret

EL MOLINO

(Vilà i Vilà, 99). M: Paral·lel (L2, L3). Ticket office: Thu-Sat 5pm-9pm. Tickets available from Atrapalo, Ticketea, Entradas.com and the ticket office. www.elmolinobcn.com

➤ **El Molino On** *Until Dec 30.* Thu 9.30pm; Fri-Sat 6.30pm, 9.30pm; Sun 7.30pm; no show Dec 24, 25. From €24. A fabulous cabaret performance with the stars of El Molino and specially invited guests.

TEATRE GAUDÍ BARCELONA

(Sant Antoni Maria Claret, 120). M: Sagrada Família (L2, L5) and Sant Pau/Dos de Maig (L5). Ticket office opens an hour before performance starts. www.teatregaudibarcelona.com

Oliver Twist *Until Jan 29; no show Dec 24, 25, 31.* Sat 5pm; Sun noon. €14. Musical

theatre for the family based on classic Dickens novel. In Catalan.

El Despertar de la Primavera Until Jan 8, 2017; no show Dec 24. Wed-Sat 9pm; Sun 6pm. €28. Translated version of Steven Sater and Duncan Sheik's musical, *Spring awakening*. In Catalan.

TEATRE LLIURE (MONTJUÏC - SALA FABIÀ PUIGSERVER)

(Pg. Santa Madrona 40-46 / Pl Margarida Xirgu, 1). M: Espanya (L1, L3; FGC), Poble Sec (L3). www.teatrelliure.com

Revolta de bruixes Until Dec 4. Tue-Fri 8.30pm; Sat 7pm; Sun 6pm. €29. Tue, Wed €22. Key work of contemporary Catalan theatre. In Catalan.

Les noces de Figaro Dec 2-Jan 22. Tue-Fri 8.30pm; Sat 7pm; Sun 6pm; no show Dec 24, 31. €29. Tue, Wed €22. The theatre marks its 40th anniversary with a revival of this 1989 show. In Catalan; subtitles in Spanish and English at Sat show from Dec 10.

TEATRE LLIURE (GRÀCIA)

(Montseny, 47). M: Fontana (L3).

www.teatrelliure.com

Relato de un naufrago Until Dec 4. Wed-Fri 8.30pm; Sat 5.30pm, 9pm. Sun 6pm. €29. Tue, Wed €22. Play based on a work by Gabriel García Márquez. In Spanish.

Rhümia Dec 9-Jan 8. Tue-Fri 8.30pm; Sat 5.30pm, 9pm. Sun 6pm; no show Dec 24, 31. €23. Tue, Wed, Sat afternoon €18.50. Award-winning circus show. In Spanish and Catalan.

TEATRE NACIONAL DE CATALUNYA (TNC)

(Pl. de les Arts, 1). M: Glòries (L1), Monumental (L2). Ticket office opens Wed-Fri 3pm-7pm; Sat 3pm-8.30pm; Sun 3pm-5pm. www.tnc.cat

Molt soroll per no res Until Jan 1, 2017. Thu-Sat 8pm; Sun 6pm, except Dec 3 and 10 at 5pm and 9.30pm, Dec 15 at 8.30pm; no show Dec 24 and 31. From 12 years. €28. Reductions available. Version of *Much Ado About Nothing* set in the 1950s. In Catalan.

La fortuna de Sílvia Until Dec 25; no show Dec 24. Wed-Sat 8pm; Sun 6pm. From 14 years. €23. Reductions available. The story of Sílvia, a widow with two children, between 1935 and 1945. In Catalan.

TEATRE POLIORAMA

(La Rambla, 115). M: Catalunya (L1, L3; FGC). Ticket office: Tue-Fri from 5pm. Sat-Sun from 4pm until the start of the performance. www.teatrepoliorama.com

El Petit Dalí Dec 11, 18. Sun 12.30pm. From

€10.50. From 3 years. Family theatre about a budding young artist, Salvador Dalí. In Catalan.

TEATRE VICTÒRIA

(Paral·lel, 67). M: Paral·lel (L2, L3).

www.teatrevictoria.com

Scaramouche Until Jan 8, 2017. Various dates and times available; no show Dec 24, 26-31. €29-€49. Musical extravaganza about French twins separated at birth, and the masked hero, Scaramouche. In Catalan.

Una bruixa a Barcelona Dec 11, 18 noon; Dec 29 4pm; Dec 30 5pm. From €14. Children's show about a witch with multi-colour hair who explores Barcelona. In Catalan.

VERSUS TEATRE

(Castillejos, 179). M: Glòries (L1), Monumental (L2). www.versusteatre.com. Tickets available from www.atrapalo.com or on the venue website.

La pipa de la pau Until Dec 18. Thu-Sat 8pm; Sun 6pm. €20. A comic look at the relationship between a mother and her grown-up children, and the fear she has they'll abandon her in an old people's home. In Catalan.

Dance

MERCAT DE LES FLORS

(Lleida, 59). M: Espanya (L1, L3; FGC), Poble Sec (L3). Ticket office opens an hour before the performance starts. www.mercatflors.cat

Sàlmon Festival Until Dec 4. Annual performing arts festival comes to a close.

Festival Hop Dec 15-18. Three days of street dance that is final of a contest held in different Barcelona venues.

No sin mis huesos Dec 18. 6pm. €12. Dance group with Spanish and French members show off their experimental work.

Back Àbac Dec 26-30. 6pm, except Sun noon. €12 adults. €8 children. Choreographer Àngels Margarit creates family-friendly work set to music of Bach, where dances explore concepts of infinity and numbers.

GRAN TEATRE DEL LICEU

(La Rambla, 51-59). M: Liceu (L3).

www.liceubarcelona.cat

Coppelia Dec 16-20. Tue, Fri 8pm; Sat 5pm, 9pm; Sun 5pm; no show Dec 19. €12-€265. Sodre National Ballet of Uruguay performs the classic show about a doll who wants to come to life.

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INFORMATION AND SALES

➤ Tourist information points and tickets. visitbarcelona.com

Thursday 1

CHRISTMAS

Santa Lúcia market *Av. de la Catedral. M: Jaume I (L4). Until Dec 23. 10.30am-8.30pm. www.firadesantallucia.cat. Get into the festive spirit at this market selling all kinds of traditional Christmas items.*

MUSIC FESTIVALS

18th Festival Mil·lenni: Ocean Colour Scene *Sala Apolo (Nou de la Rambla, 113). M: Paral·lel (L2, L3). 9pm. €26. www.festival-millenni.com The British pop-rock band mark the 20th anniversary of their *Moseley Shoals* album.*

DANCE FESTIVAL

Sàlmon Festival *Mercat de les Flors (Lleida, 59). M: Espanya (L1, L3; FGC), Poble Sec (L3). Until Dec 4. www.mercatflors.cat Contemporary dance festival.*

TOURS

Casa de les Punxes *(Av. Diagonal, 420). M: Verdguer (L4, L5), Diagonal (L3, L5). Daily 9am-8pm. Last entry: 7pm. Closed Dec 25. Guided tour: €20. Free for under-5s. Self-guided tour with audio guide (available in 10 languages): €12.50. 5-18 year olds and retirees: €11.25. Free for under-5s. www.casadelespunxes.com A modernista building with a spectacular rooftop.*

CITY

The Shopping Night Barcelona *(Passeig de Gràcia i voltants). M: Pg. de Gràcia (L2-L3-L4), Diagonal (L3-L5). 8pm-1am. More information at barcelonapaseodegracia.com/presentacion-de-the-shopping-night-barcelona-2016/*

FLAMENCO

Palacio del Flamenco *(Balmes, 139). M: Diagonal (L3, L5); FGC: Provença. Daily 6.25pm, 8.15pm, 10.30pm (dinner starts*

earlier). Options: show only, show + drink, show + different menu options (including tapas). €45-€160. €10 discount at tourist offices. www.palaciodelflamenco.com

OPERA

Opera at Palau Dalmases *(Montcada, 20). M: Jaume I (L4). Every Thu. 11pm. €20. www.palaudalmases.com La Petita Companyia Lírica de Barcelona.*

SPANISH GUITAR

The Art of the Spanish Guitar: music and wine *Santa Anna Church (Santa Anna, 29). M: Catalunya (L1, L3; FGC). Dec 1, 3, 15, 21 (all except 21 can also be with dinner). 9pm. €20. Discount at tourist offices. More info: tickets.visitbarcelona.com. Carmen, Barcelona Duo de Guitar. **Maestros of Spanish Guitar** *Basilica Santa Maria del Pi (Pl. del Pi, 7). M: Liceu (L3). Dec 1, 2, 28, 29. 9pm. €23. Pedro Javier González.**

JAZZ

Live Jazz at Jamboree *Jamboree (Pl. Reial, 17). M: Liceu (L3). 8pm, 10pm. €12 online in advance. €15 on the door. Chicago guitarist Jean-Paul Bourelly performs as part of the IV San Miguel Jamboree Jazz Club Festival.*

Friday 2

FLAMENCO

Live Flamenco *Sala Tarantos (Plaça Reial, 17). M: Liceu (L3). Daily 8.30pm, 9.30pm, 10.30pm. €15. www.masimas.com/tarantos Flamenco in a tablao on Plaça Reial.*

SHOPPING

Barcelona Shopping Tour – A Walk of Sensations *(Start: tourist office in Pl. Sant Jaume, Ciutat, 2). M: Jaume I (L4), Liceu (L3). Every Friday, 3.30pm. bcnshop.barcelonaturisme.com/shopv3/en/product/24018/barcelona-shopping-tour.html?o=h Three-hour tour led by a professional guide.*

BLUES

Blues at the MEAM *(Barra de Ferro, 5). M: Jaume I (L4). Every Friday. 6pm. €14. More info and tickets at tourist offices and tickets.visitbarcelona.com The group Room 69.*

NIGHT-TIME ACTIVITIES

Magic Fountains (Pl. Carles Buigas, 1). M: Espanya (L1, L3; FGC). Fri, Sat 7pm-8.30pm (shows start at 7pm, 7.30pm and 8pm).

The beautiful light, music and water show is one of Barcelona's most special attractions.

Dine at the Palau Requesens (Bisbe Caçador, 3). M: Liceu (L3), Jaume I (L4). Dec 2, 9, 10, 17. 7.30pm. From €71. Take a tour of this historic building and try medieval food.

Secret Basílica del Pi (Pl. del Pi, 7). M: Liceu (L3). Fri (Catalan), Sat (Spanish) 9pm. Fri 30, special tour to secret archive (Spanish/Catalan) 8.30pm. €19 (general). €16 (in advance). Info and tickets: www.adsentiabarcelona.com or tickets.visitbarcelona.com.

Evening visits to the 14th-century church.

FAMILY THEATRE

El Petit Príncep Sala Barts (Av. Paral·lel, 62).

M: Paral·lel (L2, L3). Dec 2-11; Dec 23-30.

Various times, check website for details.

From €15. www.barts.cat. Classic children's book for kids of all ages. In Catalan.

Saturday 3

FLAMENCO

Tablao Cordobés (La Rambla, 3-5). M: Drassanes, Liceu (L3). Daily 4.30pm, 6pm, 7.30pm, 9.15pm, 10.30pm (show starts later).

€44-€79.50. tablaocordobes.com

Top flamenco dancers in a tablao.

Tablao Flamenco Nervión (Princesa, 2). M:

Jaume I (L4). Wed-Sat 8pm-10pm. Show +

drink €16.90; show + supper €27.90.

NIGHT-TIME ACTIVITIES

Gothic quarter by night (Start: Font de

Canaletes, La Rambla). M: Catalunya

(L1, L3; FGC). Thu, Sat 7pm (English);

Fri 7pm (Spanish and Catalan). From

€25. bcnshop.barcelonaturisme.com/shopv3/en/product/19970/barri-gotic-nocturn.html?o=cv

Explore the heart of the Ciutat Vella.

TOURS

FREE Funeral carriage and hearse collection

(Montjuïc Cemetery, Mare del Déu del Port, 56-58). Bus: 21. Every Saturday at noon. In

Catalan. www.cbsa.cat

World's largest collection of such carriages.

CLASSICAL MUSIC

Classical music at the MEAM (Barra de Ferro, 5). M: Jaume I (L4). Every Sat. 6pm. €19.

More info and tickets at tourist offices and tickets.visitbarcelona.com.

The Oberón Trio performs.

FAMILY ACTIVITIES

Design a shark mask L'Aquàrium (Moll d'Espanya del Port Vell, s/n). M: Barceloneta

(L4), Drassanes (L3). Every Sat and Sun noon-2pm, 4pm-6pm. Until Jan 29, 2017.

www.aquariumbcn.com

Come and make your own mask!

FRENCH POP

Jain Sala Bikini (Av. Diagonal, 547). M:

Maria Cristina (L3). 9pm. From €22.50.

www.livenation.es. The French songstress.

OPEN-AIR – FAMILY

Tibidabo theme park (Pl. Tibidabo, 3-4).

FGC: Av. Tibidabo + Tramvia Blau or bus 196.

Funicular del Tibidabo (Pl. Doctor Andreu).

€28.50 (under-120cm, €10.50). Dec 3-4,

6-11, 17-18, 27-30: 11am-6pm; Dec 23-24,

31: 11am-6pm.

Enjoy rides and amazing city views, as well this month as seasonal special fun.

FOOTBALL

La Liga: FC Barcelona vs. Real Madrid

Camp Nou (Aristides Maillol, s/n). M:

Les Corts (L3). Dec 3. 4.15pm. Football

matches don't get bigger than this one.

Sunday 4

FLAMENCO

Grand Gala Flamenco – Rafael Amargo

Special Palau de la Música Catalana

(Palau de la Música, 4-6). M: Ur-

quinaona (L1, L4). 9.30pm. €20-€49.

More info and tickets at tourist offices and

tickets.visitbarcelona.com.

Bulerías, tangos and alegrías are per-

formed, among others, by Rafael Amargo.

MUSIC FESTIVALS

18th Festival Mil·lenni: Miguel Poveda Gran

Teatre del Liceu (La Rambla, 51-59). M: Liceu

(L3). 7pm. €18-€88.

Spanish flamenco star turns to love poetry for his latest show.

TOURS

FREE Visit to Poble Nou cemetery (Av. Icària,

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s/n). M: Llacuna (L4). 1st Sun of month 10.30am (Catalan), 12.30pm (Spanish). 3rd Sun of month 10.30am (Spanish), 12.30pm (Catalan). www.cbsa.cat

Guided tours of the Circuit Barcelona-Catalunya (Camino Mas Moreneta, Montmeló). Renfe (local train): Montmeló. Dec 4, 11. www.circuit.cat
Get to know the famous F1 track inside out.

OPEN AIR – FAMILY

Barcelona Urban Forest (Pl. del Fòrum, s/n). M: El Maresme/Fòrum (L4). Week-ends: 10am-3pm. Dec 23-Jan 8, 2017 10am-3pm (closed Dec 25, 26 and Jan 1, 6). €11-€24 (depending on circuit & age). www.barcelonaboscurba.com
Zip wires, trampolines and bungees.

FAMILY CONCERTS

World Music Palau de la Música Catalana (Palau de la Música, 4-6). M: Urquinaona (L1, L4). Noon. €11. Aimed at children 6 and over. Five singers use their voices to create the sounds of instruments.

Monday 5

CHRISTMAS

FREE Nativity scene in Plaça de Sant Jaume (Pl. de Sant Jaume, 1). M: Liceu (L3), Jaume I (L4). Until Jan 6, 2017. 10am-10pm. www.barcelona.cat/nadal. Every year, Barcelona sets up a nativity scene (*pessebre* in Catalan) in its historic square.

TOURS

Guided visits to Park Güell (Olot, 5). M: Vallcarca (L3). General guided tour: €7 pp. Private guided tour (for 2-4 people): €32 pp. Private family tour (for 4-9 people): €96 per group. Every day, various languages available. Advanced booking recommended on parkguell.cat. Know Gaudí's masterpiece.
Liceu opera house (La Rambla 51-59). M: Liceu (L3). Mon-Fri 9.30am, 10.30am (50 mins). Catalan, Spanish, French and English. €16. www.liceubarcelona.cat
Daily 45-minute and express tours (25 mins) also available.

OPEN AIR – FAMILY

PortAventura theme park (Av. Alcalde Pere Molas. Km. 2. Vila Seca, Tarragona). Renfe (train): PortAventura. Until Jan 8, 2017. Tickets: tickets.visitbarcelona.com or

www.portaventura.es

Enjoy a special Christmas with the chance to visit Father Christmas, amazing decorations and festive songs, magic shows and dance.

SPORT

Open Camp (Plaça de Nèmesi Ponsatí, s/n). M: Espanya (L1, L3; FGC). Dec 1-11, 15-18, 22-24, 26-31. 10am-6pm. €10-€20.
A theme park on Montjuïc.

Tuesday 6

FOOTBALL

Champions League: FC Barcelona vs. B. M'gladbach Camp Nou (Aristides Maillol, s/n). M: Les Corts (L3). Dec 6. 8.45pm.
Barça are back in action.

NIGHT-TIME ACTIVITIES

Gaudí's Pedrera. The Origins (Provença 261, entrance on Pg. de Gràcia). M: Diagonal (L3, L5); FGC: Provença. Until Dec 24 7pm-9pm; from Dec 26 9pm-11pm. Closed Dec 25. €34. Reduced: €17. Under-7s, free.
A spectacular night-time event.

SPANISH GUITAR

Spanish Guitar Maestros Palau de la Música (Palau de la Música, 4-6). M: Urquinaona (L1, L4). Dec 6, 28, 30. Tue 9pm; Wed, Fri noon. €39-€45.
BCN Guitar Trio & Dance unite for a show that pays tribute to Paco de Lucía.

JAZZ

Live Jazz at Jamboree Jamboree (Pl. Reial, 17). M: Liceu (L3). Dec 6, 7 8pm, 10pm. €18 online in advance. €22 on the door.
US saxophonist Mark Turner performs.

FAMILY CINEMA

Edward Scissorhands CaixaForum (Av. Francesc Ferrer i Guàrdia, 6-8). M: Espanya (L1, L3; FGC). 11.30am. €4.
Opening a run of Tim Burton films at CaixaForum is this 1990 classic starring Johnny Depp. In Spanish. For children seven and above.

TOURS

Torre Bellesguard Gaudí (Bellesguard, 6-9). FGC: Av. Tibidabo. Visit with audio guide: Tue-Sun 10am-3pm. Closed Dec 25, 26. €9. Reduced: €7.20. Guided tour: Sat noon, 1.15pm (Spanish), Sat, Sun 11am (English). €16. Reduced: €12.80.
Tours of Gaudí's modernista castle.

Wednesday 7

OPERA

Elektra *Gran Teatre de Liceu (La Rambla, 51-59). M: Liceu (L3). Dec 7, 11, 15, 19, 23. 8pm, except Sun 11 5pm. €11-€245.* Last staging by director Patrice Chéreau was this one-act Greek tragedy by Richard Strauss.

ALT-ROCK

Crystal Fighters *Sant Jordi Club (Pg. Olímpic, 5-7). 7pm.*

The London indie band performs.

OPERA – FLAMENCO

Opera and flamenco *Palau de la Música (Palau de la Música, 4-6). M: Urquinaona (L1, L4). 9.30pm. €20-€50. Tickets at tourist offices and tickets.visitbarcelona.com.*

The passion and beauty of two genres.

TOURS

Palau de la Música Catalana *(Palau de la Música, 4-6). M: Urquinaona (L1, L4). Daily tours 10am-3.30pm. €18. Reduced: €11.*

Take a tour of this stunning Catalan modernist building.

Santa Maria del Mar rooftop *(Plaça de Santa Maria, 1). M: Jaume I (L4).*

Noon to 6pm. Tours various times and languages. €10. Reduced: €8. Booking: www.riostabarcelona.com and tickets.visitbarcelona.com. Guided tours to the top of this historic church.

TECHNO

Techno session *Moog (Arc del Teatre, 3). M: Liceu and Drassanes (L3). From midnight.* Londoner Daniel Avery performs.

Thursday 8

CHRISTMAS

Nadal al Poble *Poble Espanyol (Av. Francesc Ferrer i Guàrdia, 13). M: Espanya (L1, L3; FGC). Dec 8-11. www.poble-espanyol.com*

A market, Father Christmas's house and games for children. Plus on Sat and Sun, see the 'living' nativity scenes that are typical to Catalonia.

TV MUSIC

TV's Greatest Hits *Palau de la Música Catalana (Palau de la Música, 4-6). M: Urquinaona (L1, L4). 9pm. €29-€56.*

Hear the themes from popular shows such as *Games of Thrones* performed by the Cinema Symphony Orchestra.

SPA

Aire de Barcelona, Arab Baths *(Pg. de Picasso, 22). M: Barceloneta, Jaume I (L4). T. 93 295 57 43. Sun-Thu: first session 10am, final session from 10pm. Fri and Sat: first session 10am, final session from midnight. Closed Dec 25. Check website for availability. airedebarcelona.com*

TOURS

Sant Pau, Art Nouveau site *(Sant Antoni Maria Claret, 167). M: Sant Pau/Dos de Maig (L5). Tours in various languages; consult for schedule. Mon-Fri 10am-1.30pm. Sat, Sun, public holidays 10.30am-1.30pm. Closed Dec 25, 26. €16. Reduced: €11.20. www.santpaubarcelona.org*

This spectacular network of modernist pavilions was once a working hospital.

SPANISH GUITAR

Maestros of the Spanish Guitar *Basilica de Santa Maria del Pi (Pl. del Pi, 7). M: Catalunya (L1, L3; FGC). Dec 8, 12, 21, 22. 9pm. €23. Discount at tourist offices. More info: tickets.visitbarcelona.com. E. Zäytseva.*

The Art of the Spanish Guitar: music, wine and dinner *Santa Anna Church (Santa Anna, 29). M: Catalunya (L1, L3; FGC). 7pm. Discount at tourist offices. More info: tickets.visitbarcelona.com.*

Joan Benejam presents 'Fandango'.

Friday 9

MUSIC FESTIVALS

48th Voll-Damm International Barcelona Jazz Festival: Barbara Hendricks *Morvínic (Diputació, 149). M: Pg. de Gràcia (L2, L3 L4). 8.30pm. €180. www.theproject.es* The opera soprano pays homage to the vintage Spanish wine Vega-Sicília.

ROCK

Clutch *Sala Apolo (Nou de la Rambla, 113). M: Paral·lel (L2, L3). 9.30pm. €25. www.livenation.es.* US hard rock group.

Not the Rolling Stones *Palau de la Música*

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Catalana (Palau de la Música, 4-6). M: Urquinaona (L1, L4). 9pm. €38-€65. Don't miss this Rolling Stones tribute band.

TOURS

Basilica de Santa Maria del Pi (Pl. del Pi, 7). M: Liceu (L3). 10am-6pm. Closed Dec 25, 26. €4. Reduced: €3. Guided tour including bell tower: check with venue for times. €8.50. Visit the 14th-century basilica.

BLUES

Blues at the MEAM (Barra de Ferro, 5). M: Jaume I (L4). Every Friday. 6pm. €14. More info and tickets at tourist offices and tickets.visitbarcelona.com. Honky Two.

RUMBA

FREE Rumba night Casa Camarón (Roger de Flor, 230). M: Verdaguera (L4, L5), Sagrada Família (L2, L5). Every Fri. 11.30pm. bodegaflamenca.com
Rumba concert with tapas and wine.

NIGHT-TIME ACTIVITIES

Dine at the Palau Requesens (Bisbe Caçador, 3). M: Liceu (L3), Jaume I (L4). See Fri 2.

SWING

The Original Glenn Miller Orchestra Gran Teatre del Liceu (La Rambla, 51-59). M: Liceu (L3). 5pm. €27-€84. The sounds of US music from the 1940s.

Saturday 10

CHRISTMAS

Sagrada Família Christmas market Pl. de la Sagrada Família. M: Sagrada Família (L2, L5). Until Dec 23. 10am-10pm. If you're heading to see Gaudí's cathedral, check out the festive goodies at this market.

FREE Nativity scene in Plaça de Sant Jaume (Pl. de Sant Jaume, 1). M: Liceu (L3), Jaume I (L4). See Mon 5.

TOURS

Santa Maria del Mar rooftop (Plaça de Santa Maria, 1). M: Jaume I (L4). See Wed 7.

TOURS

FREE Funeral carriage and hearse collection (Montjuïc Cemetery, Mare del Déu del Port, 56-58). See Sat 3.

FAMILY

Think, design, create and enjoy Cosmocaixa (Isaac Newton, 26). FGC: Av. Tibidabo. Weekends and public holidays. Until Jan 8, 2017. €4. cosmocaixa.com/agenda
Workshop for kids seven and above.

NIGHT-TIME ACTIVITIES

Dining in the dark Dans Le Noir (Pg. Picasso, 10). M: Arc de Triomf (L1). Tue-Thu 8.30pm; Fri 7.30pm, 8.30pm, 9pm; Sat 8.30pm, 10.30pm. Closed Sun, Mon. From €42.90.

POETRY

FREE Poetry Slam Barcelona CCCB (Montalegre, 5). M: Catalunya (L1, L3; FGC). 8pm. www.cccb.org. Monthly celebration.

SIXTIES POP

The Mersey Beatles Gran Teatre del Liceu (La Rambla, 51-59). M: Liceu (L3). 9.30pm. €29-€70. This Beatles tribute band.

Sunday 11

FOOTBALL

La Liga: Espanyol vs. Sporting Estadi Cornellà-El Prat (Av. del Baix Llobregat, 100. Cornellà de Llobregat). FGC: Cornellà Riera. Dec 11. 6.30 pm. www.rcdespanyol.com
Espanyol face the Gijón side.

OPERA

Elektra Gran Teatre de Liceu (La Rambla, 51-59). M: Liceu (L3). See Wed 7.

TOURS

FREE Guided tour of Montjuïc Cemetery (Mare de Déu del Port, 56-58). Bus: 21. 2nd & 4th Sun 11am (Catalan) and 11.15am (Spanish).

JAZZ

Live Jazz at Milano Cocktail Bar (Ronda Universitat, 35). M: Catalunya (L1, L3). 9pm (double session). Cover charge €8. Enjoy a live show at this city centre venue.

CLASSICAL MUSIC

Lockenhaus on Tour: Schubert's Trout music L'Auditori (Lepant, 150). M: Glòries & Marina (L1), Monumental (L2). 7pm. €28.

Key performers from the Austrian Lockenhaus Chamber Music Festival visit Barcelona for a recital of works by Schubert.

The Four Seasons (Vivaldi). Bolero (Ravel).
Palau de la Música Catalana (Palau de la Música, 4-6). M: Urquinaona (L1, L4). Noon. €26-€53.

OPEN AIR – FAMILY

PortAventura theme park (Av. Alcalde Pere Molas. Km. 2. Vila Seca, Tarragona). Renfe (train): PortAventura. See Mon 5.

Tibidabo theme park (Pl. Tibidabo, 3-4).
FGC: Av. Tibidabo + Tramvia Blau or bus 196. Funicular del Tibidabo (Pl. Doctor Andreu). See Sat 3.

Monday 12

MOTOR SPORT

GT Experiences *Circuit Barcelona-Catalunya (Camino Mas Moreneta, Montmeló). Renfe (local train): Montmeló. Dec 7, 13-14. www.circuit.cat.* The Catalan race track gives you the chance to drive a really fast car.

TALK

Conversations at La Pedrera (Pg. de Gràcia, 92). M: Diagonal (L3, L5); FGC: Provença. 7pm. €4. More info: www.lapedrera.com/en. Italian writer Eri de Luca talks about his career to Catalan writer Francesc Serés. In Italian with simultaneous translation.

SPANISH GUITAR

Maestros of the Spanish Guitar *Basilica de Santa Maria del Pi (Pl. del Pi, 7). M: Catalunya (L1, L3; FGC). See Dec 8.*

FLAMENCO

Flamenco show dedicated to Camarón de la Isla *Casa Camarón (Roger de Flor, 230). M: Verdaguer (L4, L5), Sagrada Família (L2, L5). See Fri 2. www.casacamaron.com*

Tuesday 13

CHRISTMAS

Christmas Nativity Scene *Reial Monestir de Santa Maria de Pedralbes (Baixada del Monestir, 9). FGC: Reina Elisenda. Dec 13-Feb 2, 2017. monestirpedralbes.bcn.cat* Historic convent in Barcelona's uptown area displays a traditional Christmas scene.

TOURS

Casa de les Punxes (Av. Diagonal, 420). M: Verdaguer (L4, L5), Diagonal (L3, L5). See Thu 1.

TOURS

Basilica de Santa Maria del Pi (Pl. del Pi, 7). M: Liceu (L3). See Fri 9.

CLASSICAL MUSIC

Purcell Festival: Le Concert Spirituel
L'Auditori (Lepant, 150). M: Glòries & Marina (L1), Monumental (L2). 8.30pm. €10-€58.
Hervé Niquet conducts works by Purcell.

UNDERWATER SPORT

Shark cage diving *L'Aquàrium (Moll d'Espanya del Port Vell, s/n). M: Barceloneta (L4), Drassanes (L3). Check with venue for times. For ages 8 and above. From €150. www.aquariumbcn.com*
A scuba-diving adventure by going underwater in a cage, and see sharks and fishes.

CHRISTMAS

Santa Lúcia market *Av. de la Catedral. M: Jaume I (L4). Until Dec 23. 10.30am-8.30pm. www.firadesantallucia.cat*
Get into the festive spirit at this market selling all kinds of traditional Christmas items.

Wednesday 14

CLASSICAL

Handel's Messiah *L'Auditori (Lepant, 150). M: Glòries & Marina (L1), Monumental (L2). 7.30pm. €15-€55.* Conductor Ilia Koroll leads London & Vienna Kammerorchester.

FLAMENCO

Flamenco at Palau Dalmases (Montcada, 20). M: Jaume I (L4). Daily 6pm, 7.30pm, 9.30pm. €25. Book online at: www.palaudalmases.com.
Tablao Flamenco Nervión (Princesa, 2). M: Jaume I (L4). Wed-Sat 8pm-10pm. See Sat 3.

TOURS

Guided visits to Park Güell (Olot, 5). M: Vallcarca (L3). See Mon 5.
Palau de la Música Catalana (Palau de la Música, 4-6). M: Urquinaona (L1, L4). See Wed 7.

DAY BY DAY

Thursday 15

OPERA

Elektra Gran Teatre de Liceu (La Rambla, 51-59). M: Liceu (L3). See Wed 7.

CHRISTMAS MUSIC

Cantada de Nadales Palau Güell (Nou de la Rambla, 3-5). M: Liceu (L3). www.palauguell.cat. Concert of *nadales* ('Christmas' in Catalan).

FLAMENCO

Live Flamenco Sala Tarantos (Plaça Reial, 17). M: Liceu (L3). Daily 8.30pm, 9.30pm, 10.30pm. €15. www.masimas.com/tarantos
The passion of flamenco in a *tablaó*.

CLASSICAL MUSIC

Handel's Messiah Palau de la Música Catalana (Palau de la Música, 4-6). M: Urquinaona (L1, L4). 8.30pm. €20-€125. William Christie leads Les Arts Florissants.

Handel's Messiah Santa Maria del Mar (Plaça de Santa Maria, 1). M: Jaume I (L4). Dec 15-17 9pm. The Anton Bruckner Choir performs Handel's classic work.

NIGHT-TIME ACTIVITIES

Gothic quarter by night (Start: Font de Canaletes, La Rambla). M: Catalunya (L1, L3; FGC). See Sat 3.

SPORT

Open Camp (Plaça de Nèmesi Ponsatí, s/n). M: Espanya (L1, L3; FGC). See Mon 5.

Friday 16

MUSIC FESTIVALS

48th Voll-Damm Barcelona International Jazz Festival: Andrea Motis Palau de la Música (Palau de la Música, 4-6). M: Urquinaona (L1, L4). 9pm. From €15. www.theproject.es
Up-and-coming Catalan jazz musician performs with the Joan Chamorro Quartet.

ART FESTIVAL

Drap-Art CCCB (Montalegre, 5). M: Catalunya (L1, L3; FGC). Dec 16-30; closed Dec 24, 25, 11am-8pm (except Dec 26 11am-3pm). www.drapart.org
Exhibition featuring art created using recycled materials marks 20 years of Drap-Art.

Drap-Art Creation Marathon CCCB (Montalegre, 5). M: Catalunya (L1, L3; FGC). Dec 16-18. 11am-10pm. www.drapart.org
Thirty artists undertake a live creative process to construct works of art, design and craft in front of visitors.

Drap-Art other events CCCB (Montalegre, 5). M: Catalunya (L1, L3; FGC). Dec 16-18. Various times. www.drapart.org
Workshops, conferences, shows, concerts and performances. Plus, check website.

CHRISTMAS

FREE Nativity scene in Plaça de Sant Jaume (Pl. de Sant Jaume, 1). M: Liceu (L3), Jaume I (L4). Until Jan 8, 2017 10am-10pm. www.barcelona.cat/nadal

Every year, Barcelona sets up a nativity scene (*pessebre* in Catalan) in its historic square to mark the festive season.

CLASSICAL MUSIC

Thomas Hampson sings Mahler L'Auditori (Lepant, 150). M: Glòries & Marina (L1), Monumental (L2). Dec 16-18. Fri 8.30pm; Sat 7pm; Sun 18 11am. €10-€56. www.auditori.cat. The US baritone performs.

TOURS

Liceu opera house (La Rambla 51-59). M: Liceu (L3). See Mon 5.

BLUES

Blues at the MEAM (Barra de Ferro, 5). M: Jaume I (L4). Every Friday. 6pm. €14. More info and tickets at tourist offices and tickets.visitbarcelona.com. Rivolta a Barcelona presents Italian swing.

NIGHT-TIME ACTIVITIES

Secret Basilica del Pi (Pl. del Pi, 7). M: Liceu (L3). See Fri 2.

FAMILY THEATRE

Peppa Pig Big Splash Christmas Sala Barts (Av. Paral·lel, 62). M: Paral·lel (L2, L3). Dec 16-18. Fri 6.45pm; Sat 4pm, 6.45pm; Sun noon, 4pm. From €18. www.barts.cat
Peppa Pig and pals are brought to life in this live-action puppet show. In Spanish.

Saturday 17

UNDERWATER SPORT

Shark cage diving L'Aquàrium (Moll d'Espanya del Port Vell, s/n). M: Barceloneta (L4), Drassanes (L3). Check with venue

fortimes. For ages 8 and above. From €150.
www.aquariumbcn.com

A scuba-diving adventure by going underwater in a cage, and seeing sharks and fishes.

CLASSICAL MUSIC

Festival of waltzes and dances *Palau de la Música Catalana (Palau de la Música, 4-6). M: Urquinaona (L1, L4). 7pm. €16-€55.*

Soprano Sara Blanch, conductor Arthur Post and the Orquestra Simfònica del Vallès.

Christmas concert by the Barcelona Accordion Chamber Orchestra. *L'Auditori (Lepant, 150). M: Glòries & Marina (L1), Monumental (L2). 6.30pm. €12-€20.*

FAMILY

Think, design, create and enjoy *Cosmo-Caixa (Isaac Newton, 26). FGC: Av. Tibidabo. See Sat 10.*

En jan titella *Palau de la Música Catalana (Palau de la Música, 4-6). M: Urquinaona (L1, L4). 11am, 12.30pm, 5pm. €11.*
Emotions through a musical adventure.

CHRISTMAS MUSIC

Christmas concert *Palau Güell (Nou de la Rambla, 3-5). M: Liceu (L3). 8pm. €35. www.palauquell.cat*

A special concert in the unique surroundings of Gaudí's architectural gem; entrance includes cava and some festive sweet treats.

Christmas concert with Wimen *Sant Pau, Art Nouveau site (Sant Antoni Maria Claret, 167). M: Sant Pau/Dos de Maig (L5). 7pm. €15. www.santpau.barcelona*
Funk, soul and boleros.

FAMILY CINEMA

The Nightmare Before Christmas *CaixaForum (Av. Francesc Ferrer i Guàrdia, 6-8). M: Espanya (L1, L3; FGC). 6pm. €4.*
Animated film from Tim Burton. In Spanish. For children seven and above.

OPEN-AIR

PortAventura theme park (Av. Alcalde Pere Molas. Km. 2. Vila Seca, Tarragona). Renfe (train): PortAventura. See Mon 5.

Sunday 18

FOOTBALL

La Liga: FC Barcelona vs. Espanyol *Camp Nou (Aristides Maillol, s/n).*

M: Les Corts (L3). Dec 18. 8.45 pm. www.fcbarcelona.cat. The two Barcelona teams meet for a pre-Christmas derby.

CHRISTMAS MUSIC

Marina Tchebourkina *Palau de la Música Catalana (Palau de la Música, 4-6). M: Urquinaona (L1, L4). 5pm. €15.*
Works for the organ, as well as carols.

YOUNG MUSICIANS

Musical residencies at La Pedrera (Pg. de Gràcia, 92). *M: Diagonal (L3, L5); FGC: Provença. 6pm. €12 persession. More info: www.lapedrera.com.* Monthly concerts.

CLASSICAL MUSIC

Grand New Year's Concert *Palau de la Música Catalana (Palau de la Música, 4-6). M: Urquinaona (L1, L4). Dec 18 (9pm), 25 (8pm), 31 (noon, 6pm). €29-€56.*

Get your end-of-year celebrations started early with the music of Johann Strauss.

Dialogues with music *Sant Pau, Art Nouveau site (Sant Antoni Maria Claret, 167). M: Sant Pau/Dos de Maig (L5). 7pm. €15.*
The Murtra Ensemble and clarinet works.

FAMILY CONCERTS

Concerto a tempo d'umore *CaixaForum (Av. Francesc Ferrer i Guàrdia, 6-8). M: Espanya (L1, L3; FGC). Dec 18, 26-30. Noon. €6.*
A musical-comedy show featuring well-known pieces of classical music. Suitable for children five and above.

Sing "Messiah" *Palau de la Música Catalana (Palau de la Música, 4-6). M: Urquinaona (L1, L4). Dec 18, 12.30pm. €11.* From 5 years old.

Monday 19

JAZZ

WTF Jam Session *Jamboree (Pl. Reial, 17). M: Liceu (L3). 8pm. €5 (box office). €4 (online in advance). www.masimas.com/jamboree.*

CHRISTMAS

Christmas in Plaça Catalunya (Pl. Catalunya). *M: Catalunya (L1, L3; FGC). Dec 17-Jan 4, 2017. www.barcelona.cat/nadal*

Festive activities for everybody including cultural events: hip hop, dance, sport...

Sagrada Família Christmas market *Pl. de la*

DAY BY DAY

Sagrada Família. M: Sagrada Família (L2, L5). See Sat. 10

FLAMENCO

Flamenco show dedicated to Camarón de la Isla *Casa Camarón (Roger de Flor, 230). M: Verdaguer (L4, L5), Sagrada Família (L2, L5). See Fri. 2.*

TOURS

Sant Pau, Art Nouveau site (*Sant Antoni Maria Claret, 167*). *M: Sant Pau/Dos de Maig (L5). See Thu. 8.*

Liceu opera house (*La Rambla 51-59*). *M: Liceu (L3). See Mon. 5.*

OPERA

Elektra *Gran Teatre de Liceu (La Rambla, 51-59). M: Liceu (L3). See Wed. 7.*

MUSIC

Nordic voices. *L'Auditori (Lepant, 150). M: Glòries & Marina (L1), Monumental (L2). 8.30pm. €10. www.auditori.cat.* Come hear this group that combines new vocal techniques with traditional Norwegian music.

Tuesday 20

FLAMENCO

Tablao Cordobés (*La Rambla, 3-5*). *M: Drasanes, Liceu (L3). Daily 4.30pm, 6pm, 7.30pm, 9.15pm, 10.30pm (show starts later). €44-€78.50. tablaocondobes.com*

SPA

Aire de Barcelona, Arab Baths (*Pg. de Picasso, 22*). *M: Barceloneta, Jaume I (L4). See Thu. 8.*

CHRISTMAS

Santa Llúcia market *Av. de la Catedral. M: Jaume I (L4). See Thu. 1.*

ART FESTIVAL

Drap-Art *CCCB (Montalegre, 5). M: Catalunya (L1, L3; FGC). See Dec 16.*

DANCE

Coppelia *Gran Teatre del Liceu (La Rambla, 51-59). M: Liceu (L3). Dec 16-20. Tue, Fri 8pm; Sat 5pm, 9pm; Sun 5pm. €10-€170.*

The Sodre National Ballet of Uruguay perform this Christmas classic.

Wednesday 21

MUSIC FESTIVALS

48th Voll-Damm Barcelona International Jazz Festival: Black Heritage Choir *Palau de la Música (Palau de la Música, 4-6). M: Urquinaona (L1, L4). 9pm. From €18. www.theproject.es.* World-class gospel choir pays homage to Aretha Franklin.

CHRISTMAS

Fira de Reis de Gran Via *Gran Via, between Muntaner and Calabria. M: Universitat (L1, L2), Urgell (L1). Dec 21-Jan 6. Mon-Fri 10am-10pm; Sat, Sun 10am-10pm; Jan 5 10am-3am. www.firareisgranviabcn.com*

Barcelona children eagerly await the arrival of the Three Kings ('reis') on January 5, and the gifts they bring. This market has everything any kid could want.

FOOTBALL

Copa del Rey: FC Barcelona vs. Hércules *Camp Nou (Aristides Maillol, s/n). M: Les Corts (L3). Dec 21. 10 pm. www.fcbarcelona.cat*
Barça faces the Alicante team.

CLASSICAL MUSIC

Alina Ibragimova *L'Auditori (Lepant, 150). M: Glòries & Marina (L1), Monumental (L2). 8.30pm. €28. www.auditori.cat*
The violinist performs sonatas.

Live jazz at Milano Cocktail Bar (*Ronda Universitat, 35*). *M: Catalunya (L1, L3). 9pm (double session). Cover charge €8.*

Thursday 22

CHRISTMAS

Sagrada Família Christmas market *Pl. de la Sagrada Família. M: Sagrada Família (L2, L5). www.barcelona.cat/nadal*
If you're heading to see Gaudí's cathedral, check out the festive goodies at this market.

CLASSICAL MUSIC

Recital by Sondra Radvanovsky *Gran Teatre de Liceu (La Rambla, 51-59). M: Liceu (L3).*

The US soprano in a solo performance.

Heinrich Isaac *Les Reials Drassanes* (Av. de les Drassanes, s/n). M: Drassanes (L3). 8.30pm. €25-€40. www.auditori.cat

Catalan conductor Jordi Savall leads a tribute to Renaissance composer Heinrich Isaac.

TOURS

Guided visits to Park Güell (Olot, 5). M: Vallcarca, Lesseps (L3). See Mon 5.

TECHNO

Techno session *Moog* (Arc del Teatre, 3). M: Liceu and Drassanes (L3). From midnight.

SPORT

Open Camp (Plaça de Nèmesi Ponsatí, s/n). M: Espanya (L1, L3; FGC). See Mon 5.

FOOTBALL

Copa del Rey: Espanyol vs. Alcorcón *Estadi Cornellà-El Prat* (Av. del Baix Llobregat, 100. Cornellà de Llobregat). FGC: Cornellà Riera. Dec 22. 9pm. www.rcdespanyol.com

The Madrid side take on Espanyol in the latest cup knockout stage.

Friday 23

OPERA

Elektra *Gran Teatre de Liceu* (La Rambla, 51-59). M: Liceu (L3). See Wed 7.

CHRISTMAS

Nadal al Poble *Poble Espanyol* (Av. Francesc Ferrer i Guàrdia, 13). M: Espanya (L1, L3; FGC). Dec 23-Jan 5, 2017. www.poble-espanyol.com. A market, Father

Christmas's house (Dec 23-25), workshops, games and other activities for children.

Christmas concert at La Pedrera (Pg. de Gràcia, 92). M: Diagonal (L3, L5); FGC: Provença. 8pm. €12 adults. €8 children. More info: www.lapedrera.com.

Hear the amazing vocal skills of 15-member singing group Ol'Green.

Santa Lúcia market Av. de la Catedral. M: Jaume I (L4). See Thu 1.

CHRISTMAS

FREE Nativity scene in Plaça de Sant Jaume (Pl. de Sant Jaume, 1). M: Liceu (L3), Jaume I (L4). Until Jan 8, 2017. 10am-10pm. www.barcelona.cat/nadal

Every year, Barcelona sets up a nativity scene (*pessebre* in Catalan) in its historic square to mark the festive season.

OPEN AIR – FAMILY

PortAventura theme park (Av. Alcalde Pere Molas. Km. 2. Vila Seca, Tarragona). Renfe (train): PortAventura. See Mon 5.

AUDIOVISUAL SHOW

Mapping at Sant Pau, Art Nouveau site (Sant Antoni Maria Claret, 167). M: Sant Pau/Dos de Maig (L5). Dec 23-26, 30-31, Jan 1, 5, 6, 2017. www.santpau.barcelona
A new mapping projected on the façade of this modernist building.

TOURS

Torre Bellesguard Gaudí (Bellesguard, 6-9). FGC: Av. Tibidabo. See Tue 6.

OPEN AIR – FAMILY

Barcelona Urban Forest (Pl. del Fòrum, s/n). M: El Maresme/Fòrum (L4). Weekends: 10am-3pm. Dec 23-Jan 8, 2017. 10am-3pm (closed Dec 25, 26 and Jan 1, 6). €11-€24 (depending on circuit & age). www.barcelonaboscurba.com
Zip wires, trampolines and bungees.

Saturday 24

UNDERWATER SPORT

Shark cage diving *L'Aquàrium* (Moll d'Espanya del Port Vell, s/n). M: Barceloneta (L4), Drassanes (L3). Check with venue for times. For ages 8 and over. €150. www.aquariumbcn.com

Have a adventure by going underwater in a cage, and seeing sharks and fish up close.

CHRISTMAS

Fira de Reis de Gran Via *Gran Via*, between Muntaner and Calabria. M: Universitat (L1, L2), Urgell (L1). See Wed. 21

Nadal al Poble *Poble Espanyol* (Av. Francesc Ferrer i Guàrdia, 13). M: Espanya (L1, L3; FGC). Dec 23-Jan 5, 2017. www.poble-espanyol.co. A market, Father Christmas's house (Dec 23-25), workshops, games and other activities for children.

FLAMENCO

Grand Gala Flamenco – Rafael Amargo Special *Palau de la Música Catalana* (Palau de la Música, 4-6). M: Urquinaona (L1, L4). 9.30pm. €20-€49. More info and tickets at tourist offices and tickets. visitbarcelona.com

DAY BY DAY

Bulerías, tangos and alegrías are performed, among others, by the maestro, Rafael Amargo.

Sunday 25

CLASSICAL MUSIC

Grand New Year's Concert *Palau de la Música Catalana (Palau de la Música, 4-6). M: Urquinaona (L1, L4). Dec 18 (9pm), 25 (8pm), 31 (noon, 6pm). €29-€56.* Get your end-of-year celebrations started early with the music of Johann Strauss.

SPORTS

Copa Nadal de Natació *Plaça Portal de la Pau. M: Drassanes (L3). 11am. www.cnb.es*
This swimming contest started in 1908.

TOURS

FREE Guided tour of Montjuïc Cemetery *(Mare de Déu del Port, 56-58). Bus: 21. See Sun 11.*

Monday 26

CLASSICAL MUSIC

Saint Stephen's Day Concert *Palau de la Música Catalana (Palau de la Música, 4-6). M: Urquinaona (L1, L4). 7pm. €25-€60.*
Traditional concert.

FLAMENCO

Palacio del Flamenco *(Balmes, 139). M: Diagonal (L3, L5); FGC: Provença. See Thu 1.*

CHRISTMAS

Christmas in Plaça Catalunya *(Pl. Catalunya). M: Catalunya (L1, L3; FGC). See Mon 19.*
Exhibition of nativity scenes *Palau Mercader (Lledó, 11). M: Jaume I (L4). See Mon 12.*

Tuesday 27

FAMILY

Festival de la Infància *Fira de Barcelona Montjuïc (Av. Reina Maria Cristina). M: Espanya (L1, L3; FGC). Dec 27-Jan 4, 2017. 10am-8pm. www.festivalinfancia.com*
Lots of fun and games for kids.

Mission Cosmos *CosmoCaixa (Isaac Newton, 26). FGC: Av. Tibidabo. Dec 27-Jan 8, 2017. €4. cosmocaixa.com/agenda*
Take a special trip through space and time.

MUSIC FESTIVALS

18th Festival Mil·lenni: Ara Malikian *Palau de la Música Catalana (Palau de la Música, 4-6). M: Urquinaona (L1, L4). Dec 27, 29.* The violinist shows off his award-winning musical prowess.

TOURS

Torre Bellesguard Gaudí *(Bellesguard, 6-9). FGC: Av. Tibidabo. See Tue 6.*

Santa Maria del Mar rooftop *(Plaça de Santa Maria, 1). M: Jaume I (L4). See Wed 7.*

OPEN AIR – FAMILY

PortAventura theme park *(Av. Alcalde Pere Molas. Km. 2. Vila Seca, Tarragona). Renfe (train): PortAventura. See Mon 5.*

BLUES

Elvis Sings the Blues *El Molino (Vila i Vila, 99). M: Paral·lel (L2, L3). 9.30pm. From €15. elmolinobcn.com*
Christmas special featuring award-winning Elvis impersonator Al Sánchez.

Wednesday 28

TOURS

Casa de les Punxes *(Av. Diagonal, 420). M: Verdaguer (L4, L5), Diagonal (L3, L5). See Thu 1.*

JAZZ

Live jazz at Milano Cocktail Bar *(Ronda Universitat, 35). M: Catalunya (L1, L3). 9pm (double session). Cover charge €8.* Enjoy a live show at this city centre venue.

SPA

Aire de Barcelona, Arab Baths *(Pg. de Picasso, 22). M: Barceloneta, Jaume I (L4). See Thu 8.*

FAMILY CONCERT

Sona Bach *L'Auditori (Lepant, 150). M: Glòries & Marina (L1), Monumental (L2). Dec 28, 29. Noon. €10. www.auditori.cat*
The Catalan saxophonist Llibert Fortuny.
Come and sing... The Beatles *L'Auditori (Lepant, 150). M: Glòries & Marina (L1),*

Monumental (L2). Dec 28. 11am (practice). €12. 6.30pm. €3. www.auditori.cat

CHRISTMAS

Christmas Nativity Scene *Reial Monestir de Santa Maria de Pedralbes (Baixa del Monestir, 9). FGC: Reina Elisenda. See Dec 13.*

Thursday 29

NIGHT-TIME ACTIVITIES

Gaudi's Pedrera. The Origins (*Provença 261, entrance on Pg. de Gràcia*). M: Diagonal (L3, L5); FGC: Provença. See Tue 6.

SPANISH GUITAR

Maestros of Spanish Guitar *Basilica Santa Maria del Pi (Pl. del Pi, 7). M: Liceu (L3). See Thu 1.*

OPEN-AIR – FAMILY

Tibidabo theme park (*Pl. Tibidabo, 3-4*). FGC: Av. Tibidabo + Tramvia Blau or bus 196. Funicular del Tibidabo (*Pl. Doctor Andreu*). See Sat 3.

CHRISTMAS

Fira de Reis de Gran Via *Gran Via, between Muntaner and Calabria. M: Universitat (L1, L2), Urgell (L1). See Wed 21.*

Friday 30

MUSIC FESTIVALS

18th Festival Mil·lenni: Carlos Núñez *Palau de la Música (Palau de la Música, 4-6). M: Urquinaona (L1, L4). 9pm. €18-€45. www.festival-millenni.com*
Galician bagpiper returns to the Festival.

TOURS

Sant Pau, Art Nouveau site (*Sant Antoni Maria Claret, 167*). M: Sant Pau/Dos de Maig (L5). See Thu 8.

NIGHT-TIME ACTIVITIES

Secret Basilica del Pi (*Pl. del Pi, 7*). M: Liceu (L3). See Fri 2.

SPANISH GUITAR

The Art of the Spanish Guitar: music, wine and dinner *Santa Anna Church (Santa Anna, 29). M: Catalunya (L1, L3; FGC).*

7pm. Discount at tourist offices. More info: tickets.visitbarcelona.com. Alen Garagic.

CLASSICAL MUSIC

New Year Concert *L'Auditori (Lepant, 150). M: Glòries & Marina (L1), Monumental (L2). 8.30pm. €16, €22. www.auditori.cat*
The Municipal Band of Barcelona puts on a special show with popular favourites from Strauss, Mascagni, Borodin and Chabrier.

Saturday 31

NEW YEAR'S EVE

Campanades de Cap d'Any (*Av. Reina Maria Cristina*). M: Espanya (L1, L3; FGC). 9pm-12.15am. www.barcelona.cat/nadal. Join the celebratory crowds as Barcelona welcomes 2017 with fireworks, audiovisual shows and music at the Magic Fountains.

New Year's Eve supper at Tablao Cordobés (*La Rambla, 3-5*). M: Drassanes, Liceu (L3). From 8.30pm. €225. tablaocondobes.com
A banquet, two flamenco shows and two chances to do your own dancing.

SPORT

Cursa dels Nassos *Start: C/Selva de Mar. 5.30pm. www.cursadenassos.barcelona*
A 10km run.

Open Camp (*Plaça de Nèmesi Ponsatí, s/n*). M: Espanya (L1, L3; FGC). See Mon 5.
Barcelona Guitar Trio & Dance.

CHRISTMAS

Christmas in Plaça Catalunya (*Pl. Catalunya*). M: Catalunya (L1, L3; FGC). See Mon 19.

OPEN AIR – FAMILY

Barcelona Urban Forest (*Pl. del Fòrum, s/n*). M: El Maresme/Fòrum (L4). See Fri 23.

FAMILY

Festival de la Infància Fira de Barcelona Montjuïc (*Av. Reina Maria Cristina*). M: Espanya (L1, L3; FGC). See Tue 27.

Mission Cosmos CosmoCaixa (*Isaac Newton, 26*). FGC: Av. Tibidabo. Dec 27-Jan 8, 2017. €4. cosmoaixa.com/agenda
Take a special trip through space and time.

SIGHTS DECEMBER '16

INFORMATION AND SALES

► Tourist information points and tickets. visitbarcelona.com

Architecture

BASÍLICA DE LA SAGRADA FAMÍLIA

(Mallorca, 401). M: Sagrada Família (L2, L5). Daily 9am-6pm. Dec 25, 26 9am-2pm. Panoramic tour (audio guide + towers): €29. Guided tour: €24. Self-guided tour with audio guide: €22.

BASÍLICA DE SANTA MARIA DEL MAR

► (Plaça de Santa Maria, 1). M: Jaume I (L4). Mon-Sat 9am-1pm, 5pm-8.30pm. Sundays, public holidays 10am-2pm, 5pm-8pm. Guided tour including rooftop: noon to 6pm. Various times and languages. €10. Reduced: €8. Booking: tickets. visitbarcelona.com. Wheelchair access.

BASÍLICA DE SANTA MARIA DEL PI

► (Plaça del Pi, 7). M: Liceu (L3), Jaume I (L4). 10am-6pm. Closed Dec 25, 26. €4. Reduced: €3. Guided tour (including visit up bell tower): check web for times. €8.50. Secret Basílica del Pi: Fri (Catalan), Sat (Spanish) 9pm (not running Dec 23, 24). Tour of secret archive (Spanish, Catalan): Fri 30 8.30pm. From €16.

CASA AMATLLER

► (Pg. de Gràcia, 41). M: Passeig de Gràcia (L2, L3, L4). Guided tours (one hour): 11am (English), noon (Catalan), 5pm (Spanish). €15. Express tours (30 mins): 10am-6pm (various times and languages; the 6pm visit now includes a cup of hot chocolate). €12. Prior reservation necessary at www.casessingulars.com.

CASA BATLLÓ

► (Pg. de Gràcia, 43). M: Passeig de Gràcia (L2, L3, L4). 9am-9pm. Last entry: 8pm. Cultural visit + video guide: €22.50. Reduced: €19.50.

CASA DE LES PUNXES

► (Av. Diagonal, 420). M: Verdaguera (L4, L5), Diagonal (L3, L5). Daily 9am-8pm. Last entry: 7pm. Closed Dec 25. Guided tour: €20. Free for under-5s. Self-guided tour with

audio guide (available in 10 languages): €12.50. Reduced: €11.25. Free for under-5s.

CRIPTA GAUDÍ COLÒNIA GÜELL

► (Claudi Güell, 6 - Santa Coloma de Cervelló). M: Espanya (L1, L3; FGC) + FGC: Colònia Güell station (S4, S8 or S33). Mon-Fri 10am-5pm; Sat, Sun and public holidays 10am-3pm. Closed Dec 25, 26. €7. Reduced: €5.50. Entrance plus audio guide: €9. Reduced: €7.50.

GRAN TEATRE DEL LICEU

► (La Rambla, 51-59). M: Liceu (L3). 50-minute tour: Mon-Fri 9.30am, 10.30am. Catalan, Spanish and English. €16. Reduced: €12. Free for under-7s. 45-minute tours: Mon-Sun 11.30am-5.30pm (various start times and languages). €9. Reduced: €8. Free for under-7s. 25-minute tours: Mon-Sun 6.30pm (various languages). €6. Reduced: €5. Free for under-7s.

LA PEDRERA

► (Provença, 261-265). M: Diagonal (L3, L5); FGC: Provença. Pedrera by Day (includes audio guide): until Dec 24 9am-6.30pm. Last entry: 6pm. From Dec 26 9am-8.30pm. Last entry: 8pm. Closed Dec 25. €20.50. Reduced: €16.50. Children 7-12: €10.25. Aged 6 and under: free. Gaudi's Pedrera. The Origins: until Dec 24 7pm-9pm; from Dec 26 9pm-11pm. Closed Dec 25. €34. Children 7-12: €17. Aged 6 and under: free.

PALAU BARÓ DE QUADRAS

► (Av. Diagonal, 373). M: Diagonal (L3, L5); FGC: Provença. Guided tours: Wed (except public holidays) 11am (English), noon (Catalan), 1pm (Spanish). €12. Reduced: €10.80. Children 7-12: €6. Aged 6 and under: free.

PALAU GÜELL

(Nou de la Rambla, 3-5). M: Liceu (L3). Tue-Sun 10am-5.30pm. Last entry: 4.30pm. Closed Mondays, except public holidays, and Dec 25, 26. €12. Reduced: €9. Free for under-10s.

PALAU DE LA MÚSICA CATALANA

► (Palau de la Música, 4-6). M: Urquinaona (L1, L4). 10am-3.30pm (every 30 mins). Catalan, Spanish, French, Italian and English. €18. Reduced: €11. Free for under-10s.

PALAU REQUESENS

➤ (Bisbe Cassador, 3). M: Liceu (L3), Jaume I (L4). Guided tours & suppers: Dec 2, 9, 10, 17 7.30pm. Catalan, Spanish, English, French, German, Chinese and Russian. Guided tours: €20. Children under-12: €10. Suppers and medieval show: from €71. Children under-12: €35.50.

PARK GÜELL

(Olot, 5). M: Vallcarca (L3). 8.30am-6.15pm. Last entry 5.30pm. €8. Children 7-12 years, over-65s: €5.60. Free for under-7s. General guided tour: €7 pp. Private guided tour (2-4 people): €32 pp. Private family tour (4-9 people): €96 per group. Every day, various languages. Advanced booking recommended via website. www.parkguell.cat

SANT PAU, ART NOUVEAU SITE

➤ (Sant Antoni Maria Claret, 167). M: Sant Pau/Dos de Maig (L5). Mon-Sat 10am-4.30pm; Sun and public holidays 10am-2.30pm. Closed Dec 25, 26. Self-guided visit: €10. Reduced: €7 Guided tour (various times and languages daily between 11am and 1.30pm): €16. Reduced: €11.20. First Sunday of the month (no guided tours) and under-16s, free.

TORRE BELLESGUARD

➤ (Bellesguard, 6-9). FGC: Av. Tibidabo. Tue-Sun 10am-3pm. Last entry: 2.30pm. Closed Mondays and Dec 25, 26. Panoramic tour (self-guided tour with audio guide): €9. Reduced: €7.20. Under-8s free. Full guided tour: Sat, Sun 11am (English); Sat noon, Sun 1.15pm (Spanish). €16. Reduced: €12.80. Under-8s free.

Leisure

AIRE DE BARCELONA, ARAB BATHS

➤ (Pg. de Picasso, 22). M: Barceloneta, Jaume I (L4). Sun-Thu: first session 10am, final session from 10pm. Fri, Sat: first session 10am, final session from midnight. Closed Dec 25.

BARCELONA URBAN FOREST

➤ (Plaça del Fòrum, s/n). M: El Maresme/Fòrum (L4). Until Dec 22: weekends and public holidays, 10am-3pm. Dec 23-Jan 8 2017: open daily 10am-3pm. Closed Dec 25, 26. €11-€24 (varies according to circuit and age).

GAUDÍ EXPERIÈNCIA

➤ (Larrard, 41). M: Lesseps (L3). 10.30am-5pm. Last show: 4.30pm. Dec 24, 31: 10am-3pm. Last audiovisual show: 2.30pm. Closed Dec 25. €9. Reduced: €7.50.

L'AQUÀRIUM

➤ (Moll d'Espanya del Port Vell, s/n). M: Barceloneta (L4), Drassanes (L3). Dec 1, 2, 5, 7, 9, 12-16 10am-7.30pm; Dec 3, 4, 6, 8, 10, 11, 17-23 10am-8pm; Dec 24-31 10am-8.30pm. €20. Children 5-10 years: €15. Children 3-4 years: €7. Over-65s: €18. Family ticket available.

OPEN CAMP

➤ (Estadi Olímpic de Barcelona (Pg. Olímpic, 17-19). M: Espanya (L1, L3; FGC). Dec 1-11, 15-18, 22-24, 26-31 10am-6pm. Open Park (all experiences of whole park): €20. Reduced: €15. Children 0-4: free. Open Stadium (experiences inside stadium only): €15. Reduced: €10. Children 0-4: free.

POBLE ESPANYOL

➤ (Av. Francesc Ferrer i Guàrdia, 13). M: Espanya (L1, L3; FGC). Mon 9am-8pm; Tue-Thu, Sun 9am-midnight; Fri 9am-3am; Sat 9am-4am. Special Christmas timetable – check website for details. €13. Reduced: €7; other discounts available online. Under-4s free.

PORTAVENTURA

➤ (Av. Alcalde Pere Molas. Km. 2. Vila Seca (Tarragona). Train (Renfe): PortAventura. Dec 3-11, 17, 18, 24-31 10am-7pm. Ticket info at tourist offices, tickets.visitbarcelona.com and

TIBIDABO THEME PARK

➤ (Pl. del Tibidabo, 3-4). Bus Tibibus (T2A) from Pl. de Catalunya. FGC: Av. Tibidabo (L7) + Tramvia Blau or Bus 196 + Tibidabo Funicular. Dec 3-11, 17, 18, 27-30 10am-5pm; Dec 23, 24, 31 11am-6pm. Theme park: €28.50. Under-120cm: €10.30. Skywalk: €12.70. Under-120cm: €7.80.

ZOO DE BARCELONA

➤ (Parc de la Ciutadella, s/n). M: Arc de Triomf (L1), Ciutadella/Vila Olímpica (L4). T. 902 45 75 45. 10am-5.30pm. Last entry: 5pm. Dec 25: open morning only. €19.90. Children 3-12 years: €11.95. Over-65s: €10.05. Under-3s free.

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Pl. de Catalunya, 17-S. T: daily from 8.30am to 8.30pm

PLAÇA DE SANT JAUME

Ciutat, 2 (City Hall). T: Monday to Friday from 8.30am to 8.30pm. Saturdays from 9am to 7pm. Sundays and public holidays from 9am to 2pm

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Pl. del portal de la Pau, s/n, Barcelona. T: daily from 8.30am to 8.30pm

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Pl. dels Països Catalans, s/n. T: daily from 8am to 8pm

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