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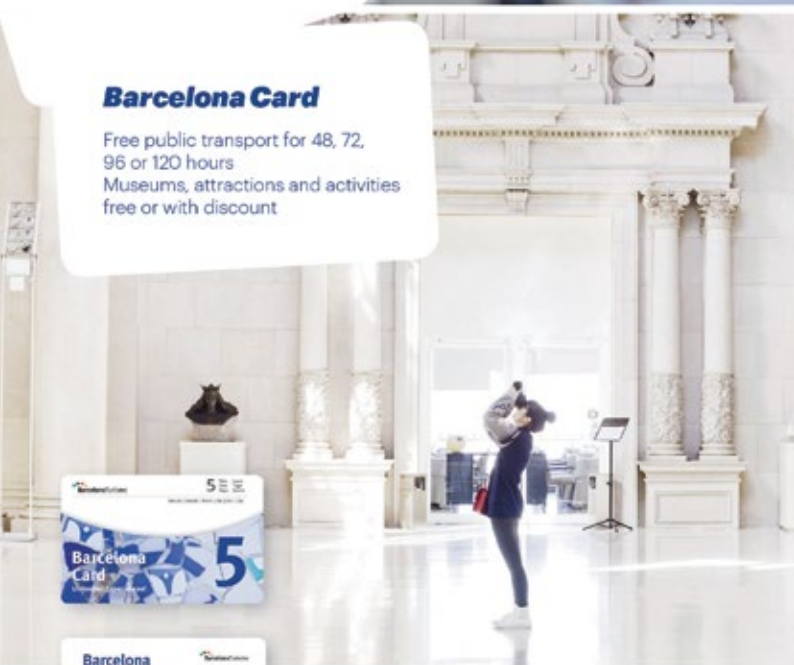
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CHRISTMAS

Experience the most traditional December

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Experience the Christmas holidays in Barcelona as a local by soaking up its traditions: nativity scenes, 'caganers', fairs, Three Kings' cavalcade parade, 'Home dels Nassos'... Traditions for you to discover as walk through the city, because strolling in Barcelona is an unforgettable experience every month of the year, but especially so in December. Rewarding activities and surprises await you at each step of the way, from the city centre to all of the city's neighbourhoods.

Prepare for the festivities

Nativity scenes, lights, sweets, presents... the preparations begin in the days leading up to the festivities. The best time to visit some Christmas fairs and markets, but also the city's traditional shopping areas. If you want to buy one of the most beloved objects of the inhabitants of Barcelona, then make sure to pick up a 'tió' or 'caganer'.

Many squares in Barcelona are filled with craft fairs selling traditional Catalan Christmas items as well as sustainable



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1. Christmas shop window. **2.** Fira de Santa Llúcia. **3.** Sant Esteve concert at Palau de la Música. **4.** Fira de l'aves d'Espinelves.

products. The **Fira de Santa Llúcia** (Pl. de la Catedral), dating back to 1786, can be found right in the centre and runs from November 24 to December 23. A few metres away, the Born neighbourhood counteracts this traditional spirit with a commitment to originally designed, quality, local products that are made in Barcelona. You will find them at **BCN Original** (Pl. Catalunya, 17 and Ciutat, 2), offering a wide range of articles inspired by the city, at the **Museu Picasso** shop and the **gastro-tourism space in the Columbus Monument**, where you can taste and buy typical Catalan Christmas products, such as 'turrons' (courtesy of Torrons Vicens) and cava.

Another Christmas market similar to Santa Llúcia is set up next to the **Sagrada Família** until December 23, also offering traditional food products. A stone's throw away, **Bde Barcelona** (Av. Gaudí, 28) sells excellent local crafts that are perfect as a typically local gift.

Other popular markets and fairs near Barcelona are the **Fira de Nadal de Sant Celoni**, on

December 2 and 3, with more than 120 stalls selling Christmas items, workshops and a traditional meal

based on a typical festive season dish: 'escudella'. The **Fira de l'Avet d'Espinelves** is another popular place for locals to go to buy their Christmas fir tree, an act marking the start of this festive season. The fairs of **Mataró** and **Sant Cugat** also offer all manner of items. Although the main event in the latter town is its **Mercantí** (Av. Rius i Taulet, 22), a space for lovers of religious and vintage items. If you decide to visit, make sure you also see the

SUSTAINABILITY

RESPONSIBLE CONSUMPTION FAIR

Barcelona is committed to sustainability, which is why it is hosting the third edition of the **Responsible Consumption Fair** from December 22 to January 4 in Plaça Catalunya. A place where you can find sustainable products and learn about the projects and entities behind them, organisations in favour of an economy of social transformation and proximity. barcelona.cat/en/christmas



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Monastery of Sant Cugat and its beautiful cloister.

Another curious place to go in Barcelona is **Pirineu en Boca** (Girona, 17), a combination restaurant and shop that also displays Romanesque art.

Christmas in Catalonia is not the same without a **nativity scene**, a deeply rooted tradition that involves recreating a three-dimensional representation of the birth of Jesus that in some places actually comes alive with a living tableau of flesh-and-blood characters. One of the most interesting is set up in **Plaça Sant Jaume**, opposite the Barcelona City Council. The nearby **Església de Betlem** (Carme, 2/La

Rambla) organises one of the most important exhibitions of nativity scenes in the world. And without leaving Ciutat Vella, the **Museu Frederic Marès** (Pl. Santlu, 5) has a nativity scene created by the nativity scene maker association of Barcelona. While in Ciutat Vella, make sure to visit **La Colmena** pastry shop (Pl. de l'Àngel, 12) or learn some magic tricks at **El Rei de la Màgia** (Princess, 11).

The **Monastery of Pedralbes** also sets up its own nativity scene and organises a family activity on the Saturday before Christmas. While Poble Espanyol organises **Nadal al Poble**, including a living tableau nativity scene

MINI DICTIONARY

- **Caganer**: the most popular character in a Catalan nativity scene, a small squatting figure relieving himself.
- **Tió**: a tree trunk that comes down from the forest to hide sweets and gifts inside for children.
- **Carassa**: a Saracen 'big head' pirate distributing sweets in the markets on the days leading up to Christmas.
- **Home dels Nassos**: another 'big head' figure strolling the streets on Dec. 31, a man "with as many noses ('nassos') as there are days left in the year".

Outside Barcelona, in **Corbera**, more than 200 people make up the town's spectacular living tableau nativity scene.

Although a tradition imported from other areas, the **Christmas fir tree** has also been another symbol of Christmas in Catalonia for many years. Big fir trees are set up in many districts throughout the city. The most outstanding of which can be found in Av. Portal de l'Àngel and Plaça Sant Jaume. And all of them come from controlled cultivation and are converted into compost once the festivities end. The remaining trees can be found in front of the various town hall offices in the city's neighbourhoods, in the squares of La Mercè in Ciutat Vella, Fort Pienc in the Eixample, Major in Nou Barris, Orfila in Sant Andreu, Comas in Les Corts...

Take advantage of this tour through Barcelona's neighbourhoods to visit some of the city's most emblematic shops. We recommend two: **Droguería Rovira** (Madrado, 127) in Sarrià-Sant Gervasi, with its own brand of soaps, protective oils and cleansing creams, and **La Manual Alpagatera** (Avinyó, 7), in the Gothic Quarter, where you will find all manner of 'espadenyes', a traditional espadrille dating back many years and made from natural materials.

Experience Christmas

Although Christmas traditionally kicks off with the **Misa de Gallo** (midnight mass on December 24), the festive spirit invades the city's main streets in the preceding month-long period with the turning on of the Christmas lights.

In the early hours of Christmas Day, it is time for the **'tió'** to appear, hiding his presents for the youngsters. While **gastro-nomy** is the main star on both Christmas Day and the following day, Sant Esteve (a holiday in Catalonia). The traditional di-



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1. Street with Christmas lighting.

2. 'Tió'.

3. 'Caganers'.

shes eaten at this time can be found in the *Food and Drink* section (pages 16-17).

Dramatized recreations of the birth of Christ, **Els Pastorets**, are also a traditional part of Christmas here.

Similarly, music plays a big role over Christmas. Information about the most important musical events can be found in the *In the City* section (pages 18-21). Concerts for children predominate, with two family concerts at L'Auditori: **Pica-so** on Dec. 28 and 29 and **Ven a cantar... Bob Marley with Buffalo Soldiers** on Dec. 29. **The Magic Flute** at Liceu on Jan. 2 and 3, **En Jan Titella** at Palau de la Música on Jan. 2 and **Messiah** on Jan. 3. And the most popular character among children on the last day of the year is the **Home dels Nassos** (man of the many noses). If you want to see him, go to the neighbourhood of Sants (Viriat/Comtes de Bell-lloc), where he is the star of a children's festivity from 11.30am on Dec. 31. Other activities to enjoy with children can be found in *In the City* section (pages 18-21).

The year ends

If you are bidding farewell to 2017 in Barcelona, the most popular celebration



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is the **New Year's Eve Party in Av. Reina Maria Cristina**, next to the Magic Fountain of Montjuïc, with its spectacular light, water, music and fireworks show. Do not miss this experience with the Palau Nacional as a backdrop. And wherever you may find yourself later, make sure you see out the year by eating the traditional 12 lucky grapes to the sounds of the midnight chimes. And raise a cava toast to welcome in 2018.

The Three Kings arrive

Unlike the rest of Europe, the Christmas festivities extend until January 6, when the **Three Magi** from the East distribute gifts to commemorate the offerings that the Three Kings made to Jesus, according to Catholic tradition. From Jan. 1 to 6, children and their letters to the Kings are the main protagonists. In the former **Fabra i Coats factory**, now housing a space for creation, the children can deliver their letters at the magical post office set up there, as well as visit the factory of the Kings and toy warehouse. Other places where they can deliver their letters are Plaça Catalunya and the Santa Eulàlia packet boat moored at Moll de la Fusta. Their Majesties arrive on this boat at 4.30pm on Jan. 5 to take part in a major **cavalcade parade** (6pm) that begins at this harbour area and ends at Av. Reina Maria Cristina on Montjuïc. Once the parade has ended, the children must go to bed early and leave a shoe or sock and something to eat for the Kings

1. Lucky grapes.
2. Kings' cavalcade parade.

and their camels. If you need to buy some last-minute gifts on the night, you can head down to the **Fira de Reis**, an evening market of toys in Gran Via (from Dec. 19 to Jan. 6). And on the same day, Jan. 6, after the storm of gifts has passed, the last big meal of the Christmas season features its own dessert: the **King's 'tortel'**, which hides inside a figure of a King and a bean. If you find the King you will be crowned, but if you are unlucky enough to get the bean you have to pay for the dessert. Good luck to all and have a happy 2018!! ◇

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SPORTS EVENTS **CHRISTMAS CUP AND NASSOS FUN RUN**

Two competitions make up a sporting Christmas: the **Christmas Cup** on Dec. 25, a swimming event in which the participants defy the cold water by crossing the harbour of Barcelona, and the **Cursa dels Nassos** fun run, which takes its name from the figure strolling through the city streets on that day. ◆

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ART

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Exhibitions, guided tours and workshops

THIS MONTH'S HIGHLIGHTS ARE PUIG I CADA Falch, ONE OF THE MAJOR FIGURES OF CATALAN MODERNISME, AND PICASSO, WHO LEFT PART OF HIS LEGACY IN BARCELONA



2017: Puig i Cadafalch Year

This year marks the 150th anniversary of the birth of Josep Puig i Cadafalch, one of the most representative figures of Modernisme. The best way to gain an insight into his work is to visit his legacy.

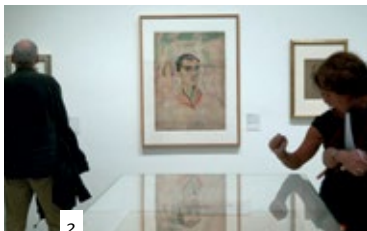
One of his most outstanding works in Barcelona is **Fàbrica Casaramona**, a former factory that now houses CaixaForum. You can visit it with the family, in a group or with an audio guide. It is open from 10am to 8pm and has special opening hours for Christmas. Another

of his must-see buildings is **Casa de les Punxes** (from 9am to 8pm, last entrance at 7pm and closed on Christmas Day).

Casas Singulares also offers visits to three other great gems by this architect in the city. These are **Casa Amatller**, which conserves all its original furniture and decoration (every half an hour from 10am to 6pm and at 6pm on December 1 and 29, including a dramatized tour with a snack); **Palau Baró de Quadras**, now housing the headquarters of the Institut Ramon Lull (every Wednes-



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day in English (11am), Catalan (12pm) and Spanish (1pm); and **Palau Macaya**, with guided tours on the third Saturday of the month until December 16 (at 11am and 12pm). The **Puig i Cadafalch Passport** is very handy if you want to visit any of these places as it gives you various discounts. You can download it at anypuigicadafalch.cat

Alongside his work as an architect, Puig i Cadafalch was also a town planner, restorer, art historian and politician. Various events and exhibitions have already taken place throughout this year and you still have time to visit, until the end of January, the photographic exhibition **Puig i Cadafalch Seen By Ramon Manent** at the **Museu del Disseny**, in which the photographer offers his particular vision of the architect's works. His major monographic exhibition at the **Museu d'Història de Catalunya** and **Arxiu Nacional** is also worth visiting, as it brings together all the facets of his work and personality. It is entitled **Puig i Cadafalch. Architect of Catalonia** and opens on December 14.

Picasso in Barcelona

Picasso features in various exhibitions until January 28 at the Museu Picasso (Montcada, 15): **1917. Picasso in Barcelona**, covering a very fruitful artistic period;

1. **Casa Amatller, by Puig i Cadafalch.**
2. **Lucien Clergue at Museu Picasso.**
3. **Casa de les Punxes.**

FAMILY WORKSHOPS

CHRISTMAS IN MUSEUMS

When the cold weather makes outdoor activities less appealing, the city's museums manage to provide all manner of alternative activities related to the works they contain. You can choose from among the family workshops at **Fundació Miró**; **Let's Invent Objects!** (Inventem objectes!), a Christmas workshop at **MACBA**; children's workshops at the **Museu del Disseny**, and treasure hunts at **CosmoCaixa** (pictured), among many other activities.

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The Shared Studio. Picasso, Fin, Vilató, Xavier, focusing on engravings; **Lucien Clergue: Twenty-Seven Meetings with Picasso**, with 600 photographs throughout the artist's life, and **Arthur Cravan. Maintenant?**, about an enigmatic figure who shared a passion for boxing with Picasso. In addition, discover the bohemian Barcelona experienced by Picasso on the **Walking Tour Picasso**, on sale in tourist offices and online, which also stops at such emblematic places as **Els 4 Gats** restaurant or **Lonja de Mar**, where Picasso studied. The tour ends with a guided visit of the Museu Picasso. Don't miss it! ◇

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FOOD AND
DRINK

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December's traditional table setting

THIS MONTH'S SEASONAL MEDITERRANEAN MENU ADDS SOME ESSENTIAL DISHES TO ITS GASTRONOMIC OFFER. TRY THEM ALL!



The strength of Catalan gastronomic culture has a privileged space during the festive season to offer its most typical dishes, those that have survived over the years thanks to generations of family traditions.

Classic recipes that can be found on every table this Christmas are 'canelons', 'galet' soup, grilled free-range chicken with raisins and pine nuts, 'turróns' and 'barquillo' wafers... all washed down by some fine local cava.

Dishes that can also be eaten in various traditional Catalan cuisine restaurants or even bought already prepared in markets, with the guarantee of having

purchased a product that is both traditional and fresh and secure in the knowledge that it has been prepared with local ingredients and is also a delight to taste.

Catalan cuisine

Many restaurants in the city serve Catalan Christmas recipes during this time, often listed as fixed dishes in their menus.

In Barcelona's historic centre, Ciutat Vella, **7 Portes** (Passeig Isabel II, 2) is one of the restaurants you must visit in the city, serving as it does authentic Catalan cuisine. Without leaving this most ancient district, other options



1. **El Gran Café**.
2. **Ninot Cuina**.
3. **'Canelons'**.
4. **Can Travi Nou Restaurant**.



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are **El Gran Café** (Avinó, 9), also with traditional recipes, and **Fonda España** (Sant Pau, 9), another classic place serving simple yet delicious cuisine.

Dishes that can also be found on the menu at **El Mercader del'Eixample** (Mallorca, 239) and while still in the Eixample, you can also try **L'Olivé** (Balma, 47), a benchmark in Catalan gastronomy. And in the same district, at stall no. 1 of the Mercat del Ninot (Casanova, 133), **Ninot Cuina** serves local market dishes in an unbeatable setting, one of the city's biggest local markets. Alongside their usual menus, restaurants also usually create a Christmas menu that is committed to local traditions during the festive season.

At the other end of Barcelona, at the foot of the Collserola mountain range, **Can Cortada** (Av. de l'Estatut de Catalunya, s/n) is housed an old 11th-century castle that was restored as a traditional 'masia' farmhouse. In the same area is **Can Travi Nou** (Jorge Manrique, s/n), another typical Catalan country house converted into a restaurant. And **Freixa Tradició** (Sant

Elies, 22) in Sarrià is a good place to go to enjoy a 'fricandó' (stew) or 'canelons' prepared the Catalan way. ◇

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GASTRONOMY

CHRISTMAS MENU

The typical Christmas day menu is a soup of 'galets', shell shaped pasta stuffed with the meat that has been used to prepare a broth, followed by 'escudella', 'carn d'olla' and 'pilota', which are the other ingredients used to make this broth. The next dish is grilled free-range chicken with raisins and pine nuts. The following day, on Sant Esteve, 'canelons' are usually prepared (pasta dough filled with a minced veal, pork and chicken, covered with béchamel, grated cheese and baked in the oven). Cava accompanies both meals and they end with a fine assortment of 'torrons' (a traditional dessert of Muslim origins made from honey, sugar, almonds and egg) and 'barquillo' wafers (fine rolled sheets of flour paste with toasted sugar). The traditional dessert on January 6, **Three Kings' Day**, is a 'tortel', a marzipan ring with candied fruit that contains a figurine of one of the Kings and a bean. Whoever finds the King is crowned and whoever ends up with the bean has to pay for the 'tortel'. ◇



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Music

The combined programming of the Liceu, Palau de la Música and L'Auditori, grouped together in **Barcelona Obrtura Classic & Lyric**, offers two outstan-

ding operas at the Liceu: Claudio Monteverdi's *L'incoronazione di Poppea* on Dec. 1 and 3, and Wagner's *Tristan und Isolde* from Dec. 2 to 15, produced by La Fura dels Baus. At **L'Auditori** on Dec. 3,

CIRCUS

RHÜMIA

Winner of the Zirkòlika Award for Best Circus Show in 2016, *Rhümia* is running at the Teatre Lliure in Gràcia from Dec. 21, a song of hope about the need to laugh and make people laugh above all else.



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the **Film Symphonic Orchestra** performs the best film music on Dec. 15, 16 and 17, and the OBC performs *Also sprach Zarathustra* accompanied by Zimmermann's violin, with Bach, Schumann and Strauss.



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At the same venue on Dec. 22 and 23, the show OBCine. *A Night on Broadway* presents selections from Andrew Lloyd Webber's musicals.

Mozart's Requiem will be performed at **Palau de la Música** on Dec. 13 as part of the BCN Classics season. Also at the Palau, Cinema Music. *The Music Awakens*, with Star Wars and other John Williams' soundtracks on Dec. 16 and 17. And the *Waltz and Dance Festival* on Dec. 23.

Apart from the classics, one of the great legends of music will perform on stage at **Palau Sant Jordi** on Dec. 3: **Elton John**, as part of his *Wonderful Crazy Night Tour*, as well as England's **Depeche Mode** on Dec. 7, as part of its *Global Spirit Tour*, and the Spanish singer-songwriter **Melendi** on Dec. 22. *The Blue Man Group* show can be seen at the **Auditori del Fòrum** from Dec. 20 to 23, combining art, comedy and technology for a multisensory show, and the virtuoso violinist **Ara Malikian** will perform there on Dec. 26.

At **Sala Razzmatazz** on Dec. 7, **Little Steven** and his band celebrate the relea-

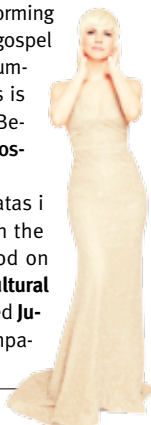
se of *Soulfire*, the first solo album released by Stevie Van Zandt after almost 20 years, dubbed one of the albums of 2017 by *Rolling Stone* magazine.

Festivals

Three major festivals are still running in December. The **Mil-leni Festival**, featuring performances by **Pasión Vega** and **Dani Martín** at the Liceu on Dec. 9 and 13, and the fusion of flamenco and electronics by **Chambao** at the Palau de la Música on Dec. 27 and 29. Also at the Palau on Dec. 28, you will have the chance to hear two great voices: **Ainhoa Arteta** and **Estrella Morente**, as well as the renowned piper **Carlos Núñez** on Dec. 30.

Highlights from the **Barcelona International Jazz Festival** include **Andrea Motis & Joan Chamorro Quartet** at Palau de la Música on Dec. 1 and the opportunity to hear to the great saxophonist **Maceo Parker** at Sala Barts on Dec. 2. Continuing with the lineup of this festival, the Palau de la Música welcomes the **Barbara Hendricks Trio** on Dec. 15, with the famous soprano performing a selection of blues, gospel and black spiritual numbers, and Sala Barts is staging a tribute to Beyoncé by the **Harlem Gospel Choir** on Dec. 19.

Finally, at the Matas i Ramis civic centre in the Horta neighbourhood on Dec. 15, **Barcelona Cultural District** has scheduled **Judit Nedderman** accompa-



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nied by the Brossa Quartet performing *Amors d'estiu*.

Theatre and dance

Barcelona Cultural District presents *Mobilus* at Vil. la Urània in El Farro on Dec. 2 and at L'Auditori Sant Martí on Dec. 3, a show for all audiences combining magic, dance, puppets, shadows, black light and circus to recreate the universe of Alexander Calder.

The stage show *Dirty Dancing* will run at the **Teatre Tivoli** from Dec. 6, based on the film from the 1980s and guaranteed to entertain the entire family.

And *The Hole Zero* is playing at the **Teatre Coliseum** until Dec. 17, a prequel to the successful series of cabaret, circus and comedy shows.

The ballet *Anna Karenina*, with music by Tchaikovsky, arrives to Barcelona at the **Liceu** from Dec. 20 to 23 after a critically acclaimed, triumphant world tour.

Urban dance has its own venue at **Mercat de les Flors**, with international, national and local shows programmed by the **HOP Festival** from Dec. 9 to 17.

Christmas

The city's three main musical venues, as well as churches, cultural centres and unique spaces, will feature spe-

cial programming to commemorate the festive season.

The **Liceu** celebrates Christmas on Dec. 26 and Jan. 1 with *Johann Strauss. Great New Year's Concert*. The same show has been scheduled at the **Palau de la Música** on Dec. on 22, 25 and 31. Also at the Palau on Dec. 20, *Handel's Messiah*, conducted by Jordi Savall; the *Waltz and Dance Festival* on Dec. 23 and the classic Sant Esteve Concert on Dec. 26.

At **L'Auditori** on Dec. 17, the Municipal Band performs its *Christmas Concert, Between Heaven and Earth*.

The **Sant Pau Modernista Site** celebrates the season on Dec. 20 with a gospel concert. The church of **Santa Maria del Mar**, an exceptional historical space, hosts *Handel's Messiah* on Dec. 14, 15 and 16. **La Pedrera** also has a Christmas concert on Dec. 22, with **The Gramophone Allstars Big Band** performing soul, jazz and Jamaican rhythms.

With the family

At the **Mercat de les Flors**, *In Tarsi* are four acrobats who use dance, physical theatre and circus to create a dynamic, sensitive and tenderly humorous show. And along the same line of family shows, the **Teatre Nacional de Catalunya** is staging *My Baby Is A Queen* from Dec. 2 to 10, an interactive show for children aged 0 to 3



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More shows for the entire family: **Teatre Lliure on Montjuïc** is staging *Mol-sa* from Dec. 2 to 17, a show combining theatre, circus and dance based on the novel by David Cirici, and **Sala Barts** will stage a new musical version of *The Little Prince* from Dec. 7.

At **CosmoCaixa**, you can visit *T. Rex*, an exhibition for all audiences featuring the skeleton of a 67-million-year old Tyrannosaurus Rex. Also at CosmoCaixa from Dec. 23, *Dinoklapa* is a workshop for children from the age of 5 that shows them how to construct a Cretaceous world for Trix, the name of the character in *T. Rex*, by using small wooden planks. Continuing with dinosaurs, ano-

1. New Year's Eve Concert at Liceu.
2. Anna Karenina at Liceu.
3. Christmas at PortAventura World.

ther recommended workshop is Dinosaurs. *Reconstruct the true story of these 'terrible' lizards*, which shatters a series of myths about what these prehistoric animals were like and how they lived

The **Museu de la Xocolata** has also designed special festive season workshops for children and families: *Christmas Stars and Christmas Cookies*, with sessions in Catalan, Spanish and English; *Decorating with Chocolate*, from 3 years old; *Design & Eat*, from 4 years old, and *Fon el Nadal*, another workshop for the entire family.

Poble Espanyol becomes a large Christmas scene that not only features living tableau nativity scenes, but also shows, children's workshops and even Santa Claus' house. There will also be Christmas activities and entertainment for children at the city's leisure areas, such as **L'Aquarium, PortAventura World, Tibidabo...** as well as special fairs for children that are common on these days: from Dec. 27 to 30 with *City of Dreams* (formerly the Children's Festival) at the Barcelona **trade fair complex on Montjuïc**, a huge playground area, and the Christmas fair for children to be held until Dec. 31 at the **Comellà trade fair complex**, 20 minutes from the city centre. ◇

◇ visitbarcelona.com/agenda



MUSICAL THEATRE

DIRTY DANCING

The **Teatre Tivoli** will be hosting *Dirty Dancing* from Dec. 6, a musical stage show that arrives in Barcelona after a critically acclaimed international run. The show is based on the story and dances of the famous film from the 1980s and is sure to be a hit with the entire family. ◇

Unique buys

APART FROM THE NORMAL PRODUCTS FOUND IN ANY MAJOR CITY, BARCELONA ALSO HAS ITS OWN COMMERCIAL FABRIC OF CRAFTSMANSHIP, UNIQUENESS AND DESIGN



Shopping in Barcelona combines two cities: a cosmopolitan capital of major brands and a historical city, a cradle of craftsmanship that preserves landmark shops in which tradition is valued and products are pampered. Unique spaces with their own identity, ideal if you are in the city in December. Take a stroll and visit these shops to buy your gifts, for you will be immersed in local cultures simply by touring these spaces. You will enjoy their uniqueness, many of them centuries old, as well as their products and excellent, personalised service.

Barcelona Unique Shops brings together unique, remarkable shops: leather craftsmanship at places such as **Lupo** (P. de Gràcia, 124) and **Pelletèria Nicolás Prieto** (Loreto, 9), jewellery crafts at **Comaposada** (Gran de Gràcia, 42), classic watch shops such as **Unión Suiza** (Rbla. Catalunya, 17), wines at **Vila Viniteca** (Aguillers, 7) and designer shops such as **Antonio Miró** (Enric Granados, 46) and **Sita Murt** (Del Rec, 32). And also sustain-



nable fashion spaces, including **Green LifeStyle** (Torrent de l'Olla, 95), and delicatessen products at **Colmado Múrria** (Roger de Llúria, 85) and **Casa Gispert** (Sombrerers, 23), roasted coffee and nuts in a century-old shop. And you can buy original, made-in-Barcelona articles at

BCN Original Shop (Pl. Catalunya, 17). ◇

◆ barcelonashoppingcity.com

COMMERCIAL HUB

BCN SHOPPING LINE

Christmas and its seasonal lighting invite you to follow the **Barcelona Shopping Line** path, which runs from Diagonal to the Born, passing large chains alongside exclusive spaces in one of the shopping capitals of the world. A 5-km route that links together

the city's most characteristic commercial areas.

barcelonashoppingline.com



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FILM MUSIC
STAR WARS AND
OTHER SOUNDTRACKS
BY JOHN WILLIAMS

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NEW YEAR'S EVE PARTY
CHIMES, GRAPES AND
CAVA AT MONTJUÏC
MAGIC FOUNTAIN



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CHRISTMAS TRADITIONS
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NEIGHBOURHOODS

INFORMATION AND SALES

➤ Tourist information points
and tickets. visitbarcelona.com

ACTIVITIES

December 2017

Exhibitions

ARXIU FOTOGràFIC DE BARCELONA

(Pl. Pons i Clerch, 2). M: Arc de Triomf (L1), Jaume I (L4). T. 93 256 34 20. Mon-Sat 10am-7pm. Closed Sun and public holidays. arxiufotografic.bcn.cat/en

FREE Darius Koehli. **Poblenou 22@** Until May 19, 2018. See the transformation of the Poblenou neighbourhood of Barcelona between 2005 and 2017 through the photographs of Koehli, Swiss-born but now living in Barcelona. You can also enjoy images of the area from the AFB's own archive that start in 1872.

ARXIU HISTòRIC DE LA CIUTAT DE BARCELONA

(Santa Llúcia, 1). M: Jaume I (L4), Liceu (L3). T. 93 256 22 55. Mon-Fri 9am-8.45pm; Sat 10am-8pm. Closed Sun and public holidays. barcelona.cat/arxiuhistoric

FREE The City of Barcelona Historical Archive Until Apr 30, 2018. This key city institution marks its centenary, with information about its history, role as a research centre, and future plans.

CAIXAFORUM

(Av. Francesc Ferrer i Guàrdia, 6-8). M: Espanya (L1, L3; FGC). T. 93 476 86 00. 10am-8pm. Dec 24, 31 10am-6pm. Closed Dec 25. €4. Under-16s, free. <http://obrasociallacaixa.org>

Andy Warhol. Mechanical art Until Jan 1, 2018. Exploration of work by the famous artist that looks at his interest in incorporating industrial and technical innovations into his artistic productions.

H(a)unting Images. Anatomy of a shot Until Jan 7, 2018. An analysis of how, beyond their technical relationship, cameras and firearms share a process of aiming, firing and receiving.

Fight! Competition in Ancient Greece Until Feb 18, 2018. Athletes, warriors, philosophers and artists in Ancient Greece cultivated a particular

concept of competitiveness both in domestic and mythological settings. An array of objects from the British Museum explore why competition was so important to this classical culture.

CASTELL DE MONTJUÏC

(Ctra. de Montjuïc, 66). M: Espanya (L1, L3; FGC). T. 93 256 44 45. 10am-6pm. Last entry: 5.30pm. Closed Dec 25. €5. Reduced: €3. Under-16s free. First Sunday of month and other Sundays after 3pm, free. ajuntament.barcelona.cat/castelldemontjuic/en

Montjuïc, the construction of a castle Permanent exhibition about Montjuïc and its castle. Doble Creu Permanent exhibition of sculpture by Carles Berga.

Nazis and fascists. The symbolic occupation of Barcelona, 1939-1945 Until Feb 23, 2018. This exhibition looks back at a key period in the city's history, as the Fascist regime of Franco Francisco (and ally of Adolf Hitler) took power.

Welcome Dec 18-Feb 2, 2018. Artistic installation suitable for all ages that's in place for the festive season.

CENTRE DE CULTURA CONTEMPORÀNIA DE BARCELONA

(Montalegre, 5). M: Catalunya (L1, L3; FGC). T. 93 306 41 00. Tue-Sun, public holidays 11am-8pm. Dec 24, 26, 31 11am-3pm. Last entry: half an hour before closing. Closed Mon (except public holidays) including Dec 25. €6. Reduced €4. Under-12s, free. Sunday 3pm-8pm, free. www.cccb.org

After the End of the World Until Apr 29, 2018.

A look at the state of our planet in 2017, what might happen between now and the latter part of the 21st century, and our responsibilities to future generations.

COSMOCAIXA

(Isaac Newton, 26). FGC: Av. Tibidabo. T. 93 212 60 50. 10am-8pm. Dec 24, 31 10am-6pm. Closed Dec 25. €4. Under-16s, free. <http://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.

Two faces of the Antarctic No end date. See this unique area from two very different perspectives.

Talking brains Until Jan 28, 2018. Examining the human brain from the point of view of its linguistic functions.

Tyrannosaurus Rex Until Feb 18, 2018. This exhibition takes a detailed look at a T-Rex skeleton that was found in Montana (USA). When is it from? Why is it so well-preserved? What did



the dinosaur eat? How do paleontologists analyse such findings?

EL BORN CENTRE DE CULTURA I MEMÒRIA

(Plaça Comercial, 12). M: Jaume I & Barceloneta (L4), Arc de Triomf (L1). T. 93 256 68 51. Site and exhibitions: Tue-Sat 10am-7pm; Sun and public hols 10am-8pm; Dec 26 10am-2.30pm. Closed Mon (except public holidays) including Dec 25. Permanent exhibition: €4.40. Reduced: €3.08. Check with venue for temp exhibitions. Free for under-16s. Sunday 3pm-8pm and first Sunday of month all day, free. elborn-culturalimemoria.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.

Montserrat Roig, 1977. Memory and utopia Dec 21-Mar 4, 2018. Montserrat Roig (1946-1991) was a Catalan writer and journalist as well as a political activist particularly committed to the causes of feminism and the anti-Franco fight. In 1977, she published a book about Catalans held in Nazi concentration camps.

ESPAI VOLART – FUNDACIÓ VILA CASAS

(Ausiàs Marc, 22). M: Urquinaona (L1, L4), Catalunya (L1, L3; FGC). T. 93 481 79 85. Temp exhibitions: Tue-Sat 11am-2pm, 5pm-8.30pm; Sun 11am-2pm. Closed Mon, public holidays and Dec 25-Jan 1. €5. Reduced €2. www.fundaciovicillascasas.com

Lita Cabellut. Retrospective Until May 27, 2018. This exhibition focuses on the work of this Barcelona artist who goes beyond the conventional limits of painting into the domains of risk, gesture and psychological portraits, all imbued with a latent classicism.

FUNDACIÓ ANTONI TÀPIES

(Aragó, 255). M: Passeig de Gràcia (L2, L3, L4). T. 93 487 03 15. Tue-Sun 10am-7pm. Last entry 15 minutes before closing time. Closed Mon including Dec 25. €7. Students and over-65s: €5.60. 16 year olds and under, free. www.fundaciotapias.org

Permanent exhibition Extensive collection of artworks by Tàpies.

Susan Meiselas. Mediations Until Jan 14, 2018. Exhibition of work by Magnum photographer Susan Meiselas.

Antoni Tàpies. Objects Until Jan 14, 2018. At the end of the 1960s, coinciding with his increasing political activity, the late Catalan artist started expanding the use of objects in his art.

FUNDACIÓ CATALUNYA-LA PEDRERA

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

Joan Ponç. Diàblo Until Feb 4, 2018. Joan Ponç (1928-1984) was a key player in the post-war art scene in Catalonia and Spain, renowned for his unique approach to the creative process and for paintings capable of exploring the darkest, most hidden corners of human beings.

FUNDACIÓ JOAN MIRÓ

(Parc de Montjuïc, s/n). M: Espanya (L1, L3; FGC). T. 93 443 94 70. Tue, Wed, Fri, Sat 10am-6pm; Thu 10am-9pm; Sun and public holidays 10am-3pm. Closed Mon (except public holidays) and Dec 25, 26. Last entry: 30 mins before closing. €12. Reduced: €7. Temporary exhibition: €7. Reduced: €5. Espai 13: €2.50. Under-15s, free. www.fmirobcn.org

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

Espai 13: The possibility of an island Until Jan 7, 2018. The second artist taking part in this series of exhibitions is Irene de Andrés. Hailing from Ibiza but now based in Madrid, here she has created a multimedia project entitled 'Shipwrecked Species', about the history of a Spanish galleon discovered in Colombian waters 300 years after it was sunk.

Photography in the Foyer: Joaquim Gomis.

Selection of Photographs Until Jan 28, 2018. Joaquim Gomis (1902-91) was the first president of the Miró Foundation and had a career as a photographer that spanned five decades.

Sumer and the Modern Paradigm Until Jan 21, 2018. This show explores links between Mesopotamian art and the work of modern artists, particularly from the period between 1920 and 1945.

Nadala: Joan Miró and nativity scene figures Until Jan 7, 2018. Every year the Fundació Joan Miró sets up an installation created by an artist giving their own take on the festive season. This year, Josep Mañà offers a domestic nativity scene with traditional Catalan and Mallorcan figures, reflecting Miró's own interest in these objects.

FUNDACIÓ SUÑOL

(Pg. de Gràcia, 98). M: Diagonal (L3, L5). FGC: Provença. T. 93 496 10 32. Mon-Fri 11am-2pm, 4pm-8pm; Sat 4pm-8pm. Closed Sun and public holidays. €4. Reduced: €3. www.fundaciosunol.org

X Fernando Vijañe 1971/1986 Until Apr 7, 2018. Extensive exhibition that pays homage to gallery owner Fernando Vijañe, who was a key figure in contemporary art in Spain in the 1970s and 1980s. Covering all three floors of the foundation, it includes works by the likes of Warhol, Mapplethorpe and Kounellis, as well as Spanish artists such as Luis Gordillo and Zush.

FUNDACIÓ MAPFRE

Casa Garriga i Nogués (Diputació, 250). M: Passeig de Gràcia (L2, L3, L4). T. 93 401 26 03. Mon 2pm-8pm; Tue-Sat 10am-8pm; Sun and public holidays 11am-7pm. Dec 24, 31 10am-3pm. Last entry: 30 mins before closing. Closed Dec 25. €3. Mon 2pm-8pm, free. www.fundacionmapfre.org

Hell according to Rodin *Until Jan 21, 2018.*

Marking 100 years since the death of Auguste Rodin, this exhibition includes around 100 sculptures and 30 drawings related to the history of 'The Gates of Hell', an 1880 commission that was to change the artist's life.

THE GAUDÍ EXHIBITION CENTER

Museu Diocesà (Pla de la Seu, 7). M: Jaume I (L4), Liceu (L3). T. 93 268 75 82. 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). T. 93 319 75 39. 10am-10pm; public holidays 2pm-10pm; Dec 24, 31 noon-8pm. €9. Under-13s, free (when accompanied by an adult). 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). T. 93 256 41 60. Permanent exhibition: 10am-5pm. Closed Dec 25. €3.50. Reduced: €1.70. Combined ticket with Museu Blau: €7. Reduced: €3.50. Under-16s, free. First Sunday of the month, all day, and other Sundays from 3pm, free. museuciencies.cat

Permanent exhibition Mediterranean plants from around the world.

Bonsai show Weekends and public holidays 10.30am-4.30pm. Permanent exhibition featuring a collection donated by the family of Pere Duran i Farell, a leading Catalan industrialist and bonsai aficionado.

LA VIRREINA. CENTRE DE LA IMATGE

(La Rambla, 99). M: Liceu (L3). T. 93 316 10 00. Tue-Sun, public holidays noon-8pm. Closed Dec 25, 26.

ajuntament.barcelona.cat/lavirreina/en/

FREE Barcelona, Besòs view *Until Feb 4, 2018.*

Chronicle of the transformation of the Barcelona coastline, a unifying process that affected different neighbourhoods.

FREE Rue des Pyrénées *Until Feb 4, 2018.* The urban drawings and photographic tableaux of

Yves Bélorgey stretch the traditional tensions between these two art forms.

FREE 20 Red Lights *Until Feb 4, 2018.* Max de Esteban explores concepts of financial capitalism, the architecture that symbolises its supremacy, and the monetary algorithms from which it enforces its huge social influence.

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. €5.50. Reduced: €4.50. Last Tue of month (Oct-Jun) and under-8s, free. www.mac.cat

Permanent exhibition Take a trip through Catalonia's past, stretching from pre-historic times via the Ibers, Phoenicians, Greeks, Romans and Visigoths, with a splendid collection of objects found around the region from each of these eras.

Empúries, Josep Puig i Cadafalch's great archaeological enterprise 1908-1923 *Until Jan 28, 2018.* As part of the events marking the 150th anniversary of the birthday of Catalan architect Josep Puig i Cadafalch, the museum welcomes this exhibition regarding the extensive excavations that he oversaw at the Costa Brava site of Empúries, which was once settled by both the Romans and Greeks.

The Neolithic revolution. La Draga, a town of prodigies *Until Feb 4, 2018.* This is the first time that some 200 archaeological pieces from the Draga settlement (in central Catalonia) have been displayed, including an exceptional set of wooden utensils made some 7,000 years ago.

MUSEU BLAU. MUSEU DE LES CIÈNCIES NATURALS DE BARCELONA

(Pl. de Leonardo da Vinci, 4-5, Parc del Fòrum). M: El Maresme/Fòrum (L4). T. 93 256 60 02.

Tue-Fri 10am-6pm; Sat 10am-7pm; Sun and public holidays 10am-8pm. Last entry: 30 mins before closing. Closed Mon (except public holidays) including Dec 25. €6. Reduced: €2.70. 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, and includes section such as 'The biography of the Earth' and 'Islands of Science'.

MUSEU CAN FRAMIS - FUNDACIÓ VILA CASAS

(Roc Boronat, 116-126). M: Glòries (L1), Poblenou & Llacuna (L4). T. 93 320 8736. Tue-Sat 11am-6pm; Sun 11am-2pm. Closed Mon, public holidays and Dec 25-Jan 1, 2018. €5. Reduced: €2. Temp exhibitions: €2. www.fundaciovicillascasas.com



#ClásicosDesollados *Until Jan 21, 2018.* Young Catalan artist Jordi Díaz Alamà won the 2016 Painting Prize awarded by the Vila Casas Foundation. His work provides a reinterpretation of the history of painting and he takes care with the quality of the pictorial information present in his pieces.

L'art de col·leccionar. Joan-Artur Roura i Comas. The world of private collections *Until Jan 21, 2018.* The latest in a series of shows about private collections in Catalonia.

MACBA. MUSEU D'ART CONTEMPORANI

(Plaça dels Àngels, 1). M: Universitat (L1, L2), Sant Antoni (L2). T. 93 412 08 10. Mon, Wed-Fri 11am-7.30pm. Sat 10am-8pm; Sun and public holidays 10am-3pm. Last entry: 30 mins before closing. Closed Tue (except public holidays) and Dec 25, 26. €10 (valid for one month). Reduced: €8. Under-14s free. www.macba.cat

Enthusiasm. Challenge and stubbornness in the MACBA Collection *Until May 5, 2019.* Multi-artist project that approaches modernity from an optimistic, persistent and passionate perspective. Rather than following a specific theme or chronology, the extensive show aims for a particular way of understanding artistic practice and the mental strength it requires.

MACBA Collection 33. Under the surface *Until Nov 1, 2018.* Featuring works from the MACBA archive, this exhibition explores problems of representation and its limits, as well as the relevance and incidence of the artist and art in contemporary society.

The Maids. II Fundació Han Nefkens MACBA Prize *Until Jan 7, 2018.* The winners of this award is the Iranian collective formed by Ramín and Rokni Haerizadeh and Hesam Rahmani, and this show features a selection of their recent works.

Brossa Poetry *Until Feb 25, 2018.* A comprehensive survey of the work of pioneering Catalan artist Joan Brossa (1919-1988), from his early books to his later visual investigations, and covering his work in theatre, cinema, music and other fields.

Mostreig #2. This is mail art *Until Jan 7, 2018.* Show of works from the MACBA collection linked to artistic practices that have used the postal service as a distribution system.

Rosemarie Castoro. Focused on infinity *Until Apr 15, 2018.* This is the first major retrospective of work by Rosemarie Castoro (1939-2015), with a particular emphasis on her creative period between 1964 and 1979. US artist Castoro developed her career during a time when minimalism and conceptualism formed part of the New York avant-garde movement.

MUHBA EL CALL

(Placeta de Manuel Ribé, s/n). M: Liceu (L3), Jaume I (L4). T. 93 256 21 22. Wed, Fri 11am-

2pm; Sat-Sun 11am-7pm. Closed Dec 25.

€2.20. Reduced: €1.54. Under-16s, free. First Sunday of month, all day, and other Sundays from 3pm, free. museuhistoria.bcn.cat

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

MUHBA FABRA I COATS

(Sant Adrià, 20). T. 93 256 21 00. M: Sant Andreu (L1). Sun 11am-2pm. museuhistoria.bcn.cat

Fabra i Coats factory Site of exceptional historical interest that is based on English industrial facilities. Following a renovation process, it now hosts cultural and educational projects.

The Wound of Hipercor *Dec 14-Mar 11, 2018.*

In June 1987, the Hipercor supermarket in Barcelona was targeted by ETA with a car bomb in its car park that killed 21 people and injured another 45. This exhibition looks back at this terrible attack, the deadliest that the terrorist group carried out.

MUHBA OLIVA ARTÉS

(Espronceda, 142-146, Parc Central del Poblenou). T. 93 256 21 22. 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.

FREE Industry, territory, identity *Until Jan 10, 2018.* Travelling exhibition that looks at the Industrial Heritage Route of the Ruhr, which has 1,000 industrial remains that can be visited.

FREE BCN Passages *Until Dec 17.* An exploration of the passageways that have been part of the urban structure of Barcelona since medieval times.

MUHBA PARK GÜELL

(Olot, s/n. Casa del Guarda). M: Vallcarca (L3). T. 93 256 21 22. 9am-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 access 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). T. 93 256 21 22. 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. 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.

Images to believe *Until Jan 14, 2018.* Marking 500 years since the Protestant Reformation, this show looks at both Catholic and Protestant images from Europe and Barcelona between the 16th and 18th centuries.

MUHBA REFUGI 307

(*Nou de la Rambla, 169*). M: Paral·lel (L2, L3). T. 93 256 21 22. Guided tours: Sun 10.30am (English), 11.30am (Spanish) and 12.30pm (Catalan). Closed public holidays. €3.40. Prior reservation necessary: reservesmuhba@eicub.net or call 93 256 21 22.

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 8.30am-3.30pm. Closed Sun and public holidays.

museuhistoria.bcn.cat

FREE Permanent exhibition 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

FREE 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

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 (including Dec 25), Wed and Fri. €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 Valldiviera. T. 93 256 21 22. Thu 10am-2pm; Sat, Sun and public holidays 10am-3pm. Last en-

try: half an hour before closing. Closed Dec 25. museuhistoria.bcn.cat

FREE Permanent exhibition Beautiful historical farmhouse in Collserola park, which was converted into a residential home in the 19th century.

FREE Verdaguier kidnapped. Appropriation of the myth during Francoism *Until Jan 21, 2018.*

Using articles, images, recordings and correspondence, discover how the figure of Catalan poet Jacint Verdaguer (1845-1902), who died at Vil·la Joana, was manipulated by the Franco dictatorship.

MUSEU D'HISTÒRIA DE CATALUNYA

(*Palau de Mar (Plaça de Pau Vila, 3)*). M: Barceloneta (L4). T. 93 225 47 00. Tue, Thu-Sat 10am-7pm; Wed 10am-8pm; Sun and public holidays (including Dec 6 and 8) 10am-2.30pm. Dec 24, 31 10am-2.30pm. Closed Mon (except public holidays), Dec 25, 26. www.mhcat.cat

Puig i Cadafalch. Architect of Catalonia *Dec 14-Apr 14, 2018.* Another exhibition to honour the celebrated Catalan architect, who was also a town planner, monument restorer, art historian and politician. This is the closing event of a year full of activities to remember Josep Puig i Cadafalch, and aims to highlight his many professional and artistic skills, as well as the persecutions he faced and overcame.

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 (including Dec 6 and 8) 10am-2pm. Closed Mon and Dec 25, 26. Temp exhibition: Tue-Sat 5pm-8pm, Sun 10am-2pm. €6. Reduced: €1, €3, €4.80. Under-7s, free. www.museudebadalona.cat

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

FREE Montalegre. Six centuries of Carthusian silence *Until Jan 14, 2018.* The Carthusian monastery of Montalegre, located in Tiana and which is over 600 years old, has had a long relationship with Badalona. To commemorate this connection, the museum has created this exhibition as well as a book and various talks.

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. €10. Entrance with audioguide: €14.88. Special prices for groups. www.erotica-museum.com

Permanent exhibition Take a trip through 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. Dec 24, 31 10am-3pm. 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.

Granados. From Paris to Goya Until May 20, 2018. Marking the 150th anniversary of the birth of Catalan composer Enric Granados, the Music Museum examines his inspirations along with his works and other accomplishments.

Eolssigu! The sounds of Korea Until Jun 3, 2018. The music of Korea uses many instruments and forms that are not well-known in the west. It's a world of sound that's rich, passionate and built on principals different from those we're used to hearing.

MUSEU DE LA XOCOLATA

Antic Convent de Sant Agustí (Comerç, 36). M: Arc de Triomf (L1). T. 93 268 78 78. Mon-Sat 10am-7pm, Sun and public holidays (including Dec 6 and 8) 10am-3pm. Closed Dec 25, 26. €6. Reductions available. Under-7s, free. www.museumxocolata.cat

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

MUSEU DE LES CULTURES DEL MÓN

(Montcada, 12). M: Jaume I (L4). T. 93 256 23 00. Tue-Sat 10am-7pm; Sun and public holidays, 10am-8pm. Closed Mon (except public holidays) including 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 3pm, free. museuculturesmon.bcn.cat

Permanent exhibition Explore the artistic heritage of different cultures from Africa, Asia, America and Oceania.

MUSEU DE MONTSERRAT

(Abadia de Montserrat. 08199 Montserrat). FGC from Pl. Espanya (R5 line). Station: Monistrol de Montserrat + zip train. T. 93 877 77 45. 10am-5.45pm. €7. Reduced: €6. Children 8-16: €4. www.museude-montserrat.com

Permanent exhibition Paintings by El Greco, Caravaggio, Tiepolo, Monet, Sisley, Degas, Pissarro, Miró, Dalí, Picasso...

Explore and vindicate. The painting of Niebla Until Apr 2, 2018. Josep Niebla was born in Morocco but has lived in Catalonia since 1962. This show features some of his principal works, which encompass a range of interests.

Chronicle of the origin Until Feb 25, 2018. Barcelona sculptor Joan Borrell i Nicolau (1888-

1951) was a key artist in Catalonia in the first half of the 20th century. Inspired by Classical Greece and Renaissance works, he specialised in female figures, portraits and public works of art.

MUSEU DEL DISSENY DE BARCELONA

Edifici Disseny Hub Barcelona (Pl. de les Glòries Catalanes, 37-38). M: Glòries (L1). T. 93 256 68 00. Tue-Sun 10am-8pm. Closed Mon (except public holidays) and Dec 25. Permanent exhibitions: €6. Reduced: €4. Under-16s, free. Temp exhibition: €4.40. Reduced: €3. Combined tickets available. Sundays from 3pm-8pm and first Sunday of month, all day, free. www.museudeldisseny.cat

Adolf Loos. Private spaces Dec 14-Feb 25, 2018. This is the first time that such an extensive body of work by the Viennese architect has been shown in Spain. It showcases Loos's (1870-1933) aesthetical revolution and his pioneering role in the modern architectural movement.

Puig i Cadafalch seen by Ramon Manent Until Jan 28, 2018. As part of the events happening to coincide with the 150th anniversary of the birth of Catalan architect Josep Puig i Cadafalch, images taken of his creations by photographer Ramon Manent are shown at the Design Museum.

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.

MUSEU DEL FUTBOL CLUB BARCELONA

Estadi FCB (Aristides Maillol, s/n. Gates 7 and 9). M: Les Corts (L3). T. 902 18 99 00. Until Dec 16 Mon-Sat 10am-6.30pm, Sun 10am-2.30pm; Dec 18-31 daily 9.30am-7.30pm. Closed Dec 25. €25. Reduced: €20. Under-6s, free. Some areas closed and opening hours reduced on match days. www.fcbarcelona.com

Camp Nou Experience Permanent exhibition that takes in the club's 118 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). T. 93 272 28 96. Tue-Sat 10.30am-7pm; Sun and public holidays (including Dec 6 and

8) 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, including Ramon Casas.

Vitralls de Barcelona Until Mar 2018. Barcelona's Modernism Museum celebrates the beautiful stained glass windows that were often created to complement the innovative architectural designs that marked the artistic movement.

MUSEU EGIPCI DE BARCELONA

(València, 284). M: Passeig de Gràcia (L2, L3, L4). T. 93 488 0188. Mon-Sat 10am-8pm; Sun 10am-2pm. Closed Dec 25, 26. €11. Reduced: €8. Children 6-14: €5. Under-6s, 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.

Sacred animals in ancient Egypt Until Dec 31. Discover the bonds that ancient Egyptians had with the animal world.

MUSEU ETNOLÒGIC

(Passeig de Santa Madrona, 16-22). M: Poble Sec (L3), Espanya (L1, L3; FGC). T. 93 256 34 84. Tue-Sat 10am-7pm; Sun and public holidays 10am-8pm. Closed Mon (including 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

The faces of Barcelona End date tbc. This temporary exhibition invites visitors to take a fresh look at the city through a selection of carefully chosen objects.

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). T. 93 319 5693. Tue-Sun 10am-8pm. Closed Mon and Dec 25, 26. €9. Reduced: €7. Under-10s free. www.meam.es

Grzegorz Gwiazda Until Jan 28, 2018. The MEAM marks the centenary of the death of Auguste Rodin with this exhibition dedicated to the work of Polish sculptor Gwiazda, one of the stars of contemporary sculpture.

MUSEU FREDERIC MARÈS

(Plaça de Sant Iu, 5). M: Liceu (L3), Jaume I (L4). T. 93 256 35 00. Tue-Sat 10am-7pm; Sun and public holidays 11am-8pm. Closed Mon (except public holidays) including 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.

Oleguer Junyent, collector. Around the world and back to the Born Until Jan 7, 2018. Junyent was an artist, collector and traveller. This show looks at his art collection and connection to Frederic Marès.

Propaganda Fidei. Sculpture and Counter-Reformation Until Jan 14, 2018. Running in conjunction with the MUHBA Plaça del Rei exhibition of Reformation religious imagery, this show focuses on seven sculptures in the Frederic Marès collection dating from the same period.

Nativity scene at the Museu Frederic Marès

Until Feb 2, 2018. The museum celebrates the festive season in traditional style with a nativity scene (pessebre in Catalan) inspired by the Catalan landscape, natural vegetation and figures from Italian creators Heide Original.

The gardens of the museum Until end 2018.

The museum has created a special route around its permanent collection that focuses on the world of gardens.

MUSEU MARÍTIM DE BARCELONA

(Av. de les Drassanes, s/n). M: Drassanes (L3). T. 93 342 99 20. 10am-8pm. Dec 24, 31 10am-3pm. Last entry: half an hour before closing. Closed Dec 25 and 26. Museum + temporary exhibitions: €10. Reduced: €5. Under-17s, free. Sundays from 3pm, free. Games of Thrones: Tue-Thu, Sun 10am-8pm; Fri, Sat 10am-9pm; tickets: adults €15.50, €18.50; children (3-14) €10, €12. www.mmb.cat

Game of Thrones. The Touring Exhibition Until Jan 7, 2018. If you count yourself among the many, many fans of the hit TV show, you're in luck because this new interactive show has made its world premiere in Barcelona. Original props, costumes and decorative items and multimedia features, all in a specially created area of over 1,000m² that re-creates different locations from the series.

FREE Exodus. Life and death along the Libya route to Europe Until Jan 7, 2018. As part of the Docfield documentary photographic festival, the Maritime Museum hosts this exhibition featuring work from the winners of a grant from Photographic Social Vision. Ricard Garcia Vilanova and Karlos Zurutuza capture the daily life of thousands of refugees and migrants.

Royal boatyards and galleys Until Mar 29, 2018. First part of a new installation dedicated to the history of Barcelona's shipbuilding industry.



7 boats, 7 stories *Until Dec 31.* Show that features some of the museum's most notable model boats and a variety of other interesting items from its archive.

FREE We are the ocean *Until Dec 31.* Over 1,500 children from more than 20 schools have participated in the construction of this collective sculpture that aims to show we all form part of a unique, single entity.

FREE Unusual objects *Until Dec 31.* Enjoy a new perspective of the museum's collections with this show featuring 10 to 15 pieces (that are regularly changed) which aren't often put on public display.

MUSEU NACIONAL D'ART DE CATALUNYA

(Parc de Montjuïc). M: Espanya (L1, L3; FGC). T. 93 622 03 60. Tue-Sat 10am-6pm; Sun and public holidays 10am-3pm. Closed Mon (except public hols) including Dec 25. General admission €12. For temporary exhibitions, check with museum. Rooftop viewing-point: €2. Under-16s and over-65s, free. Saturdays from 3pm, and first Sunday of every month, free. www.museunacional.cat

Permanent exhibition Most important collection of painted Romanic murals and Catalan modernism in the world. During your visit, head up to the rooftop, the perfect spot for enjoying panoramic views of the city.

Ramón Pichot. From Els Quatre Gats to La Maison Rose *Until Jan 21, 2018.* Barcelona artist Ramón Pichot (1871-1925) settled in Paris at the start of the 20th century and ended up staying there for the rest of his life, at the heart of key contemporary artistic movements.

The Entropic Box *Until Jan 14, 2018.* Catalan artist Francesc Torres has selected a variety of works from the museum's collections, mainly from the 19th and 20th centuries, to highlight both the MNAC's role in preservation and our constant battle to protect ourselves and our surroundings from destruction.

MUSEU OLÍMPIC I DE L'ESPORT JOAN ANTONI SAMARANCH

(Av. de l'Estadi Olímpic, 60). M: Espanya (L1, L3; FGC). T. 93 292 53 79. Tue-Sat 10am-6pm; Sun and public holidays 10am-2.30pm.

Closed Mon (except public holidays) and Dec 25, 26. €5.80. Reduced: €3.60. Under-7s and over-65s, free. www.museuolimpicbcn.cat

Permanent exhibition Explore in-depth the worlds of sport and the Olympic Games. XVIII Prize International Barcelona Olympic Foundation: **Art on paper** *Until Jan 14, 2018.* Exhibition of work featuring the winners and finalists of the latest edition of this event that aims to highlight the relationship between art and sport.

MUSEU PICASSO

(Montcada, 15-23). M: Jaume I (L4). T. 93 256 30 00. Tue-Sun (except Thu) 9am-7pm; Thu 9am-9.30pm. Dec 24, 31 9am-2pm. Last entry: half an hour before closing. Closed Mon including Dec 25. Collection + temp exhibitions: €11. Reduced: €7. Temporary exhibitions only: €6.50. Reduced: €4.50. Every Thu 6pm-9.30pm and first Sunday of month all day, free entry. www.museupicasso.bcn.cat

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

The Shared Workshop *Until Jan 28, 2018.* Highlighting the importance of printmaking across three generations of the same family, from Pablo Picasso to two of his nephews and the son of one of these.

1917. Picasso in Barcelona *Until Jan 28, 2018.* This exhibition celebrates the last extended stay that Picasso spent in Barcelona, when he accompanied Serge de Diaghilev's Russian Ballet to the Catalan capital.

Arthur Cravan. Maintenant? *Until Jan 28, 2018.* Boxer, poet and adventurer Arthur Cravan surrounded his life with mystery, and was one of the forerunners of the Dada movement. This show looks at time he spent in Barcelona from December 1915, which included a meeting in the ring with world heavyweight champion Jack Johnson.

Lucien Clergue: 27 meetings with Picasso *Until Jan 28, 2018.* French photographer Lucien Clergue (1934-2014) first met Pablo Picasso in 1953 at a bullfight in Arles; this exhibition looks at the friendship that grew out of that initial encounter.

PALAU GÜELL

(Nou de la Rambla, 3-5). M: Liceu (L3). T. 93 472 57 75. Tue-Sun 10am-5.30pm. Closed Mon (except public holidays) and Dec 25, 26. €12. Reduced: €9. www.palauquell.cat

Young artists *Until Jan 2018.* The Palau Güell hosts an exhibition of work by young artists who received grants from the Fundació Güell in 2016.

The hidden face of Palau Güell *Until Feb 11, 2018.* Photographic show featuring images by Ramon Manent of different spaces around the emblematic building.

PALAU ROBERT

(Pg. de Gràcia, 107). M: Diagonal (L3, L5). FGC: Provença. T. 93 238 80 91. Mon-Sat 9am-8pm; Sun and public holidays 9am-2.30pm. Closed Dec 25, 26. palaurobert.gencat.cat

FREE Joana Biamés. Countercurrent *Until Mar 4, 2018.* Discover the career and legacy of the first female photojournalist in Catalonia and Spain.

FREE D'ones. The revolution of women in music *Until Apr 23, 2018.* Looking at the women who have transformed music in Catalonia

in the 20th and 21st centuries through various genres.

FREE I am my own experiment Until Mar 25, 2018. Part of the celebration of the Palau i Fabre Year, this exhibition explores the work of the Catalan writer, translator, poet, critic and historian, Josep Palau i Fabre (1917-2008).

REIAL MONESTIR DE SANTA MARIA DE PEDRALBES

(Baixada del Monestir, 9). FGC: Reina Elisenda. T. 93 256 34 34. Tue-Fri 10am-2pm; Sat, Sun 10am-5pm. Last entry half an hour before closing. Closed Mon including Dec 25. €5. Reduced: €3.50. Under-16s, free. Sundays from 3pm, and first Sunday of month, all day, free. monestirpedralbes.bcn.cat

Women also sit down: Female furniture and spaces at Pedralbes Monastery Until Feb 18, 2018. This six-section exhibition uses furniture as a key source of information to reflect on society's expectations of women in the 16th and 17th centuries.

Pedralbes Monastery. The treasures of the Monastery Permanent exhibition of a unique 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.

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.

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.

Theatre, musicals and cabaret

TEATRE COLISEUM

(Gran Via de les Corts Catalanes, 595). M: Passeig de Gràcia (L2, L3, L4). Ticket office opens from 5pm until half an hour after performance starts. www.grupbalana.com

The Hole Zero Until Feb., 2018 Wed-Fri 8.30pm; Sat 7.30pm, 10.30pm; Sun 7pm; Tue 5.8.30pm; Fri 8.7.30pm, 10.30pm. From €14.40. Following the international success of *The Hole* and *The Hole 2*, this is a new take on the shows that combine circus, music and humour, with a setting in the iconic Studio 54 club on New Year's Eve in 1979. In Spanish.

TEATRE GAUDÍ BARCELONA

(Sant Antoni Maria Claret, 120). M: Sagrada Família (L2, L5) and Sant Pau/Dos de Maig (L5). T. 93 603 51 52. Ticket office opens an hour

before performance starts. www.teatregaudi-barcelona.com

Tick Tick Boom Until Jan 7, 2018. Wed-Sat 9.15pm; Sun 8pm. €24. Musical theatre set in New York in 1990, where Jon is approaching his 30th birthday and the clock is ticking on big decisions. Autobiographical work from writer of *Rent*. In Catalan.

Singing Talent Show Until Jan 7. Sat 5pm, Sun noon. €20. Family theatre where princes, princesses, the baddies and other entertaining characters come together for a sing-song. 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). T. 93 289 27 70. Ticket office in Plaça Margarida Xirgu opens weekdays 9am-8pm; the office in Sala Fabià Puigserver opens two hours before show starts.

Molsa Until Dec 17. Sat, Sun noon. Extra performances Wed 6 and Fri 8. €13.50-€26.50. Family-friendly adaptation of a novel by David Cirià that is loved by both adults and children, which talks about the misery and desperation of war but is also a song of love, friendship, brotherhood and solidarity. In Catalan.

Maria Estuard Until Dec 10. Tue-Fri 8.30pm; Sat 7pm; Sun 6pm. €13.50-€26.50. Production about the historical battle between Mary, Queen of Scots and Elizabeth I based on a work by Friedrich Von Schiller. In Catalan.

TEATRE LLIURE (GRÀCIA)

(Montseny, 47). M: Fontana (L3). T. 93 289 27 70. Ticket office opens Mon-Fri from 5pm; weekends two hours before show starts. www.teatrelliure.com

La Ronda Dec 1-3. Fri 8.30pm; Sat 7pm; Sun 6pm. €10.50-€21. As part of a series of dramatised readings, hear a contemporary take on Arthur Schnitzler's 1897 work *Reigen*, which discusses sexual morals and class ideology. In Catalan.

The Three Sisters Dec 15-17. Fri 8.30pm; Sat 7pm; Sun 6pm. €10.50-€21. Final part of the run of dramatised readings, these sessions are dedicated to Chekov's classic creation. In Catalan.

Rhümia Dec 21-Jan 14, 2018. Wed-Fri 8.30pm; Sat 23.3.30pm, 9pm; Sat 30.5.30pm, 9pm. €10.50-€21. Discover the alternative circus acts performed by the Rhum company as they appear at the Lliure for the second time. In Catalan.

TEATRE TIVOLI

(Casp, 8). M: Catalunya (L1, L3; FGC). T. 93 215 95 70. Ticket office opens at 5pm on performance days up to half an hour before the start of the show. www.grupbalana.com



Dirty Dancing *Until Feb., 2018. Check website for times. From €18.* The popular story of Baby and Johnny is much-loved by romantics the world over. Don't miss your chance to see this hit movie brought to the stage. In Spanish.

TEATRE NACIONAL DE CATALUNYA (TNC)

(Pl. de les Arts, 1). M: Glòries (L1), Monumental (L2). T. 93 306 57 00. Ticket office opens Wed-Fri 3pm-7pm; Sat 3pm-8.30pm; Sun 3pm-5pm. www.tnc.cat

Claudia *Until Dec 10. Wed 7pm, Thu-Sat 8pm; Sun 6pm. €11.50-€23. From 16 years.* True story of Claudia Victoria Poblete Hlaczik, a young Argentinian woman who discovers that the people who brought her up are not her actual parents. With Claudia herself narrating the story, the work explores the country's recent past and considers concepts such as revolution, memory and education. In Spanish.

My baby is a queen *Dec 2-10. Wed, Fri, Sun 10.30am, 11.30am, 12.30pm; Sat 4pm, 5pm, 6pm. For children aged 0-3 years. €6, €12.*

El perro del hortelano *Dec 14-Jan 7, 2018. Wed 7pm; Thu-Sat 8pm; Sun 6pm. €14-€28. From 14 years.* Helena Pimenta directs this Lope de Vega comedy written between 1613 and 1618, a tale of the romantic ups and downs between Countess Diana and Teodoro, her secretary. In Spanish.

Mur *Dec 15-17. Fri-Sat 8pm; Sun 6pm. €6. From 16 years.* Collective work featuring nine actors, cubes, lights and the phrase, 'If we walk alone, we go faster; if we walk together, we go further.' This is a vital, poetic circus performance.

Medusa *Dec 20-23. Wed-Sat 8pm; Sun 6pm. €9.50-€19. From 16 years.* Adaptation of the eponymous novel by R. Menéndez Salmón about the film-maker, photographer and painter Karl Gustava Friedrich Prohaska.

TEATRE POLIORAMA

(La Rambla, 115). T. 93 317 75 99. M: Catalunya (L1, L3; FGC). Ticket office: Tue-Fri from 5pm; Sat-Sun from 4pm until the start of the performance. www.teatrepoliorama.com

Un cop l'any *Until Jan 7, 2018. Wed-Sun: check website for times. Extra shows Dec 25, 26. No performances Dec 24, 31. €10-€29.* This romantic comedy is an adaptation of Bernard Slade's popular 1970s work *Same Time, Next Year*, about two lovers who decide to only meet once a year, always in the same hotel and on the same day, while the rest of the time carrying on with their day-to-day lives. In Catalan.

TEATRE VICTÒRIA

(Paral·lel, 67). T. 93 324 97 42. M: Paral·lel (L2, L3). Ticket office opens for two hours before the start of the performance. www.teatrevictoria.com

Cabaret *Until Dec 3. Fri 5pm, 9pm; Sat 5.30pm, 9.30pm; Sun 6pm. €16-€47.* The classic musical set in the decadent Kit Kat Club in 1930s Berlin, and which tells the story of singer Sally Bowles. In Spanish.

M'agrada el Nadal *Dec 23, 24, 30, 31. 10am, 12.30pm. €11-€20.80.* Enjoy traditional and contemporary Catalan Christmas songs for all the family with the popular singer Dàmaris Gelabert who's joined by a children's choir. In Catalan.

VERSUS TEATRE

(Castillejos, 179). M: Glòries (L1), Monumental (L2). T. 93 603 51 52. www.versusteatre.com. Tickets available from www.atrapalo.com or the venue website.

Només 3 dies *Dec 13-Jan 28, 2018. Wed-Sat 8pm; Sun 6pm. No performances Dec 24, 31. €24.* Musical theatre about Edgar, a writer who's been given three days to live by Death. Three days to do what he hasn't managed to so far: leave his mark on the world. In Catalan.

Happy Boom! *Until Jan 7. Sat 5pm; Sun noon. €12.* Imaginative dance and music show for families featuring circus, hip hop, classical and contemporary music, and flamenco.

Dance

GRAN TEATRE DEL LICEU

(La Rambla, 51-59). M: Liceu (L3). T. 93 485 99 00. Ticket office is open from Monday to Friday from 9.30am-8pm, weekends 9.30am-6pm; half an hour before performances only tickets for that day will be available. www.liceubarcelona.cat

Anna Karenina *Dec 20-23. Wed-Fri 8pm; Sat 5pm, 9pm. €10-€173.* Choreographer Boris Eifman is behind this performance of Tchaikovsky's work based on the eponymous novel by Tolstoy; it's described as one of the most emotional pieces of contemporary dance.

MERCAT DE LES FLORS

(Lleida, 59). M: Espanya (L1, L3; FGC), Poble Sec (L3). T. 93 426 18 75. Ticket office opens an hour before the performance starts. www.mercatflors.cat

Festival HOP *Dec 9-17.* Enjoy contemporary urban dance at its best with this festival dedicated to research, creation, exhibition and the dissemination of new works. While the dancers are developing their skills, collaborating and producing, the public has the chance to experience exciting, innovative choreography.

In Tarsi *Dec 21, 22, 23, 26, 27, Jan 3, 4, 7, 12-14, 2018. Thu-Fri 8pm; Tue, Wed, Sat 6pm. €16.* The circus company Eia presents *In Tarsi*, an energetic journey taken by four acrobats that features dance, theatre and different circus acts.

INFORMATION AND SALES

Tourist information points and tickets. visitbarcelona.com

DAY BY DAY

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NIGHT-TIME ACTIVITIES

FREE Magic Fountain (Pl. Carles Buigas, 1). M: Espanya (L1, L3; FGC). Thu-Sat 8pm-9pm (shows start at 8pm and 8.30pm).

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

The Ghost Walking Tour (Start: Arc de Triomf, Pg. Lluís Companys). M: Arc de Triomf (L1). Fri 9.30pm (English/Spanish). €12. Info and tickets: tickets.visitbarcelona.com and iconoserveis.com.

A two-hour tour around some of the spookiest corners of Barcelona.

Medieval supper and show at the Palau Requesens (Bisbe Caçador, 3). M: Liceu (L3), Jaume I (L4). Fri, Sat. 7.30pm. From €71. Discounts available. www.sternalia.com and tickets.visitbarcelona.com

Take a tour of this historic building, try medieval food and enjoy entertainment typical of the era. Guided tours only also available.

Observatori Fabra (Camí de l'Observatori, s/n). Until Dec 16. Fri, Sat. Check times on website. Fri (Spa/Cat): €15; children (12 and under) €7.50. Sat (Eng/Spa/Cat): €25; children (12 and under) €12.50. www.sternalia.com

Take a tour around Barcelona's hillside observatory, look through the telescope and visit the exterior of the cupola. Plus, on Saturday, visit extra spaces, see a video screening about astronomy and enjoy a glass of cava or juice.

MUSIC FESTIVAL

49th Voll-Damm Barcelona International Jazz Festival: Rebecca Martin and Orquestra Jazz Matosinhos Conservatori del Liceu (Nou de la Rambla, 88). M: Paral·lel (L2, L3). 9pm. From €30. www.theproject.es

US jazz singer Rebecca Martin is acclaimed as one of the foremost contemporary singers of the genre. She's renowned both for her charming updates of classic standards and her own compositions.

49th Voll-Damm Barcelona International Jazz Festival: Andrea Motis and Joan Chamorro

Quartet Palau de la Música Catalana (Palau de la Música, 4-6). M: Urquinaona (L1, L4). 9.30pm. From €15. www.theproject.es
Young Catalan jazz star Andrea Motis returns to the Barcelona International Jazz Festival with a new project entitled 'Brasil' dedicated to a country that's inspired a lot of her work to date. She's accompanied by her regular group, led by double bassist Joan Chamorro.

CULTURAL FESTIVAL

FREE Barcelona District Cultural Various venues. You have to reserve your tickets online in advance: www.districtecultural.barcelona
This is a citywide event, taking place in 13 different spaces across Barcelona's 10 districts and includes music, theatre, dance, circus and audiovisual shows. Tonight, enjoy a show from Toni Mira and his company Nats Nus entitled 'Monòlit' that features contemporary dance with touches of jazz (Auditori de Sant Martí, Pl. d'Angeleta Ferrer, 2; 8pm).

TOURS

Palau Macaya (Passeig de Sant Joan, 108). M: Verdguer (L4, L5). Dec 15. 30pm; Dec 29 11am. Reserve in advance at www.casessingulars.com.

This stunning modernista building stands out for its white façade, while the interior hides many gems worth discovering.

Casa Felip (Ausiàs Marc, 21). M: Urquinaona (L1, L4). Fri 11am (English), 1pm (Spanish). €14. Reduced: €12.60. Reserve in advance at www.casessingulars.com.

Once home to the Felip family, this apartment is an excellent example of the modernista style of architecture.

Torre Bellesguard Gaudí (Bellesguard, 6-9). FGC: Av. Tibidabo. Visit with audio guide: Tue-Sun 10am-3pm. €9. Reduced: €7.20. Guided tour: Sat noon, Sun 1.15pm (Spanish), Sat, Sun 11am (English). €16. Reduced: €12.80. www.bellesguardgaudi.com

Discover Gaudí's fabulous modernista castle that he built on the slopes of Tibidabo.

The awakening of La Pedrera (Pg. de Gràcia, 92). M: Diagonal (L3, L5); Provença (FGC). Wed-Sat (Eng). 8am. €39. Reduced: €19.50. Book online at: www.lapedrera.com

See Gaudí's Casa Milà before the crowds arrive with this morning guided tour that takes in the whole building including some areas not on the regular tours.



SPANISH GUITAR

The Art of the Spanish Guitar: concert and wine Santa Anna Church (Santa Anna, 29). M: Catalunya (L1, L3; FGC). Dec 1, 8, 15, 22, 29. 7pm. €20. Discount at tourist offices. More info: tickets.visitbarcelona.com.

Barcelona Duo de Guitar perform a candlelit concert entitled 'Carmen', as you enjoy the music and a glass of wine.

FLAMENCO

Grand Flamenco Gala Teatre Poliorama (La Rambla, 115). M: Drassanes, Liceu (L3). Dec 1, 27, 29. 7pm. €35-€50. More info and tickets at tourist offices and tickets.visitbarcelona.com.

Hear the most traditional sounds of classic Spanish flamenco, with an intense performance full of passion.

Tablao de Carmen Poble Espanyol (Av. Francesc Ferrer i Guàrdia, 13). M: Espanya (L1, L3; FGC). Daily 6pm: doors, 6.45pm: show; 8.30pm: doors, 9.15pm: show. From €30. Options include drink + show and meal + show; ticket includes entrance to Poble Espanyol. www.tablaodecarmen.com

Opened in 1988 in homage to iconic Barcelona flamenco star, Carmen Amaya, this spot in Poble Espanyol offers top-quality performances of different styles of flamenco.

La Bodega Flamenca (Roger de Flor, 230). M: Verdguer (L4, L5), Sagrada Família (L2, L5). Mon-Sat 6pm (dinner), 7pm (show); 8.30pm (dinner), 9.30pm (show). Various menus and drink-only option available. Closed Sun. www.labodegaflamenca.com

Enjoy an authentic flamenco experience in this unique space dedicated to flamenco culture and Med cuisine close to the Sagrada Família.

Tablao Cordobés (La Rambla, 3-5). M: Drassanes, Liceu (L3). Daily 5pm, 6pm, 7.30pm, 9.15pm, 10.30pm (shows start later). €44-€79.50. tablaocordobes.com

Enjoy a meal or drink then see some of Barcelona's best flamenco dancers and musicians in this show at the city's most authentic tablao; performers this month include Yiyo (1-15), Ángel Reyes (16-31), Fernando Jiménez Torres (16-31), Karime Amaya (1-31) and Sara Barrero (1-15). In Spanish.

Tablao Flamenco Nervión (Princesa, 2). M: Jaume I (L4). Wed-Sat 8pm-10pm. Show + drink €16.90; show + supper €27.90.

City centre restaurant hosts flamenco performances.

TECHNO

Techno session Moog (Arc del Teatre, 3). M: Liceu and Drassanes (L3). From midnight. www.masimas.com/moog

Head to the city centre for a night of electronica and dance at Barcelona's foremost techno club.

BLUES

Blues at the MEAM (Barra de Ferro, 5). M: Jaume I (L4). Fri 6pm. €11 (in advance). €14 (on the door). More info and tickets at tourist offices and tickets.visitbarcelona.com.

Hear a concert of roots blues from Alex 'Guitar' García, while you can also enjoy modern art, drinks and snacks.

SHOPPING

Barcelona Genuine Shops (Start: tourist office in Pl. Sant Jaume, Ciutat, 2). M: Jaume I (L4), Liceu (L3). Fri 3.30pm (not Dec 8). €25. tickets.visitbarcelona.com

Three-hour tour led by a professional guide that lets you discover some of the city's most distinctive and authentic shops.

CLASSICAL MUSIC

'Gaziel' and 'Picarol', two modernista dramas Palau de la Música Catalana (Palau de la Música, 4-6). M: Urquinaona (L1, L4). 8pm. €30. www.bcnclassics.cat

As part of the celebrations of the 150th year since the birth of Catalan composer Enric Granados, the conductor Jaime Martín leads the Orquestra de Cadaqués and choir of the Enric Granados Auditorium in Lleida in a performance of these works, shorter pieces that also feature spoken dialogue.

L'Incoronazione di Poppea Gran Teatre del Liceu (La Rambla, 51-59). M: Liceu (L3). Dec 1, 3. Fri 8pm; Sun 6pm. €10-€173. www.liceubarcelona.cat

To celebrate Monteverdi Year, the conductor Jean-Christophe Spinosi returns with the Matheus Ensemble to present a concert version of what was the composer's last opera.

CHRISTMAS

Santa Lúcia market Av. de la Catedral. M: Jaume I (L4). Until Dec 23. Weekdays 10.30am-8.30pm; weekends and public holidays 10.30am-9.30pm. www.firadesantallucia.cat Get into the festive spirit at this market selling all kinds of traditional Christmas items.

AUDIOVISUAL FESTIVAL

Festival Inclús CaixaForum (Av. Francesc Ferrer i Guàrdia, 6-8). M: Espanya (L1, L3; FGC). Dec 1-3. <http://obrasociallacaixa.org>

This three-day event aims to highlight the reality of people with functional diversity from a constructive and inclusive point of view.

Saturday 2

OPERA

Tristan und Isolde Gran Teatre del Liceu (La Rambla, 51-59). M: Liceu (L3). Dec 2, 4, 7, 10, 12, 15. 7pm except Sun 10.5pm. €14-€292.95. www.liceubarcelona.cat

Wagner's opera is the culmination of the composer's artistic ethos, and it revolutionised tonal music with its harmonic ambiguity. Re-

nowned Catalan director Àlex Ollé and stage designer Alfons Flores work together to create a 'comprehensive work of art', according to the Wagnerian ideal.

OPEN-AIR FAMILY

PortAventura World theme park (Av. Alcalde Pere Molas. Km. 2. Vila Seca (Tarragona)). T. 902 20 22 20. Train: PortAventura (line R16 from Sants-Estació or Passeig de Gràcia; www.renfe.es). Direct 90-min bus from Balmes, 5 (Julia Travel). PortAventura Park: Dec 2-10, 16, 17, 23-31 10am-7pm; Ferrari Land: Dec 2-10, 16, 17, 23-31 10am-5pm; Dec 1, 15, 22 6pm-11pm. tickets.visitbarcelona.com or www.portaventura.es

At this popular resort enjoy PortAventura Park, with rides and fun for all, and Ferrari Land, an exciting new area dedicated to the famous fast cars.

Family activities at the zoo *Barcelona Zoo (Parc de la Ciutadella, s/n). M: Arc de Triomf (L1), Ciutadella/Vila Olímpica (L4). Weekends and public holidays. Zoo opening hours: 10am-5.30pm. www.zoobarcelona.cat*

In the morning enjoy activities like helping at the farm, discovering how to look after animals and nature, and learning more about some of the zoo's inhabitants; at 3pm (Plaça Dama del Paraigües) and 5pm (in front of lion enclosure), hear stories courtesy of one of the zookeepers.

Barcelona Urban Forest (Pl. del Fòrum, s/n). M: El Maresme/Fòrum (L4). Weekends and public hols 10am-3pm. Special opening times for Christmas holidays, check website for details. Closed Dec 25, 26. €11-€24 (depending on circuit & age).

www.barcelonaboscurba.com

Zip wires, trampolines and bungees for high-adrenaline fun.

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 2, 3, 6-10, 16, 17, 22-24, 27-31 11am-6pm. www.tibidabo.cat Barcelona's theme park features fun rides new and old plus amazing city views.

MUSIC FESTIVAL

49th Voll-Damm Barcelona International Jazz Festival: Maceo Parker BARTS (Av. Paral·lel, 62). M: Paral·lel (L2, L3). 9pm. From €24. www.theproject.es

The veteran US saxophonist Maceo Parker, who's worked with such illustrious names as Ray Charles and James Brown, is renowned for his funk and groove sounds.

Oh Happy Gaudi *Cripta Gaudí, Colònia Güell (Claudi Güell, 6 - Santa Coloma de Cervelló). M: Espanya (L1, L3; FGC) + FGC: Colònia Güell station (S4, S8 or S33). Until Dec 9. Adults: €23 (with visit); €16 (concert only). Children: €16. www.gaudicoloniaiguell.org*

Hear some of Catalonia's foremost singing groups in the unique surrounds of Gaudí's crypt at the Colònia Güell. Every Saturday until December 9, a choir from the popular Catalan TV singing contest 'Oh Happy Day!' performs in the church.

CHRISTMAS

Sagrada Família Christmas market *Pl. de la Sagrada Família. M: Sagrada Família (L2, L5). Until Dec 23. Check website for times. www.barcelona.cat/nadal*

If you're planning a visit to Gaudí's yet-to-be-finished cathedral, take a look at the festive treats at this annual market.

SPANISH GUITAR

Maestros of the Spanish Guitar *Basilica de Santa Maria del Pi (Pl. del Pi, 7). M: Catalunya (L1, L3; FGC). Dec 2 9.30pm; Dec 3-5 9pm. €23. Discount at tourist offices. More info: tickets.visitbarcelona.com*

Ekaterina Záyitseva was brought up in Russia, although she has lived in Spain for over a decade and is a Spanish guitar expert.

The Art of the Spanish Guitar: concert and wine *Santa Anna Church (Santa Anna, 29). M: Catalunya (L1, L3; FGC). Dec 2, 9, 12, 19, 23, 26, 30. 9pm. €20. Discount at tourist offices. More info: tickets.visitbarcelona.com*

Barcelona Duo de Guitar perform a candlelit concert entitled 'Camen', as you enjoy the music and a glass of wine.

FOLK - POP-ROCK

Newton Faulkner *L'Auditori (Lepant, 150). M: Glòries & Marina (L1), Monumental (L2). 9pm. €20 in advance; €25 at the box office. www.auditori.cat*

Picked to perform by a public vote on an online platform, British musician Newton Faulkner comes to Barcelona for the first time to present his latest work, Hit the Ground Running.

TRADITIONS

FREE Sardanes (Pla de la Seu). M: Jaume I (L4). Sat 6pm; Sun 11.15am.

Catalonia's national dance is performed in front of the cathedral every weekend.

CULTURAL FESTIVAL

FREE Barcelona District Cultural *Various venues. You have to reserve your tickets online in advance: www.districtecultural.barcelona*

This is a citywide event, taking place in 13 different spaces across Barcelona's 10 districts and includes music, theatre, dance, circus and audiovisual shows. Tonight, hear a fusion of flamenco and jazz from Aurora led by singer Pere Martínez, who took the name of the group from the Federico García Lorca poem, 'Aurora de Nova York' (Centre Cívic Zona Nord, Vallcivera, 14; 7pm).

InMuseu 17 *Various venues.*



barcelona.cat/inmuseu

Eleven Barcelona museums take part in this one-day event that gives you the chance to really get under the skin of the institutions with guided tours from the experts that take care of the collections, archives and restoration workshops. The participating venues include: MUHBA, El Born Centre de Cultura i Memòria, Museu Frederic Marès, Castell de Montjuïc, Museu de la Música and the Reial Monestir de Santa Maria de Pedralbes.

TOURS

Reial Acadèmia de Ciències i Arts de Barcelona (La Rambla, 115). M: Catalunya (L1, L3; FGC). Wed, Sat 10.30am, 11.30am, 12.30pm. Various languages. €8. www.sternalia.com

Discover this 250-year-old institution located in an 18th-century building right at the heart of the city. Albert Einstein explained the fundamentals of relativity in its main hall, and it's also home to an astronomical clock that dates from 1869.

Casa de la Seda (Sant Pere Més Alt, 1). M: Urquinaona (L1, L4). Sat 11am (Spa/Eng). €10. Reduced: €8. Free for under-11s.

www.casadelaseda.com

'The House of Silk' is the only professional guild building in Barcelona open to the public. With over 300 years of history, a visit there will take you back to a time of splendour and elegance, and give you the chance to learn about the work of such institutions.

Casa Vicens (C/ de les Carolines, 20). M: Fontana, Lesseps (L3). Mon-Sun 10am-8pm. €16. Reduced: €14. www.casavicens.org

Well-known among Barcelona residents as the first house in the city designed by Gaudí, this beautiful building only opened its doors to the public last month following restoration works. Be among the first to see this outstanding early work of the architect.

The Shadow of the Wind (Start: Centre d'Art Santa Mònica, La Rambla, 9). M: Drassanes (L3). Sat 5pm (Spanish/English). €14. Info and tickets: tickets.visitbarcelona.com and iconoserveis.com.

For fans of Carlos Ruiz Zafón's extraordinarily successful Barcelona-set book, this guided tour is a can't-miss.

FREE Funeral carriage and hearse collection (Montjuïc Cemetery, Mare del Déu del Port, 56-58). Bus: 21. Sat noon. In Catalan. www.cbsa.cat

Guided tour of the world's largest collection of such carriages, with examples dating from the 18th century to the 1950s.

Palau Requesens (Bisbe Caçador, 3). M: Liceu (L3), Jaume I (L4). Sat 11.30am, 12.30pm, 1.30pm. Various languages.

www.sternalia.com

Get to know the history of this wonderful palace and its striking architecture, a place built

on top of part of the former Roman walls. You will also get to know Isabel de Requesens and what the city was like while she was alive.

Reial Acadèmia de Medicina de Catalunya (Carme, 47). M: Liceu (L3). Wed, Sat 10.30am, 11.30am, 12.30pm. Check website for availability. 10.30am. Various languages. €8. www.sternalia.com

This academy is located in one of Barcelona's most important neo-classical buildings, where highlights include the anatomy amphitheatre built for teaching student surgeons.

Guided tour of the Joan Miró Collection Fundació Joan Miró (Parc de Montjuïc, s/n). M: Espanya (L1, L3; FGC). Bus: 55, 150. Thu 1pm (Eng); Sat 11am (Spa), 12.30pm (Cat). Entry (includes tour): €12. Reduced: €7. www.fmirobcn.org

Gain a deeper understanding of the late Catalan artist's work with this guided tour of the permanent collection on show at his foundation.

Stories and legends of the Gothic quarter (Start: Plaça Nova, 5). M: Jaume I (L4). Thu 3.30pm (English/Spanish); Sat 10am (French); Sun 10am (English). €15 (includes one snack and a drink). Info and tickets: tickets.visitbarcelona.com and iconoserveis.com.

Explore the heart of the Ciutat Vella, discover its long history and see some of the city's emblematic landmarks.

Casa de les Punxes (Av. Diagonal, 420). M: Verdaguera (L4, L5), Diagonal (L3, L5); Provença (FGC). Daily 9am-8pm. Guided tour: €20. Free for under-5s. Self-guided tour with audio guide (available in 10 languages): €12.50. 5-18 year olds and senior citizens: €11.25. Free for under-5s. From Dec 18 to Jan 7, children up to 15 years are free if accompanied by a paying adult. www.casadelespunxes.com

The modernista Casa de les Punxes includes a spectacular rooftop and new vermouth bar. This month all the guided tours of the building focus on its designer, Josep Puig i Cadafalch, whose birth 150th years ago is being celebrated around the city. In addition, every weekend in December, there are special family sessions between 10am and 7pm using the educational suitcase, 'Rediscovering Josep Puig i Cadafalch'.

FLAMENCO

Live Flamenco Sala Tarantos (Plaça Reial, 17). M: Liceu (L3). Daily 7.30pm, 8.30pm, 9.30pm. €15. www.masimas.com/tarantos

Experience the passion of flamenco in an intimate tablao on Plaça Reial.

Flamenco at Palau Dalmau (Montcada, 20). M: Jaume I (L4). Daily 6pm, 7.30pm, 9.30pm. €25. Book online at: www.palaudalmau.com.

Singing, dancing, guitar and cajón all in a historical setting.

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

Extensive cast of guitarists, singers and dancers is accompanied by the rhythms of the cajón, heel and palms.

CLASSICAL MUSIC

Classical music at the MEAM (*Barra de Ferro, 5*). M: *Jaume I (L4)*. Sat 6pm. €15 (in advance). €19 (on the door). More info and tickets at touristofficesandtickets.visitbarcelona.com. Enjoy 'A Clarinet Solo' from clarinet player Luís Fernández Castelló who performs works by Stravinsky, Berio and Kovács. Entry includes an afternoon snack.

FAMILY

The hidden treasures of the Guitarts *Museu Marítim de Barcelona* (*Av. de les Drassanes, s/n*). M: *Drassanes (L3)*. Weekends. €0.50 plus entry fee for museum. www.mmb.cat. Take this self-guided tour of the '7 vessels, 7 histories' exhibition along with siblings Laia and Pau who are set to discover a whole host of treasures, around the theme of sailors, pirates and treasure maps. For children 7 and above.

La Petite Flauta Mágica *Gran Teatre del Liceu* (*La Rambla, 51-59*). M: *Liceu (L3)*. Dec 2, 10 11am; Dec 3 noon. €10-€15.38.

www.liceubarcelona.cat

Introduce your children to the magic and beauty of opera with this popular family-friendly take on Mozart's classic *The Magic Flute*.

FOOTBALL

La Liga: FC Barcelona vs. Celta *Camp Nou* (*Aristides Maillol, s/n*). M: *Les Corts (L3)*. 1pm. www.fcbarcelona.cat

Barça meet the team that hails from the western Spanish town of Vigo.

Sunday 3

POP

Elton John *Palau Sant Jordi* (*Pg. Olímpic, 5-7*). 9pm. From €51.50. www.livenation.es

Now aged 70 but still standing, Sir Elton has an extensive list of hits behind him, from the iconic 'Candle in the Wind', 'Rocket Man' and 'Song for Daniel' to his more recent accomplishments that have seen him collaborate with some of the biggest names in music. Don't miss your chance to see a legend perform.

OPEN DAY

FREE Sant Pau, Art Nouveau Site (*Sant Antoni Maria Claret, 167*). M: *Sant Pau/Dos de Maig (L5)*. 10am-2.30pm. First Sunday of month, free (no guided tours).

www.santpaubarcelona.org

This spectacular network of modernist pavilions designed by Lluís Domènech i Montaner was once a working hospital. Today, you can also enjoy a choral performance from Coral Unda Maris (noon).

FREE Palau Güell (*Nou de la Rambla, 3-5*). M: *Liceu (L3)*. First Sunday of month, free. Morning: from 10am; afternoon: from 3pm. Limited tickets, available on the door.

www.palauaguell.cat

See one of Gaudí's most splendid creations, this house designed for the family of Eugeni Güell and which was built between 1886 and 1890.

BARROQUE MUSIC

Il Giardino Armonico: Celebrating Telemann *L'Auditori* (*Lepant, 150*). M: *Glòries & Marina (L1)*, *Monumental (L2)*. 7pm. €28.

www.auditori.cat

To mark the 250th anniversary of the death of Georg Philipp Telemann, the Auditori welcomes a leading contemporary Baroque group to perform a programme of his chamber music.

TOURS

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

www.palaumusica.cat

Take a tour of this stunning Catalan modernist building.

The Cathedral of the Sea (*Start: Plaça de Santa Maria del Mar*). M: *Jaume I (L4)*. Sun 10am (Spanish). €14. Info and tickets: tickets.visitbarcelona.com and iconoserveis.com.

Fans of Ildefonso Falcones's novel shouldn't miss this tour that takes in some of the places mentioned in the book.

Block of Discord guided tour (*Start: Casa Amatller, Pg. de Gràcia, 41*). M: *Passeig de Gràcia (L2, L3, L4)*. Sun 10.30am (English), noon (Spanish). €17. Reduced: €15.30. Reserve in advance at www.casessingulars.com.

The 'Mansana de la Discòrdia' is a block of buildings known for having five of the city's most outstanding modernist creations: Casa Amatller, Casa Lleó i Morera, Casa Batlló, Casa Mulleras and Casa Bonet. This tour explains the façades of each one.

FREE Guided tour of the Josep Lluís Sert building *Fundació Joan Miró* (*Parc de Montjuïc, s/n*). M: *Espanya (L1, L3)*; *FGC*. Bus: 55, 150. 11am (Eng), 12.30pm (Cat).



Discover the building created by Sert, a great friend of Joan Miró, to house an extensive collection of the artist's work.

OPEN-AIR

FREE Santa Madrona portal and bastion *Museu Marítim de Barcelona* (Av. de les Drasanes, s/n). First, third and fourth Sun of month. 11am-2pm. www.mmb.cat

Explore this hidden corner of the city featuring the only remaining portal of Barcelona's medieval walls, dating from the 14th century, and a bastion from the 18th century. You can also explore the Baluard Gardens, situated on the wall.

FAMILY

3D Planetarium and activities for kids *CosmoCaixa* (Isaac Newton, 26). FGC. Av. Tibidabo. Check with museum for times.

<http://obrasociallacaixa.org>

Explore the secrets of deep space with a range of screenings available in English, French, Spanish and Catalan. Kids can also enjoy hands-on activities for different ages that feature different aspects of science.

Botó màgic *Poble Espanyol* (Av. Francesc Ferrer i Guàrdia, 13). M: Espanya (L1, L3; FGC).

12.30pm-1.30pm. General entrance (includes this event): €14. Reduced: €7, €9, €10.50. Under-4s free. www.poble-espanyol.com

Take a journey to a magic world where amazing things happen right before your eyes. Dapevimag is a young magician whose skills and friendliness will entertain and cheer you. For children aged 2-8. In Catalan.

Ceramics workshop *Museu del Disseny* (Edifici Disseny Hub Barcelona, Pl. de les Glòries Catalanes, 37-38). M: Glòries (L1). Sun 11.30am. Until Dec 17.

www.museudeldisseny.cat

The 'Liquid Earth' workshop includes a visit to the permanent exhibition on ceramics, with pieces from the 3rd to 20th centuries, and the chance to learn how people have made different items using clay, water and fire. Participants can then try different techniques using clay.

CHRISTMAS – FAMILY

Nativity workshops *The Gaudí Exhibition Center, Museu Diocesà* (Pla de la Seu, 7). M: Jaume I (L4), Liceu (L3). Dec 3, 6-9, 16, 17.

www.gaudiexhibitioncenter.com

Take part in a truly Catalan Christmas tradition with the creation of a nativity scene (pessebre in Catalan); inspiration comes from themes such as the Sagrada Família and the Gothic Cathedral cloister. For children aged 5 to 12.

Monday 4

TALKS

Zadie Smith in conversation with Jordi Puntí (Pg. de Gràcia, 92). M: Diagonal (L3, L5); Provença (FGC). 7pm. €4. In English with simultaneous translation. www.lapedrera.com.

The Fundació Catalunya La Pedrera continues its commitment to intellectual discussion with this appearance by award-winning British writer and academic Zadie Smith. She talks to Catalan author and journalist Jordi Puntí.

SPA

Aire de Barcelona, Arab Baths (Pg. de Picasso, 22). M: Barceloneta & Jaume I (L4). T. 93 295 5743. Sun-Thu: first session 9am, final session from 11pm. Fri, Sat: first session 9am, final session from midnight.

airedebarcelona.com

Treat yourself to the old-age tradition of bathing to care for your body and mind in a tranquil, idyllic space.

JAZZ

Jamboree Jam Session *Jamboree* (Pl. Reial, 17). M: Liceu (L3). Mon 8pm. €5 (box office). €4 (online in advance). More info at:

www.masimas.com/jamboree.

Classic weekly Barcelona jam event.

TOURS

Palauet Casades (Mallorca, 283). M: Diagonal (L3, L5). Mon 11am (English), 1pm (Spanish). €14. Reduced: €12.60. Children 7-12: €7. Under-7s free. Reserve in advance at www.casessingulars.com.

Explore this modernista building that's currently the office for the city's lawyers' association.

Basilica de Santa Maria del Pi (Pl. del Pi, 7). M: Liceu (L3). 10am-6pm. €4. Reduced: €3. Guided tour including bell tower: check website for times. €8.50. www.riostabarcelona.com

Visit the 14th-century basilica and its bell tower, which gives you great views across the city.

Casa Amatller (Pg. de Gràcia, 41). M: Passeig de Gràcia (L2, L3, L4). Daily guided tours (one hour): 11am (English), 5pm (Spanish). €17. Express tours with video guide (30 mins): 10am-6pm. €14. Reduced: €12.60. Children 7-12: €8. Under-7s free. Prior reservation necessary at www.casessingulars.com.

Part of Barcelona's modernisme epicentre, the building was remodelled in the late 1800s for chocolate tycoon, Antoni Amatller.

NIGHT-TIME ACTIVITIES

Gaudí's Pedrera. The Origins (Pg. de Gràcia, 92). M: Diagonal (L3, L5); Provença (FGC). until Dec 24 7pm-9pm; from Dec 26 9pm-11pm.

Closed Dec 25. €34. Reduced: €17. Under-7s, free. www.lapedrera.com

Spectacular night-time event with rooftop video mapping, screenings and a glass of cava.

Barcelona Night-time Trail (Start: *Pla de la Seu*, by the main entrance to Barcelona Cathedral). M: Jaume I (L4). Daily 9pm-11pm. From €20. Eng, Cat, Spa, Greek. Tickets: www.visitbarcelona.com and barcelonaothereyesroutes.com

Discover the city by night with tales from the past, a look at different attitudes to sex down the ages, and hear about some of the famous people who've left their mark here.

Tuesday 5

FOOTBALL

Champions League: FC Barcelona vs. Sporting Lisboa Camp Nou (Aristides Maillol, s/n). M: Les Corts (L3). 8.45pm.

www.fcbarcelona.cat

In the latest group round match, FC Barcelona take on the Portuguese side.

MUSIC FESTIVAL

Hivernacle Pop Up Poble Espanyol (Av. Francesc Ferrer i Guàrdia, 13). M: Espanya (L1, L3; FGC). 10pm-4am. www.poble-espanyol.com

This is the second edition of the Hivernacle Pop Up Club Barcelona, and over three dates you can enjoy some of the best names in contemporary electronica in a giant transparent tent set up in the main square of Poble Espanyol. Tonight hear from Mind Against, DJ Koze, Saoirse and more.

49th Voll-Damm Barcelona International Jazz

Festival: Rui Massena Conservatori del Liceu (Nou de la Rambla, 88). M: Paral·lel (L2, L3). 8.30pm. From €28. www.theproject.es

Portuguese piano maestro Rui Massena has had an eclectic career, including a time as the principal conductor of the Rome Symphony Orchestra and is the founder of the Expensive Soul Symphonic Experience, a classical orchestra that also features hip hop.

FILM

FREE Aula Xcèntric CCCB (Montalegre, 5). M: Catalunya (L1, L3; FGC). 8.30pm-9.45pm. www.cccb.org

With the title 'The camera as a brush, the film as a canvas', the CCCB screens a range of short experimental films from around the world that share the common theme of art.

TOURS

Biblioteca Arús (Pg. Sant Joan, 26). M: Arc de Triomf (L1), Tetuan (L2). Tue 11am (English), 1pm (Spanish). €9. Reserve in advance at www.casessingulars.com

Created in 1895 with funds from Rossend Arús, this library specialises in research into social movements.

The Language of Stones Daily noon. €20.

Eng, Cat, Spa, Greek. More info and tickets: tickets.visitbarcelona.com and barcelonaothereyesroutes.com.

Take a much closer look at the city and messages that have been left on its stones with this guided tour that covers centuries of history from Roman times to the Middle Ages.

Guided visits to Park Güell (Olot, 5). M: Vallcarca (L3). General guided tour: €7 pp. Private guided tour (for 2-5 people): €36 pp. Every day, various languages available. Advanced booking recommended on parkguell.cat.

Get to really know Gaudí's masterpiece with one of the hour-long guided tours on offer.

SPANISH GUITAR

The Art of the Spanish Guitar: concert and wine Santa Anna Church (Santa Anna, 29). M: Catalunya (L1, L3; FGC). Dec 5, 16. 9pm. €20. Discount at tourist offices. More info: tickets.visitbarcelona.com.

Robert Majure performs an intimate candlelit concert where you can also enjoy a glass of wine.

UNDERWATER SPORT

Shark cage diving L'Aquàrium (Moll d'Espanya del Port Vell, s/n). M: Barceloneta (L4), Drassanes (L3). Subject to availability. Mon-Sun 9.30am, noon, 4pm. For ages 8 and above. From €150. www.aquariumbcn.com

Enjoy a unique adventure by going underwater in a cage to see the Aquarium's sharks and fish up close!

Wednesday 6

CHRISTMAS

Nadal al Poble Poble Espanyol (Av. Francesc Ferrer i Guàrdia, 13). M: Espanya (L1, L3; FGC). Dec 6-10. General entrance: €14. Reduced: €7, €9, €10.50. Under-4s free. www.poble-espanyol.com

Poble Espanyol hosts a variety of activities for all the family to get into the festive mood including kids' workshops, a treasure hunt, games area and Santa Claus's house. There's also a Christmas market, food trucks, karaoke and a cultural zone explaining seasonal Catalan customs.

TOURS

The Freedom Trail: Civil War tour (Start: main entrance of Barcelona University, Pl. Universitat). M: Universitat (L1, L2). Daily 9am, noon and 5pm. Eng, Spa, Cat and Greek. From €20. More info and tickets: tickets.visitbarcelona.com and barcelonaothereyesroutes.com.

See the city through fresh eyes with this guided tour that takes in some of the places that were key in the Spanish Civil War (1936-1939).

Santa Maria del Mar rooftop (Plaça de Santa Maria, 1). M: Jaume I (L4). Noon to 6pm. Vari-



ous languages. €10. Reduced: €8. Booking: www.riostabarcelona.com and tickets.visitbarcelona.com

Guided tours to the top of this historic church for great city views.

Palau Baró de Quadras (Av. Diagonal, 373). M: Diagonal (L3, L5) and Provença (FGC). Wed 11am (Eng), 1pm (Spanish). €14. Reduced: €12.60. Children 7-12: €6. Aged 6 and under: free. Reservations: www.casessingulars.com.

Opened to the public for tours in 2016, this building features Gothic sculpture and Islamic-style ceramics.

FAMILY CINEMA

Steven Spielberg season CaixaForum (Av. Francesc Ferrer i Guàrdia, 6-8). M: Espanya (L1, L3; FGC). Dec 6, 8, 9, 10. 11.30am. €4. <http://obrasociallacaixa.org>

CaixaForum shows some of Spielberg's much-loved family films in the run-up to Christmas. This morning, enjoy the first adventure of Indiana Jones in *Raiders of the Lost Ark* (1981). Shown in English with Catalan subtitles.

SPANISH GUITAR

Maestros of the Spanish Guitar *Basilica de Santa Maria del Pi* (Pl. del Pi, 7). M: Catalunya (L1, L3; FGC). Dec 6, 8. 9pm. €23. Discount at tourist offices. More info: tickets.visitbarcelona.com.

Barcelona Guitar Trio perform a concert of flamenco and Spanish guitar music.

Thursday 7

ELECTRONIC

Depeche Mode *Palau Sant Jordi* (Pg. Olímpic, 5-7). 8.15pm. From €50.50. www.livenation.es
The popular British band come to Barcelona as part of their current European 'Global Spirit' tour, named for their 14th studio album, *Spirit* (2017).

ROCK

Little Steven & The Disciples of Soul *Razzmatazz* (Pamplona, 88). M: Bogatell (L4), Marina (L1). Doors 7.30pm; concert 9pm. From €35. www.doctormusic.com

Steve Van Zandt, better known as Little Steven and an integral member of Bruce Springsteen's E Street Band, comes to Barcelona as part of a tour to promote his first solo album in 20 years, *Soulfire*, described by Rolling Stone magazine as one of the best albums of 2017.

OPERA

Opera at Palau Dalmases (Montcada, 20). M: Jaume I (L4). Thu 11pm. €20. www.palaudalmases.com

La Petita Companyia Lírica de Barcelona performs in a historical venue.

SPANISH GUITAR

The Art of the Spanish Guitar: concert and wine *Santa Anna Church* (Santa Anna, 29). M: Catalunya (L1, L3; FGC). Dec 7, 28. 9pm. €20. Discount at tourist offices. More info: tickets.visitbarcelona.com.

Joan Benejam presents 'Fandango', a journey through the history and development of Spanish guitar, while you enjoy a glass of wine.

Maestros of the Spanish Guitar *Basilica de Santa Maria del Pi* (Pl. del Pi, 7). M: Catalunya (L1, L3; FGC). Dec 7, 11. 9pm. €23. Discount at tourist offices. More info: tickets.visitbarcelona.com.

Barcelona Guitar Trio perform a concert of flamenco and Spanish guitar music.

CHRISTMAS

FREE Nativity scene in Plaça de Sant Jaume (*Pl. de Sant Jaume*, 1). M: Liceu (L3), Jaume I (L4). Until Jan 7, 2018. Open 24 hours. www.barcelona.cat/nadal

Every year, Barcelona sets up a nativity scene (*pessebre* in Catalan) in this city centre square as part of its Christmas celebrations. This year's creation, which can be seen all day and night and features all the familiar characters from the Christmas story, is based on the themes of forest, place, play and action.

TOURS

Casa Rocamora (*Ballester*, 12). M: Lesseps (L3); FGC: Pàdua/Pubxet. Thu 11am (English), 1pm (Spanish). €14. Reduced: €12.60. Children 7-12: €7. Under-7s free.

www.casessingulars.com

Discover the extensive art collections gathered by Manuel Rocamora, all on display at his one-time residence.

The Gothic Route *Daily*. 9am, noon, 5pm. Eng, Spa, Cat, Greek. €20. More info and tickets: tickets.visitbarcelona.com and barcelonaothereyesroutes.com.

Take a tour of one of the city's most interesting areas, where transformations have taken place and different communities have left their mark.

FLAMENCO

Grand Flamenco Gala *Palau de la Música Catalana* (*Palau de la Música*, 4-6). M: Urquinaona (L1, L4). Dec 7, 24. Thu 9.30pm; Sun 7pm. €20-€50. More info and tickets at tourist offices and tickets.visitbarcelona.com.

Hear the most traditional sounds of classic Spanish flamenco, with an intense performance full of passion.

Friday 8

BASKETBALL

Euroleague: FCB Lassa vs Fenerbahçe *Camp Nou (Aristides Maillol, s/n). M: Les Corts (L3). 9pm. www.fcbarcelona.cat*

Barcelona's basketball stars take on the Turkish side from Istanbul in their latest European league contest.

TOURS

Casa Felip (*Ausiàs Marc, 21*). *M: Urquinaona (L1, L4)*. See Fri 1.

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-Sat 10am-4.30pm. Sun, public holidays 10am-2.30pm. First Sunday of month, free (no guided tours).*

www.santpau.barcelona.org

This spectacular network of modernist pavilions designed by Lluís Domènech i Montaner was once a working hospital.

FAMILY CINEMA

Steven Spielberg season *CaixaForum (Av. Francesc Ferrer i Guàrdia, 6-8). M: Espanya (L1, L3; FGC). Dec 6, 8, 9, 10. 11.30am. €4. <http://obrasociallacaixa.org>*

CaixaForum shows some of Spielberg's much-loved family films in the run-up to Christmas. This morning, see *Hook*, the director's 1991 take on Peter Pan. Shown in English with Spanish subtitles.

NIGHT-TIME ACTIVITIES

Observatori Fabra (*Camí de l'Observatori, s/n*). See Fri 1.

BLUES

Blues at the MEAM (*Barra de Ferro, 5*). *M: Jaume I (L4). Fri 6pm. €11 (in advance). €14 (on the door). More info and tickets at tourist offices and tickets.visitbarcelona.com.*

This evening's concert features the group Trio de Ases made up of guitarist/singer Jonathan Herrero, guitarist Héctor Martín and pianist/singer Julio Lobos, while you can also take in the modern art while having a drink and snacks.

OPEN-AIR FAMILY

PortAventura World theme park (*Av. Alcalde Pere Molas. Km. 2. Vila Seca, Tarragona*). *Train: PortAventura (line R16 from Sants-Estació or Passeig de Gràcia; www.renfe.es). Direct 90-minute bus from Balmes, 5 (Julia Travel). See Sat 2.*

CLASSICAL MUSIC

Mozart's 'Requiem' *Palau de la Música Catalana (Palau de la Música, 4-6). M: Urquinaona (L1, L4). 9pm. €27-€53. promoconcert.es*

A performance of Mozart's unforgettable composition in the equally memorable sur-

rounds of the modernist Palau de la Música Catalana.

HUMAN TOWERS

Festa Major d'Hivern de Castelldefels (*Plaça de l'Església. Train (Renfe): Castelldefels. Noon. www.cccc.cat*

As part of the winter festival in the nearby seaside town of Castelldefels, two groups of castellers build amazing human towers.

Saturday 9

BASKETBALL

Endesa league: FCB Lassa vs Tenerife *Camp Nou (Aristides Maillol, s/n). M: Les Corts (L3). Date and time tbc. www.fcbarcelona.cat*

The basketball team from the Canary Islands journeys to the Catalan capital to take on FC Barcelona.

SPANISH GUITAR

Maestros of the Spanish Guitar *Basílica de Santa Maria del Pi (Pl. del Pi, 7). M: Catalunya (L1, L3; FGC). Dec 9, 16, 23, 30. 9.30pm; Dec 10, 26, 29 9pm. €23. Discount at tourist offices. More info: tickets.visitbarcelona.com*

Barcelona Guitar Trio perform a concert of flamenco and Spanish guitar music.

FAMILY

3D Planetarium and activities for kids *CosmoCaixa (Isaac Newton, 26). FGC: Av. Tibidabo. See Sun 3.*

NIGHT-TIME ACTIVITIES

Gaudi's Pedrera. The Origins (*Provença 261, entrance on Pg. de Gràcia*). *M: Diagonal (L3, L5); Provença (FGC). See Mon 4.*

MUSIC FESTIVAL

49th Voll-Damm Barcelona International Jazz Festival: Trombone Shorty & Orleans Avenue Razzmatazz (*Pamplona, 88*). *M: Bogatell (L4), Marina (L1). 9pm. From €30. www.theproject.es*

Trombone Shorty is one of the most exciting musicians to come out of New Orleans in recent times, thanks to his innovative combination of jazz, soul, funk, rock and hip hop.

TOURS

Stories and legends of the Gothic quarter (*Start: Plaça Nova, 5*). *M: Jaume I (L4). See Sat 2.*

Reial Acadèmia de Medicina de Catalunya (*Carme, 47*). *M: Liceu (L3). See Sat 2.*

The Shadow of the Wind (*Start: Centre d'Art Santa Mònica, La Rambla, 9*). *M: Drassanes (L3). See Sat 2.*

FREE Funeral carriage and hearse collection (*Montjuïc Cemetery, Mare del Déu del Port, 56-58*). *Bus: 21. See Sat 2.*

Palau Requesens (*Bisbe Caçador, 3*). *M: Liceu (L3), Jaume I (L4). See Sat 2.*



Casa de la Seda (*Sant Pere Més Alt, 1*). M: Urquinaona (L1, L4). See Sat 2.

Casa Vicens (*C/ de les Carolines, 20*). M: Fontana, Lesseps (L3). See Sat 2.

MUSIC FESTIVAL

Oh Happy Gaudi *Cripta Gaudí, Colònia Güell (Claudi Güell, 6 - Santa Coloma de Cervelló)*. M: Espanya (L1, L3; FGC) + FGC: Colònia Güell station (S4, S8 or S33). See Sat 2.

FAMILY CINEMA

Steven Spielberg season *CaixaForum* (Av. Francesc Ferrer i Guàrdia, 6-8). M: Espanya (L1, L3; FGC). Dec 6, 8, 9, 10. 11.30am. €4. <http://obrasociallacaixa.org>

CaixaForum shows some of Spielberg's much-loved family films in the run-up to Christmas. This morning, it's the 2011 3D motion capture, computer-animated version of the Tintin adventure, *The Secret of the Unicorn*. Shown in English with Spanish subtitles.

CLASSICAL MUSIC

Classical music at the MEAM (*Barra de Ferro, 5*). M: Jaume I (L4). Sat 6pm. €15 (in advance). €19 (on the door). More info and tickets at touristofficesandtickets.visitbarcelona.com This evening's concert is intriguingly entitled 'Cooking America!'. Soprano Mercedes Gancedo and pianist Beatriz Miralles perform works by Guastavino, Ginastera, Bernstein and Montsalvatge. Entry includes an afternoon snack.

Sunday 10

TOURS

Block of Discord guided tour (*Start: Casa Amattler, Pg. de Gràcia, 41*). M: Passeig de Gràcia (L2, L3, L4). See Sun 3.

The Cathedral of the Sea (*Start: Plaça de Santa Maria del Mar*). M: Jaume I (L4). See Sun 3.

FREE Guided tour of Montjuïc Cemetery.

Dreams of Barcelona (*Mare de Déu del Port, 56-58*). Bus: 21. Second and fourth Sun of month. 11.15am (Catalan). www.cbsa.cat Barcelona's hillside graveyard is as much an art museum as a final resting-place.

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 touristofficesandtickets.visitbarcelona.com.

This show is a love story combining the passion and beauty of the two musical genres, and which tells the tale of a tempestuous affair between flamenco dancers who perform to some of opera's most famous arias.

FAMILY CINEMA

Steven Spielberg season *CaixaForum* (Av. Francesc Ferrer i Guàrdia, 6-8). M: Espanya (L1, L3; FGC). Dec 6, 8, 9, 10. 11.30am. €4.

<http://obrasociallacaixa.org>

CaixaForum shows some of Spielberg's much-loved family films in the run-up to Christmas. This morning, the final film of the season is *The Goonies* (1985), a great adventure for all ages that was based on a story by Spielberg who executive produced it. In English with Spanish subtitles.

FAMILY

Palau Güell (*Nou de la Rambla, 3-5*). M: Liceu (L3). Dec 10, 24. 11am. €3 per person. www.palauaguell.cat

Visit this Gaudí-designed home with a tour aimed at families with children aged between 5 and 12. See the materials and tools used by the artisans who constructed the building, hear the organ in the main living-room, and dress up in period clothes.

The hidden treasures of the Guitarts *Museu Marítim de Barcelona* (Av. de les Drassanes, s/n). M: Drassanes (L3). Weekends. €0.50 plus entry fee for museum. www.mmb.cat

Take this self-guided tour of the '7 vessels, 7 histories' exhibition along with siblings Laia and Pau who are set to discover a whole host of treasures, around the theme of sailors, pirates and treasure maps. For children 7 and above.

Ceramics workshop *Museu del Disseny (Edifici Disseny Hub Barcelona, Pl. de les Glòries Catalanes, 37-38)*. M: Glòries (L1). See Sun 3.

CLASSICAL MUSIC

Famous opera arias and choruses *Palau de la Música Catalana (Palau de la Música, 4-6)*. M: Urquinaona (L1, L4). 5.30pm. €29-€56. promoconcert.es

Enjoy a rousing musical experience with this performance of legendary operatic pieces by Verdi, Bizet and Mozart.

Monday 11

NIGHT-TIME ACTIVITIES

Barcelona Night-time Trail (*Start: Pla de la Seu, by the main entrance to Barcelona Cathedral*). M: Jaume I (L4). See Mon 4.

FLAMENCO

Tablao Cordobés (*La Rambla, 3-5*). M: Drassanes, Liceu (L3). See Fri 1.

Live Flamenco Sala Tarantos (*Plaça Reial, 17*). M: Liceu (L3). Daily 7.30pm, 8.30pm, 9.30pm. €15. www.masimas.com/tarantos

Experience the passion of flamenco in an intimate tablao on Plaça Reial.

CHRISTMAS

Sagrada Família Christmas market *Pl. de la Sagrada Família*. M: Sagrada Família (L2, L5). Until Dec 23. Check website for times. www.barcelona.cat/nadala

If you're planning a visit to Gaudí's yet-to-be-finished cathedral, take a look at the festive treats at this annual market.

JAZZ

Jamboree Jam Session *Jamboree (Pl. Reial, 17). M: Liceu (L3). See Mon 4.*

TOURS

Palauet Casades (*Mallorca, 283*). M: Diagonal (L3, L5). See Mon 4.

The Freedom Trail: Civil War tour (*Start: main door of Barcelona University, Pl. Universitat*). M: Universitat (L1, L2). See Wed 6.

FOOTBALL

La Liga: RCD Espanyol vs. Girona *Estadi Cornellà-El Prat (Av. del Baix Llobregat, 100. Cornellà de Llobregat). FGC: Cornellà Riera. 9pm. www.rcdespanyol.com*
It's an all-Catalan affair today, as Espanyol face the side from Girona.

Tuesday 12

CHRISTMAS

Santa Llúcia market *Av. de la Catedral. M: Jaume I (L4). Until Dec 23. Weekdays 10.30am-8.30pm; weekends and public holidays 10.30am-9.30pm.*

www.firadesantallucia.cat

Get into the festive spirit at this market selling all kinds of traditional Christmas items.

OPERA

Tristan und Isolde *Gran Teatre del Liceu (La Rambla, 51-59). M: Liceu (L3). See Sat 2.*

FLAMENCO

Tablao de Carmen *Poble Espanyol (Av. Francesc Ferrer i Guàrdia, 13). M: Espanya (L1, L3; FGC). See Fri 1.*

La Bodega Flamenca (*Roger de Flor, 230*). M: Verdaguer (L4, L5), Sagrada Família (L2, L5). See Fri 1.

TOURS

Biblioteca Arús (*Pg. Sant Joan, 26*). M: Arc de Triomf (L1), Tetuan (L2). See Tue 5.

Torre Bellesguard Gaudí (*Bellesguard, 6-9*). FGC: Av. Tibidabo. See Fri 1.

SPANISH GUITAR

Maestros of the Spanish Guitar *Basilica Santa Maria del Pi (Pl. del Pi, 7). M: Liceu (L3). Dec 12-15. 9pm. €23. Discount at tourist offices.*

More info: tickets.visitbarcelona.com

Barcelona Guitar Trio perform a concert of flamenco and Spanish guitar music.

Wednesday 13

CLASSICAL MUSIC

Mozart's Requiem *Palau de la Música Catalana (Palau de la Música, 4-6). M: Urquinaona (L1, L4). 8pm. €22-€69. www.bcnclassics.cat*

In memory of Sir Neville Marriner, conductor Gianandrea Noseda leads the Orquestra of Cadaqués and the Cor Amici Musicae in this performance of Mozart's emblematic piece.

SPA

Aire de Barcelona, Arab Baths (*Pg. de Picasso, 22*). M: Barceloneta & Jaume I (L4). See Mon 4.

TOURS

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

Palau Baró de Quadras (*Av. Diagonal, 373*). M: Diagonal (L3, L5) and Provença (FGC). See Wed 6.

The awakening of La Pedrera (*Pg. de Gràcia, 92*). M: Diagonal (L3, L5); Provença (FGC). See Fri 1.

Reial Acadèmia de Ciències i Arts de Barcelona (*La Rambla, 115*). M: Catalunya (L1, L3; FGC). See Sat 2.

FLAMENCO

Tablao Flamenco Nervión (*Princesa, 2*). M: Jaume I (L4). See Fri 1.

CHRISTMAS MUSIC

Magno gaudens gaudio *Reial Monestir de Pedralbes (Baixada del Monestir, 9). FGC: Reina Elisenda. 9pm.*

monestirpedralbes.bcn.cat

In the wonderful setting of this historic convent, hear a concert of medieval Christmas songs and dances.

Thursday 14

CULTURAL FESTIVAL

FREE Barcelona District Cultural *Various venues. You have to reserve your tickets online in advance: www.districtecultural.barcelona*

This is a citywide event, taking place in 13 different spaces across Barcelona's 10 districts and includes music, theatre, dance, circus and audiovisual shows. Tonight, see the music documentary Fonko, which takes a tour through the different musical scenes of the African continent, narrated by Neneh Cherry (Centre Cívic Albareda, Albareda, 22-24; 7.30pm).

CLASSICAL MUSIC

Handel's 'Messiah' *Basilica de Santa Maria del Mar (Plaça de Santa Maria, 1). M: Jaume I (L4). Dec 14-16. 9pm. www.concertsabarcelona.com*

Savour a performance of this perennial favourite in the beautiful setting of one of Barcelona's most stunning and historical churches. **#Apadrinaunpiano** *La Pedrera (Pg. de Gràcia, 92). M: Diagonal (L3, L5); Provença (FGC). 7.30pm. Donation from €20.*

www.lapedrera.com

In the best spirit of Christmas, this recital of classical music by pianist Bernat Català aims



to raise money to buy new instruments for the Catalan Higher School of Music, where Català was once a student.

HUMAN TOWERS

Diada d'hivern dels Ganàpies de la UAB (*Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona*). FGC: *Universitat Autònoma*. Time tbc. www.cccc.cat

Five different human towers groups participate in this day of castells, as they clamber on top of each other's shoulders to build their incredible castles.

NIGHT-TIME ACTIVITIES

FREE Magic Fountain (*Pl. Carles Buigas, 1*). M: *Espanya* (L1, L3; FGC). See Fri 1.

UNDERWATER SPORT

Shark cage diving *L'Aquàrium* (*Moll d'Espanya del Port Vell, s/n*). M: *Barceloneta* (L4), *Drassanes* (L3). See Tue 5.

OPERA

Opera at Palau Dalmaes (*Montcada, 20*). M: *Jaume I* (L4). Thu 11pm. €20.

www.palaudalmaes.com
La Petita Companyia Lirica de Barcelona performs in a historical venue.

TOURS

Casa Rocamora (*Ballester, 12*). M: *Lesseps* (L3); FGC: *Pàdua/Pubxet*. See Thu 7.

Guided tour of the Joan Miró Collection *Fundació Joan Miró* (*Parc de Montjuïc, s/n*). M: *Espanya* (L1, L3; FGC). See Sat 2.

Friday 15

MUSIC FESTIVAL

49th Voll-Damm Barcelona International Jazz Festival: Barbara Hendricks Trio *Palau de la Música Catalana* (*Palau de la Música, 4-6*). M: *Urquinaona* (L1, L4). 9pm. From €22. www.theproject.es

US soprano Barbara Hendricks returns to one of her favourite venues to present 'The Road to Freedom', a programme of blues, gospel and spirituals that she uses to describe the fights in North America for the end of slavery and racial segregation, and the rise of the Civil Rights movement.

CHRISTMAS

FREE Nativity scene in Plaça de Sant Jaume (*Pl. de Sant Jaume, 1*). M: *Liceu* (L3), *Jaume I* (L4). Until Jan 7, 2018. Open 24 hours.

www.barcelona.cat/nadal. See Thu 7

Pessebre popular *Reial Monestir de Pedralbes* (*Baixada del Monestir, 9*). FGC: *Reina Elisenda*. Dec 15-Feb 2, 2018. monestirpedralbes.bcn.cat

The Pedralbes convent once more hosts an intricate nativity scene, in the best tradition of Catalan Christmases. On Sat 16, children aged between 6 and 12 can take part in a workshop to make nativity figures (10.30am).

TOURS

Casa Felip (*Ausiàs Marc, 21*). M: *Urquinaona* (L1, L4). See Fri 3.

SHOPPING

Barcelona Genuine Shops (*Start: tourist office in Pl. Sant Jaume, Ciutat, 2*). M: *Jaume I* (L4), *Liceu* (L3). See Fri 1.

BLUES

Blues at the MEAM (*Barra de Ferro, 5*). M: *Jaume I* (L4). Fri 6pm. €11 (in advance). €14 (on the door). More info and tickets at tourist offices and tickets. visitbarcelona.com

Tonight there's a swing and R'n'B performance by The Big 3 featuring Augie Burr on vocals and 'caja', Big Dani Pérez on saxophone and Marc Ferrer on piano; and you can also enjoy modern art, drinks and snacks.

CLASSICAL MUSIC

Strauss's 'Thus Spoke Zarathustra' *L'Auditori* (*Lepant, 150*). M: *Glòries & Marina* (L1), *Monumental* (L2). Dec 15-17. Fri 8.30pm; Sat 7pm; Sun 11am. €10-€56. www.auditori.cat

Violinist Frank Peter Zimmermann and conductor Kazushi Ono join forces with the Orquestra Simfònica de Barcelona i Nacional de Catalunya (OBC) to perform a programme that includes works by Bach and Schubert as well as Strauss's 1896 tone poem that was inspired by a novel by Nietzsche.

CULTURAL FESTIVAL

FREE Barcelona District Cultural Various venues. You have to reserve your tickets online in advance: www.districtcultural.barcelona

This is a citywide event, taking place in 13 different spaces across Barcelona's 10 districts and includes music, theatre, dance, circus and audiovisual shows. If you want the experience of an alternative circus performance, check out 'Indomador' created by Quim Girón as a reflection on animal and human behavior, their differences and their similarities (Can Clariana Cultural, Felip II, 222; 8pm).

TOURS

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

The Language of Stones Daily noon. €20. Eng, Cat, Spa, Greek. More info and tickets: tickets.visitbarcelona.com and barcelonaaothereyesroutes.com

Take a much closer look at the city and messages that have been left on its stones with this guided tour that covers centuries of history from Roman times to the Middle Ages.

FLAMENCO

Palacio del Flamenco (*Balmes, 139*). M: *Diagonal* (L3, L5); *Provença* (FGC). See Sat 2.

NIGHT-TIME ACTIVITIES

Observatori Fabra (*Camí de l'Observatori, s/n*). See Fri 1.

The Ghost Walking Tour (Start: Arc de Triomf, Pg. Lluís Companys). M: Arc de Triomf (L1). See Fri 1.

Medieval supper and show at the Palau Requesens (Bisbe Caçador, 3). M: Liceu (L3), Jaume I (L4). See Fri 1.

Saturday 16

BASKETBALL

Endesa League: FCB Lassa vs Gran Canaria Camp Nou (Aristides Maillol, s/n). M: Les Corts (L3). Date and time tbc.

www.fcbarcelona.cat

FC Barcelona take on another side from the Canary Islands in today's Spanish basketball league match.

ROCK

'Show must go on' Palau de la Música Catalana (Palau de la Música, 4-6). M: Urquinaona (L1, L4). 10.30pm. €29-€56. promoconcert.es
Lovers of British rock band Queen will be in heaven at this tribute concert given by the appropriately named Queenie. Classic tunes like 'We Will Rock You', 'We are the Champions' and 'Bohemian Rhapsody' are set to fill the Palau de la Música.

TOURS

Casa de la Seda (Sant Pere Més Alt, 1). M: Urquinaona (L1, L4). See Sat 2.

Casa Vicens (C/ de les Carolines, 20). M: Fontana, Lesseps (L3). See Sat 2.

The Shadow of the Wind (Start: Centre d'Art Santa Mònica, La Rambla, 9). M: Drassanes (L3). See Sat 2.

FREE Funeral carriage and hearse collection (Montjuïc Cemetery, Mare del Déu del Port, 56-58). See Sat 2.

Reial Acadèmia de Medicina de Catalunya (Carme, 47). M: Liceu (L3). See Sat 2.

CINEMA MUSIC

The music awakens Palau de la Música Catalana (Palau de la Música, 4-6). M: Urquinaona (L1, L4). Noon. €20-€50.

www.palaumusica.cat

In anticipation of the arrival of the latest Star Wars film, feel the force with this performance of music from the iconic movies, composed by John Williams, as well as other pieces created by the award-winning musician.

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 2.

Barcelona Urban Forest (Pl. del Fòrum, s/n). M: El Maresme/Fòrum (L4). See Sat 2.

Family activities at the zoo Barcelona Zoo (Parc de la Ciutadella, s/n). M: Arc de Triomf (L1), Ciutadella/Vila Olímpica (L4). See Sat 2.

TRADITIONS.

FREE Sardanes (Pla de la Seu). M: Jaume I (L4). Sat 6pm; Sun 11.15am.

Catalonia's national dance is performed in front of the cathedral every weekend.

CLASSICAL MUSIC

Classical music at the MEAM (Barra de Ferro, 5). M: Jaume I (L4). Sat 6pm. €15 (in advance). €19 (on the door). More info and tickets at touristofficesandtickets.visitbarcelona.com.

Countertenor Victor Jimenez Diaz and pianist Jordi Romero give a recital of pieces from Mozart, Vivaldi, Purcell and Handel. Entry includes an afternoon snack.

Johann Strauss: New Year's concert Palau de la Música Catalana (Palau de la Música, 4-6). M: Urquinaona (L1, L4). Dec 16, 22 6pm; 25 8pm, 31 noon, 6pm. €32-€59. promoconcert.es

As another year draws to an end, why not indulge yourself in this classic musical event that's been touring Europe for 28 years and been seen by over five million people. Inspired by the world-famous concert held each year in Vienna, it includes numerous popular waltzes and creates a wonderful atmosphere of music and dance for everybody in the audience.

Sunday 17

FOOTBALL

La Liga: FC Barcelona vs. Deportivo Camp Nou (Aristides Maillol, s/n). M: Les Corts (L3). 8.45pm. www.fcbarcelona.cat

The side from La Coruña come to Barcelona to take on the Catalan giants.

TOURS

The Cathedral of the Sea (Start: Plaça de Santa Maria del Mar). M: Jaume I (L4). See Sun 3.

Block of Discord guided tour (Start: Casa Amattler, Pg. de Gràcia, 41). M: Passeig de Gràcia (L2, L3, L4). See Sun 3.

FREE Visit to Fossar de la Pedrera (Montjuïc Cemetery, Mare del Déu del Port, 56-58). Bus: 21. 11am. In Catalan. www.cbsa.cat

Discover this space that's dedicated to the victims of repression and air raids during the Civil War.

CHRISTMAS

Ja és Nadal a CaixaForum (Av. Francesc Ferrer i Guàrdia, 6-8). M: Espanya (L1, L3; FGC). Dec 17-Jan 5, 2018. <http://obrasociallacaixa.org>
Christmas comes to CaixaForum with a programme that includes gospel performances (Dec 23, 30 6pm; Dec 24, 26, 27, 28, 29, 31 noon).

Sagrada Família Christmas market Pl. de la Sagrada Família. M: Sagrada Família (L2, L5). Until Dec 23. Check website for times. www.barcelona.cat/nadal



If you're planning a visit to Gaudí's yet-to-be-finished cathedral, take a look at the festive treats at this annual market.

CHRISTMAS – FAMILY

Taller familiar de Nadal MNAC (Parc de Montjuïc). *M: Espanya (L1, L3; FGC). Dec 17, 23, 27-30, Jan 2, 3, 4. Check with venue for times and prices. www.museunacional.cat*

For children aged 3 and above, this workshop is a special seasonal activity.

CHRISTMAS MUSIC

Concert de Nadal MNAC (Parc de Montjuïc). *M: Espanya (L1, L3; FGC). Check with venue for time and price. www.museunacional.cat*
Get in the festive spirit with this concert featuring two popular, long-running children's choirs of the Orfeó Català.

OPEN-AIR

FREE Santa Madrona portal and bastion *Museu Marítim de Barcelona* (Av. de les Drassanes, s/n). See Sun 3.

YOUNG MUSICIANS

Musical residencies at La Pedrera (Pg. de Gràcia, 92). *M: Diagonal (L3, L5); Provença (FGC). 6pm. €12. www.lapedrera.com*
As part of La Pedrera's programme supporting up-and-coming musicians, pianist Adrian Blanco performs a piano-percussion duet featuring works by Miki, Psathas and Maric.

CHRISTMAS MUSIC

Banda Municipal de Barcelona Christmas concert *L'Auditori* (Lepant, 150). *M: Glòries & Marina (L1), Monumental (L2). 6pm. €12, €16. www.auditori.cat*

Get into the festive spirit with this performance of seasonal classical music that includes part of Haydn's 'Creation', Prokofiev's 'Lieutenant Kijé' and Mahler's 'Symphony n^o 4'.

CLASSICAL MUSIC

Music Days: Amistats Eternes Sant Pau, Art Nouveau Site (Sant Antoni Maria Claret, 167). *M: Sant Pau/Dos de Maig (L5). 7pm. €10. Reduced: €8. www.santpaubarcelona.org*

This project aims to demonstrate the close friendship between two of Catalonia's most renowned musicians, Enric Granados and Pau Casals, and two emblematic figures from the Argentinian musical scene, Carlos Gardel and Astor Piazzolla. The all-female cello quartet Les Mademoiselles performs this special concert.

FAMILY

Lantern workshop *Poble Espanyol* (Av. Francesc Ferrer i Guàrdia, 13). *M: Espanya (L1, L3; FGC). 10.30am-1.30pm. General entrance (includes this event): €14. Reduced: €7, €9, €10.50. Under-4s free. www.poble-espanyol.com*

Make a lantern (fanalet) that you can leave alight for Father Christmas, the Three Kings or any other magical beings that visit your home at this time of year.

Ceramics workshop *Museu del Disseny* (Edifici Disseny Hub Barcelona, Pl. de les Glòries Catalanes, 37-38). *M: Glòries (L1). See Sun 3.*

POETRY

FREE Poetry Slam CCCB (Montalegre, 5). *M: Catalunya (L1, L3; FGC). 6pm-8pm. www.cccb.org*

This is the last slam of the year at the CCCB, giving poets the chance to get up on stage to create, to perform and to educate.

Monday 18

CHRISTMAS

FREE Concert de Nadal *Museu Marítim de Barcelona* (Av. de les Drassanes, s/n). *M: Drassanes (L3). 7pm. www.mmb.cat*

For another year, Barcelona's Maritime Museum offers a seasonal concert by the Drassanes Choir conducted by Óscar Peñarroya.

Light installation *El Bom Centre Cultural i Memòria* (Plaça Comercial, 12). *M: Jaume I & Barceloneta (L4), Arc de Triomf (L1). Dec 18-Jan 8, 2018.*

elbornculturaimemoria.barcelona.cat
This light show is entitled 'Christmas baubles come back to the Bom'. Get ready to be dazzled!

JAZZ

Jamboree Jam Session *Jamboree* (Pl. Reial, 17). *M: Liceu (L3). See Mon 4.*

TOURS

Palauet Casades (Mallorca, 283). *M: Diagonal (L3, L5). See Mon 4.*

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

Casa Amatller (Pg. de Gràcia, 41). *M: Passeig de Gràcia (L2, L3, L4). See Mon 4.*

Santa Maria del Mar rooftop (Plaça de Santa Maria, 1). *M: Jaume I (L4). See Wed 6.*

Tuesday 19

SPANISH GUITAR

Maestros of the Spanish Guitar *Basilica Santa Maria del Pi* (Pl. del Pi, 7). *M: Liceu (L3). Dec 19-22, 27, 28. 9pm. €23. Discount at tourist offices. More info: tickets.visitbarcelona.com. Pedro Javier González gives a guitar recital of flamenco music.*

MUSIC FESTIVAL

49th Voll-Damm Barcelona International Jazz Festival: Harlem Gospel Choir *BARTS* (Av. Paral·lel, 62). *M: Paral·lel (L2, L3). 9pm. From €25. www.theproject.es*

This New York gospel group has an illustrious record of performing with musical stars such as Bono, Diana Ross and Pharrell Williams, and for Barack Obama and Nelson Mandela. After concerts that paid homage to Adele and Whitney Houston, this show sees them take on the iconic music of Beyoncé.

TOURS

Palau de la Música Catalana (*Palau de la Música*, 4-6). M: Urquinaona (L1, L4). See Sun 3.

Biblioteca Arús (*Pg. Sant Joan*, 26). M: Arc de Triomf (L1), Tetuan (L2). See Tue 5.

Basilica de Santa Maria del Pi (*Pl. del Pi*, 7). M: Liceu (L3). See Mon 4.

The Freedom Trail: Civil War tour (*Start: main door of Barcelona University, Pl. Universitat*). M: Universitat (L1, L2). See Wed 6.

Wednesday 20

BALLET

Anna Karenina *Gran Teatre del Liceu* (*La Rambla*, 51-59). M: Liceu (L3). Dec 20-23. Wed-Fri 8pm; Sat 5pm, 9pm. €10-€173.

www.liceubarcelona.cat

Choreographer Boris Eifman is behind this performance of Tchaikovsky's work based on the eponymous novel by Tolstoy; it's been described as one of the most emotional pieces of contemporary dance.

PERFORMANCE ART

Blue Man Group *Auditori del Fòrum* (*Plaça de Willy Brandt*, 11-14). M: El Maresme-Fòrum (L4). Dec 20-23. Time tbc. From €41.50. www.livenation.es

Popular the world over, this colourful, creative theatre group originated as a collaborative mime work between three friends; today, it's part of Cirque du Soleil and has various permanent bases in the US as well as touring shows across the globe.

BASKETBALL

Euroleague: FCB Lassa vs Unicaja *Camp Nou* (*Aristides Maillol*, s/n). M: Les Corts (L3). 9pm. www.fcbarcelona.cat

In their latest European league game, FC Barcelona compete against the side from Malaga.

CLASSICAL MUSIC

Handel's 'Messiah' *Palau de la Música Catalana* (*Palau de la Música*, 4-6). M: Urquinaona (L1, L4). 8.30pm. €20-€125.

www.palaumusica.cat

For many of us, Christmas simply wouldn't be Christmas without a hearing of this emblematic composition. Here it's conducted for the first time by Catalan conductor Jordi Savall.

TOURS

Palau Baró de Quadras (*Av. Diagonal*, 373).

M: Diagonal (L3, L5) and Provença (FGC).

See Wed 6.

The awakening of La Pedrera (*Pg. de Gràcia*, 92). M: Diagonal (L3, L5); Provença (FGC). See Fri 1.

The Gothic Route *Daily*. 9am, noon, 5pm. Eng, Spa, Cat, Greek. €20. More info and tickets: tickets.visitbarcelona.com and barcelonaothereyesroutes.com.

Take a tour of one of the city's most interesting areas, where transformations have taken place and different communities have left their mark.

Thursday 21

TOURS

Casa Rocamora (*Ballester*, 12). M: Lesseps (L3); FGC: Pàdua/Putxet. See Thu 7.

Stories and legends of the Gothic quarter (*Start: Plaça Nova*, 5). M: Jaume I (L4). See Sat 2.

FLAMENCO

Flamenco at Palau Dalmaes (*Montcada*, 20).

M: Jaume I (L4). Daily 6pm, 7.30pm, 9.30pm.

€25. Book online at:

www.palaudalmaes.com.

Singing, dancing, guitar and cajón in a historical setting.

Tablao Flamenco Nervión (*Princesa*, 2). M: Jaume I (L4). See Fri 1.

NIGHT-TIME ACTIVITIES

FREE Magic Fountain (*Pl. Carles Buigas*, 1). M: Espanya (L1, L3); FGC). See Fri 1.

Barcelona Night-time Trail (*Start: Pla de la Seu, by the main entrance to Barcelona Cathedral*). M: Jaume I (L4). See Mon 4.

OPERA

Opera at Palau Dalmaes (*Montcada*, 20). M: Jaume I (L4). Thu 11pm. €20.

www.palaudalmaes.com

La Petita Companyia Lírica de Barcelona performs in a historical venue.

HUMAN TOWERS

XXII Aniversari dels Arreplegats de la ZU (*Facultat de Biologia*). M: Palau Reial (L3). Time tbc. www.cccc.cat

Four human towers groups participate in this day of castle building that sees them climb on each other's shoulders as high as they can.

Friday 22

MUSIC FESTIVAL

19è Festival Mil•lenni: Gertrudis *Sala Apolo* (*Nou de la Rambla*, 113). M: Paral•lel (L2, L3). 9pm. €8. www.festival-millenni.com



The Catalan fusion group Gertrudis comes to the festival with a new album to perform, Ara Volo Alt, following a break of around five years.

TOURS

Casa Felip (*Ausiàs Marc, 21*). M: Urquinaona (L1, L4). See Fri 1.

JAZZ

Jaime Buenaventura Jamboree (*Pl. Reial, 17*). M: Liceu (L3). 9pm. €8 in advance online. €13.50 on the door. www.masimas.com/jamboree

The young Madrid singer and guitarist presents his first album, Showcase.

CINEMA MUSIC

A night on Broadway with Andrew Lloyd Webber and the OBC L'Auditori (*Lepant, 150*). M: Glòries & Marina (L1), Monumental (L2). Dec 22, 23. Fri 8pm; Sat 7pm. €10-€58. www.auditori.cat

If you're any kind of fan of musicals, this is the evening out for you. A programme full of some of Sir Lloyd Webber's greatest hits from favourites such as *Cats*, *Evita* and *The Phantom of the Opera*.

CHRISTMAS MUSIC

Concert de Nadal La Pedrera (*Pg. de Gràcia, 92*). M: Diagonal (L3, L5); Provença (FGC). 8pm. €15. www.lapedrera.com

Enjoy a festive musical experience in the splendid ambience of La Pedrera with this concert that features a range of musical genres.

CHRISTMAS – MARKET

Design Market Disseny Hub (*Pl. de les Glòries Catalanes, 37-38*). M: Glòries (L1). Dec 22-24. Check with venue for times.

ajuntament.barcelona.cat/dissenyhub

If you're still searching for Christmas presents, make sure you don't miss this market featuring some of the best design creatives in the city, new talents and established brands, all at the forefront of avant-garde independent design.

NIGHT-TIME ACTIVITIES

The Ghost Walking Tour (*Start: Arc de Triomf, Pg. Lluís Companys*). M: Arc de Triomf (L1). See Fri 1.

Gaudi's Pedrera. The Origins (*Provença 261, entrance on Pg. de Gràcia*). M: Diagonal (L3, L5); Provença (FGC). See Mon 4.

SHOPPING

Barcelona Genuine Shops (*Start: tourist office in Pl. Sant Jaume, Ciutat, 2*). M: Jaume I (L4), Liceu (L3). See Fri 1.

BLUES

Blues at the MEAM (*Barra de Ferro, 5*). M: Jaume I (L4). Fri 6pm. €11 (in advance). €14 (on the door). More info and tickets at tourist offices and tickets.visitbarcelona.com

Hear the music mixed with a touch of humour of Txus Blues (vocals and harmonica) and José Bluefingers (guitar), while also enjoying modern art, drinks and snacks.

BARROQUE MUSIC

Alessandro Amante Teatre Lliure-Montjuïc (*Pg. Santa Madrona 40-46 / Pl Margarida Xirgu, 1*). M: Espanya (L1, L3; FGC), Poble Sec (L3). 8.30pm. €13.50-€26.50. www.teatrelivre.com

Recital from countertenor Xavier Sabata and conductor Dani Espasa, with the Vespres d'Arnadí baroque orchestra, on the subject of Alexander the Great featuring operatic works by composers including Handel, Vinci and Porpora.

POP - ROCK

Melendi Palau Sant Jordi (*Pg. Olímpic, 5-7*). 9pm. From €28. www.theproject.es

This Spanish singer-songwriter has been the biggest-selling artist in his home country for the last three years, and has album sales of 3.5 million to date. Hailing from the Asturias region of Spain, he released his first album in 2003, with his most recent record coming out in 2016.

CHRISTMAS

Christmas in Plaça Catalunya (*Pl. Catalunya*). M: Catalunya (L1, L3; FGC). Dec 22-Jan 4, 2018. 11am-9pm, except Dec 26, Jan 1 6pm-9pm. Closed Dec 25.

www.barcelona.cat/nadal

FREE Festive activities for all ages that include a variety of cultural events with performances, family activities and games. Come and visit this magical 'city' that features seven spheres where seasonal stories are told.

FOOTBALL

La Liga: Espanyol vs. Atlético Estadi Cornellà-El Prat (*Av. del Baix Llobregat, 100. Cornellà de Llobregat*). FGC: Cornellà Riera. 7.30pm. www.rcdespanyol.com
RCD Espanyol face the Madrid team in their Spanish league game this week.

Saturday 23

NIGHT-TIME ACTIVITIES

Videomapping Sant Pau, Art Nouveau Site (*Sant Antoni Maria Claret, 167*). M: Sant Pau/Dos de Maig (L5). Dec 23-26, 30-31. 6pm-10.30pm. www.santpaubarcelona.org
See this spectacular modernist building in a new light, with this videomapping screened on its iconic façade.

CHRISTMAS

FREE Nativity scene in Plaça de Sant Jaume (*Pl. de Sant Jaume, 1*). M: Liceu (L3), Jaume I (L4). Until Jan 7, 2018. Open 24 hours. www.barcelona.cat/nadal. See Thu 7

Nadal a Cosmoaixa! (Isaac Newton, 26). FGC:

Av. Tibidabo. Dec 23-Jan 7, 2018.

<http://obrasociallacaixa.org>

Celebrate the festive season at Barcelona's science museum with a range of dinosaur activities tied in with their current exhibition about Tyrannosaurus Rex, including workshops, screenings and special tours.

Christmas at the Chocolate Museum Antic Convent de Sant Agustí (Comerc, 36). M: Arc de Triomf (L1). Dec 23-Jan 7, 2018. Fortimes, languages and prices, check www.museuxocolata.cat.

Make this time of year even sweeter with a family-friendly workshop at Barcelona's Chocolate Museum. You can make Christmas stars or cookies, learn how to decorate with chocolate, or take part in the excellently named 'Design and eat' activity.

Reis Mags Poble Espanyol (Av. Francesc Ferrer i Guàrdia, 13). M: Espanya (L1, L3; FGC). Dec 23-Jan 5, 2018. General entrance: €14. Reduced: €7, €9, €10.50. Under-4s free. www.poble-espanyol.com

In Catalonia, the arrival on January 5 of the Three Kings (Reis Mags) bearing gifts is one of the most eagerly awaited days of the year. Head to Poble Espanyol to make a wish at the magic tree, enjoy workshops, a magic show and games, and visit the Christmas market.

Santa Llúcia market Av. de la Catedral. M: Jaume I (L4). Until Dec 23. Weekdays 10.30am-8.30pm; weekends and public holidays 10.30am-9.30pm.

www.firadesantallucia.cat

Get into the festive spirit at this market selling all kinds of traditional Christmas items.

CHRISTMAS – FAMILY

Christmas activities at the Aquarium

L'Aquàrium (Moll d'Espanya del Port Vell, s/n). M: Barceloneta (L4), Drassanes (L3).

www.aquariumbcn.com

Throughout the Christmas holidays, Barcelona's Aquarium hosts a range of activities for all the family, including lamp making workshops, a mural and seasonal traditions.

FAMILY

Pangeica / Mirades creuades? Museu

Blau (Pl. de Leonardo da Vinci, 4-5, Parc del Fòrum). M: El Maresme/Fòrum (L4). Dec 23-Jan 7, 2018. General entry (which includes activity): €6. Reduced: €2.70. Under-16s, free. museuciencias.cat

As part of the Museu Blau's activities for the Christmas holidays, check out these family-friendly workshops that involve investigating some of the items on display at this natural science centre.

Shark maniacs L'Aquàrium (Moll d'Espanya del Port Vell, s/n). M: Barceloneta (L4), Drassanes (L3). Every Sat, Sun until Feb 4, 2018. Check website for opening times. General en-

trance (includes these activities): €20; discounts for children 3-10 years. Educational sessions and tours can be reserved in advance at: educacio@aquariumbcn.com www.aquariumbcn.com

Get to know sharks a whole lot better with special weekend activities at the Aquarium focused on that fish family. The fun includes mask making, educational sessions, tours of spaces visitors don't usually see led by Captain Aquarium (Sunday only), and a treasure hunt.

TOURS

FREE Funeral carriage and hearse collection (Montjuïc Cemetery, Mare del Déu del Port, 56-58). See Sat 2.

Reial Acadèmia de Medicina de Catalunya (Carme, 47). M: Liceu (L3). See Sat 2.

The Shadow of the Wind (Start: Centre d'Art Santa Mònica, La Rambla, 9). M: Drassanes (L3). See Sat 2.

Palau Requesens (Bisbe Caçador, 3). M: Liceu (L3), Jaume I (L4). See Sat 2.

Casa de la Seda (Sant Pere Més Alt, 1). M: Urquinaona (L1, L4). See Sat 2.

TRADITIONAL DANCE MUSIC

Festival of waltzes and dances Palau de la Música Catalana (Palau de la Música, 4-6). M: Urquinaona (L1, L4). 6.30pm. €18-€68. www.palaumusic.cat

The Orquestra Simfònica del Vallès once more presents its seasonal feast of waltzes and other classical dance music.

TRADITIONS

FREE Sardanes (Pla de la Seu). M: Jaume I (L4). Sat 6pm; Sun 11.15am.

Catalonia's national dance is performed in front of the cathedral every weekend.

TECHNO

Techno session Moog (Arc del Teatre, 3). M: Liceu and Drassanes (L3). From midnight. www.masimas.com/moog

Head to the city centre for a night of electronica and dance at Barcelona's foremost techno club.

CLASSICAL MUSIC

Carmina Burana Palau de la Música Catalana (Palau de la Música, 4-6). M: Urquinaona (L1, L4). 10.30pm. €29-€56. promoconcert.es Carl Orff's much-loved work is performed by the State Symphonic Orchestra and Choir from the Rostov Opera Theatre (Russia), along with Beethoven's 'Ninth Symphony'.

Classical music at the MEAM (Barra de Ferro, 5). M: Jaume I (L4). Every Sat. 6pm. €15 (in advance). €19 (on the door). More info and tickets at tourist offices and tickets.visitbarcelona.com.



Enjoy a violin solo by Daria Nechaeva with works by Bach and Paganini. Entry also includes an afternoon snack.

OPEN-AIR FAMILY

Barcelona Urban Forest (Pl. del Fòrum, s/n). M: El Maresme/Fòrum (L4). See Sat 2.

Family activities at the zoo Barcelona Zoo (Parc de la Ciutadella, s/n). M: Arc de Triomf (L1), Ciutadella/Vila Olímpica (L4). See Sat 2.

GOSPEL

Gospel Concert Sant Pau, Art Nouveau Site (Sant Antoni Maria Claret, 167). M: Sant Pau/Dos de Maig (L5). 8pm. €10. www.santpaubarcelona.org

Enjoy a musical celebration with this concert in the beautiful Sala Pau Gil of the one-time hospital Sant Pau.

Sunday 24

TOURS

Block of Discord guided tour (Start: Casa Amatller, Pg. de Gràcia, 41). M: Passeig de Gràcia (L2, L3, L4). See Sun 3.

The Cathedral of the Sea (Start: Plaça de Santa Maria del Mar). M: Jaume I (L4). See Sun 3.

FREE Guided tour of Montjuïc Cemetery.

Dreams of Barcelona (Mare de Déu del Port, 56-58). Bus: 21. Second and fourth Sun of month. 11.15am (Spanish). www.cbsa.cat
Barcelona's hillside graveyard is as much an art museum as a final resting-place.

FLAMENCO

Grand Flamenco Gala Palau de la Música Catalana (Palau de la Música, 4-6). M: Urquinaona (L1, L4). Dec 7, 24. Thu 9.30pm; Sun 7pm. €20-€50. More info and tickets at tourist offices and tickets.visitbarcelona.com.

Hear the most traditional sounds of classic Spanish flamenco, with an intense performance full of passion.

OPEN-AIR

FREE Santa Madrona portal and bastion Museu Marítim de Barcelona (Av. de les Drassanes, s/n). See Sun 3.

CHRISTMAS

FREE Christmas in Plaça Catalunya (Pl. Catalunya). M: Catalunya (L1, L3; FGC). Dec 22-Jan 4, 2018. 11am-9pm, except Dec 26, Jan 1 6pm-9pm. Closed Dec 25. www.barcelona.cat/nadal. See Fri 22.

Monday 25

SPORTS

Copa Nadal Moll de Drassanes (Plaça Portal de la Pau). 11am. www.cnb.cat

A Christmas Day tradition in Barcelona, this sea swimming contest of 200 metres has been running for almost 110 years. Last year's

edition saw over 300 brave souls take part; why not head down and support those taking the plunge in 2017?

OPEN-AIR FAMILY

PortAventura World theme park (Av. Alcalde Pere Molas. Km. 2. Vila Seca, Tarragona). Train: PortAventura (line R16 from Sants-Estació or Passeig de Gràcia; www.renfe.es). Direct 90-minute bus from Balmes, 5 (Julia Travel). See Sat 2.

FLAMENCO

Tablao Cordobés (La Rambla, 3-5). M: Drassanes, Liceu (L3). See Fri 1 (check with venue for schedule).

TOURS

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

Tuesday 26

CLASSICAL MUSIC

104th St Stephen's concert Palau de la Música Catalana (Palau de la Música, 4-6). M: Urquinaona (L1, L4). 7pm. €25-€60. www.palaumusica.cat

Today, the feast day of Sant Esteve, is a public holiday in Catalonia and this annual performance by the Coral Orfeó Català has become an essential part of the festive season at this majestic modernist venue. It features the various choirs of the Palau de la Música and has a programme of traditional works with new arrangements as well as the first outing for other pieces.

Johan Strauss: New Year's concert Gran Teatre del Liceu (La Rambla, 51-59). M: Liceu (L3). 5pm, 9.30pm. €10-€173. promoconcert.es

As another year draws to an end, why not indulge yourself in this classic musical event that's been touring Europe for 28 years and been seen by over five million people. Inspired in the world-famous concert held each year in Vienna, it includes numerous popular waltzes and creates a wonderful atmosphere of music and dance for everybody in the audience.

VIOLIN CONCERT

Ara Malikian Auditori del Fòrum (Plaça de Willy Brandt, 11-14). M: El Maresme-Fòrum (L4). 8pm. €35. www.theproject.es

This Lebanon-born violinist, who now lives in Madrid, started his musical career as a young child and gave his first important public performance aged just 12. He now has an extensive discography behind him, and his most recent release was 2016's *La Increíble Historia de Violín*.

SPANISH GUITAR

The Art of the Spanish Guitar: concert and wine Santa Anna Church (Santa Anna, 29). M:

Catalunya (L1, L3; FGC). Dec 2, 9, 12, 19, 23, 26, 30. 9pm. €20. Discount at tourist offices. More info: tickets.visitbarcelona.com.

Barcelona Duo de Guitar perform a candlelit concert entitled 'Carmen', as you enjoy the music and a glass of wine.

FLAMENCO

Live Flamenco Sala Tarantos (Plaça Reial, 17). M: Liceu (L3). Daily 7.30pm, 8.30pm, 9.30pm. €15. www.masimas.com/tarantos

Experience the passion of flamenco in an intimate tablao on Plaça Reial.

Flamenco at Palau Dalmases (Montcada, 20). M: Jaume I (L4). Daily 6pm, 7.30pm, 9.30pm. €25. Book online at: www.palaudalmases.com.

Singing, dancing, guitar and cajón in a historical setting.

Tablao de Carmen Poble Espanyol (Av. Francesc Ferrer i Guàrdia, 13). M: Espanya (L1, L3; FGC). See Fri 1.

CHRISTMAS

FREE Nativity scene in Plaça de Sant Jaume (Pl. de Sant Jaume, 1). M: Liceu (L3), Jaume I (L4). Until Jan 7, 2018. Open 24h. www.barcelona.cat/nadal. See Thu 7

TOURS

Biblioteca Arús (Pg. Sant Joan, 26). M: Arc de Triomf (L1), Tetuan (L2). See Tue 5.

Palau de la Música Catalana (Palau de la Música, 4-6). M: Urquinaona (L1, L4). See Sun 3.

Torre Bellesguard Gaudí (Bellesguard, 6-9). FGC: Av. Tibidabo. See Fri 1.

NIGHT-TIME ACTIVITIES

Gaudí's Pedrera. The Origins (Provença 261, entrance on Pg. de Gràcia). M: Diagonal (L3, L5); Provença (FGC). See Mon 4.

Wednesday 27

MUSIC FESTIVAL

19è Festival Mil·lenni: Chambao Palau de la Música Catalana (Palau de la Música, 4-6). M: Urquinaona (L1, L4). Dec 27, 29. 9pm. €18-€48. www.festival-millenni.com

This Spanish group is on a farewell tour, bowing out after over 15 years of fusing flamenco and electronic music and producing numerous studio albums, including last year's *Nuevo ciclo*.

SPANISH SINGER-SONGWRITER

Mikel Erentxun Sala Bikini (Av. Diagonal, 547-L'illa Diagonal). M: Maria Cristina (L3). 9pm. From €25. www.theproject.es
Spanish singer-songwriter Mikel Erentxun has a new album out, *El Hombre sin Sombra*.

FLAMENCO

Grand Flamenco Gala Teatre Poliorama (La Rambla, 115). M: Drassanes, Liceu (L3). Dec 1,

27, 29. 7pm. €35-€50. More info and tickets at tourist offices and tickets. visitbarcelona.com
Hear the most traditional sounds of classic Spanish flamenco, with an intense performance full of passion.

Palacio del Flamenco (Balmes, 139). M: Diagonal (L3, L5); Provença (FGC). See Sat 2.

La Bodega Flamenca (Roger de Flor, 230). M: Verdaguera (L4, L5), Sagrada Família (L2, L5). See Fri 1.

TOURS

The awakening of La Pedrera (Pg. de Gràcia, 92). M: Diagonal (L3, L5); Provença (FGC). See Fri 1.

Santa Maria del Mar rooftop (Plaça de Santa Maria, 1). M: Jaume I (L4). See Wed 6.

The Freedom Trail: Civil War tour (Start: main door of Barcelona University, Pl. Universitat). M: Universitat (L1, L2). See Wed 6.

The Language of Stones Daily noon. €20. Eng, Cat, Spa, Greek. More info and tickets: tickets.visitbarcelona.com and barcelonaouthereyesroutes.com.

Take a much closer look at the city and messages that have been left on its stones with this guided tour that covers centuries of history from Roman times to the Middle Ages.

Christmas at Palau Baró de Quadras (Av. Diagonal, 373). M: Diagonal (L3, L5) and Provença (FGC). Dec 27, Jan 3, 2018. 11am (Eng), 1pm (Spanish). €14. Reduced: €12.60. Children 7-12: €6. Aged 6 and under: free. Reservations: www.casesingulars.com

A festive celebration at this building that features Gothic sculpture and Islamic-style ceramics. Enjoy a guided tour or a dramatised visit.

Reial Acadèmia de Ciències i Arts de Barcelona (La Rambla, 115). M: Catalunya (L1, L3; FGC). See Sat 2.

FAMILY

Galleon explorers Museu Marítim de Barcelona (Av. de les Drassanes, s/n). M: Drassanes (L3). 12.45pm. Children: €4.50. www.mmb.cat

As part of its special programme for the Christmas holidays, the Maritime Museum hosts this one-hour activity for children aged 8-12. Join Indiana Jones's cousin, Francesc Jones, as he seeks to discover what life was like aboard a galleon.

The sea of skies Museu Marítim de Barcelona (Av. de les Drassanes, s/n). M: Drassanes (L3). 11am, 12.15pm. Adults: €4. Children: €2.50. www.mmb.cat

For younger children, aged 3 and above, the Maritime Museum hosts this one-hour activity that explores the skies to answer questions such as 'Why does the moon change its shape?', 'Does the sky move or is it us?', and 'What are the figures drawn by stars in the night sky?'.



Libèlul•la *El Born Centre de Cultura i Memòria (Plaça Comercial, 12)*. M: *Jaume I & Barceloneta (L4)*, *Arc de Triomf (L1)*. Dec 27-29 4pm, 6pm; Dec 30 5pm, 7pm. €5. elbornculturali-memoria.barcelona.cat

Forget about any language concerns, and simply enjoy the cultural feast that is this miniature, one-man circus performance which is sure to be a hit with the whole family.

Els documents secrets de Gaudí *Palau Güell (Nou de la Rambla, 3-5)*. M: *Liceu (L3)*. Every morning Dec 27-Jan 5, 2018. www.palauquell.cat

Get a new perspective on this city centre building through the secret documents of its architect, Antoni Gaudí.

CHRISTMAS – FAMILY

Inventem objectes! *MACBA (Plaça dels Àngels, 1)*. M: *Universitat (L1, L2)*, *Sant Antoni (L2)*. Dec 27-29, Jan 3-5. Check with venue for time and price. www.macba.cat

Christmas workshop for kids between 6 and 12 years that gives them the chance to get inventing different items.

Children's workshops *Museu del Disseny (Edifici Disseny Hub Barcelona: Pl. de les Glòries Catalanes, 37-38)*. M: *Glòries (L1)*. Dec 27-29, Jan 2-4. Check with venue for time and price. www.museudeldisseny.cat

Barcelona's Design Museum runs three different workshops for the Christmas holidays, with themes such as chocolate, keeping warm and seasonal items.

UNDERWATER SPORT

Shark cage diving *L'Aquàrium (Moll d'Espanya del Port Vell, s/n)*. M: *Barceloneta (L4)*, *Drassanes (L3)*. See Tue 5.

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 2.

Thursday 28

SPANISH GUITAR

Maestros of the Spanish Guitar *Palau de la Música (Palau de la Música, 4-6)*. M: *Urquinaona (L1, L4)*. Dec 28, 30. Noon. €39-€45. More info and tickets: tickets.visitbarcelona.com.

Barcelona Guitar Trio & Dance present a unique show featuring three prestigious guitarists and one of Spain's leading flamenco dance couples, who pay homage to the great Paco de Lucía.

The Art of the Spanish Guitar: concert and wine *Santa Anna Church (Santa Anna, 29)*. M: *Catalunya (L1, L3; FGC)*. Dec 7, 28. 9pm. €20. Discount at tourist offices. More info: tickets.visitbarcelona.com.

Joan Benejam presents 'Fandango', a journey through the history and development of Spanish guitar, while you enjoy a glass of wine.

FAMILY CONCERT

Pica-So *L'Auditori (Lepant, 150)*. M: *Glòries & Marina (L1)*, *Monumental (L2)*. Dec 28, 29. Noon. €10. For children two and above. www.auditori.cat

You and your children can enjoy a varied programme of music by the likes of Paco de Lucía, Isaac Albéniz and Enric Granados, all to accompany a colourful story about Pablo Picasso.

OPERA – FLAMENCO

Opera and flamenco *Teatre Poliorama (La Rambla, 115)*. M: *Drassanes, Liceu (L3)*. 7pm. €35-€50. More info and tickets at tourist offices and tickets.visitbarcelona.com.

This show is a love story combining the passion and beauty of the two musical genres, and which tells the tale of a tempestuous affair between flamenco dancers who perform to some of opera's most famous arias.

OPERA

Opera at Palau Dalmau (*Montcada, 20*). M: *Jaume I (L4)*. Thu 11pm. €20. www.palauadalmau.com

La Petita Companyia Lírica de Barcelona performs in a historical venue.

CHRISTMAS

FREE Christmas in Plaça Catalunya (*Pl. Catalunya*). M: *Catalunya (L1, L3; FGC)*. Dec 22-Jan 4, 2018. 11am-9pm, except Dec 26, Jan 1 6pm-9pm. Closed Dec 25. www.barcelona.cat/nadal See Fri 22

NIGHT-TIME ACTIVITIES

FREE Magic Fountain (*Pl. Carles Buigas, 1*). M: *Espanya (L1, L3; FGC)*. See Fri 1.

TOURS

Christmas at Casa Rocamora (*Ballester, 12*). M: *Lesseps (L3)*; FGC: *Pàdua/Putxet*. Dec 28, Jan 4, 2018. 11am (English), 1pm (Spanish). €14. Reduced: €12.60. Children 7-12: €7. Under-7s free. www.casessingulars.com

A special seasonal take on this tour that lets you discover the extensive art collections gathered by Manuel Rocamora, all on display at his one-time residence.

Guided tour of the Joan Miró Collection *Fundació Joan Miró (Parc de Montjuïc, s/n)*. M: *Espanya (L1, L3; FGC)*. See Sat 2.

Palau Macaya (*Passeig de Sant Joan, 108*). M: *Verdaguer (L4, L5)*. See Fri 1.

SPA

Aire de Barcelona, Arab Baths (*Pg. de Picasso, 22*). M: *Barceloneta & Jaume I (L4)*. See Mon 4.

CHRISTMAS – FAMILY

La màgia de Nadal a La Pedrera (Pg. de Gràcia, 92). M: Diagonal (L3, L5); Provença (FGC). 4pm-7:30pm. www.lapedrera.com

Keep the children entertained with this event featuring shows, magic, workshops and music. For children 3 and above.

Christmas tree in the cúpula of the Palau Güell (Nou de la Rambla, 3-5). M: Liceu (L3). 11am. www.palauguell.cat

Enjoy a combined tour and family workshop based around the tree set up in this memorable building designed by Gaudí. For children aged 5-12.

Friday 29

MUSIC FESTIVAL

19è Festival Mil·lenni: Chambao Palau de la Música Catalana (Palau de la Música, 4-6). M: Urquinaona (L1, L4). See Wed 27.

TECHNO

Techno session Moog (Arc del Teatre, 3). M: Liceu and Drassanes (L3). From midnight. www.masimas.com/moog

Head to the city centre for a night of electronica and dance at Barcelona's foremost techno club.

TOURS

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

Casa Amatller (Pg. de Gràcia, 41). M: Passeig de Gràcia (L2, L3, L4). See Mon 4.

Casa Felip (Ausiàs Marc, 21). M: Urquinaona (L1, L4). See Fri 1.

NIGHT-TIME ACTIVITIES

Medieval supper and show at the Palau Requesens (Bisbe Caçador, 3). M: Liceu (L3), Jaume I (L4). See Fri 1.

The Ghost Walking Tour (Start: Arc de Triomf, Pg. Lluís Companys). M: Arc de Triomf (L1). See Fri 1.

Barcelona Night-time Trail (Start: Pla de la Seu, by the main entrance to Barcelona Cathedral). M: Jaume I (L4). See Mon 4.

FAMILY CONCERT

Come and sing... Bob Marley with Els Buffalo Soldiers L'Auditori (Lepant, 150). M: Glòries & Marina (L1), Monumental (L2). 6.30pm. €3. For children five and above. www.auditori.cat

This concert features children and their families who have taken part in a workshop earlier in the day to learn how to perform the songs of Bob Marley alongside the group Els Buffalo Soldiers. If you're feeling particularly brave, you could always sign up for the workshop itself (4pm, €12) and ignore any language issues in the name of having fun!

FAMILY CINEMA

Animac CCCB (Montalegre, 5). M: Catalunya (L1, L3; FGC). Dec 29-Jan 4, 2018.

www.cccb.org

Children aged 7 and above will enjoy this season of animated films at the CCCB.

SPANISH GUITAR

The Art of the Spanish Guitar: concert and wine Santa Anna Church (Santa Anna, 29). M: Catalunya (L1, L3; FGC). Dec 1, 8, 15, 22, 29. 7pm. €20. Discount at tourist offices. More info: tickets.visitbarcelona.com

Barcelona Duo de Guitar perform a candlelit concert entitled 'Carmen', as you enjoy the music and a glass of wine.

Saturday 30

BASKETBALL

Endesa League: FCB Lassa vs Fuenlabrada Camp Nou (Aristides Maillol, s/n). M: Les Corts (L3). Date and time tbc. www.fcbarcelona.cat FC Barcelona face the team from the Madrid region of Spain.

TOURS

150th anniversary of Josep Puig i Cadafalch: tour of façades of Puig i Cadafalch buildings (Start: Casa Amatller, Pg. de Gràcia, 41). M: Passeig de Gràcia (L2, L3, L4). 10.30am. €15. Prior reservation necessary at www.casessingulars.com

As part of extensive celebrations to mark 150 years since the birth of architect Josep Puig i Cadafalch, this tour looks in detail at the façades of some of his most famous Barcelona buildings: Casa Amatller, Casa Serra, Palau Baró de Quadras, Casa de les Punxes and Palau Macaya.

Reial Acadèmia de Ciències i Arts de Barcelona (La Rambla, 115). M: Catalunya (L1, L3; FGC). See Sat 2.

Reial Acadèmia de Medicina de Catalunya (Carme, 47). M: Liceu (L3). See Sat 2.

The Shadow of the Wind (Start: Centre d'Art Santa Mònica, La Rambla, 9). M: Drassanes (L3). See Sat 2.

Palau Requesens (Bisbe Caçador, 3). M: Liceu (L3), Jaume I (L4). See Sat 2.

Casa de la Seda (Sant Pere Més Alt, 1). M: Urquinaona (L1, L4). See Sat 2.

Casa Vicens (C/ de les Carolines, 20). M: Fontana, Lesseps (L3). See Sat 2.

FREE Funeral carriage and hearse collection (Montjuïc Cemetery, Mare del Déu del Port, 56-58). See Sat 2.

Guided tour of the Joan Miró Collection Fundació Joan Miró (Parc de Montjuïc, s/n). M: Espanya (L1, L3; FGC). See Sat 2.

MUSIC FESTIVAL

19è Festival Mil·lenni: Carlos Nuñez Palau de la Música Catalana (Palau de la Música, 4-6).



M: *Urquinaona* (L1, L4). 9pm. €18-€42. www.festival-millenni.com

Mark the end of 2017 with this lively concert from charismatic performer Carlos Nuñez who plays the bagpipes and flutes.

TRADITIONS

FREE Sardanes (*Pla de la Seu*). M: *Jaume I* (L4). Sat 6pm; Sun 11.15am.

Catalonia's national dance is performed in front of the cathedral every weekend.

CHRISTMAS

Conte de Nadal *Gran Teatre del Liceu* (*La Rambla*, 51-59). M: *Liceu* (L3). Noon. €10-€29. www.liceubarcelona.cat

Discover a new take on Charles Dickens's A Christmas Carol, with this musical version featuring compositions from Albert Guinovart, performances from a local children's choir and the Liceu's own symphony orchestra, and accompanying art made using sand.

CLASSICAL MUSIC

'Swan Lake' *L'Auditori* (*Lepant*, 150). M: *Glòries & Marina* (L1), *Monumental* (L2). 7pm. €18, €25. www.auditori.cat

Get your New Year's Eve celebrations started early with this end-of-year performance from the Banda Municipal de Barcelona. As well as Tchaikovsky's classic ballet, you can also enjoy Strauss's 'Blue Danube' and the opening piece from Rossini's 'The Silken Ladder'.

Classical music at the MEAM (*Barra de Ferro*, 5). M: *Jaume I* (L4). Sat 6pm. €15 (in advance). €19 (on the door). More info and tickets at

touristofficesandtickets.visitbarcelona.com.

For the last MEAM concert of 2017, hear Patricia Garcia Gil give a piano solo of works by Clementi. Entry includes an afternoon snack.

FAMILY

3D Planetarium and activities for kids *CosmoCaixa* (*Isaac Newton*, 26). FGC: *Av. Tibidabo*. See Sun 3.

The hidden treasures of the Guitarts *Museu Marítim de Barcelona* (*Av. de les Drassanes*, s/n). M: *Drassanes* (L3). Weekends. €0.50 plus entry fee for museum. www.mmb.cat

Take this self-guided tour of the '7 vessels, 7 histories' exhibition along with siblings Laia and Pau who are set to discover a whole host of treasures, around the theme of sailors, pirates and treasure maps. For children 7 and above.

Sunday 31

NEW YEAR'S EVE

Campanades de Cap d'Any (*Av. Reina Maria Cristina, Plaça Espanya*). M: *Espanya* (L1, L3; FGC). 9.30pm-1am. www.barcelona.cat/nadal

Join the crowds as Barcelona welcomes 2018 in style with fireworks, light and water shows,

and music. The Palau Nacional once more serves as a splendid backdrop to the city's end-of-year bash, while the Magic Fountain is the centrepiece of the evening.

New Year's Eve at Poble Espanyol (*Av. Francesc Ferrer i Guàrdia*, 13). M: *Espanya* (L1, L3; FGC). 10.30pm-6am. www.poble-espanyol.com

This is one of the biggest parties in Barcelona to see in the new year, and this edition is its 29th. There'll be cava, music, fun and all the local traditions that make December 31 special.

Johann Strauss: New Year's concert *Palau de la Música Catalana* (*Palau de la Música*, 4-6). M: *Urquinaona* (L1, L4). See Sat 16.

Tablao Cordobés (*La Rambla*, 3-5). M: *Drassanes, Liceu* (L3). €225 per person. tablao-cordobes.com

Welcome a new year in style with the popular New Year's Eve event at this flamenco hot spot. A top-quality supper of gourmet food and drink is followed by an evening of music, dance and fun.

TOURS

Basilica de Santa Maria del Pi (*Pl. del Pi*, 7). M: *Liceu* (L3). See Mon 4.

The Gothic Route *Daily*. 9am, noon, 5pm. Eng, Spa, Cat, Greek. €20. More info and tickets: tickets.visitbarcelona.com and barcelona-athereyesroutes.com.

Take a tour of one of the city's most interesting areas, where transformations have taken place and different communities have left their mark.

Torre Bellesguard Gaudí (*Bellesguard*, 6-9). FGC: *Av. Tibidabo*. See Fri 1.

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

Block of Discord guided tour (*Start: Casa Amatller, Pg. de Gràcia*, 41). M: *Passeig de Gràcia* (L2, L3, L4). See Sun 3.

The Cathedral of the Sea (*Start: Plaça de Santa Maria del Mar*). M: *Jaume I* (L4). See Sun 3.

SPORT

Cursa dels Nassos (*Start: C/Selva del Mar*). 5.30pm. www.cursadenassos.barcelona
Sporty types wanting to end the year with a run should sign up for this annual 10km road race; it takes its name from l'Home dels Nassos ('The Nose Man'), a mythical man with 365 noses that gradually disappear one at time during the year, and who is only ever seen on December 31. The race covers a circular route through the eastern part of the city, mainly focused on the Poblenou neighbourhood.

INFORMATION AND SALES

➤ Tourist information points and tickets. visitbarcelona.com

SIGHTS

December 2017

Architecture

BASÍLICA DE LA SAGRADA FAMÍLIA

(Mallorca, 401). M: Sagrada Família (L2, L5). 9am-6pm; Dec 25, 26 9am-2pm. Panoramic tour: €29. Guided tour: €24. Self-guided audio tour: €22. Prior reservation necessary. www.sagradafamilia.org
Gaudí's spectacular temple.

BASÍLICA DE SANTA MARIA DEL MAR

(Plaça de Santa Maria, 1). M: Jaume I (L4). Mon-Sat 9am-1pm, 5pm-8.30pm; Sun, public hols 9am-2pm, 5pm-8.30pm. Closed Dec 25, 26. Guided tours including rooftop: noon-5.15pm (various languages). From €8. Reduced: from €6.50. www.riostabarcelona.com
Beautiful Gothic church featured in popular novel The Cathedral of the Sea.

BASÍLICA DE SANTA MARIA DEL PI

(Plaça del Pi, 7). M: Liceu (L3), Jaume I (L4). 10am-6pm. €4. Reduced: €3. Guided tour including bell tower: Mon-Fri noon, 1pm; week-ends noon, 1pm, 3pm, 4pm. Closed Dec 25, 26. €8.50. www.riostabarcelona.com
Historic church in the heart of Barcelona.

CASA AMATLLER

(Pg. de Gràcia, 41). M: Passeig de Gràcia (L2, L3, L4). Guided tours (one hour): 11am (Eng), 5pm (Spa). €17. Tours with video guide (30 mins): 10am-5.30pm (various languages). €14. amatller.org
One of the city's most outstanding modernist buildings.

CASA BATLLÓ

(Pg. de Gràcia, 43). M: Passeig de Gràcia (L2, L3, L4). 9am-9pm. Cultural visit + video guide: €23.50. Reduced: €20.50. casabatllo.es

Unforgettable modernist architecture.

CASA DE LA SEDA

(Sant Pere Més Alt, 1). M: Urquinaona (L1, L4), Jaume I (L4). Guided tours every Sat morning. 11am (English and Spanish). €10. Reduced: €8. www.casadelaseda.com
Unique 18th-century building belonging to city's guild of silk-workers.

CASA DE LES PUNXES

(Av. Diagonal, 420). M: Verdguer (L4, L5), Diagonal (L3, L5). FGC: Provença. 9am-8pm. Closed Dec 25. Guided tour: €20. Self-guided tour with audio guide (10 languages): €12.50. Exclusive guided tours (with glass of cava): €23. casadelespunxes.es
This modernist gem is full of symbolism and has a splendid rooftop.

CASA VICENS

(C/ de les Carolines, 20). M: Fontana, Lesseps (L3). Mon-Sun 10am-8pm. Closed Dec 25. €16. Reduced: €14. www.casavicens.org
The first house Gaudí designed in Barcelona opened to visitors last month.

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 hols 10am-3pm. Closed Dec 25, 26. €7. Reduced: €5.50. Entrance plus audio guide: €9. Reduced: €7.50. www.gaudicoloniaguell.org
Head a short way out of town to see this Gaudí creation.

LA PEDRERA

(Passeig de Gràcia, 92). M: Diagonal (L3, L5); FGC: Provença. Pedrera by Day: until Dec 24 9am-6.30pm; from Dec 26 9am-8.30pm. €22. Reduced: €16.50. Gaudí's Pedrera. The Origins: until Dec 24 7pm-9pm; from Dec 26 9pm-11pm. Venue closed Dec 25. €34. www.lapedrera.com
A standout example of Gaudí's innovation and vision.

PALAU BARÓ DE QUADRAS

(Av. Diagonal, 373). M: Diagonal (L3, L5); FGC: Provença. Guided tours: Wed 11am (Eng), 1pm (Spa). €10. Reduced: €9. Prior reservation necessary: www.casessingulars.com
Another unmissable modernist building.

PALAU GÜELL

(Nou de la Rambla, 3-5). M: Liceu (L3). Tue-Sun 10am-5.30pm. Closed Mon (except public hols) and Dec 25, 26. €12. Reduced: €9. www.palauquell.cat
Just off La Rambla, this building was designed for Gaudí patron, Eusebi Güell.



PALAU DE LA MÚSICA CATALANA ❧

(Palau de la Música, 4-6). M: Urquinaona (L1, L4). 10am-3.30pm (every 30 mins). €18. Reduced: €11. www.palaumusica.cat
Sumptuous modernist concert venue.

PALAU REQUESENS ❧

(Bisbe Cassador, 3). M: Liceu (L3), Jaume I (L4). Guided tours & suppers: Fri, Sat 7.30pm (check website for availability). Guided tours (with glass of cava and sword fight): €20. Tour, supper & medieval show: from €71. Saturday morning tour also available. www.sternalia.com

Historical setting for a night of medieval fun.

PARK GÜELL

(Olot, 5). M: Vallcarca (L3). 8.30am-6.30pm. €8. Reduced: €5.60. Daily general guided tours (Spa, Eng and Fre): €7 pp. Daily private guided tours for 2-5 people: from €36 pp. Advanced booking recommended via website. www.parkguell.cat

Gaudí's take on an English garden city.

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 hols 10am-2.30pm. Closed Dec 25. Self-guided visit: €13. Reduced: €9.10. Guided tour: €19. Reduced: €13.30. www.santpau.barcelona

A one-time working hospital created in the modernista style.

TORRE BELLESGUARD ❧

(Bellesguard, 6-9). FGC: Av. Tibidabo. Tue-Sun 10am-3pm. Closed Mon and Dec 25, 26. Self-guided tour with audio guide: €9. Reduced: €7.20. Full guided tour: Sat, Sun 11am (Eng); Sat noon, Sun 1.15pm (Spa). €16. Reduced: €12.80. www.bellesguardgaudi.com

Gaudí creation that combines modernism and medieval Gothic designs.

Leisure

AIRE DE BARCELONA, ARAB BATHS ❧

(Pg. de Picasso, 22). M: Barceloneta, Jaume I (L4). Sun-Thu: first session 9am, final session from 11pm. Fri, Sat: first session 9am, final session from midnight. Closed Dec 25. www.airedebarcelona.com

Indulge yourself at this luxurious spa.

BARCELONA URBAN FOREST ❧

(Plaça del Fòrum, s/n). M: El Maresme/Fòrum (L4). Weekends and public hols 10am-3pm. Special opening times for Christmas holidays. Closed Dec 25, 26. €11-€24 (varies according to circuit and age). www.barcelonaboscurba.com

Fun for all ages with zip lines, bridges and six-metre-high platforms.

GAUDÍ EXPERIÈNCIA ❧

(Larrard, 41). M: Lesseps (L3). 10.30am-5pm. Dec 24, 31 10am-3pm. Closed Dec 25. €9. Reduced: €7.50. www.gaudiexperiencia.com
Interactive 4D journey through Gaudí's creativity.

L'AQUÀRIUM ❧

(Moll d'Espanya del Port Vell, s/n). M: Barceloneta (L4), Drassanes (L3). Check website for opening times. €20. Discounts for children 3-10 years. www.aquariumbcn.com
The city's aquarium features a range of living creatures.

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. Dec 25 9am-2pm. €14. Reduced: €7, €9, €10.50. www.poble-espanyol.com
Architecture from around the country at this 'Spanish village'.

PORTAVENTURA WORLD THEME PARK ❧

(Av. Alcalde Pere Molas. Km. 2. Vila Seca (Tarragona)). T. 902 20 22 20. Train: Port Aventura (line R16 from Sants-Estació or Passeig de Gràcia; www.renfe.es). Direct 90-min bus from Balmes, 5 (Julia Travel). PortAventura Park: Dec 2-10, 16, 17, 23-31 10am-7pm; Ferrari Land: Dec 2-10, 16, 17, 23-31 10am-5pm; Dec 1, 15, 22 6pm-11pm. www.portaventuraworld.com
Experience two different parks: PortAventura Park with rides for all, and Ferrari Land, an exciting new area dedicated to the fast cars.

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 2, 3, 6-10, 16, 17, 22-24, 27-31 11am-6pm. €28.50. Under-120cm: €10.30. www.tibidabo.cat

New and classic rides, plus amazing views across the city.

ZOO DE BARCELONA ❧

(Parc de la Ciutadella, s/n). M: Arc de Triomf (L1), Ciutadella/Vila Olímpica (L4). 10am-5.30pm. Check website for activities, services and promotions. €19.90. Children 3-12 years: €11.95. Over-65s: €10.05. www.zoobarcelona.cat
Animals large, small and all sizes in between.

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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

MONUMENT COLOM

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

ESTACIÓ DE SANTS

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

AIRPORT

Terminals 1 and 2. T: daily from 8.30am to 8.30pm

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