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→ Do you want to visit the settings for two novels that have captivated thousands of readers? You can't miss these two **literary trails** that take you on a journey through the magical Barcelona of "The Shadow of the Wind" and the fantastical Barcelona of "The Cathedral of the Sea".



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SANT JORDI

Literary Barcelona at its best

BARCELONA IS A CITY IN AND A CITY OF BOOKS. READING AND WRITING ARE VERY PRESENT EACH YEAR, BUT IT IS ON 23 APRIL WHEN IT CELEBRATES ITS MAJOR LITERARY FESTIVAL: **SANT JORDI**

BY **MARÍA V. VELASCO**
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Barcelona has always inspired and welcomed writers from around the world who have immortalised it in their pages. It is not only the publishing capital in two languages (Spanish and Catalan), but also the biggest publishing centre in Spanish. It has one of the richest, most diverse literary heritages and in recognition of this tradition, it has been part of UNESCO's Creative Cities Network as a **City of Literature** since 2015, which has helped to strengthen its cultural reach even more.

Literature is ubiquitous in Barcelona throughout the year, in bookshops and libraries and in a host of activities related to reading and writing. These include book launches, discussions, works-

hops and writing schools, literary prizes, festivals such as BCNNegra, Kosmopolis, Barcelona Poesía, Barcelona Novela Histórica, Salón del Manga and Salón del Cómic, the latter until April 2, as well as **Cine BCN - Sant Jordi international film festival** at **Verdi cinemas** from April 21 to 28.

But it is in April when books truly take centre stage in the city. The **Festival Món Llibre** takes place at **CCCB** on the weekend of April 8 and 9, with the spaces of **Plaça Joan Corominas** and **Plaça dels Àngels** dedicated to children and teenage readers. There will be readings and more than 100 activities, including a meeting of bloggers. On April 20 and 21 the **Sant Jordi dialogues** will take place at the **Museu del Disseny**, including participants such as **Petro Markaris** and **Siri Hustvede**. And a recital will be staged in front of the **Born, Centre de Cultura i Memòria** on April 22.

These activities are just a warm-up for the big event on **April 23, Sant Jordi**, the day of Catalonia's patron saint. The date also commemorates the death in



1. Bookstand on La Rambla.

2. Món Llibre at CCCB.

1616 of two giants of world literature: Shakespeare and Cervantes, the latter being the author of the first modern novel: *Don Quixote*. Incidentally, its first full version was printed in Barcelona. A knight named George (Jordi in Catalan) under the orders of the Emperor Diocletian also died on April 23 in 303 AD. The legend goes that he was martyred for refusing to persecute Christians.

Stories related to this figure soon followed, such as the one that explains that he defeated a dragon that had terrified the Catalan population of Montblanc, thereby saving the princess from being devoured by this monster. The dragon's spilled blood gave birth to a rose bush of red flowers. Thus goes the legend, which has meant that on the day of Sant Jordi people give presents of not only books, but also **roses**.

Although all of Barcelona's 23 neighbourhoods and the towns of Catalonia are filled with books and roses on this day, the epicentre is around La Rambla, Passeig de Gràcia and Rambla Catalunya. Thousands of people spill out onto the streets in search of new books or to meet their favourite authors and get them to sign their books. There are poetry recitals and readings and traditional celebrations such as 'sardana' dancing, as well as many spaces organising special

Casa de les Punxes

DISCOVER SANT JORDI LEGEND

One of the many places of the city organising special activities on Sant Jordi's day is **Casa de les Punxes**, a **Modernista gem**. Designed by **Josep Puig i Cadafalch**, its decorative façade is dedicated to **Sant Jordi**, whose legend can be discovered during a special tour. You will also be able to visit the viewpoint at the building's highest tip ('*punxa*'), from where you can enjoy magnificent 360-degree views of the city, as well as a rooftop dinner surrounded by medieval-type towers.

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activities. One of these spaces is the **Casa Batlló**, where the legend of Sant Jordi is very present. The façade of Gaudí's masterpiece will be covered in a blanket of roses and it will be raining petals inside. And a solidarity-based action of giving blood will take place on the street outside.

Literary routes

Barcelona contains a host of literary settings and many novels have vicariously helped their readers to travel. Now you can tour the city by following the settings of certain books written by internationally renowned authors.

One of the most interesting routes follows in the footsteps of **George Orwell** on **La Rambla** and surrounding streets. Famous as the author of *1984* and *Animal Farm*, this English journalist and writer also wrote *Homage to Catalonia*, in which he described his experiences during the Spanish Civil War. The route begins at **Plaça Catalunya**, where the Communist Party had its headquarters in Hotel Colón (which no longer exists) and the CNT anarchist confederation in the Telefónica building. From there, walk down La Rambla to number 138, the **Hotel Continental**, where Orwell stayed. It had been collectivised as the seat of local government. "It was the first time that I had ever been in a town where the working class was in the saddle," he wrote. Only 10 numbers further down, the **Hotel Rivoli** can be found

at 128, then the headquarters of the Workers' Party of Marxist Unification (POUM). Orwell and other militiamen were posted in front of **Teatre Poliorama** to defend it. Immediately next door was (and still is) **Café Moka**. Continue towards the Raval and you will **Plaça George Orwell**.

A second recommended route runs through two neighbourhoods in the city's southwest. **Quim Monzó** set a long story in **Poble Sec's** Plaça de Santa Madrona. And on the hill of **Montjuïc**, **Juli Vallmitjana** portrayed the world of gypsies, **Francisco Casavella** placed his great character **Watusi** and **Eduardo Mendoza** set his novel *The City of Marvels*, in which he cast a detailed eye on his birthplace. Follow its main character, **Onofre Bouvila**, as you discover **Parc de la Ciutadella**, which was once home to a military citadel and today houses the Catalan parliament building and the zoo. Then head to **Plaça Espanya** and walk up **Avinguda Reina Maria Cristina** to the **Palau Nacional d'Art de Catalunya**, from where you can enjoy some incredible panoramic views over the city. This area was built for the 1929 International Exposition and **Mendoza** portrays the changes in the city between the Exhibitions of 1888 and 1929 in his book. The best place to end your tour is at the **fortress on Montjuïc**.

A third route focuses on two major figures of Catalan literature and covers two



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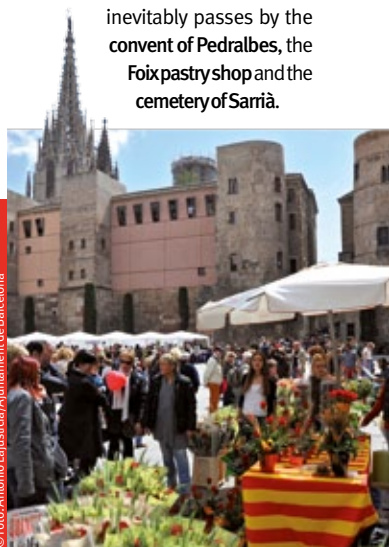
neighbourhoods. The house museum of the poet **Joan Maragall** can be found in **Sant Gervasi** and is open to visitors, while **Gràcia** is intrinsically linked to **Mercè Rodoreda**, who chose **Plaça Diamant** as the setting for her most famous novel, which was named after the square. Another of her books was named after **Carrer Camèlies** in **Horta-Guinardó**.

Gothic Quarter

IN QUIXOTE'S FOOTSTEPS

If you want to follow in the footsteps of **Don Quixote**, begin at the city's cathedral (pictured), which houses the sculpture of the Christ of Lepanto. According to legend, it was present at the battle in 1571 between the Holy League and the Ottoman Empire, in which Cervantes fought. A little further on is the alley of **Perot lo Lladre**, a famous bandit that Cervantes renamed **Roque Guinart**. The next stop after crossing the Ramblas is the **Biblioteca de Catalunya**, the best library in the world for books about Quixote. Continue on to the **Museu Marítim**, in the former Royal Shipyards, to view the galley commanded by **Juan of Austria** at the battle of Lepanto.

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Nearby, after passing the monument to **Columbus** at the end of the Rambla, look for the building at **Passeig de Colom**, 2. According to legend, Cervantes lived there on the third floor. Finally, stop in front of the **Facultat de Nàutica** building, where the **Portal del Mar** formerly stood, and look out at the same sea that Quixote saw for the first time, and where he came back to his senses, after being defeated by the **Knight of the White Moon** on the beach.

1. **Rambla Catalunya.**
2. **Palau Nacional** as seen from **Plaça Espanya.**

And there is yet another interesting route in the district of **Sarrià-Sant Gervasi**, containing the world of local poet **J. V. Foix**, who once dubbed the city 'Barcelonota'. It was also here that two of the greatest writers in Spanish once lived: **Gabriel García Márquez** and **Mario Vargas Llosa**. In Barcelona they were able to write freely and it was here that they found success under the excellent advice of their literary agent,

Carmen Balcells. This route inevitably passes by the **convent of Pedralbes**, the **Foix pastry shop** and the **cemetery of Sarrià**.



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1. *The Shadow of the Wind* tour. 2. *Cathedral of the Sea* tour.

A novel city

Do you want to visit the settings of two novels featuring Barcelona that have captivated thousands of readers around the world? Then join two 2.5-hour professionally guided tours (in Spanish or English) to travel through the fantastic Barcelona of *Cathedral of the Sea* and the magical Barcelona of *The Shadow of the Wind* as organised by **Icono Serveis Culturals**. You can purchase your tickets at tickets.visitbarcelona.com

If you choose **Ildefonso Falcones'** bestseller, you will start at Plaça Nova to visit the city in the 14th century, a time from which many remains can still be seen today. Barcelona during that age was experiencing a time of prosperity and its inhabitants decided to dedicate great effort to build a large temple, the church of **Santa Maria del Mar**, which features in *Cathedral of the Sea*. The tour will run on April 2, 9, 16, 22 and 30.

If you opt for recreating **Carlos Ruiz Zafón's** *The Shadow of the Wind*, you will be plunged into the city's Old Town, among its books and bookshops, to discover the Barcelona of the first half of the 20th century. And you will visit the same places as the **Semperes** and **Julián Carax**: **Rambla de Santa Mònica**, **Plaça Reial**, **Carrer del Call**, **Baixada de la Llibreteria** and the church of **Santa Maria del Mar**. This tours runs on April 1, 8, 15, 22 and 29.

Enjoy **literary Barcelona** and make sure to buy at least one book and one rose, and also enjoy your reading with some delicious **Sant Jordi bread**, made from spicy 'sobrasada' sausage and cheese, the two colours of the Catalan flag. Chances such as these to make the pages of your favourite books come to life are very rare indeed, so seize the opportunity during this year's Sant Jordi celebration! <> **Más información:** visitbarcelona.com/agenda

Libraries

BOOKS IN UNIQUE PLACES

Barcelona has an extensive network of libraries covering all its neighbourhoods, some of which are housed in spaces of great value. The Raval is home to the **Biblioteca de Catalunya**, with an area of 8,820m². It is in a

Gothic building that once housed the **Hospital de la Santa Creu**. The building that houses the **Jaume Fuster library** in Gràcia has won a **FAD Architecture Prize**, while **Can Rosés library** in Les Corts is housed in an old farmhouse and the **Eixample's Arús library**, specialising in Masonry, displays a replica of the **Statue of Liberty** and organises guided tours.

ART

Spring in museums

PORTRAITS BY PICASSO, THE SINKING OF THE TITANIC, THE BEST PHOTOJOURNALISM IMAGES... DON'T MISS THIS MONTH'S MAJOR EXHIBITIONS

One of Barcelona's most emblematic buildings, Gaudí's **La Pedrera**, is the venue until July 16 of **Zootropic**, an exhibition of a series of projects by **Frederic Amat** in both natural and urban public spaces, often related to architecture. The Barcelona painter and set designer is one of the most outstanding creative artists in Catalonia's contemporary art scene.

Another outstanding historic setting is hosting a major exhibition in conjunction with London's National Portrait Gallery. The venue is the **Museu Picasso**, which is housed across five medieval palaces in the Born neighbourhood, and the exhibition is entitled **Picasso. Portraits** (until June 25), displaying more than 80 examples of a genre for which Picasso showed a special predilection.

Another important event this April is taking place at the **Museu Marítim**, in the Raval neighbourhood. Housed in the newly renovated **Drassanes Reials** (former Royal Shipyards), the museum will be reopened at the end of March with a show entitled **Drassanes Reials**



and the **World of Galleys**, focusing on Barcelona's relationship with the sea throughout its history. Visit the show to discover this great space, in which the enormous war ships that gave Barcelona its maritime splendour were built. You will also see what the most famous transatlantic liner of all time was like with the show **Titanic. The Reconstruction**, 'anchored' in Barcelona from April 3 to September. Thirteen different spaces explain the construction of the ship, life on board and its tragic end, including the biggest model of the ship built until today. The Titanic sank in the North Atlantic more than a century ago, but its legend is still alive today.

Make the most of your visit to the **Museu Marítim** by also learning about the work of the architect **João Luís Ca-**



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1. "Wall of Eyes" by Frederic Amat at Hotel Ohla.
2. Photographs by Peter Hujar at Mapfre Foundation.

rilho da Graça, who has worked for more than 30 years in the Portuguese capital. Some of his creations include the Knowledge of the Seas Pavilion at the 1998 World Exhibition and the museu- mization of the archaeological zone of Praça Nova in São Jorge Castle. *Carrilho da Graça: Lisbon* will run until May 1.

While in the Raval, drop into one of the city's icons of modern architecture, the Museu d'Art Contemporani (MACBA), to see the show *Akram Zaatari. Against Photography. An Annotated His-*

tory of the Arab Image Found. The exhibition reflects on the photograph as descriptive document, as object, as material value, as aesthetics and as memory.

And at the *Fundación Mapfre* until April 30, you can still catch another photographic exhibition featuring the work of America's *Peter Hujar*. Organised in conjunction with the Morgan Library & Museum in New York and entitled *Speed of Life*, it brings together more than 150 photographs taken between the 1950s and 1980s. ◇

Gastronomy and design

TAPAS AT DESIGN MUSEUM

After three years touring cities such as Tokyo, Washington or Madrid, the exhibition *Tapas. Spanish Design for Food* has finally reached Barcelona, running until May 21. From the collaboration of Ferran Adrià with industrial designer Luki Huber to Rafael Marquina's anti-drip oil cruet, the show looks at the relationship between gastronomy



and design, two sectors in which Barcelona is a pioneer. Parallel activities will also be held. A visit to this exhibition is a good reason to discover the *Museu del Disseny*, which is housed in a striking building in Plaça de les Glòries, housing more than 70,000 objects ranging from the 4th century BC to the present.

El CCCB: all culture

Culture in Barcelona inevitably passes through the *Centre de Cultura Contemporània de Barcelona (CCCB)*, an institution with an extensive programme of activities that includes creation, research, outreach, festivals, concerts, film seasons, courses, debates, workshops and urban itineraries, as well as finding room for the visual arts, literature, philosophy, cinema, music, performing arts, photography...

The latter has a strong presence this month thanks to the new edition of *World Press Photo*, which brings together the best examples of professional photojournalism. Barcelona will be one of the first cities exhibiting these prestigious prizewinning images, which can be seen from April 29 until June 5. The first prizewinner is the photo by Turkey's Burhan Ozbilici, showing the armed killer of the Russian ambassador in Ankara, with the diplomat lying on the ground.

Alongside its activities, the CCCB is also worth visiting because of its historical and architectural value. It is housed in an old 12th-century church,

Book exhibition

THE ROLE OF PHOTOGRAPHY

April in Barcelona is the month for books par excellence. In addition to celebrating *Sant Jordi* (April 23), the city offers many activities related to reading and writing, which is why the *Photobook Phenomenon* exhibition is a perfect option. It can be seen until 27 August in two venues: the *Centre de Cultura Contemporània de Barcelona (CCCB)* and *Fundació Foto Colectania*. The show includes works ranging from those by Alexander Rodchenko to pioneering Japanese photobooks. Visit and you will understand why photobooks are experiencing a boom in today's digital era.

Casa de la Caritat, which still preserves its façade and part of its courtyard. Past and present merge together in this corner of the city centre. ◇

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CCCB hosts *World Press Photo* until June 5.



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FOOD AND DRINK

- 1. Pez Vela.
- 2. El Magatzem.

Barcelona's best rice dishes

RICE IS A MEDITERRANEAN CUISINE STAPLE THAT CAN BE PREPARED IN A MYRIAD OF WAYS. HERE IS A SELECTION OF SOME RESTAURANTS THAT COOK IT BEST

Many of the city's best rice dish restaurants are concentrated in the seaside neighbourhood of Barceloneta. One of the most traditional of these is **7 Portes** (Passeig d'Isabel, 14), which opened in 1836. It is worth ordering its *Parella-da paella*, which combines monkfish, mussels, squid, prawns, pork, 'butifarra' sausage and rabbit. Equally as famous are the paellas of **Cheriff** (Ginebra, 15) and **El Suquet del Almirall** (Passeig Joan

de Borbó, 65), the latter housed in a former shipyard at the port.

Also facing the port is **Palau de Mar**, a 19th-century building located in Plaça Pau Vila. It was formerly a warehouse building and today houses not only the *Museu d'Història de Catalunya*, but also restaurants with outdoor dining areas, including such classics as **Cal Pinxo Palau de Mar**. Another fine choice is **Cal Pinxo Platja** (Baluard, 124), located on the beach

at Barceloneta. Other restaurants to be found in *Palau de Mar* are **El Magatzem**, with a paella with spelt and baby vegetables, **L'Arròs** and **La Gavina**.

Other restaurants on the seafront include **Can Majó** (Almirall Aixada, 23), its rice cooked in fish stock with lobster is recommended, **La Mar Salada** (Passeig Joan de Borbó, 58), **El Cangrejo Loco** (Moll de Gregal, 29), **L'Escamartà** (Passeig Marítim del Bogatell, 40) and **Can Solé** (Sant Carles, 4), which opened in 1903 as an eatery for fishermen. And let us not forget **Pez Vela**, just below the Ho-



telW (Passeig del Mare Nostrum), offering unbeatable views of the city.

Moving to another neighbourhood, specifically around Paral·lel, **Elche** (Vila i Vilà, 71) offers such original dishes as rice with chicken crust and dry sausage with egg au gratin. And **Arrosseria Xàtiva** (Bordeus, 35), in Les Corts, serves up thirty rice dish varieties. You can enjoy also them with a 'cullereta', using a big wooden spoon directly from the paella pan. One of its star dishes is 'aròs passejat' (overcooked rice), which dates back to the 15th century. There is another **Arrosseria Xàtiva** (Torrent d'en Vidalet, 26) in the neighbourhood of Gràcia, where you can also find **Envalira** (Plaça del Sol, 13). There, you can choose from special paella or seafood or 'milanesa' rice, for lovers of a mountain rice flavour.

Anniversary

VIA VENETO TURNS 50

One of Barcelona's most emblematic restaurants, **Via Veneto** (Ganduxer, 10), is celebrating its half-century with a very special menu based on fresh **black truffle**. You can enjoy it on a simple slice of hearty farmer's bread or on an exceptional fillet with Sardinian pecorino rice and paired with the best wines. The perfect occasion to enjoy magnificent dishes in a Belle Époque setting that has hosted many great figures over these past 50 years, including Cary Grant, Jack Nicholson, Johan Cruyff, Richard Nixon... and Salvador Dalí, who was a regular. www.viaveneto.es



And speaking of higher climes, we move from the sea to the hill of Montjuïc, where an informal restaurant serves quality rice dishes, **Martínez** (Carretera de Miramar, 38), with aubergines and squid, blue lobster... It is a joy to taste these dishes outdoors and enjoy wonderful views over the city. After your meal, you can ride back down to Barceloneta by cable car. ✦

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IN THE CITY

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Culture and leisure for all

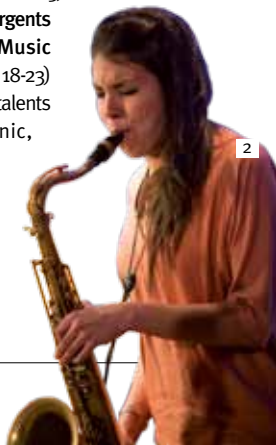
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Music

Barcelona's three major classical music auditoriums are all staging interesting events this April. From April 1 to 6, the stage of the **Gran Teatre del Liceu** will be turned Venetian red thanks to the striking costumes of an adaptation of **Verdi's *Rigoletto*** opera. L'Auditori will host European Renaissance and Baroque music with **Armonia de les Nacions** (Harmony of Nations) on April 8, conducted by a major specialist in early music, Catalonia's **Jordi Savall**. And the line-up is completed by **The Sixteen: La Capella Sixtina** (April 25), a renowned choir per-

forming 16th-century Renaissance polyphonic works, **Lawrence Foster** conducting **Beethoven's *Triple*** with young soloists (April 22 and 23) and the **Emergents Barcelona Music Festival** (April 18-23) with its new talents in symphonic, chamber and jazz music.

At the **Palau de la Música Catalana**, the



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1. Church of Santa Maria del Mar.
2. Melissa Aldana at Sala Jamboree.

Orfeo Català will celebrate its 125th anniversary with the same piece that it performed at its first public concert: Mozart's ***Ave Verum*** (April 5); **René Jacobs** will conduct another Mozart work, ***Così fan tutte*** on April 24, while on April 14 there will be a **Queen Tribute** and the **Greatest Hits Film Music** will be heard on April 16

At the church of Santa Maria del Mar, the city's Gothic jewel, **Mozart's *Requiem*** (April 5-7) will be performed and the ***Song of the Sibyl*** (April 28), a medieval liturgical drama that was revived in Barcelona in 1948 in this very same church.

The artists performing at **Palau Sant Jordi** include **Bruno Mars** (April 7) and Britain's **Ed Sheeran** presenting his new album, **Divide**, on April 9 and 26, while **Brian Molko** and **Stefan Olsdal** will celebrate the 20th anniversary of the band **Placebo** at **Sala Razzmatazz 1**.

Jazz fans have a leading venue at **Sala Jamboree**, with its more than 50-year history and live music 365 days a year, hosting both great legends and promising young talents. This month's performers include the **Melissa Aldana Trio** (April 2) and the **Aaron Parks Trio** (April 22), with **The Huntertones** brass band playing on April 4 and the **Houston Person & Dena Deroe Trio** on April 20. The latest in electronic music also has its own platform with the **Lapsus Festival** (April 1) at CCCB.

Fairs and festivals

Two other festivals coincide in April. **Festival OFF** (April 6-8), an international meeting point for culture, art and digital design at the **Museu del Disseny**, and the **D'A – Barcelona International Auteur Film Festival** (April 27 to May 7), now celebrating its sixth edition with some qua-

Mag Fest magic festival

THE WORLD'S BEST TRICKS

The world's best magicians will visit the city from April 7 to May 7 for **Mag Fest Barcelona**, a magic festival across several venues and including charity activities. **Adam Rubin** and **Xavier Tapias** will perform at **La Seca Espai Joan Brossa** (April 7-8) and **Yann Frish** and **Dani Daortiz** at **El Rei de la Màgia** (April 21-22). **Teatre Victòria** will host **Gala Barcelona Ciutat Màgica** from April 26 to May 7, with a line-up that includes internationally renowned.



lity films. Another interesting event is the **Barcelona Watch Experience**, a watchmaking fair between April 7-9, including a marketplace, showrooms, conferences... an event demonstrating the tradition and prestige of watchmaking in Barcelona.

Sport

Two sports events cannot be overlooked. One is a fun and sustainable activity, the **BiCircuit Festival** (April 22-23), with cycling competitions for everyone at the **Barcelona-Catalonia circuit**, and the other is the **Barcelona Open Banc Sabadell: 65th Conde de Godò Tennis Trophy** (April 22-30).

Family fun

If you and your family like nature and animals, there are two perfect places to visit with your children. You can visit Europe's largest oceanarium at the **Aquarium** and see sharks up close as you pass through an underwater tunnel measuring more than 80 metres in length or you can participate in activities related to penguins during the first weekend of April. And at the **Barcelona Zoo**, in Parc de la Ciutadella, you will learn how different species live in their habitats and how those in danger of extinction are being protected.

What's more, plants and flowers will be taking over **Poble Espanyol** (Montjuïc) as part of Barcelona's flower festival, **De Floren Flor** (April 13), offering activities for the whole family and live music. There is also a musical event designed for children at Poble Espanyol on April 2, **Festival Minimúsica**, a day packed with activities.

Young and old alike will similarly enjoy **Open Camp**, a sports experience park that is set to reopen its doors on April 8. Feel like Messi or Pau Gasol for a day. Or if you prefer, watch *Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone* accompanied by live music at **Palau Sant Jordi** on April 1.



Traditions

Barcelona also supports its traditions and you can enjoy the city outdoors more than ever in spring, especially on two traditional days of the month: April 23, with the **Diada de Sant Jordi**, a festive day filled with books and roses, and April 17, **Easter Monday**. Visit the city's pastry shops on the latter day to see how they are filled with traditional cakes known as 'monas'. They used to be made with sweet brioche and boiled eggs, but today are usually made with chocolate and decorated with coloured feathers, felt chicks and chocolate eggs and figures. Children will adore them and they will also love visiting the **Museu de la Xocolata** to see an exhibition on 'monas' and to participate in a workshop on how to make them (pictured). <

More information:

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SHOPPING

Altair.

Browsing through bookshops

NOVELS, ESSAYS, POETRY, CHILDREN'S STORIES, TRAVEL GUIDES, COMICS... WHATEVER THE BOOK YOU SEEK, YOU WILL FIND THEM ALL IN BARCELONA. HERE ARE JUST A FEW OF THE MANY BOOKSHOPS IN THE CITY



The streets of Barcelona are home to a large number of bookshops and literary spaces for you to spend a good time looking for a tale that best suits your life or mood. Enjoy the pleasures of browsing for books, discovering new releases and finding small gems and cultural gifts.

If you are a fan of travelling, head to **Altair** (Gran Via de les Corts Catalanes, 616), where you will find a universe of travel books, maps and guides on places across the planet. And if you lean more towards science fiction, the place for you is **Gigamesh** (Bailèn, 8),

with its 500m² of books, collectibles, lead figures and comics. And speaking of comics, two places to keep in mind are **Continuarà** (Via Laietana, 29) and **Norma** (Passeig de Sant Joan, 9), offering graphic novels, Manga, series and video games.

Pròleg (Sant Pere Més Alt, 46) is an internationally renowned large feminist bookshop, while **Claret** (Roger de Llúria, 5) specialises in religion, **Taifa** (Verdú, 12) in cinema, **Loring Art** (Gravina, 8) in contemporary art and **Pebre Negre** (Clot, 41) in gastronomy and sustainability. Barcelona also has places specialising in LGBT literature, such as the **Antinous** café bookshop (Casanova, 72) and **Còmplices** (Cer



Port Aventura World: new Ferrari Land

FEEL LIKE AN F1 DRIVER

Want to drive like a Formula 1 star? You simply have to head down to **Port Aventura World**, one hour from Barcelona, to visit **Ferrari Land**, the first Ferrari theme park in Europe from April 7. Once there, you will experience the same feelings as professional Formula 1 drivers. Among its attractions, check out the **vertical accelerator** (pictured), which will take you from 0 to 180 km/h in just five seconds. Unlimited thrills!

www.portaventuraworld.com





Come In.

vantes, 4), both offering general literature, comics and films. And if you want to read about the history of Catalonia, go to **Bestiari Llibreria del Born** (Plaça Comercial, 12). It is part of El Born Centre Cultural, which in turn is housed in a former 19th-century market under which a site from the 1700s was found.

There are also bookshops for young people. So if you are looking for books for children or teenagers, **Abracadabra** (General Álvarez de Castro, 5) has them in many languages, **Casa Anita** (Vic, 14) has a special space for children still learning to read, **Al·lots** (Consell de Cent, 266) organises social gatherings and **La Caixa de Eines** (Aragó, 367) holds workshops.

But if you are looking for books in languages other than Spanish and Catalan,

head to **Come In** (Balmes, 129) for English books, **Jaimés** (València, 318) for French, **Le Nuvole** (Sant Lluís, 11) for Italian and **Haiku** (Montseny, 7) for Japanese.

Another good bookshop is **La Casa del Llibre**, with several locations in the city, two of them in the heart of the city: Passeig de Gràcia, 62, and Rambla Catalunya, 37. **Cooperativa d'Arquitectes Jordi Capell** (Plaça Nova, 5) is also centrally located below a large Picasso frieze and **The Catalan Heritage House** is housed in Palau Moja (Rambla, 118), containing volumes on Catalan history and heritage. **Barcelona Original Shop**, located in the tourist information point at Plaça Catalunya, 17, offers highly original books in several languages on architecture, design or gastronomy.

Charming spaces

BOOKSHOPS IN UNIQUE SETTINGS

If you are looking for a cosy place to immerse yourself in books while enjoying a drink or a bit to eat, two excellent choices are **La Central** (Mallorca, 237), spread over 500m², and **Laie** (Pau Claris, 85), a two-storey bookshop with a café on the second floor (pictured). Laie is also present in some of the city's major museums, such as the **Museu d'Art Contemporani de Barcelona** (Plaça dels Àngels, 1), in a building designed by Richard Meier, the **Museu Nacional d'Art de Catalunya** and the **Museu Picasso**,

(Montcada, 15), housed in several medieval palaces. It also has a shop at the **CCCB** (Montalegre, 5), built over the remains of a 12th-century church, and in two landmark Modernista buildings: Gaudí's **La Pedrera** (Provença, 261) and **CaixaForum**, housed in a former ceramics factory. Also worth mentioning is the bookshop at the **Fundació Joan Miró**, specialising in the artist.



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FLOWER AND GARDEN
FESTIVAL OF BARCELONA
"DE FLOR EN FLOR",
AT POBLE ESPANYOL

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MUSIC
SIMPLE MINDS PERFORMS
AT POBLE ESPANYOL AS
PART OF FESTIVAL MIL-LENNI



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TENNIS
BARCELONA OPEN
BANC SABADELL-
65TH CONDE DE
GODÓ TROPHY

INFORMATION AND SALES

➤ Tourist information points and tickets. visitbarcelona.com

Exhibitions

ARXIU FOTOGRÀFIC DE BARCELONA

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

FREE **Footprints.** Humberto Rivas *Until Apr 8*. Images taken between 1981 and 2005 featuring people and places related to the Spanish Civil War.

ARXIU HISTÒRIC DE LA CIUTAT DE BARCELONA

(Santa Llúcia, 1). M: Jaume I (L4), Liceu (L3). Mon-Fri 9am-8.30pm; Sat 10am-8pm. Closed Sun and public holidays. barcelona.cat/arxiuhistoric

FREE **The City of Barcelona Historical Archive** *Apr 25-Apr 2018*. This key city institution marks its centenary.

CAIXAFORUM

(Av. Francesc Ferrer i Guàrdia, 6-8). M: Espanya (L1, L3; FGC). 10am-8pm. €4. Under-16s, free. <http://obrasociallacaixa.org>

➤ **Exercises for sowing lightning.** Nicolás Paris *Until May 7*. The Colombian artist focuses on the relationship between the creative process and people looking at art.

➤ **Windows on the world** *Until Sep 3*.

Short films explore the lives of different communities in Africa, Asia and South America.

➤ **The pillars of Europe. The Middle Ages at the British Museum** *Until Jun 18*. Life in the Middle Ages that highlights themes such as the splendour of the royal court and the relationship between Church and State.

➤ **20th FotoPres "la Caixa"** *Apr 28-Jul 30*. Ten winning digital photography projects that capture new aspects of today's society.

CASTELL DE MONTJUÏC

(Ctra. de Montjuïc, 66). M: Espanya (L1, L3; FGC). 10am-8pm. Last entry: 7.30pm. €5. Reduced: €3. Under-16s and Sundays after 3pm, free. ajuntament.barcelona.cat/castelldemontjuic/en

Montjuïc, the construction of a castle Permanent exhibition.

Doble Creu Permanent exhibition of sculpture by Carles Berga.

Montjuïc en cartell *Apr 6-End of August*.

CENTRE DE CULTURA CONTEMPORÀNIA DE BARCELONA

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

Tue-Sun, public holidays 11am-8pm. Last entry: half an hour before closing. Closed Mon (except public holidays). One exhibition: €6. Reduced: €4. Two exhibitions: €8. Reduced: €6. Under-12s, free. Sunday 3pm-8pm, free. www.cccb.org

World Press Photo *17 Apr 29-Jun 5*. The prestigious global photojournalism exhibition arrives earlier in Barcelona this year, making it one of the first cities in the world to welcome these stunning, memorable images. **Photobook phenomenon** *Until Aug 27*. New perspectives on the importance and impact of photobooks in today's visual culture.

COSMOCAXIA

(Isaac Newton, 26). FGC: Av. Tibidabo. Tue-Sun 10am-8pm. Closed Mon (except public holidays). €4. Under-16s, free. <http://obrasociallacaixa.org>

➤ **The Material Room** Permanent exhibition. 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.

➤ **Sapiens. Understanding for creating** *Until May 31*. Exploring the complexities of creating an apparently simple dish guided by award-winning Catalan chef Ferran Adrià and his team.

➤ **Talking brains** The human brain from the point of view of its linguistic functions.

➤ **Evolutionary biology** *Until Apr*. Processes and mechanisms behind biodiversity.

EL BORN CENTRE DE CULTURA I MEMÒRIA

(Plaça Comercial, 12). M: Jaume I & Barceloneta (L4), Arc de Triomf (L1). Tue-Sun (site and exhibitions): 10am-8pm. Closed Mon (except public holidays). Permanent exhibition: €4.40. Reduced: €3.08. Check with venue for temporary exhibition price. Free for under-16s. Sunday 3pm-8pm and first Sunday of month 10am-8pm, free. elbornculturaimemoria.barcelona.cat

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

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

Memories of a market *Until Nov 26*. Discover the history of the market that stood on this site for many years before it was converted into the cultural centre it is today.

ESPAI VOLART - FUNDACIÓ VILA CASAS

(Ausiàs Marc, 22). M: Urquinaona (L1, L4), Catalunya (L1, L3; FGC). Temp exhibitions: Tue-Fri 5pm-8.30pm; Sat 11am-2pm, 5pm-8.30pm; Sun 11am-2pm. Closed Mon, public holidays and Easter week Thu-Mon. €1. www.fundaciovilacasas.com

Visions and uncertainties *Apr 6-May 28*. Barcelona artist Alberto García-Álvarez was part of an artistic group known as Flamma (1948-1953) and spent 20 years working and teaching in New Zealand. This show explores his international career.

Collective show *Apr 6-May 28*. Works from the mid-20th century by a variety of artists taken from the collection of Joan Gil.

Moisés Villéla *Apr 6-Jun 26*. Pieces from the late Barcelona sculptor and poet.

FUNDACIÓ ANTONI TÀPIES

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

Permanent exhibition Extensive collection of artworks by Tàpies.

Oriol Vilanova. Sunday *Until May 28*. Vilanova is a Catalan artist resident in Brussels, and also a prodigious collector of old postcards, purchased at Sunday second-hand markets.

Antoni Tàpies, collection. Objects *Until Sep 28*. 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. €4. www.lapedrera.com

Zootrop *Until Jul 16*. Catalan artist Frederic Amat is one of the most notable contemporary creatives on the local scene, and particularly renowned for his paintings and stage designs.

FUNDACIÓ JOAN MIRÓ

(Parc de Montjuïc, s/n). M: Espanya (L1, L3; FGC). Tue, Wed, Fri 10am-8pm; Thu 10am-9pm; Sat 10am-8pm; Sun and public holidays 10am-3pm. Closed Mon (except public holidays). 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.

Éluard, Cramer, Miró - À toute épreuve, more than a book *Until Jul 2*. This show re-creates the creative process behind Miró's book based on an eponymous collection of poems by Paul Éluard.

Espai 13: One Foot Out. Expeditions and Diasporas *Until Sep 11*. Artistic works from outside the usual circuits of Barcelona contemporary art. This month, Eva Fàbregas looks at processes and testimonies related to images and memory.

Self-organization *Until May 21*. An exploration of DIY methods employed by innovative artists from the 1960s to today.

Photography in the Foyer: Brossa at La Ricarda *Until May 14*. Images taken of two private concerts hosted by Joan Miró's friend Ricard Gomis, and attended by celebrated Catalan poet Joan Brossa.

FUNDACIÓ SUÑOL

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

Oriol Vilapuig. The sexual night *Until Sep 2*. Show featuring 30 works by the artist, many of which haven't been shown in public before.

Ajoblanco 1977 *Until May 6*. Looking at the social impact of this libertarian magazine during the 1970s.

FUNDACIÓ MAPFRE

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

Peter Hujar. Speed of life *Until Apr 30*. Retrospective of work by US photographer who captured the artistic, alternative community in NYC from the 1960s to 1980s.

THE GAUDÍ EXHIBITION CENTER

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

www.gaudiexhibitioncenter.com

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

HASH MARIHUANA & HEMP MUSEUM

(Ample, 35). M: Drassanes (L3), Barceloneta (L4). 10am-10pm. Public holidays 2pm-10pm. €9. Under-13s, free (when accompanied by an adult). www.hashmuseum.com

Permanent exhibition The past, present and future of the cannabis plant.

JARDÍ BOTÀNIC DE BARCELONA

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

Permanent exhibition Mediterranean plants from around the world.

Bonsai show Weekends and public holidays 10.30am-4.30pm. Permanent exhibition.

LA VIRREINA. CENTRE DE LA IMATGE

(La Rambla, 99). M: Liceu (L3). Tue-Sun, public holidays noon-8pm. ajuntament.barcelona.cat/lavirreina/en/

FREE Tres Blackout Until Jun 18.

FREE Ketty la Roca Until Jun 18.

MUSEU D'ARQUEOLOGIA DE CATALUNYA BARCELONA

(Pg. de Santa Madrona, 39-41). M: Espanya (L1, L3; FGC), Poble Sec (L3). Tue-Sat 9.30am-7pm; Sun and public holidays 10am-2.30pm. Closed Mon. €4.50. Reduced: €3.50. Under-8s, free. Last Tue of every month (Oct-Jun) and Apr 23, 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.

The Vilars d'Arbeca fortress Until Apr 30. Occupied from 775 to 300 BCE, this one-time Iberian settlement is a unique archaeological site that has provided researchers with new understanding.

MUSEU BLAU. MUSEU DE LES CIÈNCIES NATURALS DE BARCELONA

(Pl. de Leonardo da Vinci, 4-5, Parc del Fòrum). M: El Maresme/Fòrum (L4). Tue-Sat 10am-7pm; Sun and public holidays 10am-8pm. Last entry: 30 mins before closing. Closed Mon (except public holidays). €6. Reduced: €2.70. Temporary exhibition: €6.50. Reduced: €4.50. Combined ticket with Jardí Botànic: €7. Reduced: €3.50. Under-16s, free. First Sunday of month, all day, and other Sundays from 3pm, free. museuenciences.cat

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

FREE Pèlapèl Until Oct 29. An amazing lesson in precision comes from artist Olga Muñoz, who creates extreme close-up images of animals, hair by hair (pèl a pèl in Catalan), as a way to portray their innate energy.

MUSEU CAN FRAMIS. FUNDACIÓ VILA CASAS

(Roc Boronat, 116-126). M: Glòries (L1), Poblenou & Llacuna (L4). Tue-Sat 11am-6pm; Sun 11am-2pm. Closed Mon and public holidays, and Easter week Thu-Mon. €5. Reduced: €2. Temp exhibitions: €2. www.fundaciocivillacasas.com

Deleted Until Jun 11. Catalan artist Jordi Alcaraz is a creative who works in the space between visual poetry and conceptual projection.

MACBA. MUSEU D'ART CONTEMPORANI

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

Akram Zaatari. Against photography Apr 6-Sep 24. A summarised history of the Arab Image Foundation, which features a wide range of photographic material from the Middle East, North Africa and the Arab Diaspora. **Forensic Architecture** Apr 28-Oct 15. Forensic Architecture is a little-known research group that uses novel methods to investigate human rights abuses.

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

MACBA Collection 31 Until end Jun. Selec-

tion of 85 works by 5 artists from the more than 5,000 that make up the Museum's repository.

MUHBA EL CALL

(Placeta de Manuel Ribé, s/n). M: Liceu (L3), Jaume I (L4). Wed, Fri 11am-2pm; Sat-Sun 11am-7pm. €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 OLIVA ARTÉS

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

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

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

MUHBA PARK GÜELL

(Olot, s/n. Casa de la Guarda). M: Vallcarca (L3). 8am-8.30pm. Last entry: 7.30pm. 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 modernisme.

MUHBA PLAÇA DEL REI

(Pl. del Rei). M: Jaume I (L4). Tue-Sat 10am-7pm; Sun 10am-8pm. Closed Mon. €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.

FREE Je vous offre les oiseaux/Us ofereixo els ocells Until Apr 28. Audiovisual installation that reflects on how survivors of Nazi concentration camps say they never heard birds while imprisoned.

MUHBA REFUGI 307

(Nou de la Rambla, 169). M: Paral·lel (L2, L3). Guided tours: Sun 10.30am (English), 11.30am (Spanish) and 12.30pm (Catalan). Closed public holidays. €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). Mon-Sat 7.30am-3.30pm. Closed Sun and public holidays. museuhistoria.bcn.cat

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

MUHBA TEMPLE D'AUGUST

(Paradís, 10). M: Liceu (L3), Jaume I (L4). Mon 10am-2pm; Tue-Sat 10am-7pm; Sun 10am-8pm. museuhistoria.bcn.cat

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

MUHBA TURÓ DE LA ROVIRA

(Marià Labèmia, s/n) Bus: 119, V17. General access has no fixed timetable. Museum area: Wed 10am-2pm; Sat, Sun 10am-3pm. museuhistoria.bcn.cat

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

MUHBA VIA SEPULCRAL ROMANA

(Pl. de la Vila de Madrid). M: Catalunya (L1, L3; FGC). Tue, Thu 11am-2pm; Sat, Sun 11am-7pm. Closed Mon, 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 Vallvidrera. Thu 10am-2pm; Sat, Sun and public holidays 10am-5pm. Last entry: half an hour before closing. museuhistoria.bcn.cat

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

MUSEU DE BADALONA

(Pl. Assemblea de Catalunya, 1. Badalona). M: Badalona Pompeu Fabra (L2). Tue-Sat

10am-2pm, 5pm-8pm. Sun and public holidays 10am-2pm. Temp exhibition: Tue-Sat 5pm-8pm, Sun 10am-2pm. Closed Mon. €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.

Cement rugs Until Apr 16. A celebration of the classic floor tiles so popular in Catalonia especially between 1890 and 1930.

MEB: MUSEU DE L'ERÒTICA DE BARCELONA

(La Rambla, 96, bis). M: Liceu (L3), Catalunya (L1, L3; FGC). 10am-midnight. €9. Reduced: €8. 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). Tue, Wed, Fri 10am-6pm; Thu 10am-9pm; Sat, Sun 10am-7pm. Closed Mon. €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.

MUSEU DE LA XOCOLATA

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

➤ **Permanent exhibition** The origins of chocolate, its arrival in Europe and the relationship it has with Barcelona.

MUSEU DE LES CULTURES DEL MÓN

(Montcada, 12). M: Jaume I (L4). Tue-Sat 10am-7pm; Sun and public holidays, 10am-8pm. Closed Mon (except public holidays). Joint ticket for Museu Etnològic + Museu de les Cultures del Món: €5. Reduced: €3.50. Temp exhibition only: €2.20. Reduced: €1.50. Under-16s, free. First Sunday of month, all day, and other Sundays from 3pm, free. museuculturesmon.bcn.cat

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

Dialogues with Africa. The memory of objects No end date. This exhibition is the result of a collective project by the museum,

researchers at the University of Barcelona and Catalans who were born in Africa.

Ikunde. Barcelona, colonial metropolis Until Jun 30. The connection between Barcelona and Spanish Guinea, a Spanish colony from 1778 until 1968.

Darrers pastors del Montseny Until Sep.

MUSEU DE MONTSERRAT

(Abadia de Montserrat. 08199 Montserrat). FGC from Pl. Espanya (R5 line). Station: Monistrol de Montserrat + zip train. Until Apr 1: 10am-5.45pm. From Apr 2: Mon-Fri 10am-5.45pm; weekends and public holidays 10am-6.45pm. €7. Reduced: €6. Children 8-16: €4. Free entry on Apr 27, the feast day of Montserrat's patron saint. www.museudemontserrat.com

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

La força d'una idea Until Jun 11. Display of work by local artist Elisa Arimany.

Jordi Fulla Apr 8-Sep 11. A site specific installation is created by this Catalan artist to explore aesthetic and cultural tensions between East and West.

MUSEU DEL DISSENY DE BARCELONA

Edifici Disseny Hub Barcelona (Pl. de les Glòries Catalanes, 37-38). M: Glòries (L1). Tue-Sun 10am-8pm. Closed Mon (except public holidays). Permanent exhibitions: €6. Reduced: €4. Temporary exhibition: €4.40. Reduced: €3. Combined ticket for permanent and temporary exhibitions: €8. Reduced: €5.50. Under-16s, free. Sundays from 3pm-8pm and first Sunday of month, all day, free. www.museudelidisseny.cat

Tapas. Spanish Design for Food Until May 21. An exploration of the relationship between design and gastronomy in Spain. This itinerant show has already visited Tokyo, Miami and Seoul, among other places.

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 & 9). M: Les Corts (L3). Apr 1, 3-7: 10am-6.30pm. Apr 2 and from Apr 8: 9.30am-7.30pm. €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). Tue-Sat 10.30am-7pm; Sun and public holidays 10.30am-2pm. Closed Mon. €10. Reduced: €7. Children 6-16: €5. Under-6s, free. www.mmbcn.cat

➤ **Permanent exhibition** 350 works by 42 of the most important artists from Catalan modernism, including Ramon Casas.

➤ **Santiago Rusiñol. Gardens of Spain** Until Jul 21. A collection of stunning pieces by the modernista artist that feature gardens from around the country, and which Rusiñol recognised as one of his key passions.

MUSEU EGÍPCI DE BARCELONA

(València, 284). M: Passeig de Gràcia (L2, L3, L4). Mon-Fri 10am-2pm, 4pm-8pm; Sat 10am-8pm; Sun 10am-2pm. Easter week: Mon-Sat 10am-8pm; Sun 10am-2pm. €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 Sep 30. Discover the bonds that the ancient Egyptians had with the animal world. Features items from the museum not put on show before as well as the results of investigations into six mummified creatures.

MUSEU ETNOLÒGIC

(Passeig de Santa Madrona, 16-22). M: Poble Sec (L3), Espanya (L1, L3; FGC). Tue-Sat 10am-7pm; Sun and public holidays 10am-8pm. Closed Mon. 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 Until Jun. This exhibition invites visitors to take a fresh look at the city through a selection of 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). Tue-Sun 10am-8pm. Closed Mon. €9. Reduced: €7. Under-11s free. www.meam.es

➤ **Contemporary figurative art** Permanent exhibition of nearly 300 paintings and 80 sculptures from the 20th and 21st centuries.

MUSEU FREDERIC MARÈS

(Plaça de Sant Lluís, 5). M: Liceu (L3), Jaume I (L4). Tue-Sat 10am-7pm. Sun and public holidays 11am-8pm. Closed Mon (except public holidays). €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.

MUSEU MARÍTIM DE BARCELONA

(Av. de les Drassanes, s/n). M: Drassanes (L3). 10am-8pm. Last entry: 7.30pm. Museum + temporary exhibitions: €7. Reduced: €3.50. Under-17s and Sundays from 3pm, free. www.mmb.cat

Titanic. The reconstruction Apr 3-Sep. Large-scale model of the world's most famous ocean liner that highlights its many details. The show also features various objects related to the Titanic.

Lisbon. Architecture of Carrilho de Graça Until May 1. An in-depth investigation of the way the Portuguese architect Carrilho de Graça approaches his work, and a theory about the topography of Lisbon.

FREE By the sea Until Oct 15. Looking at the music that has accompanied the development of human activity in the Mediterranean area.

100 years of Transmediterrània Until May 1. Looking back over a century of this ferry company that has transported thousands of people to different places around Spain. Royal boatyards and galleys First part of a

new permanent 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 their archive.

MUSEU MOTO BARCELONA

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

► **Motorbike. Society, industry, competition** Permanent exhibition looking at the history of the motorbike from its beginnings as an elite status symbol.

► **Scoters: a century of the urban moped** *Until Apr 17.* Discover the evolution of the moped, the bike that revolutionised the way people get around cities.

MUSEU NACIONAL D'ART DE CATALUNYA

(Parc de Montjuïc). M: Espanya (L1, L3; FGC). Tue-Sat 10am-6pm; Sun and public holidays 10am-3pm. Closed Mon (except for public holidays). General admission €12. Uprisings: €6. Check with museum for price of other temporary exhibition. 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.

► **Uprisings** *Until May 21.* Extensive exhibition that uses a variety of resources, including paintings, photos and films, to look at collective social and political actions such as riots and civil disobedience from the mid-19th century to today.

► **Pere Tomé Esquiús** *Apr 7-Jul 9.* The Catalan illustrator and painter (1879-1936) created a body of work that didn't fit in with the modernism of his peers. Instead Tomé Esquiús created a style of his own, deceptively simple and influenced by French artists.

MUSEU OLÍMPIC DE L'ESPORT JOAN ANTONI SAMARANCH

(Av. de l'Estadi Olímpic, 60). M: Espanya (L1, L3; FGC). Tue-Sat 10am-8pm; Sun and public holidays 10am-2.30pm. Closed Mon (except public holidays). €5.80. Reduced:

€3.60. Under-7s and over-65s, free. www.museumolimpicbcn.cat

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

► **Javier del Arco. Motor maestro** *Until Apr 16.* Remembering Del Arco, one of Catalonia's foremost experts in motor sports.

MUSEU PICASSO

(Montcada, 15-23). M: Jaume I (L4). Tue-Sun (except Thu) 9am-7pm; Thu 9am-9.30pm. Last entry: half an hour before closing. Closed Mon. Check with museum for prices. www.museupicasso.bcn.cat

► **Permanent exhibition** More than 3,800 works from different periods.

Picasso. Portraits *Until Jun 25.* The National Portrait Gallery in London and Barcelona's Picasso Museum have collaborated on this show that explores the variety of portraits and caricatures the artist created.

Other artists in the 1970 Picasso donation *Apr 6-Jul 2.* In 1970, Pablo Picasso donated artworks to the museum that had been held in his homes in Barcelona for three generations, both pieces he'd done and a variety by contemporaries and friends of his father.

PALAU ROBERT

(Pg. de Gràcia, 107). M: Diagonal (L3, L5). FGC: Provença. Mon-Sat 10am-8pm; Sun and public holidays 10am-2.30pm. palau-robert.gencat.cat

FREE Disorder *Until May 28.* Disorder is the theme of the sixth edition of the Prix Pictet, a contest that focuses on photographs and sustainability.

FREE Politics portrayed *Until Jun 11.* This exhibition looks at the wide range of political cartoonists in Catalonia.

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

FREE J.B. Cendrós, an active businessman *Until Apr 30.* Joan B. Cendrós took a proactive role in Catalan culture, which included the creation of the Sant Jordi Novel Prize.

REIAL MONESTIR DE SANTA MARIA DE PEDRALBES

(Baixada del Monestir, 9). FGC: Reina Elisenda. Tue-Fri 10am-5pm; Sat 10am-7pm; Sun 10am-8pm. Last entry half an hour before closing. Closed Mon and Apr 14. €5. Reduced: €3.50. Under-16s, free. Sundays from 3pm, and first Sunday of month, all day, free. monestirpedralbes.bcn.cat

Pedralbes Monastery. The treasures of the Monastery Permanent exhibition.

Plants, remedies and apothecaries; the me-

dieval garden Permanent exhibition.

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.

Petrals Albas. The Pedralbes Monastery and the Montcada family (1326-1673) Permanent exhibition.

Silenced women *Until May 3.* The legacy that Sister Eulària Anzizu left at the monastery.

Theatre, musicals and cabaret

EL MOLINO

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

► **El Molino On** *Until May 28.* Thu 9.30pm; Fri, Sat 6.30pm, 9.30pm; Sun 7.30pm. From €24. Enjoy a cabaret performance with the stars of El Molino and invited guests.

► **Rumba Experience** *Apr 12, 14, 15, 20, 25, 7pm.* €18.50. Barcelona has a long history of rumba shows.

TEATRE APOLO

(Av. del Paral·lel, 59). M: Paral·lel (L2, L3). Ticket office: Wed-Fri 5pm-8pm; Sat, Sun and public holidays from two hours before the show starts. www.teatreapolo.com

Michael's Legacy *Apr 13-16.* Thu, Fri 8.30pm; Sat 6pm, 9pm; Sun 6pm. From €21.25. Over 200,000 people have already seen this homage to the legendary Michael Jackson, performed by the Jackson Dance Company and featuring nine dancers and three singers.

Por humor al arte *Until Apr 2.* Sat 8.30pm; Sun 6pm. €28, €32. Popular Spanish comedians Bertín Osborne and Arévalo are on a final tour with this humorous show. In Spanish.

TEATRE LLIURE (MONTJUÏC - SALA FABIÀ PUIGSERVER)

(Pg. Santa Madrona 40-46 / Pl Margarida Xirgu, 1). M: Espanya (L1, L3; FGC), Poble Sec (L3). Ticket office in Plaça Margarida Xirgu opens weekdays 9am-8pm; the office in Sala Fabià Puigserver opens two hours before show starts. www.teatrelliure.com

L'anc salvatge *Until Apr 9.* Tue-Fri 8.30pm; Sat 7pm; Sun 6pm. €29. Tue, Wed €22. Adaptation of play by Henrik Ibsen, which is a

psychological drama about a family member returning home. In Catalan. Surtitles in Spanish and English at Saturday performance. **Masacre** *Until Apr 9.* Tue-Fri 8.30pm; Sat 5.30pm, 9pm; Sun 6pm; plus 9.30pm on Apr 2. €29. Wed and Sat afternoon €22. A story of capitalism and economic power in Spain. In Spanish.

La maternitat d'Elna *Apr 26-May 7.* Wed-Fri 8.30pm; Sat 7pm; Sun 6pm. €23. Wed €18.50. One-woman musical performance that tells the story of Swiss nurse Elisabeth Eidenbenz, who in 1939 saved the lives of almost 600 infants, the children of Spanish refugees held in internment camps in France after fleeing the Civil War. In Catalan.

Ivànov *Apr 27-May 28.* Tue-Fri 8.30pm; Sat 7pm; Sun 6pm. €29. Tue, Wed €22. Acclaimed Catalan director Alex Rigola directs this classic work by Chekov, written when still in his teens. In Catalan. Surtitles in Spanish and English at Sat performance from May 6.

TEATRE LLIURE (GRÀCIA)

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

Dale recuerdos *Until Apr 2.* Fri 8.30pm; Sat 7pm. Sun 6pm. €23. Innovative concept of oral history, created by the Parisian group La Compagnie des Hommes, which brings local pensioners on stage to share their memories. In Catalan.

Complete works: Table top Shakespeare *Apr 4-9.* Tue-Fri 7pm-10pm (one show each hour); Sat, Sun 11am-1pm, 4pm-10pm (one show each hour). From €5-€12. Want to brush up on your Shakespeare, but short on time? Then check out this series of performances performed by one actor at a time with each show featuring a condensed version of one of 36 iconic plays. In English.

Five easy pieces *Apr 13-15.* 7pm. Experimental theatre featuring young actors in work about Marc Dutroux, who abused and killed a number of children in Belgium between 1995 and 1996. In Dutch with Catalan surtitles.

TEATRE NACIONAL DE CATALUNYA (TNC)

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

Cosas que se olvidan fácilmente *Until Jun 4.*

Wed-Sun 5pm, 8pm. €19.50-€23. From 18 years. Exploration of memory and its loss.

La senyora Florentina i el seu amor Homer *Until Apr 2. Wed-Fri 8pm; Sat 5pm, 9.30pm; Sun 6pm. €28. From 14 years.* Play by Mercè Rodoreda, one of Catalonia's foremost 20th-century authors; here she explores the role of women in a male world. In Catalan.

Zaquizamí *Until Apr 9. Sat 5pm; Sun 6pm. €6-€12. From 6 years.* Family dance performance about toys coming to life.

A tots els que heu vingut *Apr 6-May 7. Wed-Sat 8pm; Sun 6pm. €11.50-€23. From 14 years.* Marc Rosich directs his own play. In Catalan.

TEATRE POLIORAMA

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

Patatu *Apr 2, 9, 23, 30. 12.30pm. From €10.50. For children aged from 3.* Family theatre about Patatu and his friends. In Catalan.

TEATRE ROMEA

(Hospital, 51). M: Liceu (L3). Ticket office: Tue-Fri from 5.30pm until the start of the performance. Sat and Sun from 4.30pm until the start of the performance. www.teatreromea.com

Socrates. Juicio y muerte de un ciudadano *Until Apr 23. Tue-Fri 8pm; Sat 6pm, 9pm; Sun 6pm. No show Tue 18; extra show Mon 17, 6pm. €17-€28.* Hit performance that returns to the Remea after a successful run in 2015; it stars award-winning Catalan actor Josep Maria Pou. In Spanish.

Federico García *Apr 25-May 28. Tue-Fri 8pm; Sat 6.30pm, 9pm; Sun 6.30pm. €17-€24.* Marking the 80th anniversary of the death of Spanish poet Federico García Lorca, this show is a visual and aural trip through his life and work. In Spanish.

TEATRE VICTÒRIA

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

Scaramouche *Until Apr 9. Thu, Fri 8.30pm; Sat 5.30pm, 9.30pm; Sun 6pm. €16-€49.* Musical extravaganza about French twins separated at birth and a masked hero called Scaramouche. In Catalan.

Una bruixa a Barcelona *Apr 2. Noon. €8.50-€17.* Children's show about a witch with multi-colour hair who explores Barcelona. In Catalan.

Tr3s Flamenco *Apr 21-23. Fri, Sat 9pm; Sun 6.30pm. From €37.* The Fernández Montoya brothers, Farruquito), Faru and El Carpeta, who hail from a renowned family of dancers,

unite on stage for a flamenco show that pays tribute to their grandfather, Farruco.

Mag Fest Barcelona *Apr 26-May 7. From €12.50.* Some of the world's foremost magicians come to Barcelona.

VERSUS TEATRE

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

Lemon Paiva *Until Apr 2. Fri, Sat 9.45pm; Sun 7.45pm. €18.* Pedro Paiva performs his one-man show. In Spanish.

4 minuts, 12 segons *Until Apr 2. Thu-Sat 8pm; Sun 6pm. €20.* Translated version of contemporary play that explores themes of parenthood, bullying and new logy. In Catalan.

Happy Boom *Until Apr 30. Sat 5pm; Sun noon. €10.* Dance show aimed at families that includes hip hop, clowns, theatre and flamenco. In Catalan.

Ara que ho tenim tot *Apr 20-May 21. Thu-Sat 8pm; Sun 6pm. €20.* Adaptation of 'Riches' by Lee Blessing, a black comedy about a couple celebrating their 25th wedding anniversary. In Catalan.

Dance

MERCAT DE LES FLORS

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

TRANSACCIONS *Until Apr 2. Various times and prices; check website for details.* A festival of dance performances by national and international artists.

Monchichi *Apr 6-7 8pm. €22.* The Wang Ramirez duo, Honji and Sébastien, present a show that puts the spotlight on a young, urban, intercultural generation.

Everyness *Apr 8-9. Sat 8pm; Sun 6pm.* Wang Ramirez take to the stage with another of their pieces.

Mud Gallery - Animales de hermosa piel *Apr 21-23. Fri, Sat 8pm; Sun 6pm. €16.* Created in 1996 by Virginia García and Damián Muñoz, La Intrusa has performed dance shows all over the world.

Encara no ho sé, Lola *Apr 22-23. Sat 6pm, 8pm; Sun noon, 6.30pm. €12.* Los Galindos is a circus company with a difference, in that they perform big acts in small spaces. This is one for all the family to enjoy.

Betroffenheit *Apr 28-30. Fri, Sat 8pm; Sun 6pm. €28.* Two Canadian companies have come together to create 'Betroffenheit'.

DAY BY DAY

INFORMATION AND SALES

➤ Tourist information points and tickets.visitbarcelona.com

Saturday 1

SPANISH GUITAR

Maestros of the Spanish Guitar *Palau de la Música (Palau de la Música, 4-6). M: Urquinaona (L1, L4). Apr 1, 12, 15. Wed 9pm; Sat 10.30pm. €39-€45. Discount at tourist offices. More info: tickets.visitbarcelona.com. Barcelona Guitar Trio & Dance.*

OPERA

Rigoletto *Gran Teatre del Liceu (La Rambla, 51-59). M: Liceu (L3). Apr 1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 8pm, except Sun 5pm. €11-€300. www.liceubarcelona.cat*
 Javier Camarena and Antonino Siragusa make their world debuts in the role of the duke of Mantua in Verdi's melodrama.

FAMILY

The Penguin's Elegance *L'Aquàrium (Moll d'Espanya del Port Vell, s/n). M: Barceloneta (L4), Drassanes (L3). Until Apr 2. www.aquariumbcn.com*

A range of activities related to penguins, including mask-making, talks and the chance to see them being fed.

Terranga, the legacy of the griots of Senegal *CaixaForum (Av. Francesc Ferrer i Guàrdia, 6-8). M: Espanya (L1, L3; FGC). Every Sat and Sun in April. Sat 6pm; Sun noon. http://obrasociallacaixa.org*

Griots are story-tellers, historians, poets and musicians from the west of Africa. For children 5 and over.

FAMILY CONCERT

Sona Bach L'Auditori *(Lepant, 150). M: Glòries & Marina (L1), Monumental (L2). Apr 1-2. 10.30am, noon, 5.30pm. €10. www.auditori.cat*

Discover the music of Bach with saxophonist Libert Fortuny. For children 2 and above.

OPEN-AIR - FAMILY

Tibidabo theme park *(Pl. Tibidabo, 3-4). FGC: Av. Tibidabo + Tramvia Blau or bus 196. Funicular del Tibidabo (Pl. Doctor Andreu). €28.50 (under 12ocm, €10.50). Apr 1, 2, 8, 9, 12, 13,*

17, 22, 23, 29 11am-8pm; Apr 14-16, 30 11am-9pm. www.tibidabo.cat

Barcelona's theme park features fun rides new and old plus amazing city views.

Barcelona Urban Forest *(Pl. del Fòrum, s/n). M: El Maresme/Fòrum (L4). Weekends 10am-8pm. €11-€24 (depending on circuit & age). www.barcelonabosc.com*
 Zip wires, trampolines and bungees.

TOURS

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 lovers 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.

FREE Tour of Les Corts cemetery *(Av. Joan XXII, 3-15). M: Maria Cristina (L3). First Sat of the month at 11am. In Catalan. www.cbsa.cat*
 Discover features such as Barcelona's oldest Jewish cemetery still in use and the graves of some Barça players.

Palau Baró de Quadras *(Av. Diagonal, 373). M: Diagonal (L3, L5) and FGC: Provença. Wed, Sat 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 uses various styles.

COMIC FESTIVAL

35 Saló Internacional del Còmic de Barcelona Fira Barcelona Montjuïc *(Avda. Reina Maria Cristina, s/n). M: Espanya (L1, L3; FGC). Until Apr 2. www.fcòmic.com*
 International and national illustrators, workshops and exhibitions.

NIGHT-TIME ACTIVITIES

Supper of the Senses *Reial Acadèmia de Medicina de Catalunya (Carme, 47). M: Sant Antoni (L2), Liceu (L3). Sat 8pm. €71. www.sternalia.com*

A gastronomic experience.

CLASSICAL MUSIC

Classical music at the MEAM *(Barra de Ferro,*

5). M: Jaume I (L4). Sat 6pm. €19. More info and tickets at touristofficesandtickets.visitbarcelona.com

FILM-CONCERT

Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone Palau Sant Jordi (Pg. Olímpic, 5-7). €38-€45. www.harrypotterinconcert.com If you're any kind of fan of Harry Potter, don't miss this screening of the first film in the series with live musical accompaniment.

MOTOR SPORT

Barcelona RX Circuit de Barcelona-Catalunya (Camino Mas Moreneta, Montmeló). Renfe (local train): Montmeló. Apr 1-2. From €20. www.circuit.cat

This year's FzA World Rallycross Championship kicks off at Barcelona's racing circuit.

MUSIC FESTIVAL

Room Festival: Macy Gray Razzmatazz (Pamplona, 88). M: Bogatell (L4), Marina (L1). From €36. 9pm. www.roomfestival.com

The award-winning jazz-pop singer returns with her latest album, *Stripped*.

Lapsus Festival CCCB (Montalegre, 5). M: Catalunya (L1, L3; FGC). 5:30pm-1am. From €30. www.cccb.org

The fourth edition of this festival that focuses on avant-garde electronic music with hours of uninterrupted performance.

Sunday 2

FOOTBALL

La Liga: Espanyol vs. Real Betis Estadi Cornellà-El Prat (Av. del Baix Llobregat, 100. Cornellà de Llobregat). FGC: Cornellà Riera. Date and time tbc. www.rcdespanyol.com

TOURS

The Cathedral of the Sea (Meeting-point: 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 Falcones's novel shouldn't miss this tour that takes in some of the places mentioned in the book.

FREE Visit to Poblenou cemetery (Av. Icària, s/n). M: Llacuna (L4). 1st Sun of month 10.30am (Catalan), 12.30pm (Spanish). 3rd Sun of month 10.30am (Spanish), 12.30pm (Catalan). www.cbsa.cat

Take a tour of one of Barcelona's historical cemeteries and discover 30 of its most emblematic resting-places.

Block of Discord guided tour (Start: Casa Amattler, 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.casasingulars.com. The 'Mansana de la Discòrdia' is a block of buildings known for having four of the city's most outstanding modernist creations.

HUMANTOWERS

FREE 15th anniversary of the **Castellers de la Sagrada Família** (C/Marina, Sagrada Família). Noon.

See one of Catalonia's most exciting traditions in action.

JAZZ

Live Jazz at Jamboree Jamboree (Pl. Reial, 17). M: Liceu (L3). 8pm, 10pm. €30 (boxoffice). €25 (online in advance).

FAMILY

Festival Minimúsica Poble Espanyol (Av. Francesc Ferrer i Guàrdia, 13). M: Espanya (L1, L3; FGC). Check website for prices. www.poble-espanyol.com

Concerts, workshops, games...

Family activities at the zoo Barcelona Zoo (Parc de la Ciutadella, s/n). M: Arc de Triomf (L1), Ciutadella/Vila Olímpica (L4). Week-ends, public holidays and throughout Easter week; check web for time and prices. www.zoobarcelona.cat

Familybot CosmoCaixa (Isaac Newton, 26). FGC: Av. Tibidabo.

<http://obrasociallacaixa.org>

Discover the world of robotics using Lego. For children 9 and over.

TRADITIONS

FREE **Sardanes** (Pla de la Seu). M: Jaume I (L4). Sat 6pm; Sun 11.15am. Catalonia's national dance.

Monday 3

NIGHT-TIME ACTIVITIES

Gaudi's Pedrera. The Origins (Provença 261, entrance on Pg. de Gràcia). M: Diagonal (L3, L5); FGC: Provença. From 9pm. €34. Reduced: €17. Under-75, free. Spectacular night-time event.

FLAMENCO

Live Flamenco Sala Tarantos (Plaça Reial, 17). M: Liceu (L3). Daily 8.30pm, 9.30pm, 10.30pm. €15. www.masimas.com/tarantos
Flamenco show dedicated to Camarón de la Isla Casa Camarón (Roger de Flor, 230). M: Verdaguera (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.casacamaron.com

JAZZ

WTF Jam Session Jamboree (Pl. Reial, 17). M: Liceu (L3). Mon 8pm. €5 (boxoffice). €4 (online in advance). More info at: www.masimas.com/jamboree

TOURS

Palau Casades (Mallorca, 283). M: Diagonal (L3, L5). Mon 11am (English), 1pm (Spanish). €14. Reduced: €12.60. Children 7-12: €7. Under-75 free. Reserve in advance at www.casessingulars.com

This modernist building has been used as the office for the city's architectural college.

Liceu opera house (La Rambla 51-59). M: Liceu (L3). Mon-Fri 9.30am, 10.30am, 11.30am, 12.30pm (50 mins). Catalan, Spanish and English. €16. Reduced: €12. www.liceubarcelona.cat

Discover Barcelona's opera house. Daily 45-minute and express tours (30 mins).

Tuesday 4

MUSIC FESTIVALS

18th Festival Mil·lenni: Goran Bregovic Palau de la Música (Palau de la Música, 4-6). M: Urquinaona (L1, L4). 9pm. €18-€68. www.festival-millenni.com

Bregovic is famed as one of the best modern composers and musicians from the Balkans.

FLAMENCO

Flamenco at Palau Dalmaes (Montcada, 20). M: Jaume I (L4). Daily 6pm, 7.30pm, 9.30pm. €25. Book online at: www.palaualdalmases.com
Palacio del Flamenco (Balmes, 139). M: Diagonal (L3, L5); FGC: Provença. Daily 6.25pm, 8.15pm, 10.30pm (dinner starts earlier). Options: show only, show + drink, show + different menu options (including tapas). €45-€160. €10 discount at tourist offices. www.palaciodelflamenco.com

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. tablacordobes.com Enjoy a meal or drink then see top dancers.

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, this library specialises in research into social movements.

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

The Gaudí's fabulous modernist castle.

Guided visits to Park Güell (Olot, 5). M: Vallcarca (L3). General guided tour: €7 pp. Private guided tour (for 2-4 people): €32 pp. Private family tour (for 4-9 people): €96 per group. Every day, various languages available. Advanced booking recommended on parkguell.cat

Get to know Gaudí's masterpiece.

FAMILY

3D Planetarium CosmoCaixa (Isaac Newton, 26). FGC: Av. Tibidabo. Check with museum for times. <http://obrasociallacaixa.org> Explore the secrets of deep space in English, French, Spanish and Catalan.

UNDERWATER SPORT

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

Wednesday 5

FOOTBALL

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

CLASSICAL MUSIC

Durufle's Requiem Palau de la Música Catalana (Palau de la Música, 4-6). M: Urquinaona (L1, L4). 8.30pm. €20, €30. www.palaumusica.cat
The Orfeó Català choir celebrates its 125th

DAY BY DAY

anniversary with a concert.

Mozart's Requiem *Basílica de Santa Maria del Mar (Plaça de Santa Maria, 1). M: Jaume I (L4). Apr 5-7 9pm.*

www.concertsabarcelona.com

The ARS in NOVA chamber choir and Arts Symphony Ensemble perform Mozart's emblematic piece plus his 38th symphony.

SEVILLANAS

FREE Sevillanas dance night *Casa Camarón (Rogers de Flor, 230). M: Verdaguer (L4, L5), Sagrada Família (L2, L5). Wed 10.30pm.*
www.casacamaron.com

TOURS

Sant Pau, Art Nouveau Site (*Sant Antoni Maria Claret, 167*). M: Sant Pau/Dos de Maig (L5). *Tours in various languages; consult for schedule. Mon-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 was once a working hospital.

Basílica de Santa Maria del Pi (*Pl. del Pi, 7*). M: Liceu (L3). 10am-6pm. €4. Reduced: €3. Guided tour including bell tower: check with venue for times. €8.50.

The 14th-century basilica and its bell tower.

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

www.palaumusica.cat

A tour of this Catalan modernist building.

Palau Baró de Quadras (*Av. Diagonal, 373*). M: Diagonal (L3, L5) and FGC: Provença. See Sat 1.

FLAMENCO

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

Grand Gala Flamenco *Teatre Poliorama (La Rambla, 115)*. M: Drassanes, Liceu (L3). *Apr 5, 21, 26. 7pm. €35-€50. More info and tickets at tourist offices and tickets.visitbarcelona.com*

Thursday 6

ART AND DESIGN FESTIVAL

Off Barcelona 2017 *Disseny Hub Barcelona (Pl. de les Glòries Catalanes, 37-38)*. M: Glòries (L1). *Apr 6-8.*

www.museudeldisseny.cat
Some of the biggest names in art and design present conferences and activities.

NIGHT-TIME ACTIVITIES

Secret Basílica del Pi (*Pl. del Pi, 7*). M: Liceu (L3). *Thu, Fri (Catalan/Spanish) 9pm, (English) 9.20pm. Sat (Catalan/Spanish) 9.30pm, (English) 9.50pm. €19 (general). €16 (in advance). Info and tickets:*

www.adsentiabarcelona.com or

tickets.visitbarcelona.com

The 14th-century church to discover its architectural treasures and secrets.

OPERA

Opera at Palau Dalmases (*Montcada, 20*).

M: Jaume I (L4). *Thu 11pm. €20.*

www.palaudalmases.com

La Petita Companyia Lírica de Barcelona.

TOURS

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 and discover its long history.

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

www.casessingulars.com

Discover the extensive collections gathered by Manuel Rocamora.

Casa Amatller (*Pg. de Gràcia, 41*). M: Passeig de Gràcia (L2, L3, L4). *Guided tours (one hour): 11am (English), 5pm (Spanish). €17. Express tours (30 mins): 10am-6pm. €14. Prior reservation necessary at www.casessingulars.com.*

CABARET

El Molino On (*Vilà i Vilà, 99*). M: Paral·lel (L2, L3). *Until May 28. Thu 9.30pm; Fri-Sat 6.30pm, 9.30pm; Sun 7.30pm. From €24.*
www.elmolinobcn.com

SPA

Aire de Barcelona, Arab Baths (*Pg. de Picasso, 22*). M: Barceloneta & Jaume I (L4). *T. 93 295 57 43. Sun-Tue: first session 9am, final session from 10pm. Wed, Thu: first*

session 9am, final session from 11pm. Fri, Sat: first session 9am, final session from midnight.

airedebarcelona.com

The old-age tradition of bathing.

Friday 7

R&B - POP - SOUL

Bruno Mars *Palau Sant Jordi (Pg. Olímpic, 5-7)*. *Doors: tbc. From €56 + admin fees.*
www.livenation.es

The popular, award-winning US singer-songwriter touches down in Barcelona as part of his 24K Magic World Tour.

MUSIC FESTIVALS

Guitar BCN 2017: Ute Lemper *Barats (Av. del Paral·lel, 62)*. M: Poble Sec, Drassanes (L3). *9pm. From €25.*
www.theproject.es

The German singer and actress returns once more to Barcelona.

OPEN AIR-FAMILY

PortAventura theme park (*Av. Alcalde Pere Molas, Km. 2. Vila Seca, Tarragona*). *Renfe (train): PortAventura. Tickets and times: tickets.visitbarcelona.com or www.portaventura.es*

Opening for its 2017 season today, this popular theme park has attractions, parrades, eateries, shops and now Ferrari Land, an exciting new area dedicated to the famous fast cars.

LITERATURE FESTIVAL - FAMILY

Món Llibre CCCB (*Montalegre, 5*). M: Catalunya (L1, L3; FGC); MACBA (*Plaça dels Àngels, 1*). M: Universitat (L1, L2), Sant Antoni (L2). *Apr 7-8. www.barcelona.cat*
This book festival has a variety of activities.

NIGHT-TIME ACTIVITIES

The Ghost Walking Tour (*Start: Arc de Triomf, Pg. Lluís Companys*). M: Arc de Triomf (L1). *Fri 9.30pm (Spanish); Sat 8.30pm (English). €12. Info and tickets: tickets.visitbarcelona.com and iconoserveis.com*

A two-hour tour.

Magic Fountain (*Pl. Carles Buigas, 1*). M: Espanya (L1, L3; FGC). *Fri, Sat 9-10.30pm (shows start at 9pm, 9.30pm and 10pm).*
Music and water show.

Dine at the Palau Requesens (*Bisbe Caçador, 3*). M: Liceu (L3), Jaume I (L4). *Fri, Sat. 7.30pm. From €71. Discounts available.*

www.palaurequesens.cat and tickets.visitbarcelona.com
A tour and medieval food.

Guided visits to the Fabra Observatory (*Camí de l'Observatori, 5/n*). M: Liceu (L3). *Fri and Sat 8pm. Fri: €15 adults. €7.50 children. Sat: €25 adults. €12.50 children.*
www.sternalia.com

Take an in-depth look at the skies above Barcelona with a tour of the city's observatory.

MOTOR SPORT

Spirit of Montjuïc *Circuit de Barcelona-Catalunya (Camino Mas Moreneta, Montmeló)*. *Renfe (local train): Montmeló. Apr 7-9. From €10.*
www.circuit.cat

Remembering the classic car races that once took place on the roads of Montjuïc.

BLUES

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

TOURS

Santa Maria del Mar rooftop (*Plaça de Santa Maria, 1*). M: Jaume I (L4). *Noon to 6pm. Tours various times and languages. €10. Reduced: €8. Booking: www.riostabarcelona.com and tickets.visitbarcelona.com*

Guided tours to the top of this historic church.

Casa de les Punxes (*Av. Diagonal, 420*). M: Verdaguer (L4, L5), Diagonal (L3, L5); FGC: Provença. *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.*
www.casadespunxes.com

The modernist building includes a rooftop.

Casa Felip (*Ausias Marc, 20*). M: Urquinaona (L1, L4). *Fri 11am (English), 1pm (Spanish). €14. Reduced: €12.60. Reserve in advance at www.casessingulars.com*
An example of the modernist style.

RUMBA

FREE Rumba night *Casa Camarón (Rogers de Flor, 230)*. M: Verdaguer (L4, L5), Sagrada Família (L2, L5). *Fri 11.30pm.*
bodegaflamenca.com

NIGHT-TIME ACTIVITIES

Lyric Dinner at Restaurant 7 Portes (*Passeig Isabel II, 14*). M: Barceloneta (L4).

Saturday 8

SPORT

Open Camp (Plaça de Nèmesi Ponsatí, s/n). M: Espanya (L1, L3; FGC). Apr 8, 9, 10-17, 20-23, 27-30. 10am-6pm. €10-€20. www.opencamp.com
Barcelona's new interactive sports.

MUSIC FESTIVALS

Guitar BCN 2017: Scott Bradlee's Postmodern Jukebox Auditori del Fòrum (Plaça de Willy Brandt, 11-14). M: El Maresme/Fòrum (L4). 9pm. From €36. www.theproject.es
This regularly changing collective is renowned for reworking modern songs in vintage styles, such as jazz and swing.

TECHNO

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

CLASSICAL MUSIC

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

Harmony of the Nations L'Auditori (Lepant, 150). M: Glòries & Marina (L1), Monumental (L2). 7:30pm. €25-€40. www.auditori.cat
Dance music from different eras and countries.

SOUL – RAP – FUNK

FREE Laia Badrenas El Born Centre de Cultura i Memòria (Plaça Comercial, 12). M: Jaume I & Barceloneta (L4), Arc de Triomf (L1). 8pm. elborncultura.imemoria.barcelona.cat
The young Catalan singer presents her latest project, Ànima groovera (A groovy soul)

TOURS

The Shadow of the Wind (Start: Centre d'Art Santa Mònica, La Rambla, 9). M: Drassanes (L3). See Sat 1.

FREE Funeral carriage and hearse collection (Montjuïc Cemetery, Mare del Déu del Port, 56-58). See Sat 1.

OPEN-AIR – FAMILY

Barcelona Urban Forest (Pl. del Fòrum, s/n). M: El Maresme/Fòrum (L4). See Sat 1.

FAMILY

Easter activities CaixaForum (Av. Francesc Ferrer i Guàrdia, 6-8). M: Espanya (L1, L3;

FGC). Apr 8-17. <http://obrasociallacaixa.org>

NIGHT-TIME ACTIVITIES

Supper of the Senses Reial Acadèmia de Medicina de Catalunya (Carme, 47). M: Sant Antoni (L2), Liceu (L3). See Sat 1.

Sunday 9

FOOTBALL

La Liga: Espanyol vs. Alavés Estadi Cornellà-El Prat (Av. del Baix Llobregat, 100. Cornellà de Llobregat). FGC: Cornellà Riera. Date and time tbc. www.rcdespanyol.com

BASKETBALL

Liga Endesa: FCB Lassa vs. T. Zaragoza Palau Blaugrana, Camp Nou (Aristides Maillol, s/n). M: Les Corts (L3). From €12. Date and time tbc.

POP – FOLK

Ed Sheeran Palau Sant Jordi (Pg. Olímpic, 5-7). Doors: tbc. From €39 + admin fees. www.livenation.es
The British singer-songwriter visits the city.

HUMAN TOWERS

FREE Palm Sunday (C/Joan Güell-Plaça de Sants). Noon.

As part of the local Easter week celebrations, various human tower groups (castellers) give a display of their breathtaking skills.

CLASSICAL MUSIC

Palm Sunday concert Museu Frederic Marès (Plaça Sant Lu, 5). M: Jaume I (L4). Noon. €6.20 (includes ticket for museum and concert). www.museummares.bcn.cat
Soprano Belén Vaquero and Carles Blanch on the theorbo perform a spiritual concert of sacred Baroque music.
Mozart's Requiem Palau de la Música Catalana (Palau de la Música, 4-6). M: Urquinaona (L1, L4). 5pm. €26-€53. www.promoconcert.es
The Ukrainian State Orchestra and Choir.

TOURS

Stories and legends of the Gothic quarter (Start: Plaça Nova, 5). M: Jaume I (L4). See Thu 6.

Block of Discord guided tour (Meeting-point: Casa Amaltea, Pg. de Gràcia, 41). M: Passeig de Gràcia (L2, L3, L4). See Sun 2.

FREE Guided tour of Montjuïc Cemetery

(Mare del Déu del Port, 56-58). Bus: 21. 2nd & 4th Sun 11am (Catalan) and 11.15am (Spanish). www.cbsoa.cat

The Cathedral of the Sea (Start: Pl. de Santa Maria del Mar). M: Jaume I (L4). See Sun 2.

MUSIC – CINEMA

Quintet d'Asos CaixaForum (Av. Francesc Ferrer i Guàrdia, 6-8). M: Espanya (L1, L3; FGC). 7pm. <http://obrasociallacaixa.org>
Five young musical legends perform Schubert's 'Trout Quintet'.

Ben-Hur L'Auditori (Lepant, 150). M: Glòries & Marina (L1), Monumental (L2). 6pm. €12, €16. www.auditori.cat
A performance of classic movie soundtracks, including 'Ben-Hur', 'The Umbrellas of Cherbourg' and 'The Magnificent Seven'.

FAMILY

Menuda comèdia Poble Espanyol (Av. Francesc Ferrer i Guàrdia, 13). M: Espanya (L1, L3; FGC). General entrance (includes this event): €14. Reduced: €7, €9, €10.50. Under-4s free. www.poble-espanyol.com
Comedy show for all ages.

Monday 10

POP – SOUL

Lukas Graham Razzmatazz (Pamplona, 88). M: Bogatell (L4), Marina (L1). €32. Doors: 7:30pm. www.doctormusic.com

FAMILY

FREE Corners of the sea Museu Marítim de Barcelona (Av. de les Drassanes, s/n). M: Drassanes (L3). Apr 10-13. 11am-1pm. For children 2-8 years. www.mmb.cat
For Easter, the Maritime Museum hosts a space for children to enjoy different activities. Family activities at the zoo Barcelona Zoo (Parc de la Ciutadella, s/n). M: Arc de Triomf (L1), Ciutadella/Vila Olímpica (L4). See Sun 2.

TOURS

Palau Casades (Mallorca, 283). M: Diagonal (L3, L5). See Mon 3.

CLASSICAL MUSIC

Bach's St. Matthew Passion Palau de la Música Catalana (Palau de la Música, 4-6). M: Urquinaona (L1, L4). 8:30pm. €35-€125. www.palaumusica.cat

Tuesday 11

OPERA – FLAMENCO

Opera and flamenco Teatre Poliorama (La Rambla, 115). M: Drassanes, Liceu (L3). Apr 11, 14, 19, 28. 7pm except Apr 11 9:30pm. €35-€50. More info and tickets at tourist offices and tickets.visitbarcelona.com

TOURS

Biblioteca Arús (Pg. Sant Joan, 26). M: Arc de Triomf (L1), Tetuan (L2). See Tue 4.
Santa Maria del Mar rooftop (Plaça de Santa Maria, 1). M: Jaume I (L4). See Fri 7.
Casa de les Punxes (Av. Diagonal, 420). M: Verdaguera (L4, L5), Diagonal (L3, L5). See Fri 7.

FAMILY

3D Planetarium CosmoCaixa (Isaac Newton, 26). FGC: Av. Tibidabo. See Tue 4.

SPA

Aire de Barcelona, Arab Baths (Pg. de Picasso, 22). M: Barceloneta & Jaume I (L4). See Thu 6.

Wednesday 12

OPEN-AIR – FAMILY

PortAventura theme park (Av. Alcalde Pere Molas. Km. 2. Vila Seca, Tarragona). Renfe (train): PortAventura. See Fri 7.
Tibidabo theme park (Pl. Tibidabo, 3-4). FGC: Av. Tibidabo + Tramvia Blau or bus 196. Funicular del Tibidabo (Pl. Doctor Andreu). See Sat 1.

RUMBA

Rumba Experience El Molino (Vilà i Vilà, 99). M: Paral·lel (L2, L3). Apr 12, 14, 15, 20, 25, 7pm. €18.50. www.elmolinobcn.com

LIGHT, MUSIC AND SONG PERFORMANCE

TriArt Sant Pau, Art Nouveau Site (Sant Antoni Maria Claret, 167). M: Sant Pau/Dos de Maig (L5). 7pm. €10. Reduced €8. Free for under-12s. www.santpau.barcelona
A show that combines poetry, music and the projection of images.

TOURS

Guided visits to Park Güell (Olot, 5). M: Vallcarca (L3). See Tue 4.

Torre Bellesguard Gaudí (Bellesguard, 6-9). FGC: Av. Tibidabo. See Tue 4.

NIGHT-TIME ACTIVITIES

Gaudí's Pedrera. The Origins (Provença 261, entrance on Pg. de Gràcia). M: Diagonal (L3, L5); FGC: Provença. See Mon 3.

Thursday 13

FLOWER FESTIVAL

De flor en flor: Festival de Flors i Jardins de Barcelona Poble Espanyol (Av. Francesc Ferrer i Guàrdia, 13). M: Espanya (L1, L3; FGC). Apr 13-17. General entrance (includes this event): €14. Reduced: €7; €9, €10.50. Under-45 free. www.poble-espanyol.com

Celebrate Easter and the early days of spring with this event that includes exhibitions, workshops... for all ages.

TOURS

Stories and legends of the Gothic quarter (Start: Plaça Nova, 5). M: Jaume I (L4). See Thu 6.

Liceu opera house (La Rambla 51-59). M: Liceu (L3). See Mon 3.

Casa Rocamora (Ballester, 12). M: Lesseps (L3); FGC: Pàdua/Putxet. See Thu 6.

OPERA

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

CABARET

El Molino On (Vilà i Vilà, 99). M: Paral·lel (L2, L3). See Thu 6.

CLASSICAL MUSIC

Vivaldi's Four Seasons Palau de la Música Catalana (Palau de la Música, 4-6). M: Urquinaona (L1, L4). 5pm. €26-€53. www.promoconcert.es

The Ukrainian State Orchestra performs the Vivaldi classic as well as Ravel's Bolero.

Friday 14

TOURS

Palau de la Música Catalana (Palau Música, 4-6). M: Urquinaona (L1, L4). See Wed 5.

Casa Felip (Ausias Marc, 20). M: Urquinaona

(L1, L4). See Fri 7.

UNDERWATER SPORT

Shark cage diving L'Aquàrium (Moll d'Espanya del Port Vell, s/n). M: Barceloneta (L4), Drassanes (L3). See Tue 4.

BLUES

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

ROCK

Queen Tribute: Show Must Go On Palau de la Música Catalana (Palau de la Música, 4-6). M: Urquinaona (L1, L4). 10pm. €27-€54. www.promoconcert.es

RUMBA

FREE Rumba night Casa Camarón (Roger de Flor, 230). M: Verdaguera (L4, L5), Sagrada Família (L2, L5). See Fri 7.

NIGHT-TIME ACTIVITIES

The Ghost Walking Tour (Start: Arc de Triomf, Pg. Lluís Companys). M: Arc de Triomf (L3). See Fri 7.

Dine at the Palau Requesens (Bisbe Caçador, 3). M: Liceu (L3), Jaume I (L4). See Fri 7.
Secret Basilica del Pi (Pl. del Pi, 7). M: Liceu (L3). See Thu 6.

JAZZ

Live jazz at Jamboree: Electric Jazz Jamboree (Pl. Reial, 17). M: Liceu (L3). 8pm, 10pm. €30 (box office). €25 (online in advance).

Saturday 15

TOURS

Palau Baró de Quadras (Av. Diagonal, 373). M: Diagonal (L3, L5) and FGC: Provença. See Sat 1.

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

FREE Funeral carriage and hearse collection (Montjuïc Cemetery, Mare del Déu del Port, 56-58). See Sat 1.

NIGHT-TIME ACTIVITIES

Guided visits to the Fabra Observatory (Cami de l'Observatori, s/n). M: Liceu (L3). See Fri 7.

Magic Fountain (Pl. Carles Buigas, 1). M: Espanya (L1, L3; FGC). See Fri 7.

TRADITIONS

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

OPEN-AIR - FAMILY

Barcelona Urban Forest (Pl. del Fòrum, s/n). M: El Maresme/Fòrum (L4). See Sat 1.

SPORT

Open Camp (Plaça de Nèmesi Ponsati, s/n). M: Espanya (L1, L3; FGC). See Sat 8.

CLASSICAL MUSIC

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

Sunday 16

FOOTBALL

La Liga: FC Barcelona vs. Real Sociedad Camp Nou (Aristides Maillol, s/n). M: Les Corts (L3). Date and time tbc. www.fcbarcelona.cat

YOUNG MUSICIANS

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

FAMILY

Easter activities CaixaForum (Av. Francesc Ferrer i Guàrdia, 6-8). M: Espanya (L1, L3; FGC).

TOURS

The Cathedral of the Sea (Start: Pl. de Santa Maria del Mar). M: Jaume I (L4). See Sun 2.

FREE Visit to Poblenou cemetery (Av. I cària, s/n). M: Llacuna (L4). See Sun 2.

Basilica de Santa Maria del Pi (Pl. del Pi, 7). M: Liceu (L3). See Wed 5.

Block of Discord guided tour (Start: Casa Amatller, Pg. de Gràcia, 41). M: Passeig de Gràcia (L2, L3, L4). See Sun 2.

MUSIC - FILM

The Greatest Cinema Hits Palau de la Música Catalana (Palau de la Música, 4-6). M: Urquinaona (L1, L4). 5pm. €27-€54. www.promoconcert.es

Some of the most popular movie music of all times.

Monday 17

TOURS

Palau Casades (Mallorca, 283). M: Diagonal (L3, L5). See Mon 3.

Sant Pau, Art Nouveau Site (Sant Antoni Maria Claret, 167). M: Sant Pau/Dos de Maig (L5). See Wed 5.

FLAMENCO

Flamenco show dedicated to Camarón de la Isla Casa Camarón (Roger de Flor, 230). M: Verdaguera (L4, L5), Sagrada Família (L2, L5). See Mon 3.

JAZZ

WTF Jam Session Jamboree (Pl. Reial, 17). M: Liceu (L3). See Mon 3.

Tuesday 18

MUSIC FESTIVAL

Emergents L'Auditori (Lepant, 150). M: Glòries & Marina (L1), Monumental (L2). Apr 18-23. www.auditori.cat

Emergents is a new project created by L'Auditori to spotlight musical talent both national and international. The opening concert today features the Catalan Youth Orchestra (JONC) with violinist Sergey Malov (8pm, €12), while you can also enjoy jazz from the Esmuc Jazz Project (10.15pm, €5).

CLASSICAL MUSIC

Mozart's Requiem Palau de la Música Catalana (Palau de la Música, 4-6). M: Urquinaona (L1, L4). 9pm. www.concertsabarcelona.com

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

Today's tour is an explanation of the legend of Sant Jordi, the patron of Catalonia, in anticipation of his feast day on April 23.

Torre Bellesguard Gaudí (Bellesguard, 6-9). FGC: Av. Tibidabo. See Tue 4.

TECHNO

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

Wednesday 19

SPANISH GUITAR

Maestros of the Spanish Guitar *Palau de la Música Catalana (Palau de la Música, 4-6). M: Urquinaona (L1, L4). 9pm. €39-€45.*

TOURS

Palau Baró de Quadras (Av. Diagonal, 373). *M: Diagonal (L3, L5) and FGC: Provença. Wed, Sat 11am (Eng), 1pm (Spanish). €14. Reduced: €12.60. Children 7-12: €6. Aged 6 and under: free. Reservations: www.casessingulars.com*
Today's tour is an explanation of the legend of Sant Jordi, the patron of Catalonia.

FAMILY

3D Planetarium CosmoCaixa (Isaac Newton, 26). *FGC: Av. Tibidabo. See Tue 4.*

OPERA – FLAMENCO

Opera and flamenco Teatre Poliorama (La Rambla, 115). *M: Drassanes, Liceu (L3). See Tue 11.*

Thursday 20

TOURS

Liceu opera house (La Rambla 51-59). *M: Liceu (L3). See Mon 3.*
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*
Today's tour is an explanation of the legend of Sant Jordi, the patron of Catalonia.
Stories and legends of the Gothic quarter (Start: Plaça Nova, 5). *M: Jaume I (L4). See Thu 6.*

CABARET

El Molino On (Vilà i Vilà, 99). *M: Paral·lel (L2, L3). See Thu 6.*

OPERA

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

FLAMENCO

Tablao Flamenco Nervión (Princesa, 2). *M: Jaume I (L4). See Wed 5.*

SPORT

Open Camp (Plaça de Nèmesi Ponsatí, s/n). *M: Espanya (L1, L3; FGC). See Sat 8.*

Friday 21

LITERATURE

Diàlegs de Sant Jordi *Disseny Hub Barcelona (Pl. de les Glòries Catalanes, 37-38). M: Glòries (L1). www.museudeldisseny.cat*
To get into the spirit of Sant Jordi (see Sun 23), Barcelona's Design Museum hosts an event featuring national and international writers.

BLUES

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

TOURS

Casa Amatller (Pg. de Gràcia, 41). *M: Passeig de Gràcia (L2, L3, L4). See Thu 6.*
Casa Felip (Ausias Marc, 20). *M: Urquinaona (L1, L4). Fri 11am (English), 1pm (Spanish). €14. Reduced: €12.60. Reserve in advance at www.casessingulars.com*
An explanation of the legend of Sant Jordi.

FLAMENCO

Tablao Cordobés (La Rambla, 3-5). *M: Drassanes, Liceu (L3). See Tue 4.*

NIGHT-TIME ACTIVITIES

The Ghost Walking Tour (Start: Arc de Triomf, Pg. Lluís Companys). *M: Arc de Triomf (L1). See Fri 7.*
Magic Fountain (Pl. Carles Buigas, 1). *M: Espanya (L1, L3; FGC). See Fri 7.*
Dine at the Palau Requesens (Bisbe Caçador, 3). *M: Liceu (L3), Jaume I (L4). See Fri 7.*

OPEN-AIR FAMILY

PortAventura theme park (Av. Alcalde Pere Molas. Km. 2. Vila Seca, Tarragona). *Renfe (train): PortAventura. See Fri 7.*

Saturday 22

MUSIC FESTIVALS

18th Festival Mil·lenni: Jay Jay Johanson *La [2] de Apolo (Nou de la Rambla, 113). M: Paral·lel (L2, L3). 9pm. €22. www.festival-millenni.com*

SPORT

Barcelona Open Banc Sabadell – 65th

Conde de Godó Trophy *Real Club de Tennis de Barcelona (Bosch i Gimpera, 5). M: Maria Cristina (L3); Reina Elisenda (FGC). Apr 22-30. www.barcelonaopenbanca-sabadell.com*

FREE 2nd BiCircuit Festival *Circuit de Barcelona-Catalunya (Camino Mas Moreneta, Montmeló). Renfe (local train): Montmeló. Apr 22-23. www.circuit.cat*

OPEN-AIR – FAMILY

Barcelona Urban Forest (Pl. del Fòrum, s/n). *M: El Maresme/Fòrum (L4). See Sat 1.*

TOURS

The Shadow of the Wind (Start: Centre d'Art Santa Mònica, La Rambla, 9). *M: Drassanes (L3). See Sat 1.*
Palau Baró de Quadras (Av. Diagonal, 373). *M: Diagonal (L3, L5) and FGC: Provença. Wed, Sat 11am (Eng), 1pm (Spanish). €14. Reduced: €12.60. Children 7-12: €6. Aged 6 and under: free. Reservations: www.casessingulars.com*
An explanation of the legend of Sant Jordi.

NIGHT-TIME ACTIVITIES

Supper of the Senses *Reial Acadèmia de Medicina de Catalunya (Carme, 47). M: Sant Antoni (L2), Liceu (L3). See Sat 1.*
Magic Fountain (Pl. Carles Buigas, 1). *M: Espanya (L1, L3; FGC). See Fri 7.*

CLASSICAL MUSIC

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

Sunday 23

TRADITIONS

Sant Jordi Streets around the city *www.barcelona.cat*
It's time to get in the mood for love, as Catalonia celebrates its patron saint (aka Saint George). The occasion is marked by men giving their loved ones a rose and women gifting a book. The streets of Barcelona fill with stalls selling flowers and books, and couples stroll around arm-in-arm.

BASKETBALL

Liga Endesa: FCB Lassa vs. Unicaja *Palau Blaugrana, Camp Nou (Aristides Maillol,*

s/n). M: Les Corts (L3). €16-€15. Date and time tbc.

FOOTBALL

La Liga: Espanyol vs. Atlético *Estadi Cornellà-El Prat (Av. del Baix Llobregat, 100. Cornellà de Llobregat). FGC: Cornellà Riera. Date and time tbc. www.rcdespanyol.com*

UNDERWATER SPORT

Shark cage diving *L'Aquàrium (Moll d'Espanya del Port Vell, s/n). M: Barceloneta (L4), Drassanes (L3). See Tue 4.*

FAMILY

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

TOURS

Block of Discord guided tour (Meeting-point: Casa Amatller, Pg. de Gràcia, 41). *M: Passeig de Gràcia (L2, L3, L4). See Sun 2.*
The Cathedral of the Sea (Start: Pl. de Santa Maria del Mar). *M: Jaume I (L4). See Sun 2.*
FREE Guided tour of Montjuïc Cemetery (Mare de Déu del Port, 56-58). *Bus: 21. See Sun 9.*

Monday 24

TOURS

Palau Casades (Mallorca, 283). *M: Diagonal (L3, L5). See Mon 3.*
Casa Amatller (Pg. de Gràcia, 41). *M: Passeig de Gràcia (L2, L3, L4). See Thu 6.*
Sant Pau, Art Nouveau Site (Sant Antoni Maria Claret, 167). *M: Sant Pau/Dos de Maig (L5). See Wed 5.*

FLAMENCO

Flamenco show dedicated to Camarón de la Isla *Casa Camarón (Roger de Flor, 2303). M: Verdaguera (L4, L5), Sagrada Família (L2, L5). See Mon 3.*
Flamenco at Palau Dalmaes (Montcada, 20). *M: Jaume I (L4). Daily 6pm, 7:30pm, 9:30pm. €25. Book online at: www.palaudalmases.com*

CLASSICAL MUSIC

Mozart's Così fan tutte *Palau de la Música Catalana (Palau de la Música, 4-6). M: Urquinaona (L1, L4). 8:30pm. €30-€150. www.palau musica.cat*

Tuesday 25

BRIDAL FAIR

Barcelona Bridal Fashion Week *Fira de Barcelona, Gran Via venue (Av. Joan Carles I, 64). Apr 25-30. www.barcelonabridalweek.com*
Catwalk shows featuring wedding dresses.

TECHNO

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

TOURS

Casa de les Punxes (Av. Diagonal, 420). M: Verdaguier (L4, L5), Diagonal (L3, L5). See Fri 7
Biblioteca Arús (Pg. Sant Joan, 26). M: Arc de Triomf (L1), Tetuan (L2). See Tue 4.

FLAMENCO

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

CLASSICAL MUSIC

The Sixteen *L'Auditori (Lepant, 150). M: Glòries & Marina (L1), Monumental (L2). 8.30pm. €10-€32. www.auditori.cat*

Wednesday 26

FOOTBALL

La Liga: FC Barcelona vs. Osasuna *Camp Nou (Aristides Maillol, s/n). M: Les Corts (L3). Date and time tbc. www.fcbarcelona.cat*

ALT-ROCK

20 years of Placebo *Razzmatazz (Pamplona, 88). M: Bogatell (L4), Marina (L1). Apr 26-27. €42.50. Doors: tbc. www.livenation.es*

MUSIC FESTIVALS

18th Festival Mil·lenni: Charlie Cunningham *El Molino (Vil·la i Vil·la, 99). M: Paral·lel (L2, L3). 10pm. From €12. www.festival-millenni.com*

TOURS

Palau Baró de Quadras (Av. Diagonal, 373). M: Diagonal (L3, L5) and FGC: Provença. See Sat 1.

SEVILLANAS

FREE Sevillanas dance night *Casa Camarón (Roger de Flor, 230). M: Verdaguier (L4, L5), Sagrada Família (L2, L5). See Wed 5.*

FLAMENCO

Grand Gala Flamenco *Teatre Poliorama (La Rambla, 115). M: Drassanes, Liceu (L3). See Wed 5.*

Thursday 27

FILM FESTIVAL

D'A – Barcelona International Auteur Film Festival *Various venues. Apr 27-May 7. da-filmfestival.com* Multifaceted film festival.

TOURS

Palau de la Música Catalana (Palau de la Música, 4-6). M: Urquinaona (L1, L4). See Wed 5.
Casa Rocamora (Ballester, 12). M: Lesseps (L3); FGC: Pàdua/Putxet. See Thu 6.

JAZZ

Live Jazz at Jamboree *Jamboree (Pl. Reial, 17). M: Liceu (L3). 8pm, 10pm. €23 (boxoffice). €20 (online in advance).*

NIGHT-TIME ACTIVITIES

Gaudi's Pedrera. The Origins (Provença 261, entrance on Pg. de Gràcia). M: Diagonal (L3, L5); FGC: Provença. See Mon 3.

Friday 28

BEER FESTIVAL

Biergarten – Festa de la Cervesa Poble Espanyol (Av. Francesc Ferrer i Guàrdia, 13). M: Espanya (L1, L3); FGC. Apr 28-30, May 5-7. General entrance (includes this event): €14. Reduced: €7, €9, €10.50. Under-4s free. www.poble-espanyol.com

A variety of beers and typical Bavarian food, plus enjoy workshops and music.

MUSIC FESTIVAL

Guitar BCN 2017: Caetano presenta Teresa *Palau de la Música Catalana (Palau de la Música, 4-6). M: Urquinaona (L1, L4). 9.30pm. From €35. www.the-project.es*

CULTURAL FESTIVAL

46th Feria de Abril *Parc del Fòrum (Plaça Fòrum, 1). M: El Maresme/Fòrum (L4). Apr 28-May 7. www.barcelona.cat*
Sample the spirit of the south of Spain.

JAZZ

La Màgia del Veu & Jazz Ensemble *El Born*

Centre de Cultura i Memòria (Plaça Comercial, 12). M: Jaume I & Barceloneta (L4).

TOURS

Casa Felip (Ausias Marc, 20). M: Urquinaona (L1, L4). See Fri 7.

BLUES

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

NIGHT-TIME ACTIVITIES

The Ghost Walking Tour (Start: Arc de Triomf, Pg. Lluís Companys). M: Arc de Triomf (L1). See Fri 7.
Secret Basilica del Pi (Pl. del Pi, 7). M: Liceu (L3). See Thu 6.
Guided visits to the Fabra Observatory (Cami de l'Observatori, s/n). M: Liceu (L3). See Fri 7.

Saturday 29

MUSIC FESTIVALS

Guitar BCN 2017: Rick Astley *Barts (Av. del Paral·lel, 62). M: Poble Sec, Drassanes (L3). 9.30pm. From €35. www.theproject.es*

TOURS

Santa Maria del Mar rooftop (Plaça de Santa Maria, 1). M: Jaume I (L4). See Fri 7.
Basilica de Santa Maria del Pi (Pl. del Pi, 7). M: Liceu (L3). See Wed 5.

FAMILY

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

TOURS

FREE Funeral carriage and hearse collection (Montjuïc Cemetery, Mare del Déu del Port, 56-58). See Sat 1.

CLASSICAL MUSIC

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

TRADITIONS

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

Sunday 30

FOOTBALL

La Liga: Espanyol vs. FC Barcelona *Estadi Cornellà-El Prat (Av. del Baix Llobregat, 100. Cornellà de Llobregat). FGC: Cornellà Riera. Date and time tbc. www.rcdespanyol.com*

CLASSICAL MUSIC

Melodies Intemporals *Sant Pau, Art Nouveau Site (Sant Antoni Maria Claret, 167). M: Sant Pau/Dos de Maig (L5). 7pm. €10. Reduced: €8. Free for under-12s. www.santpau.barcelona*

SPA

Aire de Barcelona, Arab Baths (Pg. de Picasso, 22). M: Barceloneta & Jaume I (L4). See Thu 6.

TOURS

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.

Block of Discord guided tour (Meeting-point: Casa Amatller, Pg. de Gràcia, 41). M: Passeig de Gràcia (L2, L3, L4). See Sun 2.
Guided visits to Park Güell (Olot, 5). M: Vallcarca, Lesseps (L3). See Tue 4.

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 1.

MUSIC – CINEMA

Horowitz to Moscow *CaixaForum (Av. Francesc Ferrer i Guàrdia, 6-8). M: Espanya (L1, L3); FGC. 7pm. <http://obrasocial-lacaixa.org>*
Concerts on film.

HUMAN TOWERS

FREE Festa Major de l'Eixample (C./Marina, Sagrada Família). Noon.

MUSIC FESTIVALS

18th Festival Mil·lenni: Simple Minds *L'Auditori (Lepant, 150). M: Glòries & Marina (L1), Monumental (L2). 8.30pm. €28-€61. www.festival-millenni.com*

INFORMATION AND SALES

➤ Tourist information points and tickets. visitbarcelona.com

Architecture

BASÍLICA DE LA SAGRADA FAMÍLIA

(Mallorca, 401). M: Sagrada Família (L2, L5). 9am-8pm. Panoramic tour: €29. Guided tour: €24. Self-guided tour: €22. Prior reservation necessary. www.sagradafamilia.org Gaudi'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 10am-2pm, 5pm-8pm. Guided tour including rooftop: noon to 6pm. €10. Reduced: €8. 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): €8.50. www.riostabarcelona.com. Secret Basílica del Pi: Thu, Fri 9pm, 9.20pm; Sat 9.30pm, 9.50pm. From €16. www.adsentiabarcelona.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. General tours (30 mins): 10am-6pm €14. Reduced: €12.60. Dramatised visit: Apr 7 6pm; €20. Prior reservation necessary. www.casessingulars.com 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. www.casabatllo.es Unforgettable modernist architecture.

➤ CASA DE LES PUNXES

(Av. Diagonal, 420). M: Verdaguera (L4, L5), Diagonal (L3, L5). FGC: Provença. 9am-8pm. Guided tour: €20. Self-guided tour with audio guide (10 languages): €12.50. Reduced:

€11.25. Exclusive evening guided tours (with glass of cava): €23. www.casadelespunxes.com This modernist gem opened to the public in 2016.

➤ 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 Apr 9, 14. €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

➤ GRAN TEATRE DEL LICEU

(La Rambla, 51-59). M: Liceu (L3). 50-minute tour: Mon-Fri 9.30am, 10.30am, 11.30am, 12.30pm. €16. Reduced: €12. Daily 45-minute tours (€9. Reduced: €7.50) and 30-minute tours (€6. Reduced: €5) also available. www.liceubarcelona.cat Barcelona's splendid opera house is one of the world's finest.

➤ LA PEDRERA

(Provença, 261-265). M: Diagonal (L3, L5); FGC: Provença. Pedrera by Day: 9am-8.30pm. €22. Reduced: €16.50. Gaudi's Pedrera. The Origins: from 9pm. €34. www.lapedrera.com A standout example of Gaudi's innovation.

➤ PALAU BARÓ DE QUADRAS

(Av. Diagonal, 373). M: Diagonal (L3, L5); FGC: Provença. Guided tours: Wed, Sat 11am (Eng), 1pm (Spa). €14. Reduced: €12.60. Dramatised visit: Apr 21, 6pm; €18. Prior reservation necessary. www.casessingulars.com Another unmissable modernist building.

PALAU GÜELL

(Nou de la Rambla, 3-5). M: Liceu (L3). Tue-Sun 10am-8pm. Closed Mon, except public hols. €12. Reduced: €9. www.palaguell.cat Just off La Rambla, this building was designed for Gaudi patron, Eusebi Güell.

➤ PALAU DE LA MÚSICA CATALANA

(Palau de la Música, 4-6). M: Urquinaona (L1, L4). 10am-3.30pm (every 30 mins). East-week: 10am-6pm. €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. Guided tours (with glass of cava and sword fight): €20. Tour, supper & medieval show: from €71. www.palarequesens.cat Historical setting for a night of medieval fun.

PARK GÜELL

(Olot, 5). M: Vallcarca (L3). 8am-8.30pm. €8. Reduced: €5.60. Daily general guided tours (Spa, Eng and Fre): €7 pp. Daily private guided tours (for 2-3 people): €32 pp. Advanced booking recommended via website. www.parkguell.cat Gaudi'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-6.30pm; Sun and public hols 10am-2.30pm. Self-guided visit: €13. Reduced: €9.10. Guided tour: €19. Reduced: €13.30. www.santpau.barcelona A one-time working hospital created in the modernist style.

➤ TORRE BELLESGUARD

(Bellesguard, 6-9). FGC: Av. Tibidabo. Tue-Sun 10am-3pm. Closed Mon. 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 Gaudi creation that combines modernism and medieval Gothic designs.

Leisure

➤ AIRE DE BARCELONA, ARAB BATHS

(Pg. de Picasso, 22). M: Barceloneta, Jaume I (L4). Sun-Tue: first session 9am, final session from 10pm. Wed, Thu: first session 9am, final session from 11pm. Fri, Sat: first session 9am, final session from midnight. www.airedebarcelona.com

➤ BARCELONA URBAN FOREST

(Plaça del Fòrum, s/n). M: El Maresme/Fòrum (L4). Open weekends 10am-8pm. Check website for Easter timetable. €11-€24 (varies according to circuit and age). www.barcelonaboscurba.com Zip lines, bridges and six-metre-high platforms.

➤ GAUDÍ EXPERIÈNCIA

(Larrard, 41). M: Lesseps (L3). 10.30am-7pm. €9. Reduced: €7.50. www.gaudiexperiencia.com Interactive 4D journey through Gaudi's creativity.

➤ L'AQUÀRIUM

(Moll d'Espanya del Port Vell, s/n). M: Barceloneta (L4), Drassanes (L3). Mon-Fri 10am-8pm; weekends, Apr 17 10am-8.30pm. Easter week (Apr 8-16): 10am-9.30pm. €20. Discounts for children 3-10 years. www.aquariumbcn.com A range of living creatures.

OPEN CAMP

Estadi Olímpic de Barcelona (Pg. Olímpic, 17-19). M: Espanya (L1, L3; FGC). Apr 8, 9, 10-17, 20-23, 27-30. 10am-6pm. Open Park: €20. Reduced: €15. www.opencamp.com Challenge yourself at this newly opened sports theme park.

➤ 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. €14. Reduced: €7. €9, €10.50. www.poble-espanyol.com Architecture from around Spanish village.

➤ PORTAVENTURA

(Av. Alcalde Pere Molas. Km. 2. Vila Seca (Tarragona). Train (Renfe): PortAventura. Opens Apr 7 10am-8pm. www.portaventuraworld.com One of Europe's leading theme parks, this place has fun for all including its new Ferrari Land.

➤ 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. Apr 1, 2, 8, 9, 12, 13, 17, 22, 23, 29: 11am-8pm; Apr 14-16, 30: 11am-9pm. €28.50. Under-120cm: €10.30. www.tibidabo.cat New and classic rides.

➤ ZOO DE BARCELONA

(Parc de la Ciutadella, s/n). M: Arc de Triomf (L1), Ciutadella/Vila Olímpica (L4). 10am-7pm. €19.90. Children 3-12 years: €11.95. Over-65s: €10.05. www.zoobarcelona.cat

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