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**BARCELONA
AS SEEN
BY...**

Joan Abellà

Manager of Casa Vicens



GAUDÍ'S CASA VICENS CAN FINALLY BE VISITED. ITS MANAGER TALKS ABOUT THIS MODERNISTA GEM AND ALSO ABOUT BARCELONA

Does the opening of Casa Vicens mean that the debt owed to the architect who put Barcelona on the international map in terms of monuments to visit has come full circle?

The great Gaudí circle in Barcelona has indeed been completed with the opening to the public of **the city's last World Heritage Site**. It was his first house, the first he was in charge of, and this first symphony, as we like to imagine it, provides us with a much greater understanding of the sources of his creativity.

What was the most difficult challenge in terms of the restoration and recovery efforts?

Combining today's rush with a delicate restoration process. And finding the right balance between a respect for heritage and visitor comfort. Some very brave architectural solutions were used, but always based on the utmost respect for the original work.

How does what Casa Vicens have to offer differ from that of Gaudí's other work?

It is a prelude to Gaudí's work, so it is an essential part of understanding the architect, his work and Modernisme, which has left a very deep and beautiful mark on Barcelona. We are also paying much attention to **the quality of the tours**, avoiding

any rush and converting the dialogue between our guides and service staff into the basis of transmitting all we have learned about this historic moment in Barcelona and Gaudí in general through Casa Vicens.

Is it destined to become, alongside La Pedrera and Casa Batlló, one of the three main Modernista monuments in Barcelona?

Modernisme in Barcelona is fortunately not restricted to these three buildings, although I would definitely spend a long time in each one... and in many others!

How are you managing the tours so that they do not affect everyday life in the Gràcia neighbourhood?

We have limited them to a maximum of 50 people per day, 20 people every 20 minutes. It is an unrushed tour.

As an expert in cultural and artistic facilities (you were the former manager of MACBA), what influence does the influx of visitors to the city have on cultural tourism?

Culture is the element that most defines a city's character. Tourism in Barcelona is driven by the desire of visitors to share and discover this character through our design, architecture, museums, cuisine, customs...◇

"AS A BARCELONA LOCAL, I LOVE WANDERING AROUND AIMLESSLY, SEEING HOW THE CITY IS CHANGING. AND VISITING SMALL BOOKSHOPS, WHICH ARE FORTUNATELY REAPPEARING"



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Barcelona at your fingertips

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BY **MARÍA V. VELASCO**
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Barcelona is a multifaceted city filled with nuances, contrasts and activities in a friendly setting that can be comfortably visited all year round because of its fortunately mild climate. Stroll around the city like any other local and soak up its tradition and history, design and culture, music and sport. And there is no better way to do this than by using an excellent public transport network comprising bus, metro, tram and rail to make the most of your stay and travel easily from one point to another!

So what are you waiting for? Plan your itinerary according to the days of your stay to get the most out of your visit and purchase a **Barcelona Card**, a culture pass that includes transport and discounts as well as activities in various parts of the city. Below is a list of four one-day route suggestions to discover the essence of Barcelona and all its hidden corners.

ROUTE
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A taste of history

Get up early and enjoy a good breakfast because today promises to

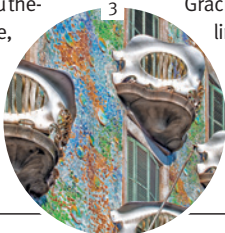
1. Fundació Miró. **2.** Tram next to Els Encants flea market. **3.** Detail of Casa Batlló.



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be an intense day. We suggest you start in Plaça Catalunya, the nerve centre of the city, and stroll up Passeig de Gràcia while contemplating the series of outstanding buildings on this walk, authentic gems of Modernisme: to your right stands **Casa Lleó Morera**, by Domènech i Montaner; **Casa Amatller**, by Puig i Cadafalch; **Casa Batlló** and, a little further up, **La Pedrera**, both by Antoni Gaudí. Passeig de Gràcia is also the city's 'golden mile' and you will notice that the most emblematic international fashion brands are gathered there.

From La Pedrera, head to **Casa Vicens** (Carolinass, 20-26), a building in the Gràcia neighbourhood that is thought to be Gaudí's first masterpiece, having just opened its doors to the public after a meticulous restoration process. You can get there by the L3 metro line, alighting at Fontana, or by FGC suburban rail, alighting at Gràcia. Several bus lines will also take you there. You can visit the house, as well as its temporary and permanent exhibitions, a fantastic cafeteria run by Hofmann and its souvenir shop and



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The city's official tourist card, the **Barcelona Card**, will let you move around the city with total freedom, saving you both time and money. If you plan to spend **two days** in the city, the pass for you is the **BCN Card Express**, but if your stay is longer, go for the **BCN Card**, which is valid for **72, 96 or 120 hours**. You can use them for the train to the airport and all the city's public transport options, as well as including free entrance to several museums and more than 65 discounts at cultural and leisure centres, museums and on tours. You will also save yourself a lot of time by not having to queue at the many cultural sights.

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bookshop. And while you are in Gràcia, take the opportunity to wander around the area. Its many lively squares (Plaça del Sol, Plaça del Diamant...) are filled with outdoor café seating areas, so you can enjoy a meal outside during Barcelona's mild winter. Next, head down to Passeig de Gràcia and take the L2 metro line to **Sagrada Família** (advance bookings are necessary), Gaudí's unfinished temple that leaves no one indifferent. Nearby, you can vi-



visit the **Sant Pau Modernista Site**, a former hospital that has since been moved and comprising an impressive and curious network of pavilions designed by Domènech i Montaner. It is well worth a visit to take a look at these from the cafeteria-restaurant in its garden and you can also join a guided tour that combines Modernista art and a living history of medicine.

Don't leave the city without visiting Barcelona's most historic district, **Ciutat Vella**, the oldest part of the city housing three emblematic neighbourhoods: Barri Gòtic, La Ribera and El Raval, all of which comprise authentic little nooks and crannies, alleys and picturesque squares. The L3 green metro line will take you to the

Liceu, the city's opera house on the Rambla. From there, you can wander into the **Barri Gòtic**, whose medieval legacy is very prominent. Make sure you stop for a snack at one of the classic 'granjas' in Carrer Petritxol to join in a very deep-rooted Barcelona tradition: a 'suizo', a cup of hot sticky chocolate topped by a huge dollop of fresh cream. And also visit the historic church of **Santa Maria del Pi**, whose bell tower offers some of the best views of the district. **Walking Tours Gòtic** offers a guided tour of the city's impressive Gothic legacy (ticket sales at tickets.visitbarcelona.com).

When you get to the neighbourhood of La Ribera, you will find yourself immersed in medieval Barcelona. Once there, Carrer Montcada and its surrounding streets contain luxurious old mansions built in the 12th and 13th centuries. Today, they house various museums and institutions, including **Museu Picasso**, which you can visit thanks to **Walking Tours Picasso**, a guided tour of the places the painter frequented that includes entrance to the museum. There is also **MEAM, Museu Europeu d'Art Modern**, a modern art museum combining its display of figurative paintings and sculptures with blues and classical music

BCN UNIQUE SHOPS

Barcelona Unique Shops is the name identifying the city's most characteristic shops, unique establishments you will only find here to make your shopping experience a true adventure. Unique Shops comprises a diverse range of shops, from artisans and designers

to century-old shops or those specialising in delicatessen products. Businesses that have survived the passage of time and the standardisation of commerce in large cities, preserving a sense



concerts (ticket sales at tickets.visitbarcelona.com). You can also enjoy a snack in the cafeteria of this late 18th-century palace.

A good option at the end of the day is to head to the Born neighbourhood, presided over by the **Born Centre of Culture and Memory**, a leading cultural space housed in a former food market that contains an archaeological site with the remains of 1,700 houses. **El Born 300** is also located there, a restaurant serving a cuisine that is influenced by Barcelona's own culinary history. A few metres away stands the basilica of **Santa Maria del Mar**, a medieval construction that is the protagonist of the famous novel *Cathedral of the Sea* by Idelfonso Falcones. Incidentally, if you want to take home an original gift, visit the souvenir shop there and you will find unique, locally made items. The neighbourhood also comprises some of the most cutting-edge creative and fashion shops in the city, such as **Etnia Barcelona** (Espaseria, 1-3), a local firm that has made a name for itself by revolutionising the design of spectacle frames. And you can cap off the day by relaxing in **Aires de Barcelona**, a former 18th-century warehouse



of local spirit and offering quality and excellent personalised attention as true 'brands' of the city.

One example is **Antonio Miró** (Enric Granados, 46), a



1. Plaça del Rei. 2. Montjuïc and Museu Nacional d'Art de Catalunya.

next to the Born market that has been converted into Arab baths, the perfect place to disconnect both body and mind after a hectic day.

ROUTE 2 Art, culture and sea

Two metro lines (L1 and L3) stop at Plaça Espanya, at the foot of the hill of Montjuïc, which is crowned by the imposing **Palau Nacional**, home to the **Museu Nacional d'Art de Catalunya (MNAC)**. It boasts an impressive collection of Romanesque and Modernist art

fashion icon headquartered in Barcelona with international recognition and sales. Another, this time in the field of gourmet, is **Vila Viniteca** (Agullers, 7), specialising in wines and spirits. More information about Barcelona's shops at: barcelonashoppingcity.com



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and an outdoor area that is the perfect vantage point from which to contemplate the city, as well as its Òleum restaurant, with a menu inspired by the museum's art collections. The park of Montjuïc is also home to **Fundació Joan Miró**, housed in a spectacular building designed by Josep Lluís Sert. Once you have visited both centres, take the funicular (FM line) to connect to the L2 metro line that will take you to **Poble Sec**, a traditional neighbourhood filled with wine bars and taverns, and a very popular 'pintxo' bar! **Carrer Blai** and its surrounding streets are a safe bet. Make sure to visit the tavern of **Can Margarit** (Concòrdia, 21), an eatery dating back to 1974 that seems to be frozen in time. A few meters away in the same neighbourhood, **Avinguda del Paral·lel** is home to some of the city's most emblematic musical and cabaret venues: **Victòria**, currently running the musical **Cabaret**, **Sala Apolo**, **El Molino** and **Sala Barts**, among others (check the programming in the guide of this magazine).

From here, head to **Poblenou** by using both the L3 and L4 metro lines. With its working-class, revolutionary, fishing past, Poblenou is today a traditional yet at the same time modern neighbourhood. Visit **Plaça Prim** and its surrounding areas or stroll along the **Rambla del Poblenou**, where the former houses of fishermen still stand along-

1. GreenLifeStyle EcoFashion.

2. Buildings in 22@ neighbourhood.

side the innovation and technology that now comprises **22@**, a new neighbourhood constructed around **Plaça de les Glòries**. The area also contains some of the newest facilities in the city, such as **L'Auditori**, **Teatre Nacional**, **Museu del Disseny** and **Els Encants** flea market, housed under an ultramodern structure that shelters hundreds of stalls selling a panoply of items.

ART, SHOPPING, DINING

MUSEUMS AND MORE

Many of Barcelona's museums and unique spaces not only have permanent works on display, but also have **commercial premises** selling special gifts related to their collections or to the city, as well as cafés and restaurants, temporary exhibition rooms and other social and cultural activities... You will find all of these at **Casa de les Punxes**, **Fundació Miró**, **CCCB**, **CaixaForum** and **CosmoCaixa**, **Museu Picasso**, **MACBA**, **Museu de la Xocolata**, **Museu del FC Barcelona**, among others.

Take the L4 metro line again or the tram to travel to **Parc del Fòrum**, at the north end of the city's coastline. Here you will find **Museu Blau**, a natural science museum and a perfect place to visit if you are travelling with your family. The same metro line will take you back to the city centre in the direction of Trinitat Nova. Get off at Verdaguera and head to

Passeig de Sant Joan, where you will find **Palau Macaya**, a Modernista building designed by Puig i Cadafalch in one of the city's hippest areas. Stop for a snack at **Chicha Limoná** (Passeig de Sant Joan, 90) or **Granja Petitbó** (Passeig de Sant Joan, 82). If you stroll down Passeig de Sant Joan, you will get to **Parc de la Ciutadella**, the largest green space in the old town.

A great idea once you are back in the centre is to stroll along La Rambla at sunset. You can head down to the sea from Plaça Catalunya and sit by the water as the sun sets. If you look to your right, you can see the former royal shipyards, Drassanes, now housing the **Museu Marítim**, with a permanent display of boats and mul-



1. 'Pintxos' in Poble Sec.
2. Finca Miralles.
3. Torre Bellesguard.

timedia exhibitions that are ideal for all audiences, as well as a shop and cafeteria next to the former walls of the old city.

Directly opposite as you look out towards the sea is the **Mirador de Colón**. Make sure to visit this monument to enjoy magnificent views of the city and join a wine or cava tasting activity in its wine tourism space. It is now time for dinner, so take a leisurely stroll along Passeig Marítim to Palau de Mar, in Port Vell. Here you will find some excellent seafood cuisine, among other dishes, in the restaurants **1881 per Sagardi** and **Barceloneta**, in Moll dels Pescadors.

ROUTE 3 Culture and gastronomy

Take the L3 metro line to Maria Cristina or Palau Reial to begin your tour of **Sarrià-Sant Gervasi**, a well-heeled neighbourhood at the foot of Tibidabo mountain whose centre still retains the charm of the town that was until it was annexed into the city in 1921. Make sure you visit one of Gaudí's works in the area, the main gate and outside wall of the former **Finca Miralles** (Passeig Manel Girona, 55), and also worth a visit is **Jardín de the Vil·la Amèlia** (Eduardo Conde, 22), the former gardens of a



local mansion. The other testimony of Gaudí's work in the area is **Finca Güell** (Avinguda Pedralbes, 7), where you can visit the entrance pavilions to the estate designed by the architect and marvel at the emblematic mythological dragon of its main entrance. Finish your tour at **Palau Reial de Pedralbes** (Avinguda Diagonal), located in one of the quietest, most stately gardens in Barcelona.

And don't miss the local shops in the area of independent designers, combining modernity and quality. You are bound to find that special item to take home with you. While still in Sarrià-Sant Gervasi, you can head to one of the shops of **Sita Murt** (Mestre Nicolau, 18), one of the internationally acclaimed fashion brands of Barcelona.

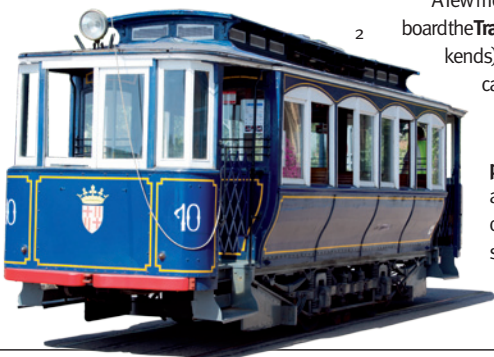
Take bus 75 from Avinguda Diagonal and head to **Monestir de Pedralbes**, a monumental Gothic style convent complex with a striking cloister. The same bus goes to Avinguda del Tibidabo, but before you get off there you will pass another work by Gaudí, **Torre Bellesguard** (Bellesguard, 16). It was built between 1900 and 1909 on the remains of a medieval castle of a Catalan king who lived there until his death in 1410. This explains its appearance, a combination of Modernisme and Gothic styles. Both the house and its gardens are



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open to the public. Take bus 196 to head down to **CosmoCaixa** (Isaac Newton, 26), an interactive science museum and another perfect place in the city to visit with the family. It has a permanent collection and also stages temporary exhibitions, workshops and other activities. Highlights of its permanent spaces are The Flooded Forest, a natural recreation of an Amazonian rainforest, while its current temporary show displays the well-preserved remains of a Tyrannosaurus rex. Its main building is a Modernista brick structure that is more than 100 years old. It has a shop selling interesting items related to science and an indoor cafeteria. A good stop along the way is **Jardins de la Tamarita** (Passeig Sant Gervasi, 47).

A few meters away, you can jump on board the **Tramvia Blau** (only running weekends), a mode of transport that locals traditionally took to get to the funicular that would take them to the **amusement park on Tibidabo**. Bus 196 is an alternative way to get there on weekdays. You will enjoy some of the best views of the city on Tibidabo at the park of Collserola, the



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‘green lungs’ of the city. And here are two recommended places to eat in Sarrià-Sant Gervasi: **El Trapío** (Esperança, 25), serving market cuisine in a Modernist tower, and **A Contraluz** (Milanesat, 19), Mediterranean cuisine in a space with skylight ceilings to eat inside as if you were dining outside. And to cap off the day, it is a good idea is to head up to Vallcarca by combining the L3 and the L5 metro lines to visit **Park Güell** (prior booking). **Parc de la Creueta del Coll** can be found in the same area, occupying a former quarry that sits almost alongside the **bunkers of Carmel**, the remains of an anti-aircraft battery dating back to the Civil War and now used as a vantage point of the city.

ROUTE 4 A lot closer to Barcelona

Barcelona is culture, sea, leisure, history... but it is also natural parks, wine tourism, fishing villages or inland routes. This is why it offers a multitude of options beyond its city borders. An endless range of possibilities within a half-hour radius that are served by public transport or organised tours. One good option is to

1. Tibidabo amusement park.
2. Blau Tram. 3. Sitges.

hop on board the **Catalunya Bus Turístic** (www.catalunyabusturistic.com), offering routes to the most popular places.

On the way back, you can combine your visit to **Montserrat** with a Gaudí experience. Just 20 minutes by train from Barcelona is the town of Sant Boi de Llobregat, home to one of the most remarkable legacies of the architect: **Colònia Güell**, the largest Modernist workers’ colony, perfectly preserved today. Its sights include a famous crypt in which Gaudí experimented with the innovations that he would apply at the Sagrada Família.

Wine tourism is another star activity near Barcelona, with the **Penedès** region as an outstanding destination. Just over an hour by train from Barcelona, the surroundings of its capital, Vilafranca del Penedès, are home to a wide range of activities that combine vineyard landscapes, wine tasting activities and food samplings. The train passes through **Sitges** on the way there, a beautiful coastal town on the Costa Daurada with a great variety of cultural and gastronomic ideas and a seafront promenade that is well worth a stop. ◇

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IN THE CITY

Live music

BARCELONA PROVIDES ITS VISITORS WITH THE CHANCE TO ENJOY MUSIC IN THE MOST GENUINE WAY POSSIBLE: CLOSE-UP AND IN SMALL SPACES SO THAT YOU CAN SOAK UP THE LOCAL ATMOSPHERE JUST LIKE A LOCAL



Barcelona offers a wide range of live music options throughout the year that covers all manner of styles. Apart from big shows in the city's three most important classical auditoriums (**Liceu**, **Palau de la Música** and **L'Auditori**) and events featuring famous national and international artists in large-scale concerts and music festivals, the city also has a major network of places where you can enjoy live music. If our front-page report provides you with advice on various routes to make the most of your stay in the city, we now want to complete this information with a

parallel route involving places with quality live music.

Spaces where you can immerse yourself in the local entertainment scene as another local, soaking up the atmosphere of a city that constantly moves to the sound of all manner of rhythms: jazz and soul, rock, pop... Barcelona has spaces scattered throughout the city, from the city centre to outlying neighbourhoods, and they guarantee you will genuinely enjoy live music.

Jazz and soul

These two styles are among the favourites of a city where performan-

ces and jam sessions are punctually programmed each week. It is such a deep-rooted tradition that Barcelona has historical clubs dedicated solely to jazz, as well as a regular annual festival, the **Barcelona International Jazz Festival**, whose most recent edition ran from September 30 to December 19.

One of these legendary clubs is **Jamboree** (Plaça Reial, 17), a jazz cellar in the Gothic Quarter that has become a true institution. With its 50-year history and two daily performances 365 days a year, it is already part of Barcelona's cultural heritage and best reflects the lively culture of a dynamic, restless, cosmopolitan metropolis that is open to the world. Various world jazz legends from all times have played here and generations of local musicians have been trained and are now finding success across five continents.

Another classic place in the same neighbourhood is **Harlem Jazz Club** (Comtessa de Sobradiel, 8), a legendary venue that first opened in 1987, with a daily schedule mainly featuring jazz, but also including other musical genres. A prestigious music school in the city, **Taller de Músics**, has its own concert venue, the **Jazz Sí Club** (Requesens, 2), located in the Raval neighbourhood. The space has more than 20 years of history and serves as a platform for young musicians and it is not limited only to jazz. Its live music programming also includes flamenco, Cuban rhythms and pop rock

Jazz Man (Roger de Flor, 238) is an authentic, small jazz club in the

Eixample, near the Sagrada Família, with live shows twice a week. A club where you can feel among friends, listen to the best international jazz and make the most of your time there to discover local music talent while enjoying a drink.

And if a drink is not enough and you also want a fine meal, then **Little Italy** (Rec, 30) is your best option. This New York-style restaurant in the Born neighbourhood offers fine Mediterranean cuisine based on Italian cooking, as well as live jazz.

Another good choice is **Milano Cocktail Bar** (Ronda Universitat, 35), which despite its name not only serves cocktails to the sounds of live music, but also has a menu of Mediterranean cuisine that includes tapas.

Other genres: funk, pop, rock...

But not everything is jazz in Barcelona. Funk, pop, rock, electronic music... all these styles have their own places with regular programming.

Mention must be made of the renovated **Sala Apolo** (Nou de la Rambla, 113), in Poble Sec, an emblematic venue in the city that has a more than 30-year history as a dance hall, although today it is used as a concert



1. Jamboree, in Plaça Reial.

2. Milano Cocktail Bar.

hall and nightclub. Thursdays there are dedicated to black music (funk, soul, hip hop...), while Fridays and Saturdays are for the Nitsa Club, a label that programmes pop and independent rock.

Nearby, sharing the same square where Jamboree is located, **Sidecar** (Plaça Reial, 7) is one of the leading venues in the city's music scene. This bar and club has been programming DJ sessions and creative avant-garde concerts in the fields of rock, punk, indie and experimental music in all senses since 1982. Still in the Ciutat Vella district, electronic music has had its own club since the mid-1990s, the **Moog Electronic Dancing Club** (Arc del Teatre, 3), located in the heart of the Raval neighbourhood and now a famous temple of electronic and synthetic rhythms from the best international DJs. Another of the city's major musical venues in terms of its size and programming is **Razzmatazz** (Pamplona, 88). Founded in the year 2000, it is housed in a former industrial spa-

ce that has today been divided into five rooms and it leads the way in terms of national and international music. Artists of the calibre of Coldplay, The Strokes or Belle and Sebastian have played here and it also hosts small club sessions featuring new bands. A truly versatile space in Poblenou.

A very different club that is also in the neighbourhood of Poblenou is **Balius** (Pujadas, 196). Since 2014, its goal has been to create a single environment in which a cocktail bar, vermouth bar, dining area and good live music can all coexist in harmony, and all of the highest quality.

Founded as the cultural project of an association to promote art and culture in the neighbourhood of Gràcia in 1995, **Heliogàbal** (Ramón y Cajal, 80) today focuses on musical and poetic projects both at its own venue and in other spaces. Two small yet very im-





portant places stand out in the Eixample. Wood, beer, meatloaf, fish & chips and music in an English pub in the city centre: **The Philarmoric** (Mallorca, 204). Its programming includes blues, soul, country, flamenco... And a few streets away, the **Mediterráneo** pub (Balmes, 129) has small-scale live music concerts each day of the week.

Music and gastronomy

Two recommendations among the gastronomic spaces that also programme live music. First, **Bodega Saltó** (Blesa, 36), a 100-year-old cultural wine bar in the neighbourhood of Poble Sec that programmes musical vermouth days every Sunday, with rumba, blues, fusion, singer-songwriter... The artists pass the hat around once the performance is over. But the low price doesn't mean that the music is of dubious quality, in fact quite the opposite, for here you can hear high quality performances. You can also head to perhaps one of the most cosmopolitan places in the city, **ArtTe** (Muntaner, 83), housed in a beautiful space that is ideal for an informal dinner based on small dishes and tapas and featuring a multicultural range of performances, including not only music, but also micro-theatre, screenings, painting, photography... and almost always with free entry. ◇

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1. Sidecar.
2. Sala Apolo.



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Barcelona has places where you can listen to good live music within century-old walls, providing the added advantage of uniqueness and often quality acoustics. **Palau Dalmases** (Montcada, 20) is a baroque space that programmes small format flamenco and opera shows (pictured above). One of the first bourgeois mansions built in the city, Palau Gomis in the Ribera neighbourhood, today houses the Museu Europeu d'Art Modern, **MEAM** (Barra de Ferro, 5), which is not only strongly committed to figurative art, but also has live concerts of blues or classical music every Friday (your ticket includes entrance to the museum and the concert). Still in the historical centre, the basilicas of **Santa Maria del Pi** (Plaça del Pi, 7) and **Santa Anna** (Santa Anna, 29, pictured below), both jewels of Catalan Gothic, programme weekly Spanish guitar concerts. ◇

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Eat in a museum

The city's main museums have cafeterias and some even offer a complete dining experience. One highlight is the menu designed by the two-Michelin-star chef Fina Puigdevall at **Òleum**, the restaurant of the Museu Nacional d'Art de Catalunya (Av. Reina Maria Cristina), housed in the former throne room of the national palace and providing some magnificent views. The restaurant at the Museu d'Història de Catalunya (Palau de Mar), **1881 por Sagardi**, offers delightful views of the port and serves traditional Mediterranean cuisine.

Make sure you order fish, as it is sent directly by the fishermen's association of Barcelona. You can also dine on seafood at the cafeteria-restaurant of the **Museu Marítim**, a striking example of the best Gothic architecture and the only civil construction of this style in the city.

The restaurant at **Fundació Miró** (Parc de Montjuïc) is also recommended, with its own terrace and garden area and housed in an original avant-garde building designed by Josep Lluís Sert. Another recommendation is **El 300 del Born**, a restau-



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1. Cafeteria at La Pedrera. 2. Òleum at Museu Nacional de Catalunya.
3. Rice dish at Bòria.



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rant whose cuisine is influenced by Barcelona's own culinary history, located in El Born, Centre of Culture and Memory, a new cultural space in the city housed in a former market.

Rounding out the list are eating areas located in unique spaces, such as the former Modernista factory Casa Ramona, designed by Puig i Cadafalch and now housing **CaixaForum**, or the cafeteria at the **CosmoCaixa** science museum, in a former Modernista warehouse and a perfect place to go with the family.

Eat in unique spaces

Other places where you can eat and drink like a real Barcelona local from the early 20th century is at the restaurant in **La Pedrera**, one of the 'jewels in the crown' of Gaudí's legacy, or the **1902 Café Modernista**, housed in the Sant Pau Modernist Site, designed by Domènech i Montaner.

The Hofmann cafeteria in the recently inaugurated **Casa Vicens**, in the Gràcia neighbourhood, will also help you to regain your strength in a Gaudí space, and if like vermouth, your should head to the terrace bar at **Casa de les Punxes**.

Finally, Poble Espanyol on Montjuïc has two places offering Mediter-

anean cuisine: **La Font de Prades** and **Bòria Arroseria Restaurant**.

In a Modernista setting

Special mention should also be made of two restaurants located in striking Modernista spaces where you can enjoy excellent dishes: **Els 4 Gats** (Montsió, 3), in a building designed by Puig i Cadafalch that was a meeting place for cultural circles in Barcelona and where Woody Allen shot various scenes for his movie *Vicky, Cristina, Barcelona*, and **Casa Calvet** (Casp, 48), in the building of the same name that Antoni Gaudí designed for the offices of a textile manufacturer. ♦

♦ visitbarcelona.com/restaurants

CULTURE AND GASTRONOMY

THREE KINGS' DAY

Children are in the spotlight on **January 6**. The **Three Magi** arrive at 4.30pm on January 5 at Moll de la Fusta and at 6pm they travel from Parc de la Ciutadella to Av. Maria Cristina together with their entourage along a parade route filled with lights, music, dancing and a lot of excitement. The following day has its own dessert, the **Kings' 'tortel'**, a marzipan ring cake with candied fruit. Hidden inside is a figurine of one of the Three Kings and a bean. If you want to try this sweet delight, head to **Forn Mistral** (Rda Sant Antoni, 96), one of the most popular places where it is made, or else pastry shops such as **Mauri** (Rambla Catalunya, 102) or **Farga** (Av. Diagonal, 391; Gran Via, 630). ♦

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Exhibitions

FREE ARXIU FOTGRÀFIC DE BARCELONA

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

Darius Koehli. Poble Nou 22@ Until May 19.

See the transformation of the Poble Nou neighbourhood of Barcelona between 2005 and 2017 through the photographs of Koehli, Swiss-born but now living in Barcelona. You can also enjoy images of the area from the AFB's own archive that start in 1872.

FREE ARXIU HISTÒRIC DE LA CIUTAT DE BARCELONA

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

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

CAIXAFORUM

(Av. Francesc Ferrer i Guàrdia, 6-8). M: Espanya (L1, L3; FGC). T. 93 476 86 00. 10am-8pm. Jan 5 10am-6pm. Closed Jan 1 and 6. €4. Under-16s, free. <http://obrasociallacaixa.org>

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

500 years of the Protestant Reformation Until Jan 14. This show commemorates the five centuries since the start of the Protestant Reformation from a historical and cultural viewpoint.

Fight! Competition in Ancient Greece Until Feb 18. Athletes, warriors, philosophers and artists in Ancient Greece cultivated a particular concept of competitiveness both in domestic and mythological settings. An array of objects from the

British Museum explore why competition was so important to this classical culture.

CASTELL DE MONTJUÏC

(Ctra. de Montjuïc, 66). M: Espanya (L1, L3; FGC). T. 93 256 44 45. 10am-6pm. Last entry: 5.30pm. Closed Jan 1. €5. Reduced: €3. Under-16s free. First Sunday of month and other Sundays after 3pm, free.

ajuntament.barcelona.cat/castelldemontjuic/en

Montjuïc, the construction of a castle Permanent exhibition about Montjuïc and its castle.

Doble Creu Permanent exhibition of sculpture by Carles Berga.

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

Welcome Until Feb 2. Artistic installation suitable for all ages that's in place for the festive season.

CENTRE DE CULTURA CONTEMPORÀNIA DE BARCELONA

(Montalegre, 5). M: Catalunya (L1, L3; FGC). T. 93 306 41 00. Tue-Sun, public holidays 11am-8pm. Jan 6 11am-3pm. Last entry: half an hour before closing. Closed Mon (except public holidays) including Jan 1, and Jan 5. €6. Reduced €4. Under-12s, free. Sunday 3pm-8pm, free. www.cccb.org

After the End of the World Until Apr 29. A look at the state of our planet today, what might happen between now and the latter part of the 21st century, and our responsibilities to future generations.

COSMOCAXA

(Isaac Newton, 26). FGC: Av. Tibidabo. T. 93 212 60 50. 10am-8pm. Jan 5 10am-6pm. Closed Jan 1 and 6. €4. Under-16s, free. <http://obrasociallacaixa.org>

The Material Room Permanent exhibition. Voyage through the history of the Universe. 3D Planetarium: Is anybody out there? Permanent exhibition. Installation for discovering space.

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

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

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

Tyrannosaurus Rex Until Feb 18. This exhibition takes a detailed look at a T-Rex skeleton that was found in Montana (USA). When is it from? Why is it so well-preserved? What did the dinosaur eat? How do paleontologists analyse such findings?



EL BORN CENTRE DE CULTURA I MEMÒRIA

(Plaça Comercial, 12). M: Jaume I & Barceloneta (L4), Arc de Triomf (L1). T. 93 256 68 51. Site and exhibitions: Tue-Sat 10am-7pm; Sun and public hols 10am-8pm. Closed Mon (except public holidays) including Jan 1. Permanent exhibition: €4.40. Reduced: €3.08. Check with venue for temp exhibition. Free for under-16s. Sunday 3pm-8pm and first Sunday of month all day, free. elborn.culturalmemoria.barcelona.cat
El Born Centre de Cultura i Memòria Under an emblematic 19th-century market, discover an archaeological site from 1700.

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

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

ESPAI VOLART – FUNDACIÓ VILA CASAS

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

www.fundaciovilacasas.com

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

FUNDACIÓ ANTONI TÀPIES

(Aragó, 255). M: Passeig de Gràcia (L2, L3, L4). T. 93 487 03 15. Tue-Sun 10am-7pm. Last entry 15 minutes before closing time. Closed Mon including Jan 1, and Jan 6. €7. Students and over-65s: €5.60. 16 year olds and under, free.

www.fundaciotapies.org

Permanent exhibition Extensive collection of artworks by Tàpies.

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

Antoni Tàpies. Objects *Until Jan 14.* 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

Sala d'Exposicions (Pg. de Gràcia, 92). M: Diagonal (L3, L5); FGC: Provença. Tel. 902 202 138. 10am-8pm. Jan 1 11am-8pm. €4.

www.lapedrera.com

Joan Ponç. Diàblo *Until Feb 4.* Joan Ponç (1928-1984) was a key player in the post-war art scene in Catalonia and Spain, renowned for his

unique approach to the creative process and for paintings capable of exploring the darkest, most hidden corners of human beings.

FUNDACIÓ JOAN MIRÓ

(Parc de Montjuïc, s/n). M: Espanya (L1, L3; FGC). T. 93 443 94 70. Tue, Wed, Fri-Sat 10am-6pm; Thu 10am-9pm; Sun and public holidays 10am-3pm. Jan 5, 6 10am-3pm. Closed Mon (except public holidays) including Jan 1. Last entry: 30 mins before closing. €12. Reduced: €7. Temporary exhibition: €7. Reduced: €5. Espai 13: €2.50. Under-15s, free. www.fmirobcn.org

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

Espai 13: The possibility of an island The second artist taking part in this series of exhibitions, until Jan 7, is Irene de Andrés. She's created a multimedia project entitled 'Shipwrecked Species' about a Spanish galleon discovered in Colombian waters 300 years after it was sunk. From Jan 19, the space is taken over by Lucía C. Pino with her work 'Non-Slave Tenderness', a sculptural investigation that takes the 1989 documentary *Isle of Flowers* as its starting point.

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

Photography in the Foyer: Toni García. Retorns de llum Jan 30-May 13. A new series of images is featured in the entrance to the centre.

Sumer and the Modern Paradigm *Until Jan 21.*

This show explores links between Mesopotamian art and the work of modern artists, particularly from the period between 1920 and 1945.

Nadala: Joan Miró and nativity scene figures

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

FUNDACIÓ SUÑOL

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

www.fundaciosunol.org

Fernando Vijande 1971-1987 *Until Apr 7.* Extensive exhibition that pays homage to gallery owner Fernando Vijande, who was a key figure in contemporary art in Spain in the 1970s and 1980s. Covering all three floors of the foundation, it includes works by the likes of Warhol, Mapplethorpe and Kounellis, as well as Spanish artists such as Luis Gordillo and Zush.

FUNDACIÓN MAPFRE

Casa Garriga i Nogués (Diputació, 250). M: Passeig de Gràcia (L2, L3, L4). T. 93 401 26 03. Mon 2pm-8pm; Tue-Sat 10am-8pm; Sun and public holidays 11am-7pm. Last entry: 30 mins before closing. Closed Jan 1, 6. €3. Mon 2pm-8pm, free. www.fundacionmapfre.org

Hell according to Rodin Until Jan 28. Marking 100 years since the death of Auguste Rodin, this exhibition includes around 100 sculptures and 30 drawings related to the history of 'The Gates of Hell', an 1880 commission that was to change the artist's life.

THE GAUDÍ EXHIBITION CENTER

Museu Diocesà (Pla de la Seu, 7). M: Jaume I (L4), Liceu (L3). T. 93 268 75 82. 10am-6pm. €15. Reduced: €7.50, €12. Under-8s, free. www.gaudiexhibitioncenter.com

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

HASH MARIHUANA & HEMP MUSEUM

(Ample, 35). M: Drassanes (L3), Barceloneta (L4). T. 93 319 75 39. 10am-10pm; public holidays 2pm-10pm. €9. Under-13s, free (when accompanied by an adult). www.hashmuseum.com

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

JARDÍ BOTÀNIC DE BARCELONA

(Doctor Font i Quer, s/n). M: Espanya (L1, L3; FGC). T. 93 256 41 60. Permanent exhibition: 10am-5pm. Closed Jan 1. €3.50. Reduced: €1.70. Combined ticket with Museu Blau: €7. Reduced: €3.50. Under-16s, free. First Sunday of the month, all day, and other Sundays from 3pm, free. museuciencies.cat

Permanent exhibition Mediterranean plants from around the world.

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

FREE LA VIRREINA. CENTRE DE LA IMATGE

(La Rambla, 99). M: Liceu (L3). T. 93 316 10 00. Tue-Sun, public holidays noon-8pm. Closed Jan 1. ajuntament.barcelona.cat/lavirreina/en/

Barcelona, Besòs view Until Feb 4. Chronicle of the transformation of the Barcelona coastline, a unifying process that affected different neighbourhoods; it's a joint project from geographer-historian Joan Roca and photographer Patrick Faigenbaum.

Rue des Pyrénées Until Feb 4. The urban drawings and photographic tableaux of Yves

Bélorgey stretch the traditional tensions between these two art forms.

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

MUSEU D'ARQUEOLOGIA DE CATALUNYA-BARCELONA

(Pg. de Santa Madrona, 39-41). M: Espanya (L1, L3; FGC), Poble Sec (L3). T. 93 423 21 49. Tue-Sat 9.30am-7pm; Sun and public holidays 10am-2.30pm. Closed Mon including Jan 1. €5.50. Reduced: €4.50. Last Tue of month (Oct-Jun) and under-8s, free. www.mac.cat

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

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

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

MUSEU BLAU. MUSEU DE LES CIÈNCIES NATURALS DE BARCELONA

(Pl. de Leonardo da Vinci, 4-5, Parc del Fòrum). M: El Maresme/Fòrum (L4). T. 93 256 60 02. Tue-Fri 10am-6pm; Sat 10am-7pm; Sun and public holidays 10am-8pm. Last entry: 30 mins before closing. Closed Mon (except public holidays) including Jan 1. €6. Reduced: €2.70. Combined ticket with Jardí Botànic: €7. Reduced: €3.50. Under-16s, free. First Sunday of month, all day, and other Sundays from 3pm, free. museuciencies.cat

Planet Life Permanent exhibition about the history of life and evolution of the planet, and includes section such as 'The biography of the Earth' and 'Islands of Science'.

Oceans, the last savage territory Until Sep 14. Take an audiovisual trip through the deep sea with images taken from the Oceans documentary, made using 480 hours of footage. A highlight of the show is a large screen that gives you a sense of immersion in the water.



MUSEU CAN FRAMIS – FUNDACIÓ VILA CASAS

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

www.fundaciovilacasas.com

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

L'art de col·leccionar. Joan-Artur Roura i Comas. The world of private collections Until Jan 28. The latest in a series of shows about private collections in Catalonia.

MACBA. MUSEU D'ART CONTEMPORANI

(Plaça dels Àngels, 1). *M: Universitat (L1, L2), Sant Antoni (L2).* T. 93 412 0810. Mon, Wed-Fri 11am-7:30pm. Sat 10am-8pm; Sun and public holidays 10am-3pm. Last entry: 30 mins before closing. Closed Tue (except public holidays). €10 (valid for one month). Reduced: €8. Under-14s free. www.macba.cat

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

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

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

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

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

Rosemarie Castoro. Focused on infinity Until Apr 15. This is the first major retrospective of work by Rosemarie Castoro (1939-2015), with a particular emphasis on her creative period between 1964 and 1979. US artist Castoro devel-

oped her career during a time when minimalism and conceptualism formed part of the New York avant-garde movement.

MUHBA EL CALL

(Placeta de Manuel Ribé, s/n). *M: Liceu (L3), Jaume I (L4).* T. 93 256 2122. Wed, Fri 11am-2pm; Sat-Sun 11am-7pm. Closed Jan 1. €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 AT FABRA I COATS

(Sant Adrià, 20). T. 93 256 2100. *M: Sant Andreu (L1).* Sun 11am-2pm. museuhistoria.bcn.cat

Fabra i Coats factory Site of exceptional historical interest that is based on English industrial facilities. Following a renovation process, it now hosts cultural and educational projects. **The Wound of Hipercor** Until Mar 11. In June 1987, the Hipercor supermarket in Barcelona was targeted by ETA with a car bomb in its car park that killed 21 people and injured another 45. This exhibition looks back at this terrible attack, the deadliest that the terrorist group carried out.

FREE MUHBA OLIVA ARTÉS

(Espronceda, 142-146, Parc Central del Poblenou). T. 93 256 2122. *M: Poblenou (L4).* Wed 10am-2pm; Sat-Sun 11am-3pm, 4pm-6pm. Closed Jan 1. museuhistoria.bcn.cat

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

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

MUHBA PARK GÜELL

(Olot, s/n. Casa de la Guarda). *M: Vallcarca (L3).* T. 93 256 2122. Check with venue for times. *The Casa de la Guarda is part of the visit to the Conjunt Monumental of Park Güell, and is subject to the conditions regarding access to Park Güell.* €8. Reduced: €5.60. Under-7s, free. museuhistoria.bcn.cat; www.parkguell.cat

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

MUHBA PLAÇA DEL REI

(Pl. del Rei). *M: Jaume I (L4).* T. 93 256 2122. Tue-Sat 10am-7pm; Sun 10am-8pm. Closed Mon including Jan 1. €7. Reduced: €5. Under-16s, free. First Sunday of month, all day, and other Sundays from 3pm, free.

museuhistoria.bcn.cat

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

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

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

MUHBA REFUGI 307

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

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

FREE MUHBA SANTA CATERINA

(Pl. de Joan Capri, s/n.). M: Jaume I (L4). T. 93 256 21 22. Mon-Sat 8.30am-3.30pm. Closed Sun and public holidays. museuhistoria.bcn.cat

Permanent exhibition Archaeological remains among the foundations of the Santa Caterina market.

FREE MUHBA TEMPLE D'AUGUST

(*Paradís, 10*). T. 93 256 21 22. M: Liceu (L3), Jaume I (L4). Mon 10am-2pm; Tue-Sat 10am-7pm; Sun 10am-8pm. Closed Jan 1. museuhistoria.bcn.cat

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

MUHBA TURÓ DE LA ROVIRA

(*Marià Labèrnia, s/n*) Bus: 119, V17. T. 93 256 21 22. General access has no fixed timetable. Museum area: Wed 10am-2pm; Sat, Sun 10am-3pm. Closed Jan 1. museuhistoria.bcn.cat

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

MUHBA VIA SEPULCRAL ROMANA

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

Closed Mon (including Jan 1), 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.

FREE MUHBA VIL·LA JOANA

(Ctra. de l'Església, 104). FGC: Baixador de Valldrera. T. 93 256 21 22. Thu 10am-2pm; Sat,

Sun and public holidays 10am-3pm. Last entry: half an hour before closing. Closed Jan 1.

museuhistoria.bcn.cat

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

Verdaguer kidnapped. Appropriation of the myth during Francoism *Until Jan 21.* Using articles, images, recordings and correspondence, discover how the figure of Catalan poet Jacint Verdaguer (1845-1902), who died at Vil·la Joana, was manipulated by the Franco dictatorship.

MUSEU D'HISTÒRIA DE CATALUNYA

Palau de Mar (Plaça de Pau Vila, 3). M: Barceloneta (L4). T. 93 225 47 00. Tue, Thu-Sat 10am-7pm; Wed 10am-8pm; Sun and public holidays 10am-2.30pm. Closed Mon (except public holidays) including Jan 1, and Jan 6.

www.mhcat.cat

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

MUSEU DE BADALONA

(Pl. Assemblea de Catalunya, 1. Badalona). M: Badalona Pompeu Fabra (L2). T. 93 384 17 50. Tue-Sat 10am-2pm, 5pm-8pm. Sun and public holidays 10am-2pm. Closed Mon including Jan 1, and Jan 6. €6. Reduced: €1, €3, €4.80. Under-7s, free. Temp exhibition: Tue-Sat 5pm-8pm, Sun 10am-2pm.

www.museudebadalona.cat

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

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

MEB: MUSEU DE L'ERÒTICA DE BARCELONA

(La Rambla, 96, bis). M: Liceu (L3), Catalunya (L1, L3; FGC). T. 93 318 98 65. 10am-midnight. Jan 1 noon-midnight. €10. Entrance with audioguide: €14.88. Special prices for groups. www.erotica-museum.com

Permanent exhibition Take a trip through the history of eroticism and its representation in art.

MUSEU DE LA MÚSICA

L'Auditori (Lepant, 150). M: Glòries & Marina (L1), Monumental (L2). T. 93 256 36 50. Tue,



Wed, Fri 10am-6pm; Thu 10am-9pm; Sat, Sun 10am-7pm. Closed Mon including Jan 1, and Jan 6. €6. Reduced: €4.50. Under-16s, free. First Sunday of month, all day, and other Sundays from 3pm, free.

www.museumusica.bcn.cat

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

Granados. From Paris to Goya Until May 20.

Marking the 150th anniversary of the birth of Catalan composer Enric Granados, the Music Museum examines his inspirations along with his works and other accomplishments.

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

MUSEU DE LA XOCOLATA

Antic Convent de Sant Agustí (Comerç, 36).

M: Arc de Triomf (L1). T. 93 268 78 78. Mon-Sat 10am-7pm, Sun and public holidays 10am-3pm. Closed Jan 1 and 6. €6. Reductions available. Under-7s, free. www.museumxocolata.cat

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

MUSEU DE LES CULTURES DEL MÓN

(Montcada, 12). M: Jaume I (L4). T. 93 256 23 00. Tue-Sat 10am-7pm; Sun and public holidays, 10am-8pm. Closed Mon (except public holidays) including Jan 1. Joint ticket for Museu Etnològic + Museu de les Cultures del Món: €5. Reduced: €3.50. Under-16s, free. First Sunday of month, all day, and other Sundays from 3pm, free. museuculturesmon.bcn.cat

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

MUSEU DE MONTSERRAT

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

T. 93 877 77 45. 10am-5.45pm. €7. Reduced: €6. Children 8-16: €4.

www.museudemontserrat.com

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

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

Chronicle of the origin Until Feb 25. Barcelona sculptor Joan Borrell i Nicolau (1888-1951) was a key artist in Catalonia in the first half of the 20th century. Inspired by Classical Greece and

Renaissance works, he specialised in female figures, portraits and public works of art.

MUSEU DEL DISSENY DE BARCELONA

Edifici Disseny Hub Barcelona (Pl. de les Glòries Catalanes, 37-38). M: Glòries (L1). T. 93 256 68 00. Tue-Sun 10am-8pm. Closed Mon (except public holidays) including Jan 1. Permanent exhibitions: €6. Reduced: €4. Under-16s, free. Temp exhibition: €4.40. Reduced: €3. Combined tickets available. Sundays from 3pm-8pm and first Sunday of month, all day, free. www.museudeldisseny.cat

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

FREE Puig i Cadafalch seen by Ramon Manent

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

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

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

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

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

MUSEU DEL FUTBOL CLUB BARCELONA

Estadi FCB (Aristides Maillol, s/n. Gates 7 and 9). M: Les Corts (L3). T. 902 18 99 00. Jan 2-7 9.30am-7.30pm; from Jan 8 Mon-Sat 10am-6.30pm, Sun 10am-2.30pm. Closed Jan 1. €25. Reduced: €20. Under-6s, free. Some areas closed and opening hours reduced on match days. www.fcbarcelona.com

Camp Nou Experience Permanent exhibition that takes in the club's 118 years of history and includes a visit to the stadium facilities.

MUSEU DEL MODERNISME DE BARCELONA

(Balmes, 48). M: Passeig de Gràcia (L2, L3, L4). T. 93 272 28 96. Tue-Sat 10.30am-7pm; Sun and public holidays 10.30am-2pm. Closed Mon including Jan 1, and Jan 6. €10. Reduced: €7. Children 6-16: €5. Under-6s, free. www.mmbcn.cat



TICKET SALES:

visitbarcelona.com & tickets.visitbarcelona.com

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

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

MUSEU EGIPCI DE BARCELONA

(València, 284). *M: Passeig de Gràcia (L2, L3, L4).* T. 93 488 01 88. Jan 2-5 Mon-Sat 10am-8pm; Sun 10am-2pm; from Jan 7 Mon-Fri 10am-2pm, 4pm-8pm; Sat 10am-8pm; Sun 10am-2pm. Closed Jan 1 and 6. €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.

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

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

MUSEU ETNOLÒGIC

(Passeig de Santa Madrona, 16-22). *M: Poble Sec (L3), Espanya (L1, L3; FGC).* T. 93 256 34 84. Tue-Sat 10am-7pm; Sun and public holidays 10am-8pm. Closed Mon including Jan 1. Joint ticket for Museu Etnològic + Museu de les Cultures del Món: €5. Reduced: €3.50. Under-16s, free. First Sunday of month, all day, and other Sundays from 4pm-8pm, free. ajuntament.barcelona.cat/museuetnologic/en/home

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

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

MEAM: MUSEU EUROPEU D'ART MODERN

(Barra de Ferro, 5). *M: Jaume I (L4).* T. 93 319 56 93. Tue-Sun 10am-8pm. Closed Mon including Jan 1. €9. Reduced: €7. Under-10s free.

www.meam.es

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

Figurativas 2017 & ARC Salon *Until Jan 28.* Extensive exhibition of contemporary figurative art featuring two international competitions, one from the US and the other European, that come together to bring key recent works to Barcelona.

Llimona *Until Jan 28.* This show features 19 pieces by the prestigious Catalan sculptor

Josep Llimona (1864-1934) that have been collected by MEAM in recent years, including works in marble, bronze and terracota.

MUSEU FEDERIC MARÈS

(Plaça de Sant Jaume, 5). *M: Liceu (L3), Jaume I (L4).* T. 93 256 35 00. Tue-Sat 10am-7pm; Sun and public holidays 11am-8pm. Closed Mon (except public holidays) including Jan 1. €4.20. Reduced: €2.40. Under-16s, free. First Sunday of month, all day, and other Sundays from 3pm, free. www.museumares.bcn.cat

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

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

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

Nativity scene at the Museu Frederic Marès

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

Adoration of the Magi *Until Feb 2.* As part of its Christmas celebrations, the museum has selected eight sculptures focused on the theme of the Three Wise Men.

The gardens of the museum

Until end 2018. The museum has created a special route around its permanent collection that focuses on the world of gardens.

MUSEU MARÍTIM DE BARCELONA

(Av. de les Drassanes, s/n). *M: Drassanes (L3).* T. 93 342 99 20. 10am-8pm. Last entry: half an hour before closing. Closed Jan 1 and 6. Museum + temporary exhibitions: €10. Reduced: €5. Under-17s, free. Sundays from 3pm, free. *Games of Thrones: Tue-Thu, Sun 10am-8pm; Fri, Sat 10am-9pm; tickets: adults €15.50, €18.50; children (3-14) €10, €12.* www.mmb.cat

Game of Thrones. The Touring Exhibition

March 11. If you count yourself among the many fans of the hit TV show, you're in luck because this new interactive show has made its world premiere in Barcelona. Original props, costumes and decorative items and multimedia features, all in a specially designed area that recreates different locations from the series. Tickets: gameofthronesexhibition.es

FREE Exodus. Life and death along the Libya route to Europe *Until Jan 7.* As part of the Doc-



field documentary photographic festival, the Maritime Museum hosts this exhibition featuring work from the winners of a grant from Photographic Social Vision. Ricard Garcia Vilanova and Karlos Zurutuza capture the daily life of thousands of refugees and migrants.

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

Port, border territory *Jan 10-Sep 25.* This exhibition covers the history of the neighbourhoods of Barcelona that adjoin the port between 1900 and 1992. It looks at the role of the port in bringing new ideas and products to the city, as well as the fact that the area was a place that some of Barcelona's poorest residents called home.

FREE Camins de ronda *Jan 10-May.* The coastal paths of Catalonia have a long history and at the same time offer a beautiful way to explore the region's countryside.

MUSEU NACIONAL D'ART DE CATALUNYA

(*Parc de Montjuïc*). *M: Espanya (L1, L3; FGC). T. 93 622 03 60. Tue-Sat 10am-6pm; Sun and public holidays 10am-3pm. Closed Mon (except public hols) including Jan 1. General admission €12. For temporary exhibitions, check with museum. Rooftop viewing-point: €2. Under-16s and over-65s, free. Saturdays from 3pm, and first Sunday of every month, free. www.museunacional.cat*

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

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

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

MUSEU OLÍMPIC I DE L'ESPORT JOAN ANTONI SAMARANCH

(*Av. de l'Estadi Olímpic, 60*). *M: Espanya (L1, L3; FGC). T. 93 292 53 79. Tue-Sat 10am-6pm; Sun and public holidays 10am-2.30pm. Closed Mon (except public holidays) including Jan 1. €5.80. Reduced: €3.60. Under-7s and over-65s, free. www.museuolimpicbcn.cat*

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

VIII Prize International Barcelona Olympic Foundation: Art on paper *Until Jan 14.* Exhibition of work featuring the winners and finalists of the latest edition of this event that aims to highlight the relationship between art and sport.

MUSEU PICASSO

(*Montcada, 15-23*). *M: Jaume I (L4). T. 93 256 30 00. Tue-Sun (except Thu) 9am-7pm; Thu 9am-9.30pm. Jan 5 9am-5pm. Last entry: half an hour before closing. Closed Mon including Jan 1. Collection + temp exhibitions: €11. Reduced: €7. Temporary exhibitions only: €6.50. Reduced: €4.50. Every Thu 6pm-9.30pm and first Sunday of month all day, free entry. www.museupicasso.bcn.cat*

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

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

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

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

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

PALAU GÜELL

(*Nou de la Rambla, 3-5*). *M: Liceu (L3). T. 93 472 57 75. Tue-Sun 10am-5.30pm. Closed Mon (except public holidays) including Jan 1, and Jan 6. €12. Reduced: €9. Venue closed for maintenance during the third week of January. www.palauquell.cat*

Young artists *End date tbc.* The Palau Güell hosts an exhibition of work by young artists who received grants from the Fundació Güell in 2016.

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

FREE PALAU ROBERT

(*Pg. de Gràcia, 107*). *M: Diagonal (L3, L5). FGC: Provença. T. 93 238 80 91. Mon-Sat 9am-8pm;*



TICKET SALES:

visitbarcelona.com & tickets.visitbarcelona.com

Sun and public holidays 9am-2.30pm. Closed Jan 1 and 6. palaurobert.gencat.cat

Joana Biarnés. Countercurrent Until Mar 4. Discover the career and legacy of the first female photojournalist in Catalonia and Spain.

D'ones. The revolution of women in music Until Apr 23. Looking at the women who have transformed music in Catalonia in the 20th and 21st centuries through various genres.

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

REIAL MONESTIR DE SANTA MARIA DE PEDRALBES

(Baixada del Monestir, 9). FGC: Reina Elisenda. T. 93 256 34 34. Tue-Fri 10am-2pm; Sat, Sun 10am-5pm. Last entry half an hour before closing. Closed Mon including Jan 1. €5. Reduced: €3.50. Under-16s, free. Sundays from 3pm, and first Sunday of month, all day, free.

cmonestirpedralbes.bcn.cat

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

Pessebre popular Until Feb 2. The Pedralbes convent once more hosts an intricate nativity scene, in the best tradition of Catalan Christmases.

Pedralbes Monastery. The treasures of the Monastery Permanent exhibition of a unique collection of art, furniture and liturgical items. Plants, remedies and apothecaries; the medieval garden Permanent exhibition about how Greek and Roman medicine, with Arab-Islamic culture, uses nature as the basis of treating sickness.

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

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

Theatre, musicals and cabaret

TEATRE COLISEUM

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

The Hole Zero Check with venue for dates and times. From €14.40. Following the interna-

tional success of *The Hole* and *The Hole 2*, this is a new take on the shows that combine circus, music and humour, with a setting in the iconic Studio 54 club on New Year's Eve in 1979. In Spanish.

TEATRE GAUDÍ BARCELONA

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

www.teatregaudiibarcelona.com

Tick Tick... Boom Until Jan 7. Wed-Sat 9.15pm; Sun 6.30pm. No show Jan 5. €24. Musical theatre set in New York in 1990, where Jon is approaching his 30th birthday and the clock is ticking on big decisions. Autobiographical work from writer of *Rent*. In Catalan.

Singing Talent Show Until Jan 7. Sat 5pm, Sun noon. €20. Family theatre where princes, princesses, the baddies and other entertaining characters come together for a singing. In Catalan.

TEATRE LLIURE (MONTJUÏC - SALA FABIÀ PUIGSERVER)

(Pg. Santa Madrona 40-46 / Pl Margarida Xirgu, 1). M: Espanya (L1, L3; FGC), Poble Sec (L3). T. 93 289 27 70. Ticket office in Plaça Margarida Xirgu opens weekdays 9am-8pm; the office in Sala Fabià Puigserver opens two hours before show starts.

www.teatrelliure.com

Brundibár Jan 9. 8.30pm. €10.50-€21. Recreation of children's opera that was first performed in the Jewish ghetto in Prague in 1941. In Catalan.

Daral Shaga Jan 19-21. Fri 9.30pm; Sat 7pm; Sun 6pm. €13.50-€26.50. Contemporary opera, circus, theatre, cinema. This show features snapshots of life for 10 immigrants, and takes place in such key locations as Melilla, Tijuana and Lampedusa. In French with Catalan surtitles.

Begin the beguine Jan 23-25. 8.30pm. €13.50-€26.50. Adaptation for theatre of the film script by John Cassavetes that he wrote for Peter Falk and Ben Gazzara shortly before his death. In French, English and Spanish with Catalan surtitles.

TEATRE LLIURE (GRÀCIA)

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

www.teatrelliure.com

Rhümia Until Jan 14. Wed-Fri 8.30pm; Sat 5.30pm, 9pm; Sun 6pm; Sat 6.7pm. No show Jan 1, 5. €10.50-€21. Discover the alternative circus acts performed by the Rhum company as they appear at the Lliure for the second time. In Catalan.



La visita de la vella dama Jan 18-Feb 4. Tue-Fri 8.30pm; Sat 7pm; Sun 6pm. €13.50-€26.50. Actress Vicky Peña takes on the role of Clara, a multimillionaire who returns to her home town to confront her past and seek justice – or is it vengeance? In Catalan.

TEATRE TIVOLI

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

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

TEATRE NACIONAL DE CATALUNYA (TNC)

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

El perro del hortelano Jan 2-7. Tue, Thu-Sat 8pm; Wed 7pm; Sun 6pm. €14-€28. From 14 years. Helena Pimenta directs this Lope de Vega comedy written between 1613 and 1618, a tale of the romantic ups and downs between Countess Diana and Teodoro, her secretary. In Spanish.

Blasted (Rebentats) Jan 11-Feb 11. Wed 7pm; Thu-Sat 8pm; Sun 6pm. €19.50-€23. From 16 years. This work by British playwright Sarah Kane portrays a couple spending the night in a hotel room where unleashed violence takes over, especially once they're joined by a third person. In Catalan.

Lo speziale Jan 18-20. Thu-Sat 8pm. €24-€28. From 12 years. Comedy opera production from The Netherlands of work by Joseph Haydn and Carlo Goldini; four men battle for the heart of the young Grilletta. In Italian with surtitles in Catalan.

Screen man Jan 27-Feb 4. Sat 5pm, 6pm; Sun 11am, noon. €6-€12. From 3 years. The star of this show inhabits a very particular universe in which he plays with images and transforms them. One day, Pomodoro appears, a tiny being who starts off as a projection and ends up becoming a real puppet.

TEATRE POLIORAMA

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

Un cop l'any Until Feb 11. Check with venue for dates and times. €10-€29. This romantic comedy is an adaptation of Bernard Slade's popular 1970s work *Same Time, Next Year*, about two lovers who decide to only meet once a year, always in the same hotel and on the same day, while the rest of the time carrying on with their day-to-day lives. In Catalan.

TEATRE VICTÒRIA

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

Cabaret Check with venue for dates and times. From €17.90. The classic musical set in the decadent Kit Kat Club in 1930s Berlin, and which tells the story of singer Sally Bowles. In Spanish.

M'agrada el Nadal Jan 7. 10am, 12.30pm. €11-€20.80. Enjoy traditional and contemporary Catalan Christmas songs for all the family with the popular singer Dàmaris Gelabert who's joined by a children's choir. In Catalan.

VERSUS TEATRE

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

Només 3 dies Until Jan 28. Wed-Sat 8pm; Sun 6pm. No performance Jan 5. €24. Musical theatre about Edgar, a writer who's been given three days to live by Death. Three days to do what he hasn't managed to so far: leave his mark on the world. In Catalan.

Happy Boom! Until febr 4. Sat 5pm; Sun noon. €12. Imaginative dance and music show for families featuring circus, hip hop, classical and contemporary music, and flamenco.

Dance

MERCAT DE LES FLORS

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

InTarsi Jan 3, 4, 7, 12-14. Thu-Fri 8pm; Tue, Wed, Sat 6pm. €16. The circus company Eia presents InTarsi, an energetic journey taken by four acrobats that features dance, theatre and different circus acts.

Back Àbac Jan 20, 21, 27, 28. Sat 6pm; Sun noon. €12. This work from Àngels Margarit is based on numbers, infinity and the music of Bach.

Avore Jan 26-28. Sat 8pm; Sun 6pm. €15. This project explores the relationship between traditional and modern music and dance.

TEATRE NACIONAL DE CATALUNYA (TNC)

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

Swan Lake/The Nutcracker Jan 12-14. Fri, Sat 5.30pm, 9pm; Sun noon, 5pm. €57-€71. Over three days, the Moscow State Ballet and stars of the Bolshoi perform two classic ballet pieces. On Friday and Saturday, enjoy *Swan Lake*, while on Sunday, you can see *The Nutcracker*.



TICKET SALES:

visitbarcelona.com & tickets.visitbarcelona.com

DAY BY DAY

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INFORMATION AND SALES

Tourist information points and
tickets.visitbarcelona.com

Monday 1

CLASSICAL MUSIC

Johan Strauss: New Year's concert *Gran Teatre del Liceu (La Rambla, 51-59). M: Liceu (L3). 8pm. €32-€75. promoconcert.es*
Indulge yourself in this classic musical event that's been touring Europe for 28 years and seen by over five million people. Inspired by the world-famous concert held each year in Vienna, it includes numerous popular waltzes and creates a wonderful atmosphere for everybody in the audience.

Johann Strauss: New Year's concert *Palau de la Música Catalana (Palau de la Música, 4-6). M: Urquinaona (L1, L4). Jan 1, 2, 4, 7, 14, 21. 6pm, except Mon 1 9pm, Tue 2 9.30pm. €32-€59. promoconcert.es*

This classic musical event (see above) is also being performed over various dates at the splendid Palau de la Música.

CHRISTMAS

Kings' Fair on Gran Via *Gran Via de les Corts Catalanes (between Rocafort and Muntaner). Until Jan 6. 11am-10pm, except Jan 5 10am-3am. www.firareisgranviabcn.com*

This fair appears every year as a place to buy toys and sweets for the all-important Kings' Day on January 6. If you're visiting with kids, they'll thank you for taking them to see all the goodies – although you should probably be prepared to spend!

FREE Responsible consumption fair *(Pl. Catalunya). M: Catalunya (L1, L3; FGC). Until Jan 4. 10am-9pm. www.barcelona.cat/nadal*

Products, services and activities that promote responsible consumption and locally sourced goods.

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

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

FREE Christmas in Plaça Catalunya *(Pl. Catalunya). M: Catalunya (L1, L3; FGC). Until Jan 4. 11am-9pm, except Jan 1 6pm-9pm. www.barcelona.cat/nadal*

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

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

www.poble-espanyol.com

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

OPEN-AIR FAMILY

PortAventura World theme park *(Av. Alcalde Pere Molas. Km. 2. Vila Seca (Tarragona)). T. 902 20 22 20. Train: PortAventura (line R16 from Sants-Estació or Passeig de Gràcia; www.renfe.es). Direct 90-min bus from Balmes, 5 (Julia Travel). Jan 1-7, check website for times. Theme park closed from Jan 8. tickets.visitbarcelona.com or www.portaventura.es*

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

OPERA – FLAMENCO

Opera and flamenco *Teatre Poliorama (La Rambla, 115). M: Drassanes, Liceu (L3). Jan 1, 3. Mon 9.30pm; Wed 7pm. €35-€50. More info and tickets at tourist offices and tickets.visitbarcelona.com*

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

FLAMENCO

Grand Flamenco Gala *Palau de la Música Catalana (Palau de la Música, 4-6). M: Urquinaona (L1, L4). 5pm. €20-€50. More info and tickets at tourist offices and tickets.visitbarcelona.com*

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



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. tablaocondobes.com
Enjoy a meal or drink then see some of Barcelona's best flamenco dancers and musicians in this show at the city's most authentic tablao; this month's show is entitled 'Encuentros en el cumbre del baile' and features this year's winner and finalists of the Unión Prize. In Spanish.

Palacio del Flamenco (*Balmes, 139*). M: Diagonal (L3, L5); Provença (FGC). Daily 6.25pm, 8.15pm, 10.30pm (dinner starts earlier). Options: show only, show + drink, show + different menu options (including tapas). €45-€160. €10 discount at tourist offices. www.palaciodelflamenco.com

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

SPANISH GUITAR

Maestros of the Spanish Guitar *Basilica de Santa Maria del Pi* (Pl. del Pi, 7). M: Catalunya (L1, L3; FGC). Jan 1-4, 6, 17-21, 26-28. 9pm, except 6, 20, 27. 9.30pm. €23. Discount at tourist offices. More info: tickets.visitbarcelona.com
Barcelona Guitar Trio performs a concert of flamenco and Spanish guitar music.

NIGHT-TIME ACTIVITIES

Gaudi's Pedrera. The Origins (*Pg. de Gràcia, 92*). M: Diagonal (L3, L5); Provença (FGC). Jan 1-3 9pm-11pm; from Jan 4 7pm-9pm. Venue closed for maintenance Jan 8-14. €34. Reduced: €17. Under-75, free. www.lapedrera.com

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

Videomapping Sant Pau, Art Nouveau Site (*Sant Antoni Maria Claret, 167*). M: Sant Pau/Dos de Maig (L5). Jan 1, 5, 6. 6pm-10.30pm. www.santpaubarcelona.org

See this spectacular modernista building in a new light, with this videomapping screened on its iconic façade.

TOURS

Pavelló Mies Van der Rohe (*Av. Francesc Ferrer i Guàrdia, 7*). M: Espanya (L1, L3; FGC). 10am-6pm. €5. Free for under-16s. www.miesbcn.com

Reconstruction of modernist German pavilion designed for 1929 Barcelona International Exhibition.

Casa de les Punxes (*Av. Diagonal, 420*). M: Verdader (L4, L5), Diagonal (L3, L5); Provença (FGC). Daily 9am-8pm. Guided tour: €20. Free for under-5s. Self-guided tour with audio guide (available in 10 languages): €12.50. 5-18 year olds and senior citizens: €11.25. Free for under-5s. Until Jan 7, children

up to 15 years are free if accompanied by a paying adult. www.casadelespunxes.com

The modernista Casa de les Punxes includes a spectacular rooftop and new vermouth bar.

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

www.palaumusica.cat

Take a tour of this stunning Catalan modernista building.

Tuesday 2

CHRISTMAS

Christmas at Cosmocaixa! (*Isaac Newton, 26*). FGC: Av. Tibidabo. Until Jan 7. Closed Jan 1, 6. <http://obrasociallacaixa.org>

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

Christmas at the Chocolate Museum Antic Convent de Sant Agustí (*Comerc, 36*). M: Arc de Triomf (L1). Until Jan 7. Closed Jan 1, 6. For times, languages and prices, check www.museuxocolata.cat

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

Christmas at CaixaForum (*Av. Francesc Ferrer i Guàrdia, 6-8*). M: Espanya (L1, L3; FGC). Jan 2-4. Noon. <http://obrasociallacaixa.org>
Christmas comes to CaixaForum with concerts for children featuring a variety of wind instruments.

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

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

Light installation El Born Centre Cultural i Memòria (*Plaça Comercial, 12*). M: Jaume I & Barceloneta (L4), Arc de Triomf (L1). Until Jan 8. elbornculturairememoria.barcelona.cat

This light show is entitled 'Christmas baubles come back to the Born'. Get ready to be dazzled!

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

Barcelona's Design Museum runs three different workshops for the Christmas holidays, for making chocolate letters and seasonal items.

Christmas activities at the Aquarium
L'Aquàrium (*Moll d'Espanya del Port Vell*,

s/n). M: Barceloneta (L4), Drassanes (L3).

Check with venue for times and prices.

www.aquariumbcn.com

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

Nativity scene at Museu Frederic Marès

(Plaça de Sant Iu, 5). M: Liceu (L3), Jaume I (L4). Until Feb 2. Tue-Sat 10am-7pm; Sun and public holidays 11am-8pm. €4.20. Reduced: €2.40. Under-16s, free.

www.museumares.bcn.cat

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

Nativity scene at the Reial Monestir de Pedralbes

(Baixada del Monestir, 9). FGC: Reina Elisenda. Until Feb 2. Tue-Fri 10am-2pm; Sat, Sun 10am-5pm. €5. Reduced: €3.50. Under-16s, free. monestirpedralbes.bcn.cat

The Pedralbes convent once more hosts an intricate nativity scene, in the best tradition of Catalan Christmases.

FAMILY

Els documents secrets de Gaudí Palau Güell

(Nou de la Rambla, 3-5). M: Liceu (L3). Until Jan 5. Check with venue for times. €3 per person. www.palauguell.cat

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

Pangeica / Mirades creuades? Museu

Blau (Pl. de Leonardo da Vinci, 4-5, Parc del Fòrum). M: El Maresme/Fòrum (L4). Pangeica: Tue, Thu, Sat, Sun; Mirades creuades Wed, Fri. Jan 2-7. General entry (which includes activity): €6. Reduced: €2.70. Under-16s, free. museuciencies.cat

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

Animalades Museu Picasso (Montcada, 15-23); Museu de Cultures del Món (Montcada, 12). M: Jaume I (L4). Jan 2-5. www.museupicasso.bcn.cat

This activity starts with a tour of the Australia section in the World Cultures Museum and is followed with an art workshop at the Picasso Museum, located just down the street. For children aged 6-12.

Family guided tours Fundació Joan Miró

(Parc de Montjuïc, s/n). M: Espanya (L1, L3; FGC). Bus: 55, 150. Jan 2-4. 11am. www.fmirobcn.org Learn more about art with these specially designed family tours. On Jan 2, the title of the visit is 'With all five senses' and is aimed at children aged 3 to 6, while on Jan 3 and 4, the

subject is 'ABC Miró' for kids between 4 and 8 years old.

The sea of skies Museu Marítim de Barcelona (Av. de les Drassanes, s/n). M: Drassanes (L3). Jan 2-5. Adults: €4. Children: €2.50.

www.mmb.cat

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

Galleon explorers Museu Marítim de Barcelona (Av. de les Drassanes, s/n). M: Drassanes (L3). Jan 2-5. Children: €4.50. www.mmb.cat For children aged 6 and above, the Maritime Museum offers this one-hour activity where you can join Indiana Jones's cousin, Francesc Jones, as he tries to discover what life was like aboard a galleon.

OPEN-AIR FAMILY

Tibidabo theme park (Pl. Tibidabo, 3-4). FGC; Av. Tibidabo + Tramvia Blau or bus 196. Funicular del Tibidabo (Pl. Doctor Andreu). €28.50 (under-120cm, €10.50). Jan 2-5 11am-6pm.

Theme park closed from Jan 6.

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 and public hols 10am-3pm. Jan 2-5, 7-8 10am-3pm. Closed Jan 1, 6. €11-€24 (depending on circuit & age). www.barcelonabosc urba.com Zip wires, trampolines and bungees for high-adrenaline fun.

FAMILY CINEMA

Animac CCCB (Montalegre, 5). M: Catalunya (L1, L3; FGC). Until Jan 4. www.cccb.org

Children aged 7 and above will enjoy this season of animated films at the CCCB.

CINEMA

Pantalla Barcelona Until Jan 30. Every Tue at 8pm. www.barcelona.cat

This initiative aims to bring cinematic works recently made in Barcelona to the general public in the city. Every week, you can enjoy a short and full-length film made or produced here in the past few years.

SPANISH GUITAR

The Art of the Spanish Guitar: concert and wine Santa Anna Church (Santa Anna, 29). M: Catalunya (L1, L3; FGC). Jan 2, 4, 9. 9pm. €20. Discount at tourist offices. More info:

tickets.visitbarcelona.com

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



TOURS

Paveló Mies Van der Rohe (Av. Francesc Ferrer i Guàrdia, 7). M: Espanya (L1, L3; FGC). 10am-6pm. €5. Free for under-16s. www.miesbcn.com

Reconstruction of modernist German pavilion designed for 1929 Barcelona International Exhibition.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Basilica de Santa Maria del Pi (Pl. del Pi, 7). M: Liceu (L3). 10am-6pm. Closed Jan 1, 6. €4. Reduced: €3. Guided tour including bell tower: check website for times. €8.50. www.riostabarcelona.com

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

FLAMENCO

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

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

Grand Flamenco Gala Teatre Poliorama (La Rambla, 115). M: Drassanes, Liceu (L3). Jan 2, 4. 7pm. €35-€50. More info and tickets at tourist offices and tickets.visitbarcelona.com Hear the most traditional sounds of classic Span-

ish flamenco, with an intense performance full of passion.

Wednesday 3

CHRISTMAS

Fira de Reis de Gran Via (Gran Via, between Muntaner and Rocafort). M: Universitat (L1, L2), Urgell (L1). Until Jan 6. 11am-10pm, except Jan 5 10am-3am.

www.firareisgranviabcn.com

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

SPA

Aire de Barcelona, Arab Baths (Pg. de Picaso, 22). M: Barceloneta & Jaume I (L4). T. 93 295 57 43. Sun-Thu: first session 9am, final session from 11pm. Fri, Sat: first session 9am, final session from midnight. airedebarcelona.com

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

TOURS

The awakening of La Pedrera (Pg. de Gràcia, 92). M: Diagonal (L3, L5); Provença (FGC). Wed-Sat (Eng). 8am. Venue closed for maintenance Jan 8-14. €39. Reduced: €19.50. Book online at: www.lapedrera.com

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

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

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

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

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

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

This academy is located in one of Barcelona's most important neo-classical buildings,

where highlights include the anatomy amphitheatre built for teaching student surgeons.

CINEMA MUSIC

Cinema Music (Palau de la Música, 4-6). M: Urquinaona (L1, L4). 9.30pm. €27-€54. www.promoconcert.es

Hear orchestral versions of music from classic and contemporary movies, with themes from hits including *The Lord of the Rings*, *Apocalypse Now*, *La La Land*, *Lawrence of Arabia* and *Mission Impossible*.

FAMILY

Per la cara! Fundació Suñol (Pg. de Gràcia, 98). M: Diagonal (L3, L5). FGC: Provença. 5pm. www.fundaciosunol.org

Family workshop aimed at children aged 6 to 12 focused on art and portraiture.

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

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

FLAMENCO

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

City centre restaurant hosts flamenco performances by the Café du Duende group, featuring a singer, guitarist, percussionist and dancer.

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

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

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

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

OPERA – FLAMENCO

Opera and flamenco Teatre Poliorama (La Rambla, 115). M: Drassanes, Liceu (L3). Jan 1, 3. Mon 9.30pm; Wed 7pm. €35-€50. More info and tickets at tourist offices and tickets.visitbarcelona.com

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

CLASSICAL MUSIC & DANCE

Russian Army of Moscow L'Auditori (Lepant, 150). M: Glòries & Marina (L1), Monumental (L2). 6pm, 9pm. €39-€47. www.promoconcert.es

Over 100 artists take to the stage as part of the choir, orchestra and dance company from this classic Russian ensemble with a performance that's been seen by over 30 million spectators.

Thursday 4

BASKETBALL

EuroLeague: FCB Lassa vs CSKA Moscow

Camp Nou (Aristides Maillol, s/n). M: Les Corts (L3). 9pm. www.fcbarcelona.cat
Barcelona's basketball stars face the side from the Russian premiere league in this European match.

NIGHT-TIME ACTIVITIES

FREE Magic Fountain (Pl. Carles Buigas, 1).

M: Espanya (L1, L3; FGC). Thu-Sat 8pm-9pm (shows start at 8pm and 8.30pm). Closed Jan 6-Feb 16 for maintenance. www.barcelona.cat
This beautiful light, music and water show is one of Barcelona's most special attractions.

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

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

TECHNO

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

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

OPERA

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

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

CHRISTMAS

FREE Christmas carols at Plaça del Rei Plaça del Rei. M: Jaume I (L4). www.orfeocatala.com
Carol concert by the Orfeó Català, the Barcelona city choir, and organized by the Barcelona City Council.

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

This festive family workshop celebrates the imminent arrival of the Three Kings from the East. Entry also includes an express guided tour of the Gaudí-designed house with particular focus on the magnificent chimneys, which serve as inspiration for making your own king.



TOURS

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

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

150th anniversary of Josep Puig i Cadafalch: tour of façades of Puig i Cadafalch buildings (Start: Casa Amatller, Pg. de Gràcia, 41). M: Passeig de Gràcia (L2, L3, L4). 10.30am. €15. Prior reservation necessary at www.casessingulars.com

As part of extensive celebrations to mark 150 years since the birth of architect Josep Puig i Cadafalch, this tour looks in detail at the façades of some of his most famous Barcelona buildings: Casa Amatller, Casa Serra, Palau Baró de Quadras, Casa de les Punxes and Palau Macaya.

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

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

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

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

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

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

Friday 5

TRADITIONS

Kings' Day Parade (Start: Av. Marquès de l'Argentera). From 6pm. www.barcelona.cat

Children across Barcelona are excitedly awaiting the arrival of the Three Wise Men with gifts that they'll find when they wake up tomorrow. To get the festivities started, there's a grand parade through the city centre with the kings, their assistants and hundreds of

dancers, performers and musicians. Make sure you get to your chosen spot early, as the streets fill up on this magical evening.

ALT-ROCK

Wolf Alice Sala Apolo (Nou de la Rambla, 113). 8.30pm. From €24.50. www.livenation.es

The London alternative rock band released their second studio album *Visions of a Life* in September last year.

NIGHT-TIME ACTIVITIES

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

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

BLUES

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

Rockabilly and rhythm and blues with Red Rombo, featuring guitarist María Esteban, Damián Gómez on electric guitar, and double bassist Gerard Mases 'Lere'; as well as the music you can also enjoy modern art, drinks and snacks.

TOURS

Pavelló Mies Van der Rohe (Av. Francesc Ferrer i Guàrdia, 7). M: Espanya (L1, L3; FGC). 10am-6pm. €5. Free for under-16s. www.miesbcn.com

Reconstruction of modernist German pavilion designed for 1929 Barcelona International Exhibition.

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

Festive version of weekly tour of this apartment that was once home to the Felip family, and which is an excellent example of the modernist style of architecture.

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

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

UNDERWATER SPORT

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

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

Saturday 6

OPEN-AIR FAMILY

PortAventura World theme park (Av. Alcalde Pere Molas. Km. 2. Vila Seca, Tarragona). Train: PortAventura (line R16 from Sants-Estació or Passeig de Gràcia; www.renfe.es). Direct 90-minute bus from Balmes, 5 (Julia Travel). See Mon 1.

TRADITIONS

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

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

TOURS

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

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

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

CLASSICAL MUSIC

Classical music at the MEAM (Barra de Ferro, 5). M: Jaume I (L4). Sat 6pm. €15 (in advance). €19 (on the door). More info and tickets at touristofficesandtickets.visitbarcelona.com
Violinist Ala Voronkova and guitarist Sergi Vicente give a performance whose title translates as 'Gypsy Airs'. Entry includes an afternoon snack.

FAMILY

Shark maniacs L'Aquàrium (Moll d'Espanya del Port Vell, s/n). M: Barceloneta (L4), Drassanes (L3). Every Sat, Sun until Feb 4. Check website for opening and activity times. General entrance (includes these activities): €20; discounts for children 3-10 years. Educational sessions and tours can be reserved in advance at: educacio@aquariumbcn.com www.aquariumbcn.com

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

tain Aquarium (Sunday only), and a treasure hunt.

Family activities at the zoo Barcelona Zoo (Parc de la Ciutadella, s/n). M: Arc de Triomf (L1), Ciutadella/Vila Olímpica (L4). Weekends and public holidays. Zoo opening hours: 10am-5.30pm. www.zoobarcelona.cat
In the morning enjoy activities like helping at the farm, discovering how to look after animals and nature, and learning more about some of the zoo's inhabitants; at 3pm (Plaça Dama del Paraigües) and 5pm (in front of lion enclosure), hear stories courtesy of one of the zookeepers.

SPANISH GUITAR

The Art of the Spanish Guitar: concert and wine Santa Anna Church (Santa Anna, 29). M: Catalunya (L1, L3; FGQ). Jan 6, 13, 20, 27 9pm. €20. Discount at tourist offices. More info: tickets.visitbarcelona.com
Barcelona Duo de Guitar perform a candlelit concert entitled 'Carmen', as you enjoy the music and a glass of wine.

GOSPEL

Alabama Gospel Choir Palau de la Música Catalana (Palau de la Música, 4-6). M: Urquinaona (L1, L4). 9pm. €29-€49. www.palaumusica.cat

Enjoy an uplifting and inspiring celebration of music with the 20 members of this gospel choir as they perform a range of spirituals and protest songs.

Sunday 7

FOOTBALL

La Liga: FC Barcelona vs. Levante Camp Nou (Aristides Maillol, s/n). M: Les Corts (L3). 4.14pm. www.fcbarcelona.cat
Barça take on the side from Valencia in their first league game of 2018.

POP-PUNK - ALT-ROCK

Paramore Sant Jordi Club (Pg. Olímpic, 5-7). 9pm. €33.50. www.livenation.es
This Barcelona concert is one of just three European dates on the current Paramore tour. It's the first time that they've visited the city and they'll be performing from their 2017 album, *After Laughter*.

OPERA

L'elisir d'amore Gran Teatre del Liceu (La Rambla, 51-59). M: Liceu (L3). Jan 7, 9, 12, 14, 16, 18, 22, 24, 26, 28. 8pm except Sun 7, 14 6pm, Sun 28 5pm. €11-€260.40. www.liceubarcelona.cat
The Liceu's first major production for 2018 is this Gaetano Donizetti romantic comedy, which tells the tale of Nemorino, a young man who still believes in the power of love potions. Director Mario Gas sets the performance in Fascist Rome, with a neorealist cinema style.



OPEN DAY

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

www.santpaubarcelona.org

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

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

www.palaguell.cat

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

OPEN-AIR

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

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

FAMILY

3D Planetarium and activities for kids CosmoCaixa (Isaac Newton, 26). FGC: Av. Tibidabo. Check with museum for times. <http://obrasociallacaixa.org>

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

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

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

Family planetarium Museu Marítim de Barcelona (Av. de les Drassanes, s/n). M: Drassanes (L3). 11.30am. Adults €4. Children €2.50. www.mmb.cat

For children aged 3 and above, this hour-long activity looks at the most important constellations and planets, and how people have used stars to help navigate their boat.

Hansel i Gretel Poble Espanyol (Av. Francesc Ferrer i Guàrdia, 13). M: Espanya (L1, L3; FGC). 12.30pm-1.20pm. General entrance (includes

this event): €14. Reduced: €7, €9, €10.50. Under-4s free. www.poble-espanyol.com
Enjoy a puppet show that tells this classic tale from the Grimm Brothers. In Catalan.

SPANISH GUITAR

The Art of the Spanish Guitar: concert and wine Santa Anna Church (Santa Anna, 29). M: Catalunya (L1, L3; FGC). 6pm. €20. Discount at tourist offices. More info: tickets.visitbarcelona.com

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

TOURS

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

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

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

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

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

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

Monday 8

SPANISH GUITAR

Maestros of the Spanish Guitar Basilica Santa Maria del Pi (Pl. del Pi, 7). M: Liceu (L3). Jan 8-11, 14. 9pm. €23. Discount at tourist offices. More info: tickets.visitbarcelona.com
Pedro J. González gives a guitar recital of flamenco music.

TOURS

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

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

JAZZ

Jamboree Jam Session Jamboree (Pl. Reial, 17). M: Liceu (L3). Mon 8pm. €5 (box office). €4 (online in advance). More info at: www.masimas.com/jamboree. Classic weekly Barcelona jam event.

FLAMENCO

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

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

Tuesday 9

CLASSICAL MUSIC

Anne Sofie von Otter Palau de la Música (Palau de la Música, 4-6). M: Urquinaona (L1, L4). 8.30pm. €30-€50. www.palaumusica.cat Swedish mezzo-soprano Anne Sofie von Otter is accompanied by South African pianist Kristian Bezuidenhout for a recital of 'miniatures' by Mozart, Schubert, Haydn and Lindblad.

SPANISH GUITAR

The Art of the Spanish Guitar: concert and wine Santa Anna Church (Santa Anna, 29). M: Catalunya (L1, L3; FGC). Jan 2, 4, 9. 9pm. €20. Discount at tourist offices. More info: tickets.visitbarcelona.com

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

TOURS

Pavelló Mies Van der Rohe (Av. Francesc Ferrer i Guàrdia, 7). M: Espanya (L1, L3; FGC). 10am-6pm. €5. Free for under-16s. www.miesbcn.com

Reconstruction of modernist German pavilion designed for 1929 Barcelona International Exhibition.

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

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

Casa Vicens (C/ de les Carolines, 20). M: Fontana, Lesseps (L3). See Wed 3.

OPERA

L'elisir d'amore Gran Teatre del Liceu (La Rambla, 51-59). M: Liceu (L3). Jan 7, 9, 12, 14, 16, 18, 22, 24, 26, 28. 8pm except Sun 7, 14 6pm, Sun 28 5pm. €11-€260.40. www.liceubarcelona.cat

The Liceu's first major production for 2018 is this Gaetano Donizetti romantic comedy, which tells the tale of Nemorino, a young man who still believes in the power of love potions. Director Mario Gas sets the performance in Fascist Rome, with a neorealist cinema style.

Wednesday 10

OPERA

Poliuto Gran Teatre del Liceu (La Rambla, 51-59). M: Liceu (L3). Jan 10, 13. 8pm. €12-€270. www.liceubarcelona.cat

This Gaetano Donizetti tragedy is performed in a concert version by soprano Sondra Radvanovksy, who makes her debut in the role of Paulina, baritone Luca Salsi and bel canto specialist Gregory Kunde in the title role.

TOURS

Palau Baró de Quadras (Av. Diagonal, 373). M: Diagonal (L3, L5) and Provença (FGC). Wed 11am (Eng), 1pm (Spanish). €14. Reduced: €12.60. Children 7-12: €6. Aged 6 and under: free. Reservations: www.casessingulars.com Opened to the public for tours in 2016, this building features Gothic sculpture and Islamic-style ceramics.

Reial Acadèmia de Ciències i Arts de Barcelona (La Rambla, 115). M: Catalunya (L1, L3; FGC). Wed, Sat 10.30am, 11.30am, 12.30pm. No tours Jan 3, 6. Various languages. €8. www.sternalia.com

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

NIGHT-TIME ACTIVITIES

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

CHRISTMAS

Nativity scene at Museu Frederic Marès (Plaça de Sant Iu, 5). M: Liceu (L3), Jaume I (L4). Until Feb 2. Tue-Sat 10am-7pm; Sun and public holidays 11am-8pm. €4.20. Reduced: €2.40. Under-16s, free. www.museumares.bcn.cat

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

Nativity scene at the Reial Monestir de Pedralbes (Baixada del Monestir, 9). FGC: Reina Elisenda. Until Feb 2. Tue-Fri 10am-2pm; Sat, Sun 10am-5pm. €5. Reduced: €3.50. Under-16s, free. monestirpedralbes.bcn.cat



The Pedralbes convent once more hosts an intricate nativity scene, in the best tradition of Catalan Christmases.

Thursday 11

CLASSICAL MUSIC

Daniel Barenboim *Palau de la Música Catalana* (Palau de la Música, 4-6). *M: Urquinaona* (L1, L4). 8pm. €30-€99. www.palaumusica.cat

As part of the BCN Classics season, Barenboim, one of the best pianists of our times, performs work by Claude Debussy to mark the 150th anniversary since the composer's death. This promises to be a memorable concert to start 2018.

FLAMENCO

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

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

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

TOURS

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.casesingulars.com

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

Guided tour of the Joan Miró Collection *Fundació Joan Miró* (Parc de Montjuïc, s/n). *M: Espanya* (L1, L3; FGC). See Thu 4.

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.santpaubarcelona.org

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

Stories and legends of the Gothic quarter (Start: Plaça Nova, 5). *M: Jaume I* (L4). See Thu 4.

OPERA

Opera at Palau de la Música (Montcada, 20). *M: Jaume I* (L4). Thu 11pm. €20. www.palaudalmases.com
La Petita Companyia Lirica de Barcelona performs in a historical venue.

Friday 12

TRADITIONS

Sant Antoni Various venues.

www.barcelona.cat

Barcelona starts the celebrations to honour the local patron saint of animals, whose feast day is on January 17. As well as processions, there's also a special cake to eat, which you'll find in local bakeries and which contain a special themed gift.

MUSICAL

West Side Story *L'Auditori* (Lepant, 150). *M: Glòries & Marina* (L1), *Monumental* (L2). Jan 12-14. Fri 8pm; Sat 7pm; Sun 11am. €10-€56. www.auditori.cat

Re-live the energy, tragedy and iconic songs from the 1961 film version of this enduringly popular musical, as the movie is screened (in English with Catalan subtitles) and accompanied by a live score from the Orquestra Simfònica de Barcelona i Nacional de Catalunya.

MUSIC FESTIVAL

19th Festival Mil·lenni: Carla Bruni *Palau de la Música Catalana* (Palau de la Música, 4-6). *M: Urquinaona* (L1, L4). 9pm. €18-€78. www.festival-millenni.com

The former French first lady and model Carla Bruni presents her latest album, *French Touch*, which features covers of 11 songs by the likes of The Rolling Stones, Depeche Mode and AC/DC.

FLAMENCO

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

La Bodega Flamenca (Roger de Flor, 230). *M: Verdader* (L4, L5), *Sagrada Família* (L2, L5). See Tue 2.

NIGHT-TIME ACTIVITIES

Observatori Fabra (*Camí de l'Observatori*, s/n). To get there, you need a car or can take a taxi. Jan 12, 13, 19, 20, 26, 27. Check times on website. Fri (Spa/Cat): €15; children (12 and under) €7.50. Sat (Eng/Spa/Cat): €25; children (12 and under) €12.50. www.sternalia.com

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

The Ghost Walking Tour (Start: Arc de Triomf, Pg. Lluís Companys). *M: Arc de Triomf* (L1). See Fri 5.

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

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

BALLET

Swan Lake/The Nutcracker Teatre Nacional de Catalunya (Pl. de les Arts, 1). M: Glòries (L1), Monumental (L2). Jan 12-14. Fri, Sat 5.30pm, 9pm; Sun noon, 5pm. €57-€71. www.promoconcert.es

Over three days, the Moscow State Ballet and stars of the Bolshoi perform two classic ballet pieces. On Friday and Saturday, enjoy Swan Lake, while on Sunday, you can see The Nutcracker.

TOURS

Pavelló Mies Van der Rohe (Av. Francesc Ferrer i Guàrdia, 7). M: Espanya (L1, L3; FGC). 10am-6pm. €5. Free for under-16s. www.miesbcn.com

Reconstruction of modernist German pavilion designed for 1929 Barcelona International Exhibition.

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

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

Torre Bellesguard Gaudí (Bellesguard, 6-9). FGC: Av. Tibidabo. See Tue 2.

SPANISH GUITAR

The Art of the Spanish Guitar: concert and wine Santa Anna Church (Santa Anna, 29). M: Catalunya (L1, L3; FGC). Jan 12, 19, 26. 7pm. €20. Discount at tourist offices. More info: tickets.visitbarcelona.com

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

Maestros of the Spanish Guitar Basílica de Santa Maria del Pi (Pl. del Pi, 7). M: Catalunya (L1, L3; FGC). 9pm. €23. Discount at tourist offices. More info: tickets.visitbarcelona.com
Xavier Coll is a Barcelona guitarist who has studied with illustrious teachers, won various awards for his performances and played in different venues around the world.

SHOPPING

Barcelona Genuine Shops (Start: tourist office in Pl. Sant Jaume, Ciutat, 2). M: Jaume I (L4), Liceu (L3). 3.30pm. €25. tickets.visitbarcelona.com

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

BLUES

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

Performance by the Tota Blues Trio, led by Tota on harmonica; and you can also enjoy modern art, drinks and snacks.

Saturday 13

BASKETBALL

Endesa league: FCB Lassa vs Unicaja Camp Nou (Aristides Maillol, s/n). M: Les Corts (L3). Date and time tbc. www.fcbarcelona.cat
The basketball team from Malaga plays FC Barcelona in this Spanish league match.

OPEN-AIR FAMILY

Family activities at the zoo Barcelona Zoo (Parc de la Ciutadella, s/n). M: Arc de Triomf (L1), Ciutadella/Vila Olímpica (L4). See Sat 6.

TOURS

Casa de la Seda (Sant Pere Més Alt, 1). M: Urquinaona (L1, L4). See Sat 6.

The Shadow of the Wind (Start: Centre d'Art Santa Mònica, La Rambla, 9). M: Drassanes (L3). See Sat 6.

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

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

Reial Acadèmia de Medicina de Catalunya (Carme, 47). M: Liceu (L3). See Wed 3.

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

Get to know the history of this wonderful palace and its striking architecture, a place built on top of part of the former Roman walls. You will also get to know Isabel de Requesens and what the city was like while she was alive.

FLAMENCO

Tablao Flamenco Nervión (Princesa, 2). M: Jaume I (L4). See Wed 3.

TRADITIONS

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

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

FAMILY

Sharkmaniacs L'Aquàrium (Moll d'Espanya del Port Vell, s/n). M: Barceloneta (L4), Drassanes (L3). See Sat 6.

Snow This and next weekend, various ski resorts and companies in the Pyrenees are joining in the celebration of World Snow Day (January 21) by offering special activities and discounts.

More information:

visitbarcelona.com/mountain-and-snow

TECHNO

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



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

CLASSICAL MUSIC

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

A piano solo from Maria Lilia Cano entitled 'Under the blades'. Entry also includes an afternoon snack.

OPERA

Three Tenors: Homage to Pavarotti, Domingo and Carreras (*Palau de la Música, 4-6*). M: *Urquizaona* (L1, L4). 6pm. €27-€54. www.promoconcert.es

Arias, duets, extended works and canzonettas napolitanas performed by three tenors who are accompanied by a 60-piece symphonic orchestra.

NEW YEAR CONCERT

New Year's concert at Palau Güell (*Nou de la Rambla, 3-5*). M: *Liceu* (L3). 8pm. €35 per person. www.palauguell.cat

This musical evening celebrates the start of 2018 in the stylish salon of the Palau Güell.

The programme features pieces by Benjamin Britten, Haydn and Grieg, and a tour and glass of cava is also included.

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Sunday 14

POP

Lady Gaga *Palau Sant Jordi* (Pg. Olímpic, 5-7). Jan 14, 16. 9pm. From €37. www.livenation.es Following illness at the end of last year, which meant having to cancel a number of planned performances, Lady Gaga is re-starting the European dates of her Joanne World Tour right here in Barcelona.

FOOTBALL

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

The side from Bilbao visit Catalonia to meet Espanyol.

CLASSICAL MUSIC

Barcelona Clarinet Players *Sant Pau, Art Nouveau Site* (*Sant Antoni Maria Claret, 167*). M: *Sant Pau/Dos de Maig* (L5). 7pm. www.sant-paubarcelona.org

This group is made up of members of the Barcelona Municipal Band, and here they present their latest album based on an original piece for a clarinet quartet by the Austrian composer Alexandre Kukelka and with poetry from Paul Celan.

Gustavo Dudamel and the Viena Philharmonic *L'Auditori* (*Lepant, 150*). M: *Glòries & Marina* (L1), *Monumental* (L2). 7pm. €25-€175. www.auditori.cat

Renowned conductor Gustavo Dudamel once more joins forces with the Viennese orchestra for a performance of works by Mahler and Berlioz.

SPANISH GUITAR

Maestros of the Spanish Guitar *Basilica Santa Maria del Pi* (Pl. del Pi, 7). M: *Liceu* (L3). Jan 8-11, 14. 9pm. €23. Discount at tourist offices. More info: tickets.visitbarcelona.com Pedro J. González gives a guitar recital of flamenco music.

TOURS

Block of Discord guided tour (*Start: Casa Amatller, Pg. de Gràcia, 41*). M: *Passeig de Gràcia* (L2, L3, L4). See Sun 7.

The Cathedral of the Sea (*Start: Plaça de Santa Maria del Mar*). M: *Jaume I* (L4). See Sun 7.

FREE Guided tour of Montjuïc Cemetery.

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

FAMILY

The hidden treasures of the Guitarts *Museu Marítim de Barcelona* (Av. de les Drassanes, s/n). M: *Drassanes* (L3). See Sun 7.

Galleon explorers *Museu Marítim de Barcelona* (Av. de les Drassanes, s/n). M: *Drassanes* (L3). 11.30am. Children: €4.50. www.mmb.cat

The Maritime Museum hosts this one-hour activity for children aged 6 and above. Join Indiana Jones's cousin, Francesc Jones, as he tries to discover what life was like aboard a galleon.

Il·lusió d'il·lusionar *Poble Espanyol* (Av. Francesc Ferrer i Guàrdia, 13). M: *Espanya* (L1, L3; FGC). 12.30pm-1.20pm. General entrance (includes this event): €14. Reduced: €7, €9, €10.50. Under-4s free.

www.poble-espanyol.com

Dapevimag is a young magician who, with his skill and warmth, will take us on a tour of the fantastic world of illusionism. It's a magic show full of a variety of tricks where audience participation is all part of the fun.

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Monday 15

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Guided visits to Park Güell (Olot, 5). M: Vallcarca (L3). See Tue 2.

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

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

FLAMENCO

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

NIGHT-TIME ACTIVITIES

Gaudi's Pedrera. The Origins (Provença 261, entrance on Pg. de Gràcia). M: Diagonal (L3, L5); Provença (FGC). See Mon 1.

SPANISH GUITAR

Maestros of the Spanish Guitar Basilica de Santa Maria del Pi (Pl. del Pi, 7). M: Catalunya (L1, L3; FGC). Jan 15-16, 22-23. €23. Discount at tourist offices. More info:

tickets.visitbarcelona.com

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

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. tablaoacordobes.com

Enjoy a meal or drink then see some of Barcelona's best flamenco dancers and musicians in this show at the city's most authentic tablao; this month's show is entitled 'Encuentros en el cumbre del baile' and features this year's winner and finalists of the Unión Prize. In Spanish.

CLASSICAL MUSIC

Martha Argerich & Gabriele Baldocchi, piano. Palau de la Música Catalana (Palau de la Música, 4-6). M: Urquinaona (L1, L4). 8.30pm. €23-€94. www.palaumusica.cat

Liszt-Mozart, Liszt-Verdi, Liszt-Wagner, Shostakovich, Schumann, Rachmaninov and Ravel.

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

TOURS

Biblioteca Arús (Pg. Sant Joan, 26). M: Arc de Triomf (L1), Tetuan (L2). See Tue 9.

Casa Amatller (Pg. de Gràcia, 41). M: Passeig de Gràcia (L2, L3, L4). See Fri 5.

Sant Pau, Art Nouveau Site (Sant Antoni Maria Claret, 167). M: Sant Pau/Dos de Maig (L5). See Thu 11.

Santa Maria del Mar rooftop (Plaça de Santa Maria, 1). M: Jaume I (L4). See Thu 4.

OPERA

L'elisir d'amore Gran Teatre del Liceu (La Rambla, 51-59). M: Liceu (L3). See Sun 7.

Wednesday 17

TOURS

Palau Baró de Quadras (Av. Diagonal, 373). M: Diagonal (L3, L5) and Provença (FGC). See Wed 10.

The awakening of La Pedrera (Pg. de Gràcia, 92). M: Diagonal (L3, L5); Provença (FGC). See Wed 3.

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

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

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

Reial Acadèmia de Ciències i Arts de Barcelona (La Rambla, 115). M: Catalunya (L1, L3; FGC). See Wed 10.

TRADITIONS

Sant Antoni-Tres Various venues. www.barcelona.cat



Today is the feast day of Saint Antoni, the local patron saint of animals, and the day is marked with special events and a cake.

SPA

Aire de Barcelona, Arab Baths (Pg. de Picaso, 22). M: Barceloneta & Jaume I (L4). See Wed 3.

UNDERWATER SPORT

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

Thursday 18

BASKETBALL

EuroLeague: FCB Lassa vs Brose Bamberg Camp Nou (Aristides Maillol, s/n). M: Les Corts (L3). Date and time tbc. www.fcbarcelona.cat Brose Bamberg hail from Bavaria in Germany, and come to face FC Barcelona's basketball team in this European league game.

CLASSICAL MUSIC

Mendelssohn Symphonies Palau de la Música (Palau de la Música, 4-6). M: Urquinaona (L1, L4). 8pm. €12. www.palaumusica.cat The Andorra National Classical Orchestra, under Gerard Claret, presents a concert of work by Mendelssohn.

Robert King & The King's Consort L'Auditori (Lepant, 150). M: Glòries & Marina (L1), Monumental (L2). 8pm. €10-€58. www.auditori.cat Conductor Robert King and his King's Consort orchestra and choir come to the Auditori to perform the same set of music that was heard at the 1727 coronation of British King George II at Westminster Abbey, including work by Handel, Purcell and Tallis.

TOURS

Stories and legends of the Gothic quarter (Start: Plaça Nova, 5). M: Jaume I (L4). See Thu 4.

Casa Rocamora (Ballester, 12). M: Lesseps (L3); FGC: Pàdua/Putxet. See Thu 11.

Guided tour of the Joan Miró Collection Fundació Joan Miró (Parc de Montjuïc, s/n). M: Espanya (L1, L3); FGC. See Thu 4.

OPERA

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

www.palaudalmases.com

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

SPANISH GUITAR

Maestros of the Spanish Guitar Basilica de Santa Maria del Pi (Pl. del Pi, 7). M: Catalunya (L1, L3; FGC). Jan 1-4, 6, 17-21, 26-28. 9pm, except 6, 20, 27. 30pm. €23. Discount at tourist offices. More info: tickets.visitbarcelona.com Barcelona Guitar Trio performs a concert of flamenco and Spanish guitar music.

Friday 19

OPERA

55 Tenor Viñas competition Gran Teatre del Liceu (La Rambla, 51-59). M: Liceu (L3). 3pm. €10-€29. www.liceubarcelona.cat

Come and hear the opera singers of the future who are participating in this long-running contest created in memory of the Catalan tenor Francesc Viñas.

TOURS

Casa Felip (Ausiàs Marc, 21). M: Urquinaona (L1, L4). See Fri 12.

Palau de la Música Catalana (Palau de la Música, 4-6). M: Urquinaona (L1, L4). See Mon 1.

Basilica de Santa Maria del Pi (Pl. del Pi, 7). M: Liceu (L3). See Tue 2.

The Freedom Trail: Civil War tour (Start: main door of Barcelona University, Pl. Universitat). M: Universitat (L1, L2). See Fri 5.

BLUES

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

The foursome of Casa das Feras (whose instruments include singing, acoustic guitar, banjo, double bass and violin) perform swing and gypsy jazz, and you can also take in the modern art while having a drink and snacks.

NIGHT-TIME ACTIVITIES

Observatori Fabra (Camí de l'Observatori, s/n). See Fri 12.

The Ghost Walking Tour (Start: Arc de Triomf, Pg. Lluís Companys). M: Arc de Triomf (L1). See Fri 5.

Medieval supper and show at the Palau Requesens (Bisbe Caçador, 3). M: Liceu (L3), Jaume I (L4). See Sat 13.

Saturday 20

MUSIC FESTIVAL

19th Festival Mil·lenni: Vanesa Martín Palau Sant Jordi (Pg. Olímpic, 5-7). 9pm. €25-€40. www.festival-millenni.com

The popular Spanish singer-songwriter Vanesa Martín returns to Barcelona to present her latest album, *Munay*. Recorded in LA, the name of the album and accompanying tour means 'to love' and defines the love that a creator has for their creation.

CLASSICAL MUSIC

Yuja Wang and the Chamber Orchestra of Europe L'Auditori (Lepant, 150). M: Glòries & Marina (L1), Monumental (L2). 7pm. €20-€55. www.auditori.cat

Yuja Wang, one of the most exciting pianists of today, returns to Barcelona to perform pieces



TICKET SALES:

visitbarcelona.com & tickets.visitbarcelona.com

by Mendelssohn, Beethoven and Chopin. The concert also marks the Barcelona debut of the Chamber Orchestra of Europe, a cultural ambassador of the European Union.

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

A solo cellist recital from Amparo La Creu featuring Bach's suites. Entry includes an afternoon snack.

Mozart and Peer Gynt *Palau de la Música* (*Palau de la Música, 4-6*). M: *Urquinaona* (L1, L4). 6.30pm. €18-€68. www.palaumusica.cat

The local Orquestra Simfònica del Vallès performs a two-part programme, with a Mozart flute concerto as part of a semi-staged version of Peer Gynt, written by Henrik Ibsen and with music by Edvard Grieg.

TRADITIONS

FREE Tres Tombes Various streets in the neighbourhood of Sant Antoni. From 10.30am. www.barcelona.cat

Every year, this procession pays tribute to the local patron saint of domestic animals, with numerous horses and carriages parading through the Barcelona neighbourhood of Sant Antoni.

TOURS

Reial Acadèmia de Medicina de Catalunya (*Carme, 47*). M: *Liceu* (L3). See Wed 3.

The Shadow of the Wind (*Start: Centre d'Art Santa Mònica, La Rambla, 9*). M: *Drassanes* (L3). See Sat 6.

FREE Funeral carriage and hearse collection (*Montjuïc Cemetery, Mare del Déu del Port, 56-58*). Bus: 21. See Sat 13.

Palau Requesens (*Bisbe Caçador, 3*). M: *Liceu* (L3), *Jaume I* (L4). See Sat 13.

Casa de la Seda (*Sant Pere Més Alt, 1*). M: *Urquinaona* (L1, L4). See Sat 6.

FAMILY

Shark maniacs *L'Aquàrium* (*Moll d'Espanya del Port Vell, s/n*). M: *Barceloneta* (L4), *Drassanes* (L3). See Sat 6.

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OPEN-AIR – FAMILY

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

Family activities at the zoo *Barcelona Zoo* (*Parc de la Ciutadella, s/n*). M: *Arc de Triomf* (L1), *Ciutadella/Vila Olímpica* (L4). See Sat 6.

TRADITIONS.

FREE Sardanes (*Pla de la Seu*). M: *Jaume I* (L4). Sat 6pm; Sun 11.15am. Catalonia's national dance is performed in front of the cathedral every weekend.

Sunday 21

FOOTBALL

La Liga: Espanyol vs. Sevilla *Estadi Cornellà-El Prat* (*Av. del Baix Llobregat, 100*). *Cornellà de Llobregat*. FGC: *Cornellà Riera*. Date and time tbc. www.rcdespanyol.com
RCD Espanyol play the team from the south of Spain this weekend.

YOUNG MUSICIANS

Musical residencies at La Pedrera (*Pg. de Gràcia, 92*). M: *Diagonal* (L3, L5); *Provença* (FGC). 6pm. €12. www.lapedrera.com
As part of La Pedrera's programme supporting up-and-coming musicians, young soprano Sara Blanch is accompanied by pianist Adrian Blanco for a programme of works by Guinovart, García, Demestres, Blanch and Ortega.

FAMILY

Marina i el somni de volar *Poble Espanyol* (*Av. Francesc Ferrer i Guàrdia, 13*). M: *Espanya* (L1, L3; FGC). 12.30pm-1.20pm. General entrance (includes this event): €14. Reduced: €7, €9, €10.50. Under-4s free. www.poble-espanyol.com

Children's show based on the story of a girl who is witness to the industrial revolution. She meets a magical figure who can take her to the places she really wants to visit. It's a story about overcoming our fears and dealing with new situations and change, and includes theatre, dance and puppets.

Let's build a submarine *Museu Marítim de Barcelona* (*Av. de les Drassanes, s/n*). M: *Drassanes* (L3). 11.30am. €4.50. www.mmb.cat

For children aged 8 to 12, the Maritime Museum hosts this one-hour activity that thinks about what submarines do, who invented them, and how they move up and down through the water.

3D Planetarium and activities for kids *CosmoCaixa* (*Isaac Newton, 26*). FGC: *Av. Tibidabo*. See Sun 7.

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OPERA

55 Tenor Viñas competition concert *Gran Teatre del Liceu* (*La Rambla, 51-59*). M: *Liceu* (L3). 6pm. €10-€73. www.liceubarcelona.cat



This year's contest for up-and-coming opera singers comes to an end with this concert.

OPEN-AIR

FREE Santa Madrona portal and bastion Museu Marítim de Barcelona (Av. de les Drassanes, s/n). See Sun 7.

TOURS

The Cathedral of the Sea (Start: Plaça de Santa Maria del Mar). M: Jaume I (L4). See Sun 7.

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FLAMENCO

Flamenco at Palau Dalmau (Montcada, 20). M: Jaume I (L4). Daily 6pm, 7:30pm, 9:30pm.

€25. Book online at:

www.palaudalmau.com

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

Tablao Flamenco Nervión (Princesa, 2). M: Jaume I (L4). See Wed 3.

NIGHT-TIME ACTIVITIES

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

CLASSICAL MUSIC

Other voices. 400 years of Joan Cererols Museu Frederic Marès (Plaça de Sant Iu, 5). M: Liceu (L3), Jaume I (L4). Noon.

www.museumares.bcn.cat

Joan Cererols (1618-1680) was the founder of the choral school of the Montserrat Monastery and is considered the first great composer of Catalan baroque music. This concert pays tribute to his music in an ambience enhanced with images of the Virgin of Montserrat.

Monday 22

TOURS

Palauet Casades (Mallorca, 283). M: Diagonal (L3, L5). See Mon 8.

Palau de la Música Catalana (Palau de la Música, 4-6). M: Urquinaona (L1, L4). See Mon 1.

Torre Bellesguard Gaudí (Bellesguard, 6-9). FGC: Av. Tibidabo. See Tue 2.

JAZZ

Jamboree Jam Session Jamboree (Pl. Reial, 17). M: Liceu (L3). See Mon 8.

OPERA

L'elisir d'amore Gran Teatre del Liceu (La Rambla, 51-59). M: Liceu (L3). See Sun 7.

Tuesday 23

TOURS

Biblioteca Arús (Pg. Sant Joan, 26). M: Arc de Triomf (L1), Tetuan (L2). See Tue 9.

Casa Vicens (C/ de les Carolines, 20). M: Fontana, Lesseps (L3). See Wed 3.

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FLAMENCO

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

Live Flamenco Sala Tarantos (Plaça Reial, 17). M: Liceu (L3). Daily 7:30pm, 8:30pm, 9:30pm. €15. www.masimas.com/tarantos

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

Wednesday 24

TOURS

Palau Baró de Quadras (Av. Diagonal, 373). M: Diagonal (L3, L5) and Provença (FGC). See Wed 10.

The awakening of La Pedrera (Pg. de Gràcia, 92). M: Diagonal (L3, L5); Provença (FGC). See Wed 3.

OPERA

L'elisir d'amore Gran Teatre del Liceu (La Rambla, 51-59). M: Liceu (L3). See Sun 7.

CLASSICAL MUSIC

Albert Guinovart, piano Palau de la Música (Palau de la Música, 4-6). M: Urquinaona (L1, L4). 8:30pm. €20. www.palaumusica.cat
Pianist Albert Guinovart performs a programme of works by Brahms, Chopin, Liszt and Poulenci, as well as some of his own compositions.

TRADITIONS

Nativity scene at Museu Frederic Marès (Plaça de Sant Iu, 5). M: Liceu (L3), Jaume I (L4). Until Feb 2. Tue-Sat 10am-7pm; Sun and public holidays 11am-8pm. €4.20. Reduced: €2.40. Under-16s, free. www.museumares.bcn.cat

The museum celebrates the festive season in traditional style with a nativity scene (pessebre in Catalan) inspired by the Catalan land-

scape, natural vegetation and figures from Italian creators Heide Original.

Nativity scene at the Reial Monestir de Pedralbes (Baixada del Monestir, 9). FGC: Reina Elisenda. Until Feb 2. Tue-Fri 10am-2pm; Sat, Sun 10am-5pm. €5. Reduced: €3.50. Under-16s, free. monestirpedralbes.bcn.cat

The Pedralbes convent once more hosts an intricate nativity scene, in the best tradition of Catalan Christmases.

TOURS

Pavelló Mies Van der Rohe

(Av. Francesc Ferrer i Guàrdia, 7). M: Espanya (L1, L3; FGC). 10am-6pm. €5. Free for under-16s. www.miesbcn.com

Reconstruction of modernist German pavilion designed for 1929 Barcelona International Exhibition.

Thursday 25

MUSIC FESTIVAL

19th Festival Mil·lenni: Pastora Soler Gran Teatre del Liceu (La Rambla, 51-59). M: Liceu (L3). 9pm. €18-€66. www.festival-millenni.com

A long-awaited return to the stage for this performer from Seville, who took two years off following the birth of her baby. Pastora Soler is currently working on a new album and comes to Barcelona as part of a wider tour of leading Spanish concert venues.

CULTURAL FESTIVAL

Som Cultura Popular Fabra i Coats (Sant Adrià, 20). M: Sant Andreu (L1). Jan 25-28. www.barcelona.cat

The aim of this event is to promote cultural heritage and let the public witness some of these historical activities first hand, as well as promoting an exchange of ideas and knowledge among organisations, academics and researchers.

DISCUSSION

FREE Metropolis: Narratives of the Anthropocene CCCB (Montalegre, 5). M: Catalunya (L1, L3; FGC). 6.30pm. www.cccb.org

In conjunction with the exhibition currently showing at the CCCB, 'After the End of the World', this classic Fritz Lang movie (1926) is re-explored for considerations about the design of our cities and our role in them.

FLAMENCO

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

TOURS

Guided visits to Park Güell (Olot, 5). M: Vallcarca, Lesseps (L3). See Tue 2.

Casa Rocamora (Ballester, 12). M: Lesseps (L3); FGC: Pàdua/Putxet. See Thu 11.

Stories and legends of the Gothic quarter

(Start: Plaça Nova, 5). M: Jaume I (L4). See Thu 4.

OPERA

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

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

Friday 26

FLAMENCO

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

TOURS

Casa Felip (Ausiàs Marc, 21). M: Urquinaona (L1, L4). See Fri 12.

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TECHNO

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

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

NIGHT-TIME ACTIVITIES

The Ghost Walking Tour (Start: Arc de Triomf, Pg. Lluís Companys). M: Arc de Triomf (L1). See Fri 5.

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

BLUES

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

The intriguingly named Three Time Losers give a concert of 'genuine' blues, you can also enjoy modern art, drinks and snacks.

SPANISH GUITAR

Maestros of the Spanish Guitar Basílica de Santa Maria del Pi (Pl. del Pi, 7). M: Catalunya



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Saturday 27

BASKETBALL

Endesa League: FCB Lassa vs Divina Joventut
Camp Nou (Aristides Maillol, s/n). M: Les Corts (L3). 9pm. www.fcbarcelona.cat
This is a neighbouring affair as Divina Joventut, based in nearby Badalona, visit Barcelona for this basketball league game.

MUSIC FESTIVAL

Guitar BCN 2018: Jorge Drexler *Gran Teatre del Liceu (La Rambla, 51-59). M: Liceu (L3). 9pm. From €25. www.theproject.es*
The popular Uruguayan singer-songwriter presents his latest album, *Salvavidas de hielo*, where all the featured sounds have been produced using the elements and material of a guitar.

19th Festival Mil·lenni: Salvatore Adamo *Palau de la Música Catalana (Palau de la Música, 4-6). M: Urquinaona (L1, L4). 9pm. €18-€86. www.festival-millenni.com*

TOURS

Reial Acadèmia de Ciències i Arts de Barcelona *(La Rambla, 115). M: Catalunya (L1, L3; FGC). See Wed 10.*

Reial Acadèmia de Medicina de Catalunya *(Carme, 47). M: Liceu (L3). See Wed 3.*

The Shadow of the Wind *(Start: Centre d'Art Santa Mònica, La Rambla, 9). M: Drassanes (L3). See Sat 6.*

Palau Requesens *(Bisbe Caçador, 3). M: Liceu (L3), Jaume I (L4). See Sat 13.*

Casa de la Seda *(Sant Pere Més Alt, 1). M: Urquinaona (L1, L4). See Sat 6.*

FREE Funeral carriage and hearse collection *(Montjuïc Cemetery, Mare del Déu del Port, 56-58). Bus: 21. See Sat 13.*

Guided tour of the Joan Miró Collection *Fundació Joan Miró (Parc de Montjuïc, s/n). M: Espanya (L1, L3; FGC). See Thu 4.*

NIGHT-TIME ACTIVITIES

Medieval supper and show at the Palau Requesens *(Bisbe Caçador, 3). M: Liceu (L3), Jaume I (L4). See Sat 13.*

TRADITIONS

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

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

CLASSICAL MUSIC

Classical music at the MEAM *(Barra de Ferro, 5). M: Jaume I (L4). Sat 6pm. €15 (in advance).*

€19 (on the door). More info and tickets at touristofficesandtickets.visitbarcelona.com
Pianist Marta Pujol accompanies soprano Marga Cloquell in a concert of opera and 'sarsuela' music. Entry includes an afternoon snack.

OPEN-AIR FAMILY

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

Family activities at the zoo *Barcelona Zoo (Parc de la Ciutadella, s/n). M: Arc de Triomf (L1), Ciutadella/Vila Olímpica (L4). See Sat 6.*

FAMILY

Sharkmaniacs *L'Aquàrium (Moll d'Espanya del Port Vell, s/n). M: Barceloneta (L4), Drassanes (L3). See Sat 6.*

3D Planetarium and activities for kids *CosmoCaixa (Isaac Newton, 26). FGC: Av. Tibidabo. See Sun 7.*

The hidden treasures of the Guitarts *Museu Marítim de Barcelona (Av. de les Drassanes, s/n). M: Drassanes (L3). See Sun 7.*

SPANISH GUITAR

The Art of the Spanish Guitar: concert and wine *Santa Anna Church (Santa Anna, 29). M: Catalunya (L1, L3; FGC). Jan 6, 13, 20, 27. 9pm. €20. Discount at tourist offices. More info: tickets.visitbarcelona.com*
Barcelona Duo de Guitar perform a candlelit concert entitled 'Carmen', as you enjoy the music and a glass of wine.

Sunday 28

FOOTBALL

La Liga: FC Barcelona vs. Alavés *Camp Nou (Aristides Maillol, s/n). M: Les Corts (L3). Date and time tbc. www.fcbarcelona.cat*
Deportivo Alavés find themselves near the bottom of the Spanish league this season. Can they grab some valuable points at the Camp Nou?

FAMILY

Contes per conèixer Poble Espanyol *(Av. Francesc Ferrer i Guàrdia, 13). M: Espanya (L1, L3; FGC). 12.30pm-1.20pm. General entrance (includes this event): €14. Reduced: €7, €9, €10.50. Under-4s free. www.poble-espanyol.com*

Kids' theatre show based on three stories that feature everyday family situations explained in a fun, entertaining, interactive way.

TOURS

Block of Discord guided tour *(Start: Casa Amattler, Pg. de Gràcia, 41). M: Passeig de Gràcia (L2, L3, L4). See Sun 7.*

The Cathedral of the Sea *(Start: Plaça de Santa Maria del Mar). M: Jaume I (L4). See Sun 7.*

FREE Guided tour of Montjuïc Cemetery. *Dreams of Barcelona (Mare de Déu del Port, 56-58). Bus:*



TICKET SALES:

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21. Second and fourth Sun of month. 11.15am (Spanish). www.cbsa.cat
Barcelona's hillside graveyard is as much an art museum as a final resting-place.

SPA

Aire de Barcelona, Arab Baths (Pg. de Picasso, 22). M: Barceloneta & Jaume I (L4). See Wed 3.

OPEN-AIR

FREE Santa Madrona portal and bastion Museu Marítim de Barcelona (Av. de les Drassanes, s/n). See Sun 7.

Monday 29

LITERATURE FESTIVAL

BCNegra 2018 Jan 29-Feb 4.

lamevabarcelona.cat/bcnegra/es/
Annual event in Barcelona that celebrates crime fiction with a range of activities including readings, round tables and guest appearances by some of the genre's leading writers.

TOURS

Casa de les Punxes (Av. Diagonal, 420). M: Verdaguera (L4, L5), Diagonal (L3, L5). See Mon 1.
Palauet Casades (Mallorca, 283). M: Diagonal (L3, L5). See Mon 8.

FLAMENCO

La Bodega Flamenca (Roger de Flor, 230). M: Verdaguera (L4, L5), Sagrada Família (L2, L5). See Tue 2.

Flamenco at Palau Dalmaes (Montcada, 20). M: Jaume I (L4). Daily 6pm, 7.30pm, 9.30pm. €25. Book online at: www.palaudalmaes.com
Singing, dancing, guitar and cajón in a historical setting.

SPANISH GUITAR

Maestros of the Spanish Guitar *Basílica Santa Maria del Pi* (Pl. del Pi, 7). M: Liceu (L3). Jan 29-31. 9pm. €23. Discount at tourist offices. More info: tickets.visitbarcelona.com
Classical Spanish guitar at its best performed by Manuel González, described by the New York Times as one of the leading specialists in the genre.

Tuesday 30

SPANISH GUITAR

The Art of the Spanish Guitar: concert and wine *Santa Anna Church* (Santa Anna, 29). M: Catalunya (L1, L3; FGC). Jan 16, 23, 30. 9pm. €20. Discount at tourist offices. More info: tickets.visitbarcelona.com
Joan Benejam presents 'Fandango', a journey through the history and development of Spanish guitar, while you enjoy a glass of wine.

TOURS

Casa Amatller (Pg. de Gràcia, 41). M: Passeig de Gràcia (L2, L3, L4). See Fri 5.

Casa Vicens (C/ de les Carolines, 20). M: Fontana, Lesseps (L3). See Wed 3.

UNDERWATER SPORT

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

FLAMENCO

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

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

TOURS

Pavelló Mies Van der Rohe

(Av. Francesc Ferrer i Guàrdia, 7). M: Espanya (L1, L3; FGC). 10am-6pm. €5. Free for under-16s. www.miesbcn.com

Reconstruction of modernist German pavilion designed for 1929 Barcelona International Exhibition.

Wednesday 31

EXPERIMENTAL MUSIC

Jóhann Jóhannsson *L'Auditori* (Lepant, 150). M: Glòries & Marina (L1), Monumental (L2). 9pm. €28. www.auditori.cat

As part of the Sit Back season at the Auditori and co-curated by Primavera Sound, this event sees the Icelandic composer Jóhann Jóhannsson come to Barcelona to present his 2016 work, *Orphée*. Renowned for his compositions for films such as *Arrival*, he recently won an award for Best Soundtrack Composer.

TOURS

Basílica de Santa Maria del Pi (Pl. del Pi, 7). M: Liceu (L3). See Tue 2.

The Gothic Route Daily. 9am, noon, 5pm. Eng, Spa, Cat, Greek. €20. More info and tickets: tickets.visitbarcelona.com and barcelonaothereyesroutes.com Take a tour of one of the city's most interesting areas, where transformations have taken place and different communities have left their mark.

Torre Bellesguard Gaudí (Bellesguard, 6-9). FGC: Av. Tibidabo. See Tue 2.

Sant Pau, Art Nouveau Site (Sant Antoni Maria Claret, 167). M: Sant Pau/Dos de Maig (L5). See Thu 11.

Palau Baró de Quadras (Av. Diagonal, 373). M: Diagonal (L3, L5) and Provença (FGC). See Wed 10.

The awakening of La Pedrera (Pg. de Gràcia, 92). M: Diagonal (L3, L5); Provença (FGC). See Wed 3.



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INFORMATION AND SALES

Tourist information points and
tickets.visitbarcelona.com

Architecture

BASÍLICA DE LA SAGRADA FAMÍLIA

(Mallorca, 401). M: Sagrada Família (L2, L5). 9am-6pm; Jan 1, 6 9am-2pm. Panoramic tour: €29. Guided tour: €24. Self-guided audio tour: €22. Prior reservation necessary. www.sagradafamilia.org
Gaudí's spectacular temple.

BASÍLICA DE SANTA MARIA DEL MAR

(Plaça de Santa Maria, 1). M: Jaume I (L4). Mon-Sat 9am-1pm, 5pm-8.30pm; Sun, public hols 9am-2pm, 5pm-8.30pm. Closed Jan 1, 6. Guided tours including rooftop: noon-5.15pm (various languages). From €8. Reduced: from €6.50. www.riostabarcelona.com
Beautiful Gothic church featured in popular novel The Cathedral of the Sea.

BASÍLICA DE SANTA MARIA DEL PI

(Plaça del Pi, 7). M: Liceu (L3), Jaume I (L4). 10am-6pm. Closed Jan 1, 6. €4. Reduced: €3. Guided tour including bell tower (Spa/Eng): check website for times. €8.50. www.riostabarcelona.com
Historic church in the heart of Barcelona.

CASA AMATLLER

(Pg. de Gràcia, 41). M: Passeig de Gràcia (L2, L3, L4). Guided tours (one hour): 11am (Eng), 5pm (Spa). €17. Tours with video guide (30 mins): 10am-5.30pm (various languages). €14. amatller.org
One of the city's most outstanding modernista 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 modernista architecture.

CASA DE LA SEDA

(Sant Pere Més Alt, 1). M: Urquinaona (L1, L4), Jaume I (L4). Guided tours every Sat morning. 11am (Eng/Spa). €10. Reduced: €8. www.casadelaseda.com
Unique 18th-century building belonging to city's guild of silk-workers.

CASA DE LES PUNXES

(Av. Diagonal, 420). M: Verdaguier (L4, L5), Diagonal (L3, L5). FGC: Provença. 9am-8pm. Guided tour: €20. Self-guided tour with audio guide (10 languages): €12.50. Exclusive guided tours (with glass of cava): €23. casadelespunxes.es

This modernista gem is full of symbolism and has a splendid rooftop.

CASA VICENS

(C/ de les Carolines, 20). M: Fontana, Lesseps (L3). Mon-Sun 10am-8pm. Closed Jan 1, 6. €16. Reduced: €14. www.casavicens.org
This is the first house Gaudí designed in Barcelona; it opened to visitors at the end of 2017.

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 Jan 1, 6. €7. Reduced: €5.50. Entrance plus audio guide: €9. Reduced: €7.50. www.gaudicoloniaquell.org

Head a short way out of town to see this Gaudí creation.

LA PEDRERA

(Passeig de Gràcia, 92). M: Diagonal (L3, L5); FGC: Provença. Pedrera by Day: Jan 1 11am-8.30pm; Jan 2, 3 9am-8.30pm; from Jan 4 9am-6.30pm. €22. Reduced: €16.50. Gaudí's Pedrera. The Origins: Jan 1-3 9pm-11pm; from Jan 4 7pm-9pm. €34. Venue closed for maintenance Jan 8-14. www.lapedrera.com
A standout example of Gaudí's innovation and vision.

PALAU BARÓ DE QUADRAS

(Av. Diagonal, 373). M: Diagonal (L3, L5); FGC: Provença. Guided tours: Wed 11am (Eng), 1pm (Spa). €10. Reduced: €9. Prior reservation necessary: www.casessingulars.com
Another unmissable modernista building.

PALAU GÜELL

(Nou de la Rambla, 3-5). M: Liceu (L3). Tue-Sun 10am-5.30pm. Closed Mon (except public hols) including Jan 1, and Jan 6. €12. Reduced: €9. Venue closed third week of January for maintenance. www.palauquell.cat
Just off La Rambla, this building was designed for Gaudí patron, Eusebi Güell.

PALAU DE LA MÚSICA CATALANA ➤

(Palau de la Música, 4-6). M: Urquinaona (L1, L4). 10am-3.30pm (every 30 mins). €18. Reduced: €11. www.palaumusica.cat
Sumptuous modernista concert venue.

PALAU REQUESENS ➤

(Bisbe Cassador, 3). M: Liceu (L3), Jaume I (L4). Guided tours & suppers: Fri, Sat 7.30pm (check website for availability). Guided tours with glass of cava and sword fight: €20. Tour, supper & medieval show: from €71. Saturday morning tour also available. www.sternalia.com
Historical setting for a night of medieval fun.

PARK GÜELL

(Olot, 5). M: Vallcarca (L3). 8.30am-6.30pm. €8. Reduced: €5.60. Daily general guided tours (Spa, Eng and Fre): €7 pp. Daily private guided tours for 2-5 people: from €36 pp. Advanced booking recommended via website. www.parkguell.cat
Gaudí's take on an English garden city.

PAVELLÓ MIES VAN DER ROHE

(Av. Francesc Ferrer i Guàrdia, 7). M: Espanya (L1, L3; FGC). 10am-6pm. €5. Free for under-16s. www.miesbcn.com
Reconstruction of modernist German pavilion designed for 1929 Barcelona International Exhibition.

SANT PAU, ART NOUVEAU SITE ➤

(Sant Antoni Maria Claret, 167). M: Sant Pau/Dos de Maig (L5). Mon-Sat 9.30am-4.30pm; Sun and public hols 9.30am-2.30pm. Closed Jan 1, 6. Self-guided visit: €13. Reduced: €9.10. Guided tour: €19. Reduced: €13.30. www.santpau.barcelona
A one-time working hospital created in the modernista style.

TORRE BELLESGUARD ➤

(Bellesguard, 6-9). FGC: Av. Tibidabo. Tue-Sun 10am-3pm. Closed Mon including Jan 1, and Jan 6. Self-guided tour with audio guide: €9. Reduced: €7.20. Full guided tour: Sat, Sun 11am (Eng); Sat noon, Sun 1.15pm (Spa). €16. Reduced: €12.80. www.bellesguardgaudi.com
Gaudí creation that combines modernisme and medieval Gothic designs.

Leisure

AIRE DE BARCELONA, ARAB BATHS ➤

(Pg. de Picasso, 22). M: Barceloneta, Jaume I (L4). Sun-Thu: first session 9am, final session from 11pm. Fri, Sat: first session 9am, final session from midnight. Closed Jan 1 in the morning. www.airedebarcelona.com
Indulge yourself at this luxurious spa.

BARCELONA URBAN FOREST ➤

(Plaça del Fòrum, s/n). M: El Maresme/Fòrum (L4). Weekends and public hols 10am-3pm. Jan 2-5, 7-8, open from 10am-3pm. Closed Jan 1 and 6. €11-€24 (varies according to circuit and age). www.barcelonaboscurbia.com
Fun for all ages with zip lines, bridges and six-metre-high platforms.

GAUDÍ EXPERIÈNCIA ➤

(Larrard, 41). M: Lesseps (L3). 11.30am-5pm. Jan 1 noon-6.30pm. Closed Jan 6. €9. Reduced: €7.50. www.gaudiexperiencia.com
Interactive 4D journey through Gaudí's creativity.

L'AQUÀRIUM ➤

(Moll d'Espanya del Port Vell, s/n). M: Barceloneta (L4), Drassanes (L3). Check website for opening times. €20. Discounts for children 3-10 years. www.aquariumbcn.com
The city's aquarium features a range of living creatures.

POBLE ESPANYOL ➤

(Av. Francesc Ferrer i Guàrdia, 13). M: Espanya (L1, L3; FGC). Jan 1 1pm-8pm; Jan 2-7 Mon 9am-8pm; Tue-Thu, Sun 9am-midnight; Fri 9am-3am; Sat 9am-4am. From Jan 8 9am-8pm. €14. Reduced: €7, €9, €10.50. www.poble-espanyol.com
Architecture from around the country at this 'Spanish village'.

PORTAVENTURA WORLD THEME PARK ➤

(Av. Alcalde Pere Molas. Km. 2. Vila Seca (Tarragona)). T. 902 20 22 20. Train: PortAventura (line R16 from Sants-Estació or Passeig de Gràcia; www.renfe.es). Direct 90-min bus from Balma, 5 (Julia Travel). Jan 1-7: check website for times. Theme park closed from Jan 8 until 21st March. www.portaventuraworld.com
Experience two different parks: PortAventura Park with rides for all, and Ferrari Land, an exciting new area dedicated to the fast cars.

TIBIDABO THEME PARK ➤

(Pl. del Tibidabo, 3-4). Bus Tibibus (T2A) from Pl. de Catalunya. FGC: Av. Tibidabo (L7) + Tramvia Blau or Bus 196 + Tibidabo Funicular. Jan 2-5 11am-6pm. Theme park closed from Jan 6 until March. €28.50. Under-120cm: €10.30. www.tibidabo.cat
New and classic rides, plus amazing views across the city.

ZOO DE BARCELONA ➤

(Parc de la Ciutadella, s/n). M: Arc de Triomf (L1), Ciutadella/Vila Olímpica (L4). 10am-5.30pm. Check website for activities, services and promotions. €19.90. Children 3-12 years: €11.95. Over-65s: €10.05. www.zoobarcelona.cat
Animals large, small and all sizes in between.



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

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

MONUMENT COLOM

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

ESTACIÓ DE SANTS

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

AIRPORT

Terminals 1 and 2. T: daily
from 8.30am to 8.30pm

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