

Monthly Agenda April



Highlights

Sant Jordi

April 23

(some events take place the days before)

The feast day of Sant Jordi (Saint George, as he's known in English) on April 23 is when Catalans celebrate love and literature; tradition dictates that men present their love with a rose while women gift a book to their partner. In addition, why not try the special Sant Jordi bread that many bakeries sell, made from spicy 'sobrassada' sausage and cheese to create the colours of the Catalan flag. In Barcelona, as in towns and cities around the region, the streets are filled with stalls overflowing with flowers and books; and while it's not a public holiday, the atmosphere is always festive with outdoor readings, book signings, traditional culture and people strolling around throughout the day. Individual institutions celebrate Sant Jordi in their own way: for example, Casa Batlló covers its façade with roses (Apr 20 – 23) and this year hosts its very first exhibition, which is dedicated to the subject of love, appropriately enough; at Casa de les Punxes there are special activities based on the dragon-slaying legend of the knight; and Palau Güell pays tribute to its original owner, Eusebi Güell, who died 100 years ago. Barcelona is a very literary city, a place that has long inspired writers both local and from abroad and its rich, diverse literary heritage has been recognised through its participation in UNESCO's Creative Cities Network as a City of Literature since 2015.

A number of activities take place on and around the day itself: International Comic Fair (Apr 12 – 15, Fira Barcelona Montjuic), an unmissable date for comic fans with authors and illustrators from around the world; Mon Llibre (Apr 14, 15 at MACBA and CCCB) is an annual book festival for children and young people; Diàlegs de Sant Jordi (Apr 19-21, various times and venues) feature a series of conversations between writers both local and international as a way to bring readers closer to authors; and Nit del Drac (Apr 22 at Plaça del Rei) commemorates the birth or death of different Catalan writers. With Barcelona's literary history, there's much to discover related to books and authors. You could take a self-guided literary route about George Orwell, contemporary and historical Catalan writers such as Quim Monzó, Mercè Rodoreda, J.V. Foix and Joan Maragall or Don Quixote or, if you prefer, sign up for a guided tour (by Icono Serveis Culturals) that takes you to places mentioned in *The Cathedral of the Sea*, *The Shadow of the Wind* or *Ghosts of Barcelona* (by Sylvie Lagarda-Mata). There are also guided tours related to art and history in Barcelona, with 33 different literature-themed ones on offer (by conèixerBCN).

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Cirque du Soleil: Totem

Until May 6

The renowned contemporary circus company Cirque du Soleil has set up a new venue in L'Hospitalet de Llobregat, a city that borders Barcelona, and for its inaugural event is putting on a two-month run of Totem. This fantastical show is based on the origins of life, and is full of symbolism and nature, with water playing an especially important part. As always with Cirque du Soleil, audiences can enjoy a performance featuring incredible acrobatics and circus stunts, amazing special effects, stunning costumes and make-up, and a standout soundtrack.

www.cirquedusoleil.com



Barcelona Open Banc Sabadell – 65th Godó Trophy

April 21-29

Proof, if it were needed, that when it comes to sport Barcelona has much to offer, this long-running tennis contest in the city is part of the ATP 500 World Tour. The Godó (as it's generally known locally) sees some of the world's best male players, this year including Rafa Nadal and Grigor Dimitrov, take to the clay courts of the historical Real Club de Tennis Barcelona. And as well as the matches, there's a variety of accompanying activities including La Terraza Market, with clothes and food on sale, a range of places to eat and drink, and evening entertainment including DJ sets and dance demonstrations.

www.barcelonaopenbancsabadell.com



Barcelona Pass Modernista

Visitors looking to visit art nouveau-style Modernisme buildings now have a new inclusive experience: the Barcelona Pass Modernista. The idea is a pass offering 7 days of free entry to art nouveau buildings in Barcelona and surrounding towns like Sitges, Mataró, Canet or Terrassa, including top cultural sites like Casa Amatller, Casa de les Punxes, Palau Baró de Quadras, Palau de la Música, the Sant Pau heritage site, Museu Cau Ferrat or mNACTEC (Museum of Science and Technology of Catalonia) and others off the beaten track.

www.tickets.visitbarcelona.com

Disney: Art of Storytelling

Until June 24

For over 80 years, The Walt Disney Company has been telling stories to audiences of millions; by taking classic tales and revising, enhancing and updating them as movies, Walt Disney and his successors have successfully maximised their appeal to young and old alike. This new exhibition features over 200 items from the company's archive including storyboards, screenplays and digital prints. It takes place at CaixaForum, one of Barcelona's leading art centres that's located in a renovated modernista industrial building at the foot of Montjuïc 'mountain'. As well as its temporary exhibitions, it's worth visiting CaixaForum for a guided tour around the site, which was designed by prestigious architect Josep Puig i Cadafalch, including the rooftop terraces.

www.caixaforum.es/barcelona/home

GuitarBCN 18

Every year, Barcelona welcomes a wide range of musicians to its Guitar Festival, including both local and international acts, legendary names and young talent. In recent times, stars such as Bob Dylan, Noel Gallagher and Deacon Blue have performed as part of GuitarBCN, and flamenco, classical, blues and experimental sounds have all been featured on the lineup. This month, you can catch rockers Joe Satriani, John Petrucci and Uli Jon Roth all perform together (Apr 7, Auditori del Fòrum), the fusion sounds of El Kanka (Apr 12-13, Barts), hear the popular music of Israeli singer Noa (Apr 13, Teatre-Auditori Sant Cugat), the latest folk-blues release from Asaf Avidan (Apr 26, Barts), and discover Miquel Vilella, a Catalan pop star who sings in both his mother tongue and English (Apr 27, Barts Club).

www.guitarbcn.com



Exhibitions

Arxiu Fotogràfic de Barcelona

FREE

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

www.arxiufotografic.bcn.cat/en

Darius Koehli. Inside Poblenou

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

Arxiu Històric de la Ciutat de Barcelona

FREE

(Santa Llúcia, 1). M: Jaume I (L4), Liceu (L3). Mon-Fri 9am-8.45pm; Sat 10am-8pm. Closed Sun and public holidays.

www.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

FREE

(Av. Francesc Ferrer i Guàrdia, 6-8). M: Espanya (L1, L3; FGC). Daily 10am-8pm. <http://caixaforum.es/barcelona/home>

Under the arm: between the palm of the hand and the armpit

Until May 20. Pieces by contemporary artists that take us to the limits of what has historically conditioned the creation of artworks, with a reflection on the relationship between creatives and their immediate surroundings.

Music in ancient times

Until May 6. Explore the great classical civilisations of Egypt, Rome, Greece and the Orient through their music, instruments and composers.

Disney. The art of telling stories

Until Jun 24. This exhibition looks at the literary origins of

the work of Walt Disney and the reinterpretations of classic stories by both the man and his company that have brought such tales to a wider public.

Castell de Montjuïc

(Ctra. de Montjuïc, 66). M: Espanya (L1, L3; FGC). Daily 10am-8pm. First Sunday of month and other Sundays after 3pm, free.

www.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.

Francesc Ferrer i Guàrdia and the Modern School

Apr 12-Sep 2. Francesc Ferrer i Guàrdia (1859-1909) was a pioneer in educational methods, at the forefront of avant-garde developments to modernise teaching practices in Catalonia that are now used across the world.

Centre de Cultura Contemporània de Barcelona

(Montalegre, 5). M: Catalunya (L1, L3; FGC). Tue-Sun, public holidays 11am-8pm. Closed Mon (except public holidays). 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.

World Press Photo 2018

Apr 28-May 27. Barcelona has once again been chosen as one of the first hosts for this renowned international photojournalism exhibition, with images that capture the key stories and issues of recent times.

CosmoCaixa

FREE

(Isaac Newton, 26). FGC: Av. Tibidabo. Daily 10am-8pm. www.cosmoaixa.com

T.Rex at CosmoCaixa

Until May 21. This exhibition takes a detailed look at a Tyrannosaurus 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?

The Beauty of the Universe

Until Jun 10. Explore the mysteries of the Cosmos with this exhibition of two parts: 'Light Years' and 'Other Worlds'.

The Material Room

Permanent exhibition. Voyage through the history of the Universe.

Top science

Permanent exhibition focused on contemporary research.

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.

El Born Centre de Cultura i Memòria

(Plaça Comercial, 12). M: Jaume I & Barceloneta (L4), Arc de Triomf (L1). Site and exhibitions: Tue-Sun 10am-8pm. Closed Mon (except public holidays). Sunday 3pm-8pm and first Sunday of month all day, free. www.elbornculturairememoria.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.

FREE

Memory and utopia. Until Apr 30. 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

as well as one of her most celebrated novels, *El temps de les cireres*.

Fundació Antoni Tàpies

(Aragó, 255). M: Passeig de Gràcia (L2, L3, L4). Tue-Thu, Sat 10am-7pm; Fri 10am-9pm; Sun 10am-3pm. Closed Mon. www.fundaciotapies.org

Permanent exhibition

Extensive collection of artworks by Tàpies.

Allora & Calzadilla

Until May 27. Jennifer Allora and Guillermo Calzadilla are collaborative visual artists who are based in Puerto Rico. They use a variety of art forms in their works, including performance, sculpture, sound, video and photography, to explore themes of culture, history and geopolitics related to their adopted home.

Antoni Tàpies. T for Teresa

Until Oct 28. Exhibition of work by the late Catalan artist, whose wife is Teresa Barba, an inspiration to the artist during his life and now vice-president of his foundation.

Fundació Catalunya-La Pedrera

Sala d'Exposicions (Pg. de Gràcia, 92). M: Diagonal (L3, L5); FGC: Provença. Daily 10am-8pm. www.lapedrera.com

Xavier Miserachs

Until Jul 15. This exhibition continues the series of shows held at La Pedrera featuring Catalan photographers from the 20th century. It provides a new anthropological interpretation of the work and person of this Barcelona artist.

Fundació Joan Miró

FREE

(Parc de Montjuïc, s/n). M: Espanya (L1, L3; FGC). Tue, Wed, Fri, Sat 10am-8pm; Thu 10am-9pm; Sun and public holidays 10am-3pm; Apr 1, 2 10am-8pm. Closed Mon (except public holidays). www.fmirobcn.org

Joan Miró. Collection

The most important public



collection of work by the Catalan artist has been given an updated presentation.

Itō Shinsui. Tradition and modernity. Until May 20. The Miró Foundation hosts an exhibition of works by one of the great masters of shingon, Itō Shinsui (1898-1972), which also highlights the relationship between Miró's own work and Japanese art.

Espai 13: The possibility of an island

Until Jun 17. With 'The Odyssey' Bárbara Sánchez Barroso explores journeys as a metaphor for personal quests.

Photography in the Foyer: Toni García. Returning light

Until May 13. Candle-maker Toni García has used his extensive knowledge of beeswax to launch himself into photography.

Beehive

Until May 20. This is a project that reflects the growing interest of many artists in the crisis affecting honey bees and other insect pollinators, while also addressing the current debate around urban beekeeping. In addition, until June 17, there will be parallel activities and events taking place around Barcelona – see fmirobcn.org/beehaveBCN for details.

Fundació Suñol

FREE

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

Patricio Vélaz. El tiempo es un material que basta (1965-2017)

Apr 27-Sep 8. This is the first

exhibition opened in 2018 at the Fundació Suñol and features a large body of work by Ecuadorian artist Patricio Vélaz that includes engravings, drawings, paintings and photos.

Fundació Vila Casas - Espais Volart

(Ausiàs Marc, 22). M: Urquinaona (L1, L4), Catalunya (L1, L3; FGC). Tue-Sat 11am-2pm, 5pm-8.30pm; Sun 11am-2pm. Closed Mon, public holidays and Apr 1, 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 Vila Casas - Museu Can Framis

(Roc Boronat, 116-126). M: Glòries (L1), Poblenou & Llacuna (L4). Tue-Sat 11am-6pm; Sun 11am-2pm. Closed Mon, public holidays and Apr 1, 2. www.fundaciovilacasas.com

Pere Portabella. Cinema, art and politics

Until Jun 26. Pere Portabella is a leading Catalan film-maker and political activist, and this show explores his work and life through four different themes.

Fundación MAPFRE

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


Brassai. Paris's eye

Until May 13. Brassai (1899-1984) was a key member of a group of European and US photographers who, throughout the 20th century, managed to redefine the identity and enrich the potential of photography as an artistic method.

Exhibitions

The Gaudí Exhibition Center

Museu Diocesà (Pla de la Seu, 7). M: Jaume I (L4), Liceu (L3). T. 93 268 75 82. Daily 10am-8pm. 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). Daily 10am-10pm; public holidays 2pm-10pm. 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.

Altered States of Mind *Until Apr 2.* Original artworks that portray disturbed states of conscience, presented in collaboration with Cryptshow Festival, a horror and fantasy event held in neighbouring Badalona.

Jardí Botànic de Barcelona

(Doctor Font i Quer, s/n). M: Espanya (L1, L3; FGC). Daily 10am-7pm. First Sunday of the month, all day, and other Sundays from 3pm, free. www.museuciencies.cat

Permanent exhibition Mediterranean plants from around the world.

Bonsai show *Weekends and public holidays 10.30am-6.30pm.* Permanent exhibition featuring a collection donated by the family of Pere Duran i Farell, a leading Catalan industrialist and bonsai aficionado.

La Virreina Centre de la Imatge

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

Màquines de viure *Until May 20.* The result of ongoing research since 2013, this artistic project opens a dialogue between radical architecture, social criticism and flamenco performances.

One year women's performance 2015-2016 (The Clock piece) *Until May 20.* This work by Raquel Friera is inspired by the piece 'One Year Performance 1980-1981 (The Clock piece)' from Tehching Hsieh.

Portraits of the Multitude *Until May 27.* Seven audiovisual works produced between 2008 and 2017 explore paradoxes related to the daily use of communication technologies, by New York artist Natalie Bookchin.

MACBA. Museu d'Art Contemporani

(Plaça dels Àngels, 1). M: Universitat (L1, L2), Sant Antoni (L2). Mon, Wed-Fri 11am-7.30pm. Sat 10am-8pm; Sun and public holidays 10am-3pm. Closed Tue (except public holidays). www.macba.cat

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.

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. The US artist developed her career during a time when formalism and conceptualism formed part of the New York avant-garde movement.

Disconnected archive *Until Jul 13.* A look at the evolution of sexual dissidence through material contained in both public and private archives in Barcelona.

Francesc Torres. The hermetic belltower



Until Sep 11. Catalan artist Francesc Torres plans to leave his archive of work to the MACBA, and this is an initial taste of what it comprises with a new piece featuring a selection of objects that are key to his creative process.

Oscar Masotta. Theory as action *Until Sep 11.* The aim of this exhibition is to reconstruct the intellectual career of Argentinian thinker Oscar Masotta (1930-1979), and is the culmination of four years of research.

Domènec. Not here, not anywhere *Apr 19-Sep 11.* The work of Catalan artist Domènec from the late '90s to the present day is explored in this solo show.

MUHBA El Call

(Placeta de Manuel Ribé, s/n). M: Liceu (L3), Jaume I (L4). Wed, Fri 11am-2pm; Sat-Sun 11am-7pm. First Sunday of month, all day, and other Sundays from 3pm, free. www.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). M: Sant Andreu (L1). Sun 11am-2pm. www.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.

MUHBA Oliva Artés

(Espronceda, 142-146, Parc Central del Poblenou). T. 93 256 21 22. M: Poblenou (L4). Wed 10am-2pm; Sat-Sun 11am-3pm, 4pm-6pm. www.museuhistoria.bcn.cat

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

century. **Industry, territory, identity** *Until Mar 11.* Travelling 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). Daily 8am-8.30pm. The Casa de la Guarda is part of the visit to the Conjunt Monumental of Park Güell, and is subject to the conditions regarding access to Park Güell. www.museuhistoria.bcn.cat/parkguell.cat

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

MUHBA Plaça del Rei

(Pl. del Rei). M: Jaume I (L4). Tue-Sat 10am-7pm; Sun 10am-8pm. Closed Mon. First Sunday of month, all day, and other Sundays from 3pm, free. www.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.

El port franc i la fàbrica de Barcelona *Until Jul 7.* New exhibition about the city's industry, focusing on the history of its port and Zona Franc area and its impact on the political, economic, urbanistic and environmental development of Barcelona.

MUHBA Refugi 307

(Nou de la Rambla, 169). M: Paral·lel (L2, L3). Guided tours: Sun 10.30am (English), 11.30am (Spanish) and 12.30pm (Catalan).

Closed public holidays. Prior reservation necessary: reservesmuhba@eicub.net. www.museuhistoria.bcn.cat

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

MUHBA Santa Caterina

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

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

MUHBA Temple d'August

(Paradís, 10). M: Liceu (L3), Jaume I (L4). Mon 10am-2pm; Tue-Sat 10am-7pm; Sun 10am-8pm. www.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. General access has no fixed timetable. Museum area: Wed 10am-2pm; Sat, Sun 10am-3pm. www.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). Tue, Thu 11am-2pm; Sat, Sun 11am-7pm.

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

Permanent exhibition This secondary Roman road was also the site for burials

between the first and third centuries AD.

MUHBA Vil·la Joana

(Ctra. de l'Església, 104). FGC: Baixador de Vallvidrera. Thu 10am-2pm; Sat, Sun and public holidays 10am-3pm. www.museuhistoria.bcn.cat

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

Museu d'Història de Catalunya

Palau de Mar (Plaça de Pau Vila, 3). M: Barceloneta (L4). Tue, Thu-Sat 10am-7pm; Wed 10am-8pm; Sun and public holidays (including Apr 2) 10am-2.30pm. Closed Mon (except public holidays). www.mhcat.cat

Puig i Cadafalch. Architect of Catalonia

Until Apr 15. 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). Tue-Sat 10am-2pm, 5pm-8pm. Sun and public holidays 10am-2pm. Closed Mon. 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.

Shops of the past

Apr 19-Jul 1. An exploration of traditional commerce in Badalona, looking at themes such as the way produce was displayed, what kind of things were for sale, and how people

Exhibitions



shopped in the days before department and chain stores.

Museu de Montserrat

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

Mon-Fri 10am-5.45pm. Weekends and public holidays 10am-6.45pm. www.museudemontserrat.com

Permanent exhibition

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

Explore and vindicate. The painting of Niebla

Until Apr 2. 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.

Mountains of the soul

Until Jun 24. In this exhibition Maria Bofill focuses her ceramics work on mountains, specifically Montserrat. Some are literal while others are more abstract portrayals of the essence of mountains.

MEB: Museu de l'Eròtica de Barcelona

(La Rambla, 96, bis). M: Liceu (L3), Catalunya (L1, L3; FGC). Daily 10am-midnight. eroteca-museum.com

Permanent exhibition

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

Museu de la Música

L'Auditori (Lepant, 150). M: Glòries & Marina (L1), Monumental (L2). Tue, Wed, Fri 10am-6pm; Thu 10am-9pm; Sat, Sun 10am-7pm. Closed Mon (including Apr 2). First Sunday of month, all day, and other Sundays from 3pm, free. 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). Mon-Sat 10am-7pm, Sun and public holidays 10am-3pm. www.museuxocolata.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). Tue-Sat 10am-7pm; Sun and public holidays, 10am-8pm. Closed Mon (except public holidays). First Sunday of month, all day, and other Sundays from 3pm, free. www.museuculturesmon.bcn.cat

Ifni. Catalan military service in Africa

Until Jan 23, 2019. For much of the 20th century, young Spanish men had to do military service. Among the different postings doled out according to a random lottery was Ifni, a small Spanish enclave on the Moroccan coast that had no significant strategic or economic role. Despite this, thousands of soliders were deployed there over a period of three decades between the 1930s and 1960s.

Permanent exhibition

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

Museu del Disseny de Barcelona

Edifici Disseny Hub Barcelona (Pl. de les Glòries Catalanes, 37-38). M: Glòries (L1). Tue-Sun 10am-8pm. Closed Mon (except public holidays). Sundays from 3pm-8pm and first Sunday of month, all day, free. www.museudeldisseny.cat

Design does

Until May 13. This show explores how design gives shape to the global challenges of our society, sometimes to improve things and sometimes the opposite.

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). Daily 9.30am-7.30pm. 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). Mon-Fri 10.30am-2pm, 4pm-7pm.

Closed weekends and public holidays. www.mmbcn.cat

Permanent exhibition

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

Museu Blau. Museu de les Ciències Naturals de Barcelona

(Pl. de Leonardo da Vinci, 4-5, Parc del Fòrum). M: El Maresme/Fòrum (L4). Tue-Sat 10am-7pm; Sun and public holidays 10am-8pm. Closed Mon (except public holidays). First Sunday of month, all day, and other Sundays from 3pm, free. www.museuciencies.cat

Planet Life

Permanent exhibition about the history of life and evolution of the planet, and includes sections 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.

Nasevo. Science and essences

Until Sep 2. This exhibition shows the scientific and creative process of a multisensory artist who brings together colour and smell through the object NAS.

Museu Egipci de Barcelona

(València, 284). M: Passeig de Gràcia (L2, L3, L4). Mon-Fri 10am-2pm, 4pm-8pm; Sat 10am-8pm; Sun 10am-2pm. www.museuegipci.com

Permanent exhibition

Almost a thousand items that date from the ancient civilisation of the Pharaohs.

Tutankhamun, history of a discovery

No end date. How the tomb of

the famous Egyptian king was uncovered.

Museu Etnològic

(Passeig de Santa Madrona, 16-22). M: Poble Sec (L3), Espanya (L1, L3; FGC). Tue-Sat 10am-7pm; Sun and public holidays 10am-8pm. Closed Mon. First Sunday of month and other Sundays from 4pm, free. www.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). Tue-Sun 10am-7pm. Closed Mon. www.meam.es

Female artists today

Until Apr 29. This exhibition features the work of a range of contemporary Spanish female artists, painters and sculptors to highlight work currently being produced.

Seguranyes

Apr 10-24. Solo exhibition featuring pieces by Catalan sculptor Joan Seguranyes.

Contemporary figurative art

Permanent exhibition of nearly 300 paintings and 80 sculptures from the 20th and 21st centuries.

Museu Frederic Marès

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

Original sin

Until Dec 30. For the rest of this year, the featured work in the display case of the museum's garden is a sculpture entitled 'Original sin', dating from the mid-16th century.

Museu Marítim de Barcelona

(Av. de les Drassanes, s/n). M: Drassanes (L3). T. 93 342 99 20. Daily 10am-8pm. mmb.cat

Royal boatyards and galleys

Semi-permanent exhibition that's part of a new installation dedicated to the history of Barcelona's shipbuilding industry.

7 boats, 7 stories

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

Display of vessels

Until Dec 31. Semi-permanent exhibition of various boats that are part of the museum's extensive collection.

Port, border territory

Until 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.

Camins de ronda FREE

Until Jun 3. The coastal paths of Catalonia have a long history and offer a beautiful way to explore the region's countryside.

Unusual objects

Permanent exhibition featuring surprising items from the museum's archive; the items on display are changed on a regular basis.

Exhibitions

Museu Nacional d'Art de Catalunya

(Parc de Montjuïc). M: Espanya (L1, L3; FGC). Tue-Sat 10am-6pm; Sun and public holidays 10am-3pm. Closed Mon (except public hols). 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. In addition, the Museu Nacional has just inaugurated a new layout for its display of Renaissance and Baroque artworks by iconic European painters such as El Greco, Tintoretto, Canaletto and Rubens, among many others. The almost 300 pieces on show (taken from the museum's archive of around 1,400 works) were all produced between the 16th and early 19th centuries, and many have rarely been shown in public before - don't miss your opportunity to see this unique collection. And during your visit, head up to the rooftop, the perfect spot for enjoying panoramic views of the city.

William Morris and the Arts and Crafts movement in Great Britain

Until May 20. This exhibition looks in-depth at the multifaceted British artist William Morris, along with other leading members of the Arts and Crafts movement, which was created in 1880 and evolved up to the First World War.

Museu Olímpic i de l'Esport Joan Antoni Samaranch

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

www.museuolimpicbcn.cat

Permanent exhibition

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

City of snow and ice. Beijing

Until May 27. This exhibition

marks the 10th anniversary since the 29th Summer Olympics were held in Beijing and looks ahead to the 24th Winter Olympics which are due to take place there in 2022.

Museu Picasso

(Montcada, 15-23). M: Jaume I (L4). Tue-Sun (except Thu) 9am-7pm; Thu 9am-9.30pm. Closed Mon. 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.

Temporal - an acoustic project

Until Apr 1. Marking the inauguration of the Barcelona Picasso Museum on March 9, 1963, this sound installation from the Catalan artist Vacca is set up in the Pati Finestres space of the museum. It features a simulation of the approach of a meteorological storm.

Lucien Clergue: 27 meetings with Picasso

Until Apr 15. 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). First Sunday of month, free.

www.palauaguell.cat

Palau Güell: A Look at Furniture

This permanent exhibition is situated on the bedroom floor and features original furniture that decorated the building when the Güell family were living there.

Palau Robert

(Pg. de Gràcia, 107). M: Diagonal (L3, L5). FGC: Provença. Mon-Sat 9am-8pm; Sun and public holidays 9am-2.30pm.

www.palaurobert.gencat.cat

Joana Biarnés.

Countercurrent

Until Apr 2. 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.

I am my own experiment

Until Apr 2. 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).

Witnesses of oblivion

Apr 11-Jun 30. Photographic exhibition that highlights the work of Doctors Without Borders around the world.

Carme Solé Vendrell

Apr 20-Sep 11. A look at the work of Vendrell, an illustrator of children's books, to mark the 50th anniversary of her career.

Pavelló Mies Van der Rohe

(Av. Francesc Ferrer i Guàrdia, 7). M: Espanya (L1, L3; FGC). Apr 18-May 6. 10am-8pm.

www.miesbcn.com

Domènec

This event is organised in collaboration with the MACBA, which inaugurates a major solo

exhibition of work by Catalan artist Domènec on April 19

Reial Monestir de Santa Maria de Pedralbes

(Baixada del Monestir, 9). FGC: Reina Elisenda. Tue-Fri 10am-5pm; Sat 10am-7pm; Sun 10am-8pm; public holidays (including Apr 2) 10am-2pm. Closed Mon. Sundays from 3pm, and first Sunday of month, all day, free.

www.monestirpedralbes.bcn.cat

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.



Music



Trio Ludwig, Palau de la Música Catalana, dia 16



Roger Waters, Palau Sant Jordi, dies 13 i 14

Concert venues

L'Auditori

(Lepant, 150). M: Glòries & Marina (L1), Monumental (L2). www.auditori.cat

Gran Teatre del Liceu

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

Palau de la Música Catalana

(Palau de la Música, 4-6). M: Urquinaona (L1, L4). www.palaumusica.cat

Jamboree

(Pl. Reial, 17). M: Liceu (L3). www.masimas.com/jamboree

Moog

(Arc del Teatre, 3). M: Liceu and Drassanes (L3). www.masimas.com/moog

Palau Sant Jordi + Sant Jordi Club

(Pg. Olímpic, 5-7). M: Espanya (L1, L3; FGC). www.palausantjordi.cat www.santjordiclub.cat

Sala Barts + Barts Club

(Av. Paral·lel, 62). M: Paral·lel (L2, L3). www.barts.cat

Sala Apolo + La [2] de Apolo

(Nou de la Rambla, 113, 111).

M: Paral·lel. www.sala-apollo.com

Sala Bikini

(L'Illa Diagonal: Av. Diagonal, 547). M: Maria Cristina (L3). www.bikinibcn.com

Special music venues

Museu Europeu d'Art Modern (MEAM)

(Barra de Ferro, 5). M: Jaume I (L4). www.meam.es tickets.visitbarcelona.com Weekly concerts of classical music and blues in art museum.

Palau Dalmau

(Montcada, 20). M: Jaume I (L4). palaudalmases.com Historical palace hosts opera recitals (Thu) and flamenco shows (Mon - Sun).

Església de Santa Anna

(Santa Anna, 29). M: Catalunya (L1, L3; FGC). artpegi.com; tickets.visitbarcelona.com Regular Spanish guitar concerts in 12th-century church.

Basilica de Santa Maria del Pi

(Pl. del Pi, 7). M: Catalunya (L1, L3; FGC). poemas.es; tickets.visitbarcelona.com Historic church is stage for a variety of Spanish guitar concerts.

Other shows

La Bodega Flamenca

(Roger de Flor, 230). M: Verdaguera (L4, L5), Sagrada Família (L2, L5). Mon-Sat 6pm; 8.30pm (shows start later). Closed Sun. Various menus and drink-only option available. www.labodegaflamenca.com Flamenco show close to the Sagrada Família.

Palacio del Flamenco

(Balma, 139). M: Diagonal (L3, L5); Provença (FGC). Daily 6pm, 7.50pm, 9.40pm (shows start later). Options: show only, show + drink, show + different menu options (including tapas). www.palaciodelflamenco.com Live flamenco every evening.

Sala Tarantos

(Plaça Reial, 17). M: Liceu (L3). Daily 7.30pm, 8.30pm, 9.30pm. www.masimas.com/tarantos Live flamenco show in central venue.

Tablao de Carmen

Poble Espanyol (Av. Francesc Ferrer i Guàrdia, 13). M: Espanya (L1, L3; FGC). Daily 6pm; 8.30pm (shows start later). Options include drink + show and meal + show; ticket includes entrance to Poble Espanyol. www.tablaodecarmen.com

Flamenco venue that pays tribute to Carmen Amaya.

Tablao Cordobés

(La Rambla, 3-5). M: Drassanes, Liceu (L3). Daily 5.15pm, 6.45pm, 8.30pm, 10pm (shows start later). Options: show + tapas/drink only/dinner. www.tablaocordobes.com

This month's performers include José Maya (Apr 1-5), Juan de Juan (1-18), Karime Amaya (1-30) and Sara Barrero (19-30). In Spanish.

Tablao Flamenco Nervión

(Princesa, 2). M: Jaume I (L4). Wed-Sun 8pm-10pm. Options: show + menu, show + drink. www.restaurantnervion.com Well-located restaurant hosts flamenco performances.

Opera y Flamenco

Enjoy two shows at Teatre Poliorama (La Rambla 115) and the Palau de la Música Catalana (c/ Palau de la Música 4-6): Opera and flamenco (the tormented love story of the dancers interpreted by their own souls, the soprano and the tenor) and Grand Flamenco Gala (a perfect union of heart and soul, music and dance, passion and rhythm). teatrepoliorama.com www.palaumusica.cat

Theatre

El Molino

(Vilà i Vilà, 99).
M: Paral·lel (L2, L3).
www.elmolinobcn.com

¡Mira Mama, estoy en El Molino!

Every Sat from Apr 7 to May 26. 9.30pm. From €15. Irreverent Valencian comedian Sil de Castro presents this monologue that combines cabaret, humour and more. In Spanish.

Teatre Gaudí Barcelona

(Sant Antoni Maria Claret, 120).
M: Sagrada Família (L2, L5) and Sant Pau/Dos de Maig (L5).
www.teatregaudibarcelona.com

Tenors

Apr 1. 6pm. Enjoy a mix of music and humour in this take on the concept of the three tenors that explores the difficult lives that professional tenors can have interspersed with classical performances. In Catalan.

Fresa y Chocolate

Apr 1. 8pm. Stage version of the 1993 Cuban film (the first from that country to be nominated for an Oscar), performed with live music. In Spanish.

La capilla de los niños

Apr 13-15. Fri, Sat 8pm; Sun 6pm. €20. During his research into an old murder, a writer finds himself drawn into a mystery that was never properly resolved. In Spanish

Hipopótamos

From Apr 17. For times and further info, check with venue.

El Libre de la Selva

Until Apr 15. Sat 5pm; Sun noon. Family show based on Rudyard Kipling's classic, The Jungle Book. In Catalan.

Teatre Lliure (Montjuïc - Sala Fabià Puigserver)

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

CabaretA

Apr 5-15. Wed-Fri 8.30pm; Sat 5.30pm, 9pm; Sun 6pm.

An homage to the Barcelona cabaret scene of the 1960s, and especially to the women who were a key part of that scene. In Spanish and Catalan.

Medea

Apr 17-May 12. Tue-Fri 8.30pm; Sat 7pm; Sun 6pm. A new telling of Euripides's classic tragedy about the eponymous princess and wife of Jason, who takes the most brutal revenge when her husband leaves her. In Catalan; Sat 21 and 28 with surtitles in Spanish and English.

Teatre Lliure (Gràcia)

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

El sistema solar

Until Apr 15. Tue-Fri 8.30pm; Sat 7pm; Sun 6pm. This comedy sees a dysfunctional family come together to celebrate Christmas; the daughter is full of good intentions, a sure sign of impending disaster. In Spanish.

Teatre Nacional de Catalunya (TNC)

(Pl. de les Arts, 1).
M: Glòries (L1), Monumental (L2).
www.tnc.cat

Sol solet

Until Apr 8. Wed 7pm; Thu-Sat 8pm; Sun 6pm. €11.50-€23. From 14 years. Although in Catalonia, 'Sol solet' is a well-known children's song, in this context, the meaning of sol is not 'sun' but 'alone'. It tells the story of the painful loneliness that has taken over the life of the sensitive protagonist, Jon. In Catalan.

La consagració de la primavera

Apr 14, 15. Sat 8pm; Sun 6pm. €11.50, €23. The TNC has partnered with the ESMUC music school to produce this monodrama based on Stravinsky's 'The Rite of Spring'.

Que rebentin els actors

Apr 5-24. Wed 7pm; Thu-Sat 8pm; Sun 6pm. Explosive comedy that sees a man build a time machine for his girlfriend so she can host a Christmas

meal with some of her family members who died during the Franco dictatorship. But the family's past is not quite what she thought. In Catalan.

Teatre Poliorama

(La Rambla, 115).
M: Catalunya (L1, L3; FGC).
www.teatrepoliorama.com

El Llibertí

Until May 27. Wed-Fri 9pm; Sat 5.30pm, 8.30pm; Sun 6pm. From €9.50. Written by French actor Eric-Emmanuel Schmitt, this play is an intelligent comedy about ethics, philosophy and the passing of time. In Catalan.

Teatre Victòria

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

El despertar de la primavera

Apr 5-29. Thu, Fri 8.30pm; Sat 6pm, 9.30pm; Sun 6pm. This musical ('Spring Awakening') is a pop-rock musical about adolescent love, repression, fear, abuse of power and incomprehension. In Catalan

Versus Teatre

(Castillejos, 179). M: Glòries (L1), Monumental (L2).
www.versusteatre.com

Check website for details of performances.



Dance

Centre Cultural de Terrassa

(Rambla de Egara, 340). FGC: Terrassa Rambla (S1).
www.fundacioct.cat

Triple Bill

Apr 28. 8pm. The Ballet de Catalunya company performs at its base theatre with a performance of three neo-classical and contemporary pieces created especially for the company by three leading choreographers.

Mercat de les Flors

(Lleida, 59). M: Espanya (L1, L3; FGC), Poble Sec (L3).
www.mercatflors.cat

GN/MC Guy Nader/Maria Campos.

Set of Sets Apr 26-29. 8pm; Sun 6pm. Nader and Campos have worked together since 2006 and this is their latest creation, which recreates the repetition and rhythm in the movement of bodies that consistently defy gravity, as a metaphor for the repetitive nature of existence and the idea of persistence.

Teatre Auditori de Granollers

(Torras i Bagas, 50). Renfe: Granollers-Centre (R2N).
www.teatreauditoridegranollers.cat

Divertissement

Apr 22. 7pm. The Ballet de Catalunya company was created last year and includes 20 dancers originating from leading schools and companies. Tonight they perform a series of works by different choreographers, including the company's artistic director, Elias Garcia.

Teatre Tívoli

(Casp, 8). M: Passeig de Gràcia (L2, L3, L4).
www.promoconcert.es

El Lago de los Cisnes

Apr 1,2, 6.30pm. Stars of the Bolshoi Theatre star in this Moscow State Ballet production of Tchaikovsky's classic 'Swan Lake', one of the most popular ballets of all time.

Circus

Cirque du Soleil

Districte Cultural de L'Hospitalet (Travessia Industrial, 50, L'Hospitalet de Llobregat). M: Bellvitge (L1).
www.cirquedusoleil.com

Totem

Until May 6. This production from the world-famous Cirque du Soleil company tells the story of human life from its amphibious origins to its inevitable desire to fly. It explores our connections with other species, our dreams and infinite potential.

Mercat de les Flors

(Lleida, 59). M: Espanya (L1, L3; FGC), Poble Sec (L3).
www.mercatflors.cat

Ara Mateix circus festival

Apr 6-22. For just over two weeks this month, the Mercat de Flors venue welcomes a range of circus performers. The aim is to give a platform for contemporary circus as well as highlighting hybrid formats that come together on stage.



Visits

Places of interest

Basílica de la Sagrada Família

(Mallorca, 401). M: Sagrada Família (L2, L5). Daily 9am-8pm. 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. Guided tours including rooftop: noon-5.15pm (various languages) 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). Daily 10am-6pm. Guided tour including bell tower (Spa/Eng): Mon-Fri noon, 1pm, weekends noon-4pm. www.riostabarcelona.com

Historic church in the heart of Barcelona.

Biblioteca Arús

(Pg. Sant Joan, 26). M: Arc de Triomf (L1), Tetuan (L2). Tue 11am (Eng), 1pm (Spa). www.casessingulars.com

Created in 1895, this library specialises in research into social movements.

Casa Amatller

(Pg. de Gràcia, 41). M: Passeig de Gràcia (L2, L3, L4). Guided tours (one hour): 11am (Eng), 5pm (Spa). €24. Tours with video guide (40 mins): 10am-6pm (various languages). €19. www.amatller.org

One of the city's most outstanding modernista buildings.

Casa Batlló

(Pg. de Gràcia, 43). M: Passeig de Gràcia (L2, L3, L4). Daily

9am-9pm. Cultural visit + video guide: €24.50. Reduced: €21.50 (online prices). 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: Verdguer (L4, L5), Diagonal (L3, L5). FGC: Provença. Daily 9am-8pm. Guided tour: €20. Self-guided tour with audio guide (10 languages): €12.50. Exclusive guided tours (with glass of cava): €23. www.casadeslepunxes.es

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

Casa Felip

(Ausiàs Marc, 21). M: Urquinaona (L1, L4). Fri 11am (Eng), 1pm (Spa). casessingulars.com

Once home to the Felip family, this apartment is an excellent example of modernisme.

Casa Rocamora

(Ballester, 12). M: Lesseps (L3); FGC: Pàdua/Putxet. Thu 11am (Eng), 1pm (Spa). www.casessingulars.com

The art collected by Manuel Rocamora is on display at his former home.

Casa Vicens

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

This is the first house Gaudí designed in Barcelona; it opened to visitors at the end of 2017.

Cementiri de Montjuïc

(Mare de Déu del Port, 56-58). Bus: 21. Tours: second and fourth Sun of month. Second Sunday: 11.15am (Catalan); fourth Sunday: 11.15am (Spanish). www.cbsa.cat

Barcelona's hillside graveyard is as much an art museum as a final resting-place.

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. €7. Reduced: €5.50. Entrance plus audio guide: €9. Reduced: €7.50. www.gaudicoloniaguell.org

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

La Pedrera

(Passeig de Gràcia, 92). M: Diagonal (L3, L5); FGC: Provença. Pedrera by Day: Daily 9am-8.30pm. €22. Reduced: €16.50. Gaudí's Pedrera. The Origins: Daily from 9pm. €34. The awakening of La Pedrera: Thu, Fri (Eng) 8am. €39. www.lapedrera.com

A standout example of Gaudí's innovation and vision.

Observatori Fabra

(Camí de l'Observatori, s/n). To get there, you need a car or can take a taxi. 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 an evening tour around Barcelona's hillside observatory.

Palau Baró de Quadras

(Av. Diagonal, 373). M: Diagonal (L3, L5); FGC: Provença. Wed 11am (Eng), 1pm (Spa). www.casessingulars.com

Another unmissable modernista building.

Palau Güell

(Nou de la Rambla, 3-5). M: Liceu (L3). Tue-Sun 10am-8pm. Closed Mon (except public hols). www.palauguell.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). Daily 10am-3.30pm (guided tours every 30 mins). www.palaumusica.cat

Sumptuous modernista concert venue.

Palau Requesens

(Bisbe Cassador, 3). M: Liceu (L3), Jaume I (L4). Fri, Sat 7.30pm; guided tours with glass of cava and sword fight; tour, supper & medieval show. Saturday morning tours also available. www.sternalia.com

Historical setting for a night of medieval fun.

Palauet Casades

(Mallorca, 283). M: Diagonal (L3, L5). Mon 11am (Eng), 1pm (Spa). www.casessingulars.com

Modernista building that's currently the office for the city's lawyers' association.

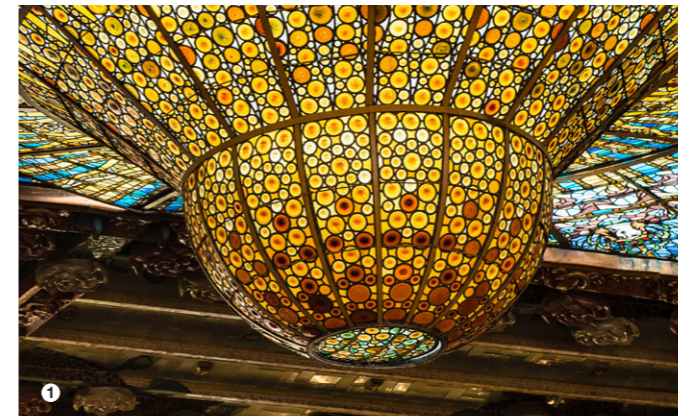
Park Güell

(Olot, 5). M: Vallcarca (L3). Daily 8am-8.30pm. Daily general guided tours (Spa, Eng and Fre); daily private guided tours for 2-5 people. Advanced booking recommended. 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-8pm. www.miesbcn.com



Symbolic work of the Modern Movement. Designed by Ludwig Mies van der Rohe and Lilly Reich as the German Pavilion for the 1929 Barcelona International Exhibition.

Reial Acadèmia de Ciències i Arts de Barcelona

(La Rambla, 115). M: Catalunya (L1, L3; FGC). Wed, Sat 10.30am, 11.30am, 12.30pm. Various languages. www.sternalia.com

Centuries-old institution located in an 18th-century building at the heart of the city.

Reial Acadèmia Medicina

(Carme, 47). M: Liceu (L3). Wed, Sat 10.30am, 11.30am, 12.30pm. Various languages. www.sternalia.com

Located in an important neo-classical building, highlights include the anatomy amphitheatre.

Sant Pau, Art Nouveau Site

(Sant Antoni Maria Claret, 167). M: Sant Pau/Dos de Maig (L5). Mon-Sat 9.30am-6.30pm; Sun and public hols 9.30am-2.30pm. www.santpaubarcelona.org

A one-time working hospital created in the modernista style.

Torre Bellesguard

(Bellesguard, 6-9). FGC: Av. Tibidabo. Tue-Sun 10am-3pm. Closed Mon. Self-guided tour with audio guide: Tue-Sun. Full

guided tour: Sat, Sun 11am (Eng); Sat noon, Sun 1.15pm (Spa). www.bellesguardgaudi.com
Gaudí creation that combines modernisme and medieval Gothic designs.

Guided tours

Icono

www.iconoserveis.com
Check website for more tours.

Stories and legends of the Gothic quarter

(Start: Plaça Nova, 5). M: Jaume I (L4). Thu 3.30pm (English/Spanish); Sat 10am (French). Explore the heart of the Ciutat Vella, discover its long history and see some of the city's emblematic landmarks.

The Ghost Walking Tour

(Start: Arc de Triomf, Pg. Lluís Companys). M: Arc de Triomf (L1). Fri 9.30pm (English/Spanish). A two-hour tour around some of the spookiest corners of Barcelona.

The Shadow of the Wind

(Start: Centre d'Art Santa Mònica, La Rambla, 9). M: Drassanes (L3). Sat 5pm (Spanish/English). €14. For fans of Carlos Ruiz Zafón's extraordinarily successful Barcelona-set book, this guided tour is a can't-miss.

The Cathedral of the Sea

(Start: Plaça de Santa Maria del Mar). M: Jaume I (L4). Sun 10am (Spa/Cat). If you enjoyed Idefonso Falcones's eponymous novel, check out this tour that takes in some of the places mentioned in the book.

Cases Singulares

www.casessingulars.com
Check website for more tours.

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).

The 'Mansana de la Discòrdia' is a block of buildings known for having five of the city's most outstanding modernista creations.

Attractions

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. 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-8pm; check web for Easter opening times. www.barcelonaboscbarcelona.com
Fun for all ages with zip lines, bridges and six-metre-high platforms.

Gaudí Experiència

(Llaurard, 41). M: Lesseps (L3). 10.30am-7pm. 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). Mon-Fri 10am-8pm; weekends 10am-8.30pm; Apr 1 10am-9.30pm. Discounts for children 3-10 years. www.aquariumbcn.com
The city's aquarium features a range of living creatures.

Poble Espanyol

(Av. Francesc Ferrer i Guàrdia, 13). M: Espanya (L1, L3; FGC). Mon 9am-8pm; Tue-Thu, Sun 9am-midnight; Fri 9am-3am; Sat 9am-4am. 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; renfe.es). Direct 90-min bus from Balmes, 5 (Julia Travel). PortAventura Park: check website for opening times. Ferrari Land: 10.30am-5pm. 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 that this year inaugurates additional experiences for kids.

Tibidabo theme park

(Pl. del Tibidabo, 3-4). Bus Tibibus (T2A) from Pl. de Catalunya. FGC: Av. Tibidabo (L7) + Bus 196 + Tibidabo Funicular. Apr 1, 2, 30 and weekends 11am-9pm. 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). Daily 10am-7pm. Check website for activities, services and promotions. www.zoobarcelona.cat
Animals large, small and all sizes in between.

Day by day

Apr 6, 8. Fri 8pm; Sun 5pm.
www.liceubarcelona.cat

Russian bass Ildar Abdrazakov heads up a top-quality cast in this concert version of Verdi's three-act *Attila*.

Bryn Terfel & the Lisbon Gulbenkian Orchestra

Palau de la Música Catalana (Palau de la Música, 4-6). M: Urquinaona (L1, L4). 8.30pm. €30-€150.

www.palaumusica.cat

Welsh baritone Bryn Terfel returns to the Barcelona stage after almost 20 years to perform some of the most celebrated passages from the history of opera.

NIGHT-TIME ACTIVITIES

Parabòlic Gaudi: Video-mapping at Palau Güell

(Nou de la Rambla, 3-5). M: Liceu (L3). Fri 6pm, 8pm. €20 includes express guided tour, show and glass of cava.
www.palauquell.cat

Avant-garde light show with music, where geometry and the organ are the key protagonists.

BLUES

Blues at the MEAM

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

The White Line Fever Band perform Americana, rock and blues rock; as well as the music, you can enjoy modern art, drinks and snacks.

SPANISH GUITAR

Maestros of the Spanish Guitar

Club Capitol (La Rambla, 138). M: Catalunya (L1, L3; FGC). Apr 6, 10. Fri 5.30pm; Tue 8.30pm. €35. Tickets and info: tickets.visitbarcelona.com

BCN Guitar Trio & Dance present a unique show featuring three prestigious guitarists and one of Spain's leading flamenco dance

couples, who pay homage to the great Paco de Lucía.

The Art of the Spanish Guitar: concert and wine

Santa Anna Church (Santa Anna, 29). M: Catalunya (L1, L3; FGC). Apr 6, 13, 20, 27. 7pm. €20. Discount at tourist offices.

More info: tickets.visitbarcelona.com

Barcelona Duo de Guitarra perform an intimate candlelit concert entitled 'Carmen', as you enjoy a glass of wine as well as the music.

FLAMENCO

Grand Flamenco Gala

Teatre Poliorama (La Rambla, 115). M: Drassanes, Liceu (L3). Apr 6, 10, 20, 25. 7pm, except Tue 10 9.30pm.

tickets.visitbarcelona.com

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

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SATURDAY

FAMILY

Quien no se espanta, ¡Estampa!

Museu del Disseny (Edifici Disseny Hub Barcelona, Pl. de les Glòries Catalanes, 37-38). M: Glòries (L1). Sat 11.30am. €3.
www.museudeldisseny.cat

Get to know the museum's fashion collection through this family workshop that looks at material and prints. Aimed at children from 5 to 12 years old.

Family workshops at Colònia Güell

(Claudi Güell, 6 - Santa Coloma de Cervelló). M: Espanya (L1, L3; FGC) + FGC: Colònia Güell station (S4, S8 or S33). Apr 7, 21, 28.
www.gaudicoloniaguell.org

Head a short way out of Barcelona to this town designed for the workers of the Güell factory and enjoy a children's workshop. Children

aged 5 to 10 get in for free when accompanied by one paying adult.

The Elegance of Penguins

L'Aquàrium (Moll d'Espanya del Port Vell, s/n). M: Barceloneta (L4), Drassanes (L3). Sat, Sun (except Apr 1) and public holidays until May 1. Check website for opening and activity times. General entrance (includes these activities): €20; discounts for children 3-10 years.
www.aquariumbcn.com

Discover the world of penguins in more depth with a range of activities including talks, investigations, mask-making and special tours.

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 to discover a whole host of treasures, around the theme of sailors, pirates and treasure maps. For children 7 and above.

TOURS

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.

MUSIC FESTIVAL

GuitarBCN 2018: G3 featuring Joe Satriani, John Petrucci & Uli Jon Roth

Auditori del Fòrum (Plaça de Willy Brandt, 11-14). M: El Maresme-Fòrum (L4). 8.30pm. From €35.
www.guitarbcn.com

Joe Satriani has created a new event for his long-running G3 tour, which sees him perform in different venues and joined each time by two special guest stars. Here it's Petrucci of Dream Theater and Roth from Scorpions.

CLASSICAL MUSIC

Classical music at the MEAM

(Barra de Ferro, 5). M: Jaume I (L4). Sat 5.30pm. €19. More info and tickets at tourist offices and tickets.visitbarcelona.com

Enjoy a performance of opera and traditional zarzuela by Mozart, Donizetti and Enric Granados, with soprano Cristina Fernandez and pianist Josep Buforn. Entry includes an afternoon snack.

ART MARKET

Drap-Art

(Plaça Reial). M: Jaume I (L4). Every Saturday until Jun 30. 11am-10pm; free workshops at noon.
www.drapart.org

This market promotes sustainable consumption and creative recycling. You can buy jewellery, accessories, decorative items and more; they also run workshops on how to create items with recycled objects. Throughout April, there are special activities related to Sant Jordi.

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SUNDAY

FOOTBALL

La Liga: FC Barcelona vs. Leganés

Camp Nou (Aristides Maillol, s/n). M: Les Corts (L3). Date and time tbc.
www.fcbarcelona.cat

Barça take on the side from the community of Madrid.

SPANISH GUITAR

Maestros of the Spanish Guitar

Basilica de Santa Maria del Pi (Pl. del Pi, 7). M: Catalunya (L1, L3; FGC). Apr 8, 9. 9pm. €23. Tickets and info: tickets.visitbarcelona.com

Luis Robisco performs a selection of classic Spanish guitar tunes, highlighting the beauty of this traditional form of music.

FAMILY

Craft workshop: Enamel in fire

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

Become artisans for the day with the chance to make your own unique piece of enamel. You can learn a centuries-old craft technique that was used by the Celts and Byzantines.

Galleon explorers

Museu Marítim de Barcelona (Av. de les Drassanes, s/n). M: Drassanes (L3). Second Sunday of the month. 11.30am, 12.45pm. Children: €4.50.
www.mmb.cat

One-hour activity for children aged 6 and above. Join Indiana Jones's cousin, Francesc Jones, as he seeks to discover what life was like aboard a galleon.

CLASSICAL MUSIC

Great Hits from the Cinema

Palau de la Música Catalana (Palau de la Música, 4-6). M: Urquinaona (L1, L4). 5.30pm. €27-€54.
www.promoconcert.es

The Cinema Symphony Orchestra, Spain's first cinema music orchestra, performs a selection from Hollywood's best soundtracks, including *The Lord of the Rings*, *Harry Potter*, *La La Land* and lots more.

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MONDAY

MUSIC FESTIVAL

Emergents Barcelona Music Festival

L'Auditori (Lepant, 150). M: Glòries & Marina (L1), Monumental (L2). Apr 3-11. €5-€56.
www.auditori.cat

This eclectic music festival, featuring both well-known local acts as well as those just starting out, ranges from chamber music to symphonic and jazz. Tonight, for instance, you can hear a triple-part chamber recital from Agnès Mauri, Albert Cano and the Kebyart Ensemble (7pm, €12) and jazz from the Juan López Sextet (10.15pm, €5).

HUMAN TOWERS

Castellers practice session

Can Musons (Alzina, 7). M: Fontana (L3), Joanic (L4). Apr 9, 13, 16, 23. 8pm. €24.20.

Tickets: tickets.visitbarcelona.com

See a rehearsal by a local group of castellers from the neighbourhood of Gràcia.

JAZZ

Jamboree Jam Session

Jamboree (Pl. Reial, 17). M: Liceu (L3). See Mon 2.

CLASSICAL MUSIC

Vladimir Ashkenazy & Maggio Musicale Fiorentino

Palau de la Música Catalana (Palau de la Música, 4-6). M: Urquinaona (L1, L4). 8.30pm. €35-€200.
www.palaumusica.cat

The conductor directs the Italian ensemble with a programme of Beethoven's Symphony N° 7 and Tchaikovsky's Symphony N°4.

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TUESDAY

MUSIC FESTIVAL

19th Festival Mil·lenni: Apocalyptica

Teatre Tivoli (Casp, 8). M: Catalunya (L1, L3; FGC); Passeig de Gràcia (L2, L3, L4). 9pm. €24-€45.
www.festival-millenni.com

The Finnish group Apocalyptica are touring Spain with this show that marks the 20th anniversary of the release of their album, *Plays Metallica by Four Cellos*. An unmissable opportunity to hear heavy rock played on these classic instruments.

CLASSICAL MUSIC

Paul McCreech and Gabrieli Consort & Players

L'Auditori (Lepant, 150). M: Glòries & Marina (L1), Monumental (L2). 8pm. €10-€58.
www.auditori.cat

Hear Henry Purcell's opera *King Arthur* performed by the orchestra and choir of Gabrieli Consort & Players, under conductor Paul McCreech.

HUMAN TOWERS

Castellers practice session

Escola Jaume I (Comtes de Bell-lloc, 49). M: Sants-Estació (L3, L5). Apr 10, 17, 24, 27. Tue: 7pm; Fri: 8.30pm. €24.20. Tickets: tickets.visitbarcelona.com

See a rehearsal by a local group of castellers from the neighbourhood of Sants.

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WEDNESDAY

SPANISH GUITAR

Maestros of the Spanish Guitar

Basilica Santa Maria del Pi (Pl.

del Pi, 7). M: Liceu (L3). Apr 11, 20. 9pm. €23.

Tickets and info: tickets.visitbarcelona.com

Pedro J. González gives a guitar recital of flamenco music

BASKETBALL

Endesa league: FCB Lassa vs Real Betis Energía Plus

Palau Blaugrana (Avinguda Joan XXIII, s/n). M: Collblanc (L5). Date and time tbc.
www.fcbarcelona.cat

Barcelona's basketball stars meet this team from Seville in the south of Spain.

TOURS

Barcelona 1700. History and life

El Born Centre de Cultura i Memòria (Plaça Comercial, 12). M: Jaume I & Barceloneta (L4), Arc de Triomf (L1). See Tue 3.

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THURSDAY

COMIC FESTIVAL

Saló Internacional del Còmic

Fira de Barcelona Montjuïc (Avda Reina Maria Cristina). M: Espanya (L1, L3; FGC). Apr 12-15. €7-€10.
www.comic-barcelona.com

Aficionados of graphic novels and comic books have an unmissable date at the Fira de Barcelona this weekend, with the latest edition of the city's comic fair that includes guest authors and illustrators, exhibitions and, of course, a lot of merchandise.

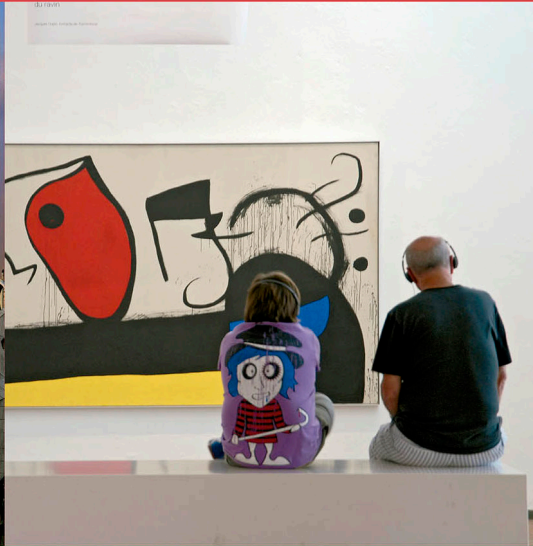
TALK

FREE Maritime pairings. Stories and liquors

Museu Marítim de Barcelona (Av. de les Drassanes, s/n). M: Drassanes (L3).

7.30pm. Prior registration necessary on the museum website: www.mmb.cat

Buy tickets at Tourist Information Points & tickets.visitbarcelona.com



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