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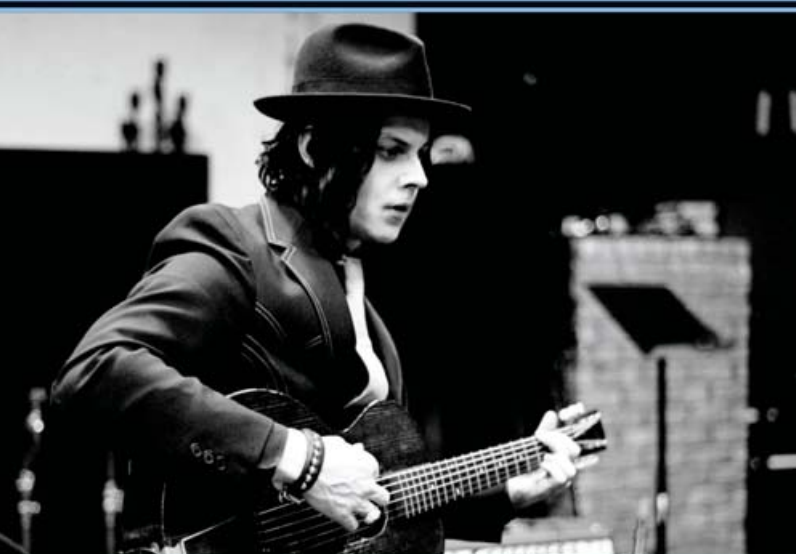


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
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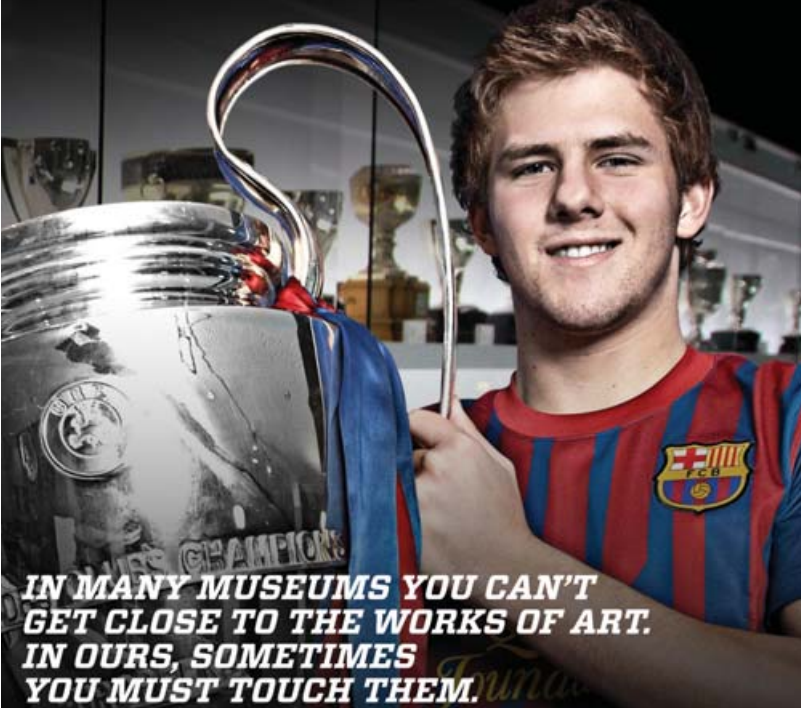
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# Monthly planner

Get out your diaries! We present just a handful of the cultural highlights for the month of September.

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<b>MONA HATOUM</b> Exhibition of the work of this celebrated artist at the Fundació Joan Miró. See 43.	<b>FESTIVAL ASIA</b> This celebration of all things Asian kicks off today in various venues around town. See 44-45.	
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	<b>LA MERCÈ</b> The inimitable festa major of the city, with music, fireworks and other Catalan pageantry. See 46.	<b>ZOO ANNIVERSARY</b> Free entry to the zoo as part of its 120th anniversary celebrations. See 46.



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## Jordi Muñoz

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By **Ada Castells**

### **Is the Escola d'Esriptura at the Ateneu Barcelonès really the biggest creative writing school in Europe?**

Yes, we're second only to a writing school in New York. The numbers speak for themselves: since the school was set up 14 years ago, more than 12,000 students have attended our courses. Over 1,700 people have signed up for the 20 classes we're running this year.

### **You're in the big league!**

Yes, but it's not just about the number of students who sign up, it's also about the range of courses we offer and the fact that we have more than 90 teachers, it's about the leading authors who visit us every term, and the number of books by students and ex-students that are published every year.

### **I take there are a lot?**

This year we set a new record: more than 100 published works. Some of them have had a lot of

media attention, and at least a quarter have been awarded literary prizes or become featured titles in bookshops.

### **What's the profile of the average student?**

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# BARCELONA UNSEEN

Take a stroll through some of the city's less-frequented corners – the ones that rarely show up in the guidebooks. Below you'll find three city walks that reveal the city's hidden past and little-known spots, along with some tempting eating and drinking options.

By **Eulàlia Iglesias**  
Photos **Carla Tramullas**

## 01. SANTS

### A STROLL THROUGH THE SECRET HISTORY OF AN INDUSTRIAL DISTRICT

#### 1. FACTORIES

At the beginning of the 20th century, Sants was the location of some of the largest factories in Catalonia, most of which have now been put to new use. Our journey through the district's industrial past begins at the **Plaça de Sants** metro station (lines 1 & 5). Take the Carrer de Sants exit and head towards Plaça d'Espanya. The first street on your right is C/Olzinelles: follow it to number 31, the location of **Lleialtat Santseca**, a workers' co-operative housed in a majestic building designed by Josep Alemany. Turn into Carrer d'Altafulla, and down Carrer de Dalmau, which despite its small size, hides some of the district's architectural gems – the

**Henriette Cros** house and the **Casa de les Bruixes** – the witches' house.

#### 2. LOCAL VIBES

Along Carrer d'Iberia you'll find the square of the same name, a public space where the traditional spirit of the neighbourhood is still very alive – with its wine cellar, water fountain and the oldest building in Sants, the **Casa del Rellotge** – the 'clock house', now a civic centre.

#### 3. BISECTING THE TRIANGLE

Cross Carrer de Sants to enter the area known as the **Sants Triangle**, built to house workers at the huge Espanya Industrial textile works. Following C/Riego, you'll come to the Plaça d'Osca,



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COTXERES DE SANTIS

the heart of the Triangle and once the site of the district's market.

#### 4. TO THE PARK

The **Espanya Industrial** factory is now a park, accessed via the original factory gates on C/Muntadas. The street takes its name from the family that founded the first cotton trading company in Spain. From here you can admire what remains of the once-mighty Espanya Industrial works: its **nursery** (now an infant school, the Escola Bressol Pau), the **Casa del Mig** and a shady stand of plane trees. Further on, another remnant of the factory building has been converted into the lively **Hostafrancs civic centre** (Rector Triadó, 53).

#### 5. RISING FROM THE ASHES

Now head away from Santis station along the Passeig de Sant Antoni, back towards Plaça de Santis. As you arrive at the square, you pass the **Cotxeres de Santis**, on Carrer Santis 79, another civic centre, occupying what were once tram sheds. Take Carrer Joan Güell towards the **Vapor Vell** ('old steam') textile factory, built by Joan Güell in 1840, and the oldest factory in Santis. After the firm's closure, the factory complex fell into decline, until the city council acquired the building to convert it into a school and the district's main library. This brings you to the end of the walk – not far from the beginning.

# 02. LA SALUT

A LITTLE-KNOWN NEIGHBOURHOOD JUST BEYOND PARK GÜELL



SANT JOSEP DE LA MUNTANYA

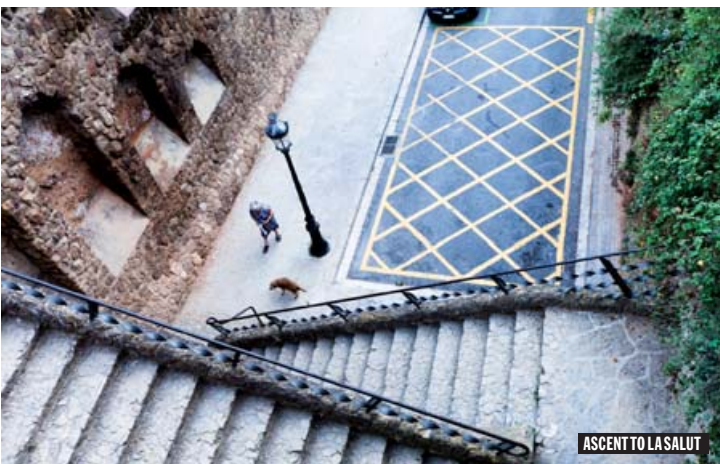
## 1. POWERFUL PINS

Cross into the La Salut district from the northern side of **Plaça de Lesseps**, which you can reach by metro (Lesseps, L3). This is one of the hilliest neighbourhoods in the city, so warm up those calf muscles as you follow Passatge de Napoleó up to the small and peaceful square that it forms with Carrer de Valldoreix. From here, join the steeply winding Avinguda del Coll del Portell. The effort is repaid by two architectural points of interest: at number 43 you'll find **Casa Vilaró**, the first Rationalist building to be constructed in the city. Despite the surrounding wall, it's easy to make out the rounded, boat-like profile, designed by Sixt Illescas in 1929. A little further on, at number 52,

stands the building known locally as the **'iron house'**, because of the striking use it makes of iron. This unusual apartment block was designed by Francesc Rius in the 1970s.

## 2. HAUNTED HOUSES

It's worth taking a short diversion towards the Rambla de Mercedes to admire some of the most unusual private houses in Barcelona. On the corner with Carrer Sant Josep, stands a mysterious building that seems to have been excavated out of the rock – and on C/Olot there's the house which Carlos Ruiz Zafón made the residence of his fictional character Andreas Corelli, in *The Angel's Game*. At number 74, the **Casal la Miranda**,



which looks like a sort of mountain chalet, is the district's main cultural and social centre.

### 3. PARK GÜELL, UNDERCOVER

Follow the street along the section that skirts the western edge of **Park Güell**, to enjoy stunning views: with Tibidabo in the background, the hilly districts of Putxet, Carmel, la Creueta del Coll and la Rovira spread before you. If you step inside the park at one of these less-frequented gates, you'll find the **Casa Martí Trias**, one of two houses built in the park, and the only one that is still a private residence.

### 4. HEALTH KICK

Leave the park via the Camí de Can Mora, and head down the narrow

Carrer de Sant Josep de Cottolengo. Continue along the Carrer de Molist, until you come to Carrer de la Salut, site of the chapel of the **Mare de Déu de la Salut**, which gives the district its name – Salut means “health” in Catalan. The street is lined with imposing mansions, some still private residences, others now converted into hospitals. The health theme comes to a climax with the Hospital de l'Esperança. This building, designed by Antoni Fisas, is a fine example of Rationalist architecture. In front of the hospital stands a far more imposing ecclesiastical monument than the Salut Chapel: the sanctuary of Sant Josep de la Muntanya. From here it's only a few minutes walk to the starting point in Plaça Lesseps.

# 03. SANT ANTONI

A GASTRONOMIC RAMBLE THROUGH AN UP-AND-COMING NEIGHBOURHOOD



MARIA DIAS

## 1. BREAKFAST

Start at the heart of the district, the majestic Sant Antoni market, first built in 1882 and currently undergoing a major refurbishment. The Sant Antoni metro station is right next door. Make your way round the market and follow the delicious smell of coffee up C/Comte Borrell towards **Cafès Roure**, a café and coffee merchant's where you can taste freshly roasted coffees from around the world. After a coffee, it's time for the delights of a traditional Catalan *esmorzar de forquilla* – hearty breakfast dishes, eaten with a fork. Further up C/Comte Borrell, is **Can Vilaró** (Comte Borrell, 61) while in the opposite direction you'll find **Pai Trago**, on the corner of C/Parlament.

## 2. APERITIF

For the typical mid-morning glass of vermouth, head to the **Bodega d'en Rafael** (C/Manso, 52), which is worth a visit for its unique décor alone: dozens of wall tiles that tell the story of Don Quixote in pictures. Rafael and his wife would stand a good chance in a competition to find Barcelona's friendliest bar owners.

## 3. LUNCH

Still on C/Manso, on the corner with C/Viladomat, **Bohèmic** (CManso, 42) has become one of the most talked-about gastronomic experiences in the city. With a bistro feel inside and a small terrace outside, Bohèmic is the ideal destination for a romantic date, specialising in tapas and exquisitely prepared tasting portions made with the very best ingredients. And if you still have room for pudding, you can round off the walk with an ice cream or a traditional *orxata* – a refreshing drink made of tiger nuts and almonds – at **Bonastre** (Avda Mistral, 10).



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# Food & Drink

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## Seaside treats

The Maremagnum shopping centre has dedicated a whole floor to a range of gastronomic delights that leaves most food halls in the shade. By **Ricard Martín**

Five years ago, Barcelona's only shopping centre with views of the Mediterranean embarked on a comprehensive rethink, designed to make it more attractive to family groups. They had already got rid of the rows of seedy discos that once flanked the building and turned a night-time stroll by the docks into a vaguely menacing experience: from 2007 onwards the remaining nightclubs were closed down, giving priority to family-oriented activities. The finishing touch is a total makeover for the shopping centre itself, converting the whole of the second floor into a food hall, with a

range of good-quality dining options that have started to draw both locals and tourists. There are 20 establishments in total, distributed around a spacious central plaza, which is fully integrated into the rest of the space and its seaside surroundings. All in all, it's a pleasant place to eat.

Fabián Martín, prizewinning pizza champion, decided to locate his new venture **Pizza y Más** here because 'in general, the quality is high, with plenty of really good restaurants.' This means 'People might eat pizza one day, sushi the next, but they'll keep coming back.' He's made some



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changes to the formula of his original restaurant on Via Laietana: there's homemade pasta on the menu, as well as his gourmet croquettes (with brie and spinach a la Catalana, for example, or foie with black truffles). What hasn't changed are the excellent pizzas.

At the other side of the plaza, and living right up to its name, **Mirandoalmar** ('Looking out to sea') is the other big attraction. The menu, designed by chef Rafa de Valicourt, focuses on local produce: their motto is 'Barcelona cuisine', summing up their mission to bring good-quality products from all over Catalonia to Barcelona – cured meats and sausages from the Alt Urgell and dairy products from the Pyrenees. Dishes are based on seasonal produce and fresh seafood – such as their incredibly fresh-looking John Dory which they promise have never seen the inside of a fish farm.

Noodle specialists **Udon** have a new branch here too: seating more

than 100 diners in serried ranks facing the cinema – a great option for a quick bite. The **Bi-En** chain has opened its first restaurant serving what they call 'Japan-terreanean' cuisine, Catalan and Mediterranean classics with a Japanese touch.

Those who like to try a bit of everything will love **Espai Gust**, 630 m<sup>2</sup> dedicated entirely to tasting. You can pick take-away dishes from ten different food bars to eat at the central tables – or wherever you like. **Ous i Truites** specialise in omelettes (from roast vegetables to pigs' trotters) and ratatouille croquettes. You can grab a tray and drop in at celebrated oyster bar **Fishhh!**, gourmet charcuterie Andreu, or the **Hamburguesa Nostra** burger bar where you can eat your fill, safe in the knowledge that all their beef comes with a certificate of quality.

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After 14 years in operation, this is a restaurant that hardly needs introduction. Owner Jaume Pla is still an active presence, and perhaps it's his guiding hand which means that despite the years, Pla is better than ever. It's a warm, welcoming space, with romantic lighting and friendly waiters, at the heart of the Barri Gòtic, just behind the Ajuntament.

The menu is imaginative but unfussy, and every dish – from carpaccio of smoked courgette or rocket and mackerel salad to steak tartare and tuna with four sauces – is beautifully presented. The wine list offers plenty of options that won't break the bank, and any of the waiters – or Jaume himself – will guide you knowledgeably through the selection, without pushing you towards the more expensive end of the list. Great service and great food – there's only one drawback: if you don't have a reservation, you're unlikely to find a table. –*Marcelo Aparicio*



MARIA DIAS

## THE BILL

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# Spaghetti alla chitarra



## THE DISH

Dai Mo serves spaghetti with lemon cream and tuna tartar, sprinkled with shavings of *botargo* (cured tuna roe) – which adds a whole new level of intensity to the flavour. –*MA*

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# Hot tables!

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Our themed selection of Barcelona's best restaurants.

By **Marcelo Aparicio**

## Signature cuisine

### Can Vallès

**Taste and refinement** Fine diners who have never visited Can Vallès are in for a pleasant surprise. The young chef, originally from Galicia in northwest Spain, has established a reputation for excellence: the proof is that the dining room is usually packed. Book well in advance to guarantee a table, especially at lunchtimes and weekends. –*MA (C/Aragó, 95). M: Tarragona (L3). T. 93 226 06 67. From €30 to €40.*

### Casa Calvet

**Tradition and innovation** Since Casa Calvet opened in 1994, chef Miquel Alija has worked to create his own style of cuisine, incorporating the latest culinary innovations into traditional Mediterranean cookery. With an excellent wine-cellar, this is a great city centre option, close to Plaça Urquinaona. –*MA (C/Casp, 48). T. 93 412 40 12. From €40 to €60. Set lunch available.*

### Cercle d'Amics

**Creativity and talent** Finnish chef Jani Passikoski (Dos Cielos, Via Veneto, Racó d'en Freixa, Bravo) is a shining light: in an age of culinary clichés, his cooking is creative and highly individual, always seeking a new angle on classic recipes. –*MA (C/Rosselló, 209). M: Provença (FGC). T. 93 237 89 02. From €40 to €60. Set lunch and evening menus available.*

### Cinc Sentits

**For all the senses** A beautiful space, where chef Jordi Artal creates imaginative dishes that live up to the name Cinc Sentits, 'five senses'. Let yourself be carried away with dishes such as mar i muntanya with crispy pork belly, or saffron allioli and griddled cuttlefish. –*MA (C/Aribau, 58). M: Universitat (L1-L2). T. 93 323 94 90. From €40 to €60.*

### Club 53

**Brazilian inspiration** From the ashes of the late lamented Tapioles 53 rises the exquisite Club 53: creative cuisine from a Brazilian chef whose inspired creations include her "fake risotto" in which melon-seed pasta substitutes for rice – fantastic. –*MA (C/Tapioles, 53). M: Poble Sec (L3). T. 93 329 22 38. From €20 to €40.*

### Codium

**Serene cuisine** Chef Juanjo Rodríguez's approach to cooking is honest and beautifully thought out. Classics are brought up to date, with dishes like tuna tataki with wasabi ice-cream or his salt cod with *porrusalada* – ample proof of his savoir faire. –*MA (C/Villarroel, 88). M: Urgell (L1). T. 93 451 09 50. From €30 to €40. Set lunch available.*

### Enoteca

**Seafood star** Chef Paco Pérez, from the seaside town of Llançà, won his first Michelin star in Barcelona, but he did it by staying true to his roots, the traditions of the fishing villages of Cap de Creus, where cooks pride themselves on getting the very best from the finest seafood. His sea cucumbers with wild mushrooms are unmissable. –*Ricard Martin (C/Marina, 19-21 (Hotel Arts)). M: Ciutadella/Vila Olímpica (L4). T. 93 483 81 03. From €60.*

### Florentina

**Friendly bistro** In France they'd call this a bistro – but this is a friendlier, more easygoing proposition. There are plenty of traditional dishes, but also innovations such as scallops with chickpeas, lamb sweetbreads with morels, or creamy rice with crab, from the skilful hands of Margarita Muñoz. –*MA (C/Saragossa, 122). M: Pàdua (FGC) i Lesseps (L3). T. 93 211 26 95. From €30 to €40.*



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# Shopping

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## Following the silk (and sandal) route

Anaid Kupuri's footwear and Maria Roch's clothing line share top billing at Room, a new boutique in Sant Gervasi. By **Laia Beltran**

In Room's window displays, clothes hang from the ceiling and shoes tumble out of antique drawers. There are unexpected details – a bunch of white hydrangeas or a box of pebbles dotted with candles. All this you can see from the street, but this is just a hint of what is to come, and the interior is easily a match for the façade.

A church pew, wooden chests of drawers, Modernista tiles, coiled ropes, plaster goats' heads, fresh flowers, velvet cushions, fluorescent lights softly changing colour: the interior of Room brims with creativity and wry humour. It's beautiful in and of itself, proving that a shop can be more than a space for economic transactions.

Shirts, dresses and overalls, all made from Indian silks, are the

highlights of this year's collection from Catalan designer Maria Roch. Delicate, weightless garments, with unexpected twists provided by zips, pockets and pleats, and her special predilection for natural tones – you'll look in vain for strident, clashing colours.

The same principles guide the Anaid Kupuri footwear line: sobriety, elegance and timelessness. Mexican designer Anaid Cano strikes the perfect balance between high design and comfort, and her high-heeled sandals seduce the eyes. It's your feet that will fall in love with them, however, right from the very first moment you put them on.

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We love everything about this silk **shirt** from Maria Roch: the raspberry colour, the huge front pockets and the over-the-top pleats. A summer classic, to wear year after year. (199€)



Every wardrobe needs a pair of Oxfords. You could do a lot worse than these masculine **brogues** from Anaid Kupuri, in beige leather with a snakeskin finish. (€165)



This aquamarine silk **mini-dress** makes great use of zips and ruches. Both up-to-the-minute and versatile – you'll never want to take it off. (€149)



Wedge-heel **sandals** are back with a vengeance. Take your feet a step further with this design from Anaid Kupuri, which combines red leather with black laces. (€165)



# Around Town

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## Gaudí enters the fourth dimension

A documentary and an interactive exhibition shed new light on Antoni Gaudí. By **Eugènia Sendra**

Only 150 yards from the Park Güell, where visitors throng to have their photo taken next to Gaudí's multicoloured lizard, all is quiet. A few passers-by peer at the windows of Carrer Larrard 41, and are drawn in by souvenirs displayed like works of art. Inside, an army of attendants in black uniforms surges forward to inform them that they're in the G Experiència, a unique space that will take them inside the mind of Antoni Gaudí and reveal his inspiration.

Others know why they're here: they want to see the architect's legacy brought to life in a 4D documentary and interactive exhibition. They include a fair number of locals who have succumbed to the Gaudí effect, but are also curious to see the latest venture from exhibition designers La Trinca, whose irreverent music and

theatrical productions have entertained Spanish-speaking audiences since the 1970s.

We file into the auditorium, fit our 3D glasses and fasten our seatbelts for a trip through Barcelona at the beginning of the 20th century (complete with jolts and surprise effects at knee level – welcome to the world of 4D). We try a quiz: what links *Journey to the Moon*, by pioneering filmmaker Georges Méliès, and the Arabian salon Gaudí designed in 1902 for the great Café Torino in Barcelona, whose speciality was Martini? The answer's somewhere in the interactive menu. Come and try it.

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# Arts

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## Mercè mission

The end of September sees the whole of Barcelona spill out on to the streets to celebrate La Mercè, the festival of the year.

Every town in Catalonia has its *festa major*, an annual street party, but none does it better than Barcelona. For a crash course in Catalan folk culture, it can't be beat, from the *castellers* (human castles) to *gegants* (giants), *capgrossos* (fatheads), *sardana* dancing and *correfoc* (fire-running). The *gegants* are sober, sedate figures 12 feet tall, usually modelled on historical figures like Jaume I, or on noble animals, principally eagles and lions. The *capgrossos*, on the other hand, are mostly caricatures of public figures, more irreverent and certainly more mobile, and caper around the crowd while the giants plod demurely on.

The Catalans do love to play with fire and the Mercè has elaborate firework displays, on the beach and in

Plaça Espanya, but the real red-hot action takes place during the *correfoc* (Sunday 23). A parade of fibre-glass dragons terrorises the city, breathing fire and filling the streets with smoke, accompanied by drummers and impish devils with tridents spouting showers of sparks, which they use to chase off anyone who gets too close. It's anarchic, exciting and not for the faint-hearted, but it's a lot of fun. Wear old clothes made of natural fibres, a hat and even a scarf to protect your face. For the fire-wary, there's a dry run the preceding night, though it's not half as enjoyable.

With every passing year, La Mercè relies more on cutting-edge technology, and the creative use of light and colour has become a defining feature. The façade of

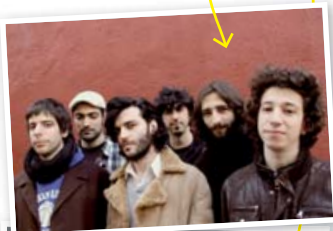
Barcelona's city hall, the Ajuntament, in the heart of the old city, has for a few years been the showcase for some fantastical 'videomapping', and this year the Sagrada Familia will also be bathed in light and colour during a show designed by this year's guest city, Montreal. The city will also be sending its finest street artists and circus entertainers, as well as some of the many musicians who will be performing. The main venues for these events will be Montjuïc Castle and Ciutadella park.

La Mercè is also about music: at all times of day and night, throughout the city, you'll hear music not only from Catalonia, but around the world. There will be *rumba catalana*, a blend of flamenco passion and Caribbean rhythms, with Los Amaya in Plaça Sant Jaume on the 23rd – and the brand new sounds of **Very Pomelo** at the Parc del Fòrum on Friday the 21st. The BAM festival, a showcase for new music from Catalonia and abroad, runs alongside the Mercè and features Catalan musicians Isaac Ulam, Joan Colomo and Maria Rodés, as well as new international acts – **Sonny and the Sunsets**, Woodkid and Kap Bambino, among others.

### LA MERCÈ 2012

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## Opera Bayreuth Festival



Barcelona is a Wagnerian city. The operas of the great German romantic composer have been performed here since they were first composed in the 19th century – there's even a Wagnerian Association, formed in 1901. So the arrival in the city of the Bayreuth Festival, which Wagner founded in 1876, is big news. From the 1st to the 6th of September, the orchestra, choir and soloists from Bayreuth will perform concert versions of three of Wagner's great operas at the Liceu opera house. *The Flying Dutchman* (1 & 4 Sept) is based on the romantic poet Heine's retelling of a 17th-century folk tale: a Dutch seaman is condemned to wander the seas on board his ship until he can find a faithful wife. *Lohengrin* (2 & 5 Sept) draws on medieval sources to recount the legend of Lohengrin, a knight of the Order of the Holy Grail, and *Tristan and Isolde* (6 Sept) is the tragic love story of the Cornish knight Tristan and the Irish princess Isolde, and Wagner's most passionate statement of the power of romantic love. The Bayreuth Festival concerts at the Liceu will mark the beginning of the bicentenary celebrations of Wagner's birth (1813-1883).

### FESTIVAL DE BAYREUTH

Gran Teatre del Liceu

1-6 September

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# Nightlife

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IVAN GIMENEZ

## Boho bodega

Up till the wee hours again: Bodega Saltó, the heart of Poble-sec's late-night bar scene, is ten years old.

By **Ricard Martín**

It's only been ten years, but they've seen enough good times and late nights to fill a quarter of a century. Time flows differently in Bodega Saltó, a repurposed neighbourhood *bodega* that sums up everything that's good about Poble-sec's colourful, chaotic nightlife. In the shade of the original wooden wine barrels, I sit down for a chat with owner Jose Luís, 'el Tigre', as he sharpens his conversational claws. There's one thing I have to get out of the way: why do they call him 'Tiger'? 'When we first opened we had a Dutch barman who was learning Spanish. One day, a friend came in and asked him where the toilet was – but he used a bit of local slang, "el tigre". The answer came back: "Tiger's at home watching the Barça match".' The name stuck. In June 2002 José Luís and teacher Lúcia López took over the

100-year-old *bodega* 'because we couldn't stand to see it close down when the owner retired.' By a happy coincidence, at the same time Carrer Blesa and its continuation were turned into pedestrian streets, and Poble Sec gained its own mini-Rambla. El Tigre is clear about one thing: 'It was Lúcia who got this place off the ground.' You won't see her unmistakable Rod Stewart-style hairdo behind the bar so often these days – she's gone back to teaching – but it was her contacts with Barcelona's bohemian underworld that has made the bar a favourite hangout for artists of every description right from the start.

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## La Diada

### TUESDAY 11

Catalan National Day is celebrated with concerts, marches and plenty of flag-waving.

## La Mercè

### 21-24 SEPT

The festival of the year sees four days of human castles, fire-running and concerts.

## Mona Hatoum

### UNTIL 24 SEPT

Last chance to see work by this anglo-Palestinian artist at the Fundació Joan Miró.

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## Arxiu Fotogràfic de Barcelona

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

**FREE Raval. Consuelo Bautista** Until 26 January. More than fifty photographs documenting Barcelonais Raval district, shot by renowned photojournalist Consuelo Bautista between 2004 and 2010.

## Arxiu Històric de la Ciutat de Barcelona

(Santa Llúcia, 1). M: Jaume I (L4) & Urquinaona (L1-L4). T. 93 31 81 195. Mon-Fri, 9am-8.30pm. Closed Sun until 26 Sept.

**Cu-Cut. Political Satire in Turbulent Times. 1902-1912** Until 31 Oct. To mark the centenary of the shutting down of satirical magazine *Cu-Cut!*, the space that houses the city's historical archive has put together an exhibition that celebrates its mordant humour and incisively satirical vision of the world between 1902 and 1912.

## CaixaForum

(Av. Francesc Ferrer i Guàrdia, 6-8). M: Espanya (L1-L3-FGC). T. 93 476 86 00. Mon-Fri, 10am-8pm. Wed, 10am-11pm. Sat, Sun, 10am-9pm.

**FREE Towers and skyscrapers. From Babel to Dubai** Until 9 Sept. A journey through the history of tall buildings, from the Tower of Babel to the giant skyscrapers of the 21st century.

**FREE Wineries, Cooperatives + Modernisme** Until 14 Oct. Keys to understanding the monumental wine cellars, known as the 'Cathedrals of Wine', built around Catalonia by Modernista architects.

**FREE Àngel Ferrant - Between drawing and sculpture** Until 28 Oct. Fifty works including drawings and sculptures by Àngel Ferrant, one of the most important Spanish sculptors of the 20th century.

**FREE Contemporary Cartographies. Drawing Thoughts.** Until 28 Oct. Maps created by artists of the 20th and 21st centuries.

## Can Framis. Fundació Vila Casas

(Roc Boronat, 116-126). M: Glòries (L1), Poblenou (L4) & Llacuna (L4). T. 93 320 87 36. Tue-Sat, 11am-6pm. Sun, 11am-2pm. 5 € adults. 2 € students and pensioners.

**Agusti Centelles. A Photographic Chronicle - The Thirties.** Until 10 Feb. Photographs by renowned Catalan photojournalist Agusti Centelles, documenting the last years of the Spanish Republic, the Civil War and his years in exile.

## Castell de Montjuïc

(Ctra. de Montjuïc, 66). M: Espanya (L1-L3-FGC). T. 93 256 44 45.

**FREE Catalonia under Bombing** Mon-Fri except public holidays, 10am-7pm. Sun except public holidays, 10.30am-2.30pm. Until 28 Oct. Marking the 75th anniversary of the bombing raids of the Civil War, when the civilian population in cities and villages all over Catalonia became the victims of aerial warfare.

**FREE Sala del Pati d'Armes - Snapshots of a Castle** Mon-Sun 10am-7pm. Photographs of Montjuïc Castle from the early 20th century.

**FREE Montjuïc, the Construction of a Castle.** Mon-Sun, 10am-6pm. Until 30 Sept. The history of Montjuïc and its castle.

## CCCB: Centre de Cultura Contemporània de Barcelona

(Montalegre, 5). M: Catalunya (L1-L3). T. 93 306 41 00. Tue-Sun & public hols, 11am-8pm. Closed Mon. 5 €. Reduced entry for pensioners and students on Wed (excl public holidays): 3,40 €. Free for under 16s, & unemployed, Thur 8-10pm & Sun 3-8pm.

**Souvenir. Martin Parr, Photography + Collectionism** Until 21 October. An entertaining exhibition of British photographer Martin Parr's collection of photographs and objects related to tourism, including some of his own work.

## CosmoCaixa

(Isaac Newton, 26). M: Av. Tibidabo (FGC). T. 93 212 60 50. Tue-Sun, 10am-8pm. 3 € (permanent and temporary exhibitions). Reduced entry 2 €. First Sun of month: free.

 **Epidemic!** Until 10 February.

This show explains the causes and cyclical nature of epidemics, and how they have shaped the history of humanity.

 **Technorevolucion** Until 6 May.

Interactive exhibition that allows visitors to experience the evolution of technology, with spaces dedicated to nanotechnology, biotechnology, IT and cognitive sciences.

## DHUB Museu de les Arts Decoratives

(Palau Reial de Pedralbes. Av. Diagonal, 686). M: Palau Reial (L3). T. 93 256 34 65. Tue.-sun., 10am-6pm. 5 €.

**Permanent exhibition**

## DHUB Museu Tèxtil i de la Indumentària

(Palau Reial de Pedralbes. Av. Diagonal, 686). M: Palau Reial (L3). T. 93 256 34 65. Tue.-sun., 10am-6pm. 5 €.

**Permanent exhibition**

## DHUB. Museu de Ceràmica

(Palau Reial de Pedralbes, Avda Diagonal, 686). M: Palau Reial (L3). T. 93 256 34 65. Tue-Sun, 10am-6pm. Public hols, 10am-3pm. Closed Mon. 5€. Reduced: 3€.

**Gerard Moliné. Clay: Design and Tradition.** Until 24 Sept. Gerard Moliné

is not a potter or ceramicist: he's an industrial designer. This exhibition analyses his use of clay as a medium to reinterpret traditional forms and experiment with new ones.

## Espai Mercè Sala

(Diagonal Metro Station). M: Diagonal (L3-L5).

**FREE Objects from the Museum.**

**DHUB Collections** Mon-Fri, 10am-8.30pm. Until 21 Sept.

## Espai VolART-Fundació Vila Casas

(Ausiàs March, 22). M: Urquinaona (L1-L4). T. 93 481 79 85. Tue-Fri, 5-8.30pm, Sat, 11am-20m & 5-8.30pm. Sun, 11am-2pm. 1 €; Reduced: 50¢.

**Espai Volart 2 Daniel Enkaoua - Create/Believe** 20 Sept-16 Dec.

Paintings by French artist Daniel Enkaoua, a master of expressionist brushwork.

**Victor Pérez-Porro - 'The Colours of Berlin made Shapes in my Head'** 20 Sept-12 Dec. Works by this contemporary artist.

## FAD. Foment de les Arts i el Disseny

(Pl. dels Àngels, 5-6). M: Universitat (L1-L2). T. 93 443 75 20. Reception hours: Mon-Thur, 10am-8pm. Fri, 10am-3pm. Closed Sun & public hols.

**FadExpo - Best Design of the Year**

Mon-Sat, de 12 a 20h. Until 22 September. The Year's Best Design: Barcelona's design foundation presents this year's prize-winning projects and runners-up in different design disciplines.

## Filmoteca de Catalunya

(Plaça Salvador Seguí, 1). M: Liceu (L3). T. 93 410 75 90. 4€.

**El Raval. The Image of a District** Tue-Sun, 4pm-9pm. Until 11 Nov. The

Raval is a central district of Barcelona, celebrated in novels, plays and films. This exhibition explores the history of the area and its portrayal in film.

## Fundació Alorda-Derksen

(Aragó, 314). M: Girona (L4). T. 93 272 62 50. By appt. 5 €. Reduced, 3 €.

**Permanent exhibition**

Contemporary art collection with provocative work from the Young British Artists (YBAs).

## Fundació Antoni Tàpies

(Aragó, 255). M: Passeig de Gràcia (L2-L3-L4). T. 93 487 03 15. Tue-Sun, 10am-7pm. 7 €. Students and pensioners, 5,60 €.

The El Molino theatre (Vilà i Vilà, 99) hosts burlesque shows, Wednesday to Thursday at 6.30pm and at 9.30pm (Sundays 6.30pm only)

**Head, arms, legs, body.** *Until 4 November.* The Tàpies foundation has brought together 13 of the artist's last works, focusing on the human body.

## Fundació Francisco Godia

(*Diputació, 250*). *M: Passeig de Gràcia (L2-L3-L4).* T. 93 272 31 80. *Mon-Sun, 10am-8pm. Closed Tue 5.50€.*

**Permanent exhibition**

## Fundació Joan Miró

(*Parc de Montjuïc, s/n*). *M: Espanya (L1-L3-FGC).* T. 93 443 94 70. *Tue-Sat, 10am-8pm. Thu, 10am-9.30pm, Sun & public holidays 10am-2.30pm. Closed Mondays. 10€.* *Espai 13, 2.50€.*

**Mona Hatoum / "Projecció"** *Until 24 September.* Forty works created over the last 20 years by Palestinian artist resident in London, Mona Hatoum.

## Fundació Suñol

(*Passeig de Gràcia, 98*). *M: Diagonal (L3-L5).* T. 93 496 10 32. *Mon-Sat 4pm-8pm. Closed Sun & public holidays. 2 July - 31 August: Mon-Fri, 11am-2pm & 2-8pm. Sat, 4-8pm. Closed 3-27 September.*

👉 **Fifth anniversary of the Josep Suñol collection** *28 Sept-9 Mar.*

Exhibition to mark the Suñol Foundation's fifth anniversary, with works by more than 70 artists including Picasso, Dalí, Tàpies, Warhol, Boetti and Man Ray.

## Jardí Botànic

(*Doctor Font i Quer, s/n*). *M: Espanya (L1-L3-FGC).* T. 93 256 41 60. *Sept: daily, 10am-7pm. Oct-March; daily, 10am-6pm.*

**Botanical Gardens** Permanent collection of plants from the Mediterranean and around the world.

## MACBA. Museu d'Art Contemporani

(*Plaça dels Àngels, 1*). *M: Universitat (L1-L2) & Sant Antoni (L2).* T. 93 412 08 10. *Di., Wed, Thu & Fri, 11am-8pm. Sun 10am-8pm. Sun & public holidays, 10am-3pm. Tues. closed, except public holidays. Whole museum ticket, 8€ (reduced 6,5€). Single exhibition ticket, 6€ (reduced, 4,50€).*

**Gordon Matta-Clark. Portfoli 'Office Baroque'** *Until 21 October.*

The exhibition focuses on 46 photographs by Gordon Matta donated to the Macba last year by Harold Berg. **Utopia is possible - ICSID. Eivissa, 1971** *Until 20 Jan.* *Utopia is Possible.* Documentary material, photographs and films from the MACBA's own collection, commemorating the VII Congress of the International Council of Societies of Industrial Design (ICSID), and the issues it addressed, such as sustainability, participation, solidarity, still highly relevant today.

**Le Corbusier i Jean Genet al Raval** *Until 21 October.* Two opposing views of Barcelona in the 1930's. On one hand, architect Le Corbusier, who promoted his own Macià plan as means of eradicating urban decay and social deprivation. On the other, Jean Genet's vision, a connoisseur of the street life of the Barrio Chino.

**Luis Claramunt. El viatge vertical** *Until 21 October.* A broad selection of work by artist Luis Claramunt, from painting, drawings and photographs to books.

**Rita McBride. Oferta pública / 'Public Tender'** *Until 24 September.* Rita McBride's most recent work analyzes space and the relationships of objects to modern architecture and industrial design. Her thought-provoking sculptures include a car made of rattan, a marble pipe and leaves made of Murano glass.

**Roberto Rossellini. 'Filmant Beaubourg'** *Until 21 October.* In the late 70s, Rossellini made a documentary about the Pompidou Centre in Paris. Alongside the documentary, you can see a film on the production process and discussions with the filmmaker at the Cannes Festival of 1977.

## MEAM: Museu Europeu d'Art Modern

(*Barra de Ferro, 5*). *M: Jaume I (L4).* T. 93 319 56 93. *Tue-Sun, 10am-8pm. 7€.* *Reductions 5€.*

👉 **Permanent collection** Unlike other contemporary art museums, the MEAM only exhibits figurative, realist or hyperrealist works.

👉 **Art of the Hard Rock** *11 Sept-7 Oct.* Forty artworks and 65 iconic objects from the history of the rock, to celebrate the 15th anniversary of the Hard Rock Café.

## MIBA. Museu d'Idees i Invents de Barcelona

(Ciutat, 7). M: Jaume I (L4). T. 93 332 79 30. Tue-Fri., 10am-2pm & 4-7pm. Sat, 11am-8pm. Sun & public holidays, 10am-2pm. 7€.

📍 **Permanent exhibition**

## MNAC: Museu Nacional d'Art de Catalunya

(Parc de Montjuïc). M: Espanya (L1-L3-FGC). T. 93 622 03 60. Tue-Sat, 10am-7pm. Sun & public holidays, 10am-2.30pm. 10€. Temporary exhibitions: consult museum website.

📍 **Permanent collection**

## MUHBA EI Call

(Placeta de Manuel Ribé). M: Liceu (L3) & Jaume I (L4). T. 93 256 21 22. Tue-Fri, 11am-2pm. Sat, Sun, 11am-7pm. Sun and Mon before public holidays, 10am-2pm. Closed Monday. 2€.

📍 **Salomó ben Adret (1235-1310). The Triumph of an Orthodoxy** Until 31 December. Salomó ben Adret, also known as the Rashba, was a Catalan Jewish leader and Rabbi at the main synagogue of Barcelona during the late 13<sup>th</sup> and early 14<sup>th</sup> centuries.

## MUHBA Monestir de Pedralbes

(Baixada del Monestir, 9). M: Reina Elisenda (FGC). T. 93 256 34 34. Tues-Fri, de 10am-5pm. Sun, 10am-7pm. Sun, 10am-8pm (Sun, free after 3pm). Sun and Mon before public holidays, 10am-2pm. Closed Monday. 7€. 4€ groups of more than 10. Reduced entry: 5€. Under 16s, free entry.

📍 **Paintings from the Sant Miquel Chapel** Until 31 December. Paintings from the chapel of Sant Miquel, a 14th-century Gothic masterpiece.

## MUHBA Museu d'Història de Barcelona

(Pl. del Rei). M: Jaume I (L4). T. 93 256 21 22. Tues - Sat, 10 - 19h. Sun, 10am-8pm (Sun free after 3pm). Sun and Mon before public holidays, 10am-2pm. Closed Mon. 7€. Under-16s free.

📍 **Saló del Tinell Indianes. Els orígens de la Barcelona industrial, 1736-1847** Until 16 December. The mass-production of calico prints or 'indianes' galvanised the economic life of Barcelona.

## MUHBA Park Güell

(Olot, s/n. Casa de la Guarda). T. 93 256 21 22. From 1 April until 30 Sept: Mon-Sun 10am-8pm. From 1 Oct until 31 March: Mon-Sun, 10am-6pm. 2€

📍 **Permanent exhibition**

## MUHBA Refugi 307

(Nou de la Rambla, 169). M: Jaume I (L1-L4). T. 93 256 21 00. Sat. & Sun., 10am-2pm, by appointment. Public holidays, closed. 3€.

📍 **Permanent exhibition**

## MUHBA Santa Caterina

(Pl. de Joan Capri). M: Paral·lel (L2-L3). T. 93 256 21 22. Mn-Sat., 10am-2pm. Sun. & Public holidays, closed.

**FREE Permanent exhibition**

## MUHBA Vil·la Joana. Casa Verdaguer

(Ctra de l'Església, 104. Vallvidrera). T. 93 204 78 05. Sat & Sun, 10am-2pm. Tue-Wed, groups (by appt) only. Closed Mon.

📍 **Permanent exhibition**

## Museu Barbier-Mueller d'Art Precolombí

(Montcada, 14). M: Jaume I (L4). T. 93 310 45 16. Tue-Fri, 11am-7pm. Sat, Sun, 11am-8pm. Public holidays 11am-3pm. 3,50 €.

📍 **The Inca Trail** Until 31 Dec. An in-depth look at the culture and history of one of the great Pre-Columbian civilisations.

## Museu Blau

(Pl. de Leonardo da Vinci, 4-5, Parc del Fòrum). M: El Maresme/Fòrum (L4). T. 93 256 60 02. Tue-Sun & public holidays, 10am-8pm. Closed Mon. 6€. Museum & Botanical Gardens, 7€.

**Aliens, la invasió de les espècies exòtiques** Until 31 Jan. **Aliens: Invasion of Exotic Species.** How do invasive species arrive in an ecosystem, and what are the consequences?

**Espai Terra: The Catalonia You Know** *Until 31 Jan.* Photographs of remote areas, unusual land formations, flora, fauna and meteorology – everything that relates to the geography of the Catalan-speaking regions.

## Museu de Badalona

(Pl. Assemblea de Catalunya, 1). *Badalona. M: Pep Ventura (L2). T. 93 384 17 50. Tue-Sat, 10am-2pm & 5-8pm Sun & public holidays, 10am-2pm. 6 €.*

**FREE Baetulo, Roman City** *Tue-Fri, 5-8pm, Sat & Sun, 10am-2pm. Until 31 Dec.* A display of objects that were in daily use in Badalona more than 2,000 years ago.

## Museu Egipci

(València, 284). *M: Passeig de Gràcia (L2-L3-L4). T. 93 488 01 88. Mon-Sun 10am-8pm. Sun, 10am-2pm. Adults 11 €.* *Reduced, 8 €.*

☞ **Permanent exhibition**

## Museu de l'Eròtica

(La Rambla, 96, bis). *M: Catalunya (L1-L3). T. 93 318 98 65. June-Sept: Mon-Fri, 10am-9pm. Oct-May: Mon-Sun, 10am-8pm. Adults 9 €.* *Reduced 8 €.*

☞ **Permanent exhibition**

## Museu Frederic Marès

(Plaça de Sant Iu, 5). *M: Liceu (L3) & Jaume I (L4). T. 93 256 35 00. Tue-Sat, 10am-7pm. Sun & public holidays, 11am-8pm. Closed Mon except public holidays. 4.20 €.*

**Vilató (1921-2000). Barcelona-París. A Road to Freedom: Bronze** *Until 30 September.* Work by painter, sculptor and engraver Xavier Vilató, Picasso's nephew.

## Museu del Futbol Club Barcelona

(Aristides Maillol, s/n. Estadi FCB. Gates 7 or 9). *M: Les Corts (L3). T. 902 18 99 00. From 2 April until 7 Oct: Mon-Sat, 10am-8pm. Sun & public holidays, 10am-2.30pm. Camp Nou tour available until one hour before museum closing time. 23 €. Children 17 €. Children under 6 years old and FCB members, free.*

☞ **Permanent exhibition.**

## Museu Marítim de Barcelona

(Av. de les Drassanes s/n). *M: Drassanes (L3). T. 93 342 99 20. Mon - Sun, 10am-8pm. 2,50 €.* *Due to ongoing renovations, only temporary exhibitions are open.*

**Titanic. The Exhibition** *Until 30 September. 12 €.* *Under 14s: 5 €.* Travel back in time to experience the story of the Titanic, from its design and construction to its final resting place, almost 4 km under the North Atlantic.

## Museu de la Música

(Padilla, 155). *M: Glòries (L1) & Marina (L1). T. 93 256 36 50. Mon-Sat., 10am-6pm. Sun, 10am-8pm. Closed Tues. 4 €. Reduced 3 €. Free admission Sun afternoon.*

☞ **Permanent exhibition**

## Museu del Modernisme Català

(Balmes, 48). *M: Passeig de Gràcia (L2-L3-L4). T. 93 272 28 96. Mon-Sat, 10am-8pm. Sun & public holidays, 10am-2pm. 10 €.*

☞ **Permanent exhibition**

## 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. Tues - Sat 10am-8pm. Sun & public holidays, de 10 a 14.30 h. 4.50 €. Students, 2.60 €. Under-14s free. Over-65s free.*

☞ **Cobi: Twenty Years On** *Until 2 Sept.* As part of the celebrations commemorating the 20th anniversary of the 1992 Barcelona Olympics, this exhibition pays homage to the games' cheeky mascot Cobi, created by Javier Mariscal.

**III International Award for Watercolours and Other Works on Paper. Theme: Sport** *6 Sept-21 Dec.* Works from the award shortlist.

## Museu Picasso

(Montcada, 15-23). *M: Jaume I (L4). T. 93 256 30 00. Tue-Sun, 10am-8pm. Closed Mon (except public holidays). 11*

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**Vilató (1921-2000). Barcelona-Paris, a Road to Freedom: People**  
Until 30 Sept. Work by Picasso's nephew painter, sculptor and engraver Xavier Vilató.

## Palau Robert

(Pg. de Gràcia, 107). M: Diagonal (L3-L5). T. 93 238 80 91. Mon-Sat, 10am-7pm. Sun & public holidays, 10am-2.30pm.

**FREE Sala 4 Famine Alert** Until 2 Sept. an exhibition on the causes of famine in Africa.

**FREE Sala 2 Barcelona Multiverse** Until 11 Sept. Photographs mix real and imaginary visions of Barcelona's most famous landmarks.

**FREE Sala 3 Ferran Adrià i El Bulli - Risk, Freedom and Creativity** Until 3 Jan. The creative genius of Ferran Adrià, probably the most influential chef in the world, whose talent and flair for innovation have turned 21st-century gastronomy upside-down.

**FREE Sala 4. Sant Joan de Déu Hospital: Science and Humanism** 17-24 Sept. The work of children's hospital does with young patients.

**FREE Salas 1 & 2 Photographs from the New York Times Magazine** 28 Sept-2 Dec. An examination of the nature of photography at crucial moment in the development of the printed press.

**FREE Sala 2 Pilarín Bayés, 50 Years of Drawing for everyone** Until 11 Sept. A retrospective on the life and work of draughtswoman and illustrator Pilarín Bayés.

## La Pedrera

(Provença, 261-265). M: Provença (FGC) & Diagonal (L3-L5). T. 902 400 973. Mar-Oct: Mon-Sun, 9am-8pm (last entry: 7.30pm). €16.50. Reduced entry, €14.85.

**FREE Llorens Artigas. Man of Fire.** Mon-Sun, 10am-8pm. Until 2 September. More than 50 works by Josep Llorens Artigas, one of the most influential names in European ceramics.

## Virreina Centre de la Imatge

(La Rambla, 99). M: Liceu (L3). T. 93 316 10 00. Tue-Sun, noon-8pm.



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**MARÍA PAGÉS** The virtuoso flamenco dancer and choreographer presents her new show, 'Utopia' at the Teatre Victòria, based on the work of Brazilian architect Niemeyer.

**FREE Número 3. Works from the Centre des Arts Plastiques (France)** Until 30 Sept. Photographs and videos examine the relationship between machines and people.

## Theatre

### Artèria Paral·lel

(Av. Paral·lel, 62). T. 93 324 84 92. [www.arteria.com](http://www.arteria.com). M: Paral·lel (L2-L3). Ticket office open Wed & Thur, 4-8.30pm, Fri 5-8.30pm. Sat, 4-10pm, Sun 3-8.30pm. Advance booking: [www.arteriaentradas.com](http://www.arteriaentradas.com), 902 33 22 11 & [Servicaixa.com](http://Servicaixa.com).

**Ennio Marchetto** Mon-Fri, 8.30pm. Sat, 7 & 10pm. Sun, 7.30pm. No performance 12, 17, 18, 19 & 25 Sept. 18-28 € 6-30 Sept.

Ennio Marchetti uses his unique take on drag to transform himself into 100 icons of popular culture, from Marilyn Monroe to Lady Gaga.

### Teatre Gaudí Barcelona

(Sant Antoni Maria Claret, 120). T. 93 603 51 52. [www.teatregaudiibarcelona.com](http://www.teatregaudiibarcelona.com). M: Sagrada Família (L2-L5) & Sant Pau/Dos de Maig (L5). Ticket offices open one hour before performance starts. Advance bookings: [Servicaixa.com](http://Servicaixa.com), 902 33 22 11 & [www.servicaixa.es](http://www.servicaixa.es).

**David y Sara** by Ever Blanchet. Tue & Wed, 8.45pm. 18 €. From 7 August. In Spanish. A love story set in a time of fear, dogma, repression, uncertainty, betrayal and cruelty.

**Tu digues que l'estimes** by Ivan

Campillo. *Thur-Sat, 8.45pm. Sun, 6pm. 18€.* 3 August-30 September. In Catalan. Comedy about life as a couple, in which a chain of mix-ups lead to a hilarious denouement.

## Teatre Victòria

(Paral·lel, 67). T. 93 329 91 89. [www.teatrevictoria.com](http://www.teatrevictoria.com). M: Paral·lel (L2-L3). Ticket offices open Tue-Sun, from 5pm until performance begins. Advance bookings: Servicaixa, 902 33 22 11 & [www.servicaixa.com](http://www.servicaixa.com).

👉 **Bésame mucho. The Musical of Passion** Dir: Yolena Alonso. Tue & Fri, 9.30pm. Sat, 7 & 10pm. Sun, 7pm (15 Aug, special performance at 6pm). 19-40€. 19 July - 2 Sept. In Spanish. Musical spectacle set in a vibrant neighbourhood of La Havana, where two young lovers experience the highs and lows of romance.

👉 **Stomp** by Luke Cresswell & Steve McNicholas. Tue & Sun, 6.30pm, Wed & Thu 8.30pm, Fri 10pm, Sat 6.30 & 10pm, Mon 10 Sept, 6.30pm, Wed 12 Sept: no performance. 27.50-35€. 5-16 Sept. An explosive combination of percussion, music, humour and dance has made *Stomp* a global phenomenon.

# Dance

## Gran Teatre del Liceu

(La Rambla, 51-59). T. 93 485 99 00. [www.liceubarcelona.cat](http://www.liceubarcelona.cat). M: Liceu (L3). Advance booking: [www.liceubarcelona.cat](http://www.liceubarcelona.cat), servicaixa, 902 33 22 11 & [www.servicaixa.com](http://www.servicaixa.com).

**Alvin Ailey. American Dance Theater / Festa Barocca - Love Stories - Revelations** Thu & Fri, 8pm, Sat 17 & 9.30pm. 13.50-86.25€. 13-15 Sept.

The ambassadors of Afro-American dance around the world arrive at the Liceu with a programme that is also a manifesto of their personal style, full of energy and theatrical imagination.

## Mercat de les Flors

(Lleida, 59). T. 93 426 18 75. [www.mercatflors.cat](http://www.mercatflors.cat). M: Espanya (L1-L3-FGC) i Poble Sec (L3). Ticket office opens one hour before performance.

**Creative capsules/Cesc Gelabert & Isaki Lacuesta/Trace** Fri & Sat, 8.30pm. Sun 6pm 12€. 28-30 Sept. *Trace* is a contemporary dance show

directed by doyen of the Catalan dance scene, Cesc Gelabert and filmmaker Isaki Lacuesta, which combines live dance with projected images.

## Poble Espanyol

(Av. de Francesc Ferrer i Guàrdia, 13). T. 93 508 63 00. [www.poble-espanyol.com](http://www.poble-espanyol.com). M: Espanya (L1-L3-FGC).

👉 **Embrossa't** by Teia Moner. Dir: Teia Moner i Cristina Bertran. Sun, 12.30pm. 2-30 Sept. Dance for all the family based on the visual poetry of Catalan artist Joan Brossa.

## Teatre Gaudí Barcelona

(Sant Antoni Maria Claret, 120). T. 93 603 51 52. [www.teatregaudibarcelona.com](http://www.teatregaudibarcelona.com). M: Sagrada Família (L2-L5) & Sant Pau/Dos de Maig (L5). Advance booking: Servicaixa, 902 33 22 11 & [www.servicaixa.es](http://www.servicaixa.es).

👉 **Lulú, Primera Nit** by Roberto G. Alonso. Fri & Sat., 10.30pm. Sun 8pm 18€. Until 30 Sept.

Roberto G. Alonso investigates the hidden desires and thought-processes of our society, hypocritically disguised as unmentionable secrets.

👉 **Happy Ha Ha** Dir: Mercedes Boronat. Sat 6pm. Sun 12pm. 9€. 30 Sept & 30 Dec.

Dance for all the family based on the visual poetry of Catalan artist Joan Brossa.

## Teatre Victòria

(Paral·lel, 67). T. 93 329 91 89. [www.teatrevictoria.com](http://www.teatrevictoria.com). M: Paral·lel (L2-L3). Advance bookings: Servicaixa, 902 33 22 11 & [www.servicaixa.com](http://www.servicaixa.com).

👉 **Maria Pagés, Utopia** 9pm. 23 & 24 Sept: 7pm. 30 Sept: 6.30pm. From 24 to 39€. From 19 until 30 Sept.

Audacious, innovative and technically impressive, Maria Pagés is a key figure on the contemporary flamenco scene. 'Utopia' is a declaration of principles, born of her admiration for the Brazilian architect Oscar Niemeyer.

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# Day by day

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## Saturday 1

### Al fresco

7.30pm

**FREE La Festa Catalana** *Plaça de la Catedral*. Traditional Catalan culture: acrobatic human castles and dancing giants. For more information, see www.bcn.cat/barcelonacultura.

From 9pm

**Magical Nights at the Casa Batlló** (*Pg. de Gràcia, 43*). *M: Passeig de Gràcia (L2-L3-L4)*. Tue-Sat. 29€. Until 23 Sept. Discover the enchanting beauty of Antoni Gaudí's most mysterious building by night.

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### Classical music

7pm

**FREE Banda Municipal de Barcelona at the Festa Major de Sants** *Parc de l'Espanya Industrial (Parc de l'Espanya Industrial)*. *M: Sants Estació (L3-L5)*.

8pm

**The Flying Dutchman** *Gran Teatre del Liceu (La Rambla, 51-59)*. *M: Liceu (L3)*. 25-280€. The orchestra, choir and soloists of the Bayreuth Festival perform a concert version of Wagner's opera.

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### Electronica

12.30am

**Nitsa Club: Pional live! + Dj Fra** *Sala Apolo (Nou de la Rambla, 113)*. *M: Paral·lel (L2-L3)*.

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### Folk traditions

6pm

**FREE Sardanias** *Plaça de la Catedral*. 1 & 8 Sept. Traditional Catalan dance.

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### Flamenco

9.30pm

**Flamenco Nights at the Palau Dalmaes** (*Montcada, 20*). *M: Jaume I (L4)*. Mon-Sun. 20€. Flamenco show with dance, guitar, *cante* and *cajón*, at

the Palau Dalmaes, one of the Born's most beautiful mansions.

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### Instrumental

9pm

**Art of the Guitar** *Parròquia de Santa Anna (Santa Anna, 29)*. 21€. Spanish guitar concert.

9pm

**Manuel González: Masters of the Spanish Guitar** *Palau de la Música Catalana (Palau de la Música, 4-6)*. *M: Urquinaona (L1-L4)*. 25-29€. Spanish guitar concert.

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### Jazz

9.30pm. Concert 10pm

**Summer Nights at La Pedrera 2012** (*Provença, 261-265*). *M: Provença (FGC) & Diagonal (L3-L5)*. Thur, Fri & Sat, 25€. A rare opportunity to stroll under the arches of the Espai Gaudí, admiring the unique architectural setting, before going up to the roof terrace for a live jazz concert - all the while enjoying a glass of cava.

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### Tours

9am-7.30pm

**Sagrada Família** (*Mallorca, 401*). *M: Sagrada Família (L2-L5)*. 13€. Guided tour: 17€.

10am-7pm

**Palau Güell** *Palau Güell (Nou de la Rambla, 3-5)*. *M: Drassanes (L3) & Liceu (L3)*. 10€. Reductions, 8€. Visit the palace built by Antoni Gaudí as the residence of the Güell family at the end of the 19th century. The tour takes in the whole building, from the stables in the basement to the roof terrace, visiting the mezzanine, the splendid reception rooms, the bedrooms and the attic.

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### Sunday 2

### Classical music

7pm

**Lohengrin** *Gran Teatre del Liceu (La Rambla, 51-59)*. *M: Liceu (L3)*. 25-280€. The choir and orchestra of the Bayreuth Festival presents a concert version of Wagner's opera 'Lohengrin', in which a Graal knight will defend the honour of a wrongly accused lady.

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## Football

8pm

 **League fixture. FC Barcelona vs Valencia** *Camp Nou (Aristides Maillol, s/n). M: Collblanc (L5).*

## Instrumental

9pm

 **Ekaterina Záyitseva: Masters of the Spanish Guitar** *Santa Maria del Pi (Cardenal Casañas, 16). M: Liceu (L3) & Jaume I (L4). 21€. Spanish guitar concert.*

## Rock

9.30pm

**Jack White** *Sant Jordi Club (Passeig Olímpic, 5-7). M: Espanya (L3 & 5). 35€. The male half of the White Stripes presents his new solo album *Blunderbuss* in Barcelona.*

## Tours

10.30am

**FREE Guided tour of Poblenou cemetery** *(Av. Icària, s/n). M:*

*Llacuna (L4). 10.30am (in Catalan) & 12.30am (in Spanish). A guided tour of 19th century Barcelona, as reflected in the tombs and gravestones of the city's great and good.*

**La Pedrera** *(Provença, 261-265). M: Provença (FGC) & Diagonal (L3-L5). 16.50€. Reductions 14.85€. Visit the essential spaces inside Gaudi's masterpiece. Includes visits to the courtyard, the roof terrace, the Espai Gaudi (upper floor), an apartment that recreates bourgeois life in Barcelona at the beginning of the 20th century, and the exhibition hall.*

## Monday 3

### Flamenco

9.30pm

 **Flamenco Nights at the Palau Dalmases** *(Montcada, 20). M: Jaume I (L4). Mon-Sun. 20€.*

### Rock

11pm

**Nasty Mondays** *Sala Apolo (Nou de la*

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**THE ZOO IS 120!** Barcelona Zoo is celebrating its 120th anniversary, with open days on the 22nd, 23rd and 24th, with activities for all the family.

Rambla, 113). *M: Paral·lel (L2-L3)*. The city's wildest Monday night party – get ready to rock and roll.

## Tuesday 4

### Classical music

**8pm**

📍 **The Flying Dutchman** *Gran Teatre del Liceu (La Rambla, 51-59)*. *M: Liceu (L3)*. 25-280 €. Performance of Wagner's opera.

### Indie

**Midnight**

**Crappy Tuesdays** *Sala Apolo (Nou de la Rambla, 113)*. *M: Paral·lel (L2-L3)*. Indie pop & electronica for a younger crowd.

### Instrumental

**9pm**

📍 **Art de Guitarra. 'Carmen'** *Parròquia de Santa Anna (Santa Anna, 29)*. 21 €. Spanish guitar concert.

### Pop

**21 h**

**Los Campesinos! + Dry the River** *Music Hall (Rambla de Catalunya 2-4)*. *M: Catalunya (L1-L3)*. 15-20 €. Double appointment with a couple of bands from the independent music scene of the UK in this central venue. The stars of the night

are the Welsh indie-pop band Los Campesinos!, who last year released their fourth and latest album, 'Hello Sadness' (2011). Before them, the London folk-pop quintet Dry The River, will present their debut, 'Shallow bed' (2012).

## Tours

📍 **La Pedrera** (*Provença, 261-265*). *M: Provença (FGC) & Diagonal (L3-L5)*. 16.50€. Reductions 14.85€

## Wednesday 5

### Classical music

**7pm**

📍 **Lohengrin** *Gran Teatre del Liceu (La Rambla, 51-59)*. *M: Liceu (L3)*. 25-280€.

### Instrumental

**9pm**

📍 **Ekaterina Záyitseva: Masters of the Spanish Guitar** *Santa Maria del Pi (Cardenal Casañas, 16)*. *M: Liceu (L3) & Jaume I (L4)*. 21€. Spanish guitar concert.

## World music

**Caníbal Sound System** *Sala Apolo (Nou de la Rambla, 113)*. *M: Paral·lel (L2-L3)*. *Wed, 12.30am*. Late night party with a world music soundtrack.

## Thursday 6

### Classical music

**7pm**

📍 **Tristan und Isolde** *Gran Teatre del Liceu (La Rambla, 51-59)*. *M: Liceu (L3)*. 25-280€. Concert version of Wagner's last opera performed by the soloists, choir and orchestra of the Bayreuth Festival.

## Electronica

**1am**

**Boombbox** *Sala Apolo (Nou de la Rambla, 113)*. *M: Paral·lel (L2-L3)*.

## Jazz

**9.30pm**

**Summer Nights at La Pedrera: Nelson Project** (*Provença, 261-265*). *M: Provença (FGC) & Diagonal (L3-L5)*. 25€. The barcelonin octet runs through the work of sax player and composer Joe Henderson.

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## Friday 7

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### Instrumental

9pm

 **Art de Guitarra. 'Carmen'**

*Parròquia de Santa Anna (Santa Anna, 29). 21€.*

9pm

 **Manuel González: Masters of the Spanish Guitar**

*Palau de la Música Catalana (Palau de la Música, 4-6). M: Urquinaona (L1-L4). 25-29€.*  
Spanish guitar concert.

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### Jazz

9.30pm

**Summer Nights at La Pedrera:**

**Nelson Project** (*Provença, 261-265*).  
M: *Provença (FGC) & Diagonal (L3-L5)*.  
25€.

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### Cinema

8pm

**Mecal Air 2012** *Poble Espanyol (Av. de Francesc Ferrer i Guàrdia, 13)*. M:  
*Espanya (L1-L3-FGC)*. 5.60€. Short  
films and music in the open air.

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### Tours

From 8.30-10.30pm

**The Eternal Banquet. Food in Ancient Egypt**

*Museu Egípc (València, 284)*. M: *Passeig de Gràcia (L2-L3-L4)*. 35€. Book in advance 93 488 01 88. Travel back in time on a thematic journey through the galleries of the museum, to discover the secrets of Ancient Egyptian cuisine, ending on the museum terrace with a chance to taste dishes from the time of the Pharaohs. Guided visit in Spanish or Catalan.

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## Saturday 8

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### Al fresco

7.30pm

**FREE La Festa Catalana** *Plaça de la Catedral*. Traditional Catalan culture: human castles and falcons. For more information, see [www.bcn.cat/barcelonacultura](http://www.bcn.cat/barcelonacultura).

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### Flamenco

9.30pm

 **Gran Gala Flamenco 2012**

*Palau de la Música Catalana (Palau de la*

*Música, 4-6). M: Urquinaona (L1-L4). 30-45€.* The show that brings the exhilarating world of flamenco to Barcelona.

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### Folk traditions

6pm

**FREE Sardanas** *Plaça de la Catedral*. Traditional Catalan dance.  
Information: [www.bcn.cat](http://www.bcn.cat).

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### Instrumental

9pm

 **Art de Guitarra. 'Carmen'**

*Parròquia de Santa Anna (Santa Anna, 29). 21€.*

21.15 h

 **Ekaterina Záyitseva: Masters of the Spanish Guitar** *Església de Santa Maria del Pi (Cardenal Casañas, 16)*. M: *Liceu (L3) & Jaume I (L4)*. 21€.

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### Pop

9pm

**Single + Renaldo & Clara** *Sala Apolo (Nou de la Rambla, 113)*. M: *Paral·lel (L2-L3)*. 12€ in advance. 15€. Exquisite folk-pop with groups Single and Renaldo & Clara.

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### Sport

**FREE Barcelona 24-Hour Motor Racing** *Circuit de Catalunya (Carretera de Granollers a Paret Km 2)*. *Montmeló*. 8 & 9 Sept. Information: [www.circuitcat.com](http://www.circuitcat.com).

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## Sunday 9

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### Flamenco

9.30pm

 **Opera y Flamenco** *Teatre Poliorama (La Rambla, 115)*. M: *Catalunya (L1-L3)*. 30-45€. €. This innovative show mixes opera, the spanish tradition of 'zarzuela'—a spanish opera for the working-classes, with spoken parts— and flamenco music.

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### Folk traditions

Noon

**FREE Sardanas** *Plaça Eivissa*. M: *Horta (L5)*. Traditional Catalan dance at Horta neighbourhood. Information: [www.bcn.cat](http://www.bcn.cat).

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## Instrumental

9pm

📍 **Pedro Javier González: Masters of the Spanish Guitar** *Església de Santa Maria del Pi (Cardenal Casañas, 16). M: Liceu (L3) & Jaume I (L4). 21€.* Spanish guitar concert.

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## Sport

**FREE Barcelona 24-Hour Motor Racing** *Circuit de Catalunya (Crt.a.de Granollers a Parets Km 2). Montmeló. 8 & 9 Sept.* Information: [www.circuitcat.com](http://www.circuitcat.com).

**Poblenou Run** *Poblenou. M: Bac de Roda (L2).* Start: Carrer d'Espronceda/Perú. Information: [www.avgranvia.com](http://www.avgranvia.com).

**Triatló de la Dona** *Parc de l'Espanya Industrial. M: Sants Estació (L3-L5).* Information: [www.triatlondelamujer-barcelona.es](http://www.triatlondelamujer-barcelona.es).

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## Tours

**11am (Catalan) & 11.15am (Spanish)**  
**FREE Ruta pel Cementiri de Montjuïc** *(Mare de Déu del Port, 56-58).* Guided tour of this huge cemetery, making its way up the side of Montjuïc to learn about some of the significant figures buried here, and discover some striking works of funerary art.

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## Monday 10

### Flamenco

9.30pm

📍 **Flamenco Nights at the Palau Dalmaes** *(Montcada, 20). M: Jaume I (L4). Mon-Sun. 20€.*

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## Instrumental

9pm

📍 **Pedro Javier González: Masters of the Spanish Guitar** *Església de Santa Maria del Pi (Cardenal Casañas, 16). M: Liceu (L3) & Jaume I (L4). 21€.*

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## Rock

11pm

**Nasty Mondays** *Sala Apolo (Nou de la Rambla, 113). M: Paral·lel (L2-L3).* The city's wildest Monday night party – get ready to rock and roll.

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## Tours

**Sagrada Família** *(Mallorca, 401). M: Sagrada Família (L2-L5). 13€.* Guided tour: 17€  
**Palau Güell** *(Nou de la Rambla, 3-5). M: Drassanes (L3) & Liceu (L3). 10€.* Reduced, 8€.

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## Tuesday 11

### Al fresco

12.30 h

**FREE Castells** *(Plaça del Setge de 1714).* Human towers in the Poble Sec district to celebrate Catalan National Day.

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## Classical music

7pm

**Mas i Mas Festival: Orquestra Simfònica de Tarragona 'Camerata XXI'** *(Palau de la Música, 4-6). M: Urquinaona (L1-L4). 15-54€.* A performance of works by catalan composers such as Frederic Mompou, Ricard Lamote de Grignon, Eduard Toldrà & Xavier Montsalvatge will celebrate Catalonia's National Day.

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## Festa major

Noon

**FREE Castells. Festa Major de Vallcarca** *(Plaça Lesseps). M: Lesseps (L3).* Human towers.

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## Indie

Midnight

**Crappy Tuesdays** *Sala Apolo (Nou de la Rambla, 113). M: Paral·lel (L2-L3).* Night of indie pop and electronica.

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## Wednesday 12

### Al fresco

📍 **Magical Nights at the Casa Batlló** *(Pg. de Gràcia, 43). M: Passeig de Gràcia (L2-L3-L4). Tue-Sat. 29€.*



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## Tours

**10am-8pm**

**Palau Güell** (*Nou de la Rambla, 3-5*). *M: Drassanes (L3) & Liceu (L3)*. 10€. *Reduced, 8€*. Visit all the main spaces inside this stunning building.

## World music

**12.30am**

**Caníbal Sound System** *Sala Apolo (Nou de la Rambla, 113)*. *M: Paral·lel (L2-L3)*. Late night party with a world music soundtrack.

## Thursday 13

## Instrumental

**9pm**

 **Manuel González: Masters of the Spanish Guitar** *Palau de la Música Catalana (Palau de la Música, 4-6)*. *M: Urquinaona (L1-L4)*. 25-29€.

## Pop

**12.30am**

**Cupcake** *Sala Apolo (Nou de la Rambla, 113)*. *M: Paral·lel (L2-L3)*. Eighties music a go-go.

## Tours

**9am-7.30pm**

**Sagrada Família** (*Mallorca, 401*). *M: Sagrada Família (L2-L5)*. 13€. *Guided tour: 17€*

## Friday 14

## Cinema

**8pm**

**Mecal Air 2012** *Poble Espanyol (Av. de Francesc Ferrer i Guàrdia, 13)*. *M: Espanya (L1-L3-FGC)*. 5.60€ *Short films and music al fresco.*

## Flamenco

**9pm**

**Capullo de Jerez** *Sala Apolo (Nou de la Rambla, 113)*. *M: Paral·lel (L2-L3)*.

**7pm**


 **Ópera y Flamenco** *Teatre Poliorama (La Rambla, 115)*. *M: Catalunya (L1-L3)*. 30-45€.

## Instrumental

**9pm**

 **Art de Guitarra. 'Carmen'** *Parròquia de Santa Anna (Santa Anna, 29)*. 21€. *Spanish guitar concert.*

**9pm**

 **Barcelona 4 Guitars** *Església de Santa Maria del Pi (Cardenal Casañas, 16)*. *M: Liceu (L3) & Jaume I (L4)*. 21€. *Spanish guitar concert.*

## Pop

**9pm**

**Serrat & Sabina** *Palau Sant Jordi (Pg. Olímpic, 5-7)*. *M: Espanya (L1-L3-FGC)*. 30-185€. *Joaquín Sabina & Joan Manuel Serrat, two hugely popular veteran singer-songwriters, revive their onstage partnership, swapping songs and wrinkly repartee.*

## Tours

**8.30-10.30pm**

**The Eternal Banquet. Food in Ancient Egypt** *Museu Egípciu (València, 284)*. *M: Passeig de Gràcia (L2-L3-L4)*. 35€. *Book in advance 93 488 01 88*. Travel back in time on a thematic journey through the galleries of the museum, to discover the secrets of Ancient Egyptian cuisine, ending on the museum terrace with a chance to

taste dishes from the time of the Pharaohs. Guided visit in Spanish or Catalan.

## Saturday 15

### Al fresco

**7.30pm**

**FREE La Festa Catalana** (*Plaça de la Catedral*). Sardanas & falcons. Information: [www.bcn.cat/barcelonacultura](http://www.bcn.cat/barcelonacultura).

### From noon to midnight

**Hipnotik Festival 2012** *Centre de Cultura Contemporània de Barcelona (Montalegre, 5)*. *M: Catalunya (L1-L3)*. 20€. *In advance: 15€*. Barcelona's hip-hop scene take centre stage at Hipnotik: 12 hours of music, face-offs, graffiti, break dance, workshops, graphic design and audiovisual media.

## Instrumental

**9pm**

**Manuel González: Masters of the Spanish Guitar** *Església de Santa Maria del Pi (Cardenal Casañas, 16)*. *M: Liceu (L3) & Jaume I (L4)*. 21€.

## Pop

**9pm**

**Kimbra** *Sala Apolo (Nou de la Rambla, 113)*. *M: Paral·lel (L2-L3)*. 20€. The New Zealand singer presents her new album 'Vows'.

## Sunday 16

### Al fresco

**2.30pm**

**FREE Castells** *Ronda Sant Antoni M: Sant Antoni (L2)*. Human towers.

## Sport

**33 Cursa de La Mercè** *Various venues*. Barcelona's runners take to the most emblematic streets of Barcelona to celebrate the city's fiesta. Information: [www.bcn.cat](http://www.bcn.cat).

## Festa major

**Noon**

**FREE Castells. Festa Major del Poblenou** *Parc Central del Poblenou*

(*Pere IV, 129-131*). *M: Poblenou (L4)*. 16 Sept. Human towers.

## Tours

**10.30am (Catalan) & 12.30pm (Spanish)**

**FREE Ruta pel Cementiri de Poblenou** (*Av. Icària, s/n*). *M: Llacuna (L4)*. A guided tour through 19th-century Barcelona, as reflected in the mausoleums and monuments dedicated to its most illustrious citizens.

## Monday 17

### Flamenco

**9.30pm**

**Flamenco Nights at the Palau Dalmasas** (*Montcada, 20*). *M: Jaume I (L4)*. *Mon-Sun*. 20€.

## Rock

**Nasty Mondays** *Sala Apolo (Nou de la Rambla, 113)*. *M: Paral·lel (L2-L3)*. *Di*,

*11pm*. The city's wildest Monday night party – get ready to rock and roll.

## Tuesday 18

### Indie

**Midnight**

**Crappy Tuesdays** *Sala Apolo (Nou de la Rambla, 113)*. *M: Paral·lel (L2-L3)*. Night of indie pop and electronica.

## Instrumental

**9pm**

**Art de Guitarra. 'Carmen'** *Parròquia de Santa Anna (Santa Anna, 29)*. 21€.

## Tours

**Palau Güell** (*Nou de la Rambla, 3-5*). *M: Drassanes (L3) & Liceu (L3)*. 10€. *Reduced, 8€*. Visit all the main spaces inside this stunning building, designed by Gaudi.

## Wednesday 19

### Festival

**Festival Àsia** *Various venues*. 19-24 Sept. Enjoy all aspects of Asian culture

**Filmoteca de Catalunya** (Pl. Salvador Seguí) dedicates September to Quebec, Ray Bradbury, José Luís García Berlanga and Samuel Fuller. [www.filmoteca.cat](http://www.filmoteca.cat)

as the Asia Festival returns with a vast array of activities, with shows from China, Japan, India and Pakistan, as well as artistic activities presented by the Asian community of Barcelona and Catalonia. More information [www.festivalasia.es](http://www.festivalasia.es).

## Flamenco

9.30pm

 **Gran Gala Flamenco** *Teatre Poliorama (La Rambla, 115). M: Catalunya (L1-L3). 30-45€.*

## World music

12.30am

**Canibal Sound System** *Sala Apolo (Nou de la Rambla, 113). M: Paral·lel (L2-L3).* Late night party with a world music soundtrack.

## Thursday 20

### Festival

**Festival Àsia 2012** *Various venues. 19-24 Sept.* Information: [www.festivalasia.es](http://www.festivalasia.es).

## Pop

12.30am

**Cupcake** *Sala Apolo (Nou de la Rambla, 113). M: Paral·lel (L2-L3).*

9.30pm

**Norah Jones** *L'Auditori Sala 1 Pau Casals (Lepant, 150). M: Glòries (L1), Monumental (L2) & Marina (L1). 40-65€.* *Little Broken Hearts* is the latest album from Norah Jones, the popular singer with the mysterious voice.

## Friday 21

### Al fresco

7.30pm

**FREE La Festa Catalana** *Plaça de la Catedral. 21-24 Sept.* Various performances of Catalan traditions.

## Cinema

8pm

**Mecal Air 2012** *Poble Espanyol (Av. de Francesc Ferrer i Guàrdia, 13). M: Espanya (L1-L3-FGC). 5.60€.* Open-air short films and music.

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## Electronica

**12.30am**

**Nitsa Club** *Sala Apolo (Nou de la Rambla, 113). M: Paral·lel (L2-L3).* Electronic sounds from Spanish & international DJs.

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## Festa major

**All day long**  
**La Mercè**

*Various venues. 21-24 Sept.* Barcelona's annual citywide festival. Fire-running, dance, human towers, sardanas, giants, masks, fire-breathing beasts; cutting-edge street entertainers and circus performers at Ciutadella Park & Montjuïc Castle; projections on the City Hall's façade; a light show at the Sagrada Família, concerts & music from around the world, and the BAM new music festival. Information: [www.bcn.cat/merce](http://www.bcn.cat/merce)

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## Festival

**Festival Àsia 2012** *Various venues. 19-24 Sept.* Information: [www.festivalasia.es](http://www.festivalasia.es)

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## Instrumental

**9pm**

 **Art de Guitarra. 'Flamenco & Classic'** *Parròquia de Santa Anna (Santa Anna, 29). 21€.* Spanish guitar concert.

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## Sport

**101 CSIO - Fei Nations Cup Promotional League Final** *Reial Club de Polo Barcelona (Av. Doctor Marañón, 17-31). M: Zona Universitaria (L3). 20-23 Sept.* International showjumping competition. Information: [www.csiobarcelona.com](http://www.csiobarcelona.com)

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## Tour

**From 8.30-10.30pm**  
**The Eternal Banquet. Food in Ancient Egypt** *Museu Egipci (València, 284). M: Passeig de Gràcia (L2-L3-L4). 35€.* Book in advance 93 488 01 88. Travel back in time on a thematic journey through the galleries of the museum, to discover the secrets of Ancient Egyptian cuisine, ending on the museum terrace with a chance to taste dishes from the time of the Pharaohs. Guided visit in Spanish or Catalan.

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## Saturday 22

### Al fresco

**10am-7pm**

**FREE Barcelona Zoo's 120th anniversary** *Parc de la Ciutadella, s/n). M: Arc de Triomf (L1) & Ciutadella/Vila Olímpica (L4). T. 93 225 6780.* Free access to all areas of Barcelona Zoo, to see the hundreds of species that live there, as well as special attractions created by Théâtre de la Toupine, workshops and many other activities for all the family.

**7.30pm**

**FREE La Festa Catalana** *(Plaça de la Catedral). 21-24 Sept.* Various activities as part of Barcelona's citywide festival. More information: [www.bcn.cat/barcelonacultura](http://www.bcn.cat/barcelonacultura).

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## Classical music

**7pm**

**Mozart: rèquiem d'ombres** *Palau de la Música Catalana (Palau de la Música, 4-6). M: Urquinaona (L1-L4). 12-65€.* Enrico Onofri conducts a performance of one of the best-known works in the classical canon: Mozart's *Requiem*. Stage & visual design by Catalan theatre company Els Comediants.

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## Festa major

**Festa Major de La Mercè** *Various venues. 21-24 Sept.* Information: [www.bcn.cat/merce](http://www.bcn.cat/merce).

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## Festival

**Festival Àsia 2012** *Various venues. 19-24 Sept.* Information: [www.festivalasia.es](http://www.festivalasia.es).

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## Folk traditions

**6.30pm**

**FREE Sardanas** *(Plaça de la Catedral). 22 & 29 Sept.* Traditional Catalan dance. Information: [www.bcn.cat](http://www.bcn.cat).

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## Rock

**8pm**

**The TCB Band & Denis Jale + Augie Burr** *Sala Apolo (Nou de la Rambla, 113). M: Paral·lel (L2-L3).* Elvis Presley's backing band from 1969 until 1977, led by virtuoso guitar player James Burton, will play once more the classics that defined Elvis' latter years.

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## Sunday 23

### Al fresco

**10am-7pm**

**FREE Barcelona Zoo's 120th anniversary** *Parc de la Ciutadella, s/n*. *M: Arc de Triomf (L1) & Ciutadella/Vila Olímpica (L4)*. T. 93 225 67 80. Barcelona Zoo opens its doors to visitors of all ages, to celebrate its 120th birthday.

**7.30pm**

**FREE La Festa Catalana** (*Plaça de la Catedral*). Various activities as part of Barcelona's citywide festival. More information: [www.bcn.cat/barcelonacultura](http://www.bcn.cat/barcelonacultura).

### Festa major

**Noon**

**FREE Castells** (*Plaça de Sant Jaume*). *M: Jaume I (L4)* Human towers.

**All day long**

**Festa Major de La Mercè** *Various venues, 21-24 Sept*. Information [www.bcn.cat/merce](http://www.bcn.cat/merce).

## Festival

**Festival Àsia 2012** *Various venues, 19-24 Sept*. Information: [www.festivalasia.es](http://www.festivalasia.es).

### Folk traditions

**11.30am**

**FREE Sardanas** (*Plaça de la Catedral*). Traditional Catalan dance. Information: [www.bcn.cat](http://www.bcn.cat).

### Football

 **League fixture. FC Barcelona - Granada FC** *Camp Nou (Aristides Maillol, s/n)*. *M: Collblanc (L5)*

## Monday 24

### Al fresco

**10am-7pm**

**FREE Barcelona Zoo's 120th anniversary** *Parc de la Ciutadella, s/n*. *M: Arc de Triomf (L1) & Ciutadella/Vila Olímpica (L4)*. T. 93 225 67 80. Barcelona Zoo opens its doors to visitors of all ages, to celebrate its 120th birthday.

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**VIENNA PHILHARMONIC** On 29 Sept, the world-famous Vienna Philharmonic plays Brahms' second and fourth symphonies at the Palau de la Música, conducted by Daniel Gatti.

**7.30pm**

**FREE La Festa Catalana** (*Plaça de la Catedral*). Information: [www.bcn.cat/barcelonacultura](http://www.bcn.cat/barcelonacultura).

## Al fresco

**FREE Festival Àsia al CCCB** *Centre de Cultura Contemporània de Barcelona (Montalegre, 5)*. *M: Catalunya (L1-L3)*. Bian Lian acrobats and masks from China, Kathak dancers, Korean percussion and dance troupe Noreum Machi, and discover why the fame of the Gochag Askarov & Mugham ensemble has spread far beyond Azerbaijan. Information: [www.festivalasia.es](http://www.festivalasia.es)

## Classical music

**12.30am**

**FREE L'OBC a la Mercè. Orquestra Simfònica de Barcelona i Nacional de Catalunya** (*Avinguda de la Catedral*). *M: Jaume I (L4)*. The OBC joins the celebration of the Mercè festival with an open air concert featuring popular classics.

## Festa

**6.30pm**

**FREE Sardanas** (*Pl. de la Mercè*). *M: Drassanes (L3) & Jaume I (L4)*. 24 Sept. Traditional Catalan dance.

## Festa major

**12.30pm**

**FREE Castells** (*Plaça de Sant Jaume*). *M: Jaume I (L4)*. Human towers.

**All day long**

**Festa Major de La Mercè** *Various venues. 21-24 Sept*. Barcelona's annual citywide festival: giants, music, fire-running, dance... Information: [www.bcn.cat/merce](http://www.bcn.cat/merce)

## Rock

**11pm**

**Nasty Mondays** *Sala Apolo (Nou de la Rambla, 113)*. *M: Paral·lel (L2-L3)*. The city's wildest Monday night party – get ready to rock and roll.

## Tuesday 25

### Flamenco

**9.30pm**

**Flamenco Nights at the Palau Dalmases** (*Montcada, 20*). *M: Jaume I (L4)*. 20€. Flamenco show with dance, guitar, *cante* and *cajón*, at one of the Born's most beautiful mansions.

## Instrumental

**9pm**

**Art de Guitarra. 'Aranjuez'** *Parròquia de Santa Anna (Santa Anna, 29)*. 21€. Spanish guitar concert.

## Tours

**La Pedrera** (*Provença, 261-265*). *M: Provença (FGC) & Diagonal (L3-L5)*. 16,50€. Reduced, 14,85€.

## Wednesday 26

### Fira

**11am-8pm**

**52 Saló Nàutic Internacional de Barcelona** *Port Vell (Moll Espanya, 1)*. *M: Barceloneta (L4)*. 26-30 September. Information: [www.salonnautico.com](http://www.salonnautico.com).

## Instrumental

**9pm**

**Xavier Coll. Masters of the Spanish Guitar** *Església de Santa Maria del Pi (Cardenal Casañas, 16)*. *M: Liceu (L3) & Jaume I (L4)*. 21€. Spanish guitar concert.

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## Singer-songwriters

9pm

**José Luis Perales** (*Palau de la Música*, 4-6). *M: Urquinaona (L1-L4)*. 18-24€. The Spanish singer-songwriter presents a new album ('Calle Soledad') and looks back on his 40-year career.

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## Thursday 27

### Pop

9pm

**Miguel Bosé** *Palau Sant Jordi (Pg. Olímpic, 5-7)*. *M: Espanya (L1-L3-FGC)*. 30-180€. €. The eternally popular Spanish singer presents his greatest hits: *PaPitwo*.

12.30am

**Cupcake** *Sala Apolo (Nou de la Rambla, 113)*. *M: Paral·lel (L2-L3)*. Dj., .. Eighties music a go-go.

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## Friday 28

### Cinema

8pm

**Mecal Air 2012 Poble Espanyol** (*Av. de Francesc Ferrer i Guàrdia, 13*). *M: Espanya (L1-L3-FGC)*. 5.60€. Short films and music documentaries in an open-air venue.

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## Flamenco

9.30pm

📺 **Ópera y Flamenco** *Palau de la Música Catalana (Palau de la Música, 4-6)*. *M: Urquinaona (L1-L4)*. 30-45€.

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## Instrumental

9pm

📺 **Art de Guitarra. 'Aranjuez'** *Parròquia de Santa Anna (Santa Anna, 29)*. 21€ Spanish guitar concert.

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## Saturday 29

### Classical music

8.30pm

**Wiener Philharmoniker** *Palau de la Música Catalana (Palau de la Música, 4-6)*. *M: Urquinaona (L1-L4)*. 40-200€. Considered by many to be the best orchestra in the world, the Vienna Philharmonic returns to Barcelona after a ten year absence, with conductor Daniel Gatti, to perform Johannes Brahms' second and fourth symphonies.

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## Folk traditions

6.30pm

**FREE Sardanas** (*Plaça de la Catedral*) 22 & 29 Sept. Traditional Catalan dance.

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## Rock

8.30pm

**Sharon Van Etten** *La [2] de Apolo (Nou de la Rambla, 113)*. *M: Paral·lel (L2-L3)*. Sharon Van Etten has worked with artists like The National and Bon Iver: she hones her own folk-rock style on solo album 'Tramp'.

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## Sunday 30

### Classical music

9pm

**Zoran Dukic, guitarra** *Palau de la Música Catalana (Palau de la Música, 4-6)*. *M: Urquinaona (L1-L4)*. 25-29€. Works by Albéniz, Tárrega, Telemann & Piazzola.

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## Festa major

Noon

**FREE Castells. Festa Major de Sarrià** *Plaça del Consell de la Vila. M: Sarrià (FGC)*. 30 Sept. Human towers as part of the Festa Major de Sarrià.

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## Folk traditions

11.30am

**FREE Sardanas** (*Plaça de la Catedral*). 23 & 30 Sept. Traditional Catalan dance. Information: [www.bcn.cat/barcelonacultura](http://www.bcn.cat/barcelonacultura).

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## Tours

11am (Catalan) & 11.15am (Spanish)

**FREE Ruta pel Cementiri de Montjuïc** (*Mare de Déu del Port, 56-58*). Guided tour of this huge cemetery, making its way up the side of Montjuïc to learn about some of the significant figures buried here, and discover some striking works of funerary art.

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Tourist Information Points and [www.barcelonaturisme.cat](http://www.barcelonaturisme.cat)

# Sights

## Architecture

### **Basílica de la Sagrada Família**

(Mallorca, 401). *M: Sagrada Família (L2-L5). 93 20 804 14 9am-8pm. 13 €.* Barcelona's most iconic building, begun by Antoni Gaudí in 1891 and which remains unfinished to this day. Ticket sales help fund the ongoing construction works. The most visited tourist attraction in Spain.

### **Casa Batlló**

(Pg. de Gràcia, 43). *M: Passeig de Gràcia (L3-L4). 93 216 03 06. 9am-9pm. 18.15 €.* Late night visit, 29€. Another of Gaudí's most emblematic works. Spaces include the former residence of the Batlló family, the roof terrace with its decorated chimneys, (and the scaly spine of the dragon defeated by Saint George,) and the marine-themed light well. The tour ends with the stunning entrance hall and main staircase.

### **La Pedrera**

(Provença, 261-265). *M: Diagonal (L3-L5). 902 400 973. 9am-8pm. 16.50 €.* Reduced entrance, 14.85 €. The building many Barcelona residents consider to be Gaudí's masterpiece – the roof terrace is one of the joys of Modernisme. Some of its apartments are still private homes.

### **Palau Güell**

(Nou de la Rambla, 3-5). *M: Drassanes (L3) & Barceloneta (L4). 93 472 57 75. Tue-Thur, 10am-8pm. 10 €.* Reduced: 8 € Built by Gaudí in the late 19th century, this mansion belonged to his main patron. The roof terrace is the highlight, but the whole house is a fascinating introduction to Gaudí's revolutionary use of materials and space.

## Leisure

### **Aire de Barcelona, Arab Baths**

(Pg. de Picasso, 22). *M: Barceloneta (L4) & Jaume I (L4). Mon-Thur: first session: 10am. Fri, Sat & Sun: first session, 8am. Wed, Thu, Fri. & Sat: last session, midnight-2am.* Aire de Barcelona is in the Born, and recreates a traditional hammam.

### **Imax Port Vell**

(Moll d'Espanya). *M: Drassanes (L3) & Barceloneta (L4). 93 225 11 11.* Check times and programme at [www.imaxportvell.com](http://www.imaxportvell.com). 8.70 €. Put on your glasses, and take a seat for the most exciting virtual reality experience that the latest 3-D technology can provide, in Barcelona's best-equipped large-format cinema.

### **G Experiència**

(Larrard, 41). *M: Lesseps (L3). 93 285 44 40. 10am-8pm. 9 €.* Reduced: 7.5 €. Only 150 yards from the steps of Park Güell, you'll find a doorway that takes you inside the mind of Antoni Gaudí. A fascinating interactive exhibition designed to help you understand the creative genius of Barcelona's most famous architect.

### **Tibidabo Funfair**

(Plaça del Tibidabo, 3-4). *T. 93 211 79 42. Wed-Sun, 12am-11pm. 25,20 €* (Those under 120cm, 9 €). With over a hundred years of history, Tibidabo is one of the oldest funfairs in the world, featuring classic rides, old favourites and brand new attractions to guarantee an exciting day out.

### **Port Aventura**

(Av. Alcalde Pere Molas. Km. 2. Vila Seca (Tarragona)). *Train: Port Aventura. T. 977 779 000.* PortAventura is a theme park located south of Barcelona, between Vila-seca and Salou. Six themed zones (Mediterranean, Far West, Mexico, China, Polynesia & Sésamo Aventura) occupy 119 hectares, with 30 attractions, 100 live processions daily, 75 places to eat and 27 craft and souvenir shops.

### **Zoo de Barcelona**

(Parc de la Ciutadella, s/n). *M: Arc de Triomf (L1) & Ciutadella/Vila Olímpica (L4). T. 93 225 67 80. 1-15 Sept: 10-19 h. 16 Sept-29 d'octubre: 10-18 h. 17 €.* Infantil (3-12 anys): 10.20 €. Barcelona Zoo, in Ciutadella Park, has a 100-year history and is one of the city's best-loved attractions. At present it houses 315 species and more than 2,000 animals.



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