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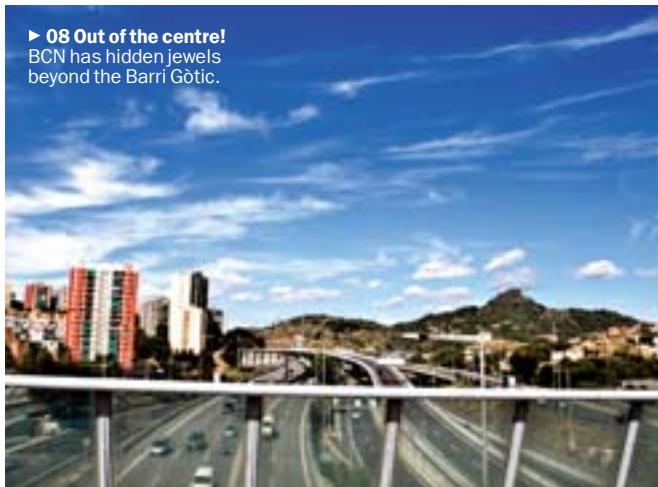
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*Karime Amaya*

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*Sara Barrero*

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# The Hot Seat



MARIA DIAS

## Alessio Arena

The 30-year-old singer and writer has just released 'Bestiario Familiare'. By **Jordi Bianciotto**

**Bestiario Familiare is full of personal and family memories.**

But it's all been filtered – it could be anyone's family. The idea is that no family can escape its own literature. In my case, the lullabies my mother sang me, the stories told to me by my father, Gianni Lamagna, a singer in the Nuova Compagnia di Canto Popolare... My mother lived in Barcelona, and from a young age I spent time here.

**So you grew up knowing Barcelona.**

Yes, as a city it's not so different from Naples, but there's more opportunity here. Italy was sliced in two, and the south was excluded from Europe, and from progress, when, before that, Naples had been a cultural capital on a par with Paris.

**You speak Neapolitan, don't you?**

It's my first language. It's recognised by UNESCO because of its rich literary history. The older forms of Neapolitan, the way our grandparents speak, have vocabulary and

grammatical structures that are very close to Catalan.

**Were you surprised by the official status of Catalan in Barcelona?**

I loved it; it made me feel very Neapolitan. In Italy, the language has been demonised and associated with the Camorra.

**How is it that there are traces of flamenco in your singing?**

When I listen to flamenco I feel very happy; I have huge respect for it. And it has something in common with music from the south of Italy. My influences are drawn from there, and from Italian and Latin American singer-songwriters.

**What if I told you that initially you sounded like a cross between Pablo Alborán and Rufus Wainwright?**

That's a compliment! I love Rufus. I don't listen to Alborán, I get annoyed when he uses 'heart' and 'love' three times in the same verse, but he has an incredible voice. Maybe he's listened to the same things I have.



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# UNUSUAL WALKS

Forget trains, bikes or buses. We invite you to discover BCN with a real spirit of adventure. **Martí Sales** suggests three walks that go beyond the city limits into authentically wild landscapes. **Eugènia Sendra** maps out two new urban routes that explore the delights of the city's outlying districts. Photos: **Maria Dias**.



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## BARCELONA'S LARDER

The edges of big cities tend to be untidy, full of surprises and not at all used to visitors. This route leaves Barcelona towards the Llobregat river, to the south. Take the metro to **Sant Ildefons**. Directly opposite the exit you'll find a **market**: an animated jumble of stalls that's a great place for browsing or just people-watching – it's large, cheap and lively. If you take the plunge into this leafy working-class neighbourhood and cross the whole of Cornellà, you'll find one of the most attractive public swimming pools in Catalonia, the **Parc Esportiu del Llobregat**, designed by architect Álvaro Siza. Its roof is a huge arch with round windows that filter the light like in a hammam. A dip here is an affordable luxury.

But if instead of heading downhill, you go up, you'll come to a small world of its own, bordered by four streets, (**Sevilla, Granada, Murcia and Jaén**): an area of run-down looking single-storey houses, next to an industrial estate. It's like stepping into another era, when front doors were always open and communities stuck together, with sardines frying and improvised mechanic's workshops. It's one of those treasures you stumble on by chance. On the other side of the tracks, **Sant Joan Despí**, with its dainty villas, is another story altogether. They're a foretaste of the gardens that feed Barcelona's stomachs, from which they're separated by a couple of roundabouts and walls.

The Llobregat is the city's larder: a sprawling area of plots in which every variety of fruit and vegetable is tended by pensioners armed with hoes and single-minded determination. You'll also find exotic palm tree nurseries and shepherds leading flocks of sheep, who are quite at home here. The well-signposted **Camí dels Horts** makes for a very pleasant stroll, with the clear, fast-flowing river, cyclists, swans and artichoke fields. Upriver – a long way upriver – you'll come to the Molins de Rei bridge; downriver, the one at Sant Boí: take your pick.



Between Sant Boi and Santa Coloma de Cervelló – on the same line as that intrepid architectural experiment of the seventies, **Walden 7** – there's the **Colònia Güell**, a fascinating place that offers much more than Gaudí's spectacular crypt. The modernista influence is evident in the early twentieth century houses for the textile workers, where imaginative brickwork was used to achieve stunning results, as at **Ca l'Ordal** and **Ca l'Espinal**. If after all this you can hear the grumble of an empty stomach, stop for a bite at **Can Serra**, highly recommended. Getting back to the city is easy: there's an FGC stop nearby that will take you back to **Plaça d'Espanya** in twenty minutes.

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## DISCOVER VALLBONA

Take the metro to **Baró de Viver**: you'll step out slap bang in the middle of the tangle of overpasses of the Nus de la Trinitat interchange. Then choose any of the bridges that cross the Besòs river to the Santa Coloma side. Strolling through the **riverside park** is a delight: birdlife, grassy lawns, babbling water. Heading up to the right there's the **Can Zam park**, that extends along the edges of Singuerlin, with its enormous, brightly coloured blocks of flats that can be seen from the motorway. This is a quiet residential neighbourhood, which looks over the sea of solar panels that covers the Santa Coloma cemetery and the Marina hills.



### Little-known paths

Follow the **Font d'Alzina** path that makes its way up to the ridge and, half an hour or so later, after a bar and the spring itself, you'll come to a junction where one path leads to the remains of the Iberian settlement at **Puig Castellar**, and another is unsignposted. If you take the latter, you'll come to an industrial estate with chickens next to the main road and the Besòs river. Heading upriver, you can cross the bridge at **Montcada i Reixach** and take a look around the town.

From the terrace, you'll see that you are at the foot of a small hill covered in dwellings, the **Vallbona** neighbourhood, a promontory hemmed in by the river, the motorway and the railway tracks. Make your way up to enjoy a fascinating view of an area of unplanned, untamed urban development. You can descend on the opposite side to where you came up, towards the huge bridge that crosses 15 lanes of motorway – an experience in itself – which will take you to Ciutat Meridiana and Torre Baró. Just before crossing it, you'll see a smaller bridge that crosses a canal haunted by the odd duck: this is one of the furthest flung and most poorly preserved remnants of the **Rec Comtal**, the ancient feat of hydraulic engineering that has brought water to the city since time immemorial.

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## HILLSIDE HOUSING

When you leave the metro at **Roquetes**, the whole district lies before you, sprawling up the mountainside. Roquetes is a neighbourhood that was created by the willpower of its residents: the clearest example is the sewer system, built as a collective effort in 1964, with residents dedicating their Sundays to it. To walk the district is to toil up precipitous streets with incredible views that lead inevitably, drawn by who knows what invisible force, to the unfinished **castle of Torre Baró**, which was begun as a grand hotel in the early 1900s.

If you get off the beaten track, you may be lucky enough to stumble on some of the bucolic paths among the prickly pears. Further on, beyond the castle of Torre Baró, but without going down to the district of the same name, you'll find a dirt track that leads to the **Turó d'en Cuiàs Mort**, through the woods under the shadow of the ridge. In around twenty minutes, when you reach the clearing at the top of the hill, a sign indicates the route to **Ciutat Meridiana**. If you keep your eyes open, you'll see a ravine to the right: follow it and you'll discover a mysterious and charming short cut, under a canopy of oaks and ilex.

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## Pork scratchings

At the bottom, to the left, you'll see the tip of the Colleserola cemetery, and to the right, Ciutat Meridiana's water supply: if you head this way, you enter the town from above. After passing a couple of large tower blocks, you come to the **Núria market**. Continue your descent and you'll reach the **Plaça Verda**: there you can take a seat on the terrace of the **Racó de la iaia** and reward yourself with a beer and crunchy pork scratchings.

## ENCANTS TO MANCHESTER

We love places that are in no-man's land, the borders of the city, where one district ends and another begins: these are the perfect place to start an urban ramble. The **Plaça de les Glòries** is one of these places. To coincide with the appearance of some new architectural landmarks, we'll pay a visit.

First take a moment to be dazzled by the new **Mercat de Belcaire**. The undulating roof designed by Fermin Vázquez is a sea of reflections and makes for great photos. The market, popularly known as Encants, is organised in aisles, where you'll find everything from antiques and bikes to DIY stalls, with auctions held on the lower floor. On the other side of Meridiana, the building christened 'the Stapler' is silhouetted against the sky. The **Design Hub** (DHUB), still not complete, will be home to the

Design Museum, Barcelona Design Centre, the Foment de les Arts i Disseny and the Clot-Josep Benet Library.

## Fragments of the 19th century

Make your way into **Clot** by the extreme route, crossing Diagonal under the Glòries ring road, which is now reserved for buses and building machinery. On the other side you'll be welcomed by **La Farinera**, the modernista factory built in 1902, which now serves the district as a cultural centre, as good a place as any to stop for a coffee. The route continues north with the Sagrada Família on the horizon, and heads down the **Carrer del Clot**, where you'll find eighteen houses that are five metres high, part of the city's architectural heritage that has been holding out here since 1837. Continue down a street with cake shops, bodegas serving vermouth and snacks (we're thinking of **Sopena** in particular) and restaurants with character: now look up. A curious cornice decoration depicts two frogs with an umbrella, a reminder of the **Can Budesca** umbrella factory. There are other interesting relics: the remains of the **Passatge Can Robacols**, on **Carrer Rossend Nobas**, as well as the **market** and the **Parc del Clot**. The structure that decorates this green area, with its basketball and fronton courts, isn't an aqueduct, but the arches and mouldings of the façade of the old railway workshops.

Next to the **Plaça Valentí Almirall** stands one of the many chimneys that have been preserved in the district, which show why the Sant Martí area was known as the Manchester of Catalonia. You'll spot more as you head down **Carrer de la Verneda**, which ends on **Rambra Guipúscoa**, close to the reproduction of the sculpture **Las Pajaritas** by the sculptor and anarchist Ramón Acín, near the headquarters of the **Castellers de Barcelona**, on Carrer de Bilbao. You'll also pass the medieval manor house known as the **Torre del Fang**, which stands close to the



# Discover the other **BARCELONAS**



VICENTE ZAMBRANO/AJUNTAMENT DE BARCELONA

What is Barcelona? Is it the Sagrada Família and the other monuments of modernista architecture? The Rambla and the Barri Gòtic? The beach and Barceloneta? Barcelona is all this, of course, but much more too. Beyond these obvious attractions, each of the city's 10 districts has a rich heritage, and its own hidden charms. Don't settle for getting to know only one of the 10 Barcelonas: we invite you to discover them all. Are you ready?

## **LABERINT D'HORTA**

The Horta-Guinardó district has never lacked water, as witnessed by its abundance of green spaces. One of the district's jewels is the Parc del Laberint, a 55-hectare park that includes neoclassical gardens decorated with mythological sculptures and wooded zones with a romantic air. Named after its hedge maze of closely trimmed Mediterranean cypresses, it is the oldest park in Barcelona, built in the 18th century.

## **360° VIEWS**

At the foot of the Collserola hills, a natural vantage point over the whole Barcelona metropolitan area, Horta-Guinardó has several fantastic viewpoints. The best of all, the summit of the Turó de Sant Pere Màrtir, offers 360° views over the city. During the Spanish Civil War (1936–1939), it was the site of an anti-aircraft battery, used by the Republican side in their defence against fascist air raids.

## **SANT PAU DEL CAMP**

One of the oldest churches in the city, in an excellent state of repair. Located in the Raval, in Ciutat Vella, it is built in the Lombard Romanesque style: a simple construction on a cross plan with three apses and a round arch over the main doorway, which leads to the cloister of the former Benedictine monastery.

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high-speed railway lines and the archaeological site.

The route continues east, on the other side of Meridiana. Look out for the remains of houses with wooden beams on **Carrer Degà Bahí** and carry on to the busy shopping street, **Carrer de Rogent**. Take the chance to admire Pere Falqués's modernista building, now the **Juan Manuel Zafra school**. The neighbourhood's other architectural treasure is the Carrer Arc de Sant Sever, through which the Rec Comtal passed.

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## PALOMAR TOWN

Take the metro to **Torras i Bages** to begin an exploration of the town that survives to the north east of Meridiana, Sant Andreu de Palomar. Our first stop is at the towering **Casa Bloc**, on the Passeig Torras i Bages. Of the 200 rationalist apartments built to house workers in the district, only one retains its original shape (the DHUB organises guided visits). Wander through the web of quiet, narrow backstreets, like **Carrer Grau**, a little-known street of single-storey houses, private gardens, and medieval origins, as Huertas Claveria observed in his book *50 vegades Barcelona*. Your feet will lead you to **Carrer Malats**, with well-to-do villas on one side, and on the other side, the Bascònia old people's centre. Pensioners dance under the shade of

the mulberry trees, or play pétanque in idyllic surroundings.

The banners pleading *Salvem el barri* (Save our neighbourhood!) are real, and a reminder that while streets like Bascònia and Jorba will be preserved, other areas of the old town are under threat of demolition.

### The people's factory

Move on to another of the district's hubs, the porticoed **Plaça Mercadal**, which dates to the end of the nineteenth century and buzzes with activity. Little more than 100 metres from the Plaça de Comerç, you'll find one of the oldest buildings in Sant Andreu: the **Casa de l'Oficial**, currently awaiting study and restoration. It's worth passing by here on the way to the Plaça de l'Estació and before going into **Fabra i Coats**, the textile factory that once provided employment to much of the district's population. Drop in on the contemporary art centre and take a look around the factory to see the old boilers.

Continue along **Carrer Gran**, make a diversion on **Sòcrates** if you want to visit the Gaudí mosaic and see the remains of a shell embedded in a wall in 1843, then put your feet up, finally, at the hundred-year-old **Cafè Colombia**. The walk ends on the **Rambla de Fabra i Puig**, another successful local initiative in a city district that considers itself to be a town in its own right.



# The hot list

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## Art & Language Uncompleted

The MACBA shows an extensive range of documents and artworks from the Phillipe Méaille collection.

## Captive beauty

A hundred small-format works from the Museo del Prado make up this exhibition at CaixaForum.

## 19th and 20th century collections

The MNAC presents a selection of artworks, from Marià Fortuny in the 19th century, to the mid-20th century.

# Around Town

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## BCN throws a party

From the 19th to the 24th of September, Barcelonans hit the streets to celebrate their patron saint's festival. **María José Gómez** joins the crowds.

Autumn brings one of the most eagerly awaited dates on Barcelona's calendar: the Festa Major de la Mercè, the citywide festival in honour of Barcelona's patron saint, Our Lady of Mercy. For seven days, from Friday 19th until Wednesday 24th, the city is taken over by hundreds of shows, parades, concerts and activities, most of which are free, attracting revellers of all ages and types. From grannies to toddlers, from hipsters to culture vultures, the programme has something for everyone.

Fans of the performing arts will be gathering in the Parc de la Ciutadella, to see shows by local and international artists over the seven days of the

festival. During the day, there is street theatre and dance intended for family audiences, while evenings are reserved for the most cutting-edge and experimental shows, aimed at audiences who want to be surprised.

### The stronghold of circus

Those with a taste for even more exciting spectacles will be heading to Montjuïc Castle, which is given over to circus acts. This year, the former military installation hosts a special programme, *Autopistes*, in which four cities – Toulouse, Montreal, Stockholm and Barcelona – will be taking part, to promote circus at a global level.

Stockholm is La Mercè 2014's



special guest city – last year’s was Vienna – which means that the Swedish capital, and especially its culture, will be represented in various events on the programme. One of the most spectacular is *Barcekhalm 3D mapping*, which will be projected onto the façade of the City Hall, and which will explore the similarities between Barcelona and Stockholm through illustrations by artists from both cities.

### **Music everywhere**

The musical agenda is also packed. Barcelona Acció Musical (BAM) lasts the full duration of the festival, and this year’s line-up includes Ibibio Sound Machine, Klaxons, Mishima, Aliment, Young Fathers and Seinabo Sey. The Mercè Música programme also offers a long list of concerts, with Ol’ Green, Salao Eléctrico and Orquesta Platería.

Another of the festival’s attractions is the city institutions that open their doors free of charge, including the

Sagrada Família (by online reservation) and the Palau Albéniz on Montjuïc, where as well as the free visits to the building, there are workshops and activities in the gardens.

### **Traditions and associations**

Traditional Catalan festivities are amply represented every year, from the correfoc, literally the fire run, which fills the streets with fireworks, devils and dragons, to the castellers, gravity-defying human towers. And there’s room for philanthropy too, with the city’s associations showing their work in Plaça Catalonia.

The grand finale, on the night of the 24th, is the hugely popular pyromusical spectacle at the Magic Fountain on Montjuïc. This year it marks the end both of the festival and the Tricentenary of the siege of Barcelona in 1714, and promises to be particularly spectacular.

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**FESTA MAJOR DE LA MERCÈ**  
**19 – 24 September**

# Arts

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## Beauty in close up

A hundred paintings from El Prado arrive at CaixaForum, representing a journey through five centuries of art. By **Eugènia Sendra**

There's a kind of beauty that's best appreciated close up, that flourishes on small canvases, like the artist's sketches and cabinet paintings on show in *Captive Beauty*. The exhibition at CaixaForum brings together a hundred works from Madrid's Museo del Prado, by masters such as Bosch, Bruegel, Titian, Rubens, Velázquez and Goya. "It's a journey through 500 years of art, from the 14th to the 19th century," says curator Manuela Mena, "and we want people to get inside the paintings, to appreciate their beauty and the painter's masterly ability to represent reality". Mena recommends four works that deserve a closer look.

### The first female painter

Mena picks the *Portrait of Giovanni Battista Caselli, Poet of Cremona*, by Sofonisba Anguissola, because, "the Anguissola sisters practiced an art form that was reserved for men", but also for the visual game it plays. The poet, in the foreground, dedicates sacred verses to the Virgin Mary, who appears in a painting within the painting.

### Better than a Polaroid

For Mena, the two versions of *View of the Gardens of the Villa Medici* by Diego Velázquez are among the Prado's greatest works. "This study has great





artistic sense: the painter seeks out light and perspective and depicts architectural canons.”

### Spot the difference

Even Goya's sketches repay closer inspection: the show includes *The Drunken Builder*, and the final version, *The Injured Bricklayer*. “Goya was able to express everything he wanted to in the sketch, and yet, in the finished work, he camouflages his original comic intentions”, notes Mena.

### The Spanish Watteau

Luis Paret y Alzázar, known as the Spanish Watteau, explores a subject that was fashionable at the end of the 18th century – women reclining in hammocks. *Sleeping Girl*, an exquisitely composed miniature, has never been shown as part of the Prado's permanent collection.

### CAPTIVE BEAUTY

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## Architecture Oskar Hansen. Open form.



OSKAR HANSEN ARCHIVE, MUSEUM OF THE ACADEMY OF FINE ARTS IN WARSAW

Oskar Hansen (Helsinki, 1922 – Warsaw, 2005) is a fascinating discovery, despite having had little impact on the history of architecture. He was one of the first to criticise Le Corbusier. The invasion of rational, industrial and standardised architecture restricts individual freedom. But Hansen lived in communist Poland...

Hansen's greatest contribution is open form thinking, a state of mind that treats space as something that can be altered and adapted to fit the needs of the user. These ideas took shape in designs such as a proposed memorial for the Auschwitz concentration camp, consisting of a paved road that crossed the site diagonally, and a large scale project to build great cities stretching across Poland longitudinally, eliminating the differences between centre and periphery. It's worth remembering that, after World War II, Poland was literally in ruins.

The theoretical innovations Hansen proposed were accepted by the Communist regime in areas such as fine arts, the commissariat and international exhibitions: this gave an air of modernity to a totalitarian system, as occurred in Franco's Spain with the artists Tàpies and Coderch.

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# Food & Drink

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## Beyond vermouth

Balius has revolutionised the concept of the aperitif and its associated dishes, just as XIX bar did with the G&T some years back. By **Ricard Martín**

Poblenou is on fire. It's the city's latest hotspot, but don't take it from me: the same people who ignited the craze for G&Ts know this ex-industrial district by the sea is the future. Rosa Solà, a partner in XIX Bar and Pesca Salada, ex-president of Slow Food and now the visible face of Balius, has just raised the shutters on Carrer Pujades with Marià Aguilo, an olive stone's throw from 58 and Floreta. And we say olive stone on purpose, because Solà's aim is "to make the aperitif an eating experience treated with the same respect as other meals. At affordable prices!"

They stand a good chance of repeating their success with G&Ts in the world of aperitifs. The setting is perfect: a one-time corner hardware store, where they have continued the tradition of taking the new business's name from the original sign. The street corner looks as if it escaped from a psychotropic vision of Benidorm and is as kitsch as the 50's interior: specialising in vermouths and cocktail aperitifs, the menu centres on "sustainable Mediterranean seafood, prepared according to old recipes", Solà tells me. Some dishes have medieval names



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(‘atascaburras’ – literally, ‘donkey clogger!’) and others are hard to find elsewhere, like the Valencian esgarradet (roasted peppers with crumbled hake). Herrings, organic sobrassada (ground pork and paprika sausage), pickled quail... even a Balearic salad with ray scales.

And, at an average price of €5 per portion, these are more substantial than tapas. “Since we come from the world of spirits, we try to link all the dishes to cocktails”, she explains. The tuna carpaccio with a Red Snapper, for example, is a killer combination. The chef, Yolanda Ubilde, is Aragonese and an expert at combining salted flavours. You could limit yourself to a few Gildas, spicy peppers, olives and anchovies speared on cocktail sticks, or fantastic barquetas, tapas on bread, paired with traditionally-made vermouth. From noon to 9pm for vermouths and aperitif-style cocktails with the kitchen open non stop, and cocktails from 5pm until 3am.

### ‘Atascaburras’

This dish, mentioned in Don Quixote, is a medieval shepherd’s recipe made of fried salt cod with potatoes, boiled egg and walnuts. It makes a great pairing with a Kir, cava with crème de cassis.

### ‘Lomo de orza’

A traditional delicacy from the day the pig is slaughtered: pork loin marinated in lemon and olive oil, served with bread and a creamy allolioli. They pair it with a French 75, a cava, gin and lemon cocktail.

### Herring with Kir Royale

A sort of super-anchovy, the smoked herring in this sandwich is paired with a Kir Royale. When served with bread and escalivada, herring is known as a Guardia Civil because, like Spanish civil guards, they always come in pairs.

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MARIA DIAS

## Welcome to the GDR

Neukölln brings the aesthetic of Communist East Germany to the Born. By **Laia Beltran**

A dinner in the Neukölln district of East Berlin changed Alessia Casillo's life. While there, this young Italian resident in Barcelona, decided to give up her job in a multinational company and open a vintage furniture store. And so she did. Neukölln specialises in furniture and objects from the old East Germany (the GDR), communist designs with a Soviet flavour. In fact, much of the stock in Neukölln originally came from factories, including a huge wooden table, a dramatic metal serving trolley and various adjustable chairs. Others are sourced from schools – there are maps, wall posters and wooden stools. But there is also furniture and objects that decorated homes in the old GDR: lamps, telephones, desk lights, alarm clocks, wall clocks, armchairs and radios.

Neukölln also stocks some designer

pieces, such as the Kangaroo plastic chairs designed in 1968 by Ernst Moeckl, one of East Germany's most prolific creators. But Alessia doesn't like to rule anything out, and when her instinct tells her she is looking at an interesting piece, she doesn't let the opportunity slip by. This explains the cinema seats from Belgium, or the US barber's chair. Her sensibility has also opened the doors of Neukölln to works by local artists, such as the marvellous tapestries from Gebrat (woven by Greta Serra), illustrated crockery by La Mécanica and Spritz's tablecloths and cushion covers. *Alles gut!*

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TEIÀ ROMAN WINE CELLAR



## Every last drop

September brings the grape harvest, the best time of year to explore the world of wine. By **Xavier Amat**

### Kilometre zero

If any town can claim to be the capital of cava, it's Sant Sadurn d'Anoia. The Alt Penedès region produces 95% of the cava in Spain, and you'll see vineyards stretching into the distance from every road and track that crosses it. In Sant Sadurn itself you can visit the magnificent bodegas of the big-name cava-makers, Codorniu and Freixenet. But there are smaller producers that are just as interesting – Mestres, Pere Ventura, Rovellats and Gramona, among others. And you'll definitely get the chance to taste the wares, particularly if you visit La Fassina de Can Guinea, which

houses the Cava Interpretation Centre. [www.turismesantsadurni.com](http://www.turismesantsadurni.com)

### A small D.O. with a long history

D.O. stands for *denominación de origen*, the official guarantee of the origin and quality of Spanish wines and foods. As well as the special cava D.O., there are four other wine-related D.O.s in Barcelona's immediate vicinity: Penedès, Pla de Bagès, Catalunya and Alella. We'll begin with the last, one of the oldest and smallest D.O.s in the whole of Spain. Wedged between the Maresme, on the coast, and the Vallès Oriental further inland, the region produces a relatively small volume of



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wine, but of the highest quality, with particular emphasis on whites – although this doesn't detract from its rosés, reds and cavas. We recommend the Cella Vinaria de Teià (which offers dramatised guided tours) and the Tines de les Valls del Montcau. The end of the month is the perfect time to visit, to coincide with the Alella D.O. wine week, with forty wine-related events in fourteen different towns.

[www.doalella.cat](http://www.doalella.cat)

### **The land of the Picapoll**

The Pla de Bages D.O. has a special feature that makes its wines unique: it is the only D.O. in Spain where the Picapoll variety of grape is grown. Picapoll is a small, oval grape with a tender skin that ripens late in the season. To view the vines in situ, and take in the picturesque landscape of the Bages, we recommend a trip through the valleys of Montcau, where you can still see the distinctive

domed dry-stone huts, or barraques, in the vineyards. In Manresa, you can reserve a visit to the Casa de la Culla, a medieval farmhouse where wine was made until the 19th century, now the headquarters of the Pla de Bages D.O.'s regulatory council.

[www.dopladebages.com](http://www.dopladebages.com)

### **The best-known wines**

We return to the Alt Penedès, but this time to concentrate on the region's wines. While cava from the Penedès has achieved international standing, the wines from its D.O. are not far behind. Wine tourism in the area offers a huge range of possibilities: tastings, food and wine pairings, routes through the region, cellar tours, or even vinotherapy spa treatments. Take your pick, but remember to save some time for a visit to VINSEUM, the Museum of Wine Culture, at Vilafranca del Penedès.

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## Ani DiFranco at Apolo

### SUNDAY 7

The US singer-songwriter presents her new album 'Which side are you on?'

## The Barber of Seville

### SUNDAY 14

From the 14th to the 25th September, the Liceu Opera House hosts Rossini's great opera.

## El Piromusical de la Mercè

### WEDNESDAY 24

The grand finale of the Mercè Festival, the firework display over Montjuïc's magic fountain.

# Exhibitions

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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 About the 11th of September.** Until 18 Oct. Photographic exhibition about pro-Catalan demonstrations on Catalonia's national day.

## Arxiu Històric de la Ciutat de Barcelona

(Santa Llúcia, 1). M: Jaume I (L4) & Urquinaona (L1, L4). T. 93 256 22 55. Mon–Fri, 9am–7.30pm. Sat, 9am–1pm. Closed Sun and public holidays.

**FREE The 11th of September in Barcelona: the history of a commemoration.** Until Dec. The most important moments in the history of the commemoration of the 11<sup>th</sup> of September.

## Basílica de Santa Maria del Pi

(Pl. del Pi, 7). M: Liceu (L3). T. 93 318 47 43. Until 10 Nov: Mon–Sat, 10am–7pm. Sun & public holidays, 4–8pm. €4. Reduced: €3.

**Santa Maria del Pi 1714, a community under siege.** Until 15 Oct. The people, the events and the consequences of the siege of 1714.

## CaixaForum

(Av. Francesc Ferrer i Guàrdia, 6–8). M: Espanya (L1, L3, FGC). T. 93 476 86 00. Mon–Sun, 10am–8pm. Adults €4. Under 16s free.

**Sorolla. The colour of the sea.** Until 21 Sep.

**Jesuit reductions in Paraguay** Until 21 Sep. Life in the Jesuit communities.

**Captive beauty** Until 5 Jan. See page 18.

**The most important thing. Portraits of refugees** 19 Sep–8 Feb  
Brian Sokol's photographic project consists of a series of large-format

portraits in which refugees show the most important object they have brought with them from home.

## 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. Closed Mon and public holidays. Adults €5. Students and pensioners €2.

**Permanent exhibition.** Contemporary painting collection, housed in a former cotton mill in Poblenou.

**Agustí Puig. Recent work.** 15 Sep–22 Feb. Fifteen works by the Catalan painter and engraver, taking on man and his context.

## Castell de Montjuïc

(Ctra. de Montjuïc, 66). M: Espanya (L1, L3, FGC). T. 93 256 44 45. Apr–Sep: Mon–Sun and public holidays, 10am–8pm. €5. Reduced: €3.

**Montjuïc, the construction of a castle.** Permanent exhibition, telling the story of Montjuïc and its castle.

**Doble Creu. Sculpture by Carles Berga.** Permanent exhibition.

**Montjuïc, 1915. First look. Witnesses of a transformation.** Until 15 Sep.

**Baixant de La Font del Gat.** Until 30 Nov. Montjuïc and its popular fountains.

## Centre de Cultura Contemporània de Barcelona

(Montalegre, 5). M: Catalunya (L1, L3). T. 93 306 41 00. Tue–Sun & public holidays 11am–8pm. Closed Mon (except public holidays). €6. Reduced entry for pensioners and students on Wed (except public holidays): €4. Free for under 16s & unemployed.

**Metamorphosis. Fantasy Visions in Starewitch, Svankmajer and the Quay Brothers.** Until 7 Sep. Four essential figures in animated film-making.

**Big Bang Data.** Until 26 Oct. Exploring the phenomenon of the information explosion and its effects on society.

**Under Siege (Hall)** 16 Sep–9 Nov. Audiovisual installation and activities on the most contemporary cases of cities under siege.



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## CosmoCaixa

(Isaac Newton, 26). M: Av. Tibidabo (FGC). T. 93 212 60 50. Tue–Sun and public holidays, 10am–8pm. Closed Mon (except public holidays). €4 (permanent and temporary exhibitions). Under 16s free. First Sun of month free.

➔ **Permanent exhibition.**

Barcelona's science museum.

➔ **Mediterranean.** No end date.

The natural history of the Mediterranean region, and its conservation challenges.

➔ **Let's talk about drugs.** No end date. The effects of drug consumption on the brain, health and behaviour.

➔ **Top Science.** No end date. A new exhibition featuring groundbreaking research projects.

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## Cúpula del Centre Comercial Las Arenas

(Cúpula del Centre Comercial Las Arenas. Plaça d'Espanya, s/n). M: Espanya (L2, L3, FGC). Mon–Sun and public holidays, 10am–9pm. (Last admission 8pm). €12. Reduced: €7. Under 7s free. More info: [www.humanbodies.eu](http://www.humanbodies.eu)

**Human Bodies** Until 12 Oct. An exhilarating journey inside the human body, in which everything you see is real.

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## El Born Centre Cultural

(Plaça Comercial, 12). M: Jaume I (L4) & Barceloneta (L4). T. 93 256 68 51. Tues–Sun and public holidays, 10am–8pm. Closed Mon (except public holidays). €6. Reduced: €4. Under 16s free. Sun 3pm–8pm free. First Sun every month free, 10am–8pm.

**El Born Centre Cultural**

Archaeological remains of Barcelona in the 1700s, unique in Europe.

**Sala Villarroya Barcelona 1700.**

**From stones to people.** Permanent exhibition. Eighteenth century Barcelonan society was dynamic and forward-looking, but marked by the wars that affected the city from 1691 to 1714

**Sala Casanova until it is done! The siege of 1714** Until 11 Sep. Exhibition on the Catalan War of 1713–1714, recreating the final battle of 11 September.

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## Espais VolART-Fundació Vila Casas

(Ausiàs March, 22). M: Urquinaona (L1, L4). T. 93 481 79 85. Tue–Fri

5–8.30pm. Sat 11am–2pm, 5–8.30pm. Sun 11am–2pm. Closed Mon and public holidays. €1. Reduced: 50¢.

**Xavi Vilaró. '8'** 18 Sep–21 Dec.

Vilaró's work denounces injustice and establishes a nexus of connections between human beings and nature.

**Joan Claret / Jaume Rocamora / 'Under the appearances'.** 18 Sep–21 Dec. The work of two artists whose praxis is based on order and balance.

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## Fundació Antoni Tàpies

(Aragó, 255). M: Passeig de Gràcia (L2, L3, L4). T. 93 487 03 15. Tue–Sun 10am–7pm. Closed Mon. €7. Students and pensioners, €5.60.

**Antoni Tàpies. Collection, # 8** Until 26 Oct. A new selection of artworks from the Foundation's collection.

**Kerry James Marshall. Painting and Other Stuff** Until 26 Oct. The artist's most recent work.

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## Fundació Francisco Godia

(Diputació, 250). M: Passeig de Gràcia (L2, L3, L4) & Provença (FGC). T. 93 272 31 80. Mon–Sun 10am–8pm. Closed Tue. €7. Reduced €4.

**Permanent exhibition.** With works by Ramon Casas, Santiago Rusiñol, Isidre Nonell, Pablo Picasso, Joan Miró and Miquel Barceló.

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## Fundació Joan Miró

(Parc de Montjuïc, s/n). M: Espanya (L1, L3, FGC). T. 93 443 94 70. July–Sep. Tue–Sat 10am–8pm. Thu 10am–9.30pm. Sun & public holidays 10am–2.30pm. Closed Mondays except public holidays. €11. Temporary exhibition: €7. Espai 13: €2.50.

**From Miró to Barcelona. Art in public spaces.** Until 2 Nov. Drawings, sketches, models, photographs and videos that put Miró's public works in Barcelona in context.

**Roni Horn. Everything slept as if the universe were an error.** Until 28 Sep. Photography, drawings and installations.

**Joaquim Gomis** Until 5 Oct. Photographs in the lobby.

**Buno / Antonio Gagliano** Until 7 Sep. Antonio Gagliano presents an exhibition that focuses on the work of 17th century German engraver Johannes Buno.

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## Fundació Suñol

(Passeig de Gràcia, 98). M: Diagonal (L3, L5). T. 93 496 10 32. Mon–Fri

11am–2pm & 4–8pm. Sat 4–8pm. €6. Closed Sun and public holidays. €4 Reduced: €2.

**Josep Suñol Collection. 'On Paper'.** Until 10 Jan. Works on paper from artists including Picasso, Dalí, Chillida, Tàpies and others.

**Susana Solano 'Low-level flight'** Until 6 Sep.

**FREE Martí Anson 'The Catalan Pavilion. Anonymous Architect'** Until 6 Sep. A reconstruction of the pavilion that Martí Anson presented at the Palais de Tokyo in Paris, reconstructed in the Foundation's courtyard.

## Jardí Botànic

(*Doctor Font i Quer, s/n*). M: Espanya (L1, L3, FGC). T. 93 256 41 60. Apr, May & Sep, 10am–8pm. €3.50. Reduced €1.70

**Jardí Botànic (MCNB – Museu de Ciències Naturals de Barcelona)** Plants from Mediterranean climate zones all over the world.

## La Virreina Centre de la Imatge

(*La Rambla, 99*). M: Liceu (L3). T. 93 316 10 00. Tue–Sun & public holidays, 12–8pm.

**Gerald Van Der Kaap. Amsterdam, Bangkok, Xiamen and Cap de Creus** Until 7 Sep. Works made by Van Der Kaap during years spent in artists' residencies in different parts of the world.

## La Casa dels Entremesos

(*Pl. de les Beates, 2*). M: Liceu (L3) & Jaume I (L4). T. 93 268 35 31. Tue–Sat, 10am–1pm and 4–7pm. Sun & public holidays, 11am–2pm. Closed Mon.

**FREE 4¼. 425 years of the Festival of Sant Roc in Barcelona** Until 23 Nov. Exhibition on different aspects of the 425-year-old Festival of Sant Roc in the Cathedral district.

## MACBA. Museu d'Art Contemporani

(*Plaça dels Àngels, 1*). M: Universitat (L1, L2) & Sant Antoni (L2). T. 93 412 08 10. Mon–Fri, 11am–7.30pm. Sat, 10am–9pm. Sun & public holidays, 10am–3pm. Closed Tues, except public holidays.

Whole museum ticket: €10. Reduced €8.

**Collection 2014: The Immaterial Legacy.** Until Jun 2015. Changes and ruptures in art and society between the late '70s and early '80s.

**Xavier Ribas / 'Nitrate'** Until 12 Oct. The MACBA explores Xavier Ribas' use of nitrate through photographic projects.

**Oskar Hansen. Open form.** Until 6 Jan. See page 19.

**'Missing Feet' by Javier Codesal / The Great Glass** Until Jan 2015. An installation with first-person video accounts from people affected by land mines and explosives in Colombia.

**Art & Language: Uncompleted. The Philippe Méaille collection** 19 Sep–21 Apr. A wide-ranging selection of Art & Language pieces from the Philippe Méaille collection.

**Nonum (Convent dels Àngels)** 10 Sep–8 Feb. Various artists operating in the fields of social architecture and critical urban design present their lines of work and their proposals for the future.

At the MNAC you can discover Catalan art from the 19th and 20th centuries, with paintings by the great Fortuny, modernista and noucentista works, the avant-garde and the Dau al Set group.

## MEAM: Museu Europeu d'Art Modern

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

**21st century art** Permanent exhibition. New exhibition from the museum's collection with almost 300 paintings and 80 sculptures.

**A little sculpture, please!** 3 Sep–10 Oct. Almost 300 works from the museum's own collection from the end of the 19th and 20th centuries.

## 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, 10am–8pm. Sun, public holidays 10am–2pm. Closed Mon (except public holidays). €8. Reduced €6.

**Permanent exhibition.** The fascinating world of creativity and inventing.

## MUHBA El Call

(*Placeta de Manuel Ribé, s/n*). M:

Liceu (L3) & Jaume I (L4). T. 93 256 21 22. Tue–Fri, 11am–2pm. Sat, Sun, 11am–7pm. Public holidays and Mondays before a public holiday (11am–2pm). Otherwise closed Mon. €2.20.

➡ **Salomó ben Adret (1235–1310). The Triumph of an Orthodox.** Permanent exhibition. Salomó ben Adret was a Catalan Jewish leader and Rabbi at Barcelona's main synagogue, and served three kings as adviser on Jewish Affairs.

## MUHBA Fabra i Coats

(Sant Adrià, 20). M: Sant Andreu (L1). T. 93 256 21 22. Tue–Fri, 5–8pm. Sat & Sun, 11am–2pm & 4.30–7.30pm.

**Fabra i Coats factory becomes a history museum. Laboratory 3: objects, words and images.** Until 27 Sep. The history of the Fabra i Coats factory in Sant Andreu.

## MUHBA Museu d'Història de Barcelona

(Pl. del Rei). M: Jaume I (L4). T. 93 256 21 22. Tues–Sat 10–7pm. Sun 10am–8pm. Public holidays, 10am–2pm. Closed Mon. €7. Reduced €5. Under-16s free. Sun free after 3pm.

➡ **Permanent exhibition.** An archaeological tour of the Roman colony of Barcino.

➡ **The world of 1714 (Saló del Tinell)** Until 28 Sep. The early 1700s and the War of the Spanish Succession.

➡ **Monasteries in times of war. Sant Pere de les Puel·les & Santa Clara, 1701–1718 (Capella de Santa Àgata)** Until 14 Sep.

## MUHBA Park Güell

(Olot, s/n. Casa de la Guarda). M: Vallcarca (L3). T. 93 256 21 22. Until 19 Oct: daily, 8.30am–9.30pm. The Casa de la Guarda museum is part of the 'monumental area' of the park, and visits are covered by general conditions for admission. Access with ticket only. More information: [www.parkguell.cat](http://www.parkguell.cat)

**MUHBA Park Güell** Permanent exhibition. The Casa de la Guarda, Park Güell and modernista Barcelona.

## MUHBA Refugi 307

(Nou de la Rambla, 169). M: Paral·lel (L2, L3). T. 93 256 21 22. Sun: guided visits by appointment only. 10.30am, 11.30am, 12.30pm. Closed public holidays. €3.40.

➡ **MUHBA Refugi 307** 400 metres of underground passageways bear witness to the city's experience of aerial bombardment during the Civil War.

## MUHBA Santa Caterina

(Pl. de Joan Capri, s/n). M: Jaume I (L4). T. 93 256 21 22. Mon–Sat 10am–2pm. Closed Sun and public holidays.

**FREE** Located in the foundations of the Santa Caterina market, this exhibition traces the development of the area from prehistoric times to the present day.

## Museu Blau

(Pl. de Leonardo da Vinci, 4–5, Parc del Fòrum). M: El Maresme/Fòrum (L4). T. 93 256 60 02. Tue–Sat, 10am–7pm. Sun and public holidays, 10am–8pm. Closed Mon (except public holidays). 6 €. Reduced: €2.70. Museum & Botanical Gardens: €7. Reduced: €5.

**Planeta Vida** Permanent exhibition. History of life and its evolution on our planet, from its origins to the present day.

**Venomous! Nature's most poisonous animals.** Until Mar 2015. The functions and uses of poison in nature with 50 live animals including snakes and tree frogs.

**Living pages** Until 28 Sep. A journey through the history of life, through a selection of fold-out books.

## Museu de Badalona

(Pl. Assemblea de Catalunya, 1. Badalona.) M: Badalona Pompeu Fabra (L2). T. 93 384 17 50. Tue–Sat, 10am–2pm, 5–8pm; Sun & public holidays, 10am–2pm. €6.48. Reduced: €2.16.

**Baetulo, a Roman City** Permanent exhibition. Visit the underground remains of the Roman baths and the Decumanus Maximus.

## Museu de Montserrat

(Abadia de Montserrat. 08199 Montserrat). Monistrol de Montserrat. T. 93 877 77 45. Until 12 Sep: Mon–Sun 10am–6.45pm. From 13 Sep: Mon–Fri 10am–5.45pm. Sat & Sun 10am–6.45pm (until 26 October). €7. Reduced: €4.

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

**Coptic textiles from the Museu de Montserrat. The Soler Vilabella Collection.** Until 2 Nov.

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## Museu de l'Eròtica

(La Rambla, 96). M: Liceu (L3) & Catalunya (L1, L3). T. 93 318 98 65. Mon–Sun 10am–12am. Adults €9. Reduced: €8. Special price for groups.

👉 **Permanent Exhibition.**

Eroticism and its representation in art.

👉 **The Erotic Family.** Until 23 Nov.

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## Museu de la Moto de Barcelona

(Carrer de la Palla, 10). M: Liceu (L3). T. 933 186 584. Until 15 Sep: Tue–Sat 10.30am–7.30pm. Closed Mon & Sun. 16 Sep–31 June: Tue–Sat, 10am–2pm & 4–8pm. Sun, 10am–2pm. Closed Mon.

👉 **The history of the motorbike in Catalonia.** 36 of the most representative models.

👉 **Unique and unusual motorbikes.** Until 30 Sep.

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## Museu de la Música

(L'Auditori. Lepant, 150). M: Glòries (L1) & Marina (L1). T. 93 256 36 50. Tue–Sat 10am–6pm. Sun 10am–8pm. Closed Mon. €5. Reduced: €3.50. Free admission for under 16s & Sun from 3pm.

👉 **The music of 1714.** Until 19 Oct.

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## Museu de la Xocolata

(Comerç, 36–Antic Convent de Sant Agustí). M: Arc de Triomf (L1). T. 93 268 78 78. Mon–Sat 10am–7pm. Sun 10am–3pm. €5. Group ticket: €4.

👉 **Permanent exhibition.** The story of chocolate, from its earliest origins to its arrival in Europe in the 16<sup>th</sup> century, and its relationship with Barcelona.

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## Museu del Futbol Club Barcelona

(Aristides Maillol, s/n. Estadi FCB. Gates 7 or 9). M: Les Corts (L3). T. 902 18 99 00. Until 12 Oct: daily 9.30am–7.30pm. €23. Children: €17. Under 6s and FCB members, free.

👉 **Camp Nou Experience**

Permanent exhibition. Discover 100 years of the club's history including a visit to the Camp Nou stadium.

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## Museu del Mamut

(C/Montcada, 1). M: Jaume I (L4). T. 93 268 85 20. Apr–Oct. Mon–Sun

10am–9pm. €7.50. Reduced: €5. Children (6–15 years old): €3.50.

👉 **Permanent exhibition.** The remains of mammoths and other Ice Age animals.

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## 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. Reduced: €7.

👉 **Permanent exhibition.** 350 works by 42 of the most important artists of the Catalan Modernisme movement.

👉 **Through the eyes of a woman.** Lluïsa Vidal, the modernista painter. Until 5 Oct.

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## Museu Egipci de Barcelona

(València, 284). M: Passeig de Gràcia (L2, L3, L4). T. 93 488 01 88. Mon–Sun 10am–8pm. Sun 10am–2pm. 12 Sep–30 Nov: closed 2–4pm. Adults €11. Reduced €8.

👉 **Permanent exhibition.** Almost a thousand exhibits from Ancient Egyptian civilisation.

👉 **Tutankhamen: The story of a discovery.** No end date.

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## 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. Reduced: €2.40.

👉 **Permanent exhibition.** The extraordinary collection of day-to-day objects and artworks that Frederic Marès amassed over his lifetime.

**Rafael Casanova. The popularisation of a monumental sculpture.** Until 14 Dec. Casanova was a symbol of Catalan resistance.

**A look back at 1700. Drawing on engravings from the Gelonch Viladegut collection.** Until 2 Nov.

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## Museu Marítim de Barcelona

(Av. de les Drassanes, s/n). M: Drassanes (L3). T. 93 342 99 20. Every day, 10am–8pm. €5. Reduced: €4. Permanent exhibition closed for renovations.

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**Out to sea.** *Until 31 Dec.* The history of sea travel, with a tour of the museum's collection.

**Vikings. Beyond the legend** *Until 28 Sep.* The story of the Vikings' world and culture.

**Gyotaku: capturing the soul of fishes by Victòria Rabal** *Until 28 Sep.* More than 150 prints of fish using the Japanese Gyotaku technique.

**Seascapes. The maternal landscape. Carles Piqueras** *Until 5 Oct.* Works taking the sea as a subject.

## Museu Nacional d'Art de Catalunya

(Parc de Montjuïc). *M: Espanya (L1, L3, FGC). T. 93 622 03 60. May–Sep: Tue–Sat 10am–8pm. Sun, public holidays 10am–3pm. Closed Mon (expect public holidays). €12. Sat afternoon from 3pm, free. Includes visit to the viewing terraces.*

**Permanent exhibition.** The world's most important collections of Romanesque art and the unique Catalan modernista style.

**Josep Tapiró. Painter of Tangiers.** *Until 14 Sep.* Fascinating works by a little-known Orientalist master.

**The painter Antoni Viladomat. 1678–1755. The graphic works of a precursor.** *Until 31 Dec.* One of the most important artists of 18<sup>th</sup>-century Catalonia.

**A new presentation of the 19th and 20th century collections.** *From 24 Sep.*

## 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. Apr– Sep: Tues–Sat 10am–8pm. Sun, public holidays 10am–2.30pm. Closed Mon (expect public holidays). €5.10. Students: €3.20. Under-7s and over-65s: free.*

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## Museu Picasso

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**Permanent exhibition.** More than 3,800 works from different periods in Picasso's life.

**Barcelona's landscapes.** Until 14 Sep.

## 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.

**Sala 2: Tree of life** 5 Sep–12 Oct.

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**Sala 3: Romanesque times. Art, life and conscience** 8 Sep–18 Jan.

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## Pis-museu Casa Bloc, Habitatge 1/11

(Casa Bloc. C. d'Almirall Proïxida, 1–3–5). M: Torras i Bages (L1). T. 93 256 68 01. Guided visit (reservation before Thu): Sat, 11am & 12.30pm. Reservations and information line open: Tue–Fri, 10am–1pm. Thu, 3–5.30pm. €3. More info: [www.museudeldisseny.cat](http://www.museudeldisseny.cat)

**Pis-museu Casa Bloc.** A symbol of rationalist architecture.

## Sant Pau, recinte modernista

(Sant Antoni Maria Claret, 167). M: Sant Pau (L5). T. 93 268 24 44. Apr–Oct: Mon–Sat, 10am–6.30pm. Sun & public holidays, 10am–2.30pm. Free visit: €8. Reduced: €5.60. Guided visit: €14. Reduced: €9.80. First Sun of month and under 16s, free.

**'The value of solidarity'. A look at Catalan TV's annual fund-raising marathon (Pavelló de Sant Rafael)** Until 28 Sep. Included in visit to hospital grounds.

## Reial Monestir de Santa Maria de Pedralbes

(Baixada del Monestir, 9). M: Reina

Elisenda (FGC). T. 93 256 34 34. Apr–Sep: Tues–Fri, 10am–5pm. Sat & Sun, 10am–7pm. Public holidays, 10am–2pm. Closed Mon (except public holidays). €4.40. Reduced: €3.10.

**Murals under the magnifying glass. Paintings from the Sant Miquel Chapel.** Permanent exhibition.

**Heritage in times of war, 1931–1941** Until 8 Dec.

## Theatre

### El Molino

(Vilà i Vilà, 99). M: Paral·lel (L2, L3). T. 93 396 71 91. [www.elmolinobcn.com](http://www.elmolinobcn.com). Ticket office: Wed–Sat, 5–9pm. Tickets available at Atrapalo, Telentrada, Promentrada and Taquilla.

**El Molino Show-Time** Thu, 9.30pm. Fri & Sat, 6.30 & 9.30pm. €33.

**Enric Company. '4 ads and we'll be back'** 7pm. 28 Sep. €14. Stand-up humour for the whole family. In Catalan.

### Teatre Gaudí Barcelona

(Sant Antoni Maria Claret, 120). M: Sagrada Família (L2, L5) & Sant Pau/Dos de Maig (L5). T. 93 603 51 52. [www.teatregaudibarcelona.com](http://www.teatregaudibarcelona.com). Ticket offices open one hour before performances start.

**Sunset Park** 4 Sep–12 Oct. Wed–Sat, 8.30pm. Sun, 6pm. €20. In Catalan.

### Teatre Victòria

(Av. Paral·lel, 65–67). M: Paral·lel (L2, L3). T. 93 329 91 89. [www.teatrevictoria.com](http://www.teatrevictoria.com). Ticket offices: Wed–Fri., from 5pm. Sat & Sun, from 4pm until performances start.

**Mar i Cel** Thu, 8.30pm. Fri, 9.30pm. Sat, 5.30 & 9.30pm. Sun, 6pm. (24 Sep, 6pm). From 20 Sep. €29–€46. 20–24 Sep: €29. The musical that has made history and delighted thousands of theatre-goers.

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## Monday 1

### Classical music

**Masters of the Spanish Guitar.**  
**Manuel González** *Basilica de Santa Maria del Pi (Pl. de Pi, 7). M: Liceu (L3). 9pm. 1, 2, 7, 8, 12 & 24 Sep. €21.*  
Spanish guitar concert.

### Flamenco

**Flamenco show: Entre cajones** *Sala Tarantos (Plaça Reial, 17). M: Liceu (L3). 8.30, 9.30 & 10.30pm. 1–7 Sep. €10 (on the door). €8 (online).*

### Jazz

**WTF Jam Session Jamboree** *(Pl. Reial, 17). M: Liceu (L3). 8pm. €5 (on the door). €4 (online).* A jam session with jazz, hip-hop, reggae, soul and funk...

### Tour

**The rooftops of Santa Maria del Mar** *(Plaça de Santa Maria, 1). M: Jaume I (L4). Mon–Fri, 12–7pm. Sat & Sun, 11am–7pm (on the hour) €10 (general). €8 (reduced). More info and reservations: Itinera Plus. Tel. 93 342 83 33.* A bird's-eye view of the medieval city from the rooftops of Santa Maria del Mar.

## Tuesday 2

### Classical music

**Flamenco & Classic / Alan Garagic** *Església de Santa Anna (Santa Anna, 29). M: Catalunya (L1, L3). 9pm. 2, 4, 6, 25, 27 & 30 Sep. €21.* Spanish guitar concert with music by Albéniz, Granados, Rodrigo & Tárrega, and others.

### Flamenco

**Live show at Palacio del Flamenco** *Palacio del Flamenco (Balmes, 139). M: Diagonal (L3, L5). 7.15, 8.30 & 10.40pm.*

### Jazz

**Jazz concerts at the Milano Cocktail Bar** *(Ronda Universitat, 35). M: Catalunya (L1, L3). 8.30pm (double session). Cover charge, €8.* Live jazz, blues and swing at this cocktail bar in the centre of Barcelona.

### Traditions

**Guided visit to a Castells (human tower) rehearsal** *Various venues. Tue, Thu & Fri €24.20. Reduced: €20.50. Check availability and times: [www.castellscat.cat](http://www.castellscat.cat).* Want to find out more about human towers, recognised by UNESCO as part of the world's cultural heritage? Visit a rehearsal and see what happens.

### Tour

**Magic nights at Casa Batlló** *Casa Batlló (Passeig de Gràcia, 43). M: Passeig de Gràcia (L1, L3, L4). Tue–Sun from 9pm. Until 27 Sep. More info: [www.casabatllo.cat](http://www.casabatllo.cat).* See page 49.

## Wednesday 3

### Jazz

**Jazz concerts at Jamboree** *Jamboree (Pl. Reial, 17). M: Liceu (L3). 8 & 10pm. €12 (on the door). €10 (online).* The city's best-established jazz club with a bold programme of performers.

### Tour

**Gaudí Nights at Torre Bellesguard** *(Bellesguard, 6–9). M: Av. Tibidabo (FGC). Wed–Sat from 9pm. Until 13 Sep. €19. Reduced: €16.* See page 49.

## Thursday 4

### Classical music

**Masters of the Spanish Guitar.**  
**Ekaterina Záyitseva** *Basilica de Santa*



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*Maria del Pi (Pl. de Pi, 7). M: Liceu (L3). 9pm. 4, 10, 28 & 29 Sep. €21. Spanish guitar in concert.*

## Flamenco

**Art Flamenco: María de la O** *Palau de la Música Catalana (Palau de la Música, 4-6). M: Urquinaona (L1, L4). 4, 10 & 15 Sep. 9.30pm. €30-€48. Show based on the history of gypsies.*

## Jazz

**Summer nights at La Pedrera** *La Pedrera (Provença, 261-265). M: Provença (FGC) & Diagonal (L3, L5). Until 6 Sep. Thu, Fri & Sat, 9.45pm (concert at 10.30pm). €27. A unique chance to enjoy La Pedrera at night, with live jazz on the roof terrace.*

## Opera

**Opera nights at the Palau Dalmasas** *Palau Dalmasas (Montcada, 20). M: Jaume I (L4). Thu, 11pm. €20 (incl. one drink). A night of opera at the heart of the Born district.*

## Friday 5

### Blues

**Friday's blues al Palau Gomis** *MEAM: Museu Europeu d'Art Modern (Barra de Ferro, 5). M: Jaume I (L4). Fri, 6pm. €11. Reduced: €9. (Includes admission to the museum's art collection). Enjoy a night of blues in an 18th century palace.*

### Sport

**Barcelona 24-hour Motor Race, Fermí Velez Trophy** *Circuit Barcelona Catalunya (Ctra. de Granollers a Parets Km 2). Montmeló. 5-7 Sep. More info and times: [www.circuitcat.com](http://www.circuitcat.com)*

### Jazz

**Summer nights at La Pedrera** *La Pedrera (Provença, 261-265). M: Provença (FGC) & Diagonal (L3, L5). Until 6 Sep. Thu, Fri & Sat, 9.45pm (concert at 10.30pm). €27. Visit the rooftop terrace of Gaudí's masterpiece, with live music.*

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## Saturday 6

### Al fresco

**FREE Art Fair at Plaça Sant Josep Oriol** (*Plaça Sant Josep Oriol & del Pi, s/n*). *M: Liceu (L3)*. *Sat, 11am–8pm. Sun, 11am–2pm*. Visit two beautiful squares, Plaça del Pi & Sant Josep Oriol, where forty painters display their work.

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### Sport

**FIBA Basketball World Cup 2014** *Palau Sant Jordi (Pg. Olímpic, 5–7)*. *M: Espanya (L1, L3, FGC)*. *6–11 Sep*. *More info: [www.fiba.com/spain2014](http://www.fiba.com/spain2014)*. The best players in the world at the Palau Sant Jordi.

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### Festivals and traditions

**FREE Festa Major de Sants-Montjuïc: Barcelona's Municipal Band in concert** *Parc de l'Espanya Industrial (C. De Muntades, 37)*. *M: Sants-Estació (L3, L5)*. *7pm*. *More info: [www.auditori.cat](http://www.auditori.cat)*.

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## Sunday 7

### Sport

**FIBA Basketball World Cup 2014** *Palau Sant Jordi (Pg. Olímpic, 5–7)*. *M: Espanya (L1, L3, FGC)*. *6–11 Sep*. *More info: [www.fiba.com/spain2014](http://www.fiba.com/spain2014)*. See 6 Sep.

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### Flamenco

 **Great Flamenco Gala** *Palau de la Música Catalana (Palau de la Música, 4–6)*. *M: Urquinaona (L1, L4)*. *9.30pm*. *7, 16, 21 & 26 Sep*. *€20–€49*.

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### Folk-rock

**Ani Difranco** *Sala Apolo (Nou de la Rambla, 113)*. *M: Paral·lel (L2, L3)*. *8pm*. *€23*. One of the most powerful performers on the US alternative music

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### Jazz

**Jazz concerts at the Milano Cocktail Bar** (*Ronda Universitat, 35*). *M: Catalunya (L1, L3)*. *8.30pm (double session)*. *Cover charge, €8*.

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### Kids

 **Traditional games** *Poble Espanyol (Av. de Francesc Ferrer i Guàrdia, 13)*. *M: Espanya (L1, L3, FGC)*. *Sun, 10.30am–1.30pm*. *€12. Reduced: €7*. Family activity.

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## Monday 8

### Classical music

 **Masters of the Spanish Guitar. Manuel González** *Basilica de Santa Maria del Pi (Pl. de Pi, 7)*. *M: Liceu (L3)*. *9pm*. *1, 2, 7, 8, 12 & 24 Sep*. *€21*.

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### Flamenco

**Flamenco show: Son de aquí** *Sala Tarantos (Plaça Reial, 17)*. *M: Liceu (L3)*. *8.30, 9.30 & 10.30pm*. *8–14 Sep*. *€10 (on the door)*. *€8 (online)*.

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### Jazz

 **WTF Jam Session** *Jamboree (Pl. Reial, 17)*. *M: Liceu (L3)*. *Mon, 8pm*. *€5 (on the door)*. *€4 (online)*. A jam session with hip-hop, reggae, soul and funk...

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### Tour

 **The rooftops of Santa Maria del Mar** (*Plaça de Santa Maria, 1*). *M: Jaume I (L4)*. *Mon–Fri, 12–7pm*. *Sat & Sun, 11am–7pm (on the hour)*. *€10 (general)*. *€8 (reduced)*. *More info and reservations: Itinera Plus. Tel. 93 342 83 33*. See 1 Sep.

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## Tuesday 9

### Classical music

 **Classical guitar at the Museu de la Música. The greatest collection in the world** *Museu de la Música (L'Auditori, Lepant, 150)*. *M: Glòries (L1) & Marina (L1)*. *Tues–Sun, 3.30 & 4pm*. *€15*. *Guided tour and concert in Catalan, Spanish, English and French*. Discover the secrets of classical guitars and enjoy a live performance of works by Albéniz and Tárrega.





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## Sport

### **FIBA Basketball World Cup 2014**

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## Flamenco

### **Live show at Palacio del Flamenco**


Palacio del Flamenco (Balmes, 139). M: Diagonal (L3, L5). 7.15, 8.30 & 10.40pm.

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## Wednesday 10

### Flamenco

**Art Flamenco: María de la O** Palau de la Música Catalana (Palau de la Música, 4–6). M: Urquinaona (L1, L4). 4, 10 & 15 Sep. 9.30pm. €30–€48.

 **Opera and Flamenco** Teatre Poliorama (La Rambla, 115). M: Catalunya (L1, L3). 7pm. €35–€49. Opera, zarzuela and flamenco in a single show.

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## Thursday 11

### Classical music

 **Masters of the Spanish Guitar. Bcn Guitar Trio** Basilica de Santa Maria del Pi (Pl. de Pi, 7). M: Liceu (L3). 9pm. 5, 11, 14 & 30 Sep. €21. Spanish guitar in concert.

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## Sport

### **FIBA Basketball World Cup 2014**

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## Opera

 **Opera nights at the Palau Dalmasas** Palau Dalmasas (Montcada, 20). M: Jaume I (L4). Thu, 11pm. €20 (incl. one drink).

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## Pop-electronica

**Chvrches + Der Panther** Sala Apolo (Nou de la Rambla, 113). M: Paral·lel (L2, L3). 8pm. €32 (on the door). €28 (advance). The Scottish trio present 'The Bones Of What You Believe'.

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## Traditions

**FREE Castellors del Poble Sec** (Plaça del Setge de 1714). M: Poble Sec (L3). 11 Sep. 12.30pm. Human towers in honour of Catalonia's National Day.

**FREE Human towers** (Passeig del Born, s/n). M: Jaume I (L4) & Barceloneta (L4). 11.30am. Commemorating 11 September 1714.

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## Friday 12

### Blues

 **Friday's blues al Palau Gomis** MEAM: Museu Europeu d'Art Modern (Barra de Ferro, 5). M: Jaume I (L4). Fri, 6pm. €11. Reduced: €9. (Includes admission to the museum's art collection).

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## Classical music

 **Masters of the Spanish Guitar. Manuel González** Basilica de Santa Maria del Pi (Pl. de Pi, 7). M: Liceu (L3). 9pm. 1, 2, 7, 8, 12 & 24 Sep. €21.

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## Saturday 13

### Al fresco

**FREE Art Fair at Plaça Sant Josep Oriol** (Plaça Sant Josep Oriol & del Pi, s/n). M: Liceu (L3). Sat, 11am–8pm. Sun, 11am–2pm. Forty painters display their works.

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## Sport – Football

 **\* League fixture. FC Barcelona – Athletic Club** Camp Nou (Aristides Maillol, s/n). Date and time to be confirmed: Sat 13 or Sun 14 Sep. More info: [www.fcbarcelona.cat](http://www.fcbarcelona.cat).

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## Festival

**11th Hipnotik Festival of dance and urban culture** Centre de Cultura Contemporània de Barcelona (Montalegre, 5). M: Catalunya (L1, L3). 3pm–1am. €20. €15 (advance). More info: [www.hipnotikfestival.com](http://www.hipnotikfestival.com). Barcelona becomes a hip-hop capital with Hipnotik: 11 hours of music, competitions, graffiti, breakdance, workshops, graphic design and video.

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## Tour

 **Gaudi Nights at Torre Bellesguard** (Bellesguard, 6–9). M: Av. Tibidabo (FGC). Wed–Sat from 9pm.

Until 13 Sep. €19. Reduced: €16. See page 49.

## Sunday 14

### Classical music

📍 **BCN guitar duo/ Carmen**  
*Església de Santa Anna (Santa Anna, 29). M: Catalunya (L1, L3). 7pm. 14 & 21 Sep. €21. See 9 Sep.*

### Sport

📍 **Poblenou Athletic Race 10 km.**  
*Various venues. M: Alfons X (L4). Start: Carrer d'Espronceda/Bruc. More info: [www.avgranvia.com](http://www.avgranvia.com)*

📍 \* **League fixture. FC Barcelona - Athletic Club**  
*Camp Nou (Aristides Maillol, s/n). Date and time to be confirmed: Sat 13 or Sun 14 Sep. More info: [www.fcbarcelona.cat](http://www.fcbarcelona.cat).*

### Folk-rock

📍 **Woods La [2] d'Apolo (Nou de la Rambla, 111). M: Paral·lel (L2, L3). 8pm. €12 (on the door). €7 (advance).**  
*The band fronted by Jeremy Earl present new album 'With Light And With Love'.*

### Jazz

📍 **Jazz concerts at Jamboree**  
*Jamboree (Pl. Reial, 17). M: Liceu (L3). 8 & 10pm. €12 (on the door). €10 (online). The city's most emblematic jazz club.*

### Kids

📍 **Traditional games Poble Espanyol**  
*(Av. de Francesc Ferrer i Guàrdia, 13). M: Espanya (L1, L3, FGC). Sun, 10.30am-1.30pm. €12. Reduced: €7. Family activity*

### Opera

📍 **'Il barbiere di Siviglia' / G. Rossini**  
*Gran Teatre del Liceu (La Rambla, 51-59). M: Liceu (L3). 8pm. (Except 14 Sep: 5pm). 14, 16, 18, 20, 22, 23 & 25 Sep. €12-€222. Giacomo Rossini's great opera buffa.*

### Traditions

📍 **FREE Castelliers de Barcelona**  
*Parc de Poblenou (Av. Litoral, 59). M: Poblenou (L1). 14 Sep. 12pm. Human*

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**FREE Human towers** (*Rambla del Poblenou*). *M: Poblenou (L1)*. 14 Sep. 11am. Human towers as part of Poblenou's annual festival.

## Tour

**FREE Guided tour of Montjuïc Cemetery** *Cementiri de Montjuïc (Mare de Déu del Port, 56–58)*. 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in the month. 11am (Catalan) & 11.15am (Spanish).

## Monday 15

### Classical music

**Masters of the Spanish Guitar. Bcn Guitar Trio** *Basilica de Santa Maria del Pi (Pl. de Pi, 7)*. *M: Liceu (L3)*. 9pm. 15, 16 & 21 Sep. €21.

## Jazz

**WTF Jam Session** *Jamboree (Pl. Reial, 17)*. *M: Liceu (L3)*. Mon, 8pm. €5 (on the door). €4 (online). See 8 Sep.

## Tour

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## Tuesday 16

### Flamenco

**Great Flamenco Gala** *Palau de la Música Catalana (Palau de la Música, 4–6)*. *M: Urquinaona (L1, L4)*. 9.30pm. 7, 16, 21 & 26 Sep. €20–€49. See 7 Sep.

## Jazz

**Jazz concerts at the Milano Cocktail Bar** (*Ronda Universitat, 35*). *M: Catalunya (L1, L3)*. 8.30pm (double session). Cover charge, €8. See 9 Sep.

## Opera

**'Il barbiere di Siviglia' / G. Rossini** *Gran Teatre del Liceu (La*

*Rambla, 51–59)*. *M: Liceu (L3)*. 8pm. (except 14 Sep: 5pm). 14, 16, 18, 20, 22, 23 & 25 Sep. €12–€222.

## Wednesday 17

### Classical music

**Classical guitar at the Museu de la Música. The greatest collection in the world** *Museu de la Música (L'Auditori. Lepant, 150)*. *M: Glòries (L1) & Marina (L1)*. Tues–Sun, 3.30 & 4pm. €15. Guided tour and concert in Catalan, Spanish, English and French.

### Flamenco

**Flamenco show: A mi manera** *Sala Tarantos (Plaça Reial, 17)*. *M: Liceu (L3)*. 8.30, 9.30 & 10.30pm. 15–21 Sep. €10 (on the door). €8 (online).

## Thursday 18

### Classical music

**Richard Strauss, the young master** *Palau de la Música Catalana (Palau de la Música, 4–6)*. *M: Urquinaona (L1, L4)*. 8pm. €35–€40. Works by R. Strauss.

**Masters of the Spanish Guitar. Ekaterina Záyitseva** *Església de Sant Jaume (Ferran, 28)*. *M: Liceu (L3)*. 9pm. €21. Spanish guitar in concert.

### Festivals and traditions

**FREE Festa Major de Poblenou: Barcelona's Municipal Band in concert** *Casino de l'Aliança de Poblenou (Rambla Poblenou, 42)*. *M: Poblenou (L4)*. 8pm. More info: *www.auditori.cat*.

### Festival

**Festival Àsia** *Various venues*. 18–24 Sep. More info: *www.festivalasia.es*. The 13<sup>th</sup> Asia Festival with a varied programme of contemporary and traditional music and performing arts from Asia.

### Traditions

**Guided visit to a Castells (human tower) rehearsal.** *Various*

As part of the Mercè festival, **Barcelona Acció Musical** offers some succulent gigs from bands including the Klaxons, Young Fathers, Seinabo Sey, Javiera Mena and Mishima and more.

venues. Tue, Thu & Fri. €24.20.  
Reduced: €20.50. Check availability and  
times: [www.castellscat.cat](http://www.castellscat.cat). See 2 Sep.

## Tour

👉 **Magic nights at Casa Batlló** Casa Batlló (Passeig de Gràcia, 43). M: Passeig de Gràcia (L2, L3, L4). Tue–Sun from 9pm. Until 27 Sep. More info: [www.casabatllo.cat](http://www.casabatllo.cat). See page 49

## Friday 19

### Classical music

**Concert: Music for Peace** La Pedrera (Provença, 261–265). M: Provença (FGC) & Diagonal (L3, L5). Presentation: 7.30pm. Concert: 8pm. €10. With works by Catalan composers.

👉 **Masters of the Spanish Guitar.** Xavier Coll Església de Sant Jaume (Ferran, 28). M: Liceu (L3). 9pm. €21.

## Festivals and traditions

**FREE Festa Major de La Mercè 2014**

Various venues. 19–24 Sep. More info: [www.bcn.cat/merce](http://www.bcn.cat/merce). Enjoy the city's biggest festival. Correfocs (street fireworks), dance, castells (human towers), sardanas, giants and more; innovative shows at the Parc de la Ciutadella and circus at the Castell de Montjuïc; the best of Catalan and international music with performances at venues all over the city; the BAM festival with cutting-edge rock, pop and electronic music, and performers from Stockholm, this year's special guest city.

**FREE Sardanas** (Plaça de la Catedral). M: Catalunya (L1, L3, FGC). 7–8.30pm. Traditional Catalan dance.

**FREE Mercè Arts al Carrer** Parc de la Ciutadella (Passeig Picasso, 21). M: Ciutadella–Vila Olímpica (L4). Fri, 9pm–2am. Sat, 11am–2am. Sun, 11am–12am. Tue, 6pm–2am. Wed, 11am–12am. 19–24 Sep. Shows featuring dance, projections and new technologies.

## Festival

**Festival Àsia** Various venues. 18–24 Sep. More info: [www.festivalasia.es](http://www.festivalasia.es). See 18 Sep.

## Flamenco

👉 **Opera and Flamenco** Palau de la

Música Catalana (Palau de la Música, 4–6). M: Urquinaona (L1, L4). 9.30pm. 19, 24 & 28 Sep. €20–€49.

## Tour

**FREE Open doors at the Sagrada Família** (Mallorca, 401). M: Sagrada Família (L2, L5). 19–21 Sep, 4–8pm. Free tickets available online: [www.sagradafamilia.org](http://www.sagradafamilia.org). Choose a date and a time to enjoy a special free visit and see the final stages of building work on Gaudí's masterpiece.

## Saturday 20

### Al fresco

**FREE Art Fair at Plaça Sant Josep Oriol** (Plaça Sant Josep Oriol & del Pi, s/n). M: Liceu (L3). Sat, 11am–8pm. Sun, 11am–2pm. Forty painters display their works.

## Sport – Football

👉\* **League fixture. RCD Espanyol – Màlaga** Estadi Cornellà – El Prat (Av. del Baix Llobregat, 100). Cornellà de Llobregat. Date and time to be confirmed: Sat 20 or Sun 21 Sep. More info: [www.rcdespanyol.com](http://www.rcdespanyol.com).

## Festivals and traditions

**FREE Festa Major de La Mercè 2014** Various venues. 19–24 Sep. More info: [www.bcn.cat/merce](http://www.bcn.cat/merce). See 19 Sep.

**FREE Sardanas** (Plaça de la Catedral). M: Catalunya (L1, L3, FGC). 7–8.40pm. Traditional Catalan dance.

**FREE Festa Major de La Mercè 2014: Parade of dragons and beasts.** (Starts: Pl. de Sant Jaume). M: Liceu (L3) & Jaume I (L4). 9.30pm.

**FREE Mercè Arts al Carrer** Castell de Montjuïc (Ctra. Montjuïc, 66). M: Espanya: L1–L3). Sat & Sun, 11am–9pm. Wed 24, 11am–9pm. 20, 21 & 24 Sep. Circus shows.

## Flamenco

👉 **Live show at the Palacio del Flamenco** Palacio del Flamenco (Balmes, 139). M: Diagonal (L3, L5). 7.15, 8.30 & 10.40pm.

## Kids

**CosmoCaixa's 10th Anniversary**



(Isaac Newton, 26). M: Av. Tibidabo (FGC). Thu–Sun and public holidays, 10am–8pm. Mon except public holidays, closed. 20, 21, 23 & 24 Sep. €4. Under 16s free. More info: [www.cosmocaixa.com/agenda](http://www.cosmocaixa.com/agenda). Shows, experiments and workshops to celebrate the science museum's 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

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## Opera

📍 **'Il barbiere di Siviglia' / G. Rossini** Gran Teatre del Liceu (La Rambla, 51–59). M: Liceu (L3). 8pm. (Except 14 Sep: 5pm). 14, 16, 18, 20, 22, 23 & 25 Sep. €12–€222. See 14 Sep.

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## Swing

📍 **Swing concert at Palau Gomis** MEAM – Museu Europeu d'Art Modern (Barra de Ferro, 5). M: Jaume I (L4). Sat, 12.30pm. €11. Reduced: €9. Includes aperitif and admission to the museum's permanent collection.

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## Tour

📍 **FREE Open doors at the Sagrada Família** (Mallorca, 401). M: Sagrada Família (L2, L5). 19–21 Sep, 4–8pm. Free tickets available online: [www.sagradafamilia.org](http://www.sagradafamilia.org). See 19 Sep.

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## Sunday 21

### Classical music

📍 **FREE Festa Major de La Mercè: Barcelona's Municipal Band at the Moll de la Fusta** Moll de la Fusta, s/n. M: Drassanes (L3). 12pm. More info: [www.bcn.cat/merce](http://www.bcn.cat/merce).

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## Sport – Football

📍\* **League fixture. RCD Espanyol – Màlaga** Estadi Cornellà – El Prat (Av. del Baix Llobregat, 100). Cornellà de Llobregat. Date and time to be confirmed: Sat 20 or Sun 21 Sep. More info: [www.rcdespanyol.com](http://www.rcdespanyol.com).

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## Festivals and traditions

📍 **FREE Festa Major de La Mercè 2014: Stick dancers** (Pl. Sant Jaume). M: Liceu (L3) & Jaume I (L4). 10am.

📍 **FREE Festa Major de La Mercè 2014: Parade of the Falcons of Barcelona** (Start: Pl. de la Catedral). M:

Liceu (L3) & Jaume I (L4). 10.30am.

📍 **FREE Festa Major de La Mercè 2014: Sardanias** (Start: Pl. de la Catedral). M: Liceu (L3) & Jaume I (L4). 1pm.

📍 **FREE Festa Major de La Mercè 2014: Correfoc (street fireworks), dragons and beasts** (Pl. Sant Jaume). M: Liceu (L3) & Jaume I (L4). 6.20pm.

📍 **FREE Mercè Arts al Carrer** Castell de Montjuïc (Ctra. Montjuïc, 66). M: Espanya (L1, L3). Sat & Sun, 11am–9pm. Wed 24, 11am–9pm. 20, 21 & 24 Sep. Circus shows.

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## Festival

📍 **Festival Àsia** Various venues. 18–24 Sep. More info: [www.festivalasia.es](http://www.festivalasia.es). See 18 Sep.

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## Kids

📍 **Festa de La Mercè Poble Espanyol** (Av. de Francesc Ferrer i Guàrdia, 13). M: Espanya (L1, L3, FGC). 10am–6pm. €12. Reduced: €7. Family activities.

📍 **CosmoCaixa's 10th Anniversary** (Isaac Newton, 26). M: Av. Tibidabo (FGC). Thu–Sun and public holidays, 10am–8pm. Mon except public holidays, closed. 20, 21, 23 & 24 Sep. €4. Under 16s free. More info: [www.cosmocaixa.com/agenda](http://www.cosmocaixa.com/agenda). See 20 Sep.

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## Tour

📍 **FREE Guided tour of Poble Nou Cemetery** Cementiri de Poblenou (Av. Icària, s/n). M: Llacuna (L4). 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday. 10.30am (Spanish) & 12.30pm (Catalan).

📍 **FREE Open doors at the Sagrada Família** (Mallorca, 401). M: Sagrada Família (L2, L5). 19–21 Sep, 4–8pm. Free tickets available online: [www.sagradafamilia.org](http://www.sagradafamilia.org). See 19 Sep.

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## Monday 22

### Classical music

📍 **Mercè Concert with the OBC** Avinguda de la Catedral. M: Catalunya (L1, L3) & Jaume I (L4). 22 Sep: 8pm. 23 Sep: 9pm. More info: [www.bcn.cat/merce](http://www.bcn.cat/merce).

📍 **Paula Martínez, flute and Fermín Villanueva, cello** Palau de la Música Catalana (Palau de la Música, 4–6). M:

Urquinaona (L1, L4). 7.30pm. €13.

## Festivals and traditions

### FREE Festa Major de La Mercè 2014

Various venues. 19–24 Sep. More info: [www.bcn.cat/merce](http://www.bcn.cat/merce). See 19 Sep.

## Festival

**Festival Àsia** Various venues. 18–24 Sep. More info: [www.festivalasia.es](http://www.festivalasia.es). See 18 Sep.

## Opera

📺 **'Il barbiere di Siviglia' / G. Rossini** Gran Teatre del Liceu (La Rambla, 51–59). M: Liceu (L3). 8pm. (Except 14 Sep: 5pm). 14, 16, 18, 20, 22, 23 & 25 Sep. €12–€222. See 14 Sep.

## Tour

📺 **The rooftops of Santa Maria del Mar** (Plaça de Santa Maria, 1). M: Jaume I (L4). Mon–Fri, 12–7pm. Sat & Sun, 11am–7pm (on the hour). €10 (general). €8 (reduced). More info and

reservations: *Itinera Plus*. Tel. 93 342 83 33. See 1 Sep.

## Tuesday 23

## Classical music

**FREE Festa Major de La Mercè: Concert with the Barcelona Symphony and Catalonia National Orchestra (OBC)** *Avinguda de la Catedral*. M: Catalunya (L1, L3) & Jaume I (L4). 22 Sep: 8pm. 23 Sep: 9pm. Time tbc: [www.bcn.cat/merce](http://www.bcn.cat/merce). See 22 Sep.

## Sport – Football

📺\* **League fixture. RCD Espanyol – Jetafe** *Estadi Cornellà – El Prat* (Av. del Baix Llobregat, 100). Cornellà de Llobregat. Date and time to be confirmed: Tue 23 or Thu 25 Sep. More info: [www.rcdespanyol.com](http://www.rcdespanyol.com).

## Festival

**Festival Àsia** Various venues. 18–24 Sep. More info: [www.festivalasia.es](http://www.festivalasia.es). See 18 Sep.

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## Flamenco

 **Live show at the Palacio del Flamenco** *Palacio del Flamenco (Balmes, 139). M: Diagonal (L3, L5). 7.15, 8.30 & 10.40pm.*

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## Kids

**CosmoCaixa's 10th Anniversary** (*Isaac Newton, 26*). M: Av. Tibidabo (FGC). *Thu–Sun and public holidays, 10am–8pm. Mon except public holidays, closed. 20, 21, 23 & 24 Sep. €4. Under 16s free. More info: www.cosmocaixa.com/agenda. See 20 Sep.*

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## Wednesday 24

### Classical music

**FREE Festa Major de La Mercè: Municipal Band** *Av. de la Catedral. M: Catalunya (L1, L3) & Jaume I (L4). 6.30pm. More info: www.bcn.cat/merce.*

**FREE Festa Major de La Mercè: Liceu Symphony Orchestra and Chorus** *Av. de la Catedral. M: Catalunya (L1, L3) & Jaume I (L4). 8.30pm. More info: www.bcn.cat/merce.*

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## Festivals and traditions

**FREE Festa Major de La Mercè 2014** *Various venues. 19–24 Sep. More info: www.bcn.cat/merce. See 19 Sep.*

**FREE Festa Major de La Mercè: Grallers (traditional woodwind instrument)** (*Plaça de Sant Jaume*). M: Jaume I (L4). 9.15am.

**FREE Festa Major de La Mercè: Giants and dwarves (traditional figures) parade.** (*Plaça de Sant Jaume*). M: Jaume I (L4). From 9.15am.

**FREE Festa Major de La Mercè: Castells (human towers)** (*Plaça de Sant Jaume*). M: Jaume I (L4). 12.30pm–3pm.

**FREE Festa Major de La Mercè: The Cavalcade** (*Start: Plaça de Sant Jaume*). M: Jaume I (L4). 7.30–8.30pm.

**FREE Mercè Arts al Carrer** *Castell de Montjuïc (Ctra. Montjuïc, 66). Sat & Sun, 11am–9pm. Wed 24, 11am–9pm. 20, 21 & 24 Sep. Circus shows.*

**FREE Festa Major de La Mercè 2014: Piromusical** *Avinguda Maria Cristina, M: Espanya (L1, L3). 10–10.30pm. The grand finale of the city's festival is a spectacular firework display with music.*

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## Festival

**Festival Àsia** *Various venues. M: Catalunya (L1, L3, FGC) Universitat (L1, L2). 18–24 Sep. More info: www.festivalasia.es. See 18 Sep.*

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## Kids

**CosmoCaixa's 10th Anniversary** (*Isaac Newton, 26*). M: Av. Tibidabo (FGC). *Thu–Sun and public holidays, 10am–8pm. Mon except public holidays, closed. 20, 21, 23 & 24 Sep. €4. Under 16s free. More info: www.cosmocaixa.com/agenda. See 20 Sep.*

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## Thursday 25

### Classical music

**Anne-Sophie Mutter, violin / Spanish National Orchestra** *Palau de la Música Catalana (Palau de la Música, 4–6). M: Urquinaona (L1, L4). 8.30pm. €25–€150. Recognised as one of the greatest violinists in the world, Mutter will perform works by Bruch, Vivancos and Dvořák.*

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## Sport – Football

 **\*League fixture. RCD Espanyol – Getafe** *Estadi Cornellà – El Prat (Av. de Baix Llobregat, 100). Cornellà de Llobregat. Date and time to be confirmed: Tue 23 or Thu 25 Sep. More info: www.rcdespanyol.com.*

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## Flamenco

**Spanish flavours at the Palau Gomis MEAM – Museu Europeu d'Art Modern** (*Barra de Ferro, 5*). M: Jaume I (L4). 8pm. 18–25 Sep. €24. (Includes admission to the museum's permanent collection.) See 18 Sep.

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## Opera

 **'Il barbiere di Siviglia' / G. Rossini** *Gran Teatre del Liceu (La Rambla, 51–59). M: Liceu (L3). 8pm. (Except 14 Sep: 5pm). 14, 16, 18, 20, 22, 23 & 25 Sep. €12–€222. See 14 Sep.*

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## Friday 26

### Flamenco

 **Great Flamenco Gala** *Palau de la Música Catalana (Palau de la Música, 4–6). M: Urquinaona (L1, L4). 9.30pm.*

7, 16, 21 & 26 Sep. €20–€49. See 7 Sep.

## Saturday 27

### Al fresco

**FREE Art Fair at Plaça Sant Josep Oriol** (Plaça Sant Josep Oriol & del Pi, s/n). M: Liceu (L3). Sat, 11am–8pm. Sun, 11am–2pm. See 6 Sep.

### Classical music

**Ravel's Bolero / Vallès Symphonic Orchestra** Palau de la Música Catalana (Palau de la Música, 4–6). M: Urquinaona (L1, L4). 7pm. €18–€68.

### Sport – Football

**⚽ \*League fixture. FC Barcelona – Granada CF** Camp Nou (Aristides Maillol, s/n). Date and time to be confirmed: Sat 27 or Sun 28 Sep. More info: [www.fcbarcelona.cat](http://www.fcbarcelona.cat).

### Flamenco

**👉 Live show at the Palacio del Flamenco** Palacio del Flamenco

(Balmes, 139). M: Diagonal (L3, L5). 7.15, 8.30 & 10.40pm.

## Swing

**👉 Swing concert at the Palau Gomis** MEAM – Museu Europeu d'Art Modern (Barra de Ferro, 5). M: Jaume I (L4). Sat, 12.30pm. €11. Reduced: €9. (Includes aperitif and admission to the museum's permanent collection.)

## Sunday 28

### Al fresco

**FREE Art Fair at Plaça Sant Josep Oriol** (Plaça Sant Josep Oriol & del Pi, s/n). M: Liceu (L3). Sat, 11am–8pm. Sun, 11am–2pm. See 6 Sep.

### Sport

**35 Mercè Road Race** Various venues. Start: 9.30am. Av. de la Reina Maria Cristina. More info: [www.bcn.cat](http://www.bcn.cat). 10 km running race.

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## Flamenco

👉 **Opera and Flamenco** *Palau de la Música Catalana* (Palau de la Música, 4–6). M: Urquinaona (L1, L4). 9.30pm. 19, 24 & 28 Sep. €20–€49. See 19 Sep.

## Jazz

👉 **Jazz concerts at Jamboree** *Jamboree* (Pl. Reial, 17). M: Liceu (L3). 8 & 10pm. €12 (on the door). €10 (online). The city's best-established jazz club with a groundbreaking programme of top performers.

## Kids

👉 **Traditional games** *Poble Espanyol* (Av. de Francesc Ferrer i Guàrdia, 13). M: Espanya (L1, L3, FGC). Sun, 10.30am–1.30pm. €12. Reduced: €7. Family activity.

## Tour

**FREE Guided tour of Montjuïc Cemetery** *Cementiri de Montjuïc* (Mare de Déu del Port, 56–58). 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in the month. 11am (Catalan) & 11.15am (Spanish). See 14 Sep.

## Monday 29

### Classical music

**Klimt Quartet/ Aëris Trio** *Palau de la Música Catalana* (Palau de la Música, 4–6). M: Urquinaona (L1, L4). 7.30pm. €13. Works by Haydn, Bartók and Mozart, among others.

## Flamenco

**Flamenco show: Pilar Rodríguez & Inés Rubio** *Sala Tarantos* (Plaça Reial, 17). M: Liceu (L3). 8.30, 9.30 & 10.30pm. 28 & 29 Sep. €10 (on the door). €8 (online).

## Jazz

👉 **WTF Jam Session** *Jamboree* (Pl. Reial, 17). M: Liceu (L3). Mon, 8pm. €5 (on the door). €4 (online). See 8 Sep.

## Tour

👉 **The rooftops of Santa Maria del**

**Mar** (Plaça de Santa Maria, 1). M: Jaume I (L4). Mon–Fri, 12–7pm. Sat & Sun, 11am–7pm (on the hour). €10 (general). €8 (reduced). More info and reservations: *Itinera Plus*. Tel. 93 342 83 33. See 1 Sep.

## Tuesday 30

### Classical music

👉 **Masters of the Spanish Guitar. Bcn Guitar Trio** *Basílica de Santa Maria del Pi* (Pl. de Pi, 7). M: Liceu (L3). 9pm. 5, 11, 14 & 30 Sep. €21. Spanish guitar in concert.

## Flamenco

👉 **Great Flamenco Festival: 'Carmen, Carmen, Carmen' / Tablao Flamenco Cordobes** *Palau de la Música Catalana* (Palau de la Música, 4–6). M: Urquinaona (L1, L4). 9pm. 5, 12 & 30 Sep. €23–€53. See 5 Sep.

## Indie-Folk

**Angel Olsen** *La [2] d'Apolo* (Nou de la Rambla, 111). M: Paral·lel (L2, L3). 8pm. €18 (on the door). €15 (advance). The US singer who has become one of the icons of the indie faction of the neo-folk scene, with new album 'Burn Your Fire For No Witness'.

## Jazz

👉 **Jazz concerts at the Milano Cocktail Bar** (Ronda Universitat, 35). M: Catalunya (L1, L3). 8.30pm (double session). Cover charge, €8. See 9 Sep.

## Tour

👉 **The rooftops of Santa Maria del Mar** (Plaça de Santa Maria, 1). M: Jaume I (L4). Mon–Fri, 12–7pm. Sat & Sun, 11am–7pm (on the hour). €10 (general). €8 (reduced). More info and reservations: *Itinera Plus*. Tel. 93 342 83 33. See 1 Sep.

## INFORMATION AND SALES

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). T. 93 513 20 60. Apr–Sep: 9am–8pm. €14.80. Guided tour/with audio guide: €19.30.* Barcelona's most famous landmark, begun by Gaudí in 1891 and still unfinished to this day. Ticket sales help fund the ongoing construction of the most popular tourist attraction in Spain.

### **Basílica de Santa Maria del Pi**

(Plaça del Pi, 7). *M: Liceu (L3), Jaume I (L4). T. 93 318 47 43. 8 Apr–10 Nov: 10am–7pm. Sun 4–7pm. €4. Reduced €3. Guided tour (including belltower): €12. Reduced: €8.* Visit one of Barcelona's grandest Gothic churches, and enjoy the views from its belltower.

### **Casa Batlló**

(Pg. de Gràcia, 43). *M: Passeig de Gràcia (L3, L4). T. 93 216 03 06. 9am–9pm. €21.50. Reduced: €18.50. Last admission: 8pm. More info: www.casabatllo.cat.* Gaudí's most poetic and creative work. The sensuality and harmony of its interior, combined with his use of colours, shapes and light make this building a must-see for everyone who admires Gaudí's work. Visit with audio guide, including interactive content.

### **Magic nights at Casa Batlló**

(Passeig de Gràcia, 43). *M: Pg. de Gràcia (L2, L3, L4). T. 93 216 03 06. Wed–Sat, from 9pm. Until 27 Sep. €29.* Discover all the magic of this jewel among Gaudí's works after the sun goes down. Gastronomy, shows and live music.

### **Gaudí Crypt at Colònia Güell**

(Claudi Güell, 6 – Santa Coloma de Cervelló). *M: Espanya (L1, L3) + FGC (S33, S8 or S4): Colònia Güell station. T. 93 630 58 07. May–Oct: 10am–7pm. Sun: 10am–3pm. €9 (ticket price includes audio guide). Reduced: €7.50.* Discover Gaudí's hidden treasure, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, situated in the Colònia Güell, a planned textile factory and residential area only 20 minutes outside Barcelona.

### **Gran Teatre del Liceu**

(La Rambla, 51–59). *M: Liceu (L3). T. 93 485 99 14. Guided tour: Mon–Fri, 9.30 &*

*10am. (except 11 & 24 Sep). €14. 30 min express visit: €6. Check times: www.liceubarcelona.cat.* Visit one of the world's great opera houses: discover the impressive concert hall and exclusive private rooms that make this one of Barcelona's most emblematic buildings.

### **La Pedrera**

(Provença, 261–265). *M: Diagonal (L3, L5). T. 902 202 138. 3 Mar–2 Nov: 9am–8pm. Last admission: 7.30pm. €16.50. Reduced: €14.85.* Many Barcelona residents consider this building to be Gaudí's masterpiece. In fact, some of its apartments are still private homes. The roof terrace is one of Catalan Modernisme's hidden gems.

### **Nights at La Pedrera**

(Provença, 261–265). *M: Diagonal (L3, L5). T. 902 202 138. Until 6 Sep. Thu–Sat, 9.45pm. Entrance to the Espai Gaudí, concert + glass of cava: €28.* A unique chance to enjoy La Pedrera at night, with live jazz on the roof terrace and spectacular views of Barcelona.

### **Palau Güell**

(Nou de la Rambla, 3–5). *M: Drassanes (L3) & Barceloneta (L4). T. 93 472 57 75. Apr–Oct: 10am–8pm. Last admission: 7pm. €12. Reduced: €8.* Built by Gaudí in the late 19th century, this palace belonged to his principal patron. A visit to the roof terrace is highly recommended.

### **Palau de la Música Catalana**

(Palau de la Música, 4–6). *M: Urquinaona (L1, L4). T. 93 295 72 00. Daily, 10am–3.30pm. €18. Reduced: €11. Under 10s free.* Step inside one of the most unusual Art Nouveau buildings in the world, architect Lluís Domènech i Muntaner's ornate concert hall, a UNESCO World Heritage Site.

### **Sant Pau, Modernista monument**

(St Antoni Maria Claret, 167). *M: Sant Pau (L5). T. 93 553 78 01. Apr–Oct: Mon–Sat, 10am–6.30pm. Sun and public holidays, 10am–2.30pm. Self-guided tour: €8. Reduced: €5.60. Guided tour: €14. Reduced: €9.80. Under 16s free. More info: www.santpaubarcelona.org.* Tour the buildings and grounds of the Hospital Sant Pau, one of the world's largest Art Nouveau monuments, and

# Sights

Lluís Domènech i Muntaner's most important work, recently restored and opened to the public.

## Torre Bellesguard

(Bellesguard, 6–9). M: Av. Tibidabo (FGC). Apr–Oct: Mon–Sat, 10am–7pm. Panoramic visit: €7 (audio guide to exterior + remains of Martin the Humane's palace + audiovisual centre). Guided visit: €16 (exterior and interior of the tower + roof terrace access). Discover the Modernista castle Gaudí built at the foot of Tibidabo.

## **Gaudí Nights at Torre Bellesguard**

(Bellesguard, 6–9). M: Av. Tibidabo (FGC). T. 93 250 40 93. Wed–Sat, from 9pm. Until 13 Sep. €19. Reduced: €16. The lovely gardens of Antoni Gaudí's Torre Bellesguard are filled with music during summer nights. Relax, sip a glass of cava, and enjoy exclusive recitals in a unique venue.

## Leisure

## Aire de Barcelona, Arab Baths

(Pg. de Picasso, 22). M: Barceloneta (L4) & Jaume I (L4). T. 93 295 57 43. Mon–Fri: first entry 10am; last entry between 10pm and 12am. Sat, Sun and holiday eves: last entry between 12am and 2am. More info: [www.airedebarcelona.com](http://www.airedebarcelona.com). In the Born district, these Arab baths revive the ancient tradition of bathing as a form of relaxation, in a unique building.

## Barcelona Urban Forest

Barcelona Bosc Urbà (Plaça del Fòrum, s/n). T. 93 117 34 26. M: El Maresme/Fòrum (L4). 1–12 Sep: daily 10am–3pm, 4pm–8pm. 13–30 Sep: Sat & Sun, 10am–3pm & 4–8pm. €8–€19 (prices vary depending on age and circuit chosen). Get some high-adrenaline exercise in an urban adventure park with more than 30 attractions.

## Poble Espanyol

(Av. Francesc Ferrer i Guàrdia, 13). M: Espanya (L1, L3). T. 93 508 63 00. Mon, 9am–8pm. Tue–Thu 9am–2am. Fri 9am–4am. Sat 9am–5am. Sun 9am–12am. €11. Reduced: €6.25. Built for the exhibition of 1929 by Modernista architect Puig i Cadafach, the Poble Espanyol is an open-air museum on

Montjuïc with replicas of traditional streets, squares and buildings from all over Spain.

## **Imax Port Vell**

(Moll d'Espanya). M: Drassanes (L3) & Barceloneta (L4). T. 93 225 11 11. Check times and programme at [www.imaxportvell.com](http://www.imaxportvell.com). Put on your glasses, and take a seat for the most exciting virtual reality experience that the latest 3-D technology can provide.

## Gaudí Experiencia

(Larrard, 41). M: Lesseps (L3). T. 93 285 44 40. Mar–Oct: 9am–7pm. €9. Reduced: €7.50. A fascinating interactive journey that uses 4-D technology to take you inside Antoni Gaudí's creative universe. A new way to discover Gaudí and his world.

## Tibidabo Funfair

(Plaça del Tibidabo, 3–4). Bus Tibibus (T2A) from Plaça Catalunya, or M: Av. Tibidabo (L7, FGC) + Tramvia Blau, or Bus 196 + Funicular del Tibidabo. T. 93 211 79 42. More info: [www.tibidabo.cat](http://www.tibidabo.cat) €28.50 (under 120cm tall, €10.50). With over 100 years of history, Tibidabo is one of the oldest funfairs in the world, featuring classic rides, old favourites and brand-new attractions for an exciting day out.

## PortAventura

(Av. Alcalde Pere Molas. Km. 2. Vila Seca, Tarragona). Train: Port Aventura. T. 902 20 22 20. More info: [www.portaventura.es](http://www.portaventura.es). PortAventura is a theme park located one hour south of Barcelona, between Vila-seca and Salou. Its six themed zones (Mediterranean, Far West, SesameAdventure, Mexico, China and Polynesia) cover 119 hectares, with 30 attractions, 100 processions every day, and 75 restaurants and snack bars, and 27 craft and gift shops.

## Barcelona Zoo

(Parc de la Ciutadella, s/n). M: Arc de Triomf (L1) & Ciutadella/Vila Olímpica (L4). T. 902 45 75 45. 16 Sep–25 Oct, 10am–7pm. €19.90. Children (ages 3–12): €11.95. Barcelona Zoo, in Ciutadella Park, has a 100-year history and is one of the city's best-loved attractions. At present it is home to more than 2,000 animals, representing some 315 species.



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