



# CHRISTMAS IN BARCELONA

## 2008 / 2009

### TRADITIONS

#### Pessebre

The crib featuring figures from the Nativity of Christ. Traditionally, it is on display until Candlemas (2nd February)

#### Ti6

An old tree trunk which people used to place by the fire on Christmas Eve as a token of abundance. Today the trunk contains sweets and presents for the children of the house.

#### Traditional Christmas Fare

At Christmas time we eat the typical escudella (a tasty meat and vegetable broth) and carn d'olla (a special joint of meat cooked in the broth) followed by stuffed capon or turkey, and for dessert, traditional nougats - torrons - made from almonds, hazelnuts and honey, or marzipan and candied fruit.

The pa de Nadal, or Christmas bread, is made and sold at the bakeries around the city and registered by the Barcelona Bakers' Guild.

#### L'Home dels Nassos (the Man with the Noses)

The magic of every New Year's Eve begins with a hunt through the streets for this mythical character who has as many noses as there are days in the year.

#### New Years Eve

We celebrate New Year with food and parties as we wait for the city clocks to strike midnight. Then everyone eats twelve lucky grapes, one by one, and drinks a toast with cava while they wish each other a Happy New Year.

#### The Three Kings of the Orient

On the evening of 5th January the Three Kings arrive in Barcelona and travel in a procession around the city in their royal carriages throwing sweets to the people in the crowd.

### SHOPPING

#### Barcelona Shopping Line, What Makes Us Different

Barcelona offers its visitors a unique 5-kilometre retail thoroughfare known as the Shopping Line, where shopping is much more than a mere transaction, service more than just a smile and quality more than an item.

This shopping thoroughfare stretches from the Port Vell, along La Rambla, through the old town and the art-nouveau Eixample district, to the uptown section of the Diagonal.

Along this route, and in other parts of Barcelona, you can find the shops, shopping centres and department stores displaying the Barcelona Shopping Line logo. These shops, which are part of Barcelona's history, are a clear exponent of the retail offering which identifies the city and sets it apart from the rest.

The shops are open on the following public holidays and Sundays during the festive season: 6, 14, 21/12/08 & 4 & 11/1/09

### CHRISTMAS FAIRS AND MARKETS

Christmas markets selling figures for the crib, trees and other decorations to give your home that festive touch during the Yuletide season.

#### Santa Llúcia Fair

Around the cathedral.  
Pl. Nova, 1  
29/11/08 - 23/12/08 • 10-22 h

#### Sagrada Família Christmas Fair

Pl. de la Sagrada Família  
29/11/08 - 23/12/08 • 10-20 h

#### Plaça de Sants Christmas Fair

C. de Joan Güell - Pl. de Sants  
29/11/08 - 23/12/08 • 10-20 h

#### Three Kings' Fair

Fair selling toys, gift items, handicrafts and Christmas products.

Gran Via de les Corts Catalanes, between Carrer Muntaner and Carrer Entença.  
24/12/08 - 6/1/09

## EXHIBITIONS OF CRIBS

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### Christmas Crib in the Plaça de Sant Jaume. Crib Dioramas

Church of Betlem  
La Rambla, 107  
December Monday to Sunday · 11am-2pm & 5pm-9pm

### Museo Diocesano de Barcelona (Pia Almoina)

Tuesday to Saturday · 10am-2pm & 5pm-9pm  
Sunday and public holidays · 11am-2pm

### Exhibition of Cribs in the Church of the Sagrat Cor de Jesús del Tibidabo

Parròquia del Sagrat Cor de Jesús del Tibidabo  
Pl. del Tibidabo, 5  
Visits by appointment: Tel. 934 175 686

## BARCELONA'S THREE KINGS' PARADE

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The Three Kings' Parade on 5/1/09. At 5.30pm the Kings arrive in the harbour and parade through the streets on fl oats from 6pm to 9pm.

## SPECIAL CHRISTMAS ACTIVITIES

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### Circ RALUY

"Homenatge al Circ Olympia"  
Moll de la Fusta  
Tel. 902 332 211  
12/12/08 - 11/01/09

### Festival of Childhood

Festival of Childhood Games, sports, workshops, musical performances, etc., so that children and their families can enjoy and take part in a whole host of activities.  
Fira de Barcelona - Montjuïc  
Av. de la Reina Maria  
Cristina, s/n  
Tel. 902 233 200  
www.festivalinfancia.com  
27/12/08-4/1/09

### Family Activities at CaixaForum Christmas Special

Av. Marquès de Comillas, 6-8  
Tel. 934 768 600 www.laCaixa.es/ObraSocial

### PUPPETS

Christmas Special

### La festa de l'emperador

27/12/08 · 5.30 pm  
28/12/08 · 12 noon

### Pinotxo

29/12/08 · 5.30pm  
30/12/08 · 5.30pm

### Magic show Magikíssim

Sergi Buka  
Magic tricks with audience participation.  
7/12/08 · 1pm

### Contemporary Circus

Performance and Music Merci Bien  
Mumusic Circus  
4/1/09 · 1pm

### Performing Arts Lúnia

Companyia Norai  
10/1/09 · 5.30pm  
11/1/09 · 12 noon

### Mireu, llibres!

31/1/09 · 5.30pm

### FILM

### Una mica de tot

13/12/08 · 5.30pm

### Petit planeta

17/1/09 · 5.30pm

### Històries de tots colors amb animals de totes mides

17/1/09 · 5.30pm

### La festa de la Llum

22, 23/12/08 · 5.30pm

### Garri Bardine per als petits

29, 30/12/08 · 5.30pm

### La línia que parla

2, 3/1/09 · 5.30pm

### Sèries famoses (als seus països)

4, 5/1/09 · 12 noon

### WORKSHOPS

### Christmas Cribs

6/12/08 - 5/1/09

### Xoc&Xoc

22/12/08 - 1/3/09

### Re-creacions

10/1/09 - 1/3/09

### Christmas at COSMOCAIXA

### L'lu i els nombres

Entertainment devised by Comediants CosmoCaixa  
Teodor Roviralta, 47-51  
Tel. 932 126 050  
20/12/08 - 5/1/09

### The Cirkid.

### Circ aquàtic: quan l'aigua és espectacle

Family entertainment featuring water as part of the performance.  
Plaça de Toros Monumental  
Gran Via de les Corts Catalanes, 749  
www.cirkid.com  
Fins al 29/1/09

### El vestit nou de l'emperador

Family musical Teatre Nacional de Catalunya (TNC)  
(Sala Gran – main auditorium)  
Pl. de les Arts, 1  
Tel. 933 065 700  
Until 4/1/09

### Rococó Bananas

Los Excéntricos Clown show  
Teatre Nacional de Catalunya (TNC)  
(Sala Tallers – theatre workshop space)  
18/12/08-4/1/09

### Nadals màgics

Family musical  
Guasch Teatre  
Aragó, 140  
Tel. 934 513 462  
6-28/12/08

### Papanotes

Teatre Poliorama  
La Rambla, 115  
Tel. 933 177 599  
Hasta el 21/12/08

### Bla, bla, bla

Grup Macedònia  
Teatre Poliorama  
27-31/12/08

### Oliver Twist

Teatre Poliorama  
2-25/1/09

## CLASSICAL MUSIC AND OPERA

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### L'AUDITORI

Lepant, 150  
Tel. 932 479 300  
www.auditori.org

#### OBC SYMPHONIC MUSIC SEASON

### Epiphany Concert

Orquestra Simfònica de Barcelona i Nacional de Catalunya (OBC)  
Conductor: Cristóbal Soler  
3 /1/09 · 7pm  
4/1/09 · 11am

#### PROMOCONCERT CONCERT SEASON

### Chisinau National Philharmonic Orchestra and Choir

5/12/08 · 9pm  
6/12/08 · 9pm  
7/12/08 · 9pm  
8/12/08 · 7pm  
14/12/08 · 7pm

## PALAU DE LA MÚSICA CATALANA

Palau de la Música, 4-6  
Tel. 932 957 200  
www.palaumusica.org

#### PALAU 100 SEASON

### Christmas Concert

Tenor: Josep Carreras  
Soprano: Sumi Jo  
Orquestra Simfònica del Vallès  
Conductor: David Giménez Carreras  
22/12/08 · 8.30pm

#### PROMOCONCERT SEASON

### Strauss Festival Orchestra Johann Strauss New Year Gala Concert

24/12/08 · 6pm  
31/12/08 · 6pm  
3/1/09 · 7pm & 10.15pm

#### EUROCONCERT SEASON

### Music for a Baroque Christmas

Bell'Arte Salzburg  
Conductor: Annegret Siedel  
Sopranos: Emma Kirkby  
and Susanne Rydén  
2/12/08 · 9pm

## MUSIC AT UNIQUE VENUES

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#### RECITAL SEASON

### La Cbla Ministers Celebrate Christmas

With the Aragonese organ (16th century)  
Performers: Capella de Música  
Museu de la Música  
L'Auditori  
Padilla, 155  
21/12/08 · 12 noon & 1pm

### Handel's Messiah

Camerata Sant Cugat Polifònica de Puig-reig  
Church of Santa Maria  
del Mar  
Pg. del Born, 1  
Tel. 933 102 390  
17, 18, 19/12/08 · 9pm

### Carillon Concerts

Carilló del Palau de la Generalitat de Catalunya  
Pati dels Tarongers and Galeria Gòtica,  
Palau de la Generalitat

December Concert  
7/12/08 · 12 noon

Boxing Day Extraordinary Concert  
26/12/08 · 12 noon