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Enjoy a one day trip to La Molina or Masella, an Alpine ski resort that providing the services you would expect in a matchless natural setting. La Molina has a skiable terrain of 63 km and 53 runs. Masella has a skiable terrain of 74.5 km and 65 runs.

The Vall de Núria ski and mountain resort is a unique treasure trove of nature and landscape. Take the unique rack railway along 12.5 km and have the chance to visit the viewing point and go on a guided snowshoe tour around the shrine. Enjoy the winter high up in the mountains!
Does the opening of Casa Vicens mean that the debt owed to the architect who put Barcelona on the international map in terms of monuments to visit has come full circle?
The great Gaudí circle in Barcelona has indeed been completed with the opening to the public of the city’s last World Heritage Site. It was his first house, the first he was in charge of, and this first symphony, as we like to imagine it, provides us with a much greater understanding of the sources of his creativity.

What was the most difficult challenge in terms of the restoration and recovery efforts?
Combining today’s rush with a delicate restoration process. And finding the right balance between a respect for heritage and visitor comfort. Some very brave architectural solutions were used, but always based on the utmost respect for the original work.

How does what Casa Vicens have to offer differ from that of Gaudí’s other work?
It is a prelude to Gaudí’s work, so it is an essential part of understanding the architect, his work and Modernisme, which has left a very deep and beautiful mark on Barcelona. We are also paying much attention to the quality of the tours, avoiding any rush and converting the dialogue between our guides and service staff into the basis of transmitting all we have learned about this historic moment in Barcelona and Gaudí in general through Casa Vicens.

Is it destined to become, alongside La Pedrera and Casa Batlló, one of the three main Modernista monuments in Barcelona?
Modernisme in Barcelona is fortunately not restricted to these three buildings, although I would definitely spend a long time in each one... and in many others!

How are you managing the tours so that they do not affect everyday life in the Gràcia neighbourhood?
We have limited them to a maximum of 550 people per day, 20 people every 20 minutes. It is an unrushed tour.

As an expert in cultural and artistic facilities (you were the former manager of MACBA), what influence does the influx of visitors to the city have on cultural tourism?
Culture is the element that most defines a city’s character. Tourism in Barcelona is driven by the desire of visitors to share and discover this character through our design, architecture, museums, cuisine, customs...

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

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

ROUTE 1 A taste of history
Get up early and enjoy a good breakfast because today promises to
be an intense day. We suggest you start in Plaça Catalunya, the nerve centre of the city, and stroll up Passeig de Gràcia while contemplating the series of outstanding buildings on this walk, authentic gems of Modernisme: to your right stands Casa Lleó Morera, by Domènech i Montaner; Casa Amatller, by Puig i Cadafalch; Casa Batlló and, a little further up, La Pedrera, both by Antoni Gaudí. Passeig de Gràcia is also the city’s ‘golden mile’ and you will notice that the most emblematic international fashion brands are gathered there.

From La Pedrera, head to Casa Vicens (Carolinas, 20-26), a building in the Gràcia neighbourhood that is thought to be Gaudí’s first masterpiece, having just opened its doors to the public after a meticulous restoration process. You can get there by the L3 metro line, alighting at Fontana, or by FGC suburban rail, alighting at Gràcia. Several bus lines will also take you there. You can visit the house, as well as its temporary and permanent exhibitions, a fantastic cafetería run by Hofmann and its souvenir shop and bookshop. And while you are in Gràcia, take the opportunity to wander around the area. Its many lively squares (Plaça del Sol, Plaça del Diamant...) are filled with outdoor café seating areas, so you can enjoy a meal outside during Barcelona’s mild winter. Next, head down to Passeig de Gràcia and take the L2 metro line to Sagrada Familia (advance bookings are necessary), Gaudí’s unfinished temple that leaves no one indifferent. Nearby, you can vi-
sit the Sant Pau Modernista Site, a former hospital that has since been moved and comprising an impressive and curious network of pavilions designed by Domènech i Montaner. It is well worth a visit to take a look at these from the cafeteria-restaurant in its garden and you can also join a guided tour that combines Modernista art and a living history of medicine.

Don’t leave the city without visiting Barcelona’s most historic district, Ciutat Vella, the oldest part of the city housing three emblematic neighbourhoods: Barri Gòtic, La Ribera and El Raval, all of which comprise authentic little nooks and crannies, alleys and picturesque squares. The L3 green metro line will take you to the Liceu, the city’s opera house on the Rambla. From there, you can wander into the Barri Gòtic, whose medieval legacy is very prominent. Make sure you stop for a snack at one of the classic ‘granjas’ in Carrer Petritxol to join in a very deep-rooted Barcelona tradition: a ‘suizo’, a cup of hot sticky chocolate topped by a huge dollop of fresh cream. And also visit the historic church of Santa Maria del Pi, whose bell tower offers some of the best views of the district. Walking Tours Gòtic offers a guided tour of the city’s impressive Gothic legacy (ticket sales at tickets.visitbarcelona.com).

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

BCN UNIQUE SHOPS

Barcelona Unique Shops is the name identifying the city’s most characteristic shops, unique establishments you will only find here to make your shopping experience a true adventure. Unique Shops comprises a diverse range of shops, from artisans and designers to century-old shops or those specialising in delicatessen products. Businesses that have survived the passage of time and the standardisation of commerce in large cities, preserving a sense
concerts (ticket sales at tickets.visitbarcelona.com). You can also enjoy a snack in the cafeteria of this late 18th-century palace.

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

One example is Antonio Miró (Enric Granados, 46), a fashion icon headquartered in Barcelona with international recognition and sales. Another, this time in the field of gourmet, is Vila Viniteca (Agullers, 7), specialising in wines and spirits. More information about Barcelona’s shops at: barcelonashoppingcity.com


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

ROUTE 2

2. Art, culture and sea

Two metro lines (L1 and L3) stop at Plaça Espanya, at the foot of the hill of Montjuïc, which is crowned by the imposing Palau Nacional, home to the Museu Nacional d’Art de Catalunya (MNAC). It boasts an impressive collection of Romanesque and Modernista art
and an outdoor area that is the perfect vantage point from which to contemplate the city, as well as its Òleum restaurant, with a menu inspired by the museum’s art collections. The park of Montjuïc is also home to Fundació Joan Miró, housed in a spectacular building designed by Josep Lluís Sert. Once you have visited both centres, take the funicular (FM line) to connect to the L2 metro line that will take you to Poble Sec, a traditional neighbourhood filled with wine bars and taverns, and a very popular ‘pintxo’ bar! Carrer Blai and its surrounding streets are a safe bet. Make sure to visit the tavern of Can Margarit (Concòrdia, 21), an eatery dating back to 1974 that seems to be frozen in time. A few meters away in the same neighbourhood, Avinguda del Paral.lel is home to some of the city’s most emblematic musical and cabaret venues: Victòria, currently running the musical Cabaret, Sala Apolo, El Molino and Sala Barts, among others (check the programming in the guide of this magazine).

From here, head to Poblenou by using both the L3 and L4 metro lines. With its working-class, revolutionary, fishing past, Poblenou is today a traditional yet at the same time modern neighbourhood. Visit Plaça Prim and its surrounding areas or stroll along the Rambla del Poblenou, where the former houses of fishermen still stand along-side the innovation and technology that now comprises 22@, a new neighbourhood constructed around Plaça de les Glòries. The area also contains some of the newest facilities in the city, such as L’Auditori, Teatre Nacional, Museu del Disseny and Els Encants flea market, housed under an ultramodern structure that shelters hundreds of stalls selling a panoply of items.

**ART, SHOPPING, DINING**

**MUSEUMS AND MORE**

Many of Barcelona’s museums and unique spaces not only have permanent works on display, but also have commercial premises selling special gifts related to their collections or to the city, as well as cafés and restaurants, temporary exhibition rooms and other social and cultural activities... You will find all of these at Casa de les Punxes, Fundació Miró, CCCB, CaixaForum and CosmoCaixa, Museu Picasso, MACBA, Museu de la Xocolata, Museu del FC Barcelona, among others.
Take the L4 metro line again or the tram to travel to Parc del Fòrum, at the north end of the city’s coastline. Here you will find Museu Blau, a natural science museum and a perfect place to visit if you are travelling with your family. The same metro line will take you back to the city centre in the direction of Trinitat Nova. Get off at Verdaguer and head to Passeig de Sant Joan, where you will find Palau Macaya, a Modernista building designed by Puig i Cadafalch in one of the city’s hippest areas. Stop for a snack at Chica Limoná (Passeig de Sant Joan, 90) or Granja Petitbó (Passeig de Sant Joan, 82). If you stroll down Passeig de Sant Joan, you will get to Parc de la Ciutadella, the largest green space in the old town.

A great idea once you are back in the centre is to stroll along La Rambla at sunset. You can head down to the sea from Plaça Catalunya and sit by the water as the sun sets. If you look to your right, you can see the former royal shipyards, Drassanes, now housing the Museu Marítim, with a permanent display of boats and multimedia exhibitions that are ideal for all audiences, as well as a shop and cafeteria next to the former walls of the old city.

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

**ROUTE 3**

**Culture and gastronomy**

Take the L3 metro line to Maria Cristina or Palau Reial to begin your tour of Sarrià-Sant Gervasi, a well-heeled neighbourhood at the foot of Tibidabo mountain whose centre still retains the charm of the town that was until it was annexed into the city in 1921. Make sure you visit one of Gaudí’s works in the area, the main gate and outside wall of the former Finca Miralles (Passeig Manel Girona, 55), and also worth a visit is Jardín de la Vil·la Amèlia (Eduardo Conde, 22), the former gardens of a
local mansion. The other testimony of Gaudí’s work in the area is **Finca Güell** (Avinguda Pedralbes, 7), where you can visit the entrance pavilions to the estate designed by the architect and marvel at the emblematic mythological dragon of its main entrance. Finish your tour at **Palau Reial de Pedralbes** (Avinguda Diagonal), located in one of the quietest, most stately gardens in Barcelona.

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

Take bus 75 from Avinguda Diagonal and head to **Monestir de Pedralbes**, a monumental Gothic style convent complex with a striking cloister. The same bus goes to Avinguda del Tibidabo, but before you get off there you will pass another work by Gaudí, **Torre Bellesguard** (Bellesguard, 16). It was built between 1900 and 1909 on the remains of a medieval castle of a Catalan king who lived there until his death in 1410. This explains its appearance, a combination of Modernisme and Gothic styles. Both the house and its gardens are open to the public. Take bus 196 to head down to **CosmoCaixa** (Isaac Newton, 26), an interactive science museum and another perfect place in the city to visit with the family. It has a permanent collection and also stages temporary exhibitions, workshops and other activities. Highlights of its permanent spaces are The Flooded Forest, a natural recreation of an Amazonian rainforest, while its current temporary show displays the well-preserved remains of a *Tyrannosaurus rex*. Its main building is a Modernista brick structure that is more than 100 years old. It has a shop selling interesting items related to science and an indoor cafeteria. A good stop along the way is **Jardins de la Tamarita** (Passeig Sant Gervasi, 47).

A few meters away, you can jump on board the **Tramvia Blau** (only running weekends), a mode of transport that locals traditionally took to get to the funicular that would take them to the amusement park on Tibidabo. Bus 196 is an alternative way to get there on weekdays. You will enjoy some of the best views of the city on Tibidabo at the park of Collserola, the
‘green lungs’ of the city. And here are two recommended places to eat in Sarrià-Sant Gervasi: **El Trápio** (Esperança, 25), serving market cuisine in a Modernista tower, and **A Contraluz** (Milanesat, 19), Mediterranean cuisine in a space with skylight ceilings to eat inside as if you were dining outside. And to cap off the day, it is a good idea is to head up to Vallcarca by combining the L3 and the L5 metro lines to visit **Park Güell** (prior booking). **Parc de la Creueta del Coll** can be found in the same area, occupying a former quarry that sits almost alongside the **bunkers of Carmel**, the remains of an anti-aircraft battery dating back to the Civil War and now used as a vantage point of the city.

**ROUTE 4**

A lot closer to Barcelona

Barcelona is culture, sea, leisure, history... but it is also natural parks, wine tourism, fishing villages or inland routes. This is why it offers a multitude of options beyond its city borders. An endless range of possibilities within a half-hour radius that are served by public transport or organised tours. One good option is to hop on board the **Catalunya Bus Turístic** ([www.catalunyabusturistic.com](http://www.catalunyabusturistic.com)), offering routes to the most popular places.

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

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

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

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

Jazz and soul

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

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

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

Other genres: funk, pop, rock...

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

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

Nearby, sharing the same square where Jamboree is located, Sidescar (Plaça Reial, 7) is one of the leading venues in the city's music scene. This bar and club has been programming DJ sessions and creative avant-garde concerts in the fields of rock, punk, indie and experimental music in all senses since 1982. Still in the Ciutat Vella district, electronic music has had its own club since the mid-1990s, the Moog Electronic Dancing Club (Arc del Teatre, 3), located in the heart of the Raval neighbourhood and now a famous temple of electronic and synthetic rhythms from the best international DJs. Another of the city's major musical venues in terms of its size and programming is Razzmatazz (Pamplona, 88). Founded in the year 2000, it is housed in a former industrial space that has today been divided into five rooms and it leads the way in terms of national and international music. Artists of the calibre of Coldplay, The Strokes or Belle and Sebastian have played here and it also hosts small club sessions featuring new bands. A truly versatile space in Poblenou.

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

Founded as the cultural project of an association to promote art and culture in the neighbourhood of Gràcia in 1995, Heliogàbal (Ramón y Cajal, 80) today focuses on musical and poetic projects both at its own venue and in other spaces. Two small yet very im-
important places stand out in the Eixample. Wood, beer, meatloaf, fish & chips and music in an English pub in the city centre: The Philarmo-
nic (Mallorca, 204). Its programming includes blues, soul, country, fla-
menco... And a few streets away, the Mediterráneo pub (Bal-
mes, 129) has small-scale live music concerts each day of the week.

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

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1. Sidecar.
2. Sala Apolo.

UNIQUE SPACES
Barcelona has places where you can listen to good live music within cen-
tury-old walls, providing the added advantage of uniqueness and often quality acoustics. Palau Dalmases (Montcada, 20) is a baroque space that programmes small format flamenco and opera shows (pictu-
red above). One of the first bourgeois mansions built in the city, Palau Gomis in the Ribera neighbour-
hood, today houses the Museu Europeu d’Art Modern, MEAM (Barra de Ferro, 5), which is not only strongly committed to figurative art, but also has live concerts of blues or clas-
sical music every Friday (your ticket includes entrance to the museum and the concert). Still in the histori-

cal centre, the basilicas of Santa Maria del Pi (Plaça del Pi, 7) and Santa Anna (Santa Anna, 29, pictu-
red below), both jewels of Catalan Gothic, programme weekly Spa-
nish guitar concerts.◆

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Eat in a museum

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

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

The restaurant at Fundació Miró (Parc de Montjuïc) is also recommended, with its own terrace and garden area and housed in an original avant-garde building designed by Josep Lluís Sert. Another recommendation is El 300 del Born, a resto-
rant whose cuisine is influenced by Barcelona’s own culinary history, located in El Born, Centre of Culture and Memory, a new cultural space in the city housed in a former market.

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

Eat in unique spaces

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

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

Finally, Poble Espanyol on Montjuïc has two places offering Mediterranean cuisine: La Font de Prades and Bòria Arrosseria Restaurant.

In a Modernista setting

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

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**CULTURE AND GASTRONOMY**

**THREE KINGS’ DAY**

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

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**Exhibitions**

**FREE ARXIU FOTOGRAFIC DE BARCELONA**

Darius Koehli. Poblenou 22@. Until May 19. See the transformation of the Poblenou neighbourhood of Barcelona between 2005 and 2017 through the photographs of Koehli, Swiss-born but now living in Barcelona. You can also enjoy images of the area from the AFB’s own archive that start in 1872.

**FREE ARXIU HISTORIC DE LA CIUTAT DE BARCELONA**
(Santa Llúcia, 1). M: Jaume I (L4), Liceu (L3). T. 93 256 22 55. Mon-Fri 9am-8.45pm; Sat 10am-8pm. Closed Sun and public holidays. [barcelona.cat/arxihistoric](http://barcelona.cat/arxihistoric)

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

The Material Room. Permanent exhibition. Voyage through the history of the Universe.

3D Planetarium: Is anybody out there? Permanent exhibition. Installation for discovering space.

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

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

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

**Tyrannosaurus Rex**. Until Feb 18. This exhibition takes a detailed look at a T-Rex skeleton that was found in Montana (USA). When is it from? Why is it so well-preserved? What did the dinosaur eat? How do paleontologists analyse such findings?
EL BORN CENTRE DE CULTURA I MEMÒRIA
(Plaça Comercial, 12). M: Jaume I & Barceloneta (L4). Tel. 93 256 68 51. Site and exhibitions: Tue-Sat 10am-7pm; Sun and public holidays 10am-8pm. Closed Mon (except public holidays) including Jan 1. Permanent exhibition: €4.40. Reduced: €3.08. Check with venue for temporary exhibition. Free for under-16s. Sunday 3pm-8pm and first Sunday of month all day, free. elborncentrecultura.memoria.barcelona.cat

El Born Centre de Cultura i Memòria Under an emblematic 19th-century market, discover an archaeological site from 1700.

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

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

ESPAI VOLART – FUNDACIÓ VILA CASAS
(AusíàsMarc, 22). M: Urgellona (L1, L4), Catalunya (L1, L3; FGC). T. 93 481 79 85. Temp exhibitions: Tue-Sat 11am-2pm, 5pm-8.30pm; Sun 11am-2pm. Closed Mon and public holidays including Jan 1. €5. Reduced: €2. www.fundaciovilacasas.com

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

FUNDACIÓ ANTONI TÀPIES

Permanent exhibition Extensive collection of artworks by Tàpies.


Antoni Tàpies. Objects Until Jan 14. At the end of the 1960s, coinciding with his increasing political activity, the late Catalan artist started expanding the use of objects in his art.

FUNDACIÓ CATALUNYA-LA PEDRERA
(Sala d’Exposicions (Pg. de Gràcia, 92). M: Diagonal (L3, L5); FGC: Provença. Tel. 902 202 138. 10am-8pm. Jan 11am-8pm. €4... www.lapedrera.com

Joan Ponç. Diàblo Until Feb 4. Joan Ponç (1928-1984) was a key player in the post-war art scene in Catalonia and Spain, renowned for his unique approach to the creative process and for paintings capable of exploring the darkest, most hidden corners of human beings.

FUNDACIÓ JOAN MIRÓ

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

Espai 13: The possibility of an island The second artist taking part in this series of exhibitions, until Jan 7, is Irene de Andrés. She’s created a multimedia project entitled ‘Shipwrecked Species’ about a Spanish galleon discovered in Colombian waters 300 years after it was sunk. From Jan 19, the space is taken over by Lucía C. Pino with her work ‘Non-Slave Tender’, a sculptural investigation that takes the 1899 documentary Isle of Flowers as its starting point.

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


Sumer and the Modern Paradigm Until Jan 21. This show explores links between Mesopotamian art and the work of modern artists, particularly from the period between 1920 and 1945.

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

FUNDACIÓ SUÑOL
(Pg. de Gràcia, 98). M: Diagonal (L3, L5). FGC: Provença. T. 93 496 10 32. Mon-Fri 11am-2pm, 5pm-8pm; Sat 4pm-8pm. Closed Sun and public holidays. €4 Reduced: €3. www.fundaciosunol.org

Fernando Vijande 1971-1987 Until Apr 7. Extensive exhibition that pays homage to gallery owner Fernando Vijande, who was a key figure in contemporary art in Spain in the 1970s and 1980s. Covering all three floors of the foundation, it includes works by the likes of Warhol, Mapletonor and Kunellis, as well as Spanish artists such as Luis Gordillo and Zush.
FUNDACIÓN MAPFRE
Casa Garriga i Nogués (Diputació, 250). M: Passeig de Gràcia (L2, L3, L4). T. 93 401 26 03. Mon 2pm-8pm; Tue-Sat 10am-8pm; Sun and public holidays 11am-7pm. Last entry: 30 mins before closing. Closed Jan 1, 6. €3. Mon 2pm-8pm, free. www.fundacionmapfre.org

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

MUSEU D’ARQUEOLOGIA DE CATALUNYA-BARCELONA
(Pg. de Santa Madrona, 39-41). M: Espanya (L1, L3; FGC), Poble Sec (L3). T. 93 423 21 49. Tue-Sat 9.30am-7pm; Sun and public holidays 10am-2.30pm. Closed Mon including Jan 1. €5-50. Reduced: €4.50. Last Tue of month (Oct-Jun) and under-8s, free. www.mac.cat

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

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

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

MUSEU BLAU. MUSEU DE LES CIÈNCIES NATURALS DE BARCELONA
(Pl. de Leonardo da Vinci, 4-5, Parc del Fòrum). M: El Maresme/Fòrum (L4). T. 93 256 60 02. Tue-Fri 10am-6pm; Sat 10am-7pm; Sun and public holidays 10am-8pm. Last entry: 30 mins before closing. Closed Mon (except public holidays) including Jan 1. €6. Reduced: €2.70. Combined ticket with Jardí Botànic: €7. Reduced: €3.50. Under-13s, free. First Sunday of the month, all day, and other Sundays from 3pm, free. museuciencies.cat

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

Oceans, the last savage territory Until Sep 14. Take an audiovisual trip through the deep sea with images taken from the Oceans documentary, made using 480 hours of footage. A highlight of the show is a large screen that gives you a sense of immersion in the water.
Museu Can Framis – Fundació Vila Casas
(Roc Boronat, 116-126). M: Glòries (L1), Poblenou & Llacuna (L4). T. 93 320 87 36. Tue-Sat 11am-6pm; Sun 11am-2pm. Closed Mon, including Jan 1, and public holidays. €5. Reduced: €2. Temp exhibitions: €2. www.fundaciovilacasas.com

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


MACBA. Museu d’Art Contemporani
(Plaça dels Àngels, 1). M: Universitat (L1, L2), Sant Antoni (L2). T. 93 412 08 10. Mon, Wed-Fri 11am-7.30pm; Sat 10am-8pm; Sun and public holidays 10am-3pm. Last entry: 30 mins before closing. Closed Tue (except public holidays). €60 (valid for one month). Reduced: €8. Under-14s free. www.macba.cat

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

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

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

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

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

Rosemarie Castoro. Focused on infinity Until Apr 15. This is the first major retrospective of work by Rosemarie Castoro (1939-2015), with a particular emphasis on her creative period between 1964 and 1979. US artist Castoro developed her career during a time when minimalism and conceptualism formed part of the New York avant-garde movement.

MUHBA El Call
(Plaça de Manuel Ribé, s/n). M: Liceu (L3), Jaume I (L4). T. 93 256 21 22. Wed, Fri 11am-2pm; Sat-Sun 11am-7pm. Closed Jan 1. €2. Reduced: €1.54. Under-16s, free. First Sunday of month, all day, and other Sundays from 3pm, free. museuhistoria.bcn.cat

The Jews in Medieval Barcelona Permanent exhibition about the city’s historical Jewish community.

MUHBA At Fabra i Coats
(Sant Adrià, 20). T. 93 256 21 00. M: Sant Andreu (L3). Sun 11am-2pm. museuhistoria.bcn.cat

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

FREE MUHBA Oliva Artés
(Espronceda, 142-146, Parc Central del Poble Nou). T. 93 256 21 22. M: Poblenou (L4), Wed 10am-2pm; Sat-Sun 11am-3pm, 4pm-6pm. Closed Jan 1. museuhistoria.bcn.cat

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

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

MUHBA PARK GüELL
(Olot, s/n. Casa de la Guarda). M: Vallcarca (L3). T. 93 256 21 22. Check with venue for times. The Casa de la Guarda is part of the visit to the Conjunt Monumental of Park Güell, and is subject to the conditions regarding access to Park Güell. €8. Reduced: €5, 60. Under-7s, free. museuhistoria.bcn.cat; www.parkquell.cat

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

MUHBA PLAÇA DEL REI
(Pl. del Rei). M: Jaume I (L4). T. 93 256 21 22. Tue-Sat 10am-7pm; Sun 10am-8pm. Closed Mon including Jan 1. Reduced: €5. Under-16s, free. First Sunday of month, all day, and other Sundays from 3pm, free. museuhistoria.bcn.cat
Permanent exhibition Archaeological site that lets you get to know the Roman colony of Barcino.

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

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

MUHBA REFUGI 307 (Nou de la Rambla, 169). M: Paral-lel (L2, L3). T. 93 256 21 22. Guided tours: Sun 10.30am (English), 11.30am (Spanish) and 12.30pm (Catalan). Closed public holidays. €3.40. Prior reservation necessary: reserva@muhsbcn.cat

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


FREE MUHBA TEMPLE D’AUGUST (Paradís, 10). T. 93 256 21 22. M: Liceu (L3), Jaume I (L4). Mon 10am-2pm; Tue-Sat 10am-7pm; Sun 10am-8pm. Closed Jan 1. museuhistoria.bcn.cat

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

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

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

MUHBA VIA SEPULCRAL ROMANA (Pl. de la Vila de Madrid). M: Catalunya (L1, L3; FGÇ). T. 93 256 21 22. Tue, Thu 11am-2pm; Sat, Sun 11am-7pm. Closed Mon (including Jan 1), Wed and Fri. €2. Reduced: €1.50. Under-16s, free. First Sunday of month, all day, and other Sundays from 3pm, free. museuhistoria.bcn.cat

Permanent exhibition This secondary Roman road was also the site for burials between the first and third centuries AD.

FREE MUHBA VIL-JAONA (Ctra. de l’Església, 104). FGÇ: Baixador de Valividra. T. 93 256 21 22. Thu 10am-2pm; Sat, Sun and public holidays 10am-3pm. Last entry: half an hour before closing. Closed Jan 1. museuhistoria.bcn.cat

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

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

MUSEU D’HISTÒRIA DE CATALUNYA Palau de Mar (Plaça de Pau Vila, 3). M: Barcelona Pompeu Fabra (L2). T. 93 384 15 70. Tue-Sat 10am-2pm; Wed 10am-8pm; Sun and public holidays 10am-2, 30pm. Closed Mon (except public holidays) including Jan 1, and Jan 6.

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


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

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

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

MUSEU DE LA MÚSICA (Paradís, 10). T. 93 256 21 22. Mon-Sat 9am-3pm. Free. Apr 14. This is the closing event of a year full of activities to honour the celebrated Catalan architect Josep Puig i Cadafalch (who was also a town planner, monument restorer, art historian and politician), and aims to highlight his many professional and artistic skills, as well as the persecutions he faced and overcame.

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FREE Poble Espanyol. The village Until Jan 21. This spot overlooking the city was used for anti-aircraft guns in the Civil War.

FREE MUSEU DE LA MÀQUINA MÈTRICA (Pl. de la Vila de Madrid, 5). M: Jaume I (L4). Mon 10am-2pm; Tue-Sat 10am-2pm, 5pm-8pm. Sun and public holidays 10am-2.30pm. Closed Mon (except public holidays) including Jan 1, and Jan 6.


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MUSEU DE LA MÚSICA (L’Auditori (Lepant, 150). M: Glòries & Marina (L1), Monumental (L2). T. 93 256 36 50. Tue,
20th century. Inspired by Classical Greece and a key artist in Catalonia in the first half of the 20th century, sculptor Joan Borrell i Nicolau (1888-1951) was a world of sound that’s rich, passionate and used to hearing. His works and other accomplishments.

Hibiscus! The sounds of Korea Until Jun 3.

MUSEU DE LA XOCOLATA
Antic Convent de Sant Agustí (Comerç, 36).
M: Arc de Triomf (L4). T. 93 256 23 00. Tue-Sat 10am-7pm, Sun 10am-3pm. Closed Jan 1. €6. Reduced: €4. Under-16s, free. First Sunday of month, all day, and other Sundays from 3pm, free. www.museuxocolata.cat

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

MUSEU DE MONTSSERRAT

MUSEU DEL FUTBOL CLUB BARCELONA
Camp Nou Experience: €25. This is the first time that such an extensive body of work by the Viennese architect has been shown in Spain. It showcases Loos’s (1870-1933) aesthetic revolution and his pioneering role in the modern architectural movement.

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

MUSEU DEL MODERNISME DE BARCELONA
(Balmes, 48). M: Passeig de Gràcia (L2, L3, L4). T. 93 272 28 96. Tue-Sat 10am-7pm; Sun and public holidays 10am-2pm. Closed Mon including Jan 1 and Jan 6. €20. Under-6s, free. Some areas closed and opening hours reduced on match days. www.fcbarcelona.com

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MUSEU DEL MODERNISME DE BARCELONA
(Balmes, 48). M: Passeig de Gràcia (L2, L3, L4). T. 93 272 28 96. Tue-Sat 10am-7pm; Sun and public holidays 10am-2pm. Closed Mon including Jan 1 and Jan 6. €20. Under-6s, free. Some areas closed and opening hours reduced on match days. www.fcbarcelona.com

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

MUSEU DE LA XOCOLATA
Antic Convent de Sant Agustí (Comerç, 36).
M: Arc de Triomf (L4). T. 93 256 23 00. Tue-Sat 10am-7pm, Sun 10am-3pm. Closed Mon (except public holidays) including Jan 1. Joint ticket for Museu Etnològic + Museu de les Cultures del Món: €5. Reduced: €3.50. Under-16s, free. First Sunday of month, all day, and other Sundays from 3pm, free. museuculturesmon.bcn.cat

Permanent exhibition
Explore the artistic heritage of different cultures from Africa, Asia, America and Oceania.
Permanent exhibition: Over 350 works by 42 of the most important artists from Catalan modernisme, including Ramon Casas.

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

MUSEU EGIPCII DE BARCELONA (València, 284). M: Passeig de Gràcia (L2, L3, L4). T. 93 488 01 88. Jan 2-5 Mon-Sat 10am-8pm; Sun 10am-2pm; from Jan 7 Mon-Fri 10am-2pm, 4pm-8pm; Sat 10am-8pm; Sun 10am-2pm. Closed Jan 1 and 6. €11. Reduced: €8. Children 6-14: €5. Under-6s, free. www.museuapicci.com

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

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

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

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

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

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


Grzegorz Gwiazda: Until Jan 28. The MEAM marks the centenary of the death of Auguste Rodin with this exhibition dedicated to his ‘collector’s cabinet’, which houses thousands of items that he collected during his life, and his library-study.

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

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

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

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

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


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

FREE: Exodus. Life and death along the Libya route to Europe. Until Jan 7. As part of the Doc-
field documentary photographic festival, the Maritime Museum hosts this exhibition featuring work from the winners of a grant from Photographic Social Vision. Ricard Garcia Vilanova and Karlos Zurutuza capture the daily life of thousands of refugees and migrants.

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

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

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

MUSEU NACIONAL D'ART DE CATALUNYA (Parc de Montjuïc). M: Espanya (L1, L3: FGC). T. 93 622 03 60. Tue-Sat 10am-6pm; Sun and public holidays 10am-3pm. Closed Mon (except public holidays) including Jan 1. General admission €12. For temporary exhibitions, check with museum. Rooftop viewing-point: €2. Under-16s and over-65s, free. Saturdays from 3pm, and first Sunday of every month, free.

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

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

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

MUSEU OLÍMPIC DE L'ESPORT JOAN ANTONI SAMARANCH (Av. de l’Estadi Olímpic, 60). M: Espanya (L1, L3: FGC). T. 93 292 53 79. Tue-Sat 10am-6pm; Sun and public holidays 10am-2.30pm. Closed Mon (except public holidays) including Jan 1. €5.80. Reduced: €3.60. Under-16s and over-65s, free. Saturdays from 3pm, and first Sunday of every month, free. T. 93 238 80 91. Mon-Sat 9am-8pm; Sun and public holidays 10am-2.30pm.

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


www.museupicasso.bcn.cat

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

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

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

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

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


www.palauquell.cat

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

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

FREE PALAU ROBERT (Pg. de Gràcia, 107). M: Diagonal (L3, L5). FGC: Provença. T. 93 238 80 91. Mon-Sat 9am-8pm; Sun and public holidays 10am-2.30pm.
The Hole Zero opens from 5pm until half an hour after performances start.


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

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

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

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

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

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

TEATRE LLUÍRE (GRÀCIA) (Montseny, 47). M: Fontana (L3). T. 93 289 27 70. Ticket office opens Mon-Fri from 8pm; weekends two hours before show starts. www.teatrelluire.com

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

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


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

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

REIAL MONESTIR DE SANTA MARIA DE PEDRALBES (Baixada del Monestir, 9). FGC: Reina Elisenda. T. 93 256 34 34. Tue-Fri 10am-2pm; Sat, Sun 10am-5pm. Last entry half an hour before closing. Closed Mon including Jan 1. Reduced: €3-50. Under-16s, free. Sundays from 3pm, and first Sunday of month, all day, free. monestirpedralbes.bcn.cat

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

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

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

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

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

Theatre, musicals and cabaret

TEATRE COLISEUM (Gran Via de les Corts Catalanes, 595). M: Passeig de Gràcia (L2, L3, L4). Ticket office opens from 8pm until half an hour after performance starts. www.grupbalana.com

The Hole Zero Check with venue for dates and times. From €14.40. Following the international success of The Hole and The Hole 2, this is a new take on the shows that combine circus, music and humour, with a setting in the iconic Studio 54 club on New Year’s Eve in 1979. In Spanish.

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

Metro and bus tickets: ticket: €2.15, T-10 ten-ride ticket: €9.95
La visita de la vella dama Jan 18-Feb 4. Tue-Fri 8.30pm; Sat 7pm; Sun 6pm. €13.50-€26.50. Actress Vicky Peña takes on the role of Clara, a multimillionaire who returns to her home town to confront her past and seek justice – or is it vengeance? In Catalan.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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


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

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


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

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

Dance

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

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

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

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

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

Swan Lake/The Nutcracker Jan 12-14. Fri, Sat 5.30pm, 7pm; Sun noon, 5pm. €57-€71. Over three days, the Moscow State Ballet and stars of the Bolshoi perform two classic ballet pieces. On Friday and Saturday, enjoy Swan Lake, while on Sunday, you can see The Nutcracker.
Every year, Barcelona sets up a nativity scene (pessebre in Catalan) in this city centre square as part of its Christmas celebrations. This year’s creation, which can be seen all day and night and features all the familiar characters from the Christmas story, is based on the themes of forest, place, play and action.

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

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


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

**OPEN-AIR FAMILY**


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

**OPERA – FLAMENCO**

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

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

**FLAMENCO**

**Grand Flamenco Gala Palau de la Música Catalana (Palau de la Música, 4-6).** M: Urquinaona (L1, L4). Jan 1, 2, 4, 7, 14, 21. 6pm, except Mon 1 9pm, Tue 2 9.30pm. €32-€59. promoconcert.es

This classic musical event (see above) is also being performed over various dates at the splendid Palau de la Música.
Tablao Cordobés (La Rambla, 35). M: Drassanes, Liceu (L3). Daily 5pm, 6pm, 7.30pm, 9.15pm, 10.30pm. (Shows start earlier). €44-€79.50. tablao.cordobes.com
Enjoy a meal or drink then see some of Barcelona’s best flamenco dancers and musicians in this show at the city’s most authentic tablao; this month’s show is entitled “Encuentros en el cumbre del baile” and features this year’s winner and finalists of the Unión Prize.

Palau de la Música Catalana (Palau de la Música, 4-6). M: Urquinaona (L1, L4). 10am-3.30pm. €18. Reduced: €11. www.palauMusica.cat
Take a tour of this stunning Catalan modernista building.

Tuesday 2

CHRISTMAS

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

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

Christmas comes to CaixaForum with concerts for children featuring a variety of wind instruments.

CHRISTMAS ACTIVITIES

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

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

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

Christmas activities at the Aquarium L’Aquàrium (Moll de l’Espanya del Port Vell,
children aged 3 to 6, while on Jan 3 and 4, the visit is ‘With all five senses’ and is aimed at signed family tours. On Jan 2, the title of the activity: €6. Reduced: €2.70. Under-16s, free. museuciencies.cat

For younger children, aged 3 and above, the Maritime Museum hosts this one-hour activity that explores the skies to answer questions such as ‘Why does the moon change its shape?’, ‘Does the sky move or is it us?’, and ‘What are the figures drawn by stars in the night sky?’. Galleon explorers Museu Marítim de Barcelona (Av. de les Drassanes, s/n). M: Drassanes (L3). Jan 2-5. Children: €4.50. www.mmb.cat

For children aged 6 and above, the Maritime Museum offers this one-hour activity where you can join Indiana Jones’s cousin, Francesc Jones, as he tries to discover what life was like aboard a galleon.

OPEN-AIR FAMILY

Barcelona’s theme park features fun rides new and old plus amazing city views.


FAMILY CINEMA
Animac CCB (Montalegre, 5). M: Catalunya (L1, L3; FGC). Until Jan 4. www_ccb.org
Children aged 7 and above will enjoy this season of animated films at the CCCB.

CINEMA
Pantalla Barcelona Until Jan 30. Every Tue at 8pm. www.barcelona.cat This initiative aims to bring cinematic works recently made in Barcelona to the general public in the city. Every week, you can enjoy a short and full-length film made or produced here in the past few years.

SPANISH GUITAR
The Art of the Spanish Guitar: concert and wine Santa Anna Church (Santa Anna, 29). M: Catalunya (L1, L3; FGC). Jan 2, 4, 9. 9pm. €20. Discount at tourist offices. More info: tickets.visitbarcelona.com Robert Majure performs an intimate candle-lit concert where you can also enjoy a glass of wine.
TOURS

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

Christmas at Biblioteca Arús (Pg. Sant Joan, 26). M: Arc de Triomf (L1), Tetuan (L2). Tue 11am (English), 1pm (Spanish). €9. Reserve in advance at www.casessingulars.com
Created in 1895 with funds from Rossend Arús, this library specialises in research into social movements.

Torre Bellesguard Gaudi (Bellesguard, 6-9). FGC: Av. Tibidabo. Visit with audio guide: Tue-Sun 10am-3pm. €9. Reduced: €7.20. Guided tour: Sat noon, Sun 1.15pm (Spanish), Sat, Sun 11am (English). €16. Reduced: €12.80.
www.belleguardgaudi.com
Discover Gaudi’s fabulous modernista castle that he built on the slopes of Tibidabo.

Guided visits to Park Güell (Olot, 5). M: Vallcarca (L3). General guided tour: €7 pp. Private guided tour (for 2-5 people): €36 pp. Every day, various languages available. Advanced booking recommended on parkguell.cat
Get to really know Gaudi’s masterpiece with one of the hour-long guided tours on offer.

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

Basílica de Santa Maria del Pi (Pl. del Pi, 7). M: Liceu (L3). 10am-6pm. Closed Jan 1, 6. €4. Reduced: €3. Guided tour including bell tower: check website for times. €8.50.
www.riostabarcelona.com
Visit the 14th-century basilica and its bell tower, which gives you great views across the city.

FLAMENCO

La Bodega Flamenca (Roger de Flor, 230). M: Verdaguer (L4, L5), Sagrada Familia (L2, L5). Mon-Sat 6pm (dinner), 7pm (show); 8.30pm (dinner), 9.30pm (show). Various menus and drink-only option available. Closed Sun.
www.labodegaflamenca.com
Enjoy an authentic flamenco experience in this unique space dedicated to flamenco culture and Med cuisine close to the Sagrada Familia.

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

Wednesday 3

CHRISTMAS

Fira de Reis de Gran Via (Gran Via, between Muntaner and Rocafort). M: Universitat (L1, L2), Urgell (L1). Until Jan 6. 11am-10pm, except Jan 5 10am-3am.
www.firareisgraniavbcn.com
Barcelona children eagerly await the arrival of the Three Kings (‘kings’ is ‘reis’ in Catalan) on January 5, and the gifts they bring. This market has everything any kid could want.

SPA

Àire de Barcelona, Arab Baths (Pg. de Picasso, 22). M: Barceloneta & Jaume I (L4). T. 93 295 57 43. Sun-Thur: first session 9am, final session from 11pm. Fri, Sat: first session 9am, final session from midnight.
www airedebarcelona.com
Treat yourself to the old-age tradition of bathing to care for your body and mind in a tranquil, idyllic space.

TOURS

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

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

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

Relat Acadèmia de Medicina de Catalunya (Carme, 47). M: Liceu (L3). Wed, Sat 10.30am, 11.30am, 12.30pm. Check website for availability. Various languages. €8.
www.sternalia.com
This academy is located in one of Barcelona’s most important neo-classical buildings,
where highlights include the anatomy amphi-
theatre built for teaching student surgeons.

CINEMA MUSIC

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

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

**FAMILY**

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

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

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

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

**FLAMENCO**

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

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

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

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

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

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

**OPERA – FLAMENCO**

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

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

**CLASSICAL MUSIC & DANCE**

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

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

**Thursday 4**

**BASKETBALL**

**EuroLeague: FCB Lassa vs CSKA Moscow**

Camp Nou (Aristides Maillol, s/n). M: Les Corts (L3). 9pm. www.fcbarcelona.cat

Barcelona’s basketball stars face the side from the Russian premiere league in this European match.

**NIGHT-TIME ACTIVITIES**

**FREE** Magic Fountain *(Pl. de la Reial, 17)*. M: Liceu (L3); FGC. Thu-Sat 8pm-9pm (shows start at 8pm and 8.30pm). Closed Jan 6-Feb 16 for maintenance. www.barcelona.cat

This beautiful light, music and water show is one of Barcelona’s most special attractions.

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

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

**TECHNO**

**Techno session** Moog *(Arc del Teatre, 3)*. M: Liceu and Drassanes (L3). From midnight.

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

**OPERA**

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

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

**CHRISTMAS**

**FREE** Christmas carols at Plaça del Rei *(Plaça del Rei)*. M: Jaume I (L4). www.orfeocatala.com

Carol concert by the Orfeó Català, the Barcelona city choir, and organized by the Barcelona City Council.

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

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

Christmas at Casa Rocamora (Ballester, 12). M: Lesseps (L3); FG: Pàdua/Padua. 11.30am (English), 1pm (Spanish). €14. Reduced: €12.60. Children 7-12: €7. Under-7s free. www.casessingulars.com

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


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

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

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

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

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


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

Friday 5

TRADITIONS

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

Children across Barcelona are excitedly awaiting the arrival of the Three Wise Men with gifts that they’ll find when they wake up tomorrow. To get the festivities started, there’s a grand parade through the city centre with the kings, their assistants and hundreds of dancers, performers and musicians. Make sure you get to your chosen spot early, as the streets fill up on this magical evening.

ALT-ROCK

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

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

NIGHT-TIME ACTIVITIES


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

BLUES

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

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

TOURS

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

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


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


Part of Barcelona’s modernisme epicentre, the building was remodelled in the late 1920s for chocolate tycoon, Antoni Amatller.

UNDERWATER SPORT

Shark cage diving L’Aquàrium (Moll d’Espanya del Port Vell, s/n). M: Barceloneta (L4), Drassanes (L3). Subject to availability. Mon-Sun 9.30am, noon, 4pm. Forages 8 and above. From €150. www.aquariumbcn.com
**Saturday 6**

**OPEN-AIR FAMILY**


**TRADITIONS**

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

**TOURS**


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


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

**CLASSICAL MUSIC**

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

Violinist Ala Voronkova and guitarist Sergi Vincenç give a performance whose title translates as ‘Gypsy Airs’. Entry includes an afternoon snack.

**FAMILY**

**Shark maniacs** L’Aquàrium (Moll d’Espanya del Port Vell, s/n). M: Barcelona (L4), Drassanes (L3). Every Sat, Sun until Feb 4. Check website for opening and activity times.

*General entrance (includes these activities): €20; discounts for children 3-10 years. Educational sessions and tours can be reserved in advance at: educacio@aquariumbcn.com [www.aquariumbcn.com](http://www.aquariumbcn.com)*

Get to know sharks a whole lot better with special weekend activities at the Aquarium focused on that fish family. The fun includes mask making, educational sessions, tours of spaces visitors don’t usually see led by Captain Aquarium (Sunday only), and a treasure hunt.

**Family activities at the zoo** Barcelona Zoo (Parc de la Ciutadella, s/n). M: Arc de Triomf (L1), Ciutadella/Vila Olímpica (L4). Weekends and public holidays. Zoo opening hours: 10am-5.30pm. [www.zoo.barcelona.cat](http://www.zoo.barcelona.cat)

In the morning enjoy activities like helping at the farm, discovering how to look after animals and nature, and learning more about some of the zoo’s inhabitants; at 3pm (Plaça Dama del Paràigües) and 5pm (in front of lion enclosure), hear stories courtesy of one of the zookeepers.

**SPANISH GUITAR**

**The Art of the Spanish Guitar: concert and wine** Santa Anna Church (Santa Anna, 29). M: Catalunya (L1, L3; FGC). Jan 6, 13, 20, 27. 9pm. €20. Discount at tourist offices. More info: tickets.visitbarcelona.com

Barcelona Duo de Guitar perform a candle-lit concert entitled ‘Carmen’, as you enjoy the music and a glass of wine.

**GOSPEL**

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

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

**Sunday 7**

**FOOTBALL**

**La Liga: FC Barcelona vs. Levante** Camp Nou (Aristides Maillol, s/n). M: Les Corts (L3). 2.00pm. [www.fcbarcelona.cat](http://www.fcbarcelona.cat)

Barça take on the side from Valencia in their first league game of 2018.

**POP-PUNK – AL T-ROCK**

**Paramore** Sant Jordi Club (Pg. Olímpic, 5-7). 9pm. €33.50. [www.livenation.es](http://www.livenation.es)

This Barcelona concert is one of just three European dates on the current Paramore tour. It’s the first time that they’ve visited the city and they’ll be performing from their 2017 album, After Laughter.

**OPERA**

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

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

Enjoy a unique adventure by going underwater in a cage to see the Aquarium’s sharks and fish up close!
OPEN DAY
This spectacular network of modernista pavilions designed by Lluís Domènech i Montaner was once a working hospital.
See one of Gaudi’s most splendid creations, this house designed for the family of Eugenio Güell and which was built between 1886 and 1890.

OPEN-AIR
FREE Santa Madrona portal and bastion Museu Marítim de Barcelona (Av. de les Drassanes, s/n). First, third and fourth Sun of month, 11am-2pm. www.mmb.cat
Explore this hidden comer of the city featuring the only remaining portal of Barcelona’s medieval walls, dating from the 14th century, and a bastion from the 18th century. You can also explore the Baluard Gardens, situated on the wall.

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

THE HIDDEN TREASURES OF THE GUITARISTS
Museu Marítim de Barcelona (Av. de les Drassanes, s/n). M: Drassanes (L3). Weekends. €0.50 plus entry fee for museum. www.mmb.cat
Take this self-guided tour of the “7 vessels, 7 histories” exhibition along with siblings Laia and Pau who are set to discover a whole host of treasures, around the theme of sailors, pirates and treasure maps. For children 7 and above.

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

Hansel i Gretel
Enjoy a puppet show that tells this classic tale from the Grimm Brothers. In Catalan.

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

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

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

FREE Guided tour of the Josep Lluís Sert building Fundació Joan Miró (Parc de Montjuïc, s/n). M: Espanya (L1, L3; FG). Bus: 55, 150. 11am (Eng), 12.30pm (Cat).
Explore the building created by Sert, a great friend of Joan Miró, to house an extensive collection of the artist’s work.

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

TOURS
Explore this modernista building that’s currently the office for the city’s lawyers’ association.
Tuesday 9

CLASSICAL MUSIC
Anne Sofie von Otter
Palau de la Música (Palau de la Música, 4-6). M: Urgell (L1, L4). 8.30pm. €30-€60. www.palaumusica.cat
Swedish mezzo-soprano Anne Sofie von Otter is accompanied by South African pianist Kirstian Bezuidenhout for a recital of ‘miniatures’ by Mozart, Schubert, Haydn and Lindblad.

SPANISH GUITAR
The Art of the Spanish Guitar: concert and wine
Santa Anna Church (Santa Anna, 29). M: Catalunya (L1, L3; FGC). Jan 2, 4, 9. 9pm. €20. Discount at tourist offices. More info: tickets.visitbarcelona.com
Robert Majure performs an intimate candle-lit concert where you can also enjoy a glass of wine.

TOURS

Reial Acadèmia de Ciències i Arts de Barcelona (La Rambla, 115). M: Catalunya (L1, L3; FGC). Wed, Sat 10.30am, 11.30am, 12.30pm. No tours Jan 3, 6. Various languages. €8. www.sternalia.com
Discover this 250-year-old institution located in an 18th-century building right at the heart of the city. Albert Einstein explained the fundamentals of relativity in its main hall, and it’s also home to an astronomical clock that dates from 1869.

NIGHT-TIME ACTIVITIES

CHRISTMAS
Nativity scene at Museu Frederic Marès (Plaça de Santuari, 5). M: Liceu (L3), Jaume I (L4). Until Feb 2. Tue-Sat 10am-7pm; Sun and public holidays 11am-8pm. €4.20. Reduced: €2.40. Under-16s, free. www.museumares.bcn.cat
The museum celebrates the festive season in traditional style with a nativity scene (pessebre in Catalan) inspired by the Catalan landscape, natural vegetation and figures from Italian creators Heide Original.

Nativity scene at the Reial Monestir de Pedralbes (Baixada del Monestir, 9). FGC: Reina Elisenda. Until Feb 2. Tue-Fri 10am-2pm; Sat, Sun 10am-5pm. €5. Reduced: €3.50. Under-16s, free. monetirpedralbes.bcn.cat
The Liceu’s first major production for 2018 is this Gaetano Donizetti romantic comedy, which tells the tale of Nemorino, a young man who still believes in the power of love potions. Director Mario Gas sets the performance in Fascist Rome, with a neorealist cinema style.

Wednesday 10

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

TOURS

Open to the public for tours in 2016, this building features Gothic sculpture and Islamic-style ceramics.

NIGHT-TIME ACTIVITIES

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JAZZ
Classic weekly Barcelona jam event.

FLAMENCO
Tablao de Carmen Poble Espanyol (Av. Francesc Ferrer i Guàrdia, 13). M: Espanya (L1, L3; FGC). Daily 6pm: doors, 6.45pm: show; 8.30pm: doors, 9.15pm: show. From €30. Options include drink + show and meal + show. Ticket includes entrance to Poble Espanyol. www.tablao-de-carmen.com
Opened in 1988 in homage to iconic Barcelona flamenco star, Carmen Amaya, this spot in Poble Espanyol offers top-quality performances of different styles of flamenco.
The Pedralbes convent once more hosts an intricate nativity scene, in the best tradition of Catalan Christmases.

Thursday 11

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

TOURS
Casa Rocamora  
(Ballester, 12). M: Lesseps (L3); FG: Pàduo/Pubet. Thu 11am (English), 1pm (Spanish). €14, Reduced: €12.60. Children 7-12: €2. Under-7s free.  
www.casessingulars.com

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

Sant Pau, Art Nouveau Site  
(Sant Antoni Maria Claret, 167). M: Sant Pau/Dos de Maig (L5). Tours in various languages; consult for schedule. Mon-Sat 10am-4, 30pm. Sun, public holidays 10am-2, 30pm. First Sunday of month, free (no guided tours).  
www.santpau.barcelona.org

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

Stories and legends of the Gothic quarter  

OPERA
Opera at Palau Dalmases  
www.palauadalmases.com

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

Friday 12

TRADITIONS
Sant Antoni  
Various venues.

www.barcelona.cat

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

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FLAMENCO
Tablao de Carmen  

La Bodega Flamenca  

NIGHT-TIME ACTIVITIES
The Ghost Walking Tour  

Medieval supper and show at the Palau Requesens  
(Bisbe Coçador, 3). M: Liceu (L3), Jaume I (L4). Fri, Sat, 7:30pm. Check website for availability. From €71. Discounts available.  
www.sternalia.com and tickets.visitbarcelona.com

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

Swan Lake/The Nutcracker  
Teatre Nacional de Catalunya (Pl. de les Arts, 1). M: Glòries (L1).  
Monumental (L2). Jan 12-14. Fri, Sat 5.30pm, 9pm; Sun noon, 5pm. €57-€71.  
www.promoconcert.es  
Over three days, the Moscow State Ballet and stars of the Bolshoi perform two classic ballet pieces. On Friday and Saturday, enjoy Swan Lake, while on Sunday, you can see The Nutcracker.

**Tours**

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

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

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

**Spanish Guitar**

The Art of the Spanish Guitar: concert and wine  
Santa Anna Church (Santa Anna, 29). M: Catalunya (L1, L3; FGC). Jan 12, 19, 26. 7pm. €20. Discount at tourist offices. More info: tickets.visitbarcelona.com  
Barcelona Duo de Guitar perform a candlelit concert entitled ‘Carmen’, as you enjoy the music and a glass of wine.

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

**Shopping**

Barcelona Genuine Shops (Start: tourist office in Pl. Sant Jaume, Ciutat, 2). M: Jaume I (L4).  
Liceu (L3). 3-30pm. €25.  
tickets.visitbarcelona.com  
Three-hour tour led by a professional guide that lets you discover some of the city’s most distinctive and authentic shops.

**Blues**

Blues at the MEAM  
Barra de Ferro, 5). M: Jaume I (L4). Fri 6pm. €11 (in advance). €14 (on the door). More info and tickets at tourist offices and tickets.visitbarcelona.com  
Performance by the Tota Blues Trio, led by Tota on harmonica; and you can also enjoy modern art, drinks and snacks.

**Basketball**

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

**Open-Air Family**

Family activities at the zoo  

**Tours**

Casa de la Seda  
(Sant Pere Més Alt, 1). M: Liceu (L3).  
See Sat 6.  

**Free**

Funeral carriage and hearse collection  
Guided tour of the world’s largest collection of such carriages, with examples dating from the 18th century to the 1950s.

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

Palau Requesens  
(Bisbe Caçador, 3). M: Liceu (L3), Jaume I (L4). Sat 11.30am, 12.30pm, 1.30pm. Various languages.  
www.stermalia.com  
Get to know the history of this wonderful palace and its striking architecture, a place built on top of part of the former Roman walls. You will also get to know Isabel de Requesens and what the city was like while she was alive.

**Flamenco**

Tablao Flamenco Nervión  

**Traditions**

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

**Family**

Shark maniacs  

Snow  
This and next weekend, various ski resorts and companies in the Pyrenees are joining in the celebration of World Snow Day (January 21) by offering special activities and discounts. More information: visitbarcelona.com/mountain-and-snow

**Techno**

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

Gustavo Dudamel and the Viena Philharmoniker L’Auditori (Lepant, 150). M: Glòries & Marina (L1), Monumental (L2). 7pm. €25–€175. www.auditori.cat
Renowned conductor Gustavo Dudamel once more joins forces with the Viennese orchestra for a performance of works by Mahler and Berlioz.

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

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

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

World Snow Day Various ski resorts and companies in the Pyrenees are joining in the celebration of World Snow Day (January 21) by offering special activities and discounts. More information: visitbarcelona.com/mountain-and-snow

Sunday 14

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

FOOTBALL
The side from Bilbao visit Catalonia to meet Espanyol.

CLASSICAL MUSIC

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

CLASSICAL MUSIC
Classical music at the MEAM (Barra de Ferro, 5). M: Jaume I (L4). Every Sat. 6pm. €15 (in advance). €19 (on the door). More info and tickets at tourist offices and tickets.visitbarcelona.com
A piano solo from Maria Lilia Cano entitled ‘Under the blades’. Entry also includes an afternoon snack.

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

NEW YEAR CONCERT
New Year’s concert at Palau Güell (Nou de la Rambla, 3-5). M: Liceu (L3). 8pm. €35 per person. www.palauguell.cat
This musical evening celebrates the start of 2018 in the stylish salon of the Palau Güell. The programme features pieces by Benjamin Britten, Haydn and Grieg, and a tour and glass of cava is also included.

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Monday 15

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

The Language of Stones Daily noon. €20. Eng, Cat, Spa, Greek. More info and tickets: tickets.visitbarcelona.com and barcelonaothereyesroutes.com
Take a much closer look at the city and messages that have been left on its stones with this guided tour that covers centuries of history from Roman times to the Middle Ages.

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

NIGHT-TIME ACTIVITIES

SPANISH GUITAR
Maestros of the Spanish Guitar Basílica de Santa Maria del Pi (Pl. del Pi, 7). M: Catalunya (L1, L3; FGC), Jan 15-16, 22-23. €23. Discount at tourist offices. More info: tickets.visitbarcelona.com
Ekaterina Záytseva was brought up in Russia, although she has lived in Spain for over a decade and is a Spanish guitar expert.

Tablao Cordobés (La Rambla, 3-5). M: Drassanes, Liceu (L3). Daily 5pm, 6pm, 7.30pm, 9.15pm, 10.30pm (shows start later). €44-€79.50. tablaoCORDOBES.COM
Enjoy a meal or drink then see some of Barcelona’s best flamenco dancers and musicians in this show at the city’s most authentic tablao; this month’s show is entitled ‘Encuentros en el cumbre del baile’ and features this year’s winner and finalists of the Unión Prize.

CLASSICAL MUSIC
Martha Argerich & Gabriele Baldocci, piano. Palau de la Música Catalana (Palau de la Música, 4-6). M: Urquinaona (L1, L4). 8.30pm. €23-€94. www.palaumusica.cat
Liszt-Mozart, Liszt-Verdi, Liszt-Wagner, Shostakovich, Schumann, Rachmaninov and Ravel.

Tuesday 16

POP
Lady Gaga Palau Sant Jordi (Pg. Olímpic, 5-7). Jan 14, 16, 9pm. From £32 www.livenation.es
Following illness at the end of last year, which meant Lady Gaga had to cancel a number of planned performances, she’s re-starting the European dates of the Joanne World Tour right here in Barcelona.

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

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

Wednesday 17

TOURS
The awakening of La Pedrera (Pg. de Gràcia, 92). M: Diagonal (L3, L5); Provença (FGC). See Wed 3.
The Gothic Route Daily, 9am, noon, 5pm. Eng, Spa, Cat, Greek. €20. More info and tickets: tickets.visitbarcelona.com and barcelonaothereyesroutes.com
Take a tour of one of the city’s most interesting areas, where transformations have taken place and different communities have left their mark.


TRADITIONS
Sant Antoni-Tres T Various venues. www.barcelona.cat
Today is the feast day of Saint Antoni, the local patron saint of animals, and the day is marked with special events and a cake.

**SPA**


**UNDERWATER SPORT**

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

**Thursday 18**

**BASKETBALL**

EuroLeague: FCB Lassa vs Brose Bamberg
Camp Nou (Aristides Maillol, s/n). M: Les Corts (L3). Date and time tbc. www.fcbarcelona.cat

Brose Bamberg hail from Baviera in Germany, and come to face FC Barcelona’s basketball team in this European league game.

**CLASSICAL MUSIC**

Mendelssohn Symphonies
Palau de la Música (Palau de la Música, 4-6). M: Urquinaona (L1, L4). 8pm. €12. www.palaumusica.cat

The Andorra National Classical Orchestra, under Gerard Claret, presents a concert of work by Mendelssohn.

Robert King & The King’s Consort
L’Auditori (Lepant, 150). M: Glòries & Marina (L1), Monumental (L2). 8pm. €10–€58. www.auditori.cat

Conductor Robert King and his King’s Consort orchestra and choir come to the Auditori to perform the same set of music that was heard at the 1727 coronation of British King George II at Westminster Abbey, including work by Handel, Purcell and Tallis.

**TOURS**


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

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

**OPERA**


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

**SPANISH GUITAR**

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

Barcelona Guitar Trio performs a concert of flamenco and Spanish guitar music.

**Friday 19**

**OPERA**


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

**TOURS**


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

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


**BLUES**

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

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

**NIGHT-TIME ACTIVITIES**

Observatori Fabra (Cami de l’Observatori, s/n). See Fri 12.


**Saturday 20**

**MUSIC FESTIVAL**

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

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

**CLASSICAL MUSIC**

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

Yuja Wang, one of the most exciting pianists of today, returns to Barcelona to perform pieces
by Mendelssohn, Beethoven and Chopin. The concert also marks the Barcelona debut of the Chamber Orchestra of Europe, a cultural ambassador of the European Union.

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

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

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

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

**TRADITIONS.**

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

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

**TOURS**

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


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

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OPEN-AIR – FAMILY


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

TRADITIONS.

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

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

**Sunday 21**

**FOOTBALL**


RCD Espanyol play the team from the south of Spain this weekend.

**YOUNG MUSICIANS**


As part of La Pedrera’s programme supporting up-and-coming musicians, young soprano Sara Blanch is accompanied by pianist Adrian Blanco for a programme of works by Guinovart, Garcia, Demestres, Blanch and Ortega.

**FAMILY**


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

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

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


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**OPERA**


MOVE BCN

Barcelona Turístic (III): 1-day prices: €29 adult, €25 senior, €16 child
This year’s contest for up-and-coming opera singers comes to an end with this concert.

**OPEN-AIR**

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

**TOURS**


**FLAMENCO**

Flamenco at Palau Dalmau (Montcada, 20). M: Jaume I (L4). Daily 6pm, 7:30pm, 9pm. €25. Book online at: www.palaudalmases.com

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


**NIGHT-TIME ACTIVITIES**


**CLASSICAL MUSIC**

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

www.museumares.bcn.cat

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

**Wednesday 24**

**TOURS**


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

**OPERA**


**CLASSICAL MUSIC**

Albert Guinovart, piano Palau de la Música (Palau de la Música, 4-6). M: Urquinaona (L1, L4). 8.30pm. €20. palaumusica.cat

Pianist Albert Guinovart performs a programme of works by Brahms, Chopin, Liszt and Poulenc, as well as some of his own compositions.

**TRADITIONS**

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

www.museumares.bcn.cat

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

Nativity scene at the Reial Monestir de Pedralbes (Baixa del Monestir, 9). FGC: Reina Elisenda. Until Feb 2. Tue-Fri 10am-2pm; Sat, Sun 10am-5pm. €5. Reduced: €3-50. Under-16s. free. monestirpedralbes.bcn.cat

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

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

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Thursday 25

MUSIC FESTIVAL

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

CULTURAL FESTIVAL

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

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

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

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

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

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


OPERA

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Friday 26

FLAMENCO

TOURS

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


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

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TECHNO

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

NIGHT-TIME ACTIVITIES


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

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

SPANISH GUITAR
Maestros of the Spanish Guitar Basilica de Santa Maria del Pi (Pl. del Pi, 7). M: Catalunya
Saturday 27

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

MUSIC FESTIVAL
Guitar BCN 2018: Jorge Dreadler
The popular Uruguayan singer-songwriter presents his latest album, Salvavidas de hierba, where all the featured sounds have been produced using the elements and material of a guitar.

10º Festival Mil·lenni: Salvatore Adamo

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

CLASSICAL MUSIC
Pianist Marta Pujol accompanies soprano Marga Cloquell in a concert of opera and ‘sarasuela’ music. Entry includes an afternoon snack.

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

Sunday 28

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

FAMILY
Contes per conviure
Kids’ theatre show based on three stories that feature everyday family situations explained in a fun, entertaining, interactive way.

TOURS
Block of Discord guided tour

The Cathedral of the Sea

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

€19 (on the door). More info and tickets at tourism offices and tickets.visitbarcelona.com

TICKET SALES:
visitbarcelona.com & tickets.visitbarcelona.com
21. Second and fourth Sun of month. 11.15am (Spanish). www.cbsa.cat
Barcelona’s hillside graveyard is as much an art museum as a final resting place.

SPA

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

Monday 29

LITERATURE FESTIVAL
BCNegra 2018 Jan 29-Feb 4. lamevabarcelona.cat/bcnegra/es/
Annual event in Barcelona that celebrates crime fiction with a range of activities including readings, round tables and guest appearances by some of the genre’s leading writers.

TOURS

FLAMENCO
La Bodega Flamenc (Roger de Flor, 230). M: Verdaguer (L4, L5), Sagrada Familia (L2, L5). See Tue 2.

FLAMENCO
Tablao de Carmen Poble Espanyol (Av. Francesc Ferrer i Guàrdia, 13). M: Espanya (L1, L3; FGC). Daily 6pm: doors, 6.45pm: show; 8, 9.30pm: doors, 9, 11.30pm: show. From €30. Options include drink + show and meal + show; ticket includes entrance to Poble Espanyol. www.tablao-decarmen.com
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Wednesday 31

EXPERIMENTAL MUSIC
Jóhann Jóhannsson L’Auditori (Lepant, 150). M: Glòries & Marina (L1), Monumental (L2). 9pm. €28. www.auditori.cat
As part of the Sit Back season at the Auditori and co-curated by Primavera Sound, this event sees the Icelandic composer Jóhann Jóhannsson come to Barcelona to present his 2016 work, Orphée. Renowned for his compositions for films such as Arrival, he recently won an award for Best Soundtrack Composer.

TOURS
Basilica de Santa Maria del Pi (Pl. del Pi, 7). M: Liceu (L3). See Tue 2.
The Gothic Route Daily. 9am, noon, 5pm. Eng, Spa, Cat, Greek. €20. More info and tickets: visitbarcelona.com and barcelonaothereyesroutes.com Take a tour of one of the city’s most interesting areas, where transformations have taken place and different communities have left their mark.

Tuesday 30

SPANISH GUITAR
The Art of the Spanish Guitar: concert and wine Santa Anna Church (Santa Anna, 29). M: Catalunya (L1, L3; FGC). Jan 16, 23, 30, 9pm. €20. Discount at tourist offices. More info: tickets.visitbarcelona.com
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Torre Bellesguard Gaudí (Bellesguard, 6-9). FGC: Av. Tibidabo. See Tue 2.
The awakening of La Pedrera (Pg. de Gràcia, 92). M: Diagonal (L3, L5); Provença (FGC). See Wed 3.
**Architecture**

**BASÍLICA DE LA SAGRADA FAMILIA**
Gaudí’s spectacular temple.

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

**BASÍLICA DE SANTA MARIA DEL PI**
Historic church in the heart of Barcelona.

**CASA AMATLLER**
One of the city’s most outstanding modernista buildings.

**CASA BATLLÓ**

**CASA DE LA SEDA**
Unique 18th-century building belonging to city’s guild of silk-workers.

**CASA DE LES PUNXES**
This modernist gem is full of symbolism and has a splendid rooftop.

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

**CRIPTA GAUDÍ COLÒNIA GÜELL**
(Feixina Güell, 6 - Santa Coloma de Cervel-ló). M: Espanya (L1, L3; FGC) + FGC: Colònia Güell station (S4, S8 or S33). Mon-Fri 10am-5pm; Sat, Sun and public hols 10am-3pm. Closed Jan 1, 6, 7. Reduced: €5.50. Entrance plus audio guide: €9. Reduced: €7.50. www.gaudiocoloniaguell.org
Head a short way out of town to see this Gaudi creation.

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

**PALAU BARÓ DE QUADRAS**
Another unmissable modernista building.

**PALAU GÜELL**
Just off La Rambla, this building was designed for Gaudi patron, Eusebi Güell.
PALAU DE LA MÚSICA CATALANA
(Palau de la Música, 4-6). M: Urquinaona (L1, L4). 10am-3:30pm (every 30 mins). €18. Reduced: €11. www.palaumusica.cat
Sumptuous modernista concert venue.

PALAU REQUESENS
Historical setting for a night of medieval fun.

PARK GÜELL
Gaudí’s take on an English garden city.

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

SANT PAU, ART NOUVEAU SITE
A one-time working hospital created in the modernista style.

TORRE BELLESGUARD
Gaudí creation that combines modernisme and medieval Gothic designs.

Leisure

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

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

GAUDÍ EXPERIÈNCIA
Interactive 4D journey through Gaudí’s creativity.

L’AQUÀRIUM
The city’s aquarium features a range of living creatures.

POBLE ESPANYOL
(Av. Francesc Ferrer i Guàrdia, 13). M: Espanya (L1, L3; FGC). Jan 1 1pm-8pm; Jan 2-7 Mon 9am-8pm; Tue-Thu, Sun 9am-midnight; Fri 9am-3pm; Sat 9am-4am. From Jan 8 9am-8pm. €14. Reduced: €7,99. €10,50. www.poble-espanyol.com
Architecture from around the country at this ‘Spanish village’.

PORTAVENTURA WORLD THEME PARK
Experience two different parks: PortAventura Park with rides for all, and Ferrari Land, an exciting new area dedicated to the fast cars.

TIBIDABO THEME PARK
(Pl. del Tibidabo, 3-4). Bus Tibibus (T2A) from Pl. de Catalunya. FGC: Av. Tibidabo (L7) + Tramvia Blau or Bus 196 + Tibidabo Funicular. Jan 2-5 11am-6pm. Theme park closed from Jan 6 until March. €28,50. Under-120cm: €10,30. www.tibidabo.cat
New and classic rides, plus amazing views across the city.

ZOO DE BARCELONA
(Parc de la Ciutadella, s/n). M: Arc de Triomf (L3), Ciutadella/Vila Olímpica (L4). 10am-5,30pm. Check website for activities, services and promotions. €19.90. Children 3-12 years: €11,95. Over-65s: €10.05. www.zoobarcelona.cat
Animals large, small and all sizes in between.
Gourmets

The art of good eating and drinking. A must-read for foodies.

Monthly pull-out at El Periódico de Catalunya.
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MORE THAN 200 ACTIVITIES AND EXPERIENCES TO ENJOY BARCELONA

Main points and outlets

PLAÇA DE CATALUNYA
Pl. de Catalunya, 17-S. T: daily from 8.30am to 8.30pm

PLAÇA DE SANT JAUME
Ciutat, 2 (City Hall). T: Monday to Friday from 8.30am to 8.30pm. Saturdays from 9am to 7pm. Sundays and public holidays from 9am to 2pm

MONUMENT COLOM
Pl. del portal de la Pau, s/n, Barcelona. T: daily from 8.30am to 8.30pm

ESTACIÓ DE SANTS
Pl. dels Països Catalans, s/n. T: daily from 8am to 8pm

AIRPORT
Terminals 1 and 2. T: daily from 8.30am to 8.30pm

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