

# Monthly Agenda

## January

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Cirque du Soleil. Palau Sant Jordi



# Welcome to Barcelona

A new year has begun and January's a month when we all like to get warm and cosy; you'll find numerous inviting places here including cafés, shops, restaurants and museums. The festive spirit lingers on in events such as the Catalan Orfeo choir performing Christmas songs in Plaça del Rei on January 3. It's also a time of traditions. For many local children, the biggest event of the year is the arrival of the Three Kings on January 5, marked with a huge parade through the city centre; on Kings' Day itself, January 6, families eat the *tortell de reis* cake. And around January 17, Catalans pay homage to their patron saint of animals with the festivities of the *Tres Tombs*.



Orfeo Català. Plaça del Rei

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# Highlights

## Barcelona and classical music

January is a joyful month for fans of classical music in Barcelona this year, with an outstanding line-up of concerts taking place. **Barcelona Obertura Classic & Lyric**, a collective enterprise that promotes the city's most important classical music venues, the **Palau de la Música Catalana**, the **Liceu** opera house and **L'Auditori**, this month holds two major festivals. The first is **'Winter in Barcelona'**, which runs from January 14 to 18 and features six performances: world-renowned flautist **Emmanuel Pahud** and pianist **Eric Le Sage** at L'Auditori (14); Puccini's tragic opera, **Madama Butterfly** at the Liceu (15); UK conductor **Jonathan Cohen** visits L'Auditori with his **Arcangelo** chamber ensemble to perform pieces by Handel, Vivaldi and Pergolesi (16); mezzosoprano **Magdalena Kožená** and pianist **Mitsuko Uchida** give a concert of lied music at the Palau de la Música, and the **Düsseldorf Symphony Orchestra** on stage at L'Auditori (both 17); and finally, the Barcelona Symphony Orchestra at L'Auditori performs Mahler's 'Tragique' Symphony. The second Barcelona Obertura festival of the month is **'Choral Masterpieces'**, taking place between January 27 and 29. The opening event is conductor **Hartmut Haenchen** leading the Barcelona Symphony Orchestra and two local choirs for a musical evening that includes Schumann's 'Renana'. It's followed by the German **Balthasar Neumann Choir and Ensemble** at the Palau de la Música, and the series ends with the **Oslo Philharmonic Orchestra** and conductor **Vasily Petrenko** at the same venue performing 'Sheherezade' by Nikolai Rimsky-Korsakov.

As well as the Barcelona Obertura festivals, these three iconic venues have other highlights on their schedules in January. At the **Palau de la Música**, there's a **New Year Gala** on January 7, featuring the Catalan Youth Philharmonic Orchestra, conductor Michael Repper and soprano Natasha Tupin with a varied programme including Brahms, John Williams and, of course, Strauss. Later in the month, the **Orquestra Simfònica del Vallès**, based close to Barcelona, give a symphonic concert entitled 'Tchaikovsky versus Napoleon' (19), and French ensemble Trio Wanderer perform the Schubert Night Trios (31). At **L'Auditori**, film fans can't miss the screening of the third film in the **Lord of the Rings trilogy** from Peter Jackson, *The Return of the King*. The movie is shown in English with Catalan subtitles and the soundtrack is performed live by the Barcelona Symphony Orchestra (11-13). It's also worth noting that two of the performances in the 'Winter in Barcelona' festival are part of longer runs. **Madama Butterfly** can be enjoyed at the **Liceu** from January 12 to 29, while the **Barcelona Symphony Orchestra's** rendition of Mahler's 'Tragique' Symphony is at L'Auditori from January 18 to 20.

Madama Butterfly at Gran Teatre del Liceu



Don Quixote. Ballet de Catalunya

## Barcelona and the stage

As well as the wide range of theatre productions to be seen on Barcelona's stages this month, there are two exciting dance events and a contemporary circus extravaganza. The **Mercat de les Flors**, the city's leading dance venue, hosts its annual **Sàlmon Festival** from January 22, which this year celebrates the body as a place of learning and source of knowledge, for both audiences and performers. Many of those participating in this event that promotes cutting-edge dance are local artists, but there are also representatives from elsewhere, including Italy and Sweden (until Feb 10). For a more classic production, albeit one with a modern vision, the **Ballet de Catalunya** presents its take on the dance version of **Don Quixote** at the Casino Aliança Poble Nou on January 26 and 27. Originally created in Russia in the mid-1800s and based on various scenes from the famous book by Miguel de Cervantes, the newly formed Ballet de Catalunya brings a fresh vision for this two-night run, highlighting the skill and creativity of its dancers and choreographers.

The **Cirque du Soleil** is a circus company that needs no introduction. The Canadian organisation has produced awe-inspiring shows for close to 40 years, and Barcelona's Palau Sant Jordi this month welcomes one of its more recent endeavours. **Toruk – The First Flight** was inspired by James Cameron's 2014 hit film Avatar and is set before the events in the movie take place; the Cirque du Soleil production features life-sized puppets, including the eponymous protagonist, as well as the trademark acrobatic and tumbling acts, and an extensive, colourful stage set.

## Barcelona and exhibitions

The colder weather of January makes this an excellent month to visit the permanent exhibitions on show at several of Barcelona's most popular museums. These include the **Museu Nacional d'Art de Catalunya** (for art down the ages covering Medieval Romanesque and Gothic, Renaissance and Baroque, and Modern), the **Museu del Disseny** (whose collections include clothing from the 16th century to the present day, product design as cultural heritage, and the development of visual communication), the **Fundació Joan Miró** (dedicated to the acclaimed late Catalan artist), **MACBA** (20th-century art at its finest), and the **Museu Marítim** (focusing on the city's historical relationship with the sea), among others. Another option is the range of spaces and centres that are part of the **MUHBA**, the Barcelona City History Museum, which include El Call in the Jewish district, an air-raid shelter from the Spanish Civil War, and various remains from the Roman city of Barcino that once stood here.

In terms of temporary exhibitions, the selection is eclectic as ever at the moment. Finishing on January 13 is the **Fundación Mapfre's** comparison of the work of Pablo **Picasso** and Francis **Picabia**, two artists who made extensive contributions to the development of different art movements during the 20th century. A week later, another major show comes to an end, **'Toulouse-Lautrec and the spirit of Montmartre'** at **Caixaforum**, taking a look at the work of the French artist and his close connection with the emblematic Parisian neighbourhood. While there, don't miss **'Velázquez and Spain's Golden Age'**, an exploration of art in the country during the 17th century and analysis of Velázquez's career and influence (until March 3). Finally at **Espais Volart**, part of the **Fundació Vila Casas**, dedicated to contemporary Catalan art, the late Barcelona painter **Josep Guinovart** is remembered with a show entitled **'Transformed reality'**, which includes some of his most significant works from different stages of his life (from January 24).

Basquiat, Jean Michel. Self-portrait. 1986. Col·leció MACBA



## Near Barcelona

One of the best things about Barcelona is how close it is to a wide range of places to visit for different experiences – at this time of year, the snowy mountains of the Pyrenees are easily accessible for a fantastic day trip. **The Pyrenees Snow Experience** involves an excursion to the Vall de Núria, a lovely area that's not accessible by car and instead has to be reached with a rack train. The ticket includes a two-hour snowshoe guided tour, a trip to the viewing point by cable car, and discounts on activities, ski passes and equipment hire. If you're a skier or snowboarder, the **Barcelona Skibus Alp-2500** takes you straight to Alp 2500, Catalonia's largest skiable area that combines two large resorts, La Molina and Masella for close to 150km of ski runs; the all-included ticket includes a ski pass, insurance, guide and equipment, while the basic option doesn't include equipment hire. If you prefer, there's also a **Barcelona Skibus La Molina-La Masella** that will take you to either La Molina or Masella, and offers the chance to rent skis, boots, poles and helmet if you need them.

Apart from the winter sports, other events going on outside Barcelona this month include sport and different traditions. The towns of **Sitges** and **Terrassa** both stage **half-marathons** (Jan 13 and 27, respectively) that are part of the Gran Premi competition organised by the Diputació de Barcelona, a governing body for the province; shorter distance races also take place, while the routes take in local sights and streets. On and around January 17, the Catalan patron saint of animals, **Sant Antoni**, is celebrated with a festival known as **Els Tres Tombs** (which literally means the three turns) that includes families taking their pets to be blessed at church, parades featuring horses, carriages and more, and a special ring cake with glacé fruit on top and a tiny animal hidden inside it. While Els Tres Tombs is marked around the region, the central Catalan town of **Igualada** is particularly renowned for its festivities. Two other towns both to the north of Barcelona this month hold special dances to mark the feast day of Saint Sebastian on January 20. In **Moià**, the **Ball Garrofins** is today danced by a group of boys and girls on the saint's day and the day before, with music provided by traditional Catalan instruments. In nearby **Taradell**, and as part of its annual winter festival, the **Ball del Ciri** is performed, a ceremonial dance that dates from 1776. More information [here](#).



# Museums-exhibitions

## Arxiu Fotogràfic de Barcelona

FREE

(Pl. Pons i Clerch, 2). M: Arc de Triomf (L1), Jaume I (L4). Mon-Sat 10am-7pm. Closed Sun and public holidays. <http://ajuntament.barcelona.cat/arxiunicipal/arxiufotografic/en/>

### Eduard Olivella. Documenting culture

Until May 18. In 2015, the Arxiu Fotogràfic de Barcelona received around 50,000 images by photographer Eduard Olivella (Barcelona, 1948). They provide a unique documentary record of Barcelona from the 1970s to after the 1992 Olympic Games hosted in the city.

## Arxiu Històric de la Ciutat de Barcelona

FREE

(Santa Llúcia, 1). M: Jaume I (L4), Liceu (L3). Mon-Fri 9am-8.45pm; Sat 10am-8pm. Closed Sun and public holidays. <http://ajuntament.barcelona.cat/arxiunicipal/arxiuhistoric/es>

### Aureli Capmany and the education of infants

Until Mar 30. As part of the events marking the 150th anniversary of the birth of key Catalan educator Aureli Capmany, the City Historical Archive looks at some of the tools he developed for teachers.

## CaixaForum

BUY

(Av. Francesc Ferrer i Guàrdia, 6-8). M: Espanya (L1, L3; FGC). Daily 10am-8pm; Jan 5 10am-6pm. Closed Jan 1, 6. [https://caixaforum.es/es\\_ES/barcelona/home](https://caixaforum.es/es_ES/barcelona/home)

### Velázquez and the Spanish Golden Age

Until Mar 3. Created in collaboration with Madrid's Museo del Prado, this exhibition studies the development of one of Spain's most prestigious painters and compares his works with that of contemporaries.

### Toulouse-Lautrec and the spirit of Montmartre

Until Jan 20. Posters, paintings and drawings are included in

this exploration of the work of the French artist in the context of the iconic Parisian bohemian area and its creative residents.

### A Certain Darkness

Until Jan 5. As part of CaixaForum's Comisart programme, this show takes a new look at the collection of "La Caixa" and considers the cult value of images and the value of exhibitions.

### The enemy lives in the sofa

Until Feb 3. Installation featuring dolls, paintings, videos, posters, artefacts, artworks, photographs and other objects that brings visitors closer to the world of the La Claca theatre and puppet-master Joan Baixas.

## Castell de Montjuïc

(Ctra. de Montjuïc, 66). M: Espanya (L1, L3; FGC). Daily 10am-6pm. Closed Jan 1. First Sunday of month and other Sundays after 3pm, free. <http://ajuntament.barcelona.cat/castelldemontjuic/en>

### Montjuïc, the construction of a castle

Permanent exhibition about Montjuïc and its castle. Doble Creu Permanent exhibition of sculpture by Carles Berga.

### Impasse

Until Mar 3. Artistic installation by Júlia Calvo, which has been produced by Montjuïc Castle together with La Escocesa, a centre for multidiscipline creation.

### Searching for freedom: 1968-2018

Until Mar 31. This exhibition looks at a key recent period in Catalan history as a way to better understand the past and help develop change in the future. By re-examining the message of 1968, it emphasises the importance of memory and a motivated, independent civil society.

## Centro Comercial Las Arenas

(Gran Via de les Corts Catalanes, 373-385). M: Espanya (L1, L3; FGC). End date tbc. Daily 10am-9.30pm. Closed Jan 1. [www.humanbodies.eu](http://www.humanbodies.eu)

## Human bodies

The popular 'Human Bodies: the Anatomy of Life' exhibition returns to Barcelona, featuring 12 preserved bodies and over 150 organs. Described as an 'intimate journey through the world concealed by your skin', thousands of people across the world have already visited this eye-opening show.

## Centre de Cultura Contemporània de Barcelona (CCCB)

(Montalegre, 5). M: Catalunya (L1, L3; FGC). Tue-Sun, public holidays 11am-8pm; Jan 5, 6 11am-3pm. Closed Mon (except public holidays) and Jan 1. Sunday 3pm-8pm, free. [www.cccb.org/en/](http://www.cccb.org/en/)

### Stanley Kubrick

Until March 31. Wide-ranging exposition that covers the entire oeuvre of film director Stanley Kubrick (1928-1999), including large-screen projections of key scenes, and documentary audio and video material that sheds light on the filming process.

## CosmoCaixa

BUY

(Isaac Newton, 26). FGC: Av. Tibidabo. Daily 10am-8pm; Jan 5 10am-6pm. Closed Jan 1, 6. From Jan 7-summer 2019, the main part of the museum will be closed for renovation works; the flooded forest, geological wall and temporary exhibitions will be open (entry fees will be reduced). [www.cosmocaixa.com](http://www.cosmocaixa.com)

### Tintin and the Moon

End date tbc. The adventurous young Belgian journalist touches down in Barcelona for this new exhibition focusing on his 1950 trip to the moon, and marking the 50th anniversary of the Apollo landing by looking at the technology and scientific research that made it possible.

### Robots. Humans and machines

Until Jan 31. This show looks at the unique relationship between people and robots.

### The Material Room

Permanent exhibition. Voyage through the history of the Universe. Top science Permanent

exhibition focused on contemporary research opens a new season.

### The flooded forest

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

### Two faces of the Antarctic

No end date. See this unique area from two very different perspectives.

## El Born Centre de Cultura i Memòria

(Plaça Comercial, 12). M: Jaume I & Barceloneta (L4), Arc de Triomf (L1). Site and exhibitions: Tue-Sat 10am-7pm; Sun and public hols 10am-8pm. Closed Mon (except public holidays) and Jan 1. Sunday 3pm-8pm and first Sunday of month all day, free. <http://elbornculturaimemoria.barcelona.cat/en/>

### El Born Centre de Cultura i Memòria

Under an emblematic 19th-century market, discover an archaeological site from 1700. Barcelona 1700. From stones to people (Sala Villarroel) Permanent exhibition about life in the city 300 years ago.

### A childhood under the bombs

Until March 31. This temporary exhibition focuses on children whose lives were dramatically changed when the Spanish Civil War broke out in July 1936.

## Fundació Antoni Tàpies

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

### Permanent exhibition

Extensive collection of artworks by Tàpies.

### Antoni Tàpies. Political biography

Until Feb 24. This show is the latest in a series that explores the most paradoxical aspects of Tàpies's work.

### Giving voices. Erkan Özgen

Until Feb 24. This is the first solo exhibition in Spain for Turkish artist Erkan Özgen, and takes as its inspiration his



Open Works. Art in movement. La Pedrera



Diego Velázquez. *Marte* © Museo Nacional del Prado. CaixaForum

latest film, *Purple Muslin*; this documentary features Yazidi women who escaped ISIS and Al-Sham forces to find refuge in northern Iraq, and explores the impact of war on female refugees who flee conflict zones.

## Fundació Catalunya-La Pedrera

BUY

Sala d'Exposicions (Pg. de Gràcia, 92). M: Diagonal (L3, L5); FGC: Provença. Daily 10am-8pm; Jan 1 11am-8.30pm. [www.lapedrera.com/en](http://www.lapedrera.com/en)

### Open Works. Art in Movement, 1955-1975

Until Jan 27. In the 1950s, an artistic concept emerged in Europe with the aim of completely reworking art to create a new universal language and involve audiences more in how they viewed works.

## Fundació Joan Miró

BUY

(Parc de Montjuïc, s/n). M: Espanya (L1, L3; FGC). Tue-Sat 10am-6pm; Sun, public holidays and Jan 6 10am-3pm; Jan 5 10am-6pm. Closed Mon (except public holidays) and Jan 1. [www.fmirobcn.org/en/](http://www.fmirobcn.org/en/)

### Joan Miró. Collection

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

### Photography in the Foyer: Look to Learn How to Live

Until Jan 27. Esperanza Urdeix is an Alexander Technique teacher who applies her practice to photography, taking the time to observe objects in her everyday life during a convalescence.

### Lee Miller and Surrealism in Great Britain

Until Jan 20. US photographer Lee Miller and her British husband, artist Roland Penrose, were close friends of Joan Miró as well as leading lights in the development of the Surrealist movement in London.

### Nadala: Alignments

Until Jan 6. The Foundation

once more celebrates the festive season with a specially created art project. This year it features a piece by Patricia Dauber that came about through her research into astronomical phenomena, specifically the Christmas Star.

### Espai 13: Verni

Until Jan 6. The second exhibition in Espai 13 this season is a project from Laura Fluxà that brings together two apparently opposing materials: glass and used motor oil.

### Espai 13

Jan 18-Mar 24. The new exhibition in Espai 13 was created by Vanesa Vaerela.

## Fundació Vila Casas - Espais Volart

(Ausiàs Marc, 25). M: Urquinaona (L1, L4), Catalunya (L1, L3; FGC). Tue-Sat 11am-2pm, 5pm-8.30pm; Sun and Jan 5 11am-2pm. Closed Mon and public holidays (including Jan 1). [www.fundaciovilacasas.com/en](http://www.fundaciovilacasas.com/en)

### Reality transformed

Jan 24-May 18. The work of Catalan painter Josep Guinovart (1927-2007) is celebrated and re-examined in this show that emphasises how the artist managed to transform reality and constantly reinvent it.

## Fundació Vila Casas - Museu Can Framis

(Roc Boronat, 116-126). M: Glòries (L1), Poblenou & Llacuna (L4). Tue-Sat 11am-6pm; Sun 11am-2pm and Jan 5. Closed Mon and public holidays (including Jan 1). [www.fundaciovilacasas.com/en](http://www.fundaciovilacasas.com/en)

### Jorge R. Pombo. Voyage into the essence of painting

Until Jan 20. Since starting his career in the late 1990s, Pombo has embarked on a continuous reflection on the practice of painting, using the creative processes of Old Masters in a modern context.

### Álvaro Sánchez-Montañés. No como el caos

Until Jan 20. Madrid photographer Álvaro Sánchez-Montañés currently lives in Barcelona and has exhibited



# Museums-exhibitions



Museu de Montserrat



In the Open or in the Stealth. Exhibition views. MACBA

his images around the world. He's also won prizes such as the Epson Photography award and International Photography Award, both in 2009.

## Fundación MAPFRE

Casa Garriga i Nogués (Diputació, 250). M: Passeig de Gràcia (L2, L3, L4). Mon 2pm-8pm; Tue-Sat 10am-8pm; Sun and public holidays 11am-7pm. Closed Jan 1, 6. Mon 2pm-8pm, free. [www.fundacionmapfre.org/fundacion/en/](http://www.fundacionmapfre.org/fundacion/en/) Picasso-Picabia. Questioning painting Until Jan 13. For the first time the work of these two outstanding 20th-century artists is brought together for a journey through the history of modern art.

## The Gaudí Exhibition Center

Museu Diocesà (Pla de la Seu, 7). M: Jaume I (L4), Liceu (L3). Daily 10am-6pm. [www.gaudiexhibitioncenter.com](http://www.gaudiexhibitioncenter.com)

**Walking with Gaudí** Permanent exhibition featuring virtual reality and other technologies that give you the chance to delve into the life and work of the genius architect.

## Hash Marihuana & Hemp Museum

(Ampie, 35). M: Drassanes (L3), Barceloneta (L4). Daily 10am-10pm; public holidays 2pm-10pm. [www.hashmuseum.com](http://www.hashmuseum.com)

**Permanent exhibition** Discover the past, present and future of the cannabis plant and its potential for industrial, nutritional, medicinal and leisure uses.

## Jardí Botànic de Barcelona

(Doctor Font i Quer, s/n). M: Espanya (L1, L3; FGC). Daily 10am-6pm. Closed Jan 1. First Sunday of the month all day, and other Sundays from 3pm, free. <http://museuciencies.cat/en/>

**Permanent exhibition** Mediterranean plants from around the world.

Bonsai show Daily 10.30am-5.30pm. Permanent exhibition featuring a collection donated by the family of Pere Duran i Farell, a leading Catalan industrialist and bonsai aficionado.

## La Virreina Centre de la Imatge

(La Rambla, 99). M: Liceu (L3). Tue-Sun, public holidays noon-8pm. Closed Jan 1. <http://ajuntament.barcelona.cat/lavirreina/en>

**Requiem for the norm** Until Feb 3. The paintings of trans artist Lorenza Böttner were created using her feet and mouth, while photography, drawing and public performance represented her way of creating a body for herself, both politically and vitally. This is the first international solo exhibition dedicated to her art.

**Organoleptic** Until Feb 17. This project by Duen Xara Sacchi looks at the creation of the contemporary Western anatomical body, with a particular focus on organic fantasies, pathological figurations and obsessions.

**Survival Programmes** Until Feb 17. Presented here for the first time in Spain, this exhibition showcases the project 'Survival Programmes: In Britain's Inner Cities'. Developed by the Exit Photography Group between 1974 and 1979 it documents the pauperisation of working classes in marginal neighbourhoods of the UK.

**Ignasi de Solà-Morales** Jan 19-May 12. Barcelona architect Ignasi de Solà-Morales (1942-2001) brought philosophy, semiotics and other themes into his work, and is a key figure in understanding the social evolution of the city in the second half of the 20th century. This show aims to demonstrate how his ideas and approach continue today.

## MACBA. Museu d'Art Contemporani

(Plaça dels Àngels, 1). M: Universitat (L1, L2), Sant

Antoni (L2). Mon, Wed-Fri 11am-7.30pm. Sat 10am-8pm; Sun and public holidays 10am-3pm. Closed Tue (except public holidays) including Jan 1. Sat 4pm-8pm, free. [www.macba.cat/en/index](http://www.macba.cat/en/index)

## A short century: MACBA Collection

This permanent display is a chronological exploration of the MACBA Collection, starting in 1929 and coming all the way up to the present day. Key works highlight a series of both emblematic moments and longer periods from the past 90 years (aka 'a short century').

**In the open or in stealth** Until Mar 17. This exhibition is a multi-layered quest of discovery that explores the concept of a future in which multiple histories and geographies are brought together in dialogue.

**Aids Anarchive** Until Apr 18. An examination of the work by the Equipo re collective into the HIV/ Aids crisis in Spain and Chile; here the exhibition focuses on Barcelona and three case studies concerning the city.

**Jaume Plensa** Until Apr 22. Barcelona artist Jaume Plensa utilises materials, sensations and ideas to create pieces that include references to music, religion, literature and thought. This exhibition looks at the dialogue between works (ranging from the 1980s to today) that represent the human body and others that are abstract.

## MUHBA El Call

(Placeta de Manuel Ribé, s/n). M: Liceu (L3), Jaume I (L4). Wed 11am-2pm; Sat-Sun 11am-7pm. First Sunday of month all day, and other Sundays from 3pm, free. <http://ajuntament.barcelona.cat/museuhistoria/en/>

## The Jews in Medieval Barcelona

Permanent exhibition about the city's historical Jewish community.

## MUHBA at Fabra i Coats

(Sant Adrià, 20). M: Sant Andreu (L1). Sun 11am-2pm. <http://ajuntament.barcelona.cat/museuhistoria/en/>

**Fabra i Coats factory** Site of exceptional historical interest that's based on English industrial facilities.

## MUHBA Park Güell

(Olot, s/n. Casa de la Guarda). M: Vallcarca (L3). Daily 8.30am-6.15pm. 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. <http://ajuntament.barcelona.cat/museuhistoria/en/> [www.parkguell.cat/en/](http://www.parkguell.cat/en/)

## Güell, Gaudí and Barcelona, the expression of an urban ideal

Permanent audiovisual exhibition about Park Güell and the city at the time of modernisme.

## MUHBA Plaça del Rei

(Pl. del Rei). M: Jaume I (L4). Tue-Sat 10am-7pm; Sun 10am-8pm. Closed Mon and Jan 1. First Sunday of month all day, and other Sundays from 3pm, free. <http://ajuntament.barcelona.cat/museuhistoria/en/>

**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.

## MUHBA Refugi 307

(Nou de la Rambla, 169). M: Paral·lel (L2, L3). Guided tours: Sun 10.30am (Eng), 11.30am (Spa) and 12.30pm (Cat). Closed public holidays. Prior reservation necessary: [reservesmuhba@eicub.net](mailto:reservesmuhba@eicub.net). <http://ajuntament.barcelona.cat/museuhistoria/en/>

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

## MUHBA Santa Caterina

(Pl. de Joan Capri, s/n.). M: Jaume I (L4). Mon-Sat 8.30am-3.30pm. Closed Sun and public holidays. <http://ajuntament.barcelona.cat/museuhistoria/en/>

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

## MUHBA Temple d'August

(Paradís, 10). M: Liceu (L3), Jaume I (L4). Mon 10am-2pm; Tue-Sat 10am-7pm; Sun 10am-8pm. Closed Jan 1. <http://ajuntament.barcelona.cat/museuhistoria/en/>

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

## MUHBA Turó de la Rovira

(Marià Labèrnia, s/n) Bus: 119, V17. General access has no fixed timetable. Museum area: Wed 10am-2pm; Sat, Sun 10am-3pm. <http://ajuntament.barcelona.cat/museuhistoria/en/>

## Barcelona to the limit

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

## MUHBA Via Sepulcral Romana

(Pl. de la Vila de Madrid). M: Catalunya (L1, L3; FGC). Tue 11am-2pm; Sun 11am-7pm. Closed Jan 1, Mon, Wed, Thu, Fri and Sat. First Sunday of month all day, and other Sundays from 3pm, free. <http://ajuntament.barcelona.cat/museuhistoria/en/>

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

## MUHBA Vil·la Joana

(Ctra. de l'Església, 104). FGC: Baixador de Vallvidrera. Thu 10am-2pm; Sat, Sun 10am-3pm. <http://ajuntament.barcelona.cat/museuhistoria/en/>

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

## Museu de Badalona

(Pl. Assemblea de Catalunya, 1. Badalona). M: Badalona Pompeu Fabra (L2). Tue-Sat 10am-2pm, 5pm-8pm; Sun and public holidays 10am-2pm. Exhibition: Tue-Fri 5pm-8pm; Sat 10am-2pm, 5pm-8pm; Sun 10am-2pm. Closed Mon and Jan 1, 6. Check website for exhibition opening times. [www.museudebadalona.cat/en](http://www.museudebadalona.cat/en)

## Baetulo, Roman city

Permanent exhibition includes the remains of the steam baths and Decumanus Maximus street.

## The great illusion. Cinema in Badalona

Until Feb 17. Take a nostalgic look at the neighbouring city of Badalona with this show featuring different cinemas that have graced the area (all of which have now closed).

## Museu de Montserrat

(Abadia de Montserrat. 08199 Montserrat). FGC from Pl. Espanya (R5 line). Station: Monistrol de Montserrat + zip train. Daily 10am-5.45pm. [www.museudemontserrat.com/en/index.html](http://www.museudemontserrat.com/en/index.html)

## Permanent exhibition

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

## Possible equilibrium

Until May 5. An in-depth look at the joint careers of Barcelona artists Ràfols Casamada (1923-2009) and Maria Girona (1923-2015), who were part of the generation of creatives who emerged during the first years after the Spanish Civil War and battled against



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the restrictions of the Franco dictatorship to develop a more modern and open cultural ambience.

**Image and appearance**  
Until Apr 28. Catalan artist Salvador Juanpere is a renowned sculptor on the local scene who's developed a language all of his own.

**MEB: Museu de l'Eròtica de Barcelona**

(La Rambla, 96, bis). M: Liceu (L3), Catalunya (L1, L3; FGC). Daily 10am-midnight; Jan 1 noon-midnight.

[www.erotica-museum.com/en/](http://www.erotica-museum.com/en/)

**Permanent exhibition**

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

**John Lennon and Yoko Ono naked**

Dates tbc. See personal images of one of the most iconic couples of the 20th century in this exhibition featuring erotic drawings and etchings by John Lennon of different aspects of their sex life, being shown for the first time both in a museum and in Spain.

**Prostitution in World War II**

Dates tbc. Barcelona's Erotic Museum hosts the first exhibition focusing on this subject, primarily on the use of thousands of women as sex slaves by Japanese soldiers. Videos, photos and other documentation, on display to the public for the first time, bear witness to this terrible episode.

**Museu de la Música**

L'Auditori (Lepant, 150). M: Glòries & Marina (L1), Monumental (L2). Tue, Wed, Fri 10am-6pm; Thu 10am-9pm; Sat, Sun 10am-7pm; Jan 5 10am-3pm. Closed Mon and Jan 1, 6. First Sunday of month all day, and other Sundays from 3pm, free.

<http://ajuntament.barcelona.cat/museumusica/en>

**Permanent exhibition.**

Enjoy a journey through the different periods that make up

the history of music.

**The guitars of Quico Pi**

Until Apr 28. Quico Pi is one of Barcelona's most important musicians and this show features his extensive collection of guitars, sourced from countries across the world.

**Musical nativity scene**

Until Feb 3. For the festive season, enjoy this exhibition of shepherds playing different instruments, traditional nativity figures that have been loaned by the city's Ethnological Museum.

**Museu de la Xocolata**

Antic Convent de Sant Agustí (Comerç, 36). M: Arc de Triomf (L1). Mon-Sat 10am-7pm; Sun and public holidays 10am-3pm. Closed Jan 1, 6. [www.museumxocolata.cat/?lang=en](http://www.museumxocolata.cat/?lang=en)

**Permanent exhibition**

The origins of chocolate, its arrival in Europe in the 16th century and the relationship it has with Barcelona.

**Museu del Disseny de Barcelona**

Edifici Disseny Hub Barcelona (Pl. de les Glòries Catalanes, 37-38). M: Glòries (L1). Tue-Sun 10am-8pm. Closed Mon (except public holidays) and Jan 1. Sundays from 3pm-8pm and first Sunday of month all day, free. <http://ajuntament.barcelona.cat/museudeldisseny/en/>

**The Advertising Boom. Tin, cardboard and tile posters 1890-1950**

Until Mar 31. Exhibition that studies the history of graphic advertising with a particular focus on the use of everyday products.

**Do you work or design?**

New visual communication 1980-2003. Recently opened permanent exhibition tracing the contemporary history of graphic design in Catalonia and Spain.

**From the world to the museum. Product design, cultural heritage**

Permanent exhibition showing daily objects from a museum

perspective.

**Extraordinary! Collections of decorative arts and signature works (3rd-20th centuries).**

Permanent exhibition featuring art from the past 1700 years. The dressed body. Silhouettes and fashion (1550-2015) Permanent exhibition about how women have long altered their shapes using their clothes.

**Museu del Futbol Club Barcelona**

Estadi FCB (Aristides Maillol, s/n. Gates 7 and 9). M: Les Corts (L3). Jan 2-6 daily 9.30am-7.30pm; from Jan 7 Mon-Sat 10am-6.30pm, Sun 10am-2.30pm. Closed Jan 1. Some areas closed and opening hours reduced on match days. [www.fcbarcelona.com](http://www.fcbarcelona.com)

**Camp Nou Experience**

Permanent exhibition that takes in the club's long history and includes a visit to the stadium facilities.

**Museu del Modernisme de Barcelona**

(Balmes, 48). M: Passeig de Gràcia (L2, L3, L4). Mon-Fri 10.30am-2pm, 4pm-7pm. Closed weekends and public holidays. [www.mmbcn.cat/en/](http://www.mmbcn.cat/en/)

**Permanent exhibition**

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

**Museu de les Ciències Naturals de Barcelona**

(Pl. de Leonardo da Vinci, 4-5, Parc del Fòrum). M: El Maresme/Fòrum (L4). Tue-Fri 10am-6pm; Sat 10am-7pm; Sun and public holidays 10am-8pm. Closed Mon (except public holidays) and Jan 1. First Sunday of month all day, and other Sundays from 3pm, free. <http://museuciencies.cat/en/>

**Planet Life**

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

sections such as 'The biography of the Earth' and 'Islands of Science'.

**Som natura**

Jan 15-Nov 10. This show ('We are nature') looks at the different kinds of beauty that can be found in nature, while also highlighting the effects of human action on biodiversity and eco-systems.

**Museu Egipci de Barcelona**

(València, 284). M: Passeig de Gràcia (L2, L3, L4). Until Jan 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, 6. [www.museuegipci.com/en/](http://www.museuegipci.com/en/)

**Permanent exhibition**

Almost a thousand items that date from the ancient civilisation of the Pharaohs. Tutankhamun, history of a discovery No end date. How the tomb of the famous Egyptian king was uncovered.

**Museu Etnològic i de Cultures del Món - Montcada**

(Montcada, 12). M: Jaume I (L4). Tue-Sat 10am-7pm; Sun and public holidays 10am-8pm. Closed Mon and Jan 1. First Sunday of month all day, and other Sundays from 3pm, free. <http://ajuntament.barcelona.cat/museuetnologic/en/home>

**Ifni. Catalan military service in Africa**

Until Jan 23. For a large part of the 20th century, young Spanish men had to do military service. Among the different postings was Ifni, a small Spanish enclave on the Moroccan coast.

**Permanent exhibition**

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

**Museu Etnològic i de Cultures del Món - Parc Montjuïc**

(Passeig de Santa Madrona, 16-22). M: Poble Sec (L3), Espanya (L1, L3; FGC). Tue-Sat 10am-7pm; Sun and



Francis Picabia. Había II. Fundación Mapfre

public holidays 10am-8pm. Closed Mon and Jan 1. First Sunday of month all day and other Sundays from 3pm, free. <http://ajuntament.barcelona.cat/museuetnologic/en/home>

**The faces of Barcelona**

This show invites visitors to take a fresh look at the city through a selection of carefully chosen objects. Feel our heritage Permanent exhibition that aims to explain our society through the comparison of different places and times.

**MEAM: Museu Europeu d'Art Modern**

(Barra de Ferro, 5). M: Jaume I (L4). Tue-Sun 11am-7pm. Closed Mon and Jan 1. [www.meam.es/en/](http://www.meam.es/en/)

**Contemporary figurative art of the 21st century**

Permanent exhibition of nearly 300 paintings and 80 sculptures.

**Museu Frederic Marès**

(Plaça de Sant Iu, 5). M: Liceu (L3), Jaume I (L4). Tue-Sat 10am-7pm; Sun and public holidays 11am-8pm. Closed Mon (except public holidays) and Jan 1. First Sunday of month all day, and other Sundays from 3pm, free. [w110.bcn.cat/museufredericmares/eng](http://w110.bcn.cat/museufredericmares/eng)

**Permanent exhibition**

Wide-ranging display includes Frederic Marès's sculpture collection, his 'collector's cabinet', which houses thousands of items that he collected during his life, and his newly renovated library-study.

**Nativity and classic figures**

Until Feb 3. The museum celebrates Christmas with an elaborate nativity scene and display of different figures courtesy of the Associació de Pessebristes de Barcelona (pessebre means 'nativity scene').

**'Nu' bronze sculpture**

Until Nov 24. Featured in the courtyard of the museum, this sculpture by Marès himself welcomes visitors to the venue as it marks its 70th anniversary and the renovation of the collector's study-library.

**Adoration of the Magi**

Until Feb 2. Itinerary around the museum that takes in eight sculptures from the permanent collection that are somehow related to the story of the Adoration of the Magi.

**Museu Marítim de Barcelona**

(Av. de les Drassanes, s/n). M: Drassanes (L3). Daily 10am-8pm. Closed Jan 1, 6. Sundays from 3pm, free. <http://mmb.cat/en/>

**Antoni Benaiges, the teacher who promised the sea**

Until May 1. The story of teacher Antoni Benaiges (1903-1936) who worked during the Spanish Republic in a rural school.

**Port, frontier territory**

Until Jan 14. A look at life in public and private spaces in the city's neighbourhoods that adjoin Barcelona port, both current and some that have disappeared. Photos, videos and watercolours make up the show.

**Royal boatyards and galleys**

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

**Continents and Waves in the workshop**

Until Mar 3. Two different works from artist Xavier Masero: the first focuses on amphoras that for centuries played a key role in Mediterranean culture and includes 60 pieces of porcelain; the second is a video installation that explores the reflection of nature in material created by humans.

**7 boats, 7 stories**

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

**Display of vessels**

Semi-permanent exhibition of various boats that are part of the museum's extensive collection. Restoration in full view of the Museum's boats The museum has reopened all the spaces of the medieval Royal Boatyards, where three historic boats are currently being restored.

**A centenary boat**

Until Jan 13. Discover the history of the Santa Eulàlia schooner, moored in Barcelona port.

**Museu Nacional d'Art de Catalunya**

(Parc de Montjuïc). M: Espanya (L1, L3; FGC). Tue-Sat 10am-6pm; Sun and public holidays 10am-3pm. Closed Mon (except public hols) and Jan 1. Saturdays from 3pm, and first Sunday of every month, free. [www.museunacional.cat/en](http://www.museunacional.cat/en)

**Permanent exhibition**

Most important collection of painted Romanic murals and Catalan modernisme in the world. In addition, the Museu Nacional recently inaugurated a new layout for its display of Renaissance and Baroque artworks by iconic European painters such as El Greco, Tintoretto, Canaletto and Rubens, among many others. The almost 300 pieces on show (taken from the museum's archive of around 1,400 works) were all produced between the 16th and early 19th centuries, and many have rarely been shown in public before - don't miss your opportunity to see this unique collection. And during your visit, head up to the rooftop, the perfect spot for enjoying panoramic views of the city.

**Liberxina, Pop and New Artistic Practices, 1966-1971**

Until Apr 22. Coinciding with the 50th anniversary of May 1968, this show looks at the artistic projects coming out of Catalonia during the second half of the 1960s, based on the ideals of generational renewal



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and revolution witnessed in different places across the world.

**Room**  
Until Feb 3. This installation is part of the work done by artist Pedro G. Romero since the late 1990s on the torture cells that French painter and architect Alphonse Laurencic built between 1937 and 1939 for the Spanish Republican Army's Military Information Service.

**Museu Olímpic i de l'Esport Joan Antoni Samaranch** (Av. de l'Estadi Olímpic, 60). M: Espanya (L1, L3; FGC). Tue-Sat 10am-6pm; Sun and public holidays 10am-2.30pm. Closed Mon (except public holidays) and Jan 1. [www.museuolimpicbcn.cat/eng/home.asp](http://www.museuolimpicbcn.cat/eng/home.asp)  
Permanent exhibition Explore in-depth the worlds of sport and the Olympic Games.

**It was 40 years ago. The start of sporting policy in Barcelona**  
Until Mar 8. Between 1979 and 1986, Barcelona City Council carried out the crucial task of democratising sport in the city via various policies that can still be identified today. This exhibition features some of those actively involved in this evolution that took place during the early years of democracy in Spain, and the main tools used to bring about change to sport in the city.

**Museu Picasso** (Montcada, 15-23). M: Jaume I (L4). Mon 10am-5pm; Tue-Sun (except Thu) 9am-7pm; Thu 9am-9.30pm; Jan 5 9am-5pm. Closed Jan 1. Every Thu 6pm-9.30pm and first Sunday of month all day, free entry. [www.museupicasso.bcn.cat/en](http://www.museupicasso.bcn.cat/en)

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

**Picasso discovers Paris**  
Until Jan 20. An unmissable exhibition of Impressionist and Symbolist pieces from the Musée d'Orsay in Paris, which give an idea of the impact the French capital had on the

Spanish artist when he visited in his youth.

**Pablo Picasso and the publishers Gustavo Gili. Work and friendship**  
Until Feb 24. This is the first presentation of the Gustavo Gili and Anna Maria Torra Archive featuring a body of work that includes some pieces not seen in public before. It focuses on the relationship between Pablo Picasso and publishers Gustavo Gili.

**Sabartés by Picasso by Sabartés**  
Until Feb 24. Marking 50 years since the death of the founder of the Picasso Museum, Jaume Sabartés, this show looks at this man who was a friend and confidante of Picasso and played a key role in his prestigious career.

**Palau Güell** (Nou de la Rambla, 3-5). M: Liceu (L3). Tue-Sun 10am-5.30pm. Closed Mon (except public holidays), Jan 1, 6 and third week of January. First Sunday of month, free. [www.palauguell.cat/en](http://www.palauguell.cat/en)

**Palau Güell: A look at the furniture**  
This permanent exhibition is situated on the bedroom floor and features original furniture that decorated the building when the Güell family were living there.

**Eusebi Güell i Bacigalupi, patrician of the Renaixença**  
Until Apr 30. A special exhibition that remembers Eusebi Güell, patron of Gaudí and the man who had the Palau Güell built for his family, on the occasion of the centenary of his death in 1918.

**Palau Robert** (Pg. de Gràcia, 107). M: Diagonal (L3, L5). FGC: Provença. Mon-Sat 9am-8pm; Sun and public holidays 9am-2.30pm; Jan 5 9am-5pm. Closed Jan 1, 6. <http://palaurobert.gencat.cat/en/inici/index.html>

**Creators of conscience. 40 committed photojournalists**  
Until Feb 10. A selection of images by different photojournalists that



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have appeared in leading publications around the world and that will connect with the collective consciousness of visitors.

**Patufet, where are you? Aureli Capmany (1868-1954)**  
Until Jan 20. This exhibition is dedicated to Aureli Capmany, who created different cultural and civic initiatives, and the children's magazine, En Patufet.

**Kosmos Panikkar**  
Until Feb 3. Exhibition focused on philosopher Raimon Panikkar with the aim of widening the audience for his work. The show is part of a programme of events that mark 100 years since his birth.

**6th DocFIELD Festival**  
Until Feb 3. As part of this year's festival (whose theme this year is Love, the effects of affection), the Palau Robert hosts three different exhibitions: 'The Family Imprint' by Nancy Borowick, 'Senior Love Triangle' from Isadora Kosofsky, and 'Family Portrait' a collective featuring the work by various professional photographers.

**Reial Monestir de Santa Maria de Pedralbes** (Baixada del Monestir, 9). FGC: Reina Elisenda. Tue-Sun 10am-7pm; public holidays

(Jan 6) 10am-2pm. Closed Mon and Jan 1. Sundays from 3pm, and first Sunday of month all day, free.

**Life? or Theatre? Charlotte Salomon, Berlin 1917-Auschwitz 1943**  
Until Feb 17. An homage to Charlotte Salomon, a Jewish artist who was deported to Auschwitz aged just 26. Her life was short but intense, marked by love and death and a family history that led her to art as a place for catharsis and salvation.

**Divine murals. Sant Miquel Chapel**  
Until May. Exhibition of recently restored Gothic murals from the 14th century. Pedralbes Monastery. The treasures of the Monastery Permanent exhibition of art, furniture and liturgical items. Plants, remedies and apothecaries; the medieval garden Permanent exhibition about how Greek and Roman medicine, with Arab-Islamic culture, uses nature as the basis of treating sickness.

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

# Music

## CONCERT VENUES

**L'Auditori** (Lepant, 150). M: Glòries & Marina (L1), Monumental (L2). [www.auditori.cat/en/home](http://www.auditori.cat/en/home)

**Gran Teatre del Liceu** (La Rambla, 51-59). M: Liceu (L3). [www.liceubarcelona.cat/en#](http://www.liceubarcelona.cat/en#)

**Palau de la Música Catalana** (Palau de la Música, 4-6). M: Urquinaona (L1, L4). [www.palaumusica.cat/en](http://www.palaumusica.cat/en)

**Jamboree** (Pl. Reial, 17). M: Liceu (L3). [www.masimas.com/en/jamboree](http://www.masimas.com/en/jamboree)

**Moog** (Arc del Teatre, 3). M: Liceu and Drassanes (L3). [www.masimas.com/en/moog](http://www.masimas.com/en/moog)

**Palau Sant Jordi + Sant Jordi Club** (Passeig Olímpic, 5-7). M: Espanya (L1, L3; FGC). [www.palausantjordi.cat/en/](http://www.palausantjordi.cat/en/) [www.santjordiclub.cat](http://www.santjordiclub.cat)

**Sala Barts + Barts Club** (Av. Paral·lel, 62). M: Paral·lel (L2, L3). [www.barts.cat/es/](http://www.barts.cat/es/)

**Sala Apolo + La [2] de Apolo** (Nou de la Rambla, 113, 111). M: Paral·lel. [www.sala-apollo.com/en/](http://www.sala-apollo.com/en/)

**Sala Razzmatazz** (Almogàvers, 122/Pamplona 88). M: Marina (L1), Bogatell (L4). [www.salarazzmatazz.com/en/](http://www.salarazzmatazz.com/en/)

## SPECIAL MUSIC VENUES

**Museu Europeu Art Modern (MEAM)** (Barra de Ferro, 5). M: Jaume I (L4). Weekly concerts of flamenco, classical music and blues in art museum.

**Palau Dalmases** (Montcada, 20). M: Jaume I (L4). Palace from the 17th-century hosts daily flamenco shows and weekly opera performances.

**Esglesia de Santa Anna** (Santa Anna, 29). M: Catalunya (L1, L3; FGC). Regular Spanish guitar concerts in 12th-century church.

**Santa Maria del Pi** (Pl. del Pi, 7). M: Catalunya (L1, L3; FGC). Historic church is setting for a variety of Spanish guitar concerts.

## OTHER SHOWS

**Palacio del Flamenco** (Balmes, 139). M: Diagonal (L3, L5); Provença (FGC). Daily 6pm, 7.50pm, 9.40pm (shows start later). Live flamenco every evening with the option of an

accompanying meal or drink.

**Sala Tarantos** (Plaça Reial, 17). M: Liceu (L3). Daily 7.30pm, 8.30pm, 9.30pm. Live flamenco show in central venue.

**Tablao de Carmen** Poble Espanyol (Av. Francesc Ferrer i Guàrdia, 13). M: Espanya (L1, L3; FGC). Daily 6pm, 8.30pm (shows start later). Flamenco shows and dinner in venue that pays tribute to Barcelona flamenco star Carmen Amaya.

**Tablao Cordobés** (La Rambla, 3-5). M: Drassanes, Liceu (L3). Daily 5pm, 6pm, 7.30pm, 9.15pm, 10.30pm (shows start later). Authentic tablao at the heart of the city for tapas, drink and meal plus flamenco show. This month's stars include Yiyo Fernández (Oct 1-4, 6-11, 13-15), Karime Amaya (1-4, 6-11, 13-31), Laura González (16-31) and Hiniesta Cortés (1-15). In addition, in October the Tablao

hosts two special flamenco shows at the Palau de la Música Catalana: **Carmen, Carmen, Carmen** (Fri 5; 9pm) and **Vivir Flamenco** (Fri 12; 9pm). (Palau de la Música, 4-6). M: Urquinaona (L4).

**Opera y Flamenco** Teatre Poliorama (La Rambla, 115). M: Catalunya (L1, L3; FGC). Palau de la Música Catalana (Palau de la Música, 4-6). M: Urquinaona (L4). These city centre venues host regular performances of two shows that celebrate the beauty of two musical genres. The first, **Opera and flamenco**, is a love story that tells the tale of a tempestuous affair between flamenco dancers who perform to some of opera's most famous arias. The other is **Grand Flamenco Gala**, offering the chance to hear the most traditional sounds of classic Spanish flamenco, with an intense performance full of passion.

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# Theatre



Jean Eyre. Teatre Lliure © Ros Ribas

**El Molino**  
(Vilà i Vilà, 99).  
M: Paral·lel (L2, L3).  
[http://elmolinobcn.com/  
language/en/](http://elmolinobcn.com/language/en/)

**20 Festival Mil·lenni: Pavla**  
Jan 31. 9pm. 13€. Born in  
Barcelona and now living  
between here and Brighton,  
young singer Pavla presents  
her second album, *Secretly*  
hoping you catch me looking,  
which was released in  
November last year.

**Teatre Coliseum**  
(Gran Via de les Corts  
Catalans, 595). M: Passeig de  
Gràcia (L2, L3, L4), Universitat  
(L1, L2).  
[www.lafamiliaaddams.com](http://www.lafamiliaaddams.com)

**La Família Addams**  
Until Jan 13. Wed, Thu  
8.30pm; Fri 9.30pm; Sat 6pm,  
9.30pm; Sun 6pm; check  
website for special seasonal  
performances. From 28€. The  
enduringly popular story of  
the spookiest family on screen  
comes to Barcelona in the form  
of a musical extravaganza that  
originated in the USA in 2009.  
In Spanish.

**Teatre Gaudí Barcelona**  
(Sant Antoni Maria Claret, 120).  
M: Sagrada Família (L2, L5)

and Sant Pau/Dos de Maig  
(L5).  
[www.teatregaudibarcelona.  
com/es/](http://www.teatregaudibarcelona.com/es/)

**Carrie**  
Until Jan 4. Thu-Sat 9pm; Sun  
7pm. 26€. Based on Stephen  
King's famous horror novel,  
this is a musical version of the  
story about the eponymous  
teenager with hidden powers.  
In Catalan.

**Les Dones del Frank**  
Until Jan 27. Fri, Sat 7pm; Sun  
5pm; check website for special  
seasonal performances. 24€. Musical  
show dedicated to Frank Sinatra  
featuring songs, anecdotes and  
lots of laughs. In Catalan.

**Els Tres Porquets**  
Until Feb 24. Sat 5pm; Sun,  
noon. No shows Jan 5, 6. 15€. Musical  
theatre suitable for all ages  
featuring the three little pigs.  
In Catalan.

**Teatre Lliure (Montjuïc – Sala Fabià Puigserver)**  
(Pg. Santa Madrona 40-46 /  
Pl Margarida Xirgu, 1). M: Espanya  
(L1, L3; FGC), Poble Sec (L3).  
[www.teatrelliure.com/en](http://www.teatrelliure.com/en)

**Dones lliures**  
Jan 9-20. Check website for

times. 9€-12€. This project  
organised by the Teatre Lliure  
wants to be a forum for artistic  
and social debate, two weeks  
that explore the role of women  
in today's world and the  
continuing power of the patriarchy.

**Así que pasen cinco años**  
Jan 18-20. Fri 8.30pm; Sat 7pm;  
Sun 6pm. 22€-29€. The  
Andalucian theatre company  
Atalaya Teatro perform a new  
production of this surrealist  
piece by Federico García Lorca.  
In Spanish.

**Aïc, el so de les esquerdes**  
Jan 23-Feb 3. Wed-Fri 8.30pm;  
Sat 5.30pm, 9pm; Sun 6pm.  
19.50€-23€. Sisters Ariadna and  
Clara Peya together are Les  
Impuxibles and they originally  
performed this treatise against  
sexual violence at the 2017 Grec  
arts festival. In Catalan.

**Saigon**  
Jan 25, 26. Fri 8.30pm; Sat 7pm.  
22€-29€. French company les  
Hommes Approximatifs bring  
this tale of exile, a slice of history  
between Saigon and Paris from  
1956 to 1996. In French and  
Vietnamese with surtitles in  
Catalan.

**Teatre Lliure (Gràcia)**  
(Montseny, 47). M: Fontana  
(L3).  
[www.teatrelliure.com/en](http://www.teatrelliure.com/en)

**Jane Eyre, una autobiografia**  
Jan 10-Feb 1. Tue-Fri 8.30pm;  
Sat 7pm; Sun 6pm. 22€-29€. Based  
on the emblematic novel by  
Charlotte Brontë, this award-  
winning production makes a  
return to the Teatre Lliure. In  
Catalan.

**Teatre Nacional de Catalunya (TNC)**  
(Pl. de les Arts, 1). M: Glòries  
(L1), Monumental (L2).  
[www.tnc.cat/en/home](http://www.tnc.cat/en/home)

**La niña gorda**  
Until Jan 4. Wed-Sat 8pm; Sun  
6pm. 17€-20€. Renowned as  
one of the best Catalan novels  
from the middle of the 20th  
century, Santiago Rusiñol's  
parody *La niña gorda* (The fat  
girl) is here given a theatrical  
take by writer and actor Jordi  
Oriol. In Catalan.

**Amanda T**  
Jan 10-20. Wed 7pm; Thu-Sat  
8pm; Sun 6pm. 10€-20€. Based  
on the true story of Canadian  
Amanda Todd, who at 15 took  
her own life after having  
announced her reasons on  
social media, this performance  
is a reflection on the power  
that online visibility and  
success has nowadays. In  
Spanish.

**Afany's d'amor perduts**  
Jan 17-Feb 24. Sat 8pm; Sun  
6pm. 12€-24€. Translated  
version of Shakespeare's  
comedy *Love's Labour's Lost*,  
about the king of Navarre and  
three companions who try to  
avoid getting involved with  
women so they can focus on  
studying and fasting, a popular  
reflection on love and reason.  
In Catalan.

**Petits Prínceps**  
Jan 23-Feb 3. Sat 5pm; Sun  
noon. 8€-10€. Mumusic Circus  
are behind this story of Clara,  
who loves to daydream and  
sing, and her friend Marçal,  
a fan of playing musical  
instruments and do acrobatics.  
Together they make up songs  
and make the most of their  
imaginations. For children  
aged 2 and above.

# Dance

**La bona persona de Sezuán**  
Jan 31-Mar 17. Thu-Sat 8pm;  
Sun 6pm. 14.50€-29€. Performance  
of Bertolt Brecht's *The Good  
Person of Sezechwan*, a parable  
set in the Chinese city and  
intended to be staged using  
methods of epic theatre. In  
Catalan.

**Teatre Poliorama**  
(La Rambla, 115). M: Catalunya  
(L1, L3; FGC).  
[www.teatrepoliorama.com/es/  
inicio.html](http://www.teatrepoliorama.com/es/inicio.html)

**Maremar**  
Until Jan 13. Check website  
for times and prices. Based on  
Shakespeare's *Pericles, Prince  
of Tyre*, this performance from  
popular Catalan theatre group  
Dagoll Dagom is the story of a  
family fighting to be reunited.  
In Catalan.

**La Tendresa**  
Jan 19-Feb 24. Check website  
for times. From 10€. Award-  
winning version of Alfredo  
Sanzol's *La Ternura*, a romantic  
comedy full of adventure that's  
inspired by the work of  
Shakespeare and set in the  
17th century. In Catalan.

**Teatre Victòria**  
(Paral·lel, 67). M: Paral·lel (L2,  
L3).  
[www.teatrevictoria.com/es/  
inicio.html](http://www.teatrevictoria.com/es/inicio.html)

**Hits**  
Until Feb 3. Check website  
for times and prices. Tricicle is  
a much-loved trio of Catalan  
performers, renowned for their  
comedy and mime sketches.  
This show features some of  
their most well-known gags  
that many locals know by  
heart. In Catalan.

**La Plaça del Diamant**  
Jan 8-29. Tue 8.30pm. A modern  
take on *The Time of Doves*, an  
iconic Catalan novel from  
writer Mercè Rodoreda set in  
the time of the Spanish Republic  
(1931-1939) and Civil War and  
describing the situation faced  
by many women during that  
period. In Catalan.

**Casino Aliança**  
(Rambla del Poblenou, 42).  
M: Poblenou (L4).  
[www.casinoalianca.cat/es/](http://www.casinoalianca.cat/es/)  
[www.catalunyaballet.com](http://www.catalunyaballet.com)

**Ballet de Catalunya presents 'Don Quixot'**  
Jan 26, 27. Sat 8.30pm, Sun 6pm.  
18€-25€. The newly formed  
Ballet de Catalunya performs  
its version of the *Don Quixote*  
ballet, based on the renowned  
novel by Cervantes. Almost 25  
dancers participate in this  
showcase of choreography,  
skill and innovation.

**Mercat de les Flors**  
(Lleida, 59). M: Espanya (L1,  
L3; FGC), Poble Sec (L3).  
[www.mercatflors.cat/en/](http://www.mercatflors.cat/en/)

**Los Galindos: UduL**  
Jan 2-4. 7pm. 16€. Los Galindos  
is one of Catalonia's leading  
circus companies and here  
members set up their small  
yurt at the Mercat de les Flors  
once more with a production  
that's an exercise in research  
and the rediscovery of physical  
capabilities as well as the  
emotional confrontation of  
individuals with themselves.

**Pierre Rigal/Compagnie Dernière Minute: Mobile**  
Jan 2-4. 6pm. 16€. This new  
solo work from Pierre Rigal  
explains the story of a man  
who tries to fill the enormity  
of his essential space, a mix of  
theatre and dance that also  
uses humour as it looks at the  
relationship between objects  
and image.

**Compañía Vero Cendoya: La Partida**  
Jan 12, 13. Sat 8pm; Sun 6pm.  
16€. Performance that  
combines dance and football,  
and is based on Italian film  
*L'arbitro*. It features female  
dancers and professional  
footballers on stage to create  
a magical choreography that  
is very physical and delicate  
at the same time.

**Plan D: Ice Palace**  
Jan 12, 13, 19, 20. Sat 6pm;  
Sun noon. 12€. Family show  
from Dutch company Plan D  
featuring five explorers who  
set off on a trip to an icy  
universe, where they discover

the power of ice and its  
simultaneous vulnerability.  
*Otradanza* – Asun Noales/  
Susana Guerrero: Rito Jan 17.  
8pm. 16€. Art and dance  
come together in this  
choreography that reflects on  
the human condition and the  
forces of nature.

**Otradanza – Asun Noales/ Susana Guerrero: Da Capo**  
Jan 18-20. 8pm; Sun 6pm. 16€. Two  
Valencian choreographers  
come together to create this  
dance, based on the Italian  
musical expression 'da capo'  
which means 'from the top'  
and refers to repeating part  
or all of a composition from  
the beginning.

**7è Sàlmon< Festival**  
Jan 22-Feb 10. This annual  
cutting-edge dance festival  
is going through a process of  
change and will next year  
have a different structure.  
For its seventh edition, it  
focuses on experimentation  
and research, and adding  
value to these processes;  
local artists are at the fore  
although international  
performers are also featured.

**Marlene Monteiro Freitas: Bacants – Preludi per a una purga**  
Jan 25-27. 8pm; Sun 6pm.  
22€. Winner of a Silver Lion  
at the Venice Biennale, this  
work inspired by Bacants by  
Euripides includes  
irrationality, hysteria and  
madness, violence and a  
desire to enjoy a simple,  
quiet life.

Toruk. Cirque du Soleil. Palau Sant Jordi



**Palau Sant Jordi**  
(Pg. Olímpic, 5-7). M: Espanya  
(L1, L3; FGC).

[www.livenation.es](http://www.livenation.es)  
**Toruk – the first flight**  
Jan 18-20, 25-27. 9.30pm,  
Sun 4.30pm. From 34€. Created  
in 2015 this Cirque du Soleil  
production was inspired by  
James Cameron's mega-  
successful film *Avatar*. The  
titular Toruk is one of the  
many characters that appear  
as life-size puppets in the  
show, while of course it also  
features the company's  
famous acrobatics



# Visits

## PLACES OF INTEREST

### Basílica de la Sagrada Família

(Mallorca, 401). M: Sagrada Família (L2, L5). Daily 9am-6pm; Jan 1, 6 9am-2pm. From 15€. Prior reservation necessary. [www.sagradafamilia.org/en/](http://www.sagradafamilia.org/en/) Barcelona's most famous landmark, begun by Antoni Gaudí in 1891 and unfinished to this day. A spectacular example of the architect's genius.

### Basílica de Santa Maria del Mar

(Plaça de Santa Maria, 1). M: Jaume I (L4). Mon-Sat 9am-1pm, 5pm-8.30pm; Sun, public hols 9am-2pm, 5pm-8.30pm. Guided tours including rooftop: daily noon-6pm (various languages). From 8€. No tours Jan 1, 6. Beautiful Gothic church that's featured in popular novel The Cathedral of the Sea and whose rooftop provides stunning views of the city.

### Basílica de Santa Maria del Pi

(Plaça del Pi, 7). M: Liceu (L3), Jaume I (L4). Daily 10am-6pm. 4€. Guided tour including bell tower: daily noon, 1pm (check website for languages). 8.50€. Closed Jan 1, 6. One of Barcelona's grandest Gothic churches, with unforgettable vistas from its roof and a majestic bell tower that shouldn't be missed.

### Biblioteca Arús

(Pg. Sant Joan, 26). M: Arc de Triomf (L1), Tetuan (L2). Tue 11am (Eng), 1pm (Spa). 9€. Closed Jan 1. Created in 1895 using funds donated by Rossend Arús i Arderiu and located in his former home, this library specialises in research into social movements from the 19th and 20th centuries.

### Casa Amatller

(Pg. de Gràcia, 41). M: Passeig de Gràcia (L2, L3, L4). Guided tours (one hour): 11am (Eng),

5pm (Spa). 24€. Tours with video guide (45 mins): 10am-6pm (various languages). 19€. One of the city's most outstanding Modernista buildings, it was designed by architect Josep Puig i Cadafalch for Antoni Amatller, member of a well-known family of chocolate-makers.

### Casa Batlló

(Pg. de Gràcia, 43). M: Passeig de Gràcia (L2, L3, L4). Daily 9am-9pm. From 24.50€. Located on Passeig de Gràcia, this is a favourite among fans of Gaudí's work. The beauty of its exterior combines with a careful use of colour, forms and light in the interior.

### Casa de la Seda

(Sant Pere Més Alt, 1). M: Urquinaona (L1, L4), Jaume I (L4). Guided tour: Jan 26 11am (Spa/Eng), noon (Cat); 10€. Dramatised tour: Jan 12 11am (Spa), noon (Cat). 15€. This unique 18th-century building belongs to the city's guild of silk-workers, the only guild building in Barcelona that's open to the public. See its splendour, elegance and outstanding design.

### Casa de les Punxes

(Av. Diagonal, 420). M: Verdaguer (L4, L5), Diagonal (L3, L5). FGC: Provença. Daily 10am-7pm. Self-guided tour with audio guide (10 languages): 10€. Guided tours also available. This Modernista gem, the work of Josep Puig i Cadafalch, has a splendid rooftop and is full of symbolism that has a special focus on Sant Jordi, the patron saint of Catalonia.

### Casa Felip

(Ausiàs Marc, 21). M: Urquinaona (L1, L4). Fri 11am (Eng), 1pm (Spa). 14€. Once home to the Felip family, this apartment is an excellent example of Modernisme. Today it's the headquarters of the Fundació Vila Casas, which promotes contemporary Catalan art.

### Casa Rocamora

(Ballester, 12). M: Lesseps (L3); FGC: Pàdua/Putxet. Thu 11am (Eng), 1pm (Spa). 12€. The art collected by Manuel Rocamora (1892-1976), part of a wealthy industrial family who spent much of his life collecting pieces, is on display at his former home.

### Casa Vicens

(C/ de les Carolines, 20). M: Fontana, Lesseps (L3). Mon 10am-3pm; Tue-Sun 10am-7pm. 16€. Closed Jan 1, 6. A summer residence for the Vicens family, Casa Vicens was built between 1883 and 1885 and is the first house that Gaudí designed. It opened to the public at the end of 2017.

### Cementiri de Montjuïc

(Mare de Déu del Port, 56-58). Bus: 21. Tours on second and fourth Sun of month. Jan 13: 11.15am (Catalan); Jan 27: 11.15am (Spanish). [www.cbasa.cat/?lang=en](http://www.cbasa.cat/?lang=en) Barcelona's hillside graveyard is as much an art museum as a final resting-place, and has various noteworthy features such as the Fossar de la Pedrera memorial to some of those killed in the Civil War.

### Centre Excursionista de Catalunya

(Paradís, 10). M: Jaume I (L4). From Jan 10: guided tour (50 mins) Thu, Sun 10.30am, 11.30am, 12.30pm (various languages). From 7.20€. As well as being home to the remains of the 1st century Roman Temple of Augustus, this centre has 140 years of experience in scientific and cultural excursions, including archaeological excavations.

### Columbus Monument + Wine tasting

(Plaça del Portal, s/n). M: Drassanes (L3). Daily 8.30am-8.30pm. From 5.40€.

Closed Jan 1, 6. Take the lift to the top of one of the city's most iconic landmarks, the Columbus Monument on La Rambla, for spectacular 360° views. And once you're done, enjoy a wine tasting in the dedicated space at the foot of the monument; it includes a different **Wine of the Week** to sample every week of the year and which is available to buy at a discount.

### Gran Teatre del Liceu

(La Rambla, 51-59). M: Liceu (L3). Guided tours (45 mins): Mon-Fri 2pm-5pm (hourly); Sat 11am-5pm; 9€. Prestige tour (50 mins): Mon-Fri 11am, noon; 16€. Discover one of the world's greatest opera houses, with its impressive concert hall and exclusive private rooms that make it one of Barcelona's unmissable sights.

### La Pedrera

(Passeig de Gràcia, 92). M: Diagonal (L3, L5); FGC: Provença. Jan 1 11am-8.30pm; Jan 2, 3: Pedrera by Day: 9am-8.30pm, from 22€; Gaudí's Pedrera. The Origins: 9pm-11pm, 34€. Jan 4-6, 14-31: Pedrera by Day: daily 9am-6.30pm; Gaudí's Pedrera. The Origins: daily 7pm-9pm. The awakening of La Pedrera: Wed-Fri 8am (Eng), 39€. Closed Jan 7-13. Many Barcelona inhabitants believe this is Gaudí's true masterpiece. The wavy lines of its façade, the stunning roof terrace and original interior features are just some of the highlights.

### Observatori Fabra

(Camí de l'Observatori, s/n). To get there, you need a car or can take a taxi. From Jan 11: evening guided tours: Fri (Cat/Spa), Sat (Cat/Spa/Eng); 15€/25€. [www.sternalia.com/en/](http://www.sternalia.com/en/) Head to Barcelona's hillside observatory for an evening guided tour, plus a look through the historical telescope.



Sant Pau Recinte Modernista

### Palau Baró de Quadras

(Av. Diagonal, 373). M: Diagonal (L3, L5); FGC: Provença. Wed 11am (Eng), 1pm (Spa). From 10€. This building was remodelled by Josep Puig i Cadafalch between 1902 and 1906, and was one of the first houses to be constructed on Avinguda Diagonal as part of the city's expansion project.

### Palau Güell

(Nou de la Rambla, 3-5). M: Liceu (L3). Tue-Sun 10am-5.30pm. Closed Mon (except public hols), Jan 1, 6 and third week of January. 12€. [www.palauguell.cat/en](http://www.palauguell.cat/en) Built by Gaudí in the late 19th century just off La Rambla, this palace was inhabited by his principal patron, Eusebi Güell, and his family.

### Palau de la Balmesiana

(Duran i Bas, 9-11). M: Jaume I (L4), Catalunya (L1, L3; FGC). From Jan 10: Thu, Sun 10.30am, 11.30am, 12.30pm (various languages). From 7.20€. Discover an architectural beauty hidden inside this historic palace, a Gothic-style chapel designed by a disciple of Gaudí, Joan Rubió i Bellver.

### Palau de la Música Catalana

(Palau de la Música, 4-6). M: Urquinaona (L1, L4). Daily 10am-3.30pm (guided tours every 30 mins, various languages); Jan 1 11.30am-2pm. From 20€. Step inside one of the most beautiful Modernista buildings in the city, which has been a UNESCO World Heritage Site since 1997.

### Palau Requesens

(Bisbe Cassador, 3). M: Liceu (L3), Jaume I (L4). From Jan 12: Fri, Sat 7.30pm: Guided tours with glass of cava and sword fight, 20€; tour, supper & medieval show, from 71€ (check available dates on website). Day guided tour: Sat 11.30am, 12.30pm, 1.30pm. 8€. This palace was built on one of the towers from the wall that surrounded Roman Barcelona. Where better to enjoy an evening of history, food and drink, and entertainment?

### Palauet Casades

(Mallorca, 283). M: Diagonal (L3, L5). Mon 11am (Eng), 1pm (Spa). From 10€. Created as a family home by Antoni Serra i Pujals, this Modernista building became the office for the city's lawyers' association in 1924.

### Park Güell

(Olot, 5). M: Vallcarca (L3). Daily 8.30am-6.15pm. 8.50€. Daily general guided tours (Spa, Eng and Fre); daily private guided tours for 2-5 people. Advanced booking recommended. [www.parkguell.cat/en/](http://www.parkguell.cat/en/) Set in a privileged spot above the city, this park was intended as Gaudí's take on an English garden city. Despite its lack of success at the time, it has become one of Barcelona's most-visited landmarks.

### Pavelló Mies van der Rohe

(Av. Francesc Ferrer i Guàrdia, 7). M: Espanya (L1, L3; FGC). Daily 10am-6pm. 5€. [www.miesbcn.com](http://www.miesbcn.com) Symbolic work from the Modern movement, the Pavelló was designed by Ludwig Mies van der Rohe and Lilly Reich as the German national pavilion for the 1929 Barcelona International Exhibition.

### Reial Acadèmia de Ciències i Arts de Barcelona

(La Rambla, 115). M: Catalunya (L1, L3; FGC). From Jan 9: Wed, Sat 10.30am, 11.30am, 12.30pm (various languages). From 7.20€. This illustrious institution is located in an 18th-century building at the heart of the city. Albert Einstein explained the fundamentals of relativity there and it's home to an 1869 astronomical clock.

### Reial Acadèmia de Farmàcia de Catalunya

(C/del Hospital, 56). M: Sant Antoni (L2), Liceu (L3). From Jan 9: Wed, Sat 10.30am, 11.30am, 12.30pm (various languages). From 7.20€. Dating from 1417, the pharmacy of the one-time Hospital of the Holy Cross is the oldest of its kind in Europe. It's currently home to the Royal Academy of Pharmacy of Catalonia and contains numerous historical artefacts.

### Reial Acadèmia de Medicina de Catalunya

(Carme, 47). M: Liceu (L3). From Jan 12: Dinner of the Senses: an introduction to neuroscience and a gastronomic experience involving all your senses; Sat 8pm, from 71€. From Jan 11: Dinner of the Enigma: enjoy a culinary and cultural experience full of surprises and mystery; Fri 8pm, from 71€. From Jan 5: guided tours: Wed, Sat 10.30am, 11.30am, 12.30pm (various languages). From 7.20€. Located in one of Barcelona's most important neo-classical buildings, highlights include the anatomy amphitheatre that was used to train surgeons. Take a guided tour or enjoy one of the two special themed dinners on offer.

### Sant Pau, Art Nouveau Site

(Sant Antoni Maria Claret, 167). M: Sant Pau/Dos de Maig (L5). Mon-Sat 9.30am-4.30pm; Sun and public hols 9.30am-2.30pm. Self-guided tour: 14€. Audio-guided tour: 17€. Closed Jan 1, 6. Tour the buildings and grounds of this one-time working hospital, which is one of the world's largest Art Nouveau monuments.

### Torre Bellesguard

(Bellesguard, 20). FGC: Av. Tibidabo. Tue-Sun 10am-3pm. Closed Mon. Self-guided tour with audio guide: 9€. Full guided tour: Sat, Sun 11am (Eng); Sat noon, Sun 1.15pm (Spa); 16€. Closed Jan 1, 6. This castle was created by Gaudí at the foot of Tibidabo mountain, and his design combines Modernisme and medieval Gothic designs.

## GUIDED TOURS

### Icono

### Stories and legends of the Gothic quarter

(Start: Plaça Nova, 5). M: Jaume I (L4). Thu 3.30pm (Eng/Spa). From 15€. Explore the heart of the Ciutat



# Visits

Vella, discover its long history and see some of the city's emblematic landmarks.

### The Ghost Walking Tour

(Start: Arc de Triomf, Pg. Lluís Companys). M: Arc de Triomf (L1). Fri 9.30pm (Spa/Eng). From 14€.  
A two-hour tour around some of the spookiest corners of Barcelona.

### The Shadow of the Wind Literary Tour

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

### The Cathedral of the Sea

(Start: Plaça de Santa Maria del Mar). M: Jaume I (L4). Sun 10am (Spa/Cat). From 14€.  
If you enjoyed Ildefonso Falcones's eponymous novel, check out this tour that takes in some of the places mentioned in the book.

### Cases Singlars

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

### Puig i Cadafalch in Montjuïc Route

Start: Torres Venecianas, Plaça Espanya. M: Espanya (L1, L3; FGC). Jan 3 11am. 12€. Guided tour that takes in the key buildings and spaces on Montjuïc that architect Josep Puig i Cadafalch created for the Universal Exposition held in Barcelona in 1929.

### Walking Tours Barcelona

### Walking Tour Picasso

(Start: Turisme de Barcelona Tourist Information Point, Plaça Catalunya, 17, basement). M: Catalunya (L1, L3; FGC). Tue, Thu, Sat 3pm (Eng). From 19.80€. No tour Jan 1.  
Pablo Picasso spent several of his formative years living in Barcelona, and this tour includes places that inspired him in his youth and the world-renowned Museu Picasso that the artist

helped to create.

### Walking Tour Gòtic

(Start: Turisme de Barcelona Tourist Information Office Sant Jaume, Ciutat, 2). M: Liceu (L3) and Jaume I (L4). Daily 9.30am (Eng); Sat 11.30am (Spa/Cat); Thu 11.30am (Fre). From 14.40€. No tours Jan 1, 6.  
Take an in-depth look at the oldest part of the city, the Gothic Quarter, and learn about its development from Roman times to the medieval period.

### Walking Tour Gòtic

(Start: Turisme de Barcelona Tourist Information Office Sant Jaume, Ciutat, 2; wheelchair access is through the main door of City Hall). M: Liceu (L3) and Jaume I (L4). Fri 10am (Eng), noon (Spa/Cat). From 12.15€.  
Suitable for anyone with reduced mobility, this one-hour tour in the centre of Barcelona is accessible to all and includes history, architecture and curious facts.

### Barcelona Genuine Shops

(Start: Turisme de Barcelona Tourist Information Office Sant Jaume, Ciutat, 2). M: Liceu (L3) and Jaume I (L4). Jan 4 3.30pm (Eng/Spa/Cat). From 25€.

Get ready for an authentic retail therapy experience with this tour of some of Barcelona's most interesting and unique shops that includes the chance to meet the producers of speciality food, jewellery, footwear and more. A premium tour is available Mon to Sat for groups of 1-10 people (no tours Jan 1).

### Walking Tour Modernisme

(Start: Turisme de Barcelona Tourist Information Point, Plaça Catalunya, 17, basement). M: Catalunya (L1, L3; FGC). Wed, Fri 3.30pm (Eng). From 14.40€.  
A two-hour tour that takes in some of Barcelona's finest architecture from the Catalan Art Nouveau movement of the late 19th and early 20th centuries.

### Walking Tour Gourmet

(Start: Turisme de Barcelona Tourist Information Office Sant Jaume, Ciutat, 2). M: Liceu (L3) and Jaume I (L4). Mon, Fri 10.30am (Eng). From 19.80€.  
This guided tour combines fine food and history, giving you the chance to sample local products and discover some of the city's cultural heritage.

### 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 morning.  
[www.airedebarcelona.com](http://www.airedebarcelona.com)  
Indulge yourself at this luxurious spa.

### Gaudí Experiència

(Larrard, 41). M: Lesseps (L3). Daily 11.30am-4pm; Jan 1 noon-6.30pm. Closed Jan 6. From 8.10€.  
Interactive 4D journey through Gaudí's creativity.

### L'Aquàrium

(Moll d'Espanya del Port Vell, s/n). M: Barceloneta (L4), Drassanes (L3). Jan 1-6 and weekends 10am-8pm; Mon-Fri (from Jan 7) 10am-7.30pm. From 20€.  
The city's aquarium features a range of living creatures.

### Poble Espanyol

(Av. Francesc Ferrer i Guàrdia, 13). M: Espanya (L1, L3; FGC). Mon 9am-8pm; Tue-Thu, Sun 9am-midnight; Fri 9am-3am; Sat 9am-4am. From 11.90€.  
Architecture from around the country at this 'Spanish village'.

### PortAventura World theme park

(Av. Alcalde Pere Molas. Km. 2. Vila Seca (Tarragona)). T. 902 20 22 20. Train: Port Aventura (line R16 from Sants-Estació or Passeig de Gràcia;

renfe.es).

PortAventura Park: until Jan 6 10am-7pm; closed Dec 3-5, 10-14, 17-21. Ferrari Land: Dec 6, 7, 24-28, 31 and weekends, Jan 1-6 10.30am-5pm; Dec 5, 14, 21 6pm-11pm. From 49€.

Experience two different parks: PortAventura Park, that has rides, adventures and shows for everyone in six different themed areas; and Ferrari Land, a unique space in Europe that's dedicated to the fast cars with incredible rides and attractions as well as new experiences for kids that opened this year. And for the **Christmas season**, the park celebrates right up to January 6 with special parades, appearances from Father Christmas, unforgettable decorations and more. Get there direct by bus, 90 minutes from the centre of Barcelona – tickets available at tourist offices.

### Tibidabo theme park

(Pl. del Tibidabo, 3-4). Bus Tibibus (T2A) from Pl. de Catalunya. FGC: Av. Tibidabo (L7) + Bus 196 + Tibidabo Funicular. See link for opening times. From 27.08€.  
New and classic rides, plus amazing views across the city. And this month, the park's special Christmas schedule includes a new 4D film of The Little Prince, a festive Lego workshop and seasonal puppet show.

### Zoo de Barcelona

(Parc de la Ciutadella, s/n). M: Arc de Triomf (L1), Ciutadella/Vila Olímpica (L4). From 19.26€. Check website for opening times, activities, services and promotions.  
Animals large, small and all sizes in between.

### BUS TOURS

### Barcelona Bus Turístic

Different stops around the city. No tour Jan 1. From 30€.  
Get the most out of your trip to the city with a tour on this

hop on-hop off sightseeing bus. Three routes cover all of Barcelona's key landmarks, accompanied by an audio guide in 18 languages and a book of vouchers with discounts worth up to 250€.

### Catalunya Bus Turístic, different options including:

### Wine and Cava

(Start: Plaça Catalunya, in front of El Corte Inglés department store).

M: Catalunya (L1, L3; FGC). Thu, Sun 8.30am-4.15pm. No tour Jan 6. From 66.60€

Catalan wines have become increasingly popular in recent times and this is your chance to see how some of the best vintages from the local Penedès region are produced before sampling them alongside delicious cheese and other specialities.

### Dali's Figueres & Girona

(Start: Plaça Catalunya, in front

of El Corte Inglés department store). M: Catalunya (L1, L3; FGC).

Tue, Sat 8.30am-7.30pm. No tour Jan 1. From 71.10€  
Travel to two other capitals of Catalan culture, Girona and Figueres. In the first, you'll visit the Jewish quarter as well as other historic sights and streets; in the second, discover the unique world of artist Salvador Dalí at his Teatre-Museum, Catalonia's most-visited museum.

### Premium Montserrat

(Start: Plaça Catalunya, in front of El Corte Inglés department store). M: Catalunya (L1, L3; FGC). Mon, Fri 8.30am-5pm. From 63.90€  
This day trip takes you to the sacred mountain of Montserrat, where you can explore the monastery that's home to the Black Madonna and the Escolania boys' choir and take in the wonderful natural setting. You also visit Colonia Güell, a 19th-century workers' colony whose church was designed by Gaudí.

### Easy Montserrat

(Start: Plaça Catalunya on the corner of Rambla Catalunya in front of the Desigual shop). M: Catalunya (L1, L3; FGC). Wed, Sun 10am-4pm. No tour Jan 6. From 44.10€  
Ride the train up the mountain of Montserrat then enjoy a guided tour of this holy site with its Benedictine Monastery and statue of the Virgin of Montserrat. You'll also hear a performance from the world-famous Escolania boys' choir.

### Pyrenees Snow Experience

(Start: Plaça Catalunya, 14). M: Catalunya (L1, L3; FGC). Until Mar 23. Sat 8am-7.15pm (Eng, Cat, Spa). From 65.70€.  
Take a trip to the singular Núria Valley, an area almost 2,000m above sea level and not accessible by car; you'll get there by a unique rack train from the town of Ribes de Freser. The Valley itself is home to a church and sanctuary popular with pilgrims, and while there you can take the ski lift to the viewing-point and

enjoy a snowshoe tour of the surrounding area.

### Barcelona Skibus Alp 2500

(Start: Plaça Catalunya, 19, in front of Olivia Plaza Hotel). M: Catalunya (L1, L3; FGC). Until Mar 31 (no tours Jan 1, 6). Basic tour: Tue-Sun; All-inclusive tour: daily. 6.30am-4pm (Eng, Cat, Spa). From 59€.  
Ski fans should sign up for this one-day outing to Catalonia's largest skiable area, Alp 2500, which includes both the La Molina and Masella resorts with a combined 143km of ski runs. The All-inclusive ticket includes passes, a guide, an insurance and material (skis or snowboard, boots, sticks and helmet); the Basic ticket doesn't include material.

### Skibus La Molina – Masella

(Start: Plaça Catalunya, 19, in front of Olivia Plaza Hotel). M: Catalunya (L1, L3; FGC). Until Mar 31 (no tours Jan 1, 6). To La Molina: Wed, Fri, Sat; To Masella: Tue, Thu, Sun. 6.30am-4pm (Eng, Cat, Spa). From 41€  
If you're visiting Barcelona during winter, don't miss your chance to head up to the Pyrenees for a day of skiing. Choose between two of Catalonia's most popular resorts, La Molina and Masella; La Molina has 68km of skiable terrain and 63 runs, while Masella covers 74.5km and has 65 runs. Your ticket includes ski pass, insurance and a guide, and there's the option to rent equipment (skis, boots, sticks and helmet) for the day.

Casa Vicens





# Day by day

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TUESDAY

CHRISTMAS

### Pessebre de la Plaça Sant Jaume



(Plaça Sant Jaume). M: Liceu (L3), Jaume I (L4). Until Jan 6. 10am-midnight. Every year, Barcelona City Council sets up a large-scale nativity scene in this square at the heart of the city just in front of City Hall.

### Christmas at PortAventura World



(Av. Alcalde Pere Molas. Km. 2. Vila Seca (Tarragona)). Train: Port Aventura (line R16 from Sants-Estació or Passeig de Gràcia; renfe.es). Until Jan 6: 10am-7pm. Closed from Jan 7. From 49 Once more PortAventura celebrates Christmas with a full programme of events and activities, including parades and performances, visits from Father Christmas, decorations and more.

### Pessebre vivent de Corbera de Llobregat



(Canigó, 35, Corbera de Llobregat). Get there by Autocorb coach from Urgell, 229. Jan 1, 5, 12, 13. See website for start times. 13€. 'Living nativity scenes' (pessebre vivents) are a popular festive feature in Catalonia and see whole towns and villages converted into the setting for a re-telling of the Christmas story. Locals dress up and portray different scenes related to the birth of Jesus as the audience walk a set route. The event in Corbera de Llobregat is one of the most popular (it's wise to get your tickets in advance) thanks to the grand scale and careful attention to detail in its staging.

LIGHT SHOW

### Christmas light mapping Sant Pau, Art Nouveau Site



(Sant Antoni Maria Claret, 167). M: Sant Pau/Dos de Maig (L5).

Jan 1, 5, 6. 6pm-10.30pm. This regular Christmas event at the Modernista masterpiece that is the Sant Pau Art Nouveau Site sees its façade lit up in glorious colour.

FLAMENCO

### Grand Flamenco Gala



Palau de la Música Catalana (Palau de la Música, 4-6). M: Urquinaona (L1, L4). 5pm. 20€-50€. Hear the most traditional sounds of classic Spanish flamenco, with an intense performance full of passion.

SPANISH GUITAR

### Maestros of the Spanish Guitar



Basílica de Santa Maria del Pi (Pl. del Pi, 7). M: Catalunya (L1, L3; FGC). Jan 1-6, 9, 12, 16, 19, 23, 25, 27, 30. 9pm, except Sat 5, 12, 19 9.30pm. From 19€. Barcelona Guitar Trio perform a flamenco-fusion concert that pays homage to the iconic Paco de Lucía.

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WEDNESDAY

TOURS

### Family visits of Palau Baró de Quadras

(Avda Diagonal, 373). M: Diagonal (L3, L5). Until Jan 3. 11am. Special Christmas rate: 25.50€ 1 adult + 1 child. 20€ adults; 10€ children. <https://casessingulars.com/en/> Find out how people once lived in the Modernista palaces that are still dotted around Barcelona with these family-friendly tours. Suitable for children aged 5 and above.

### Modernista evenings at Palau Baró de Quadras

(Avda Diagonal, 373). M: Diagonal (L3, L5). Until Jan 4. 7pm. Special Christmas rate: 18.75€. 25€ adults; 12.50€ children aged 7-12. <https://casessingulars.com/en/> For a tour with a difference of this Modernista building, head

there for a dramatized evening visit that includes a glass of cava (fruit juice for kids). Suitable for children aged 7 and above.

WINE AND CAVA TASTING

### Tast amb Vi i Cava a Colom



Columbus Monument (Plaça del Portal, s/n). M: Drassanes (L3). Check website for times. Until Jan 6, enjoy a delicious Christmas experience at one of Barcelona's most famous landmarks with a wine and tasting session in a dedicated space at the foot of the Columbus Monument. Make the most of special offers and the wine of the week deal, as well as the chance to sample torrons, a local variety of nougat traditionally eaten during the festive season, and the Kings' Cake (tortell de Reis).

CHRISTMAS

### Christmas in Plaça Catalunya



(Plaça Catalunya). M: Catalunya (L1, L3; FGC). Until Jan 4. 11am-8.30pm. This large square at the centre of Barcelona fills with festive activities and workshops as well as information and ideas about how to have a more environmentally and socially responsible Christmas.

### Christmas at Tibidabo theme park



(Plaça del Tibidabo, 3-4). Bus Tibibus (T2A) from Plaça Catalunya. FGC: Av. Tibidabo (L7) + Bus 196 + Tibidabo Funicular. Jan 2-5. 11am-6pm. Closed from Jan 6. 28.50€ adults; 10.30€ children under 1.2m high. Barcelona's city theme park gets into the festive spirit with a series of special activities including a new 4D film version of The Little Prince, a Christmas Lego workshop, and a seasonal puppet show. There are also decorations, lights and a themed show.

### The spirit of Christmas at the Sagrada Família

Basílica de la Sagrada Família

(C/ de la Marina). M: Sagrada Família (L2, L5). Jan 2-5. Check website for times. 6.50€. Prior reservation necessary: [taller@sagradafamilia.org](mailto:taller@sagradafamilia.org). <http://www.sagradafamilia.org/en/>

A festive activity at one of Barcelona's most famous landmarks, this children's workshop includes a tour of the church with a focus on the Nativity façade, which tells the story of the birth of Jesus, and a handicraft session.

### Christmas activities at the Museu Marítim de Barcelona



(Av. de les Drassanes, s/n). M: Drassanes (L3). Jan 2-4. A sea of skies: 11am, 12.15pm. 4€ adults; 2.50€ children. A vessel in the laboratory: 12.15pm. 4.50€ children. 'A sea of skies' is aimed at kids aged three and above and explores questions related to the sky, the moon and the stars in the museum's digital planetarium, while 'A vessel in the laboratory' is for children aged 8 to 12 and lets them use restoration techniques to try to work out which is the most valuable of two apparently identical items in the museum.

### Christmas activities



L'Aquàrium (Moll d'Espanya del Port Vell, s/n). M: Barceloneta (L4), Drassanes (L3). Jan 2-4. 12pm-4pm. Come and paint your favourite fish or marine animal for a huge mural that will decorate the Aquarium during the festive season. Plus enjoy a special half-hour show for kids (noon, 5pm) and leave your message about what you think can be done to help look after our seas.

### Christmas workshops



CosmoCaixa (Isaac Newton, 26). FGC: Av. Tibidabo. Until Jan 5; check with museum for times and prices. As part of its special festive programme, CosmoCaixa hosts a number of kid-friendly workshops throughout the Christmas holidays. As well as 'Astronaut academy' and 'Robot coding', there's also

'Escape science. The keys to the universe', a large-scale escape room experience held in the centre's auditorium that involves participants trying to get confidential info from a robot without it self-destructing (aimed at children aged 14 and above).

### Retorn al futur, progrés al passat workshop at MACBA



(Plaça dels Àngels, 1). M: Universitat (L1, L2). Jan 2-4. 3€. Make the most of the holidays with these workshops at MACBA, aimed at children aged 6 to 12 and that explore sci-fi, time travel, city life and more to help participants make a comic.

COOKING

### Chocolate workshops

Museu de la Xocolata (Antic Convent de Sant Agustí, Comerç, 36). M: Arc de Triomf (L1). Until Jan 9. Check prices, dates and times on the website. [www.museuxocolata.cat/?lang=en](http://www.museuxocolata.cat/?lang=en) Throughout the Christmas period, Barcelona's Chocolate Museum is running a variety of chocolate workshops including one on making festive cookies, another about how to make chocolate tree decorations and one for very small children about fruit and chocolate.

SPANISH GUITAR

### The Art of the Spanish Guitar: concert and wine and dinner



Santa Anna Church (Santa Anna, 29). M: Catalunya (L1, L3; FGC). Jan 2, 3, 12, 19, 26. 9pm. 20€. Barcelona Duo de Guitarra perform a candlelit concert entitled 'Carmen', as you enjoy a glass of wine or a meal to accompany your musical experience.

DANCE

### Blink Flash Duncan

CaixaForum (Av. Francesc Ferrer i Guàrdia, 6-8). M: Espanya (L1, L3; FGC). Jan 2-4. Noon. 6€.

<http://caixaforum.es/es/barcelona>

This performance inspired by Isadora Duncan tells the story of a girl who finds herself on a lonely beach when the place suddenly fills with magic, colour and music. Recommended for children aged 2 and above.

TOURS

### Visit to archaeological site



El Born Centre de Cultura i Memòria (Plaça Comercial, 12). M: Jaume I & Barceloneta (L4), Arc de Triomf (L1). Tue-Fri 6pm, weekends 1pm (Spa); Tue-Sun 4.30pm (Eng). 5.50€, 6.60€. Prior booking necessary: [reserveselbornccm@eicub.net](mailto:reserveselbornccm@eicub.net). One-hour tour of remains from the start of the 18th century that were uncovered below the market that once stood on this site.

FAMILY

### Engraving and printing workshop



Museu Nacional d'Art de Catalunya (Parc de Montjuïc). M: Espanya (L1, L3; FGC). Jan 2-5. 11am-1pm. [www.museunacional.cat/en/](http://www.museunacional.cat/en/) Regular Christmas activity at the Catalan National Art Museum that sees an artist lead a family workshop where children and adults can interact, create and have fun. This year's event focuses on engraving and printing.

### Let's be archaeologists in the Born!

El Born Centre de Cultura i Memòria (Plaça Comercial, 12). M: Jaume I & Barceloneta (L4), Arc de Triomf (L1). 10am-2pm. 7€. <http://elbornculturaaimemoria.barcelona.cat/en/> Two-hour workshop that lets kids explore the preserved streets from Barcelona 1700, learn about the spaces and hidden surprises they contain with a historian and archaeologist. For children aged 7 to 11. In Catalan.

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THURSDAY

CHRISTMAS

### Nativity scene at the Reial Monestir de Santa Maria de Pedralbes

(Baixada del Monestir, 9). FGC: Reina Elisenda. Until Feb 2. <http://monestirpedralbes.bcn.cat/en/> Every year this historic convent in the upper part of Barcelona displays an extensive nativity scene created by the Associació Pessebristes de Barcelona, continuing a Christmas tradition that has long been important to the Catholic community.

### Christmas at PortAventura World



(Av. Alcalde Pere Molas. Km. 2. Vila Seca (Tarragona)). Train: Port Aventura (line R16 from Sants-Estació or Passeig de Gràcia; renfe.es). See Tue 1.

### Stories of everyday life



CCCB (Montalegre, 5). M: Catalunya (L1, L3; FGC). Jan 3, 4. 5.30pm. [www.cccb.org](http://www.cccb.org) Christmas screenings of animated films that tell stories about the daily lives of children and adults, both good times and bad.

### Christmas workshops



Museu del Disseny (Pl. de les Glòries Catalanes, 37-38). M: Glòries (L1). Jan 3, 4. 11am-1pm. 3€. Reserve in advance at: [reservesmuseudeldisseny@eicub.net](mailto:reservesmuseudeldisseny@eicub.net) Workshops for different age groups (5-8 years and 9-12 years) that let participants try their hand at designing and producing wrapping paper using stamps, or making chocolate letters.

### A chocolate Christmas



El Born Centre de Cultura i Memòria (Plaça Comercial, 12). M: Jaume I & Barceloneta (L4), Arc de Triomf (L1). 10am-2pm. 7€. Use all five senses to explore the Born site with this kids' workshop that delves into the

smells and tastes that would have been familiar to Barcelona residents 300 years ago, before a session making chocolate truffles in Christmas shapes. For children aged 7 to 11. In Catalan.

TOURS

### Catalan Parliament



(Parc de la Ciutadella, s/n). M: Ciutadella/Vila Olímpica (L4), Arc de Triomf (L1). You have to reserve your tour online at least two days in advance: [www3.parlament.cat/acces/visites/info/en/index.html](http://www3.parlament.cat/acces/visites/info/en/index.html) The Catalan parliamentary institution is one of the oldest in the world; today it's composed of a single house with 135 members. Take a 45-minute tour with an expert guide who explains the building's history and Parliament's functions.

FAMILY

### 3D Planetarium



CosmoCaixa (Isaac Newton, 26). FGC: Av. Tibidabo. Daily, check with museum for screening times. Explore the secrets of deep space with a range of screenings available in English, French, Spanish and Catalan.

### Games from around the world



Museu Etnològic i de Cultures del Món – Montcada (Montcada, 12). M: Jaume I (L4). 11.30am-1pm. <http://ajuntament.barcelona.cat/museuetnologic/en/home> This workshop gives kids the chance to try out games played by youngsters in other parts of the world and to visit the area in the American section dedicated to ball games that is part of the museum's permanent collection.

OPERA

### Opera at Palau Dalmaes



(Montcada, 20). M: Jaume I (L4). Every Thu. 11pm. 25€. La Petita Companyia Lírica de Barcelona performs in a unique historical venue.



# Day by day

## JAZZ

**Clarence Bekker Band**  
Jamboree (Pl. Reial, 17). M: Liceu (L3). Every Thu in January. 8pm, 10pm. 12€.  
[www.masimas.com/en/jamboree](http://www.masimas.com/en/jamboree)

Enjoy a session of jazz, soul and groove courtesy of long-time Barcelona resident Clarence Bekker, an outstanding singer from The Netherlands who was discovered while busking on the city's streets. Each week he's joined by a special guest and musicians expert in his 'jambosoul' sound.

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### FRIDAY

## LIGHT SHOW

**Mapping Parabolic Gaudí**  
Palau Güell (Nou de la Rambla, 3-5). M: Liceu (L3). Fri 6pm (Fre/Spa); 8pm (Eng/Cat). 20€.  
[www.palauguell.cat/en](http://www.palauguell.cat/en)  
In the spirit of the creativity that Antoni Gaudí used in his design of this Modernista palace, the Palau Güell hosts a weekly light show, focused on the geometry of the building's dome and with a parabolic shape made up of hexagons. The lights are synchronised with music from an organ created in 2011 but incorporating pipes from the building's original 1888 instrument. Entry includes a tour and glass of cava.

## BASKETBALL

**EuroLeague: Barça Lassa vs. Darussafaka**  
Palau Blaugrana (Avda. de Joan XXIII). M: Les Corts (L3). 9pm. From 10€.  
[www.fcbarcelona.com](http://www.fcbarcelona.com)  
Barça's basketball team take on the side from Istanbul in this European match.

## HOCKEY

**71 Torneo Internacional de Hockey de Reyes**  
Reial Club de Polo (Avda. Dr. Marañón, 19-31). M: Zona Universitària (L3). Jan 4-6.  
[www.hockeyreyes.com/en/](http://www.hockeyreyes.com/en/)

A new year tradition in Barcelona is this international hockey tournament held around the time of Kings' Day (on Jan 6). Both senior and junior teams take part, with representatives from England, Holland and local schools.

## SHOPPING

**Barcelona Genuine Shops**  
(Start: tourist office in Pl. Sant Jaume, Ciutat, 2). M: Jaume I (L4), Liceu (L3). 3.30pm. From 25€.  
Three-hour tour led by a professional guide that lets you discover some of the city's most distinctive and authentic shops.

## SPANISH GUITAR

**The Art of the Spanish Guitar: concert and wine and dinner**  
Santa Anna Church (Santa Anna, 29). M: Catalunya (L1, L3; FGC). Jan 4, 11, 18, 25. 7pm. 20€.  
Barcelona Duo de Guitarra perform a candlelit concert entitled 'Carmen', as you enjoy a glass of wine or a meal to accompany your musical experience.

## CHRISTMAS

**Christmas at Tibidabo theme park**  
(Plaça del Tibidabo, 3-4). Bus Tibibus (T2A) from Plaça Catalunya. FGC: Av. Tibidabo (L7) + Bus 196 + Tibidabo Funicular. See Wed 2.

## WINE AND CAVA TASTING

**Tast amb Vi i Cava a Colom**  
Columbus Monument (Plaça del Portal, s/n). M: Drassanes (L3). See Wed 2.

## MUSIC FESTIVAL

**20è Festival Mil·lenni: Nathy Peluso**  
Razzmatazz (Pamplona, 88). M: Bogatell (L4), Marina (L1). 9pm. 15€.  
Up-and-coming Argentinian star Nathy Peluso has a multi-layered sound that includes hip

hop, reggae, swing, jazz and bossnaova as well as theatrical elements. She's currently on a world tour promoting her 2018 EP, La Sandunguera.

## BLUES

**Blues at the MEAM**  
(Barra de Ferro, 5). M: Jaume I (L4). Fri 6pm. 14€.  
An evening of swing and jazz manouche from the group Scaramouche featuring singer Elisenda Julià, guitarists Diego Mena and Jacob Marcé, and Jon Unanua on double bass; you can also enjoy modern art, drinks and snacks.

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### SATURDAY

## TRADITIONS

**Kings' Day Parade**  
(Start: Avda. Marquès de l'Argentera). From 6pm  
Undoubtedly one of the most exciting moments of the year for children in Barcelona, this evening the Three Kings arrive bearing gifts that will be delivered overnight. To get into the spirit of the day, the Kings, their pages and many other assistants and performers take part in a grand parade through the city centre. Get there early to ensure a good spot because the crowds will be large!

## TOURS

**The essence of Casa Vicens**  
(C/ de les Carolines, 20-26). M: Fontana, Lesseps (L3). Every Sat 6.30pm. Alternate weeks in Catalan and Spanish. 22€.  
<http://casavicens.org>  
Take a journey of sights and sounds through the first house that Antoni Gaudí designed in Barcelona, led by artist and perfumer Ernest Ventós.

**Funeral Carriage and Hearse Collection**  
(Montjuïc Cemetery, Mare del Déu del Port, 56-58). Bus: 21. Sat noon. In Catalan.  
[www.cbsa.cat/?lang=en](http://www.cbsa.cat/?lang=en)  
Guided tour of the world's largest collection of such carriages, with examples dating

from the 18th century to the 1950s.

## TRADITIONS

**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.

## CLASSICAL MUSIC

**Classical music at the MEAM**  
(Barra de Ferro, 5). M: Jaume I (L4). Sat 6pm; entry from 5.30pm. 19€.  
The title of today's concert is 'Salut d'amour', featuring works by Bach, Kreisler, Ravel and more performed by violinist Ala Voronkova and pianist Guerasim Voronkov, while you can also enjoy an afternoon snack (served before the concert) and museum visit.

## FAMILY

**Artistic Christmas adventures**  
Museu Nacional d'Art de Catalunya (Parc de Montjuïc). M: Espanya (L1, L3; FGC). 11am-1.30pm. Limited places available, advance reservation recommended.  
[www.museunacional.cat/en/](http://www.museunacional.cat/en/)  
Dynamic visit activity that lets you choose your own route through the museum with the help of two art historians and the common thread of Christmas – a fun and unusual way to discover art.

**The hidden treasures of the Guitarts**  
Museu Marítim de Barcelona (Av. de les Drassanes, s/n). M: Drassanes (L3). Weekends. 0.50€ plus entry fee for museum.  
<http://mmb.cat/en/>  
Take this self-guided tour of the '7 vessels, 7 histories' exhibition along with siblings Laia and Pau to discover a whole host of treasures around the theme of sailors, pirates and treasure maps. For children 7 and above.

**Family activities at the Zoo**  
Barcelona Zoo (Parc de la Ciu-

tadella, s/n). M: Arc de Triomf (L1), Ciutadella/Vila Olímpica (L4). Weekends and public holidays. 21.40€. Children 3-12 12.95€. Under-3s, free.  
In the morning enjoy activities like helping at the farm, discovering how to look after animals, and learning more about the zoo's inhabitants; at 3pm (Plaça Dama del Paraigües) and 5pm (in front of lion enclosure), hear stories courtesy of one of the zookeepers.

**Shark-Maniacs**  
L'Aquàrium (Moll d'Espanya del Port Vell, s/n). M: Barceloneta (L4), Drassanes (L3). Weekends until Jan 27. Check times and details on website. Barcelona's Aquarium has got a treat for families with special activities related to their sharks including a treasure hunt, mask-making workshop and behind-the-scenes guided tour.

## OPERA – FLAMENCO

**Opera and flamenco**  
Palau de la Música (Palau de la Música, 4-6). M: Urquinaona (L1, L4). 9.30pm. 20€-50€. 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.

## TECHNO

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

## SAILING TRIPS

**Barcelona from the sea**  
Organised by the Museu Marítim de Barcelona (Av. de les Drassanes, s/n). M: Drassanes (L3). Every Sat. 10am. Adults 12€; children (7-14) 6€.  
<http://mmb.cat/en/>  
Three-hour trip on the 100-year-old Santa Eulàlia schooner that lets you appreciate the city from a different perspective and learn about the history of its seafront. In Catalan.

**Barcelona port: past, present and future**  
Organised by the Museu Marítim de Barcelona (Av. de les Drassanes, s/n). M: Drassanes (L3). Every Sat. 11am. Adults 15€; children (7-14) 9€.  
<http://mmb.cat/en/>  
Two-hour trip on a traditional sailing-boat that takes you on a voyage around the city's port and explains how it's developed over time to become one of the key goods ports in southern Europe. In Catalan.

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### SUNDAY

## FOOTBALL

**La Liga: RCD Espanyol vs. CD Leganés**  
Estadi Cornellà-El Prat (Av. del Baix Llobregat, 100. Cornellà de Llobregat). FGC: Cornellà Riera. Date and time tbc.  
[www.rcdespanyol.com](http://www.rcdespanyol.com)  
Espanyol face Club Deportivo Leganés, from the outskirts of Madrid, in their first league match of 2019.

## WINE AND CAVA TASTING

**Tast amb Vi i Cava a Colom**  
Columbus Monument (Plaça del Portal, s/n). M: Drassanes (L3). See Wed 2.

## CHRISTMAS

**Christmas at PortAventura World**  
(Av. Alcalde Pere Molas. Km. 2. Vila Seca (Tarragona)). Train: Port Aventura (line R16 from Sants-Estació or Passeig de Gràcia; renfe.es). See Tue 1.

**Pastorets de Calaf**  
Teatre del Casal de Calaf (Ctra Llargà, 11, Calaf). Get there by ALSA coach from Estació del Nord. M: Arc de Triomf (L1). Jan 6, 13, 20, 27.  
Pastorets is a classic Catalan Christmas performance that tells a story from the point of view of two young shepherds, and while it includes the birth of Jesus it also looks at a battle between angels and demons, and has its roots in medieval

religious dramas. The version in the town of Calaf is on a grand scale with over 100 actors and elaborate stage scenery (Jan 13, 20, 27; 5.30pm), while a kid-friendly take on the story is performed on Jan 6 at 6pm.

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### MONDAY

## JAZZ

**Jamboree Jam Session**  
Jamboree (Pl. Reial, 17). M: Liceu (L3). Every Mon. 8pm, 10pm. 5€ (box office). 4€ (online in advance).  
[www.masimas.com/en/jamboree](http://www.masimas.com/en/jamboree)  
Classic weekly Barcelona jam event.

## CLASSICAL MUSIC

**Strauss Gala**  
Palau de la Música Catalana (Palau de la Música, 4-6). M: Urquinaona (L1, L4). 9pm. 18€-56€.  
[www.concertsabarcelona.com](http://www.concertsabarcelona.com)  
The Catalan Youth Philharmonic Orchestra (Joficat) with conductor Melani Mestre and soprano Natasha Tupin come to the Palau de la Música to perform a Grand Strauss Gala, with dancers Ildefons Vilanova and Mercè Pastor also taking part.

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### TUESDAY

## SPANISH GUITAR

**The Art of the Spanish Guitar: concert and wine**  
Santa Anna Church (Santa Anna, 29). M: Catalunya (L1, L3; FGC). Jan 8, 15, 22, 29, 31. 9pm. 20€.  
Joan Benejam presents 'Fandango', a journey through the history of Spanish guitar, while you enjoy a glass of wine.

## JAZZ

**Els Tres Tenors play Amy Winehouse**  
Jamboree (Pl. Reial, 17). M:

Liceu (L3). Jan 8, 9. 8pm, 10pm. 18€.  
[www.masimas.com/en/jamboree](http://www.masimas.com/en/jamboree)  
Not your traditional Three Tenors, in this case it's a trio of tenor saxophonists (accompanied by piano, double bass and drums) who perform a programme of hits from the late British singer-songwriter.

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### WEDNESDAY

## UNDERWATER ACTIVITIES

**Shark Cage Diving Express**  
L'Aquàrium (Moll d'Espanya del Port Vell, s/n). M: Barceloneta (L4), Drassanes (L3). Daily 9.30am, noon, 4pm; check website for availability. No prior reservation necessary.  
[www.aquariumbcn.com/en/](http://www.aquariumbcn.com/en/)  
Barcelona's Aquarium offers you the chance to go cage diving in their Oceanarium tank, home to sharks and thousands of other creatures, without the need to book ahead.

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### THURSDAY

## FILM FESTIVAL

**Xcèntric: Opening of the 2019 season**  
CCCB (Montalegre, 5). M: Catalunya (L1, L3; FGC). 8pm. 4€. See website for other screenings:  
[www.cccb.org](http://www.cccb.org)  
The CCCB launches a new season of its long-running film festival. Xcèntric, with the Spanish premiere of Insect, the latest film by Czech director Jan Švankmajer. Combining animation and live action, and billed as Švankmajer's final feature, it's a surrealist comedy based on an absurdist 1922 play. In Czech with Spanish subtitles.

## SPANISH GUITAR


**Maestros of the Spanish Guitar**  
Basilica de Santa Maria del Pi



# Day by day

(Pl. del Pi, 7). M: Catalunya (L1, L3; FGC). Jan 10, 17, 18, 21. 9pm. From 19€.  
Ekaterina Záyitseva was brought up in Russia, although she has lived in Spain for over a decade and is a Spanish guitar expert.


## OPERA

**Opera at Palau Dalmaes**   
(Montcada, 20). M: Jaume I (L4). Every Thu. 11pm. 25€.  
La Petita Companyia Lírica de Barcelona performs in a unique historical venue.

# 11

## FRIDAY

## FILM MUSIC

**'Lord of the Rings: Return of the King'**   
L'Auditori (Lepant, 150). M: Glòries & Marina (L1), Monumental (L2). Jan 11-13. Fri 8pm, Sat 7pm, Sun 11am. 10€-60€.

Enjoy a special screening of the third installment of the Lord of the Rings trilogy from director Peter Jackson, with the soundtrack performed live by the Orquestra Simfònica de Barcelona i Nacional de Catalunya. The film is shown in English with Catalan subtitles.

## BASKETBALL

**EuroLeague: Barça Lassa vs. Panathinaikos**  
Palau Blaugrana (Avda. de Joan XXIII). M: Les Corts (L3). 9pm. From 18€.  
[www.fcbarcelona.com](http://www.fcbarcelona.com)  
The team from Athens travel to Barcelona for this latest match in this year's Euroleague.

## BLUES

**Blues at the MEAM**   
(Barra de Ferro, 5). M: Jaume I (L4). Fri 6pm. 14€.  
The Nacho Ladisa Trio perform classic blues and you can also enjoy modern art, drinks and snacks.


## LIGHT SHOW

**Mapping Parabolic Gaudí**  
Palau Güell (Nou de la Rambla, 3-5). M: Liceu (L3). See Fri 4.

# 12

## SATURDAY


## OPERA

**Madama Butterfly**   
Gran Teatre del Liceu (La Rambla, 51-59). M: Liceu (L3). Jan 12, 13, 15, 16, 19, 20, 21, 22, 28, 29. 8pm except Sun 13 6pm and Sun 20 5pm. 14€-317.90€.  
The Liceu opens 2019 with one of Puccini's most well-known and iconic operas, Madama Butterfly, with the lead part being taken by Armenian soprano Lianna Haroutounian, who is on the Liceu stage for the first time, and Spanish singer Ainhua Arteta, making her debut in the role of Cio-Cio San.


## MUSIC FESTIVAL

**20è Festival Mil·lenni: Morgan**   
Sala Apolo (Nou de la Rambla, 113). M: Paral·lel (L2, L3). 9pm. 16€.  
Spanish group Morgan was created in 2012 and has been winning plaudits from critics and audiences alike ever since. The fivesome come to Barcelona as part of an extensive tour to promote their second album, Air, released last year.

## CLASSICAL MUSIC

**Classical music at the MEAM**   
(Barra de Ferro, 5). M: Jaume I (L4). Sat 6pm; entry from 5.30pm. 19€.  
Pianist Olga Kobekina is the protagonist of this solo recital of works by Debussy. You can also an afternoon snack (served before the concert) and museum visit.

## TOURS

**Funeral Carriage and Hearse Collection**   
(Montjuïc Cemetery, Mare del

Déu del Port, 56-58). Bus: 21. See Sat 5.  
The essence of Casa Vicens (C/ de les Carolines, 20-26). M: Fontana, Lesseps (L3). See Sat 5.


## SAILING TRIPS

**Barcelona port: past, present and future**  
Organised by the Museu Marítim de Barcelona (Av. de les Drassanes, s/n). M: Drassanes (L3). See Sat 5.


**Barcelona from the sea**  
Organised by the Museu Marítim de Barcelona (Av. de les Drassanes, s/n). M: Drassanes (L3). See Sat 5.

**Visit to archaeological site**  
El Born Centre de Cultura i Memòria (Plaça Comercial, 12). M: Jaume I & Barceloneta (L4), Arc de Triomf (L1). See Wed 2.

## SPANISH GUITAR

**Maestros of the Spanish Guitar**   
Basilica de Santa Maria del Pi (Pl. del Pi, 7). M: Catalunya (L1, L3; FGC). See Tue 1.

## FAMILY

**Qui no s'espanta, estampa!**   
Museu del Disseny (Pl. de les Glòries Catalanes, 37-38). M: Glòries (L1). Jan 12, 19, 26. 11.30am-1.30pm. 3€. Reserve in advance at: [reservesmuseu-deldisseny@eicub.net](mailto:reservesmuseu-deldisseny@eicub.net)  
Give the kids a chance to learn about decorating a piece of material using different stamps to create their own design. Includes a tour of the Museum's dress collection.

**El coleccionista de paisajes**  
CaixaForum (Av. Francesc Ferrer i Guàrdia, 6-8). M: Espanya (L1, L3; FGC). Jan 12-27. Sat 6pm, Sun noon. 6€.  
<http://caixaforum.es/es/barcelona>  
Six musicians perform works from Debussy, Schönberg, Ravel and Stravinsky, while the landscape collector performs to the sounds he hears, using dance, shadow play, juggling and more. In Catalan.

**Shark-Maniacs**  
L'Aquàrium (Moll d'Espanya del Port Vell, s/n). M: Barceloneta (L4), Drassanes (L3). See Sat 5.

**Mysteries of the National Art Museum**  
Museu Nacional d'Art de Catalunya (Parc de Montjuïc). M: Espanya (L1, L3; FGC). [www.museunacional.cat/en](http://www.museunacional.cat/en)  
This activity, for children aged 7 and above, involves seeking out the answers to a series of clues related to artworks on display. Get your form from the group information desk at the entrance and prepare to start investigating! In English, Spanish and Catalan.

**Family activities at CosmoCaixa**   
(Isaac Newton, 26). FGC: Av. Tibidabo. Weekends and public holidays. Check with museum for times and prices.  
Take the kids along for workshops, hand-on activities and special events for different age groups at this centre that encourages scientific discoveries through play and observation. Note that the main permanent collection of the centre is currently closed for renovations.

## CHRISTMAS

**Pessebre vivent de Corbera de Llobregat**  
(Canigó, 35, Corbera de Llobregat). Get there by Autocorb coach from Urgell, 229. See Tue 1.

# 13

## SUNDAY

## FOOTBALL

**La Liga: FC Barcelona vs. SD Eibar**  
Camp Nou (Aristides Maillol, s/n). M: Les Corts (L3). Date and time tbc.  
[www.fcbarcelona.com](http://www.fcbarcelona.com)  
FC Barcelona take on the team from the Basque Country as they try to maintain their high position in this year's Spanish league.

## BASKETBALL

**Endesa League: Barça Lassa vs. Cafés Candelas Breogán**  
Palau Blaugrana (Avda. de Joan XXIII). M: Les Corts (L3). 5pm. From 10€.  
[www.fcbarcelona.com](http://www.fcbarcelona.com)  
In their latest national league game, FC Barcelona face this team from the Spanish city of Lugo.

## CONTEMPORARY JAZZ

**Nate Wooley's 'Knknighgh'**  
CCCB (Montalegre, 5). M: Catalunya (L1, L3; FGC). 7pm. 7€.  
[www.auditori.org](http://www.auditori.org)  
Staged as part of the Auditori's Sampler Series but held in the theatre of the CCCB, this musical event features the avant-garde free jazz sounds of US trumpeter Nate Wooley. Inspired by the minimalist poems of Aram Saroyan, 'Knknighgh' (pronounced 'knife') is a lesson in contemporary jazz.

## SYMPHONIC BAND SEASON

**Tales, fables and stories**   
L'Auditori (Lepant, 150). M: Glòries & Marina (L1), Monumental (L2). 11.30am. 9€/14€.  
The Banda Municipal de Barcelona and conductor Beatriz Fernández perform a programme of musical adventures inspired by Huckleberry Finn, cartoons and classic tales.

## TOURS

**Visit to the Sala Mirador**   
CCCB (Montalegre, 5). M: Catalunya (L1, L3; FGC). 11am-8pm.  
[www.cccb.org](http://www.cccb.org)  
The CCCB opens its most emblematic space to the public. The Sala Mirador is a fifth-floor area with a glass façade through which you can admire the city from an unusual perspective.

## SPORT

**Sitges Half Marathon**  
(Start: Passeig Marítim). 10am. [www.mitjasitges.cat](http://www.mitjasitges.cat)

This is the 36th edition for the Sitges half-marathon, which includes a long stretch of the seafront promenade as well as a large section of the lovely coastal town. For those who want a smaller challenge, at 9am the starting-gun fires on the quarter marathon, covering just over 10km. The half-marathon is part of a series of races organised by the Diputació de Barcelona, the governing body of Barcelona province.

## WALKING TOUR

**Galleons, guilds and merchants**  
Museu Marítim de Barcelona (Av. de les Drassanes, s/n). M: Drassanes (L3). Second Sunday of the month. 11am. 6.50€.  
<http://mmb.cat/en/>  
Two-hour guided walking tour along the seafront of Barcelona, starting at the Royal Boatyards (Maritime Museum) and taking in some of the surviving elements from the city's splendid medieval era.

## FAMILY

**What's happening here?**  
Museu Nacional d'Art de Catalunya (Parc de Montjuïc). M: Espanya (L1, L3; FGC). 11.30am-1pm. Adults 7€, children 3€. Advance online payment necessary.  
[www.museunacional.cat/en/Families](http://www.museunacional.cat/en/Families)  
Families with children aged 8 to 12 are invited to discover artworks in the Museu Nacional, through conversation and observation.


**The secret documents of Gaudí**  
Palau Güell (Nou de la Rambla, 3-5). M: Liceu (L3). 11.30am-1pm. 3€.  
[www.palauuell.cat/en](http://www.palauuell.cat/en)  
Discover this beautiful Gaudí building via a treasure hunt that reveals interesting features such as the materials used to create it, its organ, and how people dressed in Barcelona some 100 years ago, all with the aim of discovering some long-lost documents said to have belonged to the famed architect. For children aged 5 to 12.

**Ceramic painting workshop**  
Casa Vicens (C/ de les Carolines, 20-26). M: Fontana, Lesseps (L3). 10am. 12€.  
<http://casavicens.org>  
Family workshop that gives you the chance to try your hand at making the kind of ceramic tiles that are a key part of the Gaudí-designed Casa Vicens. Activity for children aged 7 to 12. In Catalan.


**Galleon explorers**  
Museu Marítim de Barcelona (Av. de les Drassanes, s/n). M: Drassanes (L3). Second Sunday of the month. 11.30am, 12.45pm. Children: 4.50€.  
<http://mmb.cat/en/>  
One-hour activity for children aged 6 and above. Join Indiana Jones's cousin, Francesc Jones, as he seeks to discover what life was like aboard a galleon.

**Un mag en conserva**   
Poble Espanyol (Av. Francesc Ferrer i Guàrdia, 13). M: Espanya (L1, L3; FGC). 12.30pm-1.30pm. General entrance (includes this event): 14€. Family tickets available. Under-4s free.  
Magic show courtesy of Mag Isaac with music, laughs and lots of fun for all. For children aged 3 and above. In Catalan.

**Quin gong!**  
Museu de la Música (Lepant, 150). M: Marina, Glòries (L1). 5.30pm. 5€.  
<http://ajuntament.barcelona.cat/museumusica/en>  
Family workshop based around the gong, a group of instruments that come from the islands of Bali and Java and are used to accompany theatre and dance performances.

**Exlibris, pitibris**   
Museu del Disseny (Pl. de les Glòries Catalanes, 37-38). M: Glòries (L1). Jan 13, 20, 27. 11.30am-1.30pm. 3€.  
Reserve in advance at: [reservesmuseudeldisseny@eicub.net](mailto:reservesmuseudeldisseny@eicub.net)  
Taking inspiration from the Museum's graphic design collection, participants can create their own bookplate (exlibris) and a spell for protecting books.


**Objectes que creen objectes**   
Museu del Disseny (Pl. de les Glòries Catalanes, 37-38). M: Glòries (L1). Jan 13, 20, 27. 11.30am-1.30pm. 3€. Reserve in advance at: [reservesmuseu-deldisseny@eicub.net](mailto:reservesmuseu-deldisseny@eicub.net)  
Discover how items that today we take for granted were first produced and learn how to make moulds to create small objects.

**Moure els sentits**   
MACBA (Plaça dels Àngels, 1). M: Universitat (L1, L2). Jan 13, 20, 27. 11.30am-1pm. 3€.  
<https://www.macba.cat/en/mover-los-sentidos>  
Workshop for children aged 6 to 12 that looks at ways to capture, process and translate organs of perception, and learn how to move between different senses and consider our bodies as matter capable of transforming itself.

# 14

## MONDAY

## CLASSICAL MUSIC FESTIVAL

**Barcelona Obertura 'Winter in Barcelona' Festival**   
Various venues. Jan 14-18.  
Barcelona Obertura is an initiative to showcase three of Barcelona's leading classical music venues, the Palau de la Música Catalana, the Liceu opera house and L'Auditori. This month it celebrates the winter season with five events in one week: Madama Butterfly at the Liceu (Tue 15), Arcangelo at L'Auditori (Wed 16), mezzosoprano Magdalena Kožená and pianist Mitsuko Uchida at the Palau and the Düsseldorf Symphony Orchestra at L'Auditori (both Thu 17), and the Barcelona Symphony Orchestra at L'Auditori (see specific dates below for more details). The opening event tonight sees flautist Emmanuel Pahud and pianist Eric Le Sage perform works by Mozart, Schubert, Schumann and Mendelssohn at L'Auditori (8pm).



# Day by day

## JAZZ

### Jamboree Jam Session

Jamboree (Pl. Reial, 17). M: Liceu (L3). Every Mon. 8pm, 10pm. 5€ (box office). 4€ (online in advance). [www.masimas.com/en/jamboree](http://www.masimas.com/en/jamboree) Classic weekly Barcelona jam event.

## TOURS

### Catalan Parliament

(Parc de la Ciutadella, s/n). M: Ciutadella/Vila Olímpica (L4), Arc de Triomf (L1). See Thu 3.

## SPANISH GUITAR

### Maestros of the Spanish Guitar

Basilica Santa Maria del Pi (Pl. del Pi, 7). M: Liceu (L3). Jan 14, 20, 26, 28, 31. 9pm, except Sat 26 9.30pm. From 19€. Pedro J. González performs a recital of flamenco guitar music featuring work by masters including Manuel de Falla and Niño Miguel.

## 15 TUESDAY

## OPERA

### Madama Butterfly

Gran Teatre del Liceu (La Rambla, 51-59). M: Liceu (L3). See Sat 12. Tonight's performance is part of the Barcelona Obertura 'Winter in Barcelona' Festival (see Mon 14).

## SPANISH GUITAR

### The Art of the Spanish Guitar: concert and wine

Santa Anna Church (Santa Anna, 29). M: Catalunya (L1, L3; FGC). See Tue 8.

## 16 WEDNESDAY

## CLASSICAL MUSIC

### Arcangelo: Pergolesi's 'Stabat Mater'

L'Auditori (Lepant, 150). M:

Glòries & Marina (L1), Monumental (L2). 8pm. 10€-60€. Acclaimed British conductor Jonathan Cohen leads his Arcangelo chamber group in a programme of Baroque music that includes works by Handel and Vivaldi, as well as Pergolesi's 'Stabat Mater'. This performance is part of the Barcelona Obertura 'Winter in Barcelona' Festival (see Mon 14).

## 17 THURSDAY

## CLASSICAL MUSIC

### Magdalena Kožená and Mitsuko Uchida

Palau de la Música (Palau de la Música, 4-6). M: Urquinaona (L1, L4). 8pm. 30€-60€. Czech mezzo-soprano Magdalena Kožená is described as one of the most important singers of her generation. She returns to the Palau de la Música four years after her debut there to perform with pianist Mitsuko Uchida. This concert is part of the Barcelona Obertura 'Winter in Barcelona' Festival (see Mon 14).

### Mahler's 'Ninth'

L'Auditori (Lepant, 150). M: Glòries & Marina (L1), Monumental (L2). 8.30pm. From 25€. The historic Dusseldorf Symphony Orchestra under conductor Ádám Fischer perform's Mahler's iconic 'Ninth Symphony'. This performance is part of the Barcelona Obertura 'Winter in Barcelona' Festival (see Mon 14).

## FILM FESTIVAL

**Xcèntric: Luis Macías. Your eyes are spectral machines** CCCB (Montalegre, 5). M: Catalunya (L1, L3; FGC). 7.30pm. 4€. See website for other screenings: [www.cccb.org](http://www.cccb.org). Continuing the 2019 edition of its Xcèntric film festival, tonight the CCCB hosts film-maker Luis Macías with a programme of three recently created performances linked

to musical processes that are based on the creation/composition of images for their live interpretation.

## OPERA

### Opera at Palau Dalmaes

(Montcada, 20). M: Jaume I (L4). Thu 11pm. 25€. La Petita Companyia Lírica de Barcelona performs in a historical venue.

## UNDERWATER ACTIVITIES

### Shark Cage Diving Express

L'Aquàrium (Moll d'Espanya del Port Vell, s/n). M: Barceloneta (L4), Drassanes (L3). See Wed 9.

## 18 FRIDAY

## CLASSICAL MUSIC

### Mahler's 'Tragic Symphony'

L'Auditori (Lepant, 150). M: Glòries & Marina (L1), Monumental (L2). Jan 18-20. Fri 8.30pm, Sat 7pm, Sun 11am. 10€-58€. The Orquestra Simfònica de Barcelona i Nacional de Catalunya with conductor Karl-Heinz Steffens perform Mahler's Sixth Symphony, sometimes known by its nickname, 'Tragic Symphony'. This performance is part of the Barcelona Obertura 'Winter in Barcelona' Festival (see Mon 14).

## CIRCUS

### Toruk – the first flight

Palau Sant Jordi (Pg. Olímpic, 5-7). M: Espanya (L1, L3; FGC). Jan 18-20, 25-27. 9.30pm, Sun 4.30pm. From 34€. Inspired by James Cameron's hit film Avatar, this is a Cirque du Soleil production that premiered in 2015 and now comes to Barcelona. Toruk is the protagonist of the show which features life-size puppets and Cirque du Soleil's trademark acrobatics.

## DEATH METAL

### Behemoth

Razzmatazz (Pamplona, 88). M: Bogatell (L4), Marina (L1). Doors: 6.30pm. From 28€. [www.livenation.es](http://www.livenation.es)

The Polish blackened death metal band has a long career behind it and the group played a key role in creating the country's extreme metal underground scene. Behemoth are currently touring their latest album, I Loved You at Your Darkest, released last October.

## WALKING TOUR

### Barcelona – fishing port

Museu Marítim de Barcelona (Av. de les Drassanes, s/n). M: Drassanes (L3). 3.30pm. 15€. <http://mmb.cat/en/> 90-minute guided walking tour to discover Barcelona's fishing industry. Find out what species are caught here, the methods used to catch them, and about responsible fish consumption. You'll also see the arrival of fishing boats and the auction of their catch.

## LIGHT SHOW

### Mapping Parabolic Gaudí

Palau Güell (Nou de la Rambla, 3-5). M: Liceu (L3). See Fri 4.

## TECHNO

### Techno session

Moog (Arc del Teatre, 3). M: Liceu and Drassanes (L3). See Sat 5.

## BLUES

### Blues at the MEAM

(Barra de Ferro, 5). M: Jaume I (L4). Fri 6pm. 14€. Blues, country and swing courtesy of foursome Room 69, while you can also enjoy modern art, drinks and snacks.

## 19 SATURDAY

## SAILING TRIPS

### Barcelona port: past, present and future

Organised by the Museu Ma-

ritim de Barcelona (Av. de les Drassanes, s/n). M: Drassanes (L3). See Sat 5.

### Barcelona from the sea

Organised by the Museu Marítim de Barcelona (Av. de les Drassanes, s/n). M: Drassanes (L3). See Sat 5.

## TRADITIONS

### 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.

### Ball dels Garrofins

Get there by Sagalés coach from Passeig Sant Joan ([sagales.com](http://sagales.com)). Jan 19, 20. [www.moia.cat](http://www.moia.cat)

Dating from the late 18th century, the Garrofins dance is nowadays performed by a group of boys and girls accompanied by traditional Catalan instruments as they make their way through the streets and squares of the town of Moia, found to the north of Barcelona, to mark the feast day of Saint Sebastian (January 20).

## FAMILY

### Shark-Maniacs

L'Aquàrium (Moll d'Espanya del Port Vell, s/n). M: Barceloneta (L4), Drassanes (L3). See Sat 5.

## CLASSICAL MUSIC

### Tchaikovsky versus Napoleon

Palau de la Música (Palau de la Música, 4-6). M: Urquinaona (L1, L4). 6.30pm. 18€-68€. The Orquestra Simfònica del Vallès performs Tchaikovsky's '1812 Overture' and rococo variations for cello and orchestra, as well as 'Háry János', a Hungarian folk opera by Zoltán Kodály.

### Classical music at the MEAM

(Barra de Ferro, 5). M: Jaume I (L4). Sat 6pm; entry from 5.30pm. 19€. This evening's concert is dedicated to a variety of music from the 20th century performed by soprano Gisela Villamayor,

tenor Juan Carlos Blanco, and pianist Eric Varas. You can also enjoy an afternoon snack (served before the concert) and museum visit.

## TOURS

### Secret Palau Güell

Palau Güell (Nou de la Rambla, 3-5). M: Liceu (L3). 8.30pm (Eng/Cat); 8.45pm (Fre/Spa). 20€. Not available for under-10s. [www.palauguell.cat/en](http://www.palauguell.cat/en) This 90-minute evening tour lets you see parts of this Gaudí-designed building that aren't usually open to the public. Learn about the daily life of the Güell family, see the amazing rooftop views, and visit the office of patriarch Eugeni Güell.

### Funeral Carriage and Hearse Collection

(Montjuïc Cemetery, Mare del Déu del Port, 56-58). Bus: 21. See Sat 5.

### Catalan Parliament

(Parc de la Ciutadella, s/n). M: Ciutadella/Vila Olímpica (L4), Arc de Triomf (L1). See Thu 3.

**The essence of Casa Vicens** (C/ de les Carolines, 20-26). M: Fontana, Lesseps (L3). See Sat 5.

## 20 SUNDAY

## FOOTBALL

### La Liga: FC Barcelona vs. CD Leganés

Camp Nou (Aristides Maillol, s/n). M: Les Corts (L3). Date and time tbc. [www.fcbarcelona.com](http://www.fcbarcelona.com) After playing Espanyol two weeks ago, the Leganés team return to the Catalan capital to take on Barça.

## TRADITIONS

### Els Tres Tombs d'Igualada

Take local FGC train from Espanya to Igualada (line R6). [www.igualada.cat](http://www.igualada.cat) Els Tres Tombs is a Catalan tradition that pays homage to animals and their local patron

saint, Sant Antoni. On the day, families take their animals to church to be blessed while there are also parades of carriages, horses and more. Events are held across the region, but the town of Igualada is one of the most popular places to enjoy Els Tres Tombs.

### Ball del Ciri – Festa Major d'Hivern

(Plaça de les Eres, Taradell). [www.taradell.cat](http://www.taradell.cat) As part of the winter festival held each year in the Catalan town of Taradell, located north of Barcelona, the Dance of the Ciri has taken place since 1776; it's a ceremonial event and sees six couples from Taradell dressed in period costume, representing two different administrative groups between which local power is symbolically transferred.

## FAMILY

### A vessel in the laboratory

Museu Marítim de Barcelona (Av. de les Drassanes, s/n). M: Drassanes (L3). Third Sunday of the month. 11.30am, 12.45pm. 4.50€. <http://mmb.cat/en/> One-hour activity for children aged 8 to 12. This workshop sees participants discover two items from the museum and the techniques used to restore them.

### Baby esferic

Poble Espanyol (Av. Francesc Ferrer i Guàrdia, 13). M: Espanya (L1, L3; FGC). 12.30pm-1.15pm. General entrance (includes this event): 14€. Family tickets available. Under-4s free. Family theatre specially created for the very smallest audiences that uses no speech to take you on a journey to the beginning of our planet as seen through the eyes of a baby. For children aged 0 to 4.

## CLASSICAL MUSIC

### Isaac Rodríguez and Alba Ventura

Museu de la Música (Lepant, 150). M: Marina, Glòries (L1). Noon. 8€. <http://ajuntament.barcelona.cat/museumusica/en>

Clarinetist Isaac Rodríguez joins pianist Alba Ventura for a recital of works by Mendelssohn, Donizetti, Debussy and Rosenblatt where they'll use instruments from the Music Museum itself.

## YOUNG MUSICIANS

### Musical residencies at La Pedrera

(Pg. de Gràcia, 92). M: Diagonal (L3, L5); Provença (FGC). 6pm. 13€. Continuing this year's season at La Pedrera that supports up-and-coming musicians, cellist Roger Morelló gives a chamber concert with works by Rachmaninoff, Schubert and Brahms accompanied by clarinet, violin and piano.

## WINTER SPORTS

### World Snow Day

Various ski stations in the Pyrenees. [world-snow-day.com](http://world-snow-day.com) This international celebration features over 250 different snow-based events for beginners and experts alike. In Catalonia, La Molina ski station is taking part, as is the Andorran resort of Grandvalira. Their programmes include races, kids' events, breakfast with hot chocolate, obstacle courses and more.

## TOURS

### Fábrica del Anís del Mono

(Eduard Maristany, 115. Badalona). M: Pep Ventura (L2). 10am, noon. 6€. Call to confirm availability: tel. 93 384 1750. [www.museudebadalona.cat/en/](http://www.museudebadalona.cat/en/) Founded in 1870, this factory in the neighbouring city of Badalona is where the aniseed-based Anís del Mono liquor is made. Take a tour to see the original distillation room and various Modernista features, while you can also learn about the production process of other drinks brewed there.

### Visit to Fossar de la Pedrera

(Montjuïc Cemetery, Mare del Déu del Port, 56-58). Bus: 21. 11am. In Catalan. [www.cbsa.cat](http://www.cbsa.cat)



# Day by day

Discover this space dedicated to the victims of repression and air raids during the Civil War.

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MONDAY

### OPERA

#### Madama Butterfly

Gran Teatre del Liceu (La Rambla, 51-59). M: Liceu (L3). See Sat 12.

### SPANISH GUITAR

#### Maestros of the Spanish Guitar

BUY

Basilica de Santa Maria del Pi (Pl. del Pi, 7). M: Catalunya (L1, L3; FGC). See Thu 10.

### JAZZ

#### Jamboree Jam Session

Jamboree (Pl. Reial, 17). M: Liceu (L3). Every Mon. 8pm, 10pm. 5€ (box office). 4€ (online in advance). [www.masimas.com/en/jamboree](http://www.masimas.com/en/jamboree) Classic weekly Barcelona jam event.

#### CATALAN & CONTEMPORARY MUSIC

#### Cobla Marinada

Palau de la Música (Palau de la Música, 4-6). M: Urquinaona (L1, L4). 7pm. 18€. [www.palaumusica.cat/en](http://www.palaumusica.cat/en) A cobla is a musical grouping featuring traditional Catalan instruments and here the Cobla Marinada performs a wide range of music including Gershwin's 'Rhapsody in Blue', a piece by Philip Glass and a selection of Catalan compositions.

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TUESDAY

### SPANISH GUITAR

#### The Art of the Spanish Guitar: concert and wine

BUY

Santa Anna Church (Santa Anna, 29). M: Catalunya (L1, L3; FGC). See Tue 8.

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WEDNESDAY

### CLASSICAL MUSIC

#### Quartet Gerhard

Palau de la Música (Palau de la Música, 4-6). M: Urquinaona (L1, L4). 8pm. 12€. [www.palaumusica.cat/en](http://www.palaumusica.cat/en) This string quartet performs works by Mozart, Guix and Brahms.

### SPANISH GUITAR

#### Maestros of the Spanish Guitar

BUY

Basilica de Santa Maria del Pi (Pl. del Pi, 7). M: Catalunya (L1, L3; FGC). See Tue 1.

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THURSDAY

### FILM FESTIVAL

#### Xcèntric: Kino Klub Split – the roots of the Yugoslavian avant-garde movement

CCCB (Montalegre, 5). M: Catalunya (L1, L3; FGC). 7.30pm. 4€. See website for other screenings: [www.cccb.org](http://www.cccb.org). Continuing the 2019 edition of its Xcèntric film festival, tonight the CCCB screens a selection of experimental pieces by the most well-known members of the Kino Klub Split, which began in Communist Yugoslavia as a state instrument to promote socialist realism but ultimately contributed to the rise of avant-garde film in the country.

### MUSIC FESTIVAL

#### 20è Festival Mil-lenni: Adamo

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Palau de la Música (Palau de la Música, 4-6). M: Urquinaona (L1, L4). 9pm. 18€-86€. Italian singer Salvatore Adamo is a regular performer at the Festival Mil-lenni (he's appeared at the last five editions!) and he returns once more for another concert full of humour, music and elegance.

### LITERATURE FESTIVAL

#### BCNegra

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Various venues. Jan 24-Feb 3. Barcelona is again the European capital of crime literature with the 14th edition of its BCNegra festival. Acclaimed Barcelona writer Carlos Zanón is the curator this year and as ever the event features round tables, readings, exhibitions, screenings and, of course, guest writers including John Banville, Yasmina Khadra, David Peace and Argentinian writer Claudia Piñeiro, winner of the 2019 Pepe Carvalho prize.

### OPERA

#### Opera at Palau Dalmases

i

(Montcada, 20). M: Jaume I (L4). Thu 11pm. 25€. La Petita Companyia Lírica de Barcelona performs in a historical venue.

### CONTEMPORARY MUSIC

#### Mavica

L'Auditori (Lepant, 150). M: Glòries & Marina (L1), Monumental (L2). 9pm. 15€. [www.auditori.cat/en/home](http://www.auditori.cat/en/home) As part of the Sit Back series promoting new female talent, this concert features Mavica, the stage name of composer-guitarist Marta Casanova.

### DINNER AND MUSIC

#### Lyrical suppers at 7 Portes

i

(Passeig Isabel II, 14). M: Barceloneta (L4). This monthly event at the historic 7 Portes restaurant, which opened in 1836, gives diners the opportunity to enjoy a traditional Catalan meal accompanied by classical music. Tonight it's baritone Lluís Calvet and pianist Josep Buform who perform works by Mozart and Donizetti.

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FRIDAY

### BASKETBALL

#### EuroLeague: Barça Lassa vs. CSKA Moscow

Palau Blaugrana (Avda. de

Joan XXIII). M: Les Corts (L3). 9pm. From 27€. [www.fcbarcelona.com](http://www.fcbarcelona.com) It's round 20 in this year's EuroLeague and Barça will be hoping for an important home win.

### BLUES

#### Blues at the MEAM

BUY

(Barra de Ferro, 5). M: Jaume I (L4). Fri 6pm. 14€. The Spring Sisters, singers Emi Bueno and Gabriela Grabowski and pianist Juanjo Fernández, perform jazz and swing, while you can also enjoy modern art, drinks and snacks.

### SPANISH GUITAR

#### The Art of the Spanish Guitar: concert and wine and dinner

BUY

Santa Anna Church (Santa Anna, 29). M: Catalunya (L1, L3; FGC). See Fri 4.

### LIGHT SHOW

#### Mapping Parabolic Gaudí

Palau Güell (Nou de la Rambla, 3-5). M: Liceu (L3). See Fri 4.

### TECHNO

#### Techno session

Moog (Arc del Teatre, 3). M: Liceu and Drassanes (L3). See Sat 5.

### CIRCUS

#### Toruk – the first flight

Palau Sant Jordi (Pg. Olímpic, 5-7). M: Espanya (L1, L3; FGC). See Fri 18.

### JAZZ

#### Scott Hamilton & Toni Solà Quintet

Jamboree (Pl. Reial, 17). M: Liceu (L3). Jan 25, 26. 8pm, 10pm. 24€. [www.masimas.com/en/jamboree](http://www.masimas.com/en/jamboree) Two-night run at Jamboree for Scott Hamilton and Toni Solà, two saxophonists from the USA and Catalonia, respectively, together with pianist Gerard Nieto, double bassist Ignasi González and drummer Xavi Hinojosa.

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SATURDAY

### DANCE

#### Ballet de Catalunya presents 'Don Quixot'

Casino Aliança (Rambla del Poblenou, 42). M: Poblenou (L4). Jan 26, 27. Sat 8.30pm, Sun 6pm. [www.casinoalianca.cat/es/www.catalunyaballet.com](http://www.casinoalianca.cat/es/www.catalunyaballet.com) The Ballet de Catalunya performs its take on the dance version of the famous novel by Cervantes, Don Quixote. Almost 25 dancers take part in the production, which aims to showcase the skill and range of this new company as well as its innovative and original vision.

### MUSIC FESTIVAL

#### 20è Festival Mil-lenni: Zahara

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Sala Apolo (Nou de la Rambla, 113). M: Paral·lel (L2, L3). 9pm. 17€. Spanish singer-songwriter Zahara presents her latest album, Astronauta, recorded in Wales with producer Matthew Twaite.

### TRADITIONS

#### 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.

### CLASSICAL MUSIC

#### Classical music at the MEAM

BUY

(Barra de Ferro, 5). M: Jaume I (L4). Sat 6pm; entry from 5.30pm. 19€. Hear a celebration of German lied music courtesy of baritone Joan Sebastià Colomer and pianist Laia Armengol. You can also enjoy an afternoon snack (served before the concert) and museum visit.

### SPANISH GUITAR

#### The Art of the Spanish Guitar: concert and wine and dinner

BUY

Santa Anna Church (Santa

Anna, 29). M: Catalunya (L1, L3; FGC). See Wed 2.

### FAMILY

#### Shark-Maniacs

L'Aquàrium (Moll d'Espanya del Port Vell, s/n). M: Barceloneta (L4), Drassanes (L3). See Sat 5.

#### Family activities at the Zoo

Barcelona Zoo (Parc de la Ciutadella, s/n). M: Arc de Triomf (L1), Ciutadella/Vila Olímpica (L4). See Sat 5.

### TOURS

#### The essence of Casa Vicens

(C/ de les Carolines, 20-26). M: Fontana, Lesseps (L3). See Sat 5.

#### Funeral Carriage and Hearse Collection

(Montjuïc Cemetery, Mare del Déu del Port, 56-58). Bus: 21. See Sat 5.

### CIRCUS

#### Toruk – the first flight

Palau Sant Jordi (Pg. Olímpic, 5-7). M: Espanya (L1, L3; FGC). See Fri 18.

### SAILING TRIPS

#### Barcelona port: past, present and future

Organised by the Museu Marítim de Barcelona (Av. de les Drassanes, s/n). M: Drassanes (L3). See Sat 5.

#### Barcelona from the sea

Organised by the Museu Marítim de Barcelona (Av. de les Drassanes, s/n). M: Drassanes (L3). See Sat 5.

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SUNDAY

### FOOTBALL

#### La Liga: RCD Espanyol vs. Real Madrid

Estadi Cornellà-El Prat (Av. del Baix Llobregat, 100. Cornellà de Llobregat). FGC: Cornellà Riera. Date and time tbc. [www.rcdespanyol.com](http://www.rcdespanyol.com) Espanyol will be hoping to

make the most of home advantage when they meet Madrid today.

### BASKETBALL

#### Endesa League: Barça Lassa vs. Unicaja

Palau Blaugrana (Avda. de Joan XXIII). M: Les Corts (L3). 7.30pm. From 18€.

[www.fcbarcelona.com](http://www.fcbarcelona.com) The Unicaja team hails from the southern Spanish city of Málaga and come to Barcelona for the 18th match of this year's national basketball league.

#### CLASSICAL MUSIC FESTIVAL

#### Barcelona Obertura Choral masterpieces

Festival Various venues. Jan 27-29. [www.barcelonaobertura.com](http://www.barcelonaobertura.com) Another festival from Barcelona Obertura, an initiative to showcase three of Barcelona's leading classical music venues, the Palau de la Música Catalana, the Liceu opera house and L'Auditori. This event celebrates choral works with three enticing performances: the Barcelona Symphony Orchestra gives a morning concert today at L'Auditori (11am) with conductor Hartmut Haenchen and two local chamber choirs; on Mon 28, the Palau de la Música hosts the German Balthasar Neumann Chor und Ensemble (see below for details); finally on Tue 29, don't miss the Oslo Philharmonic Orchestra at the Palau de la Música (see below for details).

### OPERA

#### La Bohème

i

MEAM (Barra de Ferro, 5). M: Jaume I (L4). 6pm. 30€. Part of a season of one-off opera performances, the MEAM this evening hosts a production of La Bohème, Puccini's tragic tale of lovers Mimi and Rodolfo.

### SPORT

#### Terrassa Half Marathon

(Start: Parc dels Catalans). 10am. 20€. [www.mitjaterassa.org](http://www.mitjaterassa.org) Getting 2019 off on the right

foot, this half marathon in the nearby town of Terrassa is part of the Grand Prix season of races from the Diputació de Barcelona, the governing body of the province of Barcelona. There's also the 14th Santi Centelles Run, a 5km road race.

### FAMILY

#### Travel to the bottom of the sea in a bathyscaphe

Museu Marítim de Barcelona (Av. de les Drassanes, s/n). M: Drassanes (L3). Fourth Sunday of the month. 11.30am, 12.45pm. Adults: 4€. Children: 2.50€. <http://mmb.cat/en/> Discover what life is like under the water with this simulated trip that shows different animals living in the sea, including turtles, dolphins, sardines and sea urchins. For children 3 and above.

#### Vist i plou

i

Poble Espanyol (Av. Francesc Ferrer i Guàrdia, 13). M: Espanya (L1, L3; FGC). 12.30pm-1.20pm. General entrance (includes this event): 14€. Family tickets available. Under-4s free. Enter the world of clown Morc Fants, a place where nothing works but everything turns out alright. For children aged 4 and above. In Catalan.

#### Bufant sons

Museu de la Música (Lepant, 150). M: Marina, Glòries (L1). 5.30pm. 5€. <http://ajuntament.barcelona.cat/museumusica/en> Family workshop where participants learn how to make music using everyday objects including a brush, crutches and a ladder.

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MONDAY

### CLASSICAL MUSIC

#### Thomas Hengelbrock & Balthasar Neumann Chor und Ensemble

i

Palau de la Música (Palau de la Música, 4-6). M: Urquinaona (L1, L4). 8pm. 20€-125€.



# Day by day

The prestigious German conductor Thomas Hengelbrock brings his choir and orchestra to Barcelona for a performance of Mozart's 'Requiem'. This concert is part of the Barcelona Obertura Choral Masterpieces season (see Sun 27).

## SPANISH GUITAR

**Maestros of the Spanish Guitar** **BUY**  
Basilica Santa Maria del Pi (Pl. del Pi, 7). M: Liceu (L3). See Mon 14.

## OPERA

**Madama Butterfly**  
Gran Teatre del Liceu (La Rambla, 51-59). M: Liceu (L3). See Sat 12.

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TUESDAY

## CLASSICAL MUSIC

**'Scheherazade' by Rimsky-Korsakov** **i**  
Palau de la Música (Palau de la Música, 4-6). M: Urquinaona (L1, L4). 8pm. 18€-78€. The Oslo Philharmonic Orchestra, conductor Vasily Petrenko and pianist Simon Trpčeski join forces for a performance of this symphonic suite by Russian composer Nikolai Rimsky-Korsakov, as well as J. Brahms' 'Concerto nº 2'. This concert is part of the Barcelona Obertura Choral Masterpieces season (see Sun 27).

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WEDNESDAY

## UNDERWATER ACTIVITIES

**Shark Cage Diving Express**  
L'Aquàrium (Moll d'Espanya del Port Vell, s/n). M: Barceloneta (L4), Drassanes (L3). See Wed 9.

## SPANISH GUITAR

**Maestros of the Spanish Guitar** **BUY**  
Basilica de Santa Maria del Pi

(Pl. del Pi, 7). M: Catalunya (L1, L3; FGC). See Tue 1.

## TOURS

**Visit to archaeological site**  
El Born Centre de Cultura i Memòria (Plaça Comercial, 12). M: Jaume I & Barceloneta (L4), Arc de Triomf (L1). See Wed 2.

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THURSDAY

## SPANISH GUITAR

**The Art of the Spanish Guitar: concert and wine and dinner** **BUY**  
Santa Anna Church (Santa Anna, 29). M: Catalunya (L1, L3; FGC). 9pm. 20€. Joan Benejam presents 'Fandango', a journey through the history of Spanish guitar, while you enjoy a glass of wine or a meal as part of your musical experience.

## MUSIC FESTIVAL

**20è Festival Mil·lenni: Pavla** **i**  
El Molino (Vilà i Vilà, 99). M: Paral·lel (L2, L3). 9pm. 13€. Young Barcelona singer Pavla, who now spends her time between here and Brighton, performs from her second album, Secretly hoping you catch me looking.

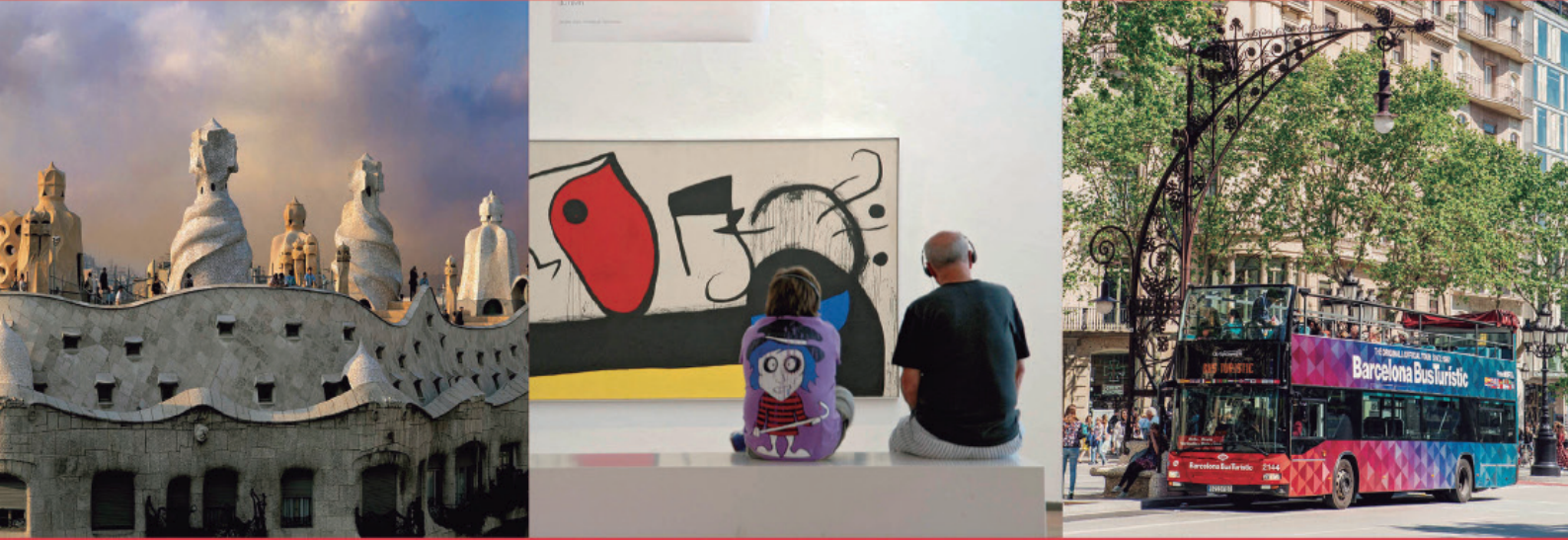
**Guitar BCN 19: Fito Páez L'Auditori**  
(Lepant, 150). M: Glòries & Marina (L1), Monumental (L2). 9pm. 25€-45€. [www.guitarbcn.com](http://www.guitarbcn.com)  
Returning for a new edition is this festival dedicated celebrating the guitar. Tonight's inaugural event features Argentinian rock star Fito Páez, here as part of his acclaimed 'Solo Piano' global tour.

## CLASSICAL MUSIC

**Trio Wanderer: The Schubert Night Trios** **i**  
Palau de la Música (Palau de la Música, 4-6). M: Urquinaona (L1, L4). 8pm. 35€.

This French trio, featuring pianist Vincent Coq, violinist Jean-Marc Phillips-Varjabédian and cellist Raphaël Pidoux, perform two works by Schubert.

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