

# Monthly Agenda

## December



Plaça Sant Jaume nativity scene ©Sergi Garriga



# December in Barcelona: enjoy the Christmas spirit to the full

Barcelona is a wonderful place to be at any time of the year, but in December the city takes on a magical vibe you won't find elsewhere. The sun is still shining, the sky is blue, you can enjoy café terraces and explore the streets and neighbourhoods. And everywhere you go, you'll find **Christmas: markets, concerts, family activities, numerous shops** offering original gifts, **restaurants** serving traditional and contemporary festive Catalan dishes, and **lights** everywhere bringing sparkle to the dark nights. What's more, outside the city, you'll find a range of memorable cultural events to enjoy from fairs of pine trees and roosters to a torch procession and living nativities, as well as great days for all the family at **PortAventura World**. In Catalonia, the days of celebration are **December 24** (*Nit de Nadal*), **25** (*Nadal*, which is marked with a splendid, multi-course feast), **26** (*Sant Esteve*, when the main dish for lunch is a plate of cannelloni made with the leftover meat from Christmas Day), **31** (*Cap d'Any*, celebrations to welcome the new year) and **January 1** (*Any Nou*).



New Year's Eve. © Sergi Garriga

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# Highlights

## Traditions

When it comes to Christmas, Barcelona is a city that has it all and over 1,000 activities will fill the city streets during this season. During the festive season, several historic markets set up their stalls including the **Fira de Santa Llúcia** in front of the Cathedral, which has been around since 1786 and is where city residents go to buy nativity figures, Christmas decorations and small gifts. A similar market is held in front of the iconic Sagrada Família (**Fira Nadal Sagrada Família**), while the Fira de **Reis de la Gran Via** is where parents and grandparents take children to check out the long lines of stalls crammed with toys, games and sweets. A more recent addition to the city's essential Christmas destinations is the **Fira de Plaça Catalunya**, which sees Barcelona's main square fill with activities, workshops and shows for all ages in a magical place known as 'The City of Smiles'. Nativity scenes (*pessebres*) have long played a key role in Catalan households, and for some years now it's also been possible to see large-scale **pessebres** in spaces such as **Plaça Sant Jaume**, which hosts the official nativity of City Hall, the **Museu Frederic Marès**, which gives over a space in its medieval courtyard to an elegant tableau of the Christmas story, and the **Monestir Reial de Pedralbes**. Finally, the biggest **New Year's Eve party** in town takes place on Avinguda Reina Maria Cristina, just off Plaça Espanya. A splendid show of music, performance and light sets the scene before the countdown to midnight, which is then followed by a first-class fireworks display. Finally, Christmas is a great time of year to get together with family and friends and share classic recipes that can be found on every table or in various traditional **Catalan cuisine restaurants**. Enjoy the **traditions** in Barcelona!

More information at [barcelona.cat/en/christmas](http://barcelona.cat/en/christmas) and [visitbarcelona.com](http://visitbarcelona.com)



Fira de Santa Llúcia

Parc d'Atraccions Tibidabo



## Family Christmas

As you might expect, Barcelona in December is jam-packed with fun things for **families** to do. To start there are **workshops** galore at venues including the Design Museum, MACBA, the Maritime Museum, the Chocolate Museum and El Born Centre de Cultura i Memòria. At **CosmoCaixa**, they have both activities related to their space- and robot-themed exhibitions and a large-scale **escape room** for older kids. **El Poble Espanyol** on Montjuïc has once more gone all out for the festive season with craft demos, a **treasure hunt**, a wish tree, **animated films** and much more. **CaixaForum** has a four-day **Roald Dahl film** extravaganza and **La Pedrera** celebrates the season with an **afternoon for families** that includes shows, games and lots of magic. Both **Sant Pau Art Nouveau Site** and **Palau Güell** have **light shows** that highlight their respective beautiful designs, and **l'Aquàrium** is honouring its large **shark family** with numerous activities dedicated to those fascinating creatures. What's more, the **Tibidabo** theme park not only has all its popular rides and performances but for Christmas has added a **4D film** of *The Petit Prince*, a **Lego workshop**, and **puppet show**.

# Christmas in Barcelona

## Music

Throughout December, there's a splendid and extensive programme of musical treats going on around the city with all tastes catered for. To give you an idea, here's just a small selection of the concerts and musical performances happening in Barcelona this month. At the **Liceu Opera House**, they finish the year off with a production of **L'Italiana in Algeri**, marking the 150th anniversary of composer Rossini's death (Thu 13), while in the spirit of the season, you can also enjoy an early **New Year concert** featuring the uplifting music of Johann Strauss (Wed 26). It's a busy month at the **Palau de la Música Catalana**. Starting with a tribute to US musicals including **West Side Story** and **Carousel** (Sat 1), you can also enjoy two iconic classical compositions in the shape of **Händel's Messiah** (Thu 13) and **Vivaldi's Four Seasons** (Mon 17). And in the week of Christmas itself, there's a festival of **waltzes and dances** (Sat 22), and a traditional **Saint Stephen's concert** featuring a programme of popular festive music both local and international (Wed 26). **L'Auditori** is also celebrating with a special performance by the French **Pygmalion Ensemble** of Bach motets and sacramental choral music (Tue 11), while it looks ahead to 2019 with a **New Year concert** that sees the Municipal Band of Barcelona play waltzes, polkas, operettas and Tchaikovsky's **'Nutcracker suite'** (Sat 29). The stunning **Santa Maria del Mar** basilica is the setting for two performances of **Handel's Messiah** by the Catalan Youth Orchestra and Atlantida choir (Thu 13, Fri 14). The **50th International Barcelona Jazz Festival** continues its anniversary edition with a varied lineup of artists including **Mariola Membrives**, the Spanish musician and actress known for her fusions of jazz and flamenco (Tue 4), while veteran Catalan pianist **Ignasi Terraza** is on stage twice, first with harmonica player **Antonio Serrano** (Wed 5) and then with young star **Andrea Motis** (she sings and plays the trombone and saxophone) for a tribute to the Jazz Festival (Wed 12). The event draws to a close this year with an uplifting appearance from the **Charleston Gospel Voices** group (Fri 21). At the **Museu Europeu d'Art Modern (MEAM)**, located in a medieval palace in the Born area, they conclude a run of one-off opera recitals with **La Serva Padrona** about a maid determined to do what it takes to marry her wealthy employer. The **20th Festival Mil·lenni** has an enticing number of concerts happening in December with highlights including world-class Catalan tenor **Josep Carreras** headlining a **Christmas concert** at Santa Maria del Mar basilica, Cuban singer-songwriter and guitarist **Pablo Milanés** presenting his 'Esencia' tour that covers classic hits and more recent work, and Galician piper and flautist **Carlos Núñez** with his traditional year-end show (Sun 30).



Saint Stephen's Concert. Palau de la Música Catalana



# Highlights

## Food & Wine

The city is alive with the Christmas spirit and filled with aromas and flavours. Gastronomy is a must during this season and classic recipes can be found on every table such as *canelones*, *galet* soup, grilled chicken with raisins and pine nuts, *torrons* and *barquillo* wafers...all washed down by some fine local cava. Download the [Barcelona's official restaurant app](#) and discover the best restaurants for Christmas!

If wine is a gift you're looking for, either for someone else or to spoil yourself, or you simply enjoy discovering new vintages, don't miss the **tasting experience** held in a dedicated space at the foot of the **Columbus Monument**. Throughout the festive season you can enjoy a delicious wine and cava tasting, while also having the chance to sample delicious **torrons** (nougat traditionally eaten at this time of year) accompanied by a glass of cava.

## Shopping

Shopping is clearly a key part of many people's lives at this time of year, and Barcelona is an excellent place to find original gifts for all ages and tastes. Fittingly, Barcelona Turisme's **'Barcelona Shopping City'** is currently running a campaign entitled **"Barcelona has it all"**, covering themes such as inspiration, trends, design, tradition, art and, of course, Christmas. Not only will you find all the best **high-street chains** across Barcelona, on and around Passeig de Gràcia there's a wide range of **international luxury boutiques**, while in city centre neighbourhoods including Born and Raval, numerous **independent stores** offer clothing, homewares, accessories and much more. Various shopping centres provide a one-stop option for different stores as well as restaurants and cafés. If you like to find innovative and unusual design items, the annual **Design Market** takes place at the Disseny Hub (Dec 14-16), with local creatives showcasing their products, while the **Drap-Art festival** (Dec 8-9) features artworks that use recycled materials as part of an ongoing initiative to raise awareness about the environment.

More information at [barcelonashoppingcity.com](http://barcelonashoppingcity.com).

## Sports

December is also the month that two emblematic sporting events take place in the city, and both are worth checking out whether you want to sign up or cheer on those participating. On Christmas Day, the Club de Natació de Barcelona, one of the city's oldest swimming clubs, organises a **200m open-water swim** close to Maremagnum for those who like to do something more than exchange presents and eat on December 25. And on New Year's Eve, runners can end 2018 on a high with the **Cursa dels Nassos**. This 10km road race is named after l'Home dels Nassos (the Man of the Noses), who, according to legend, on January 1 has 365 noses but he then loses one each day of the year – and that's why he only ever comes out of hiding on December 31 to show his single remaining snout.

Barcelona really does have it all for Christmas!

Cursa dels Nassos



# Christmas in Barcelona



Pessebre vivent (living nativity). Corbera de Llobregat

## Near Barcelona

If you're visiting Barcelona for a few days and want to venture out of the city, there's a host of seasonal specials happening around Catalonia this month that are certainly worth the trip. While **nativity scenes** (*pessebres*) are a common feature in Catalan homes at this time of year, many towns in the region also create *pessebres vivents* or **'living nativities'**, which see residents dress up in traditional clothing and enact scenes from the Christmas story and perform trades from the time of Jesus; audiences walk a set route around local streets to see the different segments. One of the most popular of these events happens in the nearby town of **Corbera de Llobregat** (Dec 1-Jan 13), where years of dedication show themselves in the quality of the staging and attention to detail. In the town of **Espinelves** (Dec 1-9), there's an annual pine tree (*avet*) festival that sees locals come and pick out a locally grown specimen to put up in their homes; you might not be in the market for one yourself but it's a great chance to discover this area and its nature. Another seasonal festival is the **rooster fair** (Dec 15-16) held in the town of **Vilafranca del Penedès**; it celebrates the *gall de Vilafranca* bird that's known for its tasty meat and is used in classic and contemporary recipes. As a special bonus, Vilafranca is at the centre of the famous Penedès wine region and the fair also features local wine as well as a programme of activities. On Christmas Eve, the neighbouring towns of **Bagà and Sant Julià de Cerdanyola** hold an event called the **Fia Faia** (Dec 24): it starts

at sunset with a bonfire on a mountain above the municipalities followed by a torch procession (the burning torches are called *faies*) that winds its way down to each town for an evening of fire, music and dance. Each year around Catalonia numerous productions of *Els Pastorets* are staged. This take on the Christmas story, which is based on medieval religious plays, includes the birth of Jesus but also a fight between the forces of good and evil, represented by angels and demons, as well as different scenes featuring some of the shepherds (*pastors* in Catalan) who were told by the Angel Gabriel about the newborn baby. The town of **Calaf** is well-known for its performances of **Els Pastorets** (Dec 25-Jan 27, 2019), with a huge cast and varied special effects, and the group also puts on a kid-friendly version of the show. Finally if you're looking for a big day out that all the family will love, head to **PortAventura World** theme park, just a 90-minute coach ride from the centre of Barcelona. At any time of the year, PortAventura is an amazing place to visit with its two parks – PortAventura, that has six different worlds offering rides, activities and shows for all ages, and Ferrari Land, a unique space in Europe with high-speed rides, adrenaline-filled experiences, and themed events and performances – but at **Christmas at Port Aventura**, the excitement levels get even higher! Until January 6, 2019, you can enjoy festive shows, parades, incredible decorations, surprises and even the chance to meet Santa Claus himself.

More information at [barcelonaesmoltmes.cat](http://barcelonaesmoltmes.cat)



# 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, 2019. In 2015, the Arxiu Fotogràfic de Barcelona received around 50,000 images by Eduard Olivella (Barcelona, 1948), the result of his work as a professional photographer. They provide a unique documentary record of Barcelona from the 1970s to the start of the 21st century.

## 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, 2019. 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; Dec 24, 31, Jan 5 10am-6pm. Closed Dec 25, 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, 2019. Created in collaboration with Madrid's Museo del Prado, this new 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, 2019. 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, 2019. 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.

## Castell de Montjuïc

(Ctra. de Montjuïc, 66). M: Espanya (L1, L3; FGC). Daily 10am-6pm. Closed Dec 25, 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.

### Impass

Dec 19-Feb 28, 2019. Artistic installation by Julia 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, 2019. 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.

### Francesc Ferrer i Guàrdia and the educational revolution

Until Dec 3. Francesc Ferrer i Guàrdia (1859-1909) was a pioneer in educational methods who helped to modernise Catalan teaching practices, which are now used across the world.

## Centro Comercial Las Arenas

(Gran Via de les Corts Catalanes, 373-385). M: Espanya (L1, L3; FGC). Until Jun, 2019.



© Hergé-Moulinart 2018

Tintin and the moon. Cosmocaixa. ©Hergé-Moulinart 2018



Human Bodies. Centro Comercial Las Arenas

Daily 10am-9.30pm; Dec 24, 31 10am-6.30pm. Closed Dec 25, Jan 1.

[www.humanbodies.eu](http://www.humanbodies.eu)

### Human Bodies.

The popular 'Human Bodies: the Anatomy of Life' exhibition has returned to Barcelona's 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; Dec 26, Jan 5, 6 11am-3pm. Closed Mon (except public holidays) including Dec 24 and Dec 25, 31, Jan 1. Sunday 3pm-8pm, free.

<http://www.cccb.org/en/>

### Stanley Kubrick

Until March 31, 2019.

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; Dec 24, 31, Jan 5 10am-6pm. Closed Dec 25, Jan 1, 6. <https://cosmocaixa.es/es/cosmocaixa-barcelona>

### Tintin and the Moon

From Dec 15. The adventurous young Belgian journalist touches down in Barcelona for this new exhibition that focuses on his 1950 trip to the moon, and marks the 50th anniversary of the Apollo landing by looking at the technology and scientific research that made it all possible.

### Robots. Humans and machines

Until Jan 31, 2019.

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; Dec 26 10am-2.30pm. Closed Mon (except public holidays), Dec 25 and Jan 1. Sunday 3pm-8pm and first Sunday of month all day, free.

<http://elbornculturairememoria.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, 2019. 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 and Dec 25, 26. <https://fundaciotapies.org/en/>

### Permanent exhibition

Extensive collection of artworks by Tàpies.

### Antoni Tàpies. Political biography

Until Feb 24, 2019. 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, 2019. This is the first solo exhibition in Spain for Turkish artist Erkan Özgen, and takes as its inspiration his 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. Closed Dec 25. [www.lapedrera.com/en](http://www.lapedrera.com/en)

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

Until Jan 27, 2019. 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, Wed, Fri 10am-6pm; Thu 10am-9pm; Sat 10am-8pm; Sun, public holidays and Dec 31, Jan 5, 6 10am-3pm; Dec 27-30 10am-7pm. Closed Mon (except public holidays), Dec 25, 26 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, 2019. 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, 2019. 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, 2019. 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, 2019. 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.

## Fundació Suñol

BUY

(Pg. de Gràcia, 98). M: Diagonal (L3, L5). FGC: Provença. Mon-Fri 11am-2pm, 4pm-8pm; Sat 4pm-8pm. Closed Sun and public holidays. [www.fundaciosunol.org/en/](http://www.fundaciosunol.org/en/)

### Acte 40: Sinéad Spelman

FREE

Until Jan 12, 2019. In her work, Sinéad Spelman focuses on the practice of writing, drawing and sculpture from a personal perspective while at the same time exploring collective emotional states.

## Fundació Vila Casas - Espais Volart

(Ausiàs Marc, 25). M: Urquinaona (L1, L4), Catalunya (L1, L3; FGC). Tue-Sat 11am-2pm, 5pm-8.30pm; Sun 11am-2pm. Closed Mon, public holidays and Dec 25, 26. [www.fundaciovilacasas.com/en](http://www.fundaciovilacasas.com/en)

### Julio González. Drawing and papers

Until Dec 30. Barcelona artist Julio González (1876-1942) was a renowned sculptor and is recognised for his key role in the Modern movement that started in the 1930s.

### Manuel Duque

Until Dec 30. Spanish painter Manuel Duque (1919-1998) lived for several years in the



# Museums-exhibitions



: Ducha, 2018. Álvaro Sánchez Montañés. Fundació Vila Casas – Can Framis



Jaume Plensa. MACBA

Catalan town of Sabadell before his international artistic career took off.

**Dreaming of a possibility**  
Until Dec 30. The works of various artists are shown in this exhibition that draws from the collections of the DKV and Fundació Vila Casas.

**Fundació Vila Casas - Museu Can Framis**  
(Roc Boronat, 116-126). M: Glòries (L1), Poblenou & Llacuna (L4). Tue-Sat 11am-6pm; Sun 11am-2pm. Closed Mon, public holidays and Dec 25, 26.  
[www.fundaciovilacasas.com/en](http://www.fundaciovilacasas.com/en)

**Jorge R. Pombo. Voyage into the essence of painting**  
Until Jan 20, 2019. 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, 2019. Madrid photographer Álvaro Sánchez-Montañés currently lives in Barcelona and has exhibited his images around the world. He's also won prizes such as the Epson Photography award and International Photography Award, both in 2009.

**Elisava: Intersections**  
Until Dec 31. This photographic installation was created for the Museu Can Framis by students of Elisava (Escola Universitària de Disseny i Enginyeria de Barcelona) in conjunction with the Fundació Vila Casas.

**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 (incl Dec 6, 8, 26) 11am-7pm; Dec 24, 31 10am-3pm. Closed Dec 25, 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, 2019. 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** **BUY**  
Museu Diocesà (Pla de la Seu, 7). M: Jaume I (L4), Liceu (L3). Daily 10am-6pm. Closed Dec 25.  
[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** **BUY**  
(Ample, 35). M: Drassanes (L3), Barceloneta (L4). Daily 10am-10pm; public holidays 2pm-10pm; Dec 24, 31 10am-6pm.  
[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 Dec 25 and 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** **FREE**  
(La Rambla, 99). M: Liceu (L3). Tue-Sun, public holidays noon-8pm. Closed Dec 25, 26 and Jan 1.  
<http://ajuntament.barcelona.cat/lavirreina/en>

**Requiem for the norm**  
Until Feb 3, 2019. 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, 2019. 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, 2019. 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.

**MACBA. Museu d'Art Contemporani** **BUY**  
(Plaça dels Àngels, 1). M: Universitat (L1, L2), Sant Antoni (L2). Mon, Wed-Fri 11am-8pm. Sat 10am-8pm; Sun and public holidays 10am-3pm. Closed Tue (except public holidays) including Dec 25 and Jan 1. Sat 4pm-8pm, free.  
[www.macba.cat/en/index](http://www.macba.cat/en/index)

**A short century: MACBA Collection**  
This permanent exhibition 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, 2019. 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 Anarchiv**  
Until Apr 18, 2019. An examination of the work by the Equipo 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**  
Dec 1-Apr 22, 2019. 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** **BUY**  
(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 Guardia). M: Vallcarca (L3). Daily 8.30am-6pm. The Casa de la Guardia 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** **BUY**  
(Pl. del Rei). M: Jaume I (L4). Tue-Sat 10am-7pm; Sun

10am-8pm. Closed Mon, Dec 25 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** **BUY**  
(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.  
<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** **FREE**  
(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** **FREE**  
(Paradís, 10). M: Liceu (L3), Jaume I (L4). Mon 10am-2pm; Tue-Sat 10am-7pm; Sun 10am-8pm. Closed Dec 25 and Jan 1.  
<http://ajuntament.barcelona.cat/museuhistoria/en/>

**Permanent exhibition**  
Visit the remains of Augustus'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 Mon, Wed (including Dec 25 and Jan 1), 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** **FREE**  
(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. Closed Mon, Dec 25, 26 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** **FREE**  
Until Feb 17, 2019. Take a nostalgic look at Badalona with this show that looks at different cinemas that have graced the city (all of which have now closed).



# Museums-exhibitions

## Museu de Montserrat

(Abadia de Montserrat. 08199 Montserrat). FGC from Pl. Espanya (R5 line). Station: Monistrol de Montserrat + zip train. Daily 10am-5.45pm; Dec 25 10am-2pm. [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, 2019. 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 the restrictions of the Franco dictatorship to develop a more modern and open cultural ambience.

### Image and appearance

Until Apr 28, 2019. 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; Dec 24 10am-5pm; Jan 1 noon-midnight. Closed Dec 25. [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; Dec 24, 31, Jan 5 10am-3pm. Closed Mon and Dec 25, 26, 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, 2019. Quico Pi is one of Barcelona's most important musicians and this show features his extensive collection of guitars, sourced from different countries across the world.

### Musical nativity scene

Dec 11-Feb 3, 2019. 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 (Comerg, 36). M: Arc de Triomf (L1). Mon-Sat 10am-7pm; Sun and public holidays (incl. Dec 6, 8) 10am-3pm. Closed Dec 25, 26 and Jan 1, 6. [www.museuxocolata.cat/?lang=en](http://www.museuxocolata.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), Dec 25 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

Dec 5-Mar 31, 2019. New 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). Until Dec 16: Mon-Sat 10am-6.30pm, Sun 10am-2.30pm; from Dec 17: daily 9.30am-7.30pm. Closed Dec 25 and 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), Dec 25 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'.

## Museu Egipci de Barcelona

(València, 284). M: Passeig de Gràcia (L2, L3, L4). Mon-Sat 10am-8pm; Sun 10am-2pm. Closed Dec 25, 26 and 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.

### Passion for Pharaonic Egypt

Until Dec 31. This exhibition marks 200 years of collecting Egyptian artefacts and includes over 100 pieces from the museum's permanent collection, with explanations about how they made their way through different hands to get to this point.

## 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 public holidays 10am-8pm. Closed Mon, Dec 25 and



The advertising boom. Museu del Disseny. Agua de solares. ©Museu de Manises

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, 2019. 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.

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Sunday of month all day and other Sundays from 3pm, free. <http://ajuntament.barcelona.cat/museuetnologic/en/>

### 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, Dec 25, 26 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.

## Contemporary Japanese realism

Until Dec 2. Tokyo's Hoki Museum was Japan's first museum focusing on contemporary Realism; here 60 works by leading Realist Japanese artists from Hoki are on display in the first show of its kind in Europe.

## 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), Dec 25 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, 2019. The museum gets its festive celebrations underway with an elaborate nativity scene and display of different figures courtesy of the Associació de Pessebristes de Barcelona (pessebre means 'nativity scene').

## Museu Marítim de Barcelona

(Av. de les Drassanes, s/n). M: Drassanes (L3). Daily 10am-8pm. Closed Dec 25, 26 and Jan 1, 6. Sundays from 3pm, free. <http://mmb.cat/en/>

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

Until Mar 3, 2019. The story of teacher Antoni Benaiges (1903-1936) who worked during the Spanish Republic in a rural school.

### Port, frontier territory

Until Jan 14, 2019. 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 a new installation dedicated to the history of Barcelona's shipbuilding industry.

### Continents and Waves in the workshop

Until Jan 15, 2019. 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 all material created by humans.

### 7 boats, 7 stories

Until Dec 31. 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

Until Dec 31. 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 completely reopened to the public the spaces of the medieval Royal Boatyards where three historic boats are being restored.

### A centenary boat

Until Jan 13, 2019. 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), Dec 25 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 Ru-



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bens, 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, 2019. 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 and revolution witnessed in different places across the world.

**Room**  
Dec 4-Feb 3, 2019. 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** BUY  
(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), Dec 25, 26 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. Centenary Club: Club Natació de Barcelona Until Dec 2. Photographic exhibition that looks at one of the city's longest-running sports clubs, the Swimming Club of Barcelona, founded in 1907.

**Museu Picasso**  
(Montcada, 15-23). M: Jaume I (L4). Mon 10am-5pm; Tue-Sun (except Thu) 9am-7pm; Thu 9am-9.30pm; Dec 24, 31 9am-2pm; Jan 5 9am-5pm. Closed

Dec 25 and 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, 2019. 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, 2019. 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, 2019. 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), Dec 25, 26 and Jan 1. First Sunday of month, free. [www.palauguell.cat/en](http://www.palauguell.cat/en)

**Palau Güell: A Look at 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, 2019. 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.



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**Palau Robert** FREE  
(Pg. de Gràcia, 107). M: Diagonal (L3, L5). FGC: Provença. Mon-Sat 9am-8pm; Sun, public holidays and Dec 24, 31 9am-2.30pm; Jan 5 9am-5pm. Closed Dec 25, 26 and Jan 1, 6. <http://palaurobert.gencat.cat/en/inici/index.html>

**Creators of conscience. 40 committed photojournalists**  
Until Feb 10, 2019. A selection of images by different photojournalists that 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, 2019. This exhibition is dedicated to Aureli Capmany, who created different cultural and civic initiatives and played a key role in the children's magazine, En Patufet.

**Kosmos Panikkar**  
Until Feb 3, 2019. 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 Dec 9. As part of this year's festival (which has a theme this year of 'Love, the effects of affection'), the Palau Robert hosts three different exhibitions: 'Cancer family' by Nancy Borowick, 'The Three, Senior Love Triangle' from Isadora Kosofsky, and 'Family album' by various artists.

**Reial Monestir de Santa Maria de Pedralbes**  
(Baixada del Monestir, 9). FGC: Reina Elisenda. Tue-Sun 10am-7pm; public holidays (Dec 6, 8, 26, Jan 6) 10am-2pm. Closed Mon, Dec 25 and Jan 1. Sundays from 3pm, and first Sunday of month all day, free. <http://monestirpedralbes.bcn.cat/en/>

**Life? or Theatre? Charlotte Salomon, Berlin 1917-Auschwitz 1943**  
Until Feb 17, 2019. 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 2019. 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). Daily 6pm, 8.30pm (shows start later). [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)** BUY  
(Barra de Ferro, 5). M: Jaume I (L4). Weekly concerts of flamenco, classical music and blues in art museum.

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

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

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

## OTHER SHOWS

**Tablao de Carmen** BUY  
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.

**Palacio del Flamenco** BUY  
(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** BUY  
(Plaça Reial, 17). M: Liceu (L3). Daily 7.30pm, 8.30pm, 9.30pm. Live flamenco show in central venue.

**Tablao Cordobés** BUY  
(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** BUY  
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.

L'italiana in Algeri. Gran Teatre del Liceu





# Theatre



Troia, una veritable odissea. Teatre Nacional de Catalunya ©David Ruano

### El Molino

(Vilà i Vilà, 99). M: Paral·lel (L2, L3). <http://elmolinobcn.com/language/en/>

### Du-duà

Dec 1. 9.30pm. From 16€. Doowop Club presents this musical comedy featuring a range of doo-wop hits sung in Catalan.

### Ese cuerpo es mio (yo lo vi primero)

Until Dec 30. Fri, Sat 9.30pm. From 15€. Marilyn Monroe and Marlene Dietrich take over the body and voice of a woman called Norma who longs to be a star; how will this diva duel play out? In Spanish.

### 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 Familia Addams

Until Jan 13, 2019. Wed, Thu 8.30pm; Fri 9.30pm; Sat 6pm, 9.30pm; Sun 6pm; check website for special Christmas 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.teatregaudiibarcelona.com/es/](http://www.teatregaudiibarcelona.com/es/)  
**Madein**  
Until Dec 9. Sat 5pm; Sun noon. 15€. Musical theatre about two children who spend their days searching rubbish tips for things they can sell. One day, they start to make a

doll out of pieces that they find, a doll that then comes magically to life. In Catalan.

### Carrie

Until Jan 4, 2019. Thu-Sat 9pm; Sun 7pm. 26€. Based on Stephen King's popular horror novel, this is a musical version of the story about the eponymous teenager with hidden powers. In Catalan.

### Les Dones del Frank

Dec 7-Jan 27, 2019. Fri, Sat 7pm; Sun 5pm; check website for special Christmas performances. 24€. Musical show dedicated to Frank Sinatra featuring songs, anecdotes and lots of laughs. In Catalan.

### Els Tres Porquets

Dec 15-Feb 24, 2019. Sat 5pm; Sun, Dec 27, 28 noon. 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)

### Simbiòtic festival

Until Dec 2. This is the third edition of this festival that aims to change theatrical concepts based on accessibility to all audiences. Includes three days of shows, talks and other activities.

### La neta del Senyor Linh

Dec 13-30. Wed-Fri 8.30pm; Sat 5.30pm, 9pm; Sun 6pm. 22€-29€. Monologue version of Philippe Claudel's famous novel, Monsieur Linh and his child, starring acclaimed Catalan actor Lluís Homar. In Catalan; English and Spanish surtitles from Dec 22.

### A.K.A. (Also Known As)

Dec 14-30. Wed-Fri 8.30pm;

Sat 5.30pm, 9pm; Sun 6pm. 18.50€-23€. A comedy about individual and social identity, and their fluid boundaries by Argentinian writer Daniel J. Meyer. In Spanish and Catalan.

### Teatre Lliure (Gràcia)

(Montseny, 47). M: Fontana (L3). [www.teatrelliure.com/en](http://www.teatrelliure.com/en)  
Cronologia de las bestias Until Dec 2. Wed-Fri 8.30pm; Sat 5pm, 9pm; Sun 6pm. 22€-29€. Family black comedy that's built around secrets, deceit and our limits concerning alternative truths. In Spanish.

### Rhumans

Dec 5-12. Wed-Fri 8.30pm; Sat 5pm, 9pm; Sun 6pm. 18.50€-23€. This is the final in a trilogy of circus shows directed by Jordi Aspa, the driving force behind Escarlata Circus, and is an investigation into the power of laughter. 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)

### Troia, una veritable odissea!

Dec 13-30. Thu-Sat 8pm; Sun 6pm; Dec 19 7pm; Dec 26 8pm. 17€-20€. Inspired by The Illiad and The Odyssey, this musical adventure without text is suitable for kids aged 8 and above and features some of the most exciting events from those classical works such as the Trojan Wars and voyage of Ulysses.

### La niña gorda

Dec 19-Jan 4, 2019. 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.

### Alba

Until Dec 23. Wed 7pm; Thu-Sat 8pm; Sun 6pm. 12€-24€. Does virtual reality isolate us from physical reality? This story of robots who provide companionship to humans is a reflection of new concepts of relationships and the individual in society. In Catalan.

### Youth#4

Until Dec 2. Sat 8pm; Sun 6pm. 6€. 15 young people aged between 16 and 20 share their lives, dreams, fears and desires.

### 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, 2019. 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.

### Hi ha res més avorrit que ser una princesa rosa?

Dec 2, 9 noon. From 10.60€. Family show about a princess who rebels against the stereotypes of her role. For kids aged 5-12. In Catalan.

### Beatles for kids

Dec 16, 23 noon. 12€. Family-friendly homage to the Fab Four performed by tribute band Abbey Road in a show that includes hit songs, games and stories. 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, 2019. Check website for times and prices. Tricycle 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.

### Dàmaris Gelabert – M'agrada el Nadal amb In crescendo

Dec 22, 23 noon; Dec 29, 30 10am, 12.30pm. From 8€. Family show for Christmas featuring popular children's entertainer Dàmaris Gelabert and award-winning singing group In crescendo. In Catalan.

# Dance

### Mercat de les Flors

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

### Hop 2018

Until Dec 2. A festival for international and local artists to showcase pieces that are in the process of creation, giving audiences an opportunity to see their development up close.

### Christos Papadopoulos: Opus

Dec 21, 22. 8.30pm. 16€/20€. Greek choreographer Papadopoulos directs four dancers in this piece based on a study of the strict structure and artistic complexity of classical music, rules which are here applied to dance.

### Los Galindos: UduL

Dec 22, 23, 27-30. 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

Dec 27-30, Jan 2-4, 2019. 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.

Carrie. Teatre Gaudí Barcelona





# Visits

## PLACES OF INTEREST

### Basílica de la Sagrada Família

(Mallorca, 401). M: Sagrada Família (L2, L5). Daily 9am-6pm; Dec 25, 26 and 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€. 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. Guided tour including bell tower: Mon-Fri noon, 1pm; weekends and public hols noon, 1pm, 3pm, 4pm (check website for languages). 8.50€. Closed Dec 25, 26. 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€. Premium visit: Dec 29 10.30am (Cat). 11€. Closed Dec 25. 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€. Closed Dec 25. 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: Dec 1 11am (Spa/Eng), noon (Cat); 10€. Dramatised tour: Dec 15 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: Verdader (L4, L5), Diagonal (L3, L5). FGC: Provença. Daily 10am-7pm. Self-guided tour with audio guide (10 languages): 10€. Guided tours also available. Closed Dec 25. 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€. Premium visit: Dec 13 5pm (Cat). 14€. The art collected by Manuel Rocamora (1892-1976), a member 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 Dec 25 and 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. Dec 9: 11.15am (Catalan); Dec 23: 11.15am (Spanish). [www.cbsa.cat/?lang=en](http://www.cbsa.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). Guided tour (50 mins) Thu, Sun 10.30am, 11.30am, 12.30pm (various languages). No tours Dec 20 to Jan 6. 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 Dec 25, 26 and Jan 1, 6. Take the lift to the top of one of the city's most iconic landmarks, the Columbus Monument at the bottom of 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. Pedrera by Day: daily 9am-6.30pm; from 22€. Gaudí's Pedrera. The Origins: daily 7pm-9pm; 34€. The awakening of La Pedrera: Wed-Fri 8am (Eng); 39€. Christmas schedule, Dec 26-Jan 3: Pedrera by Day: daily 9am-8.30pm; Gaudí's Pedrera. The Origins: daily 9pm-11pm. Jan 1 11am-8.30pm. Closed Dec 25. 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. Evening guided tours: Fri (Cat/Spa), Sat (Cat/Spa/Eng); 15€/25€. Head to Barcelona's



Christmas at Poble Espanyol

hillside observatory for an evening guided tour, plus a look through the historical telescope.

### Palau Baró de Quadras

(Av. Diagonal, 373). M: Diagonal (L3, L5); FGC: Provença. Wed 11am (Eng), 1pm (Spa). From 10€. Closed Dec 26. 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) and Dec 25, 26 and Jan 1, 6. 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). Thu, Sun 10.30am, 11.30am, 12.30pm (various languages). No tours Dec 27, 30, Jan 3, 6. 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). 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). 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). Dec 1 7.30pm: Sefarad Dinner including welcome drink, tour of Jewish quarter and meal of traditional Jewish food; from 71€. Day guided tour: Sat 11.30am, 12.30pm, 1.30pm. 8€. No tours Dec 22 to Jan 5. 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). Wed, Sat 10.30am, 11.30am, 12.30pm (various languages). No tours Dec 17 to Jan 5. 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). Wed, Sat 10.30am, 11.30am, 12.30pm (various languages).

No tours Dec 26 to Jan 5. 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). Dinner of the Senses: an introduction to neuroscience and a gastronomic experience involving all your senses; Sat 8pm, from 71€. Dinner of the Enigma: enjoy a culinary and cultural experience full of surprises and mystery; Fri 8pm, from 71€. Guided tours: Wed, Sat 10.30am, 11.30am, 12.30pm (various languages). No tours Dec 26 to Jan 5. 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 Dec 25 and 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 Dec 25, 26 and Jan 1, 6. This castle was created by Gaudí at the foot of Tibidabo mountain, and his design combines Modernisme and medieval Gothic designs.



# Visits

## GUIDED TOURS

### Icono

**Stories and legends of the Gothic quarter** **BUY**  
(Start: Plaça Nova, 5). M: Jaume I (L4). Thu 3.30pm (Eng/Spa); Sat 10am (Fre). From 15€.  
Explore the heart of the Ciutat Vella, discover its long history and see some of the city's emblematic landmarks.

**The Ghost Walking Tour** **BUY**  
(Start: Arc de Triomf, Pg. Lluís Companys). M: Arc de Triomf (L1). Fri 9.30pm (Spa/Eng). From 12€.  
A two-hour tour around some of the spookiest corners of Barcelona.

**The Shadow of the Wind Literary Tour** **BUY**  
(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** **BUY**  
(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 Singulars**  
[www.casessingulars.com](http://www.casessingulars.com)

**Puig i Cadafalch in Montjuïc Route**  
Start: Torres Venecianes, Plaça Espanya. M: Espanya (L1, L3; FGC). Dec 1, 27 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** **BUY**

**Walking Tour Picasso** **BUY**  
(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 Dec 25.  
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** **BUY**  
(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 Dec 25, 26 and 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.

**Easy Walking Tour Gòtic** **BUY**  
(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** **BUY**  
(Start: Turisme de Barcelona Tourist Information Office Sant Jaume, Ciutat, 2). M: Liceu (L3) and Jaume I (L4). Fri 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 Dec 6, 8, 25, 26 and Jan 1, 6).

**Walking Tour Modernisme** **BUY**  
(Start: Turisme de Barcelona Tourist Information Point, Plaça Catalunya, 17, basement). M:

Catalunya (L1, L3; FGC). Wed, Fri 3.30pm (Eng). From 14.40€. No tour Dec 26.

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** **BUY**  
(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 Dec 25 and Jan 1 morning.  
[www.airedebarcelona.com](http://www.airedebarcelona.com)  
Indulge yourself at this luxurious spa.

**Barcelona Urban Forest** **BUY**  
(Plaça del Fòrum, s/n). M: El Maresme/Fòrum (L4). Weekends and Dec 6, 7 10am-3pm; Dec 22-Jan 7, 2019 daily 10am-3pm (closed Dec 25, 26 and Jan 1). From 11€.  
Fun for all ages with zip lines, bridges and six-metre-high platforms.

**Gaudí Experiència** **BUY**  
(Larrard, 41). M: Lesseps (L3). Daily 11.30am-4pm; Dec 24, 31 10am-3pm. Closed Dec 25 and Jan 6. From 8.10€.  
Interactive 4D journey through Gaudí's creativity.

**L'Aquàrium** **BUY**  
(Moll d'Espanya del Port Vell, s/n). M: Barceloneta (L4), Drassanes (L3). Daily 10am-8pm, except Dec 3-5 and 10-14 10am-7.30pm. From 20€.

The city's aquarium features a range of living creatures.

**Poble Espanyol** **BUY**  
(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** **BUY**  
(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** **BUY**  
(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.



Christmas at Port Aventura Park



Casa Batlló

**Zoo de Barcelona** **BUY**  
(Parc de la Ciutadella, s/n). M: Arc de Triomf (L1), Ciutadella/Vila Olímpica (L4). Daily 10am-5.30pm; Dec 25 10am-2pm. From 19.26€. Check website for activities, services and promotions.  
Animals large, small and all sizes in between.

## BUS TOURS

**Barcelona Bus Turístic** **BUY**  
Different stops around the city. No tours Dec 25 and 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** **BUY**  
(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.

**Dalí's Figueres & Girona** **BUY**  
(Start: Plaça Catalunya, in front of El Corte Inglés department store). M: Catalunya (L1, L3; FGC). Tue, Sat 8.30am-7.30pm. No tours Dec 25 and 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-Mu-

seu, Catalonia's most-visited museum.

**Premium Montserrat** **BUY**  
(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** **BUY**  
(Start: Plaça Catalunya on the corner of Rambla Catalunya in front of the Desigual shop). M: Catalunya (L1, L3; FGC). Wed, Sun 10am-4pm. 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.

**Barcelona Tour** **BUY**  
(Start: Turisme de Barcelona Tourist Information Point, Plaça Catalunya, 17, basement). M: Catalunya (L1, L3; FGC). Sat 4.30pm-9.30pm. From 44.10€  
Combined walking and bus tour that includes many of Barcelona's most famous sights as well as supper at the Modernista Hospital de Sant Pau, the light, water and colour show of the Magic Fountain, and panoramic views of the city by night from Montjuïc.



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## 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. Dec 1-Jan 5, 2019.

[Check website for opening times and prices.](#)

Barcelona's city theme park gets into the festive spirit with a series of special activities this month 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.

### 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). 10am-7pm; closed Dec 3-5, 10-14, 17-21. [Christmas programme: until Jan 6, 2019. 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. Dec 1-Jan 13, 2019. 13€. <http://pessebre.corbera.cat> 'Living nativity scenes' (pessebre vivents) are a popular festive feature in Catalonia and see whole towns and villages connected 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 along local streets and paths. 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.

### Fira de l'Avet a Espinelves Dec 1-9.

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

While you may not be in the market for a Christmas tree yourself, don't miss this traditional fair that takes place every December and features hundreds of locally grown pine trees, and is held in an area renowned for its forestry.

## SPANISH GUITAR

### Maestros of the Spanish Guitar

Basilica de Santa Maria del Pi (Pl. del Pi, 7). M: Catalunya (L1, L3; FGC). Dec 1, 2, 6, 7. 9pm. From 19€.

Ekaterina Záitseva was brought up in Russia, although she has lived in Spain for over a decade and is a Spanish guitar expert.

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

Santa Anna Church (Santa Anna, 29). M: Catalunya (L1, L3; FGC). Dec 1, 6, 8, 15, 22, 26, 29. 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.

## SYMPHONIC MUSIC

### West Side Story

Palau de la Música (Palau de la Música, 4-6). M: Urquinaona (L1, L4). 6.30pm. 18€-68€. [www.palaumusica.cat/en](http://www.palaumusica.cat/en) The Vallès Symphony Orchestra presents an enticing programme of music that includes symphonic dances from Bernstein's West Side Story, the 'Carousel Waltz' by Richard Rogers and more.

## 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 a traditional sailing-boat that lets you see 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.

## MUSIC FESTIVAL

### 50 Festival Internacional de Jazz de Barcelona: Pepe Rivero and Javier Colina

Conservatori del Liceu (Nou de la Rambla, 88). M: Paral·lel (L2, L3). 8.30pm. 22€. [www.jazz.barcelona/en/](http://www.jazz.barcelona/en/) Pepe Rivero and Javier Colina were regular collaborators of Cuban musician Bebo Valdés, who died in 2013; here they come together to pay tribute to the great man.

## CLASSICAL MUSIC

### 'Sombrero de Tres Picos' by Falla

L'Auditori (Lepant, 150). M: Glòries & Marina (L1), Monumental (L2). Dec 1, 2. 6pm. 10€-58€.

[www.auditori.cat/en/home](http://www.auditori.cat/en/home) Flamenco guitarist Juan Manuel Cañizares joins the Orquestra Simfònica de Barcelona i Nacional de Catalunya, conductor Kazushi Ono and mezzosoprano Gemma Coma-Alabert for a programme that includes the first performance of his own latest work, a poetic symphony from Enric Granados and 'Sombrero de Tres Picos', a colourful ballet by Manuel de Falla that was first performed 100 years ago.

### Classical music at the MEAM

(Barra de Ferro, 5). M: Jaume I (L4). Sat 6pm; entry from 5.30pm. 19€. Singing ensemble Octopus present a concert entitled

'Octeto da cámara' with music from Mendelssohn, Monteverdi, Górecki and more, while you can also enjoy an afternoon snack (served before the concert) and museum visit.

## FAMILY

### The hidden treasures of the Guitarts

Museu Marítim de Barcelona (Av. de les Drassanes, s/n). M: Drassanes (L3). Wee-kends. 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 Ciutadella, 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.

### Objects that create objects

Museu del Disseny (Pl. de les Glòries Catalanes, 37-38). M: Glòries (L1). Every Sat until Dec 22. 11.30am-1.30pm. 3€ per person. <http://ajuntament.barcelona.cat/museudeldisseny/en> Workshop for children aged 6 to 12 that looks at the Design Museum's permanent exhibition 'From the world to the museum. Product design, cultural heritage' and the capacity for design to change our surroundings and contribute to social wellbeing.

### Shark-Maniacs

L'Aquàrium (Moll d'Espanya del Port Vell, s/n). M: Barceloneta (L4), Drassanes (L3). Weekends until Jan 27, 2019. Check times and details on website.

[www.aquariumbcn.com/en/](http://www.aquariumbcn.com/en/) 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.

### Duro como la prisa

MACBA (Plaça dels Àngels, 1). M: Universitat (L1, L2). Every Sat until Dec 22. 11am-12.30pm. 3€. [www.macba.cat/en/index](http://www.macba.cat/en/index) Weekly workshop aimed at children aged 2 to 5 that looks at different concepts including time, elasticity and hardness.

## TOURS

### La Barcelona de Frederic Marès

Museu Frederic Marès (Plaça de Sant Iu, 5). M: Liceu (L3), Jaume I (L4). 11am-1.30pm. 10€. Advance reservation necessary. [www.museumares.bcn.cat](http://www.museumares.bcn.cat) This tour takes in some of the sculptures by Frederic Marès that are in public spaces as well as key places related to the sculptor and prolific collector, to provide a broader idea of his life, career and role in the cultural life of Catalonia and Barcelona.

### 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.

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## SUNDAY

## FOOTBALL

**La Liga: FC Barcelona vs. Villarreal CF**  
Camp Nou (Aristides Maillol,

s/n). M: Les Corts (L3). Date and time tbc. [www.fcbarcelona.com](http://www.fcbarcelona.com) Barcelona face the 'Yellow Submarine' team from Valencia as this year's La Liga approaches its halfway mark.

## CLASSICAL MUSIC

### From Moscow to Central Park

L'Auditori (Lepant, 150). M: Glòries & Marina (L1), Monumental (L2). 6pm. 12€/16€. [www.auditori.cat/en/home](http://www.auditori.cat/en/home) Director Björn Bus leads the Banda Municipal de Barcelona in a musical journey that takes in Russia, Europe and north America, and covers pieces from the 19th, 20th and 21st centuries.

## FILM FESTIVAL

### XCèntric 2018: Adam Curtis. A natural history of power

CCCB (Montalegre, 5). M: Catalunya (L1, L3; FGC). Dec 2, 6, 7, 8, 9, 13 and 14. [www.cccb.org](http://www.cccb.org) Continuing its XCèntric project, the CCCB hosts a number of sessions covering the work of Adam Curtis, an English journalist and producer who is also a renowned audiovisual essayist. Almost all of his films will be screened in remastered copies and accompanied by presentations and debates.

## FAMILY

### 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.

### Moure els sentits

MACBA (Plaça dels Àngels, 1). M: Universitat (L1, L2). Dec 2, 9, 16, 23, Jan 13, 20, 27. 11.30am-1pm. 3€. [www.macba.cat/en/index](http://www.macba.cat/en/index) Workshop for children aged 6 to 12 that looks at different 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.

### Family planetarium

Museu Marítim de Barcelona (Av. de les Drassanes, s/n). M: Drassanes (L3). First Sunday of month. 11.30am, 12.45pm. Adults 4€. Children 2.50€. <http://mmb.cat/en/> For children aged 3 and above, this hour-long activity looks at important constellations and planets, and how people have used stars to help navigate their boats. In Catalan.

### Sarau de Nadal

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.

Traditional dances and songs from different places including Valencia, Catalunya Nord and the Balearic Islands are featured in this festive show where audience participation is a must.

## TOURS

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

**The Barcelona project: the city imagined **  
El Born Centre de Cultura i

Memòria (Plaça Comercial, 12). M: Jaume I & Barceloneta (L4), Arc de Triomf (L1). Dec 2, 9, 16. 11am-2pm. 7.50€. Prior booking necessary: [reservesel-bornccm@eicub.net](mailto:reservesel-bornccm@eicub.net). Guided tour around parts of the city to reveal how much more complex and dynamic it is than many people imagine.

## HUMAN TOWERS

### Festa Major de Sant Andreu de Palomar

Recinte Fabra i Coats (Sant Adrià, 20). M: Sant Andreu (L1). 12.30pm. [www.cccc.cat/home](http://www.cccc.cat/home) As part of the Sant Andreu neighbourhood festival, two local human tower groups build their incredible 'castles'. Don't miss your chance to catch this unique Catalan tradition.

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## MONDAY

## MUSIC FESTIVAL

### 20è Festival Mil·lenni: UB40

Razzmatazz (Pamplona, 88). M: Bogatell (L4), Marina (L1). 9pm. 37€. [www.festival-millenni.com](http://www.festival-millenni.com) The veteran British pop, reggae and dub take part in the Millennium Festival with a programme full of hits like 'Red, Red Wine', 'Kingston Town' and '(I can't help) Falling in love with you'.

## CLASSICAL MUSIC

### Schein's 'Fountains of Israel'

Basilica de Santa Maria del Pi (Pl. del Pi, 7). M: Catalunya (L1, L3; FGC). 8pm. 25€. [www.palaumusica.cat](http://www.palaumusica.cat) Conductor Philippe Herreweghe leads the Collegium Vocale Gent in this performance of spiritual madrigals for five voices that were published by German conductor Johann Hermann Schein in 1623.

## JAZZ

### Jamboree Jam Session

Jamboree (Pl. Reial, 17). M: Liceu (L3). Every Mon. 8pm,



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10pm. 5€ (box office). 4€ (online in advance). [www.masimas.com/en/jamboree](http://www.masimas.com/en/jamboree)  
Classic weekly Barcelona jam event.

## SPANISH GUITAR

### Maestros of the Spanish Guitar

Palau de la Música (Palau de la Música, 4-6). M: Urquinaona (L1, L4). Dec 3, 8, 27, 29. 9pm, except Dec 27, 29 noon. 39€, 45€.  
BCN Guitar Trio & Dance present a unique show featuring three prestigious guitarists and one of Spain's leading flamenco dance couples, who pay homage to the great Paco de Lucía.

## TALKS

### Timothy Snyder: Against tyranny

CCCB (Montalegre, 5). M: Catalunya (L1, L3; FGC). 6.30pm. [www.cccb.org](http://www.cccb.org)  
Timothy Snyder is a world expert on European history, and here he talks about the alarming rise of antidemocratic forces in different Western countries and calls on us to reject all forms of authoritarianism. In English with simultaneous translation into 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.

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## TUESDAY

## CHRISTMAS

### Fira de Santa Llúcia

(Avda de la Catedral). M: Jaume I (L4). Until Dec 23. Mon-Fri 11am-8.30pm; weekends and the eve of public holidays 10am-9.30pm.  
This historic Christmas market started in 1786 and continues to be one of the most popular features of the season in Barcelona. Locals head there to buy figures and decorative pieces for their nativity scenes, trees and foliage, decorations and small gifts.

### Fira de Nadal de la Sagrada Família

(Plaça de la Sagrada Família). M: Sagrada Família (L2, L5). Until Dec 22. <https://www.barcelona.cat/en/christmas>  
Almost 100 stalls make up this festive market that has traditional and contemporary Christmas decorations, nativity figures, sweets and gifts. Located just in front of Gaudí's epic creation, it's the perfect place to do some browsing while you're visiting the Sagrada Família itself.

## SPANISH GUITAR

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

Santa Anna Church (Santa Anna, 29). M: Catalunya (L1, L3; FGC). Dec 4, 11, 18. 9pm. 20€.  
Joan Benejam presents 'Fandango', a journey through the history of Spanish guitar, while you enjoy a glass of wine.

## MUSIC FESTIVAL

### 50 Festival Internacional de Jazz de Barcelona: Mariola Membrives

Luz de Gas (Muntaner, 246). M: Hospital Clínic (L5). 9pm. From 25€.

[www.jazz.barcelona/en/](http://www.jazz.barcelona/en/)  
Originally from the town of Córdoba in the south of Spain but now based in Barcelona, this singer, actress and dancer presents a concert that sees her fuse jazz and flamenco to create a memorable night of music.

## INDIE ROCK

### The Vaccines

Razzmatazz (Pamplona, 88). M: Bogatell (L4), Marina (L1). 8pm. 28€.  
[www.livenation.es](http://www.livenation.es)  
The British band visit Barcelona as part of an extensive European tour on the back of the release of their fourth studio album, Combat Sports, earlier in 2018.

## 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.

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## WEDNESDAY

## FILM - DANCE

### Dance on film: Invitation to the Dance

CaixaForum (Av. Francesc Ferrer i Guàrdia, 6-8). M: Espanya (L1, L3; FGC). 7pm. 4€. <http://caixaforum.es/es/barcelona>  
Concluding its run of films featuring different dance performances, CaixaForum screens Invitation to the Dance (1956), a pet project of the renowned dancer and actor, Gene Kelly. It sees him pay homage to dance through three different stories in an anthology that he starred in and directed.

## MUSIC FESTIVAL

### 50 Festival Internacional de Jazz de Barcelona: Ignasi Terraza and Antonio Serrano

L'Auditori (Lepant, 150). M: Glòries & Marina (L1), Monumental (L2). 8.30pm. 25€.  
[www.jazz.barcelona/en/](http://www.jazz.barcelona/en/)  
Pianist Ignasi Terraza and harmonica player Antonio Serrano come together on stage for the first time at the Barcelona Jazz Festival.

## SPANISH GUITAR

### Maestros of the Spanish Guitar

Basílica de Santa Maria del Pi (Pl. del Pi, 7). M: Catalunya (L1, L3; FGC). Dec 5, 9, 19, 22, 28, 29, 30. 9pm, except Dec 22, 29 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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## THURSDAY

## CHRISTMAS

### Nadal al Poble Espanyol

(Av. Francesc Ferrer i Guàrdia, 13). M: Espanya (L1, L3; FGC). Dec 6-9, 21-29 (no special activities on Dec 25). Check website for prices and times: [www.poble-espanyol.com](http://www.poble-espanyol.com).  
Enjoy a full-on festive experience as Poble Espanyol celebrates with Christmas decorations and music, live performances, craft demonstrations, children's workshops, cartoons, a family treasure hunt and much more.

## TECHNO

### Techno session

Moog (Arc del Teatre, 3). M: Liceu and Drassanes (L3). From midnight.  
Head to the city centre for a night of electronica and dance at Barcelona's foremost techno club.

## SPANISH GUITAR

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

Santa Anna Church (Santa Anna, 29). M: Catalunya (L1, L3; FGC). See Sat 1.

## FAMILY - CINEMA

### Roald Dahl season

CaixaForum (Av. Francesc Ferrer i Guàrdia, 6-8). M: Espanya (L1, L3; FGC). Dec 6, 7, 8, 9. 11.30am. 4€.  
<http://caixaforum.es/es/barcelona>  
CaixaForum marks this long weekend of public holidays in Spain with four consecutive days of screening film versions of some classic Roald Dahl books. First up is The BFG (2016), the story of 10-year-old Sofia and her big friend who need help to stop an invasion of naughty giants. Dubbed in Spanish.

## 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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## FRIDAY

## CHRISTMAS

### Fira de Santa Llúcia

(Avda de la Catedral). M: Jaume I (L4). Until Dec 23. Mon-Fri 11am-8.30pm; weekends and the eve of public holidays 10am-9.30pm.  
This historic Christmas market started in 1786 and continues to be one of the most popular features of the season in Barcelona. Locals head there to buy figures and decorative pieces for their nativity scenes,

trees and foliage, decorations and small gifts.

## FLAMENCO

### Grand Flamenco Gala

Palau de la Música Catalana (Palau de la Música, 4-6). M: Urquinaona (L1, L4). Dec 7 9.30pm; Dec 24 7pm. 20€-50€.  
Hear the most traditional sounds of classic Spanish flamenco, with an intense performance full of passion.

## FAMILY - CINEMA

### Roald Dahl season

CaixaForum (Av. Francesc Ferrer i Guàrdia, 6-8). M: Espanya (L1, L3; FGC). Dec 6, 7, 8, 9. 11.30am. 4€.  
<http://caixaforum.es/es/barcelona>  
CaixaForum marks this long weekend of public holidays in Spain with four consecutive days of screening film versions of some classic Roald Dahl books. Today it's Matilda (1996), the popular story of the genius girl dealing with the challenges of home and school in her own special way. Dubbed in Spanish.

## SHOPPING

### Barcelona Genuine Shops

(Start: tourist office in Pl. Sant Jaume, Ciutat, 2). M: Jaume I (L4), Liceu (L3). Fri 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.

## BLUES

### Blues at the MEAM

(Barra de Ferro, 5). M: Jaume I (L4). Fri 6pm. 14€.  
Hear a lively evening of creole stomp, calypso, gospel and more courtesy of The Boozan Dukes; you can also enjoy modern art, drinks and snacks.

## SPANISH GUITAR

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

Santa Anna Church (Santa

Anna, 29). M: Catalunya (L1, L3; FGC). Dec 7, 14, 21, 28. 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 (NB. meal not available Dec 28).

## MICROTHEATRE

### Microteatre a les Punxes

Casa de les Punxes (Av. Diagonal, 420). M: Verdaguera (L4, L5), Diagonal (L3, L5). FGC: Provença. Every Friday until Dec 28. 6.30pm. 30€.  
<https://casadelespunxes.com/en/>  
Every Friday until the end of the year, this Modernista building stages dramatised visits, combining their guided tours with short plays in different spaces. Entry also includes a glass of cava.

## LIGHT SHOW

### Mapping Parabolic Gaudí

Palau Güell (Nou de la Rambla, 3-5). M: Liceu (L3). Every Fri in December. 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 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.

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## SATURDAY

## ART FESTIVAL

### Drap Art '18

Museu Marítim (Av. de les Drassanes, s/n). M: Drassanes (L3). Dec 8, 9 11am-8pm.  
[www.drap-art.org](http://www.drap-art.org)  
Returning for another year is

this special event, the Catalan International Festival of Sustainable Art, where all the pieces on show re-use and recycle materials as a way to raise consciousness about environmental issues in the local area, particularly concerning the sea. Sixty works by 50 artists are on show, while you can also enjoy live art actions, installations, workshops, talks, performances, food and music.

## CLASSICAL MUSIC

### Classical music at the MEAM

(Barra de Ferro, 5). M: Jaume I (L4). Sat 6pm; entry from 5.30pm. 19€.  
Pianists Catherin Lan and Tao Lin, who make up the Duo Beaux Arts, give a recital of work by Piazzolla, Ginastera, Mendelssohn and Schubert. You can also an afternoon snack (served before the concert) and museum visit.

## FAMILY

### Family activities at CosmoCaixa

(Isaac Newton, 26). FGC: Av. Tibidabo. See Sun 2.

### Cooking workshop

El Born Centre de Cultura i Memòria (Plaça Comercial, 12). M: Jaume I & Barceloneta (L4), Arc de Triomf (L1). 5pm. 3€.  
<http://elbornculturairemoria.barcelona.cat/en/>  
Two-hour workshop that aims to encourage participants to adopt positive eating habits by looking at some of the healthy foods that our ancestors ate and how markets have developed over time. For children aged 6 to 12. In Catalan.

### Shark-Maniacs

L'Aquàrium (Moll d'Espanya del Port Vell, s/n). M: Barceloneta (L4), Drassanes (L3). See Sat 1.

## TOURS

### Funeral Carriage and Hearse Collection

(Montjuïc Cemetery, Mare del Déu del Port, 56-58). Bus: 21. See Sat 1.



# Day by day

## 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 1.

### Barcelona from the sea

Organised by the Museu Marítim de Barcelona (Av. de les Drassanes, s/n). M: Drassanes (L3). See Sat 1.

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

Santa Anna Church (Santa Anna, 29). M: Catalunya (L1, L3; FGC). See Sat 1.

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## SUNDAY

## FOOTBALL

### La Liga: RCD Espanyol vs. FC Barcelona

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) It's local derby time today in Barcelona as Espanyol welcome Barça to their stadium for their latest league match.

## BASKETBALL

### Endesa League: Barça Las-sa vs. Tenerife

Palau Blaugrana (Avda. de Joan XXIII). M: Les Corts (L3). 5pm. 14€-105€. [www.fcbarcelona.com](http://www.fcbarcelona.com) In this national league game, the Barcelona side take on the team from the Canary Islands.

## 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 seafloor 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

### 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.

### 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/](http://www.museunacional.cat/en/) 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.palauguell.cat/en](http://www.palauguell.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.

## ART FESTIVAL

### Drap Art '18

Museu Marítim (Av. de les Drassanes, s/n). M: Drassanes (L3). See Sat 8.

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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.

## FRENCH POP

### Jain

Sala Apolo (Nou de la Rambla, 113). M: Paral·lel (L2, L3). 9pm. 26€. [www.livenation.es](http://www.livenation.es) French singer-songwriter Jain is on tour to promote her second studio album, Souldier, which was released in August this year.

## SPANISH GUITAR

### Maestros of the Spanish Guitar

Basilica Santa Maria del Pi (Pl. del Pi, 7). M: Liceu (L3). Dec 10, 16, 17, 20, 26. 9pm. From 19€. Pedro J. González performs a recital of flamenco guitar music featuring work by masters including Manuel de Falla and Niño Miguel.

## WINE AND CAVA TASTING

### Tast amb Vi i Cava a Colom

Columbus Monument (Plaça del Portal, s/n). M: Drassanes (L3). Dec 10-Jan 6, 2019. Check website for times. 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.

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## TUESDAY

## FOOTBALL

### Champions League: FC Barcelona vs. Tottenham

Camp Nou (Aristides Maillol,

s/n). M: Les Corts (L3). 9pm. [www.fcbarcelona.com](http://www.fcbarcelona.com) Barça continue a busy December with the final match in this year's group stage of the Champions League, that sees them take on the London team who (at the time of writing) need a win much more than the home side.

## CLASSICAL MUSIC

### 'Una voce in off' by Xavier Montsalvatge

Petit Palau, Palau de la Música (Palau de la Música, 4-6). M: Urquinaona (L1, L4). 8pm. 25€. [www.bcnclassics.cat](http://www.bcnclassics.cat) BCN Clàssics presents this work by Catalan composer and music critic Xavier Montsalvatge (1912-2002), which he described as a "romantic opera in one act and three scenes for two and a half people". It's performed by the Cadaqués Ensemble Orchestra and the Chamber Choir of the Palau.

### Christmas with Bach: Komm, Jesu, Komm

L'Auditori (Lepant, 150). M: Glòries & Marina (L1), Monumental (L2). 6pm. 10€-60€. [www.auditori.cat/en/home](http://www.auditori.cat/en/home) The Pygmalion Ensemble, which performs using historical instruments and is in residence at the Òpera National in Bordeaux, gives a recital featuring Bach motets and sacramental choral music.

## SPANISH GUITAR

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

Santa Anna Church (Santa Anna, 29). M: Catalunya (L1, L3; FGC). Dec 4, 11, 18. 9pm. 20€. Joan Benejam presents 'Fandango', a journey through the history of Spanish guitar, while you enjoy a glass of wine.

## INDIE FOLK

### Tom Walker

Sala Bikini (Av. Diagonal, 547). M: Maria Cristina (L3). Doors: 7.30pm; concert 9pm. 23€. [www.doctormusic.com](http://www.doctormusic.com) Scottish singer-songwriter Tom Walker only released his debut single in 2016 but he's already won acclaim from critics and

public alike. He's currently touring ahead of the release of his first studio album next March.

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## WEDNESDAY

## MUSIC FESTIVAL

### 50 Festival Internacional de Jazz de Barcelona: Andrea Motis and Ignasi Terraza

Palau de la Música (Palau de la Música, 4-6). M: Urquinaona (L1, L4). 9pm. 15€. [www.jazz.barcelona/en/](http://www.jazz.barcelona/en/) One of the most popular pairings on the Catalan jazz scene in recent years, singer, saxophonist and trumpeter Andrea Motis once more joins forces with pianist Ignasi Terraza for a special performance to celebrate the 50th anniversary of Barcelona's International Jazz Festival.

## JAZZ

### Kekko Fornarelli Trio Jamboree

Pl. Reial, 17). M: Liceu (L3). 8pm, 10pm. 15€. [www.masimas.com/en/jamboree](http://www.masimas.com/en/jamboree) Straight from Italy, pianist Kekko Fornarelli heads up this concert alongside his regular group, which has played in more than 20 countries around Europe, Asia and Oceania.

## 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 Tue 4.

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## THURSDAY

## OPERA

### L'Italiana in Algeri

Gran Teatre del Liceu (La Rambla, 51-59). M: Liceu (L3). Dec 13, 14, 15, 17, 18, 19, 21, 22, 23. 8pm except Sat 22 6pm and Sun 23 5pm. 12€-292.95€. To mark the 150th anniversary of the death of Rossini, the Liceu hosts a production of this comic opera that tells the story of how the protagonist Isabella manages to deal with the attentions of the coarse Mustafà. It stars Varduhi Abrahamyan and Luca Pisaroni, and is a feast of 'slyness and seduction'.

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## CLASSICAL MUSIC

### Händel's 'Messiah'

Basilica de Santa Maria del Mar (Plaça de Santa Maria, 1). M: Jaume I (L4). Dec 13, 14. 9pm. 25€. A must for many people at this time of year is hearing a performance of this much-loved oratorio, and this is your chance to enjoy it in the amazing surrounds of this Catalan Gothic medieval basilica.

### Händel's 'Messiah'

Palau de la Música (Palau de la Música, 4-6). M: Urquinaona (L1, L4). 8pm. 20€-100€. Daniel Hope conducts the Zurich Chamber Orchestra and the Palau de la Música Chamber Choir in a performance of Händel's enduring masterpiece.

## SPANISH GUITAR

### Maestros of the Spanish Guitar

Basilica Santa Maria del Pi (Pl. del Pi, 7). M: Liceu (L3). Dec 12, 14, 21. 9pm. 23€. Classical Spanish guitar at its best performed by Manuel González, described by the New York Times as one of the leading specialists in the genre.

## TECHNO

### Techno session

Moog (Arc del Teatre, 3). M: Liceu and Drassanes (L3). See Thu 6.

## ART PROJECT

### El Museu Virtual de la Moda

(Plaça Assemblea de Catalunya, 1. Badalona). M: Badalona Pompeu Fabra (L2). 7pm. [www.museudebadalona.cat/en/](http://www.museudebadalona.cat/en/) Presentation of the project that won the Lluís Carulla prize

in 2016, and which features 38 items from the Badalona Museum archive.

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## FRIDAY

## CHRISTMAS

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

(Baixada del Monestir, 9). FGC: Reina Elisenda. Dec 14-Feb 2, 2019. <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.

### Design Market

Disseny Hub Barcelona (Plaça de les Glòries Catalanes, 37-38). M: Glòries (L1). Dec 14-16. Fri 5pm-9pm; Sat 10am-9pm; Sun 10am-8pm. [www.fad.cat](http://www.fad.cat) Back for its seventh edition, this festive market promotes creatives and designers from Barcelona who will be selling a range of products including jewellery, clothing and accessories, craft items, furniture, decorative pieces and much more, giving you the chance to find some innovative and original Christmas gifts this year. There's also a gastronomy space and different workshops for young and old.

## CHRISTMAS

### Fira de Nadal de la Sagrada Família

(Plaça de la Sagrada Família). M: Sagrada Família (L2, L5). Until Dec 22. <https://www.barcelona.cat/en/christmas> Almost 100 stalls make up this festive market that has traditional and contemporary Christmas decorations, nativity figures, sweets and gifts. Located just in front of Gaudí's epic creation, it's the perfect place

to do some browsing while you're visiting the Sagrada Família itself.

## BLUES

### Blues at the MEAM

(Barra de Ferro, 5). M: Jaume I (L4). Fri 6pm. 14€. Clarinetist Oriol Romani, trumpeter and singer Ricard Gili and pianist Federico Mazzanti perform traditional swing and jazz; 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 7.

## SPANISH ROCK

### Loquillo

Palau Sant Jordi (Pg. Olímpic, 5-7). M: Espanya (L1, L3; FGC). 9.30pm. From 49.50€. [www.theproject.es](http://www.theproject.es) Barcelona musician Loquillo (real name José María Sanz Beltrán) is marking 40 years in the business with this tour and the recent release of a triple CD entitled Rock and Roll Actitud.

## MICROTHEATRE

### Microteatre a les Punxes

Casa de les Punxes (Av. Diagonal, 420). M: Verdaguer (L4, L5), Diagonal (L3, L5). FGC: Provença. See Fri 7.

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## SATURDAY

## CHRISTMAS

### Fira del Gall de Vilafranca del Penedès

Various venues in Vilafranca del Penedès. Train: Vilafranca del Penedès (R4 from Sants-Estació). Dec 15, 16. [www.turismevilafranca.com/en/agenda/fira-del-gall-rooster-fair](http://www.turismevilafranca.com/en/agenda/fira-del-gall-rooster-fair) For many Catalans, this historical rooster fair (gall means 'rooster' in Catalan) is an essential part of Christmas as they go to check out birds for the traditional lunch on Decem-



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ber 25. Held in a nearby town that's located in the leading Penedès wine-making region, it's a great chance to combine tradition, wine, gastronomy and numerous activities.

## FILM FESTIVAL

**The Shortest Day** FREE  
CCCB (Montalegre, 5). M: Catalunya (L1, L3; FGC). 6pm-midnight. [www.cccb.org](http://www.cccb.org)  
The CCCB hosts a celebration of short films held simultaneously with other initiatives in 30 countries around the world.

## UNDERWATER ACTIVITIES

**Shark Cage Diving Express**  
L'Aquàrium (Moll d'Espanya del Port Vell, s/n). M: Barceloneta (L4), Drassanes (L3). See Thu 6.

## 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 1.  
Barcelona from the sea Organised by the Museu Marítim de Barcelona (Av. de les Drassanes, s/n). M: Drassanes (L3). See Sat 1.

## TRADITIONS

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

## TOURS

**Funeral Carriage and Hearse Collection** FREE  
(Montjuïc Cemetery, Mare del Déu del Port, 56-58). Bus: 21. See Sat 1.

**¡D'auca en auca i tiro perquè em toca!**  
Museu Frederic Marès (Plaça de Sant Iu, 5). M: Liceu (L3), Jaume I (L4). 11am-1pm. 6€. Advance reservation necessary. [www.museumares.bcn.cat](http://www.museumares.bcn.cat)  
Family-friendly tour of the museum that lets each group taking part interact indepen-

dently with the items on show in Marès's 'collector's cabinet'. Once the tour's completed, there's the chance to go to a creative space where you can make your own board game.

## FAMILY

**Papirus**  
El Born Centre de Cultura i Memòria (Plaça Comercial, 12). M: Jaume I & Barceloneta (L4), Arc de Triomf (L1). Dec 15, 16. Sat 5pm; Sun noon. 5€. <http://elborn.culturaimemoria.barcelona.cat/en/>  
Theatre show aimed at kids aged 4 and above featuring two characters escaping a war, and exploring themes such as friendship, fears, feelings and hope. In Catalan.

**Objects that create objects**  
Museu del Disseny (Pl. de les Glòries Catalanes, 37-38). M: Glòries (L1). See Sat 1.

**Family activities at the Zoo**  
Barcelona Zoo (Parc de la Ciutadella, s/n). M: Arc de Triomf (L1), Ciutadella/Vila Olímpica (L4). See Sat 1.

**We give life to objects!**  
Museu Can Framis (Roc Boronat, 116-126). M: Glòries (L1), Llacuna (L4). 11.30am-1.30pm. 5€. [www.fundaciovicacasa.com/en](http://www.fundaciovicacasa.com/en)  
Come and enjoy a Christmassy workshop for all the family, and which includes a visit to the museum's permanent collection and a follow-up activity. For kids aged 5 and above.

## CLASSICAL MUSIC

**Classical music at the MEAM** BUY  
(Barra de Ferro, 5). M: Jaume I (L4). Sat 6pm; entry from 5.30pm. 19€. Enjoy an evening of 'musical delicacies' from violinist Anna Urpina and pianist Dani Espasa featuring compositions by Corelli, Händel and H.I.F. Von Biber. You can also enjoy an afternoon snack (served before the concert) and museum visit.

# 16

SUNDAY

## FOOTBALL

**La Liga: RCD Espanyol vs. Real Betis**  
Estadi Cornellà-El Prat (Av. de Baix Llobregat, 100. Cornellà de Llobregat). FGC: Cornellà Riera. Date and time tbc. [www.rcdespanyol.com](http://www.rcdespanyol.com)  
Espanyol welcome the Seville team for this week's Spanish league match.

## CHRISTMAS

**Christmas concert** FREE  
Museu Nacional d'Art de Catalunya (Parc de Montjuïc). M: Espanya (L1, L3; FGC). Noon. [www.museunacional.cat/en](http://www.museunacional.cat/en)  
One-hour concert featuring choirs of different age groups performing traditional Christmas songs to launch this year's festive season at the Museu Nacional.

## GOSPEL

**Gospel Soul Celebration**  
CaixaForum (Av. Francesc Ferrer i Guàrdia, 6-8). M: Espanya (L1, L3; FGC). 7pm. 4€. <http://caixaforum.es/es/barcelona>  
This quintet (four singers and a pianist) take the audience on a musical journey to the heart of gospel, via the banks of the Mississippi, the Caribbean and Africa, and bringing together classic and modern sounds.

## YOUNG MUSICIANS

**Musical residencies at La Pedrera**  
(Pg. de Gràcia, 92). M: Diagonal (L3, L5); Provença (FGC). 6pm. 13€. [www.lapedrera.com](http://www.lapedrera.com)  
Continuing this year's season at La Pedrera that supports up-and-coming musicians, this is the first performance of the year to include a piece written by composer-in-residence, Joan Magrané. This month's featured musician is pianist Marta Puig who also plays pieces by Schumann and Mompou.

## TOURS

**Fábrica del Anís del Mono**  
(Eduard Maristany, 115. Badalona). M: Pep Ventura (L2). 10am, noon. 6€. Ring 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.

## FAMILY

**Hats** FREE  
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.  
This physical comedy show (without words) is inspired by traditional clown shows and street performers. For children aged 3 and above.

## HUMAN TOWERS

**Festa Major de Gavà** FREE  
Recinte Fabra i Coats (Sant Adrià, 20). Train: Gavà (R2 from Sants-Estació). Noon. [www.cccc.cat/home](http://www.cccc.cat/home)  
Located just outside Barcelona, the town of Gavà is celebrating its annual festival that today includes a demonstration by the local castellers, who build towers by climbing on each others' shoulders.

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MONDAY

## CHRISTMAS

**Fira de Santa Llúcia** FREE  
(Avda de la Catedral). M: Jaume I (L4). Until Dec 23. Mon-Fri 11am-8.30pm; weekends and the eve of public holidays 10am-9.30pm.  
This historic Christmas market started in 1786 and continues

to be one of the most popular features of the season in Barcelona. Locals head there to buy figures and decorative pieces for their nativity scenes, trees and foliage, decorations and small gifts.

## 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

**Vivaldi's 'Four Seasons'**  
Palau de la Música (Palau de la Música, 4-6). M: Urquinaona (L1, L4). 8pm. 18€-56€. [www.bcnclassics.cat](http://www.bcnclassics.cat)  
BCN Clàssics presents Vivaldi's most popular and well-known work, performed by the prestigious Italian orchestra Europa Galante and its conductor and solo violinist, Fabio Biondi.

## UNDERWATER ACTIVITIES

**Shark Cage Diving Express**  
L'Aquàrium (Moll d'Espanya del Port Vell, s/n). M: Barceloneta (L4), Drassanes (L3). See Thu 6.

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TUESDAY

## BASKETBALL

**EuroLeague: Barça Lassa vs. Olympiacos**  
Palau Blaugrana (Avda. de Joan XXIII). M: Les Corts (L3). 8.45pm. 22€-200€. [www.fcbarcelona.com](http://www.fcbarcelona.com)  
This European league game could prove a challenge for the home side as they take on the Greek giants.

## MUSIC FESTIVAL

**50 Festival Internacional de Jazz de Barcelona: Chicago Mass Choir**  
Barts (Av. Paral·lel, 62). M: Paral·lel (L2, L3). 9pm. 25€-35€.

[www.jazz.barcelona/en/](http://www.jazz.barcelona/en/)  
This is the fourth time that the Chicago Mass Choir has appeared at the Barcelona Jazz Festival, and this year they come as recent winners of a Stellar prize (considered the Grammys of gospel) for the best traditional choir and with a new show entitled Connecting Souls.

## CHRISTMAS

**A winter journey**  
Reial Monestir de Santa Maria de Pedralbes (Baixada del Monestir, 9). FGC: Reina Elisenda. 8.30pm-10pm. 12€. Prior reservation necessary: [reservesmonestirpedralbes@bcn.cat](mailto:reservesmonestirpedralbes@bcn.cat). <http://monestirpedralbes.bcn.cat/en/>  
Coinciding with the current exhibition of work by German artist Charlotte Salomon at the convent, this concert features music that was part of her short but intense life.

## CLASSICAL MUSIC

**Mozart String Quintets**  
L'Auditori (Lepant, 150). M: Glòries & Marina (L1), Monumental (L2). 8pm. 29€. [www.auditori.cat/en/home](http://www.auditori.cat/en/home)  
The Apollon Musagète Quartet and violinist Nils Mönkemeyer join forces for a performance of Mozart string quintets.

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WEDNESDAY

## WINE AND CAVA TASTING

**Tast amb Vi i Cava a Colom** BUY  
Columbus Monument (Plaça del Portal, s/n). M: Drassanes (L3). See Sun 10.

## OPERA

**L'Italiana in Algeri**  
Gran Teatre del Liceu (La Rambla, 51-59). M: Liceu (L3). See Thu 13.

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THURSDAY

## CHRISTMAS

**Concert de Nadal**  
Museu Marítim de Barcelona (Av. de les Drassanes, s/n). M: Drassanes (L3). 7pm. <http://mmb.cat/en/>  
The local Drassanes Choir under conductor Òscar Peñarroya present their traditional Christmas concert in the foyer of the Maritime Museum.

**Fira de Reis de la Gran Via** FREE  
(Gran Via between Muntaner and Calabria). M: Urgell, Rocafort (L1). Dec 20-Jan 6, 2019. 11am-10pm.  
In preparation for the arrival of The Three Kings on January 6, who are the traditional gift-bringers in these parts, this fair features numerous stalls selling toys, games and sweet treats. Take the kids - if you dare!

## SPANISH GUITAR

**Maestros of the Spanish Guitar** BUY  
Basilica Santa Maria del Pi (Pl. del Pi, 7). M: Liceu (L3). See Mon 10.

## SPANISH POP

**Melendi**  
Palau Sant Jordi (Pg. Olímpic, 5-7). M: Espanya (L1, L3; FGC). 9pm. From 28€. [www.theproject.es](http://www.theproject.es)  
Spanish singer-songwriter Melendi has sold millions of records and is a much-loved figure on the country's music scene. Here he presents his latest project, Ahora, which was released earlier this year.

## FAMILY

**3D Planetarium**  
CosmoCaixa (Isaac Newton, 26). FGC: Av. Tibidabo. See Mon 3.

# 21

FRIDAY

## CHRISTMAS

**Christmas in Plaça Catalunya**  
(Plaça Catalunya). M: Catalunya (L1, L3; FGC). Dec 21-Jan 4, 2019. Dec 21-23, 27-29, Jan 2-4 11am-8.30pm; Dec 24, 31 11am-6pm, Dec 26, Jan 1 6pm-8.30pm. Closed Dec 25. <https://www.barcelona.cat/en/christmas>  
This large square at the centre of Barcelona is converted once more into a Christmas wonderland that hosts a range of activities, workshops and shows for all ages. The space will be decorated to look like a fantastical place called 'The City of Smiles' with a collection of old shops (bookshop, toyshop, puppet shop...) and the 'Memory Boulevard', which will inspire visitors to remember Christmases past. The main show is 'Christmas Lunch' featuring the giant Mr Winter puppet who will move around the square before heading to the main stage, set up between the two big fountains that will have their own part in the performance

**Shakin' All - Christmas concert at La Pedrera** FREE  
(Pg. de Gràcia, 92). M: Diagonal (L3, L5); Provença (FGC). 8pm. 15€. This is a festive concert with a difference that sees the Shakin' All group offer an entertaining programme of jazz, blues, rock 'n' roll and gospel.

## MICROTHEATRE

**Microteatre a les Punxes Casa de les Punxes**  
(Av. Diagonal, 420). M: Verdguer (L4, L5), Diagonal (L3, L5). FGC: Provença. See Fri 7.

## US MUSICALS

**100 years of Bernstein and the American musical**  
L'Auditori (Lepant, 150).



# Day by day

M: Glòries & Marina (L1), Monumental (L2). Dec 21, 22. 6pm. 10€-60€.  
[www.auditori.cat/en/home](http://www.auditori.cat/en/home)  
Conductor Alfonso Casado and the Orquestra Simfònic de Barcelona i Nacional de Catalunya pay tribute to Leonard Bernstein who was born 100 years ago, and to some of the best Broadway musicals from the likes of Cole Porter and Irving Berlin.

## BLUES

**Blues at the MEAM** **BUY**  
(Barra de Ferro, 5).  
M: Jaume I (L4). Fri 6pm. 14€.  
Blues and humour from Txus Blues (harmonica and singer) and José Bluefingers (guitar), while you can also enjoy modern art, drinks and snacks.

## SINGER-SONGWRITER

**Joan Manuel Serrat**  
Auditori del Fòrum (Plaça de Willy Brandt, 11-14).  
M: El Maresme / Fòrum (L4). 9pm. From 38.50€.  
[www.theproject.es](http://www.theproject.es)  
Barcelona musician Joan Manuel Serrat (who's usually known only by his surname) has had an extensive career and was a pioneer of the 1960s 'Nova Canço' (New Song) movement. He's currently embarked on a major tour entitled 'Mediterráneo Da Capo' and this evening's show was added after the original two Barcelona dates sold out.

## MUSIC FESTIVAL

**50 Festival Internacional de Jazz de Barcelona: Charleston Gospel Voices** **i**  
Palau de la Música (Palau de la Música, 4-6). M: Urquinaona (L1, L4). 9.30pm. 18€.  
A special production for this year's Jazz Festival that re-creates the music you can hear in churches of the black population in South Carolina, in particular the 'Gospel & Rhythm' style, a fusing of traditional hymns with a potent rhythmic base.

## SPANISH GUITAR

**Maestros of the Spanish Guitar** **BUY**  
Basilica Santa Maria del Pi (Pl. del Pi, 7). M: Liceu (L3). See Wed 12.

# 22

## SATURDAY

## FOOTBALL

**La Liga: FC Barcelona vs. RC Celta**  
Camp Nou (Aristides Maillol, s/n). M: Les Corts (L3). Date and time tbc.  
[www.fcbarcelona.com](http://www.fcbarcelona.com)  
In their final La Liga match of 2018, Barça face the team from the Galician city of Vigo.

## MUSIC FESTIVAL

**20è Festival Mil·lenni: Christmas concert with Josep Carreras**  
Basilica de Santa Maria del Mar (Plaça de Santa Maria, 1). M: Jaume I (L4). 9.15pm. 16€-118€.  
[www.festival-millenni.com](http://www.festival-millenni.com)  
World-renowned Catalan tenor Josep Carreras headlines this festive concert in the beautiful setting of the Santa Maria del Mar church, accompanied by soprano Susana Cordon, the Vivaldi Choir and the Arts Symphony Ensemble. Together they perform works by such great composers as Mozart, Bizet, Schubert and Toldrà.

## TRADITIONS

**Sardanes** **FREE**  
(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€.  
Mezzosoprano Mar Esteve i Rodrigo and pianist Josep Buform present a night of opera and song. You can also enjoy an afternoon snack (served be-

fore the concert) and museum visit.

## COOKING WORKSHOP

**Christmas lunch workshop**  
Museu de la Xocolata (Antic Convent de Sant Agustí, Comerç, 36). M: Arc de Triomf (L1). 4pm-7pm. 60€. Advance reservation necessary.  
[www.museuxocolata.cat/?lang=en](http://www.museuxocolata.cat/?lang=en)  
If you're still looking for inspiration for what to serve on Christmas Day, don't miss this workshop for adults that's full of delicious and original ideas. In Spanish and Catalan.

## POETRY

**Poetry Slam Barcelona** **FREE**  
CCCB (Montalegre, 5). M: Catalunya (L1, L3; FGC). 6pm-8pm.  
[www.cccb.org](http://www.cccb.org)  
Come and hear a range of poets perform in this monthly literary contest where the audience get to choose their favourite creative.

## CHRISTMAS

**Christmas workshops** **i**  
CosmoCaixa (Isaac Newton, 26). FGC: Av. Tibidabo. Dec 22-Jan 5, 2019; 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).

**Christmas at Tibidabo** **BUY**  
**theme park**  
(Plaça del Tibidabo, 3-4). Bus Tibibus (T2A) from Plaça Catalunya. FGC: Av. Tibidabo (L7) + Bus 196 + Tibidabo Funicular. Dec 1-Jan 5, 2019.  
[Check website for opening times and prices.](#)  
Barcelona's city theme park gets into the festive spirit with

a series of special activities this month including a new 4D film version of The Little Prince, a Christmas Lego workshop, and a seasonal puppet show. There's also special decorations and lights plus a themed show. What's more this weekend is 'Grandparents' weekend', so kids up to 14 should partner up with one of their grandparents so they can both get in for free!

## A Christmas Carol

Gran Teatre del Liceu (La Rambla, 51-59). M: Liceu (L3). Noon. 10€-29€.  
[www.liceubarcelona.cat/en#](http://www.liceubarcelona.cat/en#)  
Enjoy a musical version of Charles Dickens's well-loved Christmas tale featuring the children's choir Cor Infantil Amics de la Unió and the Liceu's own Symphonic Orchestra.

**Jingle Lied Christmas concert**  
Sant Pau, Art Nouveau Site (Sant Antoni Maria Claret, 167). M: Sant Pau/Dos de Maig (L5). 8pm. 12€.  
[www.santpaubarcelona.org/en](http://www.santpaubarcelona.org/en)  
The Victòria dels Àngels Foundation puts on a Christmas lied concert, the genre of music that the eponymous Catalan singer was so renowned for.

## FAMILY

**Baboia!**  
CaixaForum (Av. Francesc Ferrer i Guàrdia, 6-8). M: Espanya (L1, L3; FGC). Dec 22-31. Sat 6pm, other days noon. 4€.  
<http://caixaforum.es/es/barcelona>  
La Claca theatre company marks its 50th anniversary with a new show featuring puppets, shadows and live music with pieces by Debussy and Ravel, and that is a contemporary fable about laziness and happiness.

**Family activities at the Zoo**  
Barcelona Zoo (Parc de la Ciutadella, s/n). M: Arc de Triomf (L1), Ciutadella/Vila Olímpica (L4). See Sat 1.

**2D Planetarium**  
CosmoCaixa (Isaac Newton,

26). FGC: Av. Tibidabo. Dec 22-Jan 5, 2019;  
[check with museum for times and prices.](#)  
During the Christmas holidays, CosmoCaixa is screening a series of special kid-friendly shows in its 2D Planetarium that let children of different ages explore concepts and theories of space.

## An animal mummy

Museu Egipci de Barcelona (Valencia, 284). M: Passeig de Gràcia (L2, L3, L4). 4.30pm-6.30pm. 10€.  
[www.museuegipci.com/en/](http://www.museuegipci.com/en/)  
Learn how the ancient Egyptians preserved their dead, observe some of the museum's mummified animals and then make your own falcon mummy.

## LIGHT SHOW

**Christmas light mapping** **FREE**  
Sant Pau, Art Nouveau Site (Sant Antoni Maria Claret, 167). M: Sant Pau/Dos de Maig (L5). Dec 22-26, 29-31, Jan 1, 5, 6. 6pm-10.30pm.  
A regular Christmas event at the Modernista masterpiece that is the Sant Pau Art Nouveau Site, which sees its façade lit up in glorious colour.

## COOKING

**Chocolate workshops**  
Museu de la Xocolata (Antic Convent de Sant Agustí, Comerç, 36). M: Arc de Triomf (L1). Dec 22-Jan 9, 2019. 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 about making festive cookies, another about how to make chocolate tree decorations and one for very small children about fruit and chocolate.

## TOURS

**Funeral Carriage and Hearse Collection** **FREE**  
(Montjuïc Cemetery, Mare del Déu del Port, 56-58). Bus: 21. See Sat 1.

## 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 1.

**Barcelona from the sea**  
Organised by the Museu Marítim de Barcelona (Av. de les Drassanes, s/n). M: Drassanes (L3). See Sat 1.

**Catalan Parliament** **FREE**  
(Parc de la Ciutadella, s/n). M: Ciutadella/Vila Olímpica (L4), Arc de Triomf (L1). See Mon 3.

## SYMPHONIC MUSIC

**Festival of waltzes and dances**  
Palau de la Música (Palau de la Música, 4-6). M: Urquinaona (L1, L4). 6.30pm. 18€-68€.  
[www.palaumusica.cat/en](http://www.palaumusica.cat/en)  
A lively programme of music is performed by the Vallès Symphony Orchestra including waltzes by the Strauss family and popular polkas from around the world.

# 23

## SUNDAY

## CHRISTMAS

**Pessebre de la Plaça Sant Jaume**  
(Plaça Sant Jaume). M: Liceu (L3), Jaume I (L4). Nov 23-Jan 6, 2019. 10am-midnight.  
<https://www.barcelona.cat/en/christmas>  
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. The style changes each year and may be completely contemporary or take a more traditional approach.

**Per Nadal 2.0** **i**  
Poble Espanyol (Av. Francesc Ferrer i Guàrdia, 13). M: Espanya (L1, L3; FGC). 12.30pm-1.25pm. General entrance (includes this event): 14€. Family tickets available. Under-4s free.  
Family show that includes a

wide range of popular Catalan songs, games and stories that explore some of the essential parts of the local Christmas. Aimed at kids aged 2 and above. In Catalan.

**Fira de Santa Llúcia** **i**  
(Avda de la Catedral). M: Jaume I (L4). Until Dec 23. Mon-Fri 11am-8.30pm; weekends and the eve of public holidays 10am-9.30pm.  
This historic Christmas market started in 1786 and continues to be one of the most popular features of the season in Barcelona. Locals head there to buy figures and decorative pieces for their nativity scenes, trees and foliage, decorations and small gifts.

**Fira de Reis de la Gran Via** **i**  
(Gran Via between Muntaner and Calabria). M: Urgell, Rocafort (L1). Dec 20-Jan 6, 2019. 11am-10pm.  
In preparation for the arrival of The Three Kings on January 6, who are the traditional gift-bringers in these parts, this fair features numerous stalls selling toys, games and sweet treats. Take the kids - if you dare!

## OPERA

**L'Italiana in Algeri**  
Gran Teatre del Liceu (La Rambla, 51-59). M: Liceu (L3). See Thu 13.

## OPERA

**La Serva Padrona** **BUY**  
MEAM (Barra de Ferro, 5). M: Jaume I (L4). 6pm. 30€.  
Concluding a short season of one-off opera performances, the MEAM this evening hosts a production of Pergolesi's La Serva Padrona (The Maid Turned Mistress) about a sneaky maid who does all she can to ensure her marriage to her wealthy employer.

## 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.

**The Nutcracker**  
Sant Pau, Art Nouveau Site (Sant Antoni Maria Claret, 167). M: Sant Pau/Dos de Maig (L5). Noon. 14€ adults. Under-12s 5€.  
[www.santpaubarcelona.org/en](http://www.santpaubarcelona.org/en)  
Family show based on the famous story of The Nutcracker.

## SPANISH ROCK

**Rosendo**  
Sant Jordi Club (Pg. Olímpic, 5-7). M: Espanya (L1, L3; FGC). 9pm. 30€.  
[www.theproject.es](http://www.theproject.es)  
Arguably the most important figure on the Spanish rock 'n' roll scene, and with a career behind him of 45 years, Rosendo visits Barcelona as part of his farewell tour, 'Mi tiempo señorías'.

# 24

## MONDAY

## CHRISTMAS

**Fia-Faia Bagà and Sant Julià de Cerdanyola**  
[www.baga.cat](http://www.baga.cat)  
[www.santjuliadecerdanyola.cat](http://www.santjuliadecerdanyola.cat)  
This December tradition features a Christmas Eve torch procession, which starts with a bonfire on a mountain above the towns of Bagà and Sant Julià de Cerdanyola, in the direction where the sun sets. Torch-bearers then carry their flames down the hill and the evening is filled with dancing, heat and light.

**Christmas workshops at MACBA**  
(Plaça dels Àngels, 1). M: Universitat (L1, L2). Dec 24, 26, 27, 28, 31, Jan 2-4. 3€.  
[www.macba.cat/en/index](http://www.macba.cat/en/index)  
Make the most of the school



# Day by day

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.

## Christmas in Plaça Catalunya

(Plaça Catalunya). M: Catalunya (L1, L3; FGC). See Sat 22.

## 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 Sat 1.

## FLAMENCO

## Grand Flamenco Gala

Palau de la Música Catalana (Palau de la Música, 4-6). M: Urquinaona (L1, L4). Dec 7 9.30pm; Dec 24 7pm. 20€-50€. Hear the most traditional sounds of classic Spanish flamenco, with an intense performance full of passion.

# 25

## TUESDAY

## CHRISTMAS

## Pastorets de Calaf

Teatre del Casal de Calaf (Ctra Llarga, 11, Calaf). Get there by ALSA coach from Estació del Nord. M: Arc de Triomf (L1). Dec 25-Jan 27. [www.pastoretsdecalaf.cat](http://www.pastoretsdecalaf.cat) Pastorets is a classic 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 good and evil among 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, while a kid-friendly take on the story is also performed.

## SWIMMING

## Copa de Nadal del Club Natació Barcelona

(Plaça Portal de la Pau). M:

Drassanes. 11am.

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

Popular Christmas Day open-water swimming event organised by the historic Barcelona Swimming Club. Either sign up to take part and swim 200 metres, or come and join the crowds cheering on those taking the plunge!

## JAZZ

## Randy Greer & Ignasi Terraza Trio

Jamboree (Pl. Reial, 17). M: Liceu (L3). Dec 25, 26. 8pm, 10pm. 20€. [www.masimas.com/en/jamboree](http://www.masimas.com/en/jamboree). For an alternative Christmas music experience, head to Jamboree for a swing and jazz show that's become a tradition of the festive season in Barcelona.

# 26

## WEDNESDAY

## CLASSICAL MUSIC

## Saint Stephen's Day Concert

Palau de la Música (Palau de la Música, 4-6). M: Urquinaona (L1, L4). 7pm. 28€-60€. Another traditional and popular Christmas event in Barcelona is this concert featuring the Orfeó Català, the choirs of the Choral School of the Orfeó and the Chamber Choir of the Palau de la Música. The programme includes traditional songs, Christmas music and joyful compositions, both Catalan and international.

## New Year Concert: Johann Strauss

Gran Teatre del Liceu (La Rambla, 51-59). M: Liceu (L3). 9.30pm. 32€-75€. [www.liceubarcelona.cat/en](http://www.liceubarcelona.cat/en) Get into the spirit of 2019 early with this grand concert at the Liceu Opera House that features the Strauss Festival Orchestra and the Strauss Festival Ballet Ensemble in what is one of Europe's most famous touring productions, and is inspired by the January 1 extravaganza held each year in Vienna.

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## SPANISH GUITAR

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

Santa Anna Church (Santa Anna, 29). M: Catalunya (L1, L3; FGC). See Sat 1.

# 27

## THURSDAY

## TECHNO

## Techno session

Moog (Arc del Teatre, 3). M: Liceu and Drassanes (L3). See Thu 6.

## BASKETBALL

## EuroLeague: Barça Lassa vs. Anadolu Efes

Palau Blaugrana (Avda. de Joan XXIII). M: Les Corts (L3). 9pm. 15€-155€. [www.fcbarcelona.com](http://www.fcbarcelona.com) Barcelona's final European match of 2018 is against one of Turkey's best teams, Anadolu Efes from Istanbul.

## MUSIC FESTIVAL

## 20è Festival Mil·lenni: Niña Pastori

Palau de la Música (Palau de la Música, 4-6). M: Urquinaona (L1, L4). Dec 27, 28. 9pm. 18€-68€. Spanish flamenco singer Niña Pastori started her musical career at the age of just 6 alongside her mother, who was herself a renowned flamenco singer, and has since gone on to win four Grammys. Here

Pastori presents her latest album, Bajo tus alas.

## TOURS

## Family visits of Palau Baró de Quadras

(Avda Diagonal, 373). M: Diagonal (L3, L5). Dec 27-Jan 3, 2019. 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 that include appearances from some former inhabitants. Suitable for children aged 5 and above.

## CHRISTMAS

## The magic of Christmas at La Pedrera

(Pg. de Gràcia, 92). M: Diagonal (L3, L5); Provença (FGC). 4pm-7.30pm. 9€. Come to this iconic Gaudí building for an afternoon of Christmas fun and a lot of magic. Workshops, shows, games and much more awaits. Recommended for children aged 3 and above.

## A sea of skies

Museu Marítim de Barcelona (Av. de les Drassanes, s/n). M: Drassanes (L3). Dec 27, 28, 31, Jan 2-4. 11am, 12.15pm. 4€ adults; 2.50€ children. <http://mmb.cat/en/> Activities for kids aged three and above that explores questions related to the sky, the moon and the stars in the museum's digital planetarium.

## Christmas workshops

CosmoCaixa (Isaac Newton, 26). FGC: Av. Tibidabo. See Sat 22.

## Christmas activities

L'Aquàrium (Moll d'Espanya del Port Vell, s/n). M: Barceloneta (L4), Drassanes (L3). Dec 27-31, Jan 2-4. 12pm-4pm. [www.aquariumbcn.com/en/](http://www.aquariumbcn.com/en/) 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.

## Stories of everyday life

CCCB (Montalegre, 5). M: Catalunya (L1, L3; FGC). Dec 27, 28, Jan 3, 4 5.30pm. Dec 29, 30 noon. [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.

## FAMILY

## Games from around the world

Museu Etnològic i de Cultures del Món – Montcada (Montcada, 12). M: Jaume I (L4). Dec 27, Jan 3. 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.

## El príncep fel·lç

Museu Nacional d'Art de Catalunya (Parc de Montjuïc). M: Espanya (L1, L3; FGC). 6pm. [www.museunacional.cat/en](http://www.museunacional.cat/en) La Baldufa theatre company present their version of Oscar Wilde's 'The Happy Prince' about a giant statue that makes friends with a swallow. It's a lesson in humanity, love and generosity. For children 6 and above. In Catalan.

## Design workshops: Atipa't

Museu del Disseny (Pl. de les Glòries Catalanes, 37-38). M: Glòries (L1). Dec 27-Jan 3, 2019. 11am-1pm. 3€. Reserve in advance at: [reservesmuseudeldisseny@eicub.net](mailto:reservesmuseudeldisseny@eicub.net). <http://ajuntament.barcelona.cat/museudeldisseny/en> Workshops for different age groups (5-8 years and 9-12 years) that give participants the chance to design then make chocolate letters.

## SPANISH GUITAR

## Maestros of the Spanish Guitar

Palau de la Música (Palau de la Música, 4-6). M: Urquinaona (L1, L4). Dec 3, 8, 27, 29. 9pm, except Dec 27, 29 noon. 39€, 45€. BCN Guitar Trio & Dance present a unique show featuring three prestigious guitarists and one of Spain's leading flamenco dance couples, who pay homage to the great Paco de Lucia.

# 28

## FRIDAY

## BLUES

## Blues at the MEAM

(Barra de Ferro, 5). M: Jaume I (L4). Fri 6pm. 14€. The Lucky Dius (who are singer Rocio Angue, guitarist Toni Mena, bassist Xavi Grau and drummer Miquel Ballester) perform blues and soul, while you can also enjoy modern art, drinks and snacks.

## TOURS

## Modernista evenings at Palau Baró de Quadras

(Avda Diagonal, 373). M: Diagonal (L3, L5). Dec 28-Jan 4, 2019. 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.

## Visit to archaeological site

El Born Centre de Cultura i Memòria (Plaça Comercial, 12). M: Jaume I & Barceloneta (L4), Arc de Triomf (L1). See Tue 4.

## SPANISH GUITAR

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

Santa Anna Church (Santa

Anna, 29). M: Catalunya (L1, L3; FGC). See Fri 7.

## MICROTHEATRE

## Microteatre a les Punxes

Casa de les Punxes (Av. Diagonal, 420). M: Verdaguer (L4, L5), Diagonal (L3, L5). FGC: Provença. See Fri 7.

## LIGHT SHOW

## Mapping Parabolic Gaudí

Palau Güell (Nou de la Rambla, 3-5). M: Liceu (L3). See Fri 7.

## 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. Dec 1-Jan 5, 2019. [Check website for opening times and prices.](#) Barcelona's city theme park gets into the festive spirit with a series of special activities this month including a new 4D film version of The Little Prince, a Christmas Lego workshop, and a seasonal puppet show. There's also special decorations and lights plus a themed show. And if you go early today, before 11.30am, you'll get in for just 2€ each (child up to 14 + adult), which will be donated to Unicef, as part of its celebrations to mark the Song of Peace Festival today.

## Design workshops: Embolica que fa fred

Museu del Disseny (Pl. de les Glòries Catalanes, 37-38). M: Glòries (L1). Dec 28-Jan 4, 2019. 11am-1pm. 3€. Reserve in advance at: [reservesmuseudeldisseny@eicub.net](mailto:reservesmuseudeldisseny@eicub.net) <http://ajuntament.barcelona.cat/museudeldisseny/en> 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.

## Fira de Reis de la Gran Via

(Gran Via between Muntaner and Calabria). M: Urgell, Rocafort (L1). Dec 20-Jan 6, 2019. 11am-10pm.

In preparation for the arrival of The Three Kings on January 6, who are the traditional gift-bringers in these parts, this fair features numerous stalls selling toys, games and sweet treats. Take the kids - if you dare!

## FAMILY

## Be Guell's architect

Palau Güell (Nou de la Rambla, 3-5). M: Liceu (L3). 11.30am-1pm. 3€. [www.palauguell.cat/en/](http://www.palauguell.cat/en/) Take up the challenge that faced Antoni Gaudí when Eusebi Güell commissioned him to build an elaborate home for him and his family, and help develop a fitting façade for the new building. For children aged 5-12.

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## SATURDAY

## 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

## New Year concert: The Nutcracker

L'Auditori (Lepant, 150). M: Glòries & Marina (L1), Monumental (L2). Dec 29, 30. 6pm. 26€. [www.auditori.cat/en/home](http://www.auditori.cat/en/home) The Municipal Band of Barcelona presents two special end-of-year performances featuring a lively selection of waltzes, polkas and operettas, as well as Tchaikovsky's iconic 'Nutcracker suite'.

## Classical music at the MEAM

(Barra de Ferro, 5). M: Jaume I (L4). Sat 6pm; entry from 5.30pm. 19€. The title of this evening's concert is 'Melancholy' and features soprano Romina Krieger and classical guitarist Sergi Vicente performing works by Ginastera, Villa-Lobos



# Day by day

bos and Guastavino. You can also enjoy an afternoon snack (served before the concert) and museum visit.

## 20è Festival Mil·lenni:

### Pablo Milanés

Palau de la Música (Palau de la Música, 4-6). M: Urquinaona (L1, L4). 9pm. 18€-54€. [www.festival-millenni.com](http://www.festival-millenni.com) Cuban guitarist and singer-songwriter Pablo Milanés brings his latest tour, 'Esencia', to Barcelona, which sees him revisit favourites from the past as well as more recent creations all of which cover a wide spectrum of sounds including bolero, jazz, rumba and more.

## FAMILY

### Family activities at the Zoo

Barcelona Zoo (Parc de la Ciutadella, s/n). M: Arc de Triomf (L1), Ciutadella/Vila Olímpica(L4). See Sat 1.

## TOURS

### Funeral Carriage and Hearse Collection

FREE

(Montjuïc Cemetery, Mare del Déu del Port, 56-58). Bus: 21. See Sat 1.

## BASKETBALL

### Endesa League: Barça Las-sa vs. Río Natura

Palau Blaugrana (Avda. de Joan XXIII). M: Les Corts (L3). 6pm. 10€-85€. [www.fcbarcelona.com](http://www.fcbarcelona.com) Galician team Río Natura Mon-bus Obradoiro visit Barcelona for the last league game for the year.

## COOKING WORKSHOP

### Children's Christmas canapé workshop

Museu de la Xocolata (An-tic Convent de Sant Agustí, Comerç, 36). M: Arc de Triomf (L1). 4pm-6pm. 15€. [www.museuxocolata.cat/?lang=en](http://www.museuxocolata.cat/?lang=en)

Get the kids involved in the festive cooking with this workshop about how to make delicious snacks and nibbles. In Spanish and Catalan.

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SUNDAY

## JAZZ

### Dani Baraldés Guitar Party

Jamboree (Pl. Reial, 17). M: Liceu (L3). 8pm, 10pm. 15€. [www.masimas.com/en/jamboree](http://www.masimas.com/en/jamboree).

Guitarist Dani Baraldés leads a line-up that includes three other guitarists, bassist Matías Minguez and Victor Puertas on the Hammond B3 for a full-on blues, R&B and rock 'n' roll party for the last complete night of 2018.

## MUSIC FESTIVAL

### 20è Festival Mil·lenni:

#### Carlos Nuñez

Palau de la Música (Palau de la Música, 4-6). M: Urquinaona (L1, L4). 8pm. 18€-68€.

As has now become a custom as part of the annual Festival Mil·lenni, Galician piper and flautist Carlos Nuñez, regarded as one of the world's best performers of celtic, music heads up this energetic musical evening to bring another year to a close.

## CHRISTMAS

### Pessebre de la Plaça Sant Jaume

(Plaça Sant Jaume). M: Liceu (L3), Jaume I (L4). See Sun 23.

### 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 Sat 1.

# 31

MONDAY

## NEW YEAR'S EVE

### Espectacle de

#### Cap d'Any

(Avda Reina Maria Cristina). M: Espanya (L1, L3; FGC). Pre-show: 10pm; NYE event:

11.40pm.

The biggest New Year's Eve (cap d'any in Catalan) party in town takes place at the foot of Montjuïc with music, colour, fireworks, performance and the twelve bells marking midnight. Why not take part in the local tradition of trying to eat 12 grapes while the bells are chiming to ensure good luck for the year to come?

## SPORT

### Cursa dels Nassos

(Start point: C/Selva de Mar). M: Selva de Mar (L4). 5.30pm.

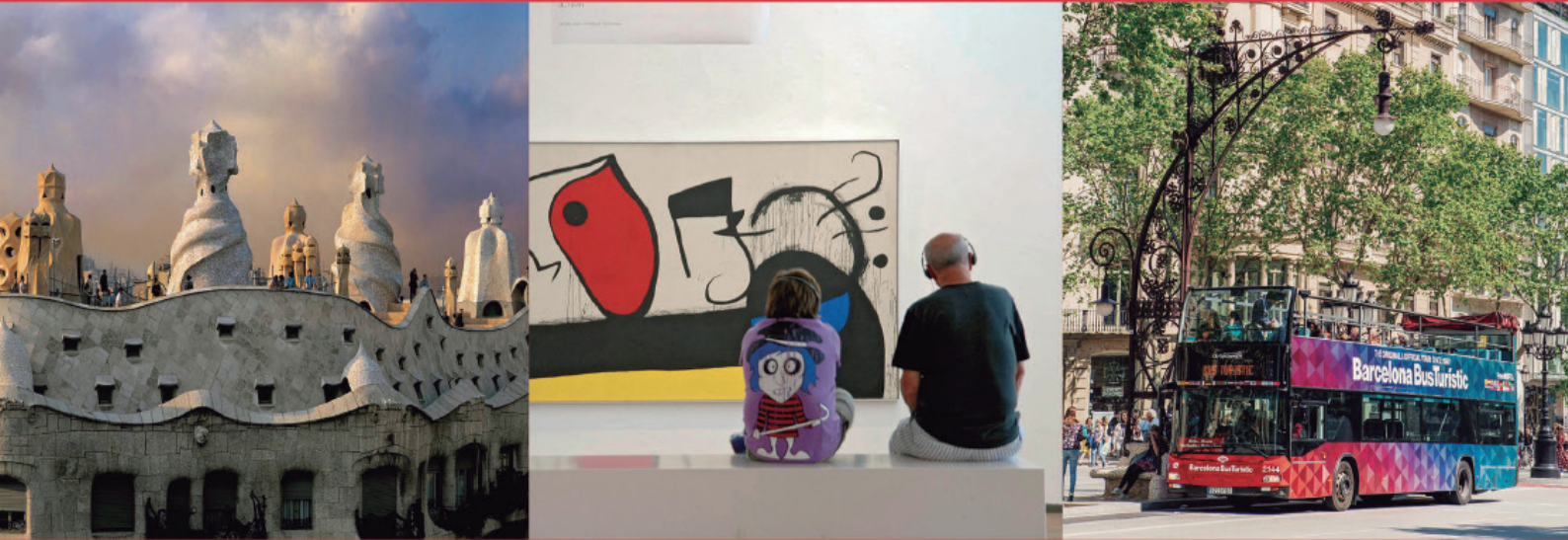
Taking its name from the man with 365 noses (nassos in Catalan) who loses one each day of the year and so is only ever seen on December 31, this 10km road race is the traditional end-of-year event for running fans.

## CHRISTMAS

### Christmas in Plaça Catalunya

(Plaça Catalunya). M: Catalunya (L1, L3; FGC). See Sat 22.

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