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# Quick Guide

## to mobility at our Faculty

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Faculty of Economics and Business | UB

International Relations Office



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# Welcome!

The International Relations Office would like to welcome you at the Faculty of Economics and Business of the University of Barcelona.

We are happy that you have chosen our institution, be it for research, teaching, training or an institutional visit!

The Faculty has made of internationalization one of its goals and it is the most active center of the UB in international mobility. Just to name a few, 25% of our students go abroad during their bachelor degree, our faculty alone accounts for the 25% of the total mobility at university level and each AY our faculty receives about 500 international exchange students. One of our goals is that they successfully conclude their exchange at our Faculty and have an enriching international experience. We hope that thanks to our experience in this area, this guide will be helpful during your stay at our Faculty and the city, be it for a short or a long period of time!

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*Barcelona awaits you, and so do we!*

*Get ready...*

Research oriented...

Leading research programs in all our different study areas.

Wide academic offer in English, Catalan and Spanish but limited space in courses...

It is very important exchange students can be flexible regarding the courses they intend to do at our Faculty.

Huge Faculty..

More than 7000 students!

Also, there are some English taught groups with a lot of exchange students!

Exchange students attend regular courses with local students, even when the tuition is in English...

They will mix with local students & experience their daily life at the UB.

About 500 International exchange students per AY...

Standardized procedures are a must. We provide plenty of updated information about mobility at our Faculty!

Located in Campus Diagonal Nord, our Faculty has two subway stations in front of it: Palau Reial & Zona Universitària. Look for the Green Line!

## *Hallmarks of the University of Barcelona*

The University of Barcelona is the main public university in Catalonia, catering to the needs of a great number of students and delivering the broadest and most comprehensive offer of higher education courses.

University of Barcelona is also the oldest university in Catalonia and one of the oldest in Spain. The UB is linked to the history of Barcelona and Catalonia and combines its historical dimension with its status as a leading, innovative educational institution.

The University of Barcelona is an urban university, open and cosmopolitan like it is Barcelona. The UB is integrated into the city of Barcelona, with faculties located in the centre of the city or very close to it. The UB plays a direct and active part in the urban fabric of Barcelona, the ties between the university and the city contribute to the human and cultural environment of Barcelona. The UB has become the centre of a wide range of cultural activities, and thanks to its location, it allows members of the university community to enjoy both the city's services and those of the UB.



## *Our history in a nutshell*

UB roots lie in 1402, when King Martí the Humane establishes departments that will become the General Study of Medicine and the Arts. The foundation of the University of Barcelona is considered to be in 1450 when King Alphonse V unifies all university education into the Estudi General of Barcelona (General Study of Barcelona). These first studies included Theology, Cannons and Civil Law, Medicine, Philosophy and Arts. UB keeps growing but then, in 1717 the university was moved to Cervera, due to the support of a big part of Catalonia, including the city of Barcelona, to the Archduke Charles of Austria –who lose the war- during the Spanish succession war. The university came back to Barcelona 150 year later, in 1842.

# THE UNIVERSITY AND OUR FACULTY

## Rankings and academic & research excellence

The University of Barcelona is one of the top ranked universities in Spain and it is a leading higher education institution in southern Europe and the Mediterranean arch.

The UB is also the principal centre of university research at a state level and has become an European benchmark for research activity, both in terms of the number of research programs it conducts and in terms of the excellence these programs have achieved.

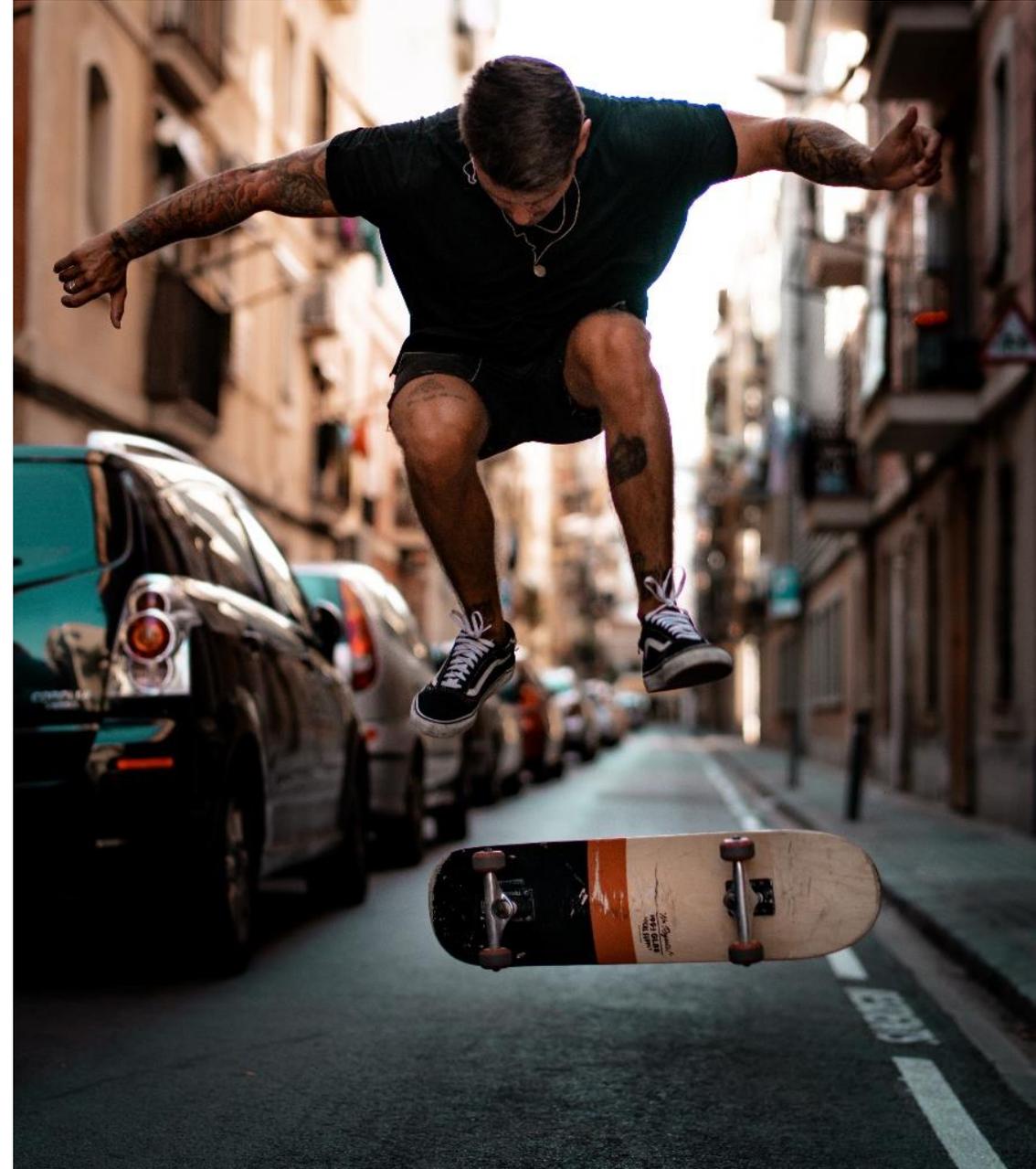
Its work contributes to the creation, transmission and diffusion of culture and of scientific, technical and professional knowledge, as well as promoting critical thought, innovation and pluralism. The UB offers a comprehensive range of courses adapted to the educational and professional needs of contemporary society, and has one of the largest intakes of students, professors and researchers from all Spanish universities.

## UB | Research Output International Rankings



## UB | International Rankings

	<b>1</b> National ranking	<b>72</b> European ranking	<b>151-200</b> World ranking	<b>August 2021</b> Last update
	<b>1</b> National ranking	<b>70</b> European ranking	<b>168</b> World ranking	<b>May 2021</b> Last update
	<b>1</b> National ranking	<b>28</b> European ranking	<b>87</b> World ranking	<b>October 2021</b> Last update
	<b>1</b> National ranking	<b>48</b> European ranking	<b>131</b> World ranking	<b>April 2021</b> Last update
	<b>2</b> National ranking	<b>51</b> European ranking	<b>239</b> World ranking	<b>April 2021</b> Last update
	<b>3</b> National ranking	<b>93</b> European ranking	<b>193</b> World ranking	<b>September 2021</b> Last update



The University of Barcelona is organized in 16 faculties and some affiliated centres. Each faculty offers different studies, thus the UB possess a wide offer of subjects and studies that fits the specific needs of each student.

## *The Faculty of Economics and Business*

It is the largest faculty in Catalonia and it is also included in the Barcelona Knowledge Campus, the most active 'Campus of Excellence' in Spain.

The Faculty of Economics and Business of the University of Barcelona is a centre of excellence in teaching Economics, Business, Sociology and Statistics. This Faculty brings together the tradition of the old School of Business and Economics, which formed the first group of economists in Catalonia (1954-1959) and the old University School of Business studies that has trained generations of mercantile and business graduates since 1850.

## *The Faculty of Economics and Business | International Rankings for study areas*

The Faculty of Economics and Business of the University of Barcelona is committed to excellence in research and teaching and is one of the world's leading faculties in the its fields. Further information about the position of the Faculty areas in international rankings: [Economics](#) | [Business](#) | [Sociology](#)





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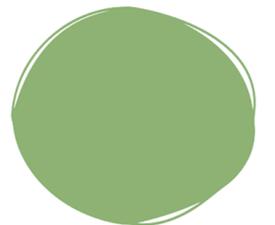
*Survival Guide*



## Travelling to BCN

Probably you will be arriving to the Barcelona Airport (Josep Taradellas), located in el Prat del Llobregat. It is the closest airport to Barcelona as well as the most convenient, as it offers a wide range of international flights. The airport is located 30 minutes by car or taxi from the city center and there are multiple options to travel from the airport to the city:

- **Taxi:** The price varies from 40 to 60 euros, depending on the distance.
- **Aerobus (Shuttle):** There is a bus service that enables you to travel fast to the centre of Barcelona. The buses leave every 5-20 minutes, everyday of the year. You can find all the information and fares at the following link: <https://aerobusbarcelona.es/>
- **Train:** It is possible to get to the city centre by train, the train is located in T2 (Terminal 2) but there is a free shuttle between T1 and T2. Find more information at the following link: [https://www.aeropuertobarcelona-elprat.com/ingl/accesos\\_aeropuerto\\_tren4010.htm](https://www.aeropuertobarcelona-elprat.com/ingl/accesos_aeropuerto_tren4010.htm)
- **Metro:** the L9 (orange line) connects the airport with Barcelona city in 25/30 min. The train leaves every 7 min. Fares can be found at the following link: <https://www.tmb.cat/en/barcelona-fares-metro-bus/single-and-integrated/aerport-ticket>



## The TMB

The TMB, meaning Transports Metropolitans de Barcelona, is the public company responsible for managing the major means of public transportation for travelling within or outside of the city of Barcelona. It includes the subway and the tram of the city of Barcelona and the surrounding areas, buses and trains.

### Ticket options

There are different ticket options. In addition to the single tickets, for instance the ones you can buy directly at the bus, there are other options allowing transfers and multiple journeys. These tickets can be bought in the machines that you will find in all the metro and tram stations.

### Zones

The metropolitan transport of Barcelona has six zones and the price of a ticket depends on the area you want to reach. To circulate within the city you only need the ticket for the first zone, but if you want to visit the areas around the city, make sure to check the zone in which your destination is located.

### Transfers

When the tickets purchased allow transfers, in the case of one-zone cards, passengers can transfer lines or mode of transportation for 75 minutes following the first validation. This time increases by 15 minutes for each zone. We recommend you check the various ticket options and their prices to know which is more convenient for you.

### More information

The Airport terminal metro stations on the L9 Sud line have a special fare and a specific ticket must be purchased. Transfers with other tickets are not valid. There may be special discount tickets, for instance, students under 25 can purchase the T- Jove.

Find all the information about tickets and fares here: <https://www.tmb.cat/en/barcelona-fares-metro-bus>.

The T-Casual ticket is an individual travel card valid for 10 train, metro, tram and bus journeys, including transfers. This ticket is very convenient in case you plan to use the subway more than 3 times. However, bear in mind it cannot be shared among different travelers, when travelling at the same time.



## Travel by Subway (Metro)

The metro is one of the fastest and easiest ways to discover the city. With a broad and highly developed structure, you can move from any point of Barcelona to another very conveniently. It also reaches some of the surrounding cities. Check the Barcelona Metro Schedule at:

<https://www.tmb.cat/en/barcelona/operating-hours-metro-bus>

You can buy tickets in the regular ATMs at each station.

## Travelling by bus

Barcelona has more than 80 bus lines that connect the city and the metropolitan area, including night buses, available with the same ticket. Find more about the bus lines here:

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

Furthermore, the Aerobus connects the city centre with the airport everyday of the year. You can find all the information and fares at the following link:

<https://aerobusbarcelona.es/>

There are also buses for long-distance trips that allow you to reach different parts of Catalonia, Spain and Europe. The two main bus stations for these buses are *Estació del Nord* and *Sants Estació*. It is necessary to check the fares, which vary depending on the destination.

## Travelling by tram

Barcelona has 6 tram lines that complement the city's public transport. Moving by tram is also very convenient and since its implementation it has become very popular among the citizens of Barcelona and the surrounding areas. More information can be found at the Barcelona Tram System website: [www.tram.cat](http://www.tram.cat)

## Travelling by train

Catalonia has many natural landscapes, beaches and cities that receive a large number of tourists every year. If you want to visit the Costa Brava, Montserrat, Figueres, el Delta de l'Ebre or the Pyrenees (among many others), the Regional Trains-Renfe and the *Ferrocarrils de la Generalitat* are the two main railway networks to travel through Barcelona and a much larger territory of Catalonia.

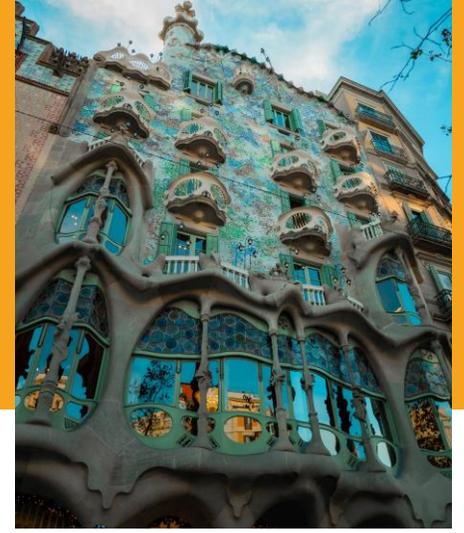
The Regional trains-Renfe are managed by *Renfe*, the main Spanish railway company which provides transport throughout the country. *Renfe* offers an online service that calculates the price of the ticket. Find out more here: [www.renfe.com](http://www.renfe.com)

*Ferrocarrils de la Generalitat* are managed by the *Generalitat de Catalunya* and may help you reach some destinations. More information can be found at: [www.fgc.cat](http://www.fgc.cat)

These trains are normally the best option if you want to visit the coastal towns, rural areas and major cities such as Tarragona or Girona. The price of a ticket depends on the distance to the final destination. Some of the train destinations are included in the TMB system and some of them are not. If it indicates TMB, just check the zone of the destination and buy your ticket.

**or.. by bike!** There are plenty of bicycle lines throughout the city and multiple options to ride one!

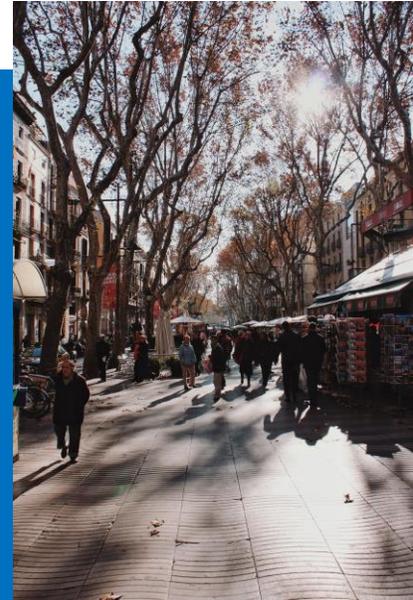
# MOVING AROUND BARCELONA AND CATALONIA



## Barcelona

### What to visit?

The options are endless. Check all the touristic information at: [Visit Barcelona](#)



## Gastronomy

The Mediterranean diet is essential to the gastronomy of Barcelona and also to understand the quality of life of the region and the general welfare. Nevertheless, nowadays, the prestige of Catalan cuisine goes far beyond it and is internationally recognized, with extremely renowned cooks, such as Ferran Adrià. In addition, you'll also find a diverse gastronomical selection with restaurants and products from all around the world. Thanks to its huge culinary heritage, the city has more than 33 Michelin stars and Catalonia is home to 50 Michelin star awarded restaurants, 3 of which are three-star restaurants.

Barcelona offers a wide range of places for eating out, suitable for all wallets and tastes. The average price of a menu may vary between 9 and 15 euros depending on the area and the time of day. In the area of the Faculty there are different options to eat at affordable prices.

Although in Barcelona it is possible to find somewhere to eat all day long, bear in mind that we usually eat later than the rest of the world!

## Where to go out?

Barcelona is a city which never sleeps nor rests and you will always find something interesting to do here. It is the center of many events, exhibitions and concerts which take place every week: there is always plenty of things to do or going on in Barcelona, to suit all budgets and likes.

In addition to its remarkable touristic sites and its lovely charming spots to discover, you will also find a vast cultural offer, involving all the artistic expressions, as well as an sparkling day and nightlife. Poble Nou or the city centre are popular areas to go out, to have a drink or to dance, especially –but not only- during the weekends. Some blocks of the Eixample District are known for their thriving LGBTBI+ community and for hosting many LGBTBI+ bars and discotheques. *Arena* is the most classic and popular one and its atmosphere is friendly and open to everyone.

For more information about the activities and cultural events in the city you can check “Time Out”: <https://www.timeout.com/barcelona>

Lunch between  
13.30 & 15.00

Dinner between  
20.00 & 22.00

Many restaurants may be using  
this schedule!

## Music and theatre

*" Music for all tastes and ages. Barcelona is a city steeped in music all year round and there are so many reasons to sample what it has to offer, but the most important one is the most intangible: you've arrived in a city that is in love with music. And how good does that sound? "*

*Visit Barcelona (<https://www.barcelonaturisme.com>)*

In Barcelona, you can find large concert halls like the Liceu Opera House, one of the best opera houses in the world, the beautiful Palau de la Música Catalana, declared world heritage site by the UNESCO for its impressive architecture and the Palau Sant Jordi Stadium —once part of the 92' Barcelona Olympic games and now the preferred venue by many pop and rock stars who visit our city, due to its big capacity. Not surprisingly, Barcelona is one of the few cities in the world often considered a must stop during the tours of the most successful stars and international artists worldwide, such as Madonna, Bruce Springsteen and the Rolling Stones.

Besides, one can enjoy many different musical events all throughout year, no matter the artist or the genre, be it concerts, musicals or jam sessions.

Some popular medium and smaller music venues, hosting a variety of artist, some of them not so mainstream but very renown internationally, include: *Sala Apolo, Sala Razzmatazz, Sala Barts, el Poble Espanyol* or *l'Auditori*. More alternative groups and jam sessions from many different music styles, from jazz to hip hop are performed during different days of the week in bars and venues such as: *Sala Jamboree, Hi Jauh Usb, Barts Club, Jazz Sí* or *Robadors 23* —which, for instance, offers 2 concerts a day, each day of the year.



Barcelona also hosts several large musical festivals throughout the year. Some of the most popular ones are: the Barcelona Primavera Sound festival, with a musical program of great international prestige which brings together thousands of people in the city; the Sonar festival, featuring electronical music and the top DJs worldwide, such as Jeff Mills, also accounts for a large number of attendees; or the BAM and the Cruïlla festivals (Barcelona Musical Action Festival & Crossroads Festival), which are great musical events open to all styles and thus displaying a large variety of singers and groups from many different genres and cultural origins.

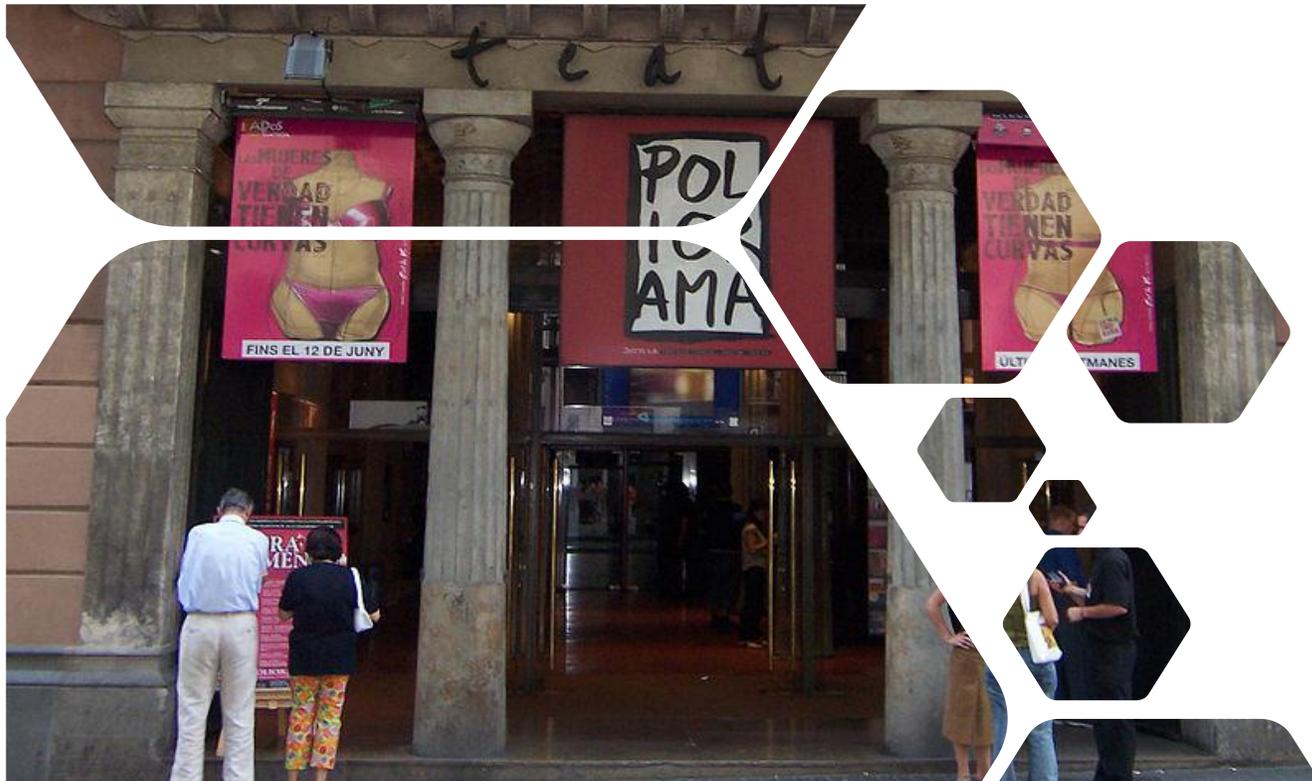
It is also remarkable that there are more than 60 theaters in the city –some are situated in exquisite buildings rich in history, and others occupy tiny venues, which may not be noticed from the street, where it is possible to intimately observe the actors’ work.

Barcelona displays a rich and vibrant theatrical scene with exceptional artistic proposals all year long –from opera and theatre masterpieces to new and innovative productions from smaller companies. There are also some remarkable festivals of performing arts during the year, such as the GREC festival.

As you will see, regardless of your taste in music, theatre and other artistic expressions, Barcelona always has something to offer, ranging from the most classical options to the most alternative or innovative.

**Did you know?** Barcelona has always been a meeting point of cultures, and this can be noted also in the musical style originating from the city: the rumba catalana, a music born in the streets, it is a fusion of Cuban and gypsy music, according to one of its major representatives, the great Gato Perez.

Furthermore, Barcelona also keeps the great tradition of “La Sardana”, the typical dance of Catalonia. Everyone is welcome to see or participate in the sardana dance that is organized each weekend by local associations and traditional groups in different parts of the city.



## Museums

Like any other city renowned as a cultural hub, Barcelona is also home to an extensive network of museums and cultural foundations that expose and explore all areas of history, art, and human life. In term of plastic arts, the two most relevant ones are the MNAC, which has a broad and relevant Romanesque art exhibition and the MACBA, which is the museum of modern art. There are also some internationally renown museums that exhibit important collections of leading artists, such as the Joan Miró Foundation, the Antoni Tàpies Foundation or the Picasso Museum in Barcelona, which is considered the reference center for the artist's

formative years. Furthermore, Barcelona is also home to many exhibitions throughout the course of the year.

Finally, there are also thematic museums, such as CosmoCaixa (for Science and Technology), the Textile Museum, the Egyptian Museum, the Chocolate Museum or the the most visited museum in the city, the Museum of FC Barcelona.

The Museum of History of Catalonia is also worth visiting, in case you may want to know a little bit more about Catalonia and its inhabitants.

## Shopping

In Barcelona you will find a wide range of products and services. The streets of the Gothic Quarter are perfect if you are looking for ground-breaking clothes from creative young designers, both local and foreign. You can also visit the streets of Passeig de Gràcia and Diagonal Avenue with shops of the most renown brands worldwide. In the historic neighbourhoods of Gràcia, Sants and Born you will also find interesting clothing options thanks to the small designers and accessories shops that fill its streets with colour.

Loyal to her spirit, the Catalan capital maintains many neighbourhood markets like the Boqueria market, the Santa Caterina Market (beautifully restored) and the historical market of Sant Antoni, which combines a flea market with food vendors and much more.

Barcelona offers an endless set of possibilities, specially when it comes to fashion and culinary products.



## Barcelona Holidays

Shops and offices will be closed on holidays and usually on Sundays as well.

Day	Holiday
01.01	New Year
06.01	Reyes
07.04	Good Friday
10.04	Easter Monday
01.05	International Workers' Day
29.05	Pentecost
24.06	Sant Joan's Day
15.08	Assumption of Mary
11.09	National Day of Catalonia
24.09	La Mercè, the patron saint of Barcelona
12.10	National Day of Spain
01.11	All Saints' Day
06.12	Spanish Constitution Day
08.12	Immaculate Conception
25.12	Christmas Day
26.12	Sant Esteve

## Safety tips

Barcelona is a very safe city with a very low percentage of crime/s, but pickpocketing is a very usual problem. Make sure you do not leave any of your belongings unattended, even in the hotel reception or inside a bar or a restaurant. When in a crowded or touristic area or in the public transport, keep all your belongings properly held and in front of you -no wallets in your back pockets or back packs and bags on your back.

## Water and Electricity

The voltage in Spain is 220. The electric outlet/socket is the European standard. The tap water is drinkable and City Hall certifies its quality.

## Currency

The Euro is the official currency in Spain, and normally no other currencies are accepted for payment. You can easily change usual currencies -US dollars, pounds sterling, Japanese yen and other- in all bank and exchange offices that are found in downtown areas and tourist sites.

## Emergency information

### Emergency number: 112

Emergencies | 24/7 - 365 days | Attention in multiple languages

### Salut-Respon: 061 | +93 303 81 58 (with a foreign SIM card)

This service can be used in case of having a health-related doubt, query or problem | 24/7 - 365 days | Attention in multiple languages

### Generalitat Respon: 012

Assistance and general information about multiple issues  
Attention in multiple in languages

### Foreign Embassies in Spain

[Link](#)

### Foreign Consulates and Delegations in Barcelona

[Link](#)

In order to obtain up-to-date information about the city of Barcelona, please visit its official web site: [www.bcn.cat](http://www.bcn.cat)



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## More useful information

[www.oh-Barcelona.com/es/guia-Barcelona/turismo/](http://www.oh-Barcelona.com/es/guia-Barcelona/turismo/)

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

[www.guiadelocio.com/barcelona](http://www.guiadelocio.com/barcelona)

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# IRO staff recommendations!

These are the personal recommendations of different members of our IRO staff. We can ensure none of us are linked in any way with any of the companies/entities, needless to say we do not receive any benefit for mentioning them! These are some fair -non exhaustive and obviously, based on our opinion- recommendations. We hope they will be useful!

“I would recommend strolling around the Gothic District and just getting lost in the streets. An excellent option to eat is Ca la Nuri, in la Barceloneta, just in front of the beach. In case you need a cheap, fast and yet a good option I would recommend Bismilla Kebabish, probably one of the best Kebab places in the city, offering also a wide range of food, apart from kebabs”.

“I particularly enjoy going to any of the multiple rooftops of the city in the evening. Also, if you enjoy art museums, the MNAC is worth visiting and you’ll have great views of the city from there. I would also recommend visiting at least one of the milestones of Gaudi's architecture -be it Parc Güell, Casa Batlló or la Pedrera; besides, do visit Sagrada Família, and enter inside, it is really astonishing and beautiful. Where to eat? Restaurant Petra is a great & affordable option just next to the Santa Maria del Mar Basilic. Tapas 24, in the city center -Diputació street- is a good place to eat classic “tapas”, with a modern touch. For a display of the worldwide cuisine present in the city, you can enjoy the wonders of the Indian cuisine at Rasoi restaurant, in Londres street, in the Eixample District”.

“I would recommend going to one of the panoramic points you can find in the different hills overlooking the city. The Tibidabo park | Tibidabo mountain are wonderful in this sense. For instance, you can have a drink at Mirablau, which has great views over the city. It feels truly delightful! There are also great views of the city in the “[Bunkers del Carmel](#)” or in Montjuïc. Precisely in Montjuïc, “el Xalet de Montjuïc” is a very good option to eat with wonderful views –but bear in mind it’s a little bit expensive.

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We hope you enjoy your stay here!