BARCELONA GUIDE

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Essential Information

Barcelona, the capital of Catalonia, is a bustling Mediterranean port and the economical center of Spain. Its history dates back to the times of the Romans and the city does a lot to display this with pride. Thanks to the 1992 Summer Olympics, a lot of effort went into modernizing the city while keeping its ancient charm. The city center and the main square, Plaça de Catalunya, show this unique blend of new and old.

Barcelona is also a center of culture and modern architecture. Antoni Gaudí is the creative mastermind behind many of the buildings here, such as Güell Palace or the Sagrada Familia church. Museum-goers will be overjoyed in this city, since there are many exquisite artworks to be seen. And do not forget that Barcelona is right by the sea – after you are finished with the cultural sights, head over to the beach to soak up the Mediterranean sun or enjoy a drink at one of the beach bars.

Time Zone

CET (UTC+1), observes DST.

Contacts

Tourist Contacts

- Tourist information: 010

Currency: Euro, €1 = 100 cents

Exchanging currency could be a challenge in Barcelona, as exchange offices (cambio) are no longer abundant since the introduction of the euro. However, you can still change your money at the bank, at the main railway station or in the tourist districts of the city. Taking traveler’s checks might be a good idea. Another good choice is taking advantage of the ATMs that are almost everywhere – this way, you won’t need to exchange money at all. Credit and debit cards are also accepted at most shops, even at Barcelona’s markets. Airport establishments might even accept payment in US dollar, but the exchange rate is unfavorable.

Tax Refunds

There is a VAT refund available for those who are not EU citizens. The VAT is 18% and you need to spend a minimum of €90.15 in one shop on one day. Make sure you get a VAT refund form from the store at the time of your purchase. Fill out the form with your receipt attached and show the completed forms and the items you purchased at your final departure from the European Union. The customs authorities will stamp your documents – make sure not to pack the purchased items in your checked luggage. Then claim the refund through the store’s affiliate – Global Refund, Spain Refund and Premier are the three authorized companies for this in Spain. These companies have their offices at the airport and at the borders, so you can get your money back immediately.

Prices

- Meal, inexpensive restaurant – €10-12
- Meal for 2, mid-range restaurant, three-courses – €30-50
- Big Mac – €3.40
- Bottle of water at supermarket – 40 cents (1.25 liters)
- Domestic beer (0.5 liter, draught) – €3
- Gasoline (1 liter) – €1.40
- Hostels (average price/night) – €30 – 40
- 4* hotel (average price/night) – €100 – 200
- Car-hire (medium-sized car/day) – €30 – 40

Tipping

Tipping is not expected in Spain. If you feel that the service was outstanding, you can round up to the next euro or leave one extra for the waiter. However, upscale restaurants generally expect tips, as do taxi drivers in an upscale setting.
**Electricity**

The standard electricity supply in Spain is 230 volt – 50 Hz AC. The plugs have two round pins. Remember to bring an adapter or converter if you need it.

**Languages**

Barcelona lies in Catalonia – therefore, there are two official languages. Catalan is the main language here, used on street signs and the like. The locals also speak Spanish fluently, since they learn both languages at school. However, Catalan is widely preferred, since most of the locals consider Catalonia a separate region from the rest of Spain. Put in the effort and try to learn some of the basic phrases in Catalan – this will make the locals happy and can open many doors for you, even if you lead the rest of the conversation in Spanish.

People in Barcelona also understand English and French, more so than in other Spanish cities.

**Mobile Phones**

The whole country is covered by the GSM 900/1800/GPRS/HSPDA network. European mobile phones should work fine, visitors from the US and Asia might need to check compatibility. There are four operators in total running the network – Movistar, Vodafone, Orange and Yoigo. You can use your own card or buy a pre-paid anonymous card if you want a Spanish number or better rates. The international access code for Spain is +34, the area code for Barcelona is 93.

**Internet**

The city council provides its own free Wi-Fi connection and access points are scattered all over the city center. The connection might be slow at times, but it’s useful if you need access to the internet from wherever you are. The name of the network is ‘Barcelona WiFi’. Alternatively, most hotels and hostels offer their own free Wi-Fi connection, as do regular cafés and restaurants, although these might not be as abundant as in other big cities. There are also internet cafés, but they come and go quickly, as is the trend nowadays. The usual price for an hour is €1-2.

- More information on the free Wi-Fi connection (www.bcn.cat)

**Internet Resources**

- Barcelona’s official tourist website (www.barcelonaturisme.com)
- Spain’s official tourist website (www.spain.info)
- Barcelona’s public transport system (www.tmb.cat)
- Barcelona events (eventful.com)

**HOLIDAYS**

- January 1 – New Year’s Day
- January 6 – Epiphany
- Good Friday and Easter Monday
- May 1 – Labour day
- June 24 – St. John’s Day
- August 25 – Assumption Day
- September 11 – National Day of Catalonia
- October 12 – National Day of Spain
- November 1 – All Saints Day
- December 6 – Constitution Day
- December 8 – Day of the Immaculate Conception
- December 25 – Christmas Day
- December 26 – Boxing Day/Saint Stephen’s Day

**Opening Hours**

Shops are generally open Monday to Saturday from 10 AM to 2 PM; when there is a break and they re-open at 4:30 PM, closing at 8 PM. However, this lunch break may be omitted in the city center, and the large shops and department stores might stay open up until 10 PM. Opening hours on Saturday may be shorter. Banks are open from 8 AM to 2 PM.

Museums and other sights are open from 9 AM to around 7 PM. On Mondays and some holidays – Christmas, Good Friday and New Year’s Day most of them are closed altogether. However, each times may differ, so always check the museum website before you plan your trip.
**Public Transportation**

Barcelona is a large city, and is therefore covered by a network of public transport. One ticket costs €2. There is also the T10 ticket which you can use ten times in one zone (which is enough for most attractions in the city center); it costs €9.25. A one day ticket costs €6.95 and a five day ticket costs €28. These can be bought at vending machines in the subway (cards are accepted), at the tourist offices or even online.

- Official Website of the public transport company ([www.tmb.cat](http://www.tmb.cat))
- Ticket prices ([www.tmb.cat](http://www.tmb.cat))

**Metro** There are eight lines in total that serve the most frequented parts of the city. It operates from 5 AM to 12 PM during the week. On weekends, the metro runs from Saturday 5 AM to Sunday 12 AM with no breaks. The same applies for public holidays.

**FGC** Barcelona's rail network. There are three lines that work together with the metro and cover additional areas.

**Tram** An alternative to the metro. There are five lines in total that mostly go to shopping and residential areas. The tram uses the same ticket system as other public transport. They run from 4 AM to midnight or from 5 AM to 2 AM on weekends and public holidays.

**Bus** Over 80 lines serve the city; they go mostly to the suburbs and aren't very frequent. They run from roughly 5 AM to about 11 PM. After that, there is a night bus service departing from Plaça de Catalunya which runs until about 6 AM.

**Bike** A suitable way of exploring the city. There are plenty of bike rental shops in Barcelona; the price for a day is about €7-10.

**Taxis**

Barcelona's taxis are black with yellow doors. You can either flag one down or you can go to one of the taxi stands. Alternatively, just call one of the companies. Some taxis are adapted for people with disabilities. The minimum fare is €2.05 and the basic price for a kilometer is €0.93. These prices vary on weekends, at night and on other occasions. There are also special fares for trips to the airport – one ride costs €20 minimum.

- Taxi Amic – +34 934 208 088 (adapted for the disabled)
- ZBarna Taxi – +34 933 581 111
- Cooparativa Radio Taxi Metropolitana – +34 932 250 000
- Fono Taxi – +34 933 001 100
- Mercedes Taxi – +34 687 839 844
- Ràdio Taxi 033 – +34 933 033 033
- Servi Taxi – +34 933 300 300

The official website of Barcelona’s taxis ([www.taxibarcelona.cat](http://www.taxibarcelona.cat))

**Regional Transportation**

The city is well-connected to the outside world – there are several airports nearby, three train stations that can take you to both near and far places in Europe, and Barcelona is also a busy port.

**Driving**

- Speed limits in cities – 50 km/h (31 mph)
- Outside the cities – 90 km/h (56 mph)
- Highways – 120 km/h (80 mph)
- Blood alcohol limit – 0.05 BAC
- Always wear a seatbelt, even in the backseat – it is the law.

- Talking on the cell phone while driving is illegal and it is forbidden to use earphones while driving.
- Drive on the right.
- Children under 12 can’t sit in the front seat; young children should travel in a baby seat.
- Screen-based navigation systems can’t be used in Spain.

Barcelona is the same as any other major European city; parking is expensive (even though there are some free parking spots) and driving in the city center won’t make anything easier for you, since you will just get stuck in the narrow roads. But, if you want to drive, make sure you have a road map (a tourist map is not enough). Of course, if you plan on venturing beyond the city center, driving is a good way to get there.

**Walkability**

Barcelona is a very walkable city. The center can be explored on foot and whenever you get tired, you can just hop on the metro. Walking around the city is especially rewarding for fans of architecture, as there are many interesting buildings along the way and a large part of the city center is barrier-free. In short, make sure you try to explore at least part of the city on foot so you soak in the atmosphere and find some sights for yourself.
**FOOD**

**Specialties**
- Escalivada – a mix of grilled vegetables
- Escudella – a classic stew made from meat, vegetables, pepper and cinnamon
- Fideuà – a special kind of paella
- Alioli – garlic and oil sauce to be used with meat
- Botifarra – a sausage flavored with cinnamon and fennel
- Crema Catalana – a very sweet custard and caramel dessert

**Drinks** The choice of drinks in Barcelona is extensive. For breakfast, you can try freshly squeezed orange juice. The sweet orxata made from the juice of tiger nuts is a great way of pampering yourself.

As for alcoholic beverages, there are many kinds of wine to try in Barcelona, since the wineries are not far from the city. The white wines are said to be especially delicious. Sangria is a well-known Spanish drink; the local speciality is known as sangria de cava and is made from champagne and fruit. You can also order the cava separately.

**Legal Age**
The legal age for all alcoholic beverages is 18.

Bars close around 2 AM, but discos and nightclubs stay open until the early hours of morning.

**EVENTS DURING THE YEAR**

**February**
- Carneval (www.bcn.es) – parades, dances and folk traditions

**April**
- Feria de Abril de Cataluña - celebrated by the Andalusians who live in Barcelona

**June**
- Sonar (www.sonar.es) – an electronic music festival
- Festival del Grec (grec.bcn.cat) – music, dance and theatre
- Primavera Sound (www.primaverasound.com) – features indie music
- Verbena de Sant Juan – celebrations of Twelfth Night

**August**
- Festa Major de Gracia (www.festamajordegracia.cat) – a popular music festival
- Festes de la Mercè – a huge celebration of the city patron

**October**
- Festival Internacional de Jazz de Barcelona – one of the most famous of its kind
- Art Futura (www.artfutura.org) – devoted to the new media in art

**December**
- Christmas markets
Free Things To Do

- Parc Güell is one of Barcelona’s prime attractions and is completely free.
- Las Ramblas – the famous boulevard; friendly by day, better avoided at night.
- Barcelona’s Old Town is a historical and architectural wonder that you can explore on foot.
- Another similar area to walk around is the Old Port.
- Visit Barcelona’s Gothic cathedral.
- Many museums have free days – check out the respective museums’ websites.
- Some museums are entirely free.
- Parc de la Ciutadella – a pleasant park in the heart of the city.

Shopping
If you are looking for souvenirs, the selection is wide. You could always take home some of the Catalan specialties, such as sausages or one of the many sauces to spice up your home cooking. Alternatively, a bottle of Spanish wine or the champagne-like cava makes for a fantastic present. Art also makes for great souvenirs, be it a replica of Gaudi’s works or an original piece from a young street artist. Leather is also one of Spain’s famous products.

DO look out for the many festivals that take place in Barcelona; they could make your trip truly special.
- DO try to explore Barcelona’s unique neighborhoods.
- DO visit at least one of Gaudi’s works even if you aren’t a fan.
- DO avoid Las Ramblas at night.
- DO carry a bottle of water around – it will come in handy while exploring.
- DO NOT fall prey to pickpockets or scams.
- DO NOT walk around just in your swimsuit or shorts, it is considered inappropriate.
- DO NOT spend all of your time along Las Ramblas – there are far more exciting places to be discovered.
- DO NOT wander aimlessly holding a map as it advertises the fact that you’re a tourist.

Safety
In terms of pickpocketing, Barcelona unfortunately takes the lead in Europe. Take extra precautions not to fall prey to pickpockets. Be always alert especially in the touristy areas and on the metro. If you can leave anything of value in the hotel safe, do it. Don’t leave your wallet or other valuables in your back pocket and always hold on to your bag or purse. Be mindful also when withdrawing money from ATMs. Use common sense and keep your eyes open.

Another thing to look out for are the scams. Generally, if the locals are trying to be too helpful or too friendly after a short period of time, you should back away. There have also been reports of fake policemen who ask for your ID while their accomplices pick pocket you. In general, don’t let yourself be distracted, and if you start feeling uncomfortable, just walk away. You might also want to avoid Las Ramblas at night, as the whole street becomes a little seedy.

If anything happens and you need to report a crime, head down to the police station at Plaça Catalunya, where they have translators.

The tap water in Barcelona is safe to drink, but the locals prefer bottled water.
Must See Things in Barcelona A-Z

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X  Barcelona Pavilion (Pavelló Barcelona)
Y  National Art Museum of Catalonia (Museu Nacional d’Art de Catalunya)
Z  Montjuïc Castle (Castell de Montjuïc)

Olympic Stadium (Estadi Olímpic Lluís Companys)
**Park Güell / Parc Güell**
This park was completely designed by Gaudí. Witness the amazing connection of architecture and nature inside it.

Olot, Sin Número, 1, 08023 Barcelona, Spain
GPS: N41.41341, E2.15293
**Phone:** +34 932 13 04 88
**Opening hours:**
Oct 25 – Mar 25: 8:30 a.m. – 6 p.m.
Mar 24 – Oct 24: 8 a.m. – 9:30 p.m.
**Admission:**
From Oct 25, 2013, the park employs an admission fee. Tickets can be bought either online or at ticket offices. Access to the park is also limited to 400 tickets every half an hour.
**Online prices/office prices:**
Adults: 7 € / 8 €
Children (7-12) seniors: 4,90 € / 5,60 €
Children (0-6) free:

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**Casa Vicens**
The facade of this building is an example of how Gaudí played with mixing various architectural styles, e.g. Moorish and Oriental.

Carrer de les Carolines 24, Barcelona, Spain
GPS: N41.40341, E2.15073
Sagrada Família Church / Sagrada Família
This stunning church is unfinished, but nonetheless remains one of Gaudí’s masterpieces and a UNESCO site.

Carrer de Mallorca, 401, 08013 Barcelona, Spain
GPS: N41.40358, E2.17446

Phone: +34 932 07 30 31

Opening hours:
Basilica:
October to March: 9 a.m. – 6 p.m.
April to September: 9 a.m. – 8 p.m.
Dec 25-26; Jan 1 & 6: 9 a.m. – 2 p.m.
(Last admission: 15 minutes before closing time)

Crypt:
Mon - Fri: 9 a.m. – 10 a.m. & 6 p.m. – 9 p.m.
Sat, Sun and Holidays: 9 a.m. – 2 p.m. & 6 p.m. – 9 p.m.

Towers:
Subject to availability.

Admission:
Basilica: €14.80
Students: €6.80
Basilica + Towers: €19.30
Gaudí House Museum: €6.80
Basilica + Gaudí House Museum: €18.30
Children up to 10: free

Agbar Tower / Torre Agbar
Designed by Jean Nouvel, a French architect, this high building should remind you of geysers striking the air. There are mainly offices inside.

Avinguda Diagonal, 211, 08018 Barcelona, Spain
GPS: N41.40356, E2.18972

Phone: +34 933 42 20 00

Flash Flash
Two couples wanted to establish a perfect restaurant and they have succeeded. Try out one of the many specialties on their menu!

Carrer de la Granada del Penedès, 25, 08006 Barcelona, Spain
GPS: N41.39659, E2.15230

Phone: +34 932 37 09 90

Opening hours:
Daily: 1 p.m. – 1:30 a.m.

La Pedrera Building / La Pedrera
Designed by the famous architect Antoni Gaudí, this building has been inscribed on the UNESCO World Heritage list because of its uniqueness.

Passeig de Gràcia, 92, 08008 Barcelona, Spain
GPS: N41.39516, E2.16171

Phone: +34 934 84 59 00

Opening hours:
Nov 5 – Feb 28:
9 a.m. – 6:30 p.m.
(Last admission: 6 p.m.)
Mar 1 – Nov 4:
9 a.m. – 8 p.m.
(Last admission: 7:30 p.m.)

Admission:
Adult: €16.50
Student: €14.85
Children (under 6): free
Children (7-12): €8.25
The Monumental Bullring / Plaçade Braus Monumental
A public bullfighting arena where the fights no longer take place because of the ban by the Catalan parliament.
08013 Barcelona, Španělsko
GPS: N41.39970, E2.18117
Phone: +34 932 45 58 02
Opening hours: Mon – Fri: 11 a.m. – 11 p.m.
Sat – Sun: 10 a.m. – midnight

Casa Batlló
This building’s facade will certainly catch your eye while walking around. It is covered with colourful tiles creating mosaics.
Passeig de Gràcia, 43, 08007 Barcelona, Spain
GPS: N41.39189, E2.16496
Phone: +34 932 16 03 06
Opening hours: Daily: 9 a.m. – 9 p.m.
(Last admission: 8 p.m.)
Admission:
Adults: €20.35
Children (7-18), Students: €16.30
Children (under 7): free

La Rambla
This long pedestrian street is lined with cafés, bars and shops and always bustling. Performances of street artists are common here.
C/ LA Rambla, 08002 Barcelona, Spain
GPS: N41.38031, E2.17416

The Olympic Village / La Vila Olímpica
This neighborhood was constructed for the 1992 Summer Olympic Games which took place in Barcelona. Spectacular architecture!
GPS: N41.39031, E2.19159

Plaça de Catalunya
One of the main squares of Barcelona boasts beautiful fountains and statues and is an ideal place for people watching.
Pça Catalunya, 08002 Barcelona, Spain
GPS: N41.38699, E2.16993
**Cathedral of Santa Eulalia** / Catedral de la Santa Creu i Santa Eulàlia
Barcelona’s main cathedral is a lavish showcase of Gothic architecture – its high ceilings and gargoyles are truly breathtaking.
Placita Seu, 08002 Barcelona, Spain
GPS: N41.38451, E2.17613
Phone: +34 933 15 15 54
**Opening hours:**
Mon – Sat: 8 a.m. – 7:30 p.m.
(1 p.m. – 5 p.m. – entry with donation, other times are free)
Sun and Holidays: 8 a.m. – 7:30 p.m.
(2 p.m. – 5 p.m. – entry with donation, other times are free)
**Admission:**
8 a.m. – 1 p.m. (2 p.m. on Sun) & 5 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.: free admission
General admission: €6
Group admission: €4
The admission includes a visit to the museum, the choir and the rooftops.
Rooftops: €3.00/person
Choir: €2.80/person

**Picasso Museum Barcelona** / Museu Picasso Barcelona
If you are a fan of Pablo Picasso, the Cubist painter, you should definitely visit this museum full of his drawings and paintings!
Carrer de Montcada, 15-23, 08003 Barcelona, Spain
GPS: N41.38520, E2.18070
Phone: +34 933 19 63 10
**Opening hours:**
Mon: closed
Tue – Sun: 10 a.m. – 8 p.m.
(Last admission: 7:30 p.m.)
**Admission:**
Adults: €11
Concessions: €6
Children (under 16), Seniors (over 65), Sunday after 3 p.m, first Sunday of each month: free

**Barcelona Zoo** / Zoo de Barcelona
A large zoo consisting of several parts, e.g. pavilion of monkeys, terrarium or aquarium with dolphins.
Parc de la Ciutadella, 08003 Barcelona, Spain
GPS: N41.38686, E2.19036
Phone: +34 902 45 75 45
**Opening hours:**
Open daily from 10 a.m.
Closing:
1 January to 23 March: 5:30 p.m.
24 March to 15 May: 7 p.m.
16 May to 15 September: 8 p.m.
(7 June 2013: 6:30 p.m.)
16 September to 26 October: 7 p.m.
27 October to 31 December: 5:30 p.m.
25 December open until noon.
(Last admission 30 minutes-1 hour before closing time)
**Admission:**
Adults: €19.60
Children: €11.80
Seniors: €9.95
Disabled: €5.60

**La Boqueria Market** / La Boqueria
A traditional market where you can find almost everything you could ever need. Come here for the souvenirs and the atmosphere!
La Rambla de Sant Josep, 08002 Barcelona, Spain
GPS: N41.38199, E2.17152
Phone: +34 933 18 25 84
**Opening hours:**
Mon – Sat: 8 a.m. – 8:30 p.m.
Parc de la Ciutadella
Huge city park with many attractions – you can find a zoo, museums, a lake and a lot more in it. Spend a nice family day here!
Passeig de Pujades and Passeig de Picasso, 08003 Barcelona, Spain
GPS: N41.38812, E2.18766
Opening hours:
Daily: 10 a.m. – 6 – 9 p.m. (varies according to the time of the year)

Güell Palace / Palau Güell
This major mansion designed by Antoni Gaudí in Modernista style is a part of the UNESCO World Heritage Site.
Carrer Nou de la Rambla, 3-5, 08001 Barcelona, Spain
GPS: N41.37917, E2.17448
Phone: +34 933 17 39 74
Opening hours:
Summer: Tue – Sun: 10 a.m. – 8 p.m. (Last admission: 7 p.m.)
Winter: Tue – Sun: 10 a.m. – 5:30 p.m. (Last admission: 4:30 p.m.)
Admission:
Adults: €12
Students, Seniors: €8
Children (under 16): free

Barcelona Aquarium / L’Aquàrium de Barcelona
Observe sharks or dive among them in the 80 meters long tunnel. Perfect day out for the whole family!
Moll d’Espanya, Port Vell, 08039 Barcelona, Spain
GPS: N41.37666, E2.18410
Phone: +34 932 21 74 74
Opening hours:
Mon – Fri: 9:30 a.m. – 9 p.m. (9:30 p.m. in June and September; 11 p.m. in July and August)
Admission:
Adults: €20
Children (5-10): €15
Children (3-4): €5
Seniors: €15

Barceloneta Beach / Barceloneta
Located in the neighbourhood of the same name, this beach with fine-grained sand is popular among locals and tourists for its nightlife facilities.
Passeig Marítim de la Barceloneta, 08003 Barcelona, Spain
GPS: N41.38109, E2.19454

Columbus Monument / Monument a Colom
More than 7 metres high, this statue is a tribute to Christopher Columbus, who returned here after he discovered America.
Plaçadel Portal de la Pau, 08039 Barcelona, Spain
GPS: N41.37579, E2.17777
Opening hours:
Daily: 10 a.m. – 8:30 p.m.
Jan 1 & Dec 25: closed
Montjuïc Cable Car / Telefèric de Montjuïc
This funicular will take you to the hilltop in a moment! Enjoy the panoramic views of the city and the sea.
Avinguda Miramar, 08038 Barcelona, Spain
GPS: N41.36892, E2.16298
Phone: +34 932 25 27 18
Opening hours:
January – March: 10 a.m. – 6 p.m.
April – May: 10 a.m. – 7 p.m.
June – September: 10 a.m. – 9 p.m.
October: 10 a.m. – 7 p.m.
November – December: 10 a.m. – 6 p.m.
Admission:
Single ticket:
Adults: €7.30
Children (4-12): €5.50
Round-trip ticket:
Adults: €10.30
Children (4-12): €7.40

Barcelona Pavilion / Pavelló Barcelona
Built for the 1929 International Expo, this elegant and simple building is a gem of modern architecture.
Avinguda de Francesc Ferrer i Guàrdia, 08038 Barcelona, Spain
GPS: N41.37072, E2.15019
Phone: +34 934 23 40 16
Opening hours:
Mon – Sun: 10 a.m. – 8 p.m.
Free guided tours on Sat: 10 a.m. (English), 11 a.m. (Spanish), noon (Catalan). Duration: 30 min
Admission:
Adults: €5
Students: €2.60
Children under 16: free

National Art Museum of Catalonia / Museu Nacional d’Art de Catalunya
This museum presents original Catalan art but is also known for its extensive collection of Romanesque paintings.
Palau Nacional, Parc de Montjuïc, 08038 Barcelona, Spain
GPS: N41.36769, E2.15410
Phone: +34 936 22 03 76
Opening hours:
Winter (October to April):
Tue – Sat: 10 a.m. – 6 p.m.
Sun and public holidays: 10 a.m. – 3 p.m.
Summer (May to September):
Tue – Sat: 10 a.m. – 8 p.m.
Sun and public holidays: 10 a.m. – 3 p.m.
Admission:
Adult: €12 (valid for two days)
Student, Groups: €8.40
Children (under 16), seniors (over 65), Saturdays from 3 p.m.: free

Montjuïc Castle / Castell de Montjuïc
Apart of the city walls, this castle was renovated in the 17th century. It used to be a scary place because of executions happening there.
Carretera Montjuïc, 66, 08038 Barcelona, Spain
GPS: N41.36448, E2.16683
Phone: +34 932 56 44 45
Opening hours:
October – March:
Mon – Sun: 9 a.m. – 7 p.m.
April – September:
Mon – Sun: 9 a.m. – 9 p.m.
(Parade ground closes 30 minutes before.)
Admission:
Free admission.
Lluís Companys Olympic Stadium / Estadi Olímpic Lluís Companys

A multipurpose arena where the 1992 Olympic Games took place. It is named after the President of Catalonia, who was executed in 1940.

Avinguda de l'Estadi, 54, 08038 Barcelona, Spain
GPS: N41.36470, E2.15561

Phone: +34 902 66 69 02

Opening hours:
Summer: daily: 10 a.m. – 8 p.m.
Winter: daily: 10 a.m. – 6 p.m.

Admission:
Admission to the stadium is free.