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# 5-day Barcelona City Guide

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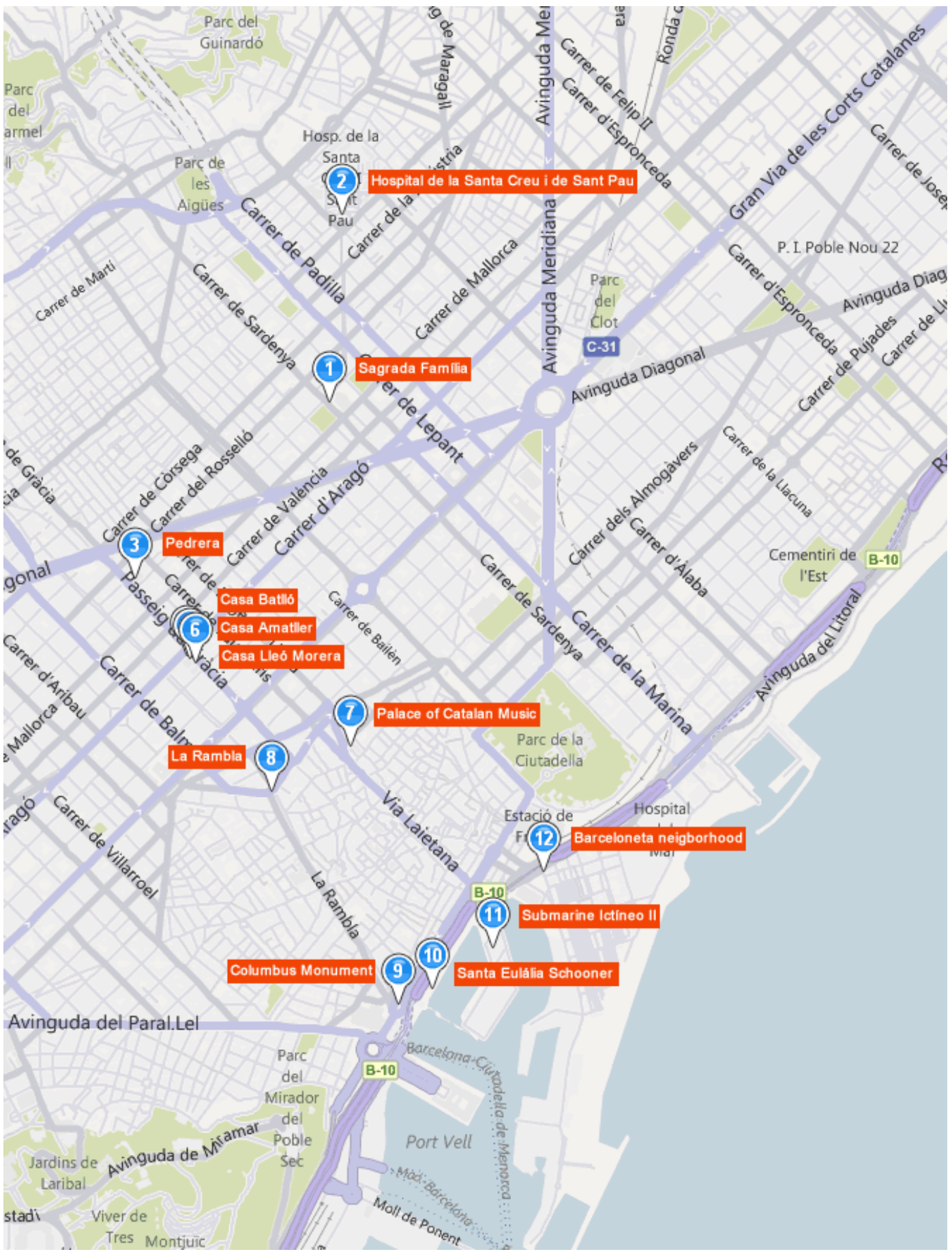
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## Overview of Day 1

The first day explores the center of Barcelona and the port. You get a peek into the city's architectural heritage, sense the lively atmosphere of La Rambla and take a walk in the port area.

	<b>LEAVE HOTEL</b> <a href="#">Tested and recommended hotels in Barcelona &gt;</a>	
	Take Subway line 2 or 5 to Sagrada Família station	
09:00-10:00	<b>La Sagrada Família</b> —————	Barcelona's main tourist attraction <a href="#">Page 5</a>
	Take a walk to Hospital de la Santa Creu i de Sant Pau - 15'	
10:15-10:30	<b>Hospital de la Santa Creu i de Sant Pau</b> —————	UNESCO World Heritage site <a href="#">Page 5</a>
	Take Subway line 5 from Hospital de Sant Pau station to Diagonal station (Direction: Cornellà) - 15'	
10:45-11:45	<b>La Pedrera (Casa Milà)</b> —————	One of Gaudí's most fascinating buildings <a href="#">Page 6</a>
	Take a walk to Casa Batlló - 5'	
11:50-12:50	<b>Casa Batlló</b> —————	One of Gaudí's most spectacular buildings <a href="#">Page 6</a>
	Take a walk to the neighboring building: Casa Amatller	
12:50-13:00	<b>Casa Amatller</b> —————	Part of the magnificent building block, Apple of Discord <a href="#">Page 7</a>
	Take a walk to the neighboring building: Casa Lleó Morera	
13:00-13:10	<b>Casa Lleó Morera</b> —————	One of the finest examples of modernista architecture <a href="#">Page 7</a>
	<b>Lunch time</b> Take a walk to the Palace of Catalan Music	
14:00-15:00	<b>Palace of Catalan Music</b> —————	A modernist masterpiece from Lluís Domènech i Montaner <a href="#">Page 7</a>
	Take a walk to Plaça Catalunya the starting point of La Rambla - 15'	
15:15-15:45	<b>La Rambla</b> —————	Favorite walking street of Barcelona <a href="#">Page 8</a>
	Take a walk to the Columbus Monument - 5'	
15:50-16:05	<b>Columbus Monument</b> —————	Commemorates the great explorer <a href="#">Page 8</a>
	Take a walk to Santa Eulalia Schooner - 10'	
16:15-16:45	<b>Santa Eulàlia Schooner</b> —————	Fine example of early 20th century shipbuilding <a href="#">Page 8</a>
	Take a walk to Submarine Ictíneo II - 15'	
17:00-17:15	<b>Submarine Ictíneo II</b> —————	Great engineering achievement <a href="#">Page 9</a>
	Take a walk to Barceloneta district - 15'	
17:30-18:15	<b>Barceloneta neighborhood</b> —————	A neighborhood with unique atmosphere <a href="#">Page 9</a>
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Overview of Day 1



## Attraction Details

09:00-10:00

### La Sagrada Família (Carrer Mallorca, 401)

**Opening hours:** Jan - Mar, Oct - Dec: 9am - 6pm, Apr - Sep: 9am - 8pm, 25 and 26 Dec, 1 and 6 Jan: 9am - 2pm • **Admission:** 12.5 €



#### THINGS YOU NEED TO KNOW

- The full name of the church is Expiatory Church of the Holy Family
- The construction of the Catholic church has been started in 1882 and it is still unfinished
- Expected to be complete some time in the first third of the 21st century
- Considered the master-work of renowned Catalan architect Antoni Gaudí (1852-1926)
- Gaudí devoted the last 40 years of his life to this vast project: by the end he even lived on the premises
- By 1904 the final touches are made to the Nativity Façade; the first finished from the planned 3 façades
- The Spanish Civil War (1936) brings construction of the Sagrada Família to a halt for some 20 years
- By 1990 Artist Josep Maria Subirachs completes the statuary of the Passion Façade
- A total of 18 tall towers are called for, representing in ascending order of height the Twelve Apostles, the four Evangelists, the Virgin Mary and, tallest of all, Jesus Christ

#### THINGS TO DO THERE

- Start your visit at the Nativity Façade that looks on a small artificial lake
- Walk along Carrer de Provença in order to get to the opposite side; the Passion Façade
- Enter the church in order to visit the interior construction site
- Take the elevator to mount to one of the towers for splendid view of the city
- Descend to the semi-basement of the Passion façade to visit the museum exhibiting the building work of the church

#### TIPS & INSIGHTS

- To avoid long queues in high season at the ticket office, you may buy your ticket in advance (Ticket collection and preferential access at the Information Point)
- The charge of using the elevators is not included in the entrance fee but it is the only way of getting to the towers as the stairs can only be used for descending

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10:15-10:30

### Hospital de la Santa Creu i de Sant Pau (Carrer Sant Antoni Maria Claret,



#### THINGS YOU NEED TO KNOW

- Hospital de la Santa Creu i de Sant Pau is a UNESCO World Heritage Site that used to be a fully functioning hospital until 2009
- It was built between 1901 and 1930 by the plans of modernist architect Lluís Domènech i Montaner
- The building is currently undergoing restoration and will be used as a museum and cultural center

#### THINGS TO DO THERE

- Walk along the magnificent façade

- Take part in a guided tour into the hospital that is available several times a day

#### TIPS & INSIGHTS

- Restricted access due to ongoing renovation works
- It is possible to see the interior of the building but do not forget to book the guided tour in advance

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## Attraction Details

10:45-11:45



## La Pedrera (Casa Milà) (Carrer Provença, 261)

**Opening hours:** November to February: 9am - 6:30pm, March to October: 9am - 8pm • **Admission:** 14 €

### THINGS YOU NEED TO KNOW

- Casa Mila is a unique looking modernista apartment building designed by Gaudí that resembles no other building in the world. There are no straight walls or right angles inside the premises
- It was built for a wealthy and socially active couple (Rosario Segimon and Pere Mila) as a show of wealth and extravagance. Today many of its apartments are private homes
- The building was ridiculed in its time and earned a nickname, La Pedrera (The Quarry). The nickname stems from its stony, fortress-like appearance
- The building gives home to a museum dedicated to Gaudí's works (Espai Gaudí)
- It houses a furnished Modernista flat (El Pis de La Pedrera) that exemplifies a typical bourgeois flat of late 19th-century Barcelona
- It is famous for its chimneys that resemble medieval warriors as part of a surreal rooftop sculpture park

- The building is part of the UNESCO World Heritage Site "Works of Antoni Gaudí"

### THINGS TO DO THERE

- Take a look at the building from outside
- Visit Espai Gaudí, a museum dedicated to Gaudí's works
- Visit the furnished modernista flat (El Pis de La Pedrera)
- Climb to the roof and enjoy the rooftop statue park
- Enjoy the view of the neighborhood (La Sagrada Família and the port)

### TIPS & INSIGHTS

- Save money by purchasing the [Articket](#) that serves as a pass to several Barcelona attractions

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11:50-12:50



## Casa Batlló (Pg. de Gràcia, 43, 08007 Barcelona)

**Opening hours:** All year round: 9am - 8pm • **Admission:** 18.15 €

### THINGS YOU NEED TO KNOW

- Casa Batlló (1906) is an imposing modernist building in central Barcelona designed by Gaudí
- The locals call it the House of Bones (Casa dels ossos) because of its skeletal organic look
- The façade is decorated with colorful mosaic, running from shades of golden orange at the bottom into greenish blues at the top
- The building has a unique arched roof that is often likened to the back of a dinosaur or dragon
- Casa Batlló is part of a block of modernist buildings called the Apple of Discord (Illa de la Discòrdia)
- The building is a reconstruction of an existing building for a middle-class family

- Gaudí's goal seemed to be to completely avoid straight lines

### THINGS TO DO THERE

- Enjoy the building's imposing appearance from the outside
- Visit the first floor apartment
- Climb to the roof and enjoy the abstract shaped chimneys and the roof that looks like the back of a dragon
- Enjoy the view of the neighborhood

### TIPS & INSIGHTS

- Save time and money by [purchasing your ticket online](#)
- Informative audio guide included in the price

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12:50-13:00

**Casa Amatller** (Passeig de Gràcia 41)**Opening hours:** Monday to Friday mornings: [Check website](#) • **Admission:** 10 €**THINGS YOU NEED TO KNOW**

- Casa Amatller is beautiful building between Casa Batlló and Casa Lleó Morera, the three forming together the Apple of Discord (Illa de la Discòrdia)
- The building is the work of the architect Josep Puig i Cadafalch
- It was a wealthy chocolate maker, Antoni Amatller who commissioned the building
- The designer followed the principles of Urban Gothic palaces with a flat façade, a central courtyard and a staircase leading up to the main rooms

**THINGS TO DO THERE**

- View from outside and take photos of the building's imposing appearance from the outside

- Enjoy the guided tour including a tasting of Amatller chocolate (advance booking is required)

**TIPS & INSIGHTS**

- Only guided tours are available
- Tickets need to be booked in advance via [email](#) or phone (+ 934 877 217)
- No ticket is available at location

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13:00-13:10

**Casa Lleó Morera** (Passeig de Gràcia 35)**THINGS YOU NEED TO KNOW**

- Casa Lleó Morera (1902) is a remarkable palace situated next to Casa Batlló and Casa Amatller, and is part of the Apple of Discord
- Lluís Domenech i Montaner designed the building as a renovation project of an existing house
- Domenech cooperated with the biggest names in the building industry to create this magnificent palace
- The building earned its name after its decorations of lions (Lleó) and mulberry trees (morera), unlike the traditions of the time buildings taking their names after their owners

- The building is privately owned and closed to the public

**THINGS TO DO THERE**

- View from outside and take photos of the building's imposing appearance from the outside

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14:00-15:00

**Palace of Catalan Music** (Carrer Palau de la Música 4-6)**Opening hours:** Daily: 9:30am - 3:30pm, August and Easter Week: 9:30am - 6pm • **Admission:** 12 €**THINGS YOU NEED TO KNOW**

- Palau de la Música Catalana (1908) is a concert hall in Modernist style
- The building is famous for its fabulous ornamentation, sculptures, and decorative elements
- It was built for Orfeó Catalá, a choral society that played a leading role in the Catalan cultural movement called Renaixença (Catalan Rebirth)
- More than half a million people listen to musical performances yearly that includes a wild variety of styles, such as symphonic music, jazz or Cançó (Catalan song)
- Since 1997 the building is listed among UNESCO's World Heritage sites
- The building won Barcelona City Council's architect award of best building in 1909

**THINGS TO DO THERE**

- Take a walk around the amazing modernista building
- Join the guided tour of the concert hall
- Check the program schedule for concerts

**TIPS & INSIGHTS**

- Tickets for the guided tour can be purchased in the nearby gift shop (the ticket office sells tickets for the concerts)
- Tickets can be purchased up to one week before the day of the guided tour
- Advance ticket purchase is recommended
- Guided tour takes approximately 50 minutes

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## Attraction Details

15:15-15:45

**La Rambla** (Plaça Catalunya)**THINGS YOU NEED TO KNOW**

- La Rambla is a of a mile long (1.2 km) tree-lined pedestrian mall with an engaging and lively atmosphere
- It connects the old gothic city center (Catalunya Square) with the harbor
- La Rambla provides many shopping possibilities and astounding entertainments of street artists
- Nearby Boqueria market carries Catalan and Spanish specialties

**THINGS TO DO THERE**

- Walk down La Rambla and enjoy the view and the special atmosphere
- Explore the shops

- Let yourself be entertained by the astounding performances of street artists and jongleurs
- Enjoy a coffee, a glass of wine or a scoop of ice cream
- Taste Catalan and Spanish specialties in Boqueria Market

**TIPS & INSIGHTS**

- Be prepared for much crowdedness, especially in prime time tourist season
- Beware of pickpockets and Three-card Monte players

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15:50-16:05

**Columbus Monument** (Plaça del Portal de la Pau)**THINGS YOU NEED TO KNOW**

- Columbus Monument (1888) is a monument dedicated to Columbus
- It stands at the lower part of La Rambla where Columbus is said to have returned from America after his first trip
- The monument is 197 ft (60 m) tall. The top part is a 24 ft (7 m) tall Columbus statue pointing with his right hand towards the New World

- The entire construction was carried out by Catalans

**THINGS TO DO THERE**

- Have a look of the statue and head to the nearby port

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16:15-16:45

**Santa Eulàlia Schooner** (Moll de la Fusta at Barcelona's Port Vell)

**Opening hours:** May 1 - October 31 Tuesday to Friday: 12 noon - 7:30pm, May 1 - October 31 Saturdays, Sundays and holidays: 10am - 7pm, November 1 - April 30 Tuesday to Friday: 12 noon - 5:30pm, November 1 - April 30 Saturdays, Sundays and holidays: 10am - 5:30pm

• **Admission:** 2.5 €

**THINGS YOU NEED TO KNOW**

- Pailebot Santa Eulàlia is a beautiful three-mast vessel (schooner) rocking on water in the harbor (Moll de la Fusta)
- It made its first journey in 1918
- It used to transport textile and salt to Cuba and return with the treasures of the island such as tobacco, coffee, cereals and wood
- The ship is on exhibition since 1997 after the Maritime Museum (Museu Marítim) bought and renewed it as an effort of preserving historical Catalan ships

**THINGS TO DO THERE**

- Relax on a bench of La Rambla de Mar that offers a splendid view on the schooner and the port
- Climb onboard to experience the beautifully renovated schooner

**TIPS & INSIGHTS**

- Free entrance on Sundays after 3pm

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17:00-17:15

## Submarine Ictíneo II (Moll d'Espanya del Port Vell)



### THINGS YOU NEED TO KNOW

- Submarine Ictíneo II (1889) is a replica of the world's first submarine
- It has a fish-shape and is made of wood
- Two steam engines used to power the vessel that was able to make a number of successful underwater journeys
- The original purpose of the submarine was to collect corals
- Its inventor, Narcís Monturiol, unsuccessfully tried to sell its invention to the army, as it failed to recognize the importance of the innovation

- The inventor died penniless

### THINGS TO DO THERE

- Have a look at the replica of the world's first submarine

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17:30-18:15

## Barceloneta neighborhood (Plaça de Pau Vila)



### THINGS YOU NEED TO KNOW

- Barceloneta is a traditional and authentic seaside neighborhood with narrow streets, small squares and ancient bars
- The neighborhood is populated traditionally by fisherman (pescadors) and sailors (mariners) and shockingly contrasts to the modern Barcelona (such as nearby Port Olímpic)
- A tour of the area provides a glimpse into the way Barcelona was like 150 years ago
- Older people still sit out on the streets to gossip and let the world go by

- Local restaurants serve fresh seafood right from boats

### THINGS TO DO THERE

- Wander around the streets and enjoy the unique atmosphere of the place
- Try fresh seafood such as shellfish (marsics) in one of Passeig Joan de Borbó's authentic restaurants on the western edge of Barceloneta

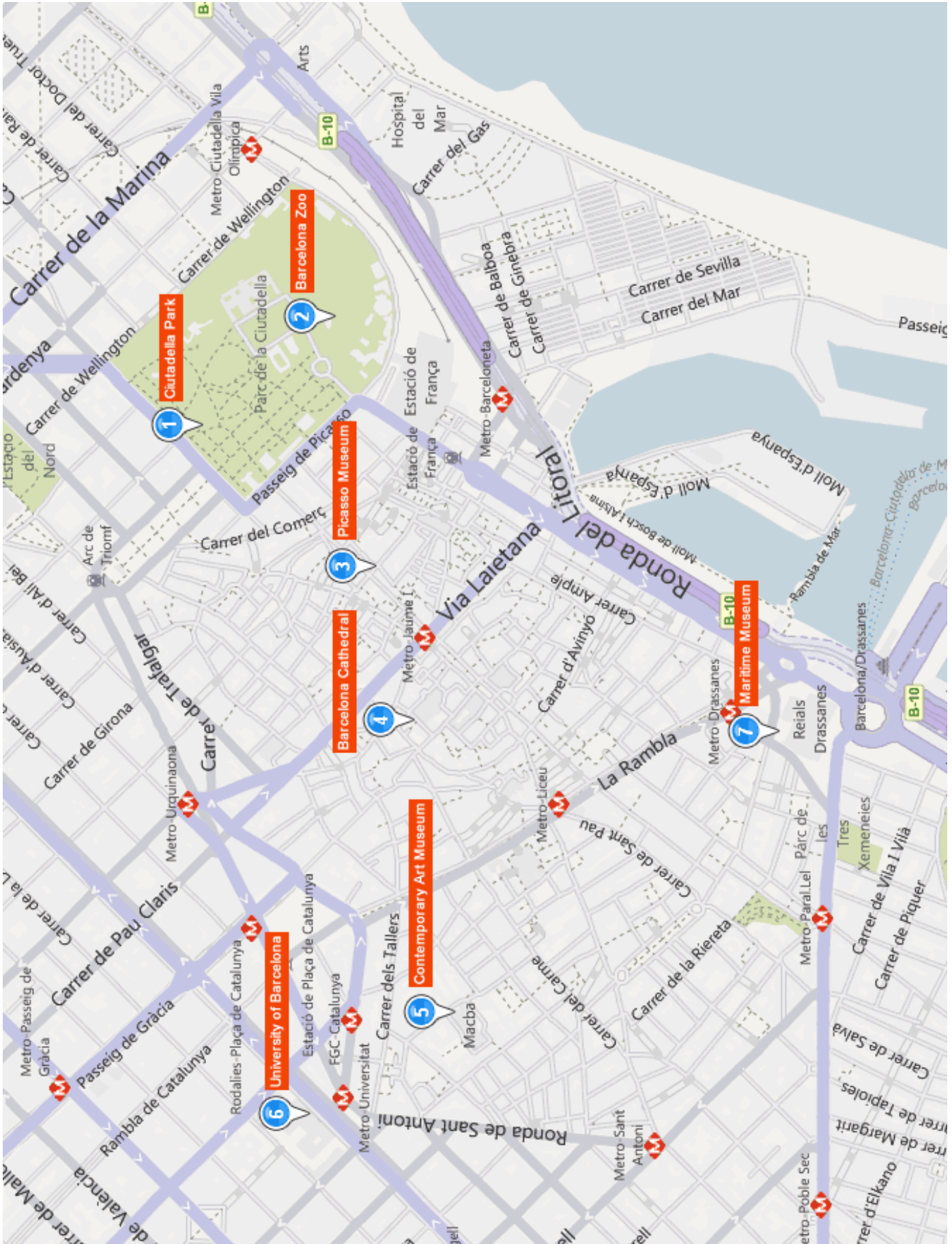
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## Overview of Day 2

After enjoying the open air you will visit Barcelona's main church, enjoy the works of Picasso and finish the day with naval history and contemporary art.

	<b>LEAVE HOTEL</b> <a href="#">Tested and recommended hotels in Barcelona &gt;</a>	
	Take Subway line 1 to Arc de Triomf station	
<b>09:00-10:00</b>	<b>Ciutadella Park</b> ▪	More like an oasis than a typical city park <b>Page 12</b>
	Take a walk to Barcelona Zoo - 5'	
<b>10:05-12:05</b>	<b>Barcelona Zoo</b> ▪	A true gem for animal lovers <b>Page 12</b>
	Take a walk to Picasso Museum - 10'	
<b>12:15-13:15</b>	<b>Picasso Museum</b> ▪	One of the most extensive Picasso collections <b>Page 12</b>
	<b>Lunch time</b> Take a walk to Barcelona Cathedral	
<b>14:30-15:15</b>	<b>Barcelona Cathedral</b> ▪	An amalgam of architectural styles from Gothic through Baroque <b>Page 13</b>
	Take a walk to the Contemporary Art Museum - 15'	
<b>15:30-16:15</b>	<b>Contemporary Art Museum</b> ▪	A slew of big-name Spanish and international contemporary artists <b>Page 13</b>
	Take a walk to the University of Barcelona - 10'	
<b>16:25-16:40</b>	<b>University of Barcelona</b> ▪	Graceful and imposing building <b>Page 13</b>
	Take Subway line 3 from Catalunya station to Drassanes station (Direction: Zona Universitaria) - 20'	
<b>17:00-18:00</b>	<b>Maritime Museum</b> ▪	A must see for families with kids <b>Page 14</b>
	<b>END OF DAY 2</b>	



## Attraction Details

09:00-10:00

### Ciutadella Park (Passeig Picasso, 1)

**Opening hours:** All year round: 10am - dark • **Admission:** Free

#### THINGS YOU NEED TO KNOW

- Parc de la Ciutadella (1860) is Barcelona's largest park (70 acres) that provides a green hideaway from the city
- It was the city's first park that was created for the public
- The name of the park comes from the fact that it was built on the site of a military fortress (ciutadella)
- The park gives home to the city's zoo, the Parliament of Catalonia, a romantic lake, two museums and a flamboyant Cascade Fountain by Gaudí
- The 1888 Universal Exhibition was held here

#### THINGS TO DO THERE

- Enter the park through the Arc de Triomf that was the entrance to the 1888 Universal Exhibition
- Enjoy the view of the modernista building occupied by the Zoology Museum
- Visit the massive Cascada fountain, an early work of Gaudí
- Relax by taking a row boat trip on the lake

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10:05-12:05

### Barcelona Zoo (Parc de la Ciutadella s/n)

**Opening hours:** October 31 - March 27: 10am - 5pm, March 28 - May 15: 10am - 6pm, May 16 - September 15: 10am - 7pm, September 16 - October 30: 10am - 6pm • **Admission:** 16.5 €

#### THINGS YOU NEED TO KNOW

- Established in 1892
- The zoo has an enormous adventure playground where children can run wild
- There are also dolphin and whale shows in one of the aquariums
- Many of the enclosures are bar less, and the animals kept in place via a moat
- Until recently, the main attraction was Copito de Nieve (Snowflake), the only albino gorilla in captivity in the world

#### THINGS TO DO THERE

- Visit the Zoo exhibiting 4000 animals

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12:15-13:15

### Picasso Museum (Carrer Montcada 15-23)

**Opening hours:** Tuesday to Sunday: 10am - 8pm • **Admission:** 10 €

#### THINGS YOU NEED TO KNOW

- Picasso Museum is one of the most extensive collections of the master; showcasing more than 3500 pieces of his artwork
- The museum was opened in 1963
- The idea of the museum came from Picasso's lifelong friend Jaume Sabartés whose donation of 574 works made up a large proportion of the original exhibition
- The current collection includes two of Picasso's first major works: The First Communion (1896), and Science and Charity (1897)

#### THINGS TO DO THERE

- Visit the museum that offers one of the most extensive collections of the great painter

#### TIPS & INSIGHTS

- Save money by purchasing the [Articket](#) that serves as a pass to several Barcelona attractions
- All Sundays free from 3 pm
- Free Museum entrance on first Sunday of each month

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14:30-15:15

## Barcelona Cathedral (Pla Seu 3, 08002 Barcelona)

**Opening hours:** Monday to Saturday: 1pm - 5pm, Sundays and holidays: 2pm - 5pm • **Admission:** 6 €

### THINGS YOU NEED TO KNOW

- Barcelona Cathedral is a magnificent cathedral that dates back to 1298
- The Cathedral of Santa Eulalia (in Catalan, La Seu) is dedicated to the saint Santa Eulalia of Barcelona who suffered martyrdom in the Roman times
- It exhibits a number of architectural styles from its Gothic cloister through Baroque chapels to a 19th-century façade
- The cathedral serves as the spiritual hub of Barcelona's gothic district (Barri Gotic)

### THINGS TO DO THERE

- Wander around the inside of the church
- Take the elevator to mount to the roof for a view of the city
- Visit the lush cloister that continues to be home to white geese
- Pop in to the small museum opening from the cloister

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15:30-16:15

## Contemporary Art Museum (Plaça Angels, 1, 08001 Barcelona)

**Opening hours:** September 25th to June 23rd Weekdays: 11am - 7:30pm, September 25th to June 23rd Saturdays: 10am - 8pm, September 25th to June 23rd Sundays and holidays: 10am - 3pm, June 24th to September 24th Weekdays: 11am - 8pm, June 24th to September 24th Thursdays and Fridays: 11am - 12 midnight, June 24th to September 24th Saturdays: 10am - 8pm, June 24th to September 24th Sundays and holidays: 10am - 3pm, Tuesdays: Closed • **Admission:** 7.5 €

### THINGS YOU NEED TO KNOW

- Museu d'Art Contemporani de Barcelona is Barcelona's contemporary art museum
- It opened on 28 November 1995
- The museum focuses mainly on post 1945 Catalan and Spanish art
- Three major eras are distinguished: (1) 40s and 50s, (2) 60s-70s, and (3) contemporary art
- The surrounding square is one of the most famous places for modern skateboarding

- Do not forget to check out the temporary exhibitions

### TIPS & INSIGHTS

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16:25-16:40

## University of Barcelona (Pl de la Universitat)

### THINGS YOU NEED TO KNOW

- University of Barcelona's graceful buildings were constructed between 1861-1889
- Until 1958, it was the only university in the city. Now it is one of six

- Enjoy its cool and shady interior gardens on hot afternoons

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### THINGS TO DO THERE

- Take a walk along the main façade



## Attraction Details

17:00-18:00

**Maritime Museum** (Avinguda de les Drassanes s/n)

Opening hours: All year through: 10am - 8pm • Admission: 2.5 €

**THINGS YOU NEED TO KNOW**

- Museu Maritim is a museum dedicated to Barcelona's formidable seafaring history
- It is housed in the cavernous 13th-century Royal Shipyards (Drassanes Reials)
- The collection of model ships, maps and navigation instruments spans from the Middle Ages to the 19th century
- On exhibition is a full-scale replica of the Real, the flagship galley of Don Juan of Austria, who led the Christians to victory against the Turks during the Battle of Lepanto in 1571

**THINGS TO DO THERE**

- Visit the museum that retraces Catalonia's shipping history
- Do not forget to check the temporary exhibitions and other fun activities

**TIPS & INSIGHTS**

- The ticket to the Maritime Museum also gives access to Santa Eulalia schooner
- Free entrance on Sundays after 3pm

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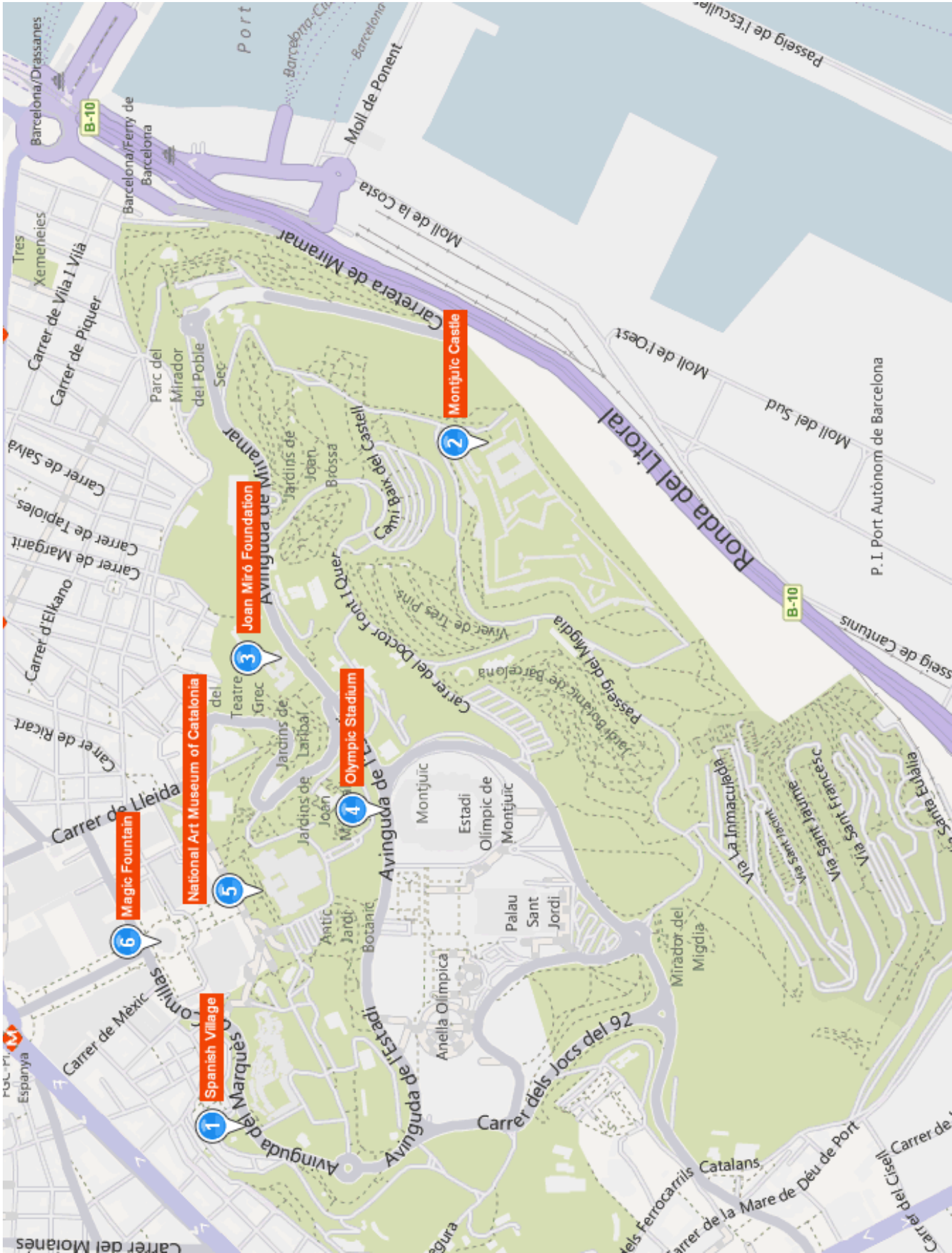
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## Overview of Day 3

The third day concentrates on the western part of Barcelona. Visit the venue of the 1992 Summer Olympics and meet the most thought-provoking painter of the 20th century.

	<p><b>LEAVE HOTEL</b> <a href="#">Tested and recommended hotels in Barcelona &gt;</a></p> <p>Take Subway line 1 or 3 to Espanya station Change to Bus line 50 from Espanya stop to Av. Marques de Comillas stop (Direction: Parc de Monjuic)</p>	
09:00-10:00	<p><b>Spanish Village</b> ■</p> <p>Take Bus line 50 from Av. Marques de Comillas stop to Parc de Monjuic stop (Direction: Parc de Monjuic) Take a walk or the cable car to Montjuic Castle - 30'</p>	<p>Open-air architecture museum <b>Page 18</b></p>
10:30-11:30	<p><b>Montjuic Castle</b> ■</p> <p>Take a walk to Joan Miró Foundation - 30'</p>	<p>Best panoramic view of the city <b>Page 18</b></p>
12:00-13:30	<p><b>Joan Miró Foundation</b> ■</p> <p><b>Lunch time</b> Take a walk to the Olympic Stadium</p>	<p>Miró was one of Spain's greatest modern painters <b>Page 18</b></p>
14:30-15:00	<p><b>Olympic Stadium</b> ■</p> <p>Take a walk to the National Art Museum of Catalonia - 20'</p>	<p>Home of the 1992 Summer Olympics <b>Page 19</b></p>
15:20-16:50	<p><b>National Art Museum of Catalonia</b> ■</p> <p>Take Subway line 1 or 3 to Espanya station</p>	<p>One of the most important medieval art collections in the world <b>Page 19</b></p>
After Dusk-	<p><b>Magic Fountain</b> ■</p>	<p>The show is the perfect ending of a busy Barcelona day <b>Page 19</b></p>
	<p><b>END OF DAY 3</b></p>	





## Attraction Details

09:00-10:00

### Spanish Village (Av. Marqués de Comillas, 13)

**Opening hours:** Monday: 9am - 6pm, From Tuesday to Thursday: 9am - 2pm, Friday: 9am - 4pm, Saturday: 9am - 5pm, Sunday: 9am - 12 noon • **Admission:** 9.5 €



#### THINGS YOU NEED TO KNOW

- Poble Espanyol, meaning Spanish village, is an open-air architectural museum
- It preserves and demonstrates in a single place the variety of architecture, style, and culture of Spain
- The museum is made up of 117 full-scale buildings, streets and squares arranged in a harmonious and aesthetic way
- The compound is located on the mountain of Montjuïc

#### THINGS TO DO THERE

- Discover the enchanted village where every single building is a copy of a real one
- Visit the shops that feature crafts done by artists and craftsmen

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10:30-11:30

### Montjuïc Castle (Carretera de Montjuïc, 66)

**Opening hours:** From October 1 to March 31, Tuesday to Sunday: 9am - 7pm, From April 1 to September 30, Tuesday to Sunday: 9am - 9pm, Mondays: Closed • **Admission:** Free



#### THINGS YOU NEED TO KNOW

- Castell de Montjuïc is a Baroque style military fort standing on Montjuïc Hill
- Its construction begun in 1640
- Being a prison and torture center for political prisoners, the castle used to be the symbol of terror
- Today it houses a military museum that showcases weaponry of ancient times
- The compound provides an excellent vista to the port below

#### THINGS TO DO THERE

- Enjoy the great view of the port and the city
- Walk around the enchanting garden that is littered with ancient cannons
- Visit the military museum

#### TIPS & INSIGHTS

- Free entrance to the castle's gardens

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12:00-13:30

### Joan Miró Foundation (Parc de Montjuïc s/n)

**Opening hours:** October - June, Tuesday to Saturday: 10am - 7pm, July - September, Tuesday to Saturday: 10am - 8pm, Thursdays: 10am - 9:30pm, Sundays and public holidays: 10am - 2:30pm, Mondays: Closed • **Admission:** 9 €



#### THINGS YOU NEED TO KNOW

- Fundació Joan Miró is a museum dedicated to Joan Miró's works
- Joan Miró was one of the most representative Catalan painters of the 20th century
- The majority of the 11,000 artworks on display were donated by Miró
- The building that houses the museum was designed by one of Miró's best friends, Josep Lluís Sert
- The some 400 artworks on exhibition show Miró's development from an innovative Surrealist painter in the 1920s to one of the world's most challenging and thought-provoking masters in the 1960s

#### THINGS TO DO THERE

- Pick up the especially insightful audio guide (extra charge)
- Enjoy the great art collection of colorful paintings, sketches and sculptures

#### TIPS & INSIGHTS

- Save money by purchasing the [Articket](#) that serves as a pass to several Barcelona attractions
- The museum restaurant serves great food

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14:30-15:00

## Olympic Stadium (Passeig Olímpic, 17-19)

**Opening hours:** Oct - Mar: 10am - 6pm, Apr - Sep: 10am - 8pm, Sun, holidays: 10am - 2:30pm, Mondays: Closed • **Admission:** 4 €



### THINGS YOU NEED TO KNOW

- The Olympic Stadium (Estadi Olímpic) and Palau Sant Jordi were the main venues of the 1992 Barcelona Summer Olympic Games
- Originally the stadium was built for the 1936 Workers' Olympics that was canceled due to the outbreak of the Spanish Civil War
- The original Neo-Classical façade is still standing; however the entire stadium was rebuilt for the 1992 Barcelona Olympics
- Today it is home to the Espanyol soccer club. The stadium's capacity is 55,926

### THINGS TO DO THERE

- Enter the Olympic Stadium
- Take a walk around the immense square in front of the Olympic Stadium and Palau Sant Jordi
- Do not miss the peculiarly shaped Calatrava Tower (Torre de Calatrava)

### TIPS & INSIGHTS

- Entrance to the Olympic Stadium includes entrance to the museum

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15:20-16:50

## National Art Museum of Catalonia (Palau Nacional. Parc de Montjuïc)

**Opening hours:** Tuesday to Saturday: 10am - 7pm, Sundays and public holidays: 10am - 2:30pm, Mondays, except public holidays: Closed • **Admission:** 8.5 €



### THINGS YOU NEED TO KNOW

- The National Art Museum of Catalonia is a museum of Catalan visual art
- It carries a wide range of art styles from Romanesque and Gothic through Renaissance and Baroque to 19th and 20th century arts
- It is housed in Palau Nacional, built for the 1929 World's Fair
- The 15-min fountain show synchronized to classical music provides an unforgettable experience on summertime evenings

- Walk around the magnificent building
- Enjoy the view towards Plaça Espanya with the promenade and fountains

### TIPS & INSIGHTS

- Save money by purchasing the [Articket](#) that serves as a pass to several Barcelona attractions
- Do not forget to pick up the free museum map at the ticket office
- Free entrance on the first Sunday of each month

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After Dusk-

## Magic Fountain (Plaça Carles Buigas, 1)

### THINGS YOU NEED TO KNOW

- Font Màgica is a fountain in front of The [National Art Museum of Catalonia](#) (Palau Nacional)
- It was built for the 1929 International Exhibition
- After dark countless water jets turn into a spectacular 15-min sound and light show that provides a mesmerizing experience

- From 7 January to 12 February: Closed
- From 13 February to 31 March - Friday and Saturday: 19:00, 19:30, 20:00, 20:30
- From 1 April to 4 April: 19:00, 19:30, 20:00, 20:30
- From 5 April to 30 April - Friday and Saturday: 19:00, 19:30, 20:00, 20:30
- From 1 May to 21 July - From Thursday to Sunday: 21:00, 21:30, 22:00, 22:30, 23:00
- From 22 July to 25 July: Closed
- July 26: Special Show
- From 27 July to 30 September - From Thursday to Sunday: 21:00, 21:30, 22:00, 22:30, 23:00

### THINGS TO DO THERE

- Sit back and enjoy the show

### TIPS & INSIGHTS

- Music sessions:
  - From 1 October to 23 December - Friday and Saturday: 19:00, 19:30, 20:00, 20:30
  - From 24 December to 3 January - From Thursday to Sunday: 19:00, 19:30, 20:00, 20:30

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## Overview of Day 4

The fourth day explores the northern part of Barcelona. This is the day of sports, amusement and fun science.

### LEAVE HOTEL [Tested and recommended hotels in Barcelona >](#)

Take Subway line 5 to Collblanc station

10:00-11:30

### FC Barcelona Museum and Camp Nou Stadium Page 22

Take Subway line 5 from Collblanc station to Verdaguier station (Direction: Horta)

Change to Subway line 4 from Verdaguier station to Joanic station (Direction: Trinitat Nova)

Change to Bus line 116 from Escorial-Sant Lluís stop to Larrard-Olot stop - 45' in all

Home of FC Barcelona, one of the most successful soccer teams

12:15-13:15

### Güell Park Page 22

#### Lunch time

Take Subway line 3 from Lesseps station to Diagonal station (Direction: Zona Universitaria)

Change to FGC Train line 7 from Provença station to Avinguda del Tibidabo station (Direction: Avinguda del Tibidabo)

Change to Blue Tram (Tramvia Blau) from Avinguda del Tibidabo stop to Plaça del Funicular stop

Change to Funicular from Plaça del Funicular stop to Tibidabo stop - 50' in all

Quite possibly the most fascinating urban park in the world

15:05-15:25

### Temple of the Sacred Heart Page 22

Take a walk to Tibidabo Amusement Park - 5'

Breathtaking view on the city

15:30-18:00

### Tibidabo Amusement Park Page 23

Take the Funicular from Tibidabo stop to Plaça del Funicular stop

Take a walk to CosmoCaixa Science Museum - 30' in all

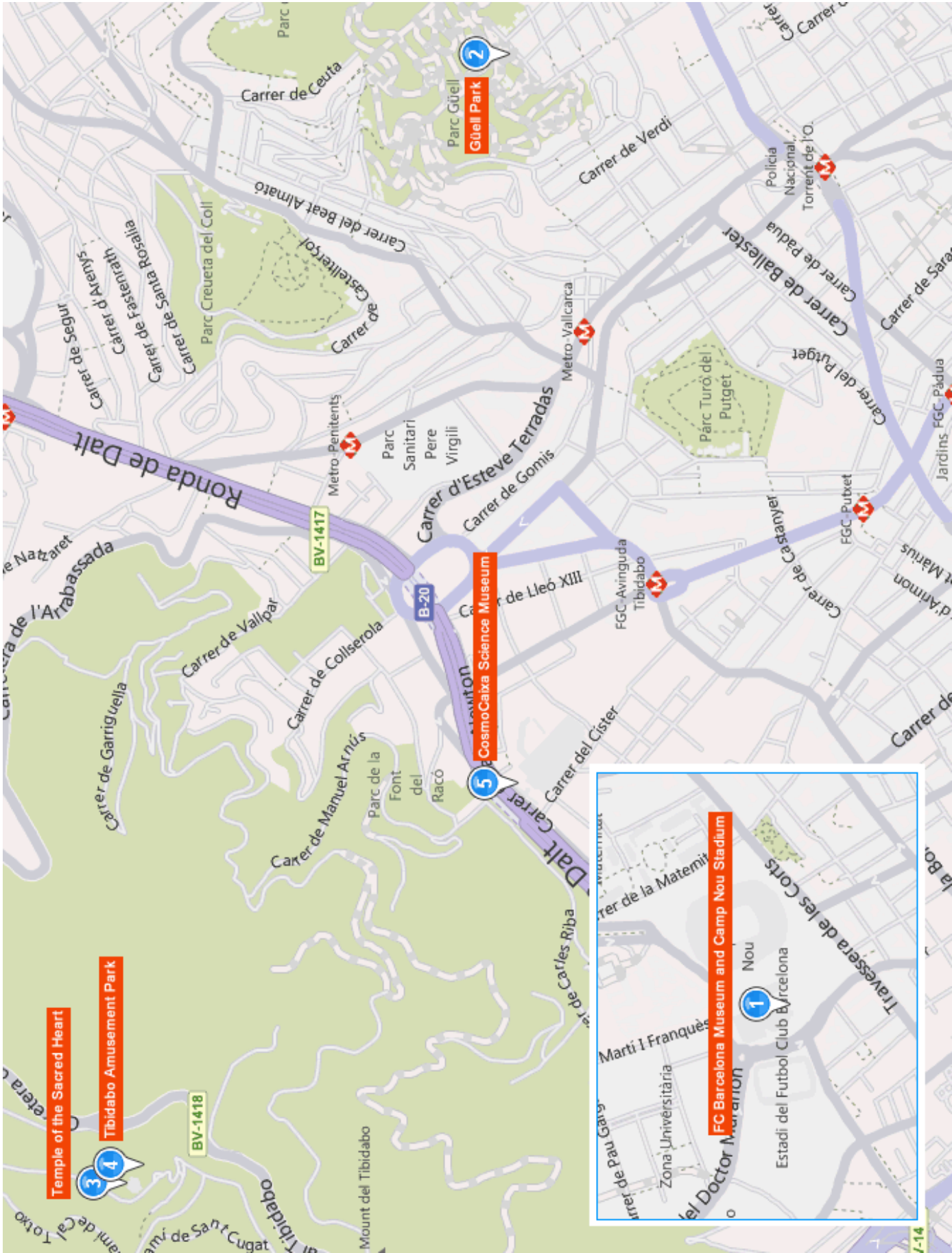
Small but fun amusement park

18:30-20:00

### CosmoCaixa Science Museum Page 23

Interactive museum

### END OF DAY 4



## Attraction Details

10:00-11:30

Aristides Maillol s/n)

### FC Barcelona Museum and Camp Nou Stadium (Avinguda

**Opening hours:** April 6 - October 4: 10am - 8pm, Rest of the year: 10am - 6:30pm, Sundays and public holidays: 10am - 2:30pm • **Admission:** 19 €

#### THINGS YOU NEED TO KNOW

- Museu del FC Barcelona is Barcelona's most visited museum that is dedicated to one of best known and most successful soccer clubs in the world, FC Barcelona
- Besides showcasing countless football memorabilia, the museum's main goal is to educate visitors about FC Barcelona's history
- Admission to the museum includes access to FC Barcelona's impressive 120,000-seater stadium that is a must-see attraction of the city



#### THINGS TO DO THERE

- Experience the great history of one of world's best soccer teams by visiting the museum
- Enter the impressive stadium, the world's second largest soccer ground

#### TIPS & INSIGHTS

- The stadium is impressive even to non soccer fans

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12:15-13:15

### Güell Park (Carrer d'Olot, 1-13)

**Opening hours:** December - February: 10am - 6pm, March, November: 10am - 7pm, April, October: 10am - 8pm, May to September: 10am - 9pm • **Admission:** Free

#### THINGS YOU NEED TO KNOW

- Güell Park (built: 1900-14) is an unforgettable garden that is littered with countless amazing Gaudí buildings, statues and other creations
- The park was originally part of a commercially unsuccessful housing site, the idea of Count Eusebi Güell, whom the park was named after
- It is most famous for its serpentine bench that is unlike anything in the world
- The park is part of the UNESCO World Heritage Site "Works of Antoni Gaudí" since 1984
- The park gives home to a museum dedicated to Gaudí's life



- The museum is housed in Casa-Museu Gaudí where the architect lived for 20 years

#### THINGS TO DO THERE

- Try to discover all the numerous details Gaudí included in the park
- Take a short brake by relaxing on the world famous serpentine bench
- Be sure not to miss the Calvary, the Viaducts and the mosaic covered lizard fountain

#### TIPS & INSIGHTS

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15:05-15:25

### Temple of the Sacred Heart (Pl Tibidabo, 5)

**Opening hours:** All year round: 10:30am - 7:30pm • **Admission:** Free

#### THINGS YOU NEED TO KNOW

- The Temple of the Sacred Heart is a beautiful church built at the beginning of the 20th century
- It is visible from almost everywhere in Barcelona
- A dramatic Jesus sculpture decorates its top; its elaborately ornamented main entrance is an unforgettable experience
- The main tower provides visitors with a breathtaking view



#### THINGS TO DO THERE

- Wander around the church's premises and enjoy it from the outside
- Visit the interior of the church
- Take the elevator up the main tower, or climb the steps to the outside terrace for breathtaking views

#### TIPS & INSIGHTS

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15:30-18:00

## Tibidabo Amusement Park (Pl. Tibidabo, 3-4)

**Opening hours:** All year round: [Check website](#) • **Admission:** 25.2 €



### THINGS YOU NEED TO KNOW

- Parc d'Atraccions del Tibidabo is a magical amusement park that opened in 1908
- It is located on the 1695 ft high (517 m) Tibidabo hill (hence its name)
- The most fun way to approach the park is to use the 100-year-old funicular
- The park operates modern and many quaint, old-fashioned rides that are beautifully conserved (such as the carousel and Ferris wheel)
- The park hosts The Automaton Museum (Museu dels Automates) displaying robots, mechanical models and a scale model of the park

### THINGS TO DO THERE

- Take the 100-year-old funicular to approach the park
- Ride the stomach-churning modern rides
- Enjoy the renovated, old-fashioned rides
- Visit the Museu dels Automates (Museum of Automations)

### TIPS & INSIGHTS

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18:30-20:00

## CosmoCaixa Science Museum (Carrer de Teodor Roviralta, 55)

**Opening hours:** From Tuesday to Sunday: 10am - 8pm, Monday: Closed • **Admission:** 3 €



### THINGS YOU NEED TO KNOW

- Cosmo Caixa Science Museum is a museum covering the history of science from the Big Bang to the computer age
- It is one of Europe's most modern museums
- Three must-sees are the interactive tour of Earth's geological history, a planetarium, and an incredible recreation of the Amazonian rainforest (Flooded Forest)

### THINGS TO DO THERE

- Take a tour in the museum
- Make sure not to miss the 3 main attractions: Amazonian rain forest, geological wall and planetarium

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## Overview of Day 5

On this day you leave Barcelona. You visit a place with beautiful nature, breathtaking views, art, culture and spirituality. You finish your Barcelona stay by relaxing on the sandy beach.

	<p><b>LEAVE HOTEL</b> <a href="#">Tested and recommended hotels in Barcelona &gt;</a></p> <p>Take Train line R5 from Espanya train station to Montserrat Aeri train station Change to Cablecar to Montserrat monastery</p>	
<p><b>08:00-16:00</b></p>	<p><b>Montserrat Monastery</b></p> <p>Take Cablecar towards Montserrat Aeri train station Change to Train line R5 from Montserrat Aeri train station to Espanya train station</p>	<p>Breathtaking panoramic views <a href="#">Page 27</a></p>
<p><b>17:00-19:00</b></p>	<p><b>Barcelona Beaches</b></p> <p><b>END OF DAY 5</b></p>	<p>There is no better way of relaxing after the tiring city tour <a href="#">Page 27</a></p>

Overview of Day 5



## Attraction Details

08:00-16:00

### Montserrat Monastery (08199 Montserrat)

**Opening hours:** All year round: 10am - 5:45pm • **Admission:** 23.1 €

#### THINGS YOU NEED TO KNOW

- The Benedictine monastery dates back to 1025. Became an abbacy in the 15th century
- Tucked into the 4,000-ft. (1,219 m) ridges of Montserrat
- Holds a shrine to the famous Black Madonna (Moreneta) icon, which according to legend was discovered in the 12th century
- Some legends date the statue to AD 50, but research suggests it was carved in the 12th century

#### THINGS TO DO THERE

- Discover the monastery: visit the Basilica with the famous Black Madonna, Escolania, one of the oldest boys' choirs in Europe and the Museu de Montserrat with paintings of Caravaggio, Degas, Monet, and El Greco

- Take the funicular to Sant Joan or Santa Cova for panoramic views
- If you have the time and fitness, you can climb to Sant Jeroni hermitage

#### TIPS & INSIGHTS

- Save money by buying the Tot Montserrat ticket (38.45 €) that includes trains, entry into the Montserrat museum, funiculars, and lunch at the Montserrat restaurant (alternatively the TransMontserrat ticket (23.1 €), is for the train and funiculars only)
- Excellent virtual visit and all the latest information on the [official website](#)

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17:00-19:00

### Barcelona Beaches (Platja de la Nova Icària)

#### THINGS YOU NEED TO KNOW

- Preparations for the 1992 Olympics dramatically reopened the city to the Mediterranean and cleaned up the urban beaches
- The beaches are lined with palm trees, public sculptures, bars and restaurants, as well as paths for biking, in-line skating, and walking

- Nova Icaria is the most popular beach

#### THINGS TO DO THERE

- Relax and enjoy the lovely sun

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