

# Montjuïc, Poble Sec & Sant Antoni

## Neighbourhood Top Five

**1 Museu Nacional d'Art de Catalunya (MNAC)** (p175) Dedicating a day to the world's most important collection of early-medieval art in the Romanesque halls, followed by a masterpiece-filled stroll through six centuries of Catalan art.

**2 Fundació Joan Miró** (p177) Gazing at brilliant

works from one of the giants of the art world, all the more captivating inside the light-filled galleries designed by Josep Lluís Sert.

**3 CaixaForum** (p178) Taking in one of the city's best art spaces, a Modernist factory that serves as a showcase for groundbreaking exhibitions.

**4 Museu Etnològic** (p180) Going eye-to-eye with *gegants* (giant papier-mâché figures) while learning about the festivals and folklore of Catalonia.

**5 Cable car** (p179) Admiring the soaring view of the sea and city on a high-flying ride between Barceloneta and Montjuïc.



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## Lonely Planet's Top Tip

The Arqueoticket is a special pass, available at tourist offices and participating museums for €14, that allows entry into the Museu d'Arqueologia de Catalunya (MNAC) (p180), the Museu Egipci (p129), the Born Centre de Cultura i Memòria (p95) and the Museu d'Història de Barcelona (p61).



### Best Places to Eat

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- ➔ Palo Cortao (p182)
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- ➔ Quimet i Quimet (p182)
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### Best Places to Drink

- ➔ La Caseta del Migdia (p185)
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- ➔ Tinta Roja (p185)
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### Best Art Museums

- ➔ Museu Nacional d'Art de Catalunya (MNAC; p175)
- ➔ Fundació Joan Miró (p177)
- ➔ CaixaForum (p178)

## Explore Montjuïc, Poble Sec & Sant Antoni

Montjuïc is home to some of the city's finest art collections – the MNAC, the Fundació Joan Miró and CaixaForum – and it hosts several lesser museums, curious sights like Poble Espanyol, the sinister Castell de Montjuïc and the beautiful remake of Mies van der Rohe's 1929 German pavilion. The bulk of the Olympic installations of the 1992 games are also here. Come at night and witness the spectacle of the Font Màgica, several busy theatres and a couple of nightclubs. Throw in various parks and gardens and you have the makings of an extremely full couple of days.

You can approach the hill from Plaça d'Espanya on foot and take advantage of a series of escalators from the west side of the Palau Nacional up to Avinguda de l'Estadi; alternatively, and spectacularly, you can get on to a cable car from La Barceloneta and take in the beautiful aerial views. Another opportunity for a cable-car ride is from Estació Parc Montjuïc to Castell de Montjuïc.

Sloping down the north face of Montjuïc is the tight warren of working-class El Poble Sec. Though short on sights, it hides some of Barcelona's most creative bars and eateries. Cross busy Avinguda del Paral·lel to reach Sant Antoni, a formerly humdrum neighbourhood that's become the epicentre of Barcelona hipsterdom. Vintage-esque cafes, organic eateries and crafty tapas joints are in abundance – particularly along Carrer del Parlament.

## Local Life

- ➔ **Hang-outs** For inexpensive tapas with the student crowd, head for Carrer de Blai.
- ➔ **Nightlife** Join the dance party at iconic Sala Apolo (p186), catch a concert at BARTS (p186) or see a cutting-edge performing arts piece at Hiroshima (p186).
- ➔ **Greenery** Join the locals on a stroll through the gardens of Montjuïc and catch all that art on the way.

## Getting There & Away

- ➔ **Metro** The closest metro stops to Montjuïc are Espanya, Poble Sec and Paral·lel.
- ➔ **Bus** Bus 150 does a circle trip from Plaça d'Espanya to Castell de Montjuïc. Bus 55 runs across town via Plaça de Catalunya past the Museu d'Arqueologia de Catalunya to the Estació Parc Montjuïc funicular station.
- ➔ **Funicular** Take the metro to the Paral·lel stop and pick up the funicular railway, part of the metro fare system, to Estació Parc Montjuïc.
- ➔ **Cable cars** The Teleférico del Puerto (p179) goes between Torre de Sant Sebastià in Barceloneta and the Miramar stop on Montjuïc. On Montjuïc (1.3km west of the other cable car), the Telefèric de Montjuïc runs from Estació Parc Montjuïc to the Castell de Montjuïc.