

# Camp Nou, Pedralbes & La Zona Alta

SANT GERVASI | TIBIDABO | SARRIÀ | PEDRALBES | ZONA UNIVERSITÀRIA



## Neighbourhood Top Five

- 1 Reliving the great moments of one of the world's legendary football teams at the multimedia museum of **Camp Nou** (p171). Or, better yet, seeing a game live.
- 2 Walking the 14th-century cloister and gazing at exquisite murals at peaceful **Museu-Monestir de Pedralbes** (p172).
- 3 Getting a taste of the Amazon, and travelling through earth's evolution at warp speed at **CosmoCaixa** (p176).
- 4 Discovering 1000 years of ceramic treasures inside the fascinating **Palau Reial de Pedralbes** (p173).
- 5 Travelling by tram and funicular railway up to **Tibidabo** (p174) for its lovely views and old-fashioned amusement park.

## Lonely Planet's Top Tip

To make the most of the neighbourhood, try to visit on a weekend. Saturday and Sunday are the only days when you can peek inside the Pavellons Güell (with guided visits in English offered twice daily) at Palau Reial de Pedralbes. The weekend is also the best time to catch the tram up to Tibidabo.

### Best Places to Eat

- ▶ Via Veneto (p175)
- ▶ La Molina (p175)
- ▶ Hofman (p176)
- ▶ La Balsa (p176)
- ▶ El Asador de Aranda (p177)

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### Best Places to Drink

- ▶ Mirablau (p177)
- ▶ Elephant (p177)
- ▶ Marcel (p178)

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### Best Parks & Gardens

- ▶ Parc de Collserola (p174)
- ▶ Jardins del Laberint d'Horta (p175)
- ▶ Parc de la Creueta del Coll (p173)

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## Explore: Camp Nou, Pedralbes & La Zona Alta

This vast area, which runs north of L'Eixample and west of Gràcia, includes some intriguing sites, yet few tourists make the journey here. The Collserola hills, a major draw for outdoor enthusiasts, frame the north end of 'the High Zone'. The rugged Parc de Collserola attracts cyclists and walkers, and has a sprinkling of historic sites for those wanting to explore Barcelona off the tourist path.

Nearby Tibidabo (512m), topped by the towering Temple del Sagrat Cor, marks the city's highest point. Getting here – via tram and funicular – is half the fun.

Standout attractions in the upscale neighbourhood of Pedralbes include an atmospheric monastery and the artwork-filled Palau Reial de Pedralbes.

To the south is Camp Nou, the enshrined playing field of FC Barça, one of the world's best football teams.

To the northeast lies Sarrià, a small, quaint neighbourhood of brick streets, tiny plazas and medieval buildings, with a lively collection of shops, restaurants and bars. For an authentic and charming side of Barcelona, relatively untouristed, this is the place to come.

The drawbacks to this area are its remoteness from town, and the distances between sights. Aside from Sarrià, the other area that's worth exploring on foot is Sant Gervasi, with its handful of upscale restaurants and bars. It is geographically (and thematically) close to Gràcia.

## Local Life

- ▶ **Outdoors** Go for a run or a mountain-bike ride in the vast hillside reserve of Parc de Collserola (p174).
- ▶ **Nightlife** Start with drinks in the bars near Carrer de Muntaner, followed by dancing at Otto Zutz (p178).
- ▶ **Village Days** Wander through the picturesque narrow lanes of Sarrià, stopping for cakes at Foix de Sarrià (p177) and tapas at Bar Tomàs (p177).

## Getting There & Away

- ▶ **Metro** Línia 3 passes Jardins del Laberint d'Horta (Mundet) and Camp Nou and Palau Reial de Pedralbes (Palau Reial).
- ▶ **Train** FGC trains are handy for getting close to sights in and around Tibidabo and the Parc del Collserola.
- ▶ **Tram** The *tramvia blau* runs from Avinguda de Tibidabo station to Plaça del Doctor Andreu.
- ▶ **Funicular** The funicular del Tibidabo runs between Plaça del Doctor Andreu and Plaça del Doctor Tibidabo; the funicular de Vallvidrera runs between Peu del Funicular and Vallvidrera Superior.