

Camp Nou, Pedralbes & La Zona Alta

SANT GERVASI | TIBIDABO | SARRIÀ | LES CORTS | CAMP NOU | 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** (p167). Or, better yet, seeing a game live.
- ② Walking the 14th-century cloister and gazing at exquisite murals at peaceful **Museu-Monestir de Pedralbes** (p168).
- ③ Getting a taste of the Amazon, and travelling through earth's evolution at warp speed, at **Cosmocaixa** (p170).
- ④ Gazing upon imposing **Bellesguard** (p169), Gaudí's medieval-like masterpiece, only recently opened to the public.
- ⑤ Travelling by tram and funicular railway up to **Tibidabo** (p172) for its lovely views and old-fashioned amusement park.

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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

- Ajoblanco (p173)
- Vivanda (p173)
- Via Veneto (p173)
- ABaC (p173)
- Hofmann (p173)

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Best Places to Drink

- Dó Bar (p174)
- Mirablau (p175)
- Berlin (p174)
- Marcel (p174)

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Best Parks & Gardens

- Parc de Collserola (p172)
- Jardins del Laberint d'Horta (p171)
- Jardins del Palau de Pedralbes (p169)
- Parc de la Creueta del Coll (p169)

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This vast area, which runs north of L'Eixample and west of Gràcia, includes some intriguing sites, although football and fun parks aside, few people make the journey here. Framing the north end of 'the High Zone' lies the Collserola hills, which are a major draw for outdoor enthusiasts.

Nearby Tibidabo marks the city's highest point, and its old-fashioned amusement park and fine views are the big attraction. Getting here is half the fun – you can take an old tram past Modernista mansions, then a steeply inclined funicular railway to reach the top.

The upscale neighbourhood of Pedralbes has a mix of peaceful streets and manicured gardens hidden off the busy thoroughfares. Standouts include an atmospheric monastery, elegant gardens (the Jardins del Palau de Pedralbes) and a little-visited Gaudí site (Pavellons Güell).

Just south of Pedralbes is Camp Nou, the enshrined playing field of FC Barcelona, 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.

Local Life

- **Outdoors** Going for a run or a mountain-bike ride in the vast reserve of Parc de Collserola (p172).
- **Nightlife** Having a few drinks in the bars near Carrer de Muntaner, followed by late-night dancing in Otto Zutz (p175) and other nearby clubs.
- **Village days** Wondering through the picturesque narrow lanes of Sarrià, stopping for cakes at Foix de Sarrià (p173), tapas at Bar Tomàs (p173) and a great meal at Vivanda (p173).

Getting There & Away

- **Metro** Línia 3 will get you to the 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 Parc del Collserola.
- **Tram** Outside Avinguda Tibidabo station, the *tramvia blau* runs to Plaça del Doctor Andreu, where you can catch an onward funicular up to Tibidabo.
- **Funicular** Two funicular railways provide hilltop access: 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.