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QuickStart Guide

Your keys to understanding the city – we help you decide what to do and how to do it



Need to Know Tips for a

Tips for a smooth trip



Neighbourhoods

What's where

Explore Barcelona

The best things to see and do, neighbourhood by neighbourhood



Top Sights

Make the most of your visit



Local Life

The insider's city

The Best of Barcelona

The city's highlights in handy lists to help you plan



Best Walks

See the city on foot



Barcelona's Best...

The best experiences

Survival Guide

Tips and tricks for a seamless, hassle-free city experience



Getting Around

Travel like a local



Essential Information

Including where to stay

Our selection of the city's best places to eat, drink and experience:



Eating

Orinking

Entertainment

Shopping

These symbols give you the vital information for each listing:

- Telephone Numbers
- Opening Hours
- P Parking
- Nonsmoking
- @ Internet Access

 ➡ Wi-Fi Access
- **✓** Vegetarian Selection
- English-Language Menu

- ♠ Family-Friendly
- Pet-Friendly
- Bus
- Ferry
- M Metro
 S Subway
- Subway

 Cable Car
- ☐ Train

Find each listing quickly on maps for each neighbourhood:



Lonely Planet's Barcelona

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are designed to get you straight to the heart of the city. Inside you'll find all the must-see sights, plus tips to make your visit to each one really memorable. We've split the city into easy-to-navigate neighbourhoods and provided clear maps so you'll find your way around with ease. Our expert authors have searched out the best of the city; walks. food, nightlife and shopping, to name a few. Because you want to explore, our 'Local Life' pages will take you to some of the most exciting areas to experience the real Barcelona.

And of course you'll find all the practical tips you need for a smooth trip: itineraries for short visits, how to get around, and how much to tip the guy who serves you a drink at the end of a long day's exploration.

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Welcome to Barcelona

Barcelona could just be the coolest city on earth. Style conscious and always in fashion, this is a place where the avant-garde and the traditional collide daily with spectacular results. It's where Gaudí meets Gothic, where food is life in all its delicious complexity, and where the arts (including the art of having a good time) always take centre stage.



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