**Hidden Treasures in the Barri Gòtic**

This scenic walk through the Barri Gòtic will take you back in time, from the early days of Roman-era Barcino through to the medieval era.

**Start** La Catedral  
**Distance** 1.5km  
**Duration** 1½ hours

1. **Before entering the cathedral,** look at three Picasso friezes on the building facing the square. Next, wander through magnificent La Catedral.

2. **Pass through the city gates; turn right into Plaça de Sant Felip Neri.** The shrapnel-scarred church was damaged by pro-Francoist bombers in 1939.

3. **Head west to the looming 14th-century Basilica de Santa Maria del Pi,** famed for its magnificent rose window.

4. **Follow the curving road to pretty Plaça Reial.** Flanking the fountain are Gaudi-designed lamp posts.

5. **Nearby is El Call,** the medieval Jewish quarter. Here you’ll find **Sinagoga Major** (www.sinagoga mayor.com; Carrer de Marlet 5; ☑️10.30am-6.30pm Mon-Fri, to 3pm Sun winter, 10.30am-6.30pm Mon-Fri, to 3pm Sun summer; ⚖️Liceu) **FREE,** one of Europe’s oldest synagogues.

6. **Cross Plaça de Sant Jaume and turn left after Carrer del Bisbe.** You’ll pass the entrance to a ruined Roman Temple, with four columns hidden in a small courtyard.

7. **The final stop is picturesque Plaça del Rei.** The former palace today houses an interesting history museum, with significant Roman ruins.

**Take a Break...** In the heart of the Call, **Alcoba Azul** (⏰6pm-2.30am winter, noon-2am summer) is an atmospheric tapas bar.