Walking Tour: Modernisme in L’Eixample

Catalan modernism (Modernisme) abounds in Barcelona’s L’Eixample district. This walk introduces you to the movement’s main form of expression: architecture.

Start Casa Calvet
Distance 4km
Duration One hour

1 Antonio Gaudi’s most conventional contribution to L’Eixample is Casa Calvet, built in 1902. Inside, admire the staircase from the swanky restaurant.

2 Casa Enric Batlló, today part of the Comtes de Barcelona hotel, was completed in 1896 by Josep Vilaseca.

3 Puig i Cadafalch let his imagination loose on Casa Serra (1903–08), a neo-Gothic whimsy now home to government offices.

4 Casa Comalat, built in 1911 by Salvador Valeri, shows Gaudi’s influence on the main facade, with its wavy roof and bulging balconies.

5 Completed in 1912, Casa Thomas was one of Domènech i Montaner’s earlier efforts; the wrought-iron decoration is magnificent.

6 Casa Llopis i Bofill, designed by Antoni Gallissà in 1902, has a particularly striking graffiti-covered facade.

7 Puig i Cadafalch’s Casa Macaya (1901) features the typical playful, pseudo-Gothic decoration that characterises many of the architect’s projects.

Take a Break...
It’s worth seeking out Casa Amalia (Map p91; www.casaamaliaabcd.com; mains 69-20; 1-3.30pm & 9-10.30pm Tue-Sat, 1-3.30pm Sun) for hearty Catalan cooking.

Classic Photo: Striking view of Casa Comalat from Avinguda Diagonal.