

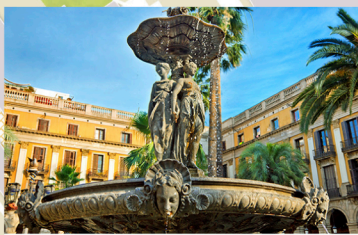
Classic Photo: La Catedral



1 Before entering the cathedral, look for the three Picasso friezes on the building facing the square. Next, wander through the magnificent **La Catedral**. Keep an eye out for the flock of 13 geese in the cloister.

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

3 Head west to the looming 14th-century **Església de Santa Maria del Pi** (☎93 318 47 43; www.basilicadelpi.com; ☎10am-6pm; adult/concession/under 6yr €4/3/free) famed for its magnificent rose window.



4 Follow the curving road to **Plaça Reial**, one of Barcelona's prettiest squares. Flanking the fountain are Gaudí-designed lamp posts.



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

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.

Take a Break...

In the heart of El Call, the medieval Jewish quarter, **Alcoba Azul** (☎93 302 81 41; Carrer de Sant Domènec del Call 14; ☎6pm-2.30am winter, noon-2am summer) is atmospheric.

5 Nearby you'll find **Sinagoga Major** (☎93 317 07 90; www.calldelbarcelona.org; Carrer de Marlet 5; ☎11am-5.30pm Mon-Fri, to 3pm Sat & Sun winter, 10.30am-6.30pm Mon-Fri, to 2.30pm Sat & Sun summer; M Liceu) **FREE**, one of Europe's oldest synagogues.

