Walking Tour: Hidden Treasures in the Barri Gòtic

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

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

1. Before entering the cathedral, look at the three Picasso friezes on the building facing the square. Next, wander through the 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-Franco bombers in 1938.

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

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

5. Nearby is El Call, the medieval Jewish quarter. Here you’ll find Sinagoga Major, 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 Temple d’August (www.muba.cat; Carrer del Paradis 10), a ruined Roman temple with four columns hidden in a small courtyard.

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