

Hidden Treasures in the Barri Gòtic

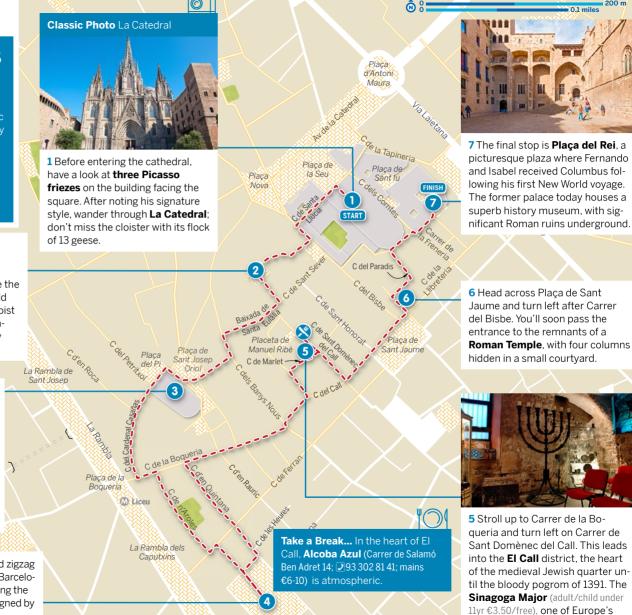
This scenic walk through the Barri Gòtic will take you back in time, from the early days of Roman-era Barcino through to the medieval era.

Start La Catedral
Distance 1.5km
Duration 1½ hours

2 Leaving the cathedral, enter the former gates of the ancient fortified city and turn right into **Plaça de Sant Felip Neri**. Note the shrapnel-scarred walls of the old church, damaged by pro-Francoist bombers in 1938. A plaque commemorates the victims (mostly children) of the bombing.

3 Head out of the square and turn right. In this narrow lane you'll spot a small **statue of Santa Eulàlia**, one of Barcelona's patron saints who suffered various tortures during her martyrdom. Make your way west to the looming 14th-century **Basilica de Santa Maria del Pi** (adult/concession/child under 7yr €4/3/free; ⊕10am-6pm), which is famed for its magnificent rose window.

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



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