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BARCELONA
TOP SIGHTS • LOCAL LIFE • MADE EASY

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Our selection of the city’s best places to eat, drink and experience:

📍 Sights
❌ Eating
🔗 Drinking
👑 Entertainment
🛍️ Shopping

These symbols give you the vital information for each listing:

🔍 Telephone Numbers  🌟 Family-Friendly
✔ Opening Hours  🚌 Bus
🅿️ Parking  🈸 Ferry
🚸 Nonsmoking  🚇 Metro
🌐 Internet Access  🚁 Subway
_WIFI Access  🌜 Tram
🥗 Vegetarian Selection  🚄 Train

Find each listing quickly on maps for each neighbourhood:

Lonely Planet’s Barcelona

Lonely Planet Pocket Guides are designed to get you straight to the heart of the city. Inside you’ll find all the must-see sights, plus tips to make your visit to each one really memorable. We’ve split the city into easy-to-navigate neighbourhoods and provided clear maps so you’ll find your way around with ease. Our expert authors have searched out the best of the city: walks, food, nightlife and shopping, to name a few. Because you want to explore, our ‘Local Life’ pages will take you to some of the most exciting areas to experience the real Barcelona.

And of course you’ll find all the practical tips you need for a smooth trip: itineraries for short visits, how to get around, and how much to tip the guy who serves you a drink at the end of a long day’s exploration. It’s your guarantee of a really great experience.

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Welcome to Barcelona

One of the world’s most captivating cities, Barcelona is a whirlwind of madcap Modernista architecture, sun-kissed beaches and lamplit medieval lanes hiding brilliantly creative dining and drinking dens. The storied Catalan capital has a treasure chest of historical and artistic riches, from ancient Roman ruins to Picasso-filled galleries. Soaring Gothic cathedrals, roaring FC Barcelona matches and late nights in vintage cocktail bars – are just a few of the many experiences awaiting in Barcelona.
La Sagrada Família (p108)

A temple as much to originality in architecture as to God, the recently consecrated La Sagrada Família is Gaudí’s Modernista masterpiece and an extraordinary work in progress.