

# Camp Nou, Pedralbes & La Zona Alta



## Neighbourhood Top Five

- 1 Camp Nou** (p172)  
Reliving the great moments of one of the world's legendary football teams at the multimedia museum – or, better yet, seeing a game live.
- 2 Museu-Monestir de Pedralbes** (p165)  
Walking the 14th-century cloister and gazing at exquisite murals.
- 3 CosmoCaixa** (p167)  
Getting a taste of the Amazon, and travelling through Earth's evolution at warp speed.
- 4 Bellesguard** (p166)  
Gazing upon imposing Gaudí's medieval-like masterpiece, only recently opened to the public.
- 5 Tibidabo** (p168)  
Travelling by tram and funicular railway up to lovely views and an old-fashioned amusement park.

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## Explore Camp Nou, Pedralbes & La Zona Alta

This vast area, which runs north of L'Eixample and west of Gràcia, includes some intriguing sites. Football and fun parks aside, few people make the journey here, due to the area's relative remoteness and the longer distances between sights. On the upside, you'll have the chance to explore Barcelona off the tourist path.

Nearby Tibidabo is a more recognisable landmark, with the towering church of Temple del Sagrat Cor visible from all over the city. Tibidabo (512m) marks the city's highest point, and its old-fashioned amusement park and fine views are the big attraction. Getting here is half the fun – take an old tram past Modernista mansions, then a steeply inclined funicular railway to the top.

Upmarket Pedralbes has a mix of high-end gated residences and boxy apartment buildings, peaceful streets and manicured gardens hidden off the busy thoroughfares. Standouts include an atmospheric monastery, the elegant Jardins del Palau de Pedralbes, and Gaudí's little-visited Pavellons Güell.

Just south of Pedralbes is Camp Nou, the home of FC Barcelona. To the northeast lies Sarrià, a quaint neighbourhood of brick streets, tiny plazas and medieval buildings. Another area worth exploring is Sant Gervasi; with its handful of upmarket restaurants and bars.

## Local Life

➔ **Outdoors** Going for a run or a mountain-bike ride in the vast reserve of Parc de Collserola (p168).

➔ **Nightlife** Having drinks and tapas in El Maravillas (p170) on the very charming Plaça de la Concòrdia, followed by a recital or mini-exhibition at Centre Cívic Can Deu (p172).

➔ **Village days** Wandering through the picturesque narrow lanes of Sarrià, stopping for cakes at Foix De Sarrià (p169), tapas at Bar Tomàs (p169) and a great meal at Vivanda (p169).

## Getting There & Away

➔ **Metro** Línia 3 will get you to the Jardins del Laberint d'Horta (Mundet), and Camp Nou and Palau Reial de Pedralbes (Palau Reial).

➔ **Train** FGC trains are handy for getting close to sights in and around Tibidabo and Parc de Collserola.

➔ **Tram** Outside Avinguda Tibidabo station, the *tramvia blau* runs to Plaça del Doctor Andreu, where you can catch an onward funicular up to Tibidabo.

➔ **Funicular** Two funicular railways provide hilltop access: the funicular del Tibidabo runs between Plaça del Doctor Andreu and Plaça del Doctor Tibidabo. The funicular de Vallvidrera runs between Peu del Funicular and Vallvidrera Superior.

## Lonely Planet's Top Tip

To make the most of the neighbourhood, try to visit on a weekend. Saturday and Sunday are the most reliable days for getting a tour (offered in English) inside the Pavellons Güell, near Palau Reial de Pedralbes. The weekend is also the best time to catch the tram up to Tibidabo.

## Best Places to Eat

- ➔ Ajoblanco (p169)
- ➔ Vivanda (p169)
- ➔ ABaC (p170)
- ➔ Hisop (p170)
- ➔ Metropolitan Iradier (p169)
- ➔ La Balsa (p170)

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## Best Places to Drink

- ➔ Dò Bar (p171)
- ➔ El Maravillas (p170)
- ➔ Mirablau (p171)
- ➔ Berlin (p171)
- ➔ The Beer Shop (p171)

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## Best Parks & Gardens

- ➔ Parc de Collserola (p168)
- ➔ Jardins del Laberint d'Horta (p170)
- ➔ Jardins del Palau de Pedralbes (p166)
- ➔ Parc de la Creueta del Coll (p166)