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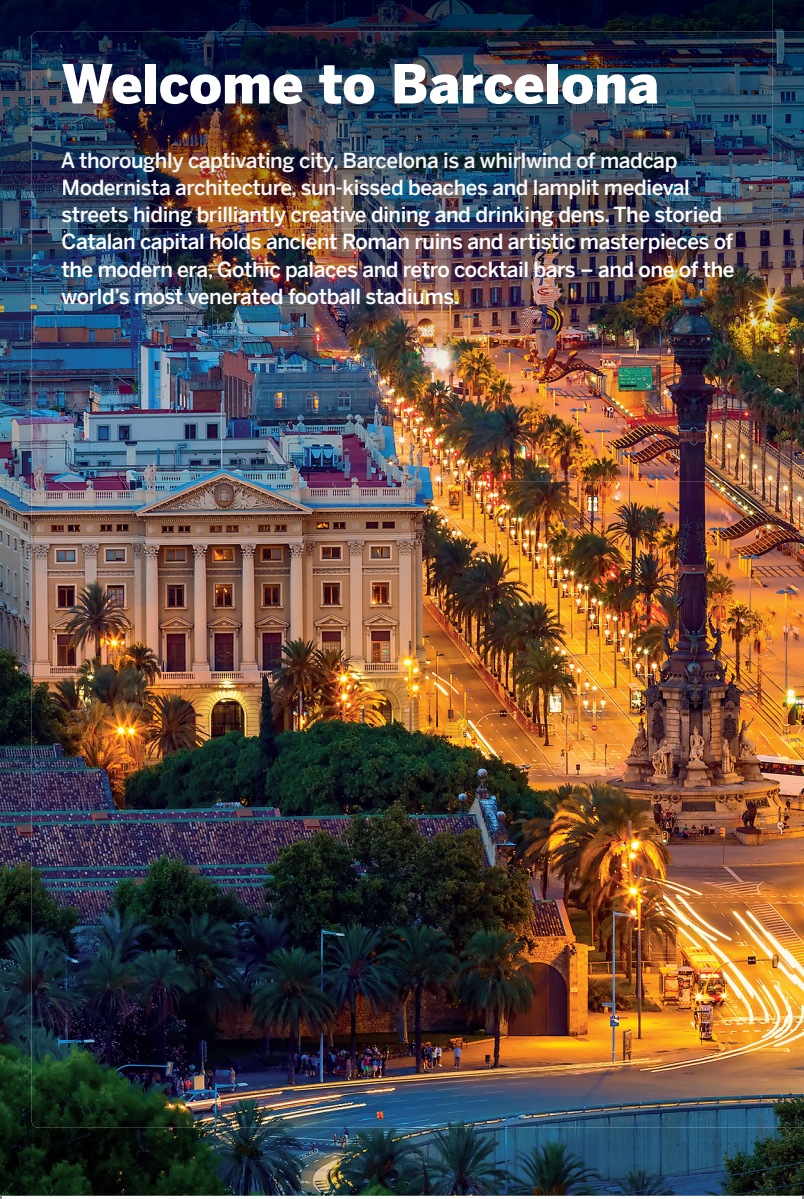
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Welcome to Barcelona

A thoroughly captivating city, Barcelona is a whirlwind of madcap Modernista architecture, sun-kissed beaches and lamplit medieval streets hiding brilliantly creative dining and drinking dens. The storied Catalan capital holds ancient Roman ruins and artistic masterpieces of the modern era, Gothic palaces and retro cocktail bars – and one of the world's most venerated football stadiums.





Aerial view over Barceloneta (p93)
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Top Sights



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La Sagrada Família

Spain's most visited monument. **p124**

Museu Picasso

Showcase for Picasso's early work. **p74**

Camp Nou

Barcelona's hallowed football ground. **p146**



La Rambla

Legendary mile-long boulevard.
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Park Güell

Gaudí's fantastically landscaped hilltop park. **p130**



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Mercat de la Boqueria

Europe's greatest food market.
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Fundació Joan Miró

Showcases Joan Miró's seminal works. **p160**

Museu Nacional d'Art de Catalunya

Art in palatial surroundings. **p156**

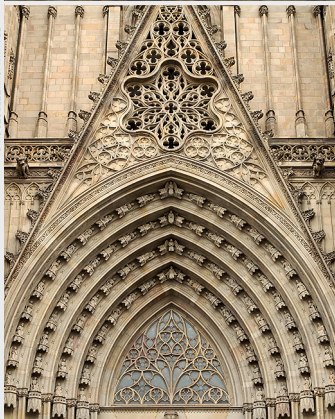


Basilíca de Santa Maria del Mar

Fine Catalan Gothic church. **p78**



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La Catedral

Soaring, Disney-like cathedral. **p44**



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La Pedrera

A madcap Gaudí masterpiece. **p108**