

BARCELONA

Explore beyond of what can be said about Barcelona
and discover the true experience
of this wonderful city.



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A scenic view of a harbor in Barcelona, featuring a large yellow pyramid overlay in the center. The text "WELCOME TO BARCELONA" is written in white, bold, sans-serif capital letters across the middle of the pyramid. In the background, a tall, lattice-structured tower stands on the left, and a hillside is visible on the right. The foreground shows a wooden pier with a person sitting on a bench, a blue bicycle, and a glass display case.

WELCOME TO BARCELONA



THANK YOU FOR DOWNLOADING OUR TRAVELGUIDE

Here you can find 10 carefully chosen places which we truly recommend you to visit during your Barcelona experience.

Our goal is to make you feel like a local by skipping the tourist traps and to invite you to those magic, intimate places which not many people know about! Places which you will remember forever.

We are currently living in Barcelona, the capital city of the autonomous community of Catalonia and one of Europe's most popular destinations. Definitely, an enchanting beautiful mediterranean seaside city with boundless culture, amazing architecture and a very exquisite gastronomy.

For us Barcelona is cosmopolitan, modern, avant-garde, multicultural, eccentric, historic, artistic, innovative, glamorous and considered by many to be among the most beautiful cities in the world.

Barcelona can be a very easy and pleasant city to visit or to live in. All the places are very well connected due to the excellent transport infrastructure. One can go anywhere in a fast and comfortable way. Not to mention it's climate, a lifetime treasure. It's such a perfect city that can be easily transformed into an enormous tourist trap.

If you are really thinking to come to Barcelona, we are sure that we can help you with some really nice hints about it.

**Get ready to dive
into the unique
atmosphere of
this city.**



A large, solid yellow triangle is centered in the upper half of the image, pointing upwards. It is superimposed over a background of a sunset or sunrise sky with scattered clouds. The bottom of the image shows a dark, rippling ocean surface. The text "OUR MOMENTS OF YŪGEN" is written in white, bold, sans-serif capital letters across the middle of the yellow triangle.

OUR MOMENTS OF YŪGEN

BUNKERS DEL CARMEL





Bunkers del Carmel have definitely the most breathtaking panoramic views of Barcelona and we are sure you will absolutely fall in love with it. Located on the top of the Turo de la Rovira hill, were built as anti-aircraft fortifications in 1938 during the Spanish Civil War.

After several decades, this lovely place was finally renovated in 2015 and opened for free to visitors, granting them better access and information about its history.

When we went there for our first time we became big fans of that hill, and we find that it's the perfect spot to enjoy an evening in a peaceful environment.

If you're a panoramic views lover, you won't find a better place to take an amazing photo.

By the way, don't forget to bring some snacks and a bottle of your favorite wine to enjoy your first moment of yūgen.

How to get there:

- By bus V17 from Via Laietana until the last stop Carmel.
- By metro L3 yellow line to Alfons X and walk up 1 km through the Parc.

Useful tips:

- If you are going to stay there to enjoy the view until the sun goes down, we recommend you to take a jacket cause it might get a bit cold and windy.
- The last bus is at 10:30pm, then you have to walk down to the nearest metro (yellow line Alfonso X) or wait for the night bus.





GET LOST IN GOTICO





Out of all the 14 districts of Barcelona we have found El Barrio Gótico to be the most beautiful and historic. This enchanted area is full of idyllic squares and narrow streets where you can get lost and find yourself again. We want to invite you for a walk and experience this moment of *yūgen* with us, but first you have to put away your map and follow our hints.

Here's where your journey begins.

1. First, go to La Rambla nº56. If you don't know where it is or how to get there, just ask someone by testing your Spanish. (*Perdona, a donde es la Rambla número 56?*) When you arrive enter through the gate and get ready to go back in time. You are at "Passatge de Bacardi" built during the 50s, a romantic passage full of details that leads you to Plaza Real. The beauty of its detailed artwork and other decorative elements make it an interesting place to pass by.
(info: closed on holidays and night time.)
2. Keep moving and take a seat on the fountain Tres Gracies at plaza Real one of Barcelona's most iconic squares. Enjoy this wonderful spot which was built in the 19th century. The elaborate lamps that may caught your eyes were actually designed by Antoni Gaudí's, his first commissioned work.



3. Let's go! Take the street "carrer del Vidre" and turn to your left at the end. Through "carrer dels Escudellers" you will find a surrealistic culture from Leandre Cristòfol. You are now at George Orwell square also known as Plaza Tripi. Sit in one of the terraces and ask for a "carajillo" (coffee + Baileys) to give you the strength to keep moving. Our favorite spot is a bar called Ovisio, always filled with cool people, not too expensive and is an awesome meeting place.

4. After enjoying your "carajillo", go through the street "carrer de n`Ara", go up "carrer Cervantes" and turn left to Plaza de San Miquel. Here you will find a big sculpture dedicated to a very old catalan tradition, building human towers (Castellers). If you have the chance to see it live, do it. You will never forget it.

5. Right next to plaza de San Miquel there is plaza San Jaume, where you will find the the city hall of Barcelona (ayuntamiento) on one side and the Palace of the Generalitat of Catalonia on the other.

We are almost finish this walking tour and arriving to our third moment of yūgen. Go through "Carrer del Bisbe", a street full of legends and mysteries. Take your time there, enjoy all the details of this mystical street. When you find "Carrer del Montjuic del Bisbe" on your left go straight and voilá! Plaza Neri.







PLAZA NERI





Plaza de San Felip Neri, it's a hidden small square right in the heart of El Barrio Gótico. Barcelona's most romantic spot, full of mysticism and history.

First time we went there, we didn't know anything about it, even though we could feel how special place it was. Only when we noticed the holes on the walls we started to get more curious about what exactly happened there.

On January of 1938, 42 innocent people (among them 20 children) lost their lives trying to take refuge in the church, fleeing from the aerial bombardment carried out by Franco's airborne forces. Even having a sad story it's a really beautiful place where makes you feel something we cannot really explain. Definitely a moment of *yūgen*. Don't hesitate to visit it, especially early in the morning or late at night.

How to get there:

- By metro L4 yellow line to Jaume I
- By bus V15, V17 to Via Laietana - Pl. Ramon Berenguer

Useful tips:

- If you are going for a romantic walk, take a bottle of wine to surprise the person you are with.
- Do you play guitar or any instrument? The acoustic of the square it's quite nice.
- If you are going during the night try not to be so noisy to not bother the neighbors.





MERCAT LA BOQUERIA





Mercat de Sant Josep de la Boqueria, is the most popular public market in the Ciutat Vella district. Being inside is like going in a rollercoaster of senses, full of colors, aromas and flavors. A place where you will have a unique mediterranean experience. There you can buy different types of goods, fresh seafood, vegetables, meat, cheese, eggs, you name it.

The market activity in the city began at the beginning of the 13th Century as a commercial market.

After hundreds of years of modifying the construction, finally in 1853 an official structure was created. You can find many markets in Barcelona but this one is surely a must see.

To get to the part of the market where the locals are, you will need to break through the crowds, move past the smoothies and go down La Boqueria's long corridors.

Explore this place, take your time to look around, and if it looks good, don't doubt on trying it!

How to get there:

- By Metro L3 green line to Liceu
- By Bus - Lines 14, 59 and 91 to Liceu

Useful tips:

- If you're a seafood fan, trust us here you can find it really fresh and with good prices
- We don't know about your travel budget but the restaurants surrounding the market are definitely the most expensive ones from all Ramblas street. If you are searching for something more wallet-friendly better to buy inside and take it behind the market where you can find a calm square with seats.
- Keep a close eye on your belongings, there are a lot of pickpockets in the area!





A large, leafy tree stands in the center of a courtyard. To the left is a light-colored building with several windows. In the foreground, there are several wooden benches with metal frames. A few people are sitting on the benches. The ground is paved and there are some shadows from the tree. A yellow triangle is in the top left corner.

JARDINS DE RUBIÓ I LLUCH



Jardins de Rubió i Lluch are located in the Raval neighborhood and set in the old patio of the former hospital which is now housed by several institutes and the Library of Catalonia. Decorated by small fountains which makes it the perfect place to relax and to escape from the busy tourist streets of the city center.

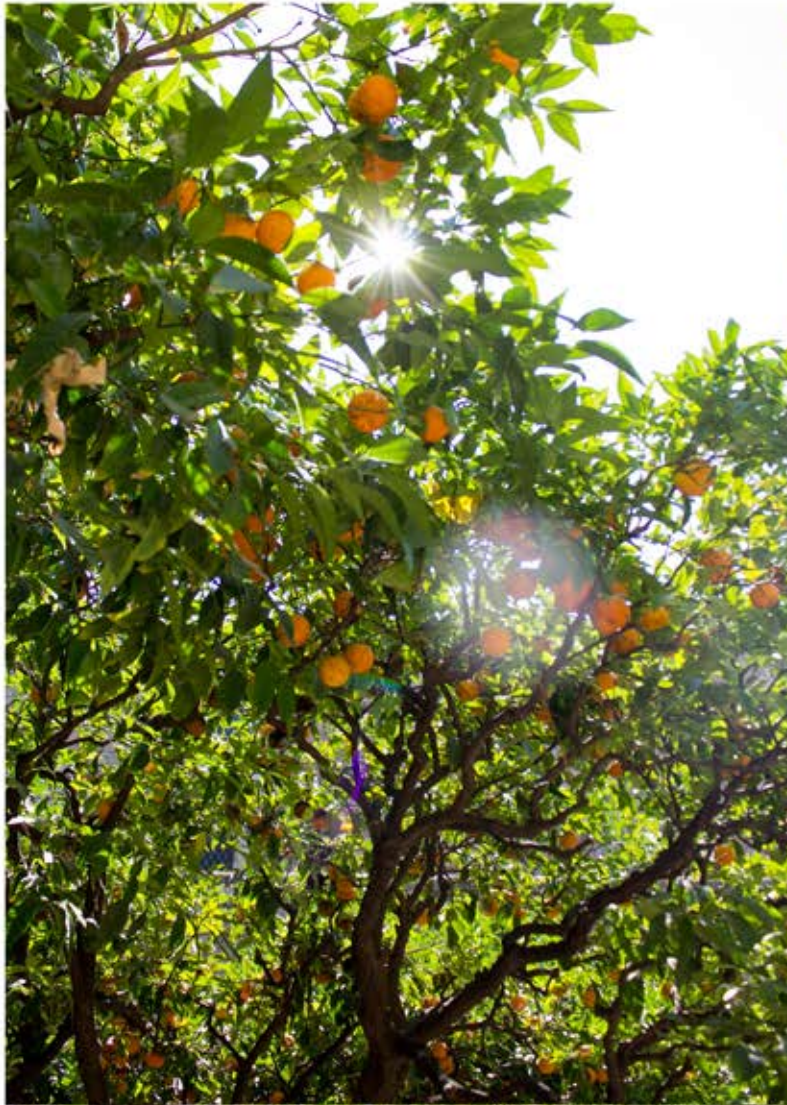
We go there very often after work for a coffee and to chill a bit. Some months ago the plaza was renovated with better places to seat, WiFi zone, chess game and an outside library where you can just take a book and read under the mandarins trees on a sunny day. A great place to contemplate and to have a moment of yūgen.

How to get there:

- By Metro - L3 Liceu
- By Bus - 59, 14 Liceu - From ramblas you can turn on the "Carrer Carmen" or "Carrer Hospital". There's an entrance from both streets.

Useful tips:

- If you're looking for a place to have a coffee or lunch, in this patio you can find the cosy, charming bar El Jardín.









Montjuïc is a hill located southwest of the city centre with a large number of attractions including the Spanish Village (Poble Espanyol), the Magic Fountain, the Olympic stadium and the National Art Museum of Catalonia. There you will find several gardens, where you can have a picnic with fresh air and panoramic views.

It's impossible to choose one particular spot to have a moment of yūgen, it's such a wide and cool area, you will need at least one day to explore it. At the end of your day we recommend you to go in front of the national museum of Catalonia "MNAC" where you can please your eyes with the impressive water works of the Magic Fountain.

How to get there:

- By Metro L3 to Plaza Espana and walk up the hill with the Magic Fountains or go to Parallel where you can take a funicular till the middle of the hill
- By Bus 150 which will take you directly to the Castell Montjuïc.

Useful tips:

- Take something to eat, The hill is rich of picnic places. You can even find tables with chairs but from our experience those won't impress you with the view.
- La Caseta located at Mirador del Migdia is an outside restaurant in the uppermost part of the hill. During the summer, every Sunday you can please your eyes with flamenco shows
- If you're visiting Barcelona between July - August you can go to the open-air cinema inside the Castell Montjuïc. Screenings on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. Price 6€.







CIUTADELLA PARC





C iutadella Parc is the coolest park in Barcelona, a seventeen hectare green oasis located in the historic Ciutat Vella district. The park is well designed with wide promenades, colorful flowerbeds and a lot of palm trees. Here you can find several museums, the Catalan Parliament and the most impressive fountain placed in the northern corner.

There is also a small lake, a popular spot for the romantic couples where they can hire a rowing boat.

What makes this park special is its atmosphere. Tons of people from different cultures go there to enjoy their free time. African people playing drums, artists practicing their tricks, parents playing with their kids and much more can be seen here.

How to get there:

- By metro L4 yellow line to Ciutadella I Vilà Olímpica or L1 red line to Arc de Triomf.

Useful tips:

- Perfect place for a picnic or just to relax laying on the grass.
- If you're traveling with kids this is a place for you. Attractions parks, Zoo, weekly free activities for families.
- Just few meters from the main gate to the park you can find Estació de França - one of the oldest train stations in Barcelona with beautiful architecture. Definitely worth seeing.
- We recommend you arrive there by red metro to Arc de Triomf.



MERCAT DELS ENCANTS





Mercat dels Encants is the city's old flea market, known as the "Encants Vells" dates back to the 14th Century and is one of the oldest markets in Europe. Currently located right next to La Plaça de les Glòries Catalanes where you also can find the well known Agbar Tower, the National Theatre of Catalonia and design museum DHUB.

Nothing is missing in this market, antique furniture, old books, records, second-hand clothing, accessories in the purest vintage styles and all kinds of goods can be found there. This year the area was renovated and the surroundings of Encants turned out to be a nice place to hang out and relax.

How to get there:

- By metro L1 red line to Glòries
- By bus number 7, 60, 92, 192, H12 to Glories
- By tram T4/T5/T6 to Glories

Useful tips:

- The market is open every Monday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday until 19.
- One of the less touristy parts of Barcelona. The bars and restaurants around the market are more authentic.
- The area around the design museum is worth seeing, surrounded with pools and monuments with different shapes. You can just sit and catch some sun on the grass
- Everyday you can enjoy the art installation "BruumRuum Lights and sound" set everyday for you to enjoy. During the summer it starts at 9:30 PM and winter at 6:30 AM.







ESCULLERA DEL POBLENOU





Escullera del Poblenou a long breakwater located near the passeig maritim del Port Olímpic which is a privileged viewpoint to peacefully enjoy the mediterranean seaside breeze.

From there you can muse over incredible sunsets with a romantic atmosphere, no wonder Woody Allen chose it to film two of the scenes of "Vicky Cristina Barcelona".

How to get there:

- By metro L4 yellow line to Ciutadella I Vilà Olímpica.
- By bus 59, 45, H16.

Useful tips:

- Open until 20:00 PM.
- Easy to get there by bicycle or rollerblades.



PLATJA DEL COCO





Barcelona has so many cool places that it was not easy to choose our last moment of yūgen. As beach lovers we decided for the platja del Coco in Badalona. Located just a few stops by metro from the city center. The water is crystal clear and the sand is

softer compared to the crowded, touristy Barceloneta beach. Surrounded by a long pleasant palm tree promenade which extends over the entire coastline. As an extra attraction you can enjoy a walk along the pier which stretches into the sea called the Pont del Petroli.

How to get there:

- By metro L2 violet line to Pep Ventura,
- By train R1 from Arc de Triomf

Useful tips:

- There is a huge supermarket called "Mercadona" where you can buy anything you need.
- Don't forget sunscreen.





A photograph of a man and a woman hiking on a dirt trail. They are seen from behind, standing on a rocky ledge and looking out over a vast mountain valley. The woman has long blonde hair and is wearing a black top and shorts. The man is wearing a white tank top, orange shorts, and a white cap. Both are making peace signs with their arms. A large, semi-transparent yellow triangle is superimposed over the center of the image, with the text 'TRAVEL HINTS' in white capital letters across its middle. The background features a clear blue sky with a few clouds and a distant city visible in the valley below.

TRAVEL HINTS

WHERE TO STAY?

The Hostel Box Gaudi - Located just in front of the Parc Guell. Modern design, fully equipped kitchen, rooms to share. Five minutes from the center by metro (green line Vallcarca). Around 10€ per night.
www.thehostelbox.com/

Equity Point - Located on the main modern avenue Passeig de Gràcia. Next to Catalunya Square and La Rambla. Ancient house with panoramic view of Barcelona. All types of rooms available. Breakfast included. Around 13€ per night + 2€ blankets.
www.equity-point.com/

Ideal Youth Hostel - Located in the middle of La Rambla. Urban, midsize hostel with terrace to share. All types of rooms available. Fully equipped kitchen. Free activities in the hostel. Around 13€ per night.
www.idealhostel.com

Yök Casa + Cultura - Located next to the Urquinaona square in the center of the city. Tourist apartments divided for "houses" eco - renovated in 2014. Fully equipped kitchen and terrace to share. Around 260€ / 4 people apartment included breakfast.
www.helloyok.com

WHERE TO EAT?

Carrer Blai - Street located in Poble Sec district. You will find there several "pinchos" bars where you can try Spanish snacks and beer for 1€ each. Typical meeting point crowded with locals. Opening hours: 6:00 PM everyday.

La Palma - Typical Catalan restaurant serving the best "patatas bravas" in Barcelona. Tapas place with history. Located in street La Palma de Sant Just 7, in Gotico district. Opening hours:
Monday - Friday 9:00 AM - 12:00 AM
Saturday 12:00 PM - 12:00 PM
Sunday closed.

Kiosko - The best burgers in Barcelona! Eco friendly restaurant collaborating with several charities. Located in Av. del Marquès de l'Argentera 1. Opening hours:
1:00 PM - 1:00 AM everyday.

Mosquito - Asian cuisine served as a tapas. Incredible flavours in a good price. You order on the paper form. Restaurant located in the Carders 46 street in district El Born. Opening hours:
1:00 PM - 12:00 AM
everyday except Monday.

La malandrina - If you are a meat lover, this is the place to go to. Owned by a family, this Argentinian Steak House is only 10 mins walk from Barceloneta metro station. The most popular meal is the sirloin steak with potatoes and salad for only €7.50. Although the restaurant doesn't have the look of a modern/trendy restaurant you expect of Barcelona, it's because of the food you are there for! Located in Carrer de l'Almirall Cervera, 5. Opening hours:
1:30 PM - 12:00 AM everyday.

NIGHTLIFE - BARS

Nevermind - Alternative and punk ethos. Loud rock/punk/metal tunes, skate videos playing on the TV screens around the bar, furniture made out of old boards, and even a bowl in the back. Always free popcorn with drinks. Located in Tallers 68 street in the Raval district.

Opening hours: 5:30 PM - 3:00 AM.
www.facebook.com/NevermindBcn

Africa - A kind of underground bar owned by Nigerians serving amazing ginger vodka cocktail for only 3€.

Located in l'Est 9 street in Raval district.
Opening hours: 10:00 AM - 3:00 AM
www.fonibcn.wordpress.com/

Oviso - Great bar with super old design, a bit chaotic but with great atmosphere. The best Carajillo de Baileys at 2€.

Large selection of pancakes, burgers and snacks.
Located in Arai 5 street in Gothic district.
Opening hours: 9:00 AM - 3:00 AM
www.restaurantes-bares-barcelona.com/en/oviso

Carabela - Sunny, terrace always full of people. Great mojito and fresh juices. Mexican food for a good price.
Located in Pas de Sota Muralla, 3 in Port Vela district.

Opening hours: 10:00 AM - Midnight

N9 - Small but fancy bar with interesting design and great atmosphere. Perfect for "chupitos" and cocktails.
Located in la Vidrieria 9 street in El Born district.

Opening hours: 5:30 PM - 2:30 AM
www.facebook.com/numeronueve.es

Foc - Perfect place for a beer after spending a day on the beach. Very near from Barceloneta, with great terrace and beautiful decorations. Latin food and cocktails.

Located in Passeig Joan Borbó Comte Barceló 66 in Barceloneta.
Opening hours: 12:00 PM - 2:30 AM
www.focbcn.com

NIGHTLIFE - CLUBS

Marula - Local small club offering funk, soul, Latin music and with a cool atmosphere.

Located in Escudellers 49 street in Gothic district.

Opening hours:
Wednesday - Saturday 11:00 PM - 5:00 AM
www.marulacafe.com

Moog - Underground techno and house club on the first floor. Upstairs "mirror room" with more pop-oriented music sets. Located in l'Arc del Teatre 3 street in Raval district.

Opening hours: 00:00 AM - 6:00 AM
www.masimas.com/moog

Sala Apolo - Concert hall and club with trendy music and the most cutting edge style.

Located in Nou de la Rambla 113 in Raval district.

Opening hours: 00:00 AM - 6:00 AM
www.sala-apolo.com

Barts - Concert hall divided by rooms. Mostly house, trance. Weekly events.
Located in Av. del Paral·lel 62

Opening hours: 14:00 PM - 04:00 AM
www.barts.cat

PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION

Metro and FGC

Barcelona currently has eight metro lines that can be identified by the number and colour of the line and serve most of the city. It also has an urban and metropolitan rail network the Ferrocarrils de la Generalitat (FGC), run by the Catalan government, which supplements Barcelona's metro network. There are three urban lines: L6, L7 and L8.
www.tmb.cat & www.fgc.cat

Bus

Barcelona has a transport fleet of more than 1000 buses which operate on over 80 routes and connect all the city's districts and the metropolitan area.
www.emt-amb.com

Tram

The Tram route provides easy access to Barcelona's major industrial areas, shopping centres and residential zones. There are 2 Tram lines in Barcelona: the Trambaix and Trambesòs.
www.tram.cat

Tickets:

Single Ticket: 2,15€

T-10 Card: 9,95€

more information:

One trip can last maximum 1 hour and 15 minutes. During that time you can change the way of transport from metro to bus or train. Barcelona also offers travel cards and day passes (2, 3, 4 and 5 days).

Taxis:

Barcelona's taxis are black with yellow doors. You can either flag one down or you can go to one of the taxi stands. You also can call one of the companies. The minimum fare is €2.05 and the basic price for a kilometer is €0.93. These prices vary on weekends, at night and on other occasions. There are also special fares for trips to the airport – one ride costs €20 minimum.

Taxi Ecològic: +34 932 78 30 00

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MAIN EVENTS

February

Carneval – parades, dances and folk traditions.

April

Feria de Abril de Cataluña – celebrated by the Andalusians who live in Barcelona.

June

Sonar – an electronic music festival.

Festival del Grec – music, dance and theatre.

Primavera Sound – Indie music festival.

Verbena de Sant Juan – celebrations of Twelfth Night.

August

Festa Major de Gracia.

September

Festes de la Mercè – a massive celebration of the city patron.





We hope you enjoyed the moments of yūgen in Barcelona. Our next travel guide will be based on the experiences of our adventure in Southeast Asia. Feel free to follow it through our journal and social networks.

If by any chance you happen to be on the same place at the same time, let's meet and we will tell you for sure more about our project.

Hope to see you soon and happy travels,
Pedro & Paulina

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