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Fanciful architecture and hip restaurants have come together with the sunny southern Spanish climate and beaches. This has transformed Barcelona in just a few decades from a rough port city to one of Europe's—if not the world's—premier destinations.

Stroll along La Rambla, admire the Casa Calvet's façade or the Casa Mila designed by Gaudi, visit the Market of la Boqueria or shop at El Corte Inglés. Sample some of the many bars, cafés and late night haunts while you're at it.



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## THE CITY



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Like many other cities on the Mediterranean, Barcelona was founded by the Romans. The original settlement, called Barcino, was a small port located on the same spot as today's cathedral. The town was overshadowed by Tarragona, the capital of the province. Both the Visigoths and the Moors invaded Barcelona, however, their influence was not as important to the future of the city as the arrival of the Franks in the late 9th century. It was at that point that Barcelona and Catalonia started shaping their own identity, different from the rest of Spain.

This is most apparent in the language - Spanish, or Castilian, has many Arab words, while Catalan has many French words instead. So Catalan is not a Spanish dialect, but a language in its own right, related to other Romance languages.

Barcelona's history is seen everywhere in the city. The oldest areas are located by the sea, including the shopping enclave Barri Gotic. On the other side of the main boulevard La Rambla lies the legendary Raval district. Until the 1980's, this was the slum area, home to the city's own Chinatown (Barrio Chino) and the red light district. Today, designer shops and cafés have moved in. Further north is fashionable Eixample, the area created as a result of the 19th century expansion of the city.

## DO & SEE



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Much of the attraction of Barcelona is the city's wide range of sights. The architect, the design nerd, the football fan, the art historian, the city planner—there is something for all of them in the most self-assured city on the Mediterranean. A visit to Sagrada Família, Casa Mila and Casa Calvet is a must when visiting Barcelona.

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### Sagrada Família

The craziest building site in the world! Gaudi's genius, and the fact that the cathedral will never be completed, make it even more astonishing.

Address: Carrer de Mallorca, 401 08013 Barcelona

Phone: +34 932 07 30 31



Internet: [www.sagradafamilia.cat](http://www.sagradafamilia.cat)

### Camp Nou



FC Barcelona is much more than just a football club. Sometimes it feels as if it carries the whole nation's pride on its shoulders. Even those not interested in football

will enjoy a visit. One reason is the large number of well-dressed spectators, another the masterful architecture of the arena.

Address: Avenida d'Àrístides Maillol, 08028 Barcelona

Phone: +34 902 18 99 00

Internet: [www.fcbarcelona.com/camp-nou](http://www.fcbarcelona.com/camp-nou)

### Espai Gaudí – La Pedrera



If you don't have time to visit all of Gaudí's landmarks, be sure to see this one. Visit the Gaudí museum on the top floor and, if possible, stay to have a drink on the roof

terrace. The decorations here must have inspired George Lucas and his Star Wars movies.

Address: Passeig de Gràcia, 92 08008 Barcelona

Phone: +34 934 84 59 00

Internet: [www.lapedrera.com](http://www.lapedrera.com)

### MACBA

Leave the busy streets behind you for a moment by visiting Barcelona's museum of modern art. MACBA is short for Museu d'Art Contemporani de Barcelona.

Address: Plaça dels Àngels, 1, 08001 Barcelona

Phone: +34 93 412 08 10

Internet: [www.macba.es](http://www.macba.es)

### Palau de la Música Catalana

This sublime concert hall designed by Domènech i Montaner a hundred years ago is not quite as wacky as

some of Gaudí's architecture. It is actually more representative of Modernism. The Palace of Catalan Music not only pays tribute to the musical heritage of the Catalans but to all music—as well as beauty, color and joy.

Address: C/ Palau de la Música 4-6

Public Transport: Urquinaona

Phone: +34 93 295 72 00

Internet: [www.palaumusica.org](http://www.palaumusica.org)

### Santa Maria del Mar

Barcelona's most beautiful church is probably the best existing example of the Catalan Gothic, with a cleaner style than normally associated with Gothic architecture. The church has a wonderful feeling of spaciousness and weightlessness emphasized by slender pillars and very sparsely decorated chapels.

Address: Plaça de Santa Maria 1

Public Transport: Jaume I

### Parc de Collserola

Parc de Collserola is the green part of the city. Immediately behind Barcelona there is an 8,000-hectare park—22 times larger than New York's Central Park, as those in charge like to point out. It includes everything from amusement parks to luxury hotels, but above all, large undisturbed areas in which to ramble or cycle.

The actual park can only be reached using the regional train service from Catalunya Station: take the train to Terrassa or Sabadell and get off at Baixador de Vallvidrera. From there the park's information centre, Centre d'Informació, is within walking distance.

Address: Carretera de l'Església, 92, 08017 Barcelona

Phone: +34 932 803 552

Internet: [www.parccollserola.net](http://www.parccollserola.net)

### L'Aquarium de Barcelona

The sharks are the stars at this Mediterranean themed aquarium. L'Aquàrium is situated at the end of Las Ramblas and is very close to the city centre.

Address: Moll d'Espanya del Port Vell, 08039 Barcelona  
Phone: +34 932 21 73 76  
Internet: [www.aquariumbcn.com](http://www.aquariumbcn.com)

### **Picasso Museum**

The Picasso Museum has one of the most extensive art collections by the 20th century Spanish artist Pablo Picasso. The permanent collections stands for more than 3,800 works and this is one of the most popular and most visited museums in Barcelona.

Address: Montcada, 15, 08003 Barcelona  
Phone: +34 932 563 000  
Internet: [www.museupicasso.bcn.es](http://www.museupicasso.bcn.es)

### **Maritime Museum**

This is a ship museum with the largest shipyard in the world. Inside you will find reproductions of boats and maritime objects from different historic periods. They also have activities and workshops for children in the age of 3-12 years.

Address: Avinguda de les Drassanes, 08001 Barcelona  
Phone: +34 933 429 920  
Internet: [www.mmb.cat](http://www.mmb.cat)

### **Chocolate Museum**

If you like chocolate then you should visit this delicious museum. Here you will find out the history of chocolate from the discovery of cocoa beans by the New World explorers to present time. When visiting the museum you should of course do some tastings of local varieties (hazelnut, pecan, mint etc). They also offer workshops for children and adults.

Address: Carrer Comerç, 36, 08003 Barcelona  
Phone: +34 932 687 878  
Internet: [www.museuxocolata.cat](http://www.museuxocolata.cat)

### **Luxury pool in the city centre**

The 4-star Grand Hotel Central is widely renowned for it's luxurious infinity pool situated on the rooftop. The pool is not heated, but during the summer months that won't be a problem as the sun will undoubtedly heat you up. During

June-September there is also a bar open which allows you to daze in the clear blue water, sipping a cocktail, while enjoying the fantastic view over the city.

Address: Via Laietana, 30, 08003 Barcelona  
Phone: +34 932 95 79 00  
Internet: [www.grandhotelcentral.com](http://www.grandhotelcentral.com)

### **Montserrat**

Montserrat is a peaceful and beautiful monk retreat in the multi-peaked mountains called the "Catalan Pre-Coastal Range". The breathtakingly stunning environment provides excellent hiking opportunities, and the religious significance of this area lends you a deep sense of contemplation.

Montserrat is located about an hour outside of the city by train. There are also guided tours leaving for this area.

Address: Montserrat

### **Castle cinema outdoors**

During the summer months July and August the Montjuïc castle transforms the moat into an outdoor cinema. Come before the movie starts and enjoy live music such as fado, nova and flamenco.

Address: Montjuïc Castle Gardens  
Phone: +34 93 302 3553  
More Info: Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays at 10pm

### **Beaches**

Barcelona is famous for its beaches, and the fact that they're mostly artificial does not stop the yearly 7 million tourists that enjoy the sand and the waves. The most popular beach would be "Platja de la Nova Icària".

## DINING



Photo: Melissa Delzio

The easiest thing is to divide Barcelona's overwhelming range of restaurants into two parts: the new and the old. Some of the world's most modern restaurants, managed by the world's most innovative chefs (the most famous is Ferrán Adrià) can be found here, but there is also traditional Catalan cuisine which despite being heavy on occasion, includes very good vegetable dishes (samfaina, a kind of ratatouille, escalivada, grilled, peeled peppers, aubergines and onions espinacs a la catalan, spinach fried with garlic, pine nuts and raisins). Best known is the simple rustic pa amb tomàquet: a slice of bread with olive oil, salt and freshly crushed tomatoes.

"The new ones" in particular may be expensive, but many of the best known chefs' apprentices have now opened their own lower-priced restaurants. Generally speaking, "the old ones" provide better value for money, although even the traditional restaurants know how to charge. You should always reserve a table in Barcelona. Dinner is not served until 21.00.

### Cal Pep

A very popular tapas bar and restaurant. It's best to jostle your way to the bar and let Pep himself recommend the best hors d'oeuvres. Otherwise, there are also tables and a quieter dining room further in. Offered is a mixture of traditional and innovative cooking.

Address: Plaça de les Olles 8, 08003 Barcelona  
Public Transport: Barceloneta

Phone: +34 933 107 961

Internet: [www.calpep.com](http://www.calpep.com)

### Cafè de l'Acadèmia

Slightly updated Catalan cuisine in an attractive open-air restaurant or in the cool, natural stone walled interior. At lunchtime it is full of officials from the adjacent Town Hall and regional government buildings.

Address: Calle Lledó, 1, 08002 Barcelona

Public Transport: Jaume I

Phone: +34 933 198 253

### Alkimia

Alchemy, something along those lines is what they do, all those Spanish chefs. Here is Jordi Villa who has been awarded for his new interpretations of Spanish classics and his own innovations—what would you say to tuna slivers on a bed of mustard foam? Book well in advance to make sure you get a seat.

Address: Carrer de la Indústria, 79, 08025 Barcelona

Public Transport: Sagrada Família

Phone: +34 932 076 115

Internet: [www.alkimia.cat](http://www.alkimia.cat)

More Info: Closed Saturdays and Sundays. Do not accept American Express

### Salero

Elegant fusion in an almost completely white space. A typical Salero dish is tuna with spinach and konbu, Japanese seaweed. If you decide to dine here, have an aperitif at one of the bars in the Borh district.

Address: Carrer Rec, 60, 08003 Barcelona

Phone: +34 933 198 022

Internet: [www.restaurantesalero.com](http://www.restaurantesalero.com)

### 7 Portes

"The Seven Doors" has been in business since 1836, and still has its original modernismo interior—dark wood and tiles. However, eating here is far from stodgy. It is usually full of people enjoying traditional Catalan cooking. Try the crema catalana, the Catalan version of crème caramel, it's

considered to be the best in Barcelona.

Address: Passeig d'Isabel II 14, 08003 Barcelona  
Phone: +34 933 193 033  
Internet: [www.7portes.com](http://www.7portes.com)

### **Casa Leopoldo**

Sample Old Barcelona—both in terms of interior and the menu, which is rich in traditional fish and seafood dishes. Montalban, the city's own literary commentator, crime novelist and gourmet, used to be regulars here.

Address: Carrer de Sant Rafael, 24, 08001 Barcelona  
Phone: +34 934 413 014  
Internet: [www.casaleopoldo.com](http://www.casaleopoldo.com)

### **Tapas Bars**

Spend an evening sampling the now world famous tapas dishes. Start with some nice traditional tapas combined with modern flavor at Sinatra, on Calle Heures 6-1. Finish at Xampanyet, on Calle Montcada 22, with the anchovy banderilla and smoked tuna with goat's cheese.

Address: Carrer Heures 4-10, 08002 Barcelona  
Phone: +34 663 827 249  
Internet: [www.restaurantesinatra.com](http://www.restaurantesinatra.com)

### **Montjuic el Xalet**

In the middle of Montjuic mountain, in a fully restored building, you will find the fine dining restaurant Montjuic el Xalet. Here you can enjoy Valencian specialties as well as a magnificent view of Barcelona while surrounded by natural open spaces.

Address: Avinguda de Miramar, 31, 08038 Barcelona  
Phone: +34 933 249 270  
Internet: [www.gruptravi.com](http://www.gruptravi.com)

### **4 Gats**

4 Gats offers delicious Catalan food and a charming atmosphere, as well as a piece of history. The restaurant was founded in 1987 by waiter Pere Romeu, inspired by "Le chat Noir" in Paris, where Romeu previously worked. Picasso's fans will be thrilled to know that the artist used

to spend much time in the 4 Gats during his youth and had his first exhibition in the great room.

Address: Carrer de Montsió, 3, 08002 Barcelona  
Phone: +34 933 024 140  
Internet: [www.4gats.com](http://www.4gats.com)

### **La Biblioteca Gourmande**

A cozy restaurant with an open kitchen which offer you Mediterranean food to a reasonable price. Booking in advance is recommended.

Address: Carrer Junta de Comerç 28, 08001 Barcelona  
Opening hours: Closed on Sundays  
Phone: +34 934 126 221  
Internet: [www.bibliotecarestaurant.com](http://www.bibliotecarestaurant.com)

### **Con Gracia**

Con Gracia is rather famous for their tasty "surprise menu", which contains seven courses of Mediterranean flavours with some Asian twists. It is a luxurious yet laidback restaurant boasting excellent cuisine and friendly service.

Address: Carrer de Martínez de la Rosa, 8, 08012 Barcelona  
Phone: +34 932 38 02 01  
Internet: [www.congracia.es](http://www.congracia.es)  
More Info: Closed Sunday and Monday

### **Parrilla Alfonsina**

Parrilla Alfonsina claims to be an "authentic argentinian casa de comidas" and their huge steaks sure have been appreciated. Along with your prime meat you can enjoy home made fresh pasta as well as friendly and helpful service.

Address: Carrer de la Diputació, 379, 08013 Barcelona  
Phone: +34 932469168  
Internet: [www.parrillaalfonsina.com](http://www.parrillaalfonsina.com)

### **Restaurant Montiel**

Restaurant Montiel has a knack for combining excellent food with the best wine. Memorable flavours as well as high quality service makes this a popular venue despite the somewhat higher prices.

Address: Carrer Flassaders, 19, 08003 Borne, Barcelona  
Phone: +34 932 683 729  
Internet: [www.grupmontiel.com](http://www.grupmontiel.com)

### Osmosis

Osmosis is a restaurant that prepare market cuisine, using the best products and changing their courses every week. They offer a tasting menu that is very popular and are known for high quality and excellent service.

Address: Carrer Aribau, 100, 08036 Barcelona  
Phone: +34 934 54 52 01  
Internet: [www.restauranteosmosis.com](http://www.restauranteosmosis.com)  
More Info: Closed on Sundays and Mondays

### PLA

Restaurant PLA has been around since 1998 and is still very much a great option when it comes to a romantic candlelit dinner. The ambiance is intimate and the menu holds mostly Mediterranean cuisine.

Address: Carrer Bellafila, 5, 08002 Barcelona  
Phone: +34 934 12 65 52  
Internet: [www.elpla.cat](http://www.elpla.cat)

### LLamber

This hidden gem will satisfy both your taste buds and eyes. In a trendy but still casual atmosphere, friendly waiters serve spectacular and delicious dishes. The philosophy of the restaurant is to make creative gastronomy from seasonal products to reasonable prices..

Address: Carrer de la Fusina, 5, Barcelona  
Phone: +34 933 19 62 50  
Internet: [www.lamber.com](http://www.lamber.com)  
Email: [info@lamber.com](mailto:info@lamber.com)

### Restaurante Carmesí

Restaurante Carmesí is a charming restaurant, away from the tourist districts. The décor is quite simple but the traditional Spanish food is delicious. This restaurant is most visited by locals and the prices are low.

Address: Carrer de Blai, 28, Barcelona  
Phone: +34 659 04 83 94

## CAFES



Photo: Michel Alexandre Salim

Barcelona's café culture is half Italian, and comes with its own set of simple rules.

Café con leche (café amb llet in Catalan) is for breakfast, preferably with a croissant.

Mid-day, especially after a meal, the locals have an espresso, café solo (un café) or a cortado (un tallat), which is an espresso with milk. Café Americano is what some would call watered down versions of the two first coffees.

In the afternoon, or after dinner, order a café solo corto, a strong espresso, or a carajillo—a café solo with Spanish brandy.

### Café Zürich

Zürich is one of Barcelona's prime gathering spots, which makes it perfect for people watching. The kissing greetings and checking of wristwatches for that late date never seems to stop. You will be asked to settle your bill when your coffee arrives. That way, you can leave when you want.

Address: Plaça Catalunya, 1, 08002 Barcelona  
Phone: +34 933 17 91 53

### Cafè de l'Òpera

The location of this café is perfect, since it is situated on one of the busiest streets in the city. La Rambla is a beautiful boulevard and many of the street merchants



come here.

Address: La Rambla, 74, 08001 Barcelona  
Phone: +34 933 177 585  
Internet: [www.cafeoperabcn.com](http://www.cafeoperabcn.com)

### **Ambar**

The Ambar Café is a restaurant and coffee bar situated next the Rambla de Rival. Whether you choose to sit on the velvet couches inside or on the outside patio to enjoy the live music nearby, this is a great experience. They serve breakfast, lunch and snacks.

Address: Carrer de Sant Pau, 77, 08001 Barcelona  
Opening hours: Monday to Wednesday 8 to 22 h. Thursday and Friday till 1am. Closed on Sunday.  
Phone: +34 626 587 044

### **El Bosc de las Fades**

This unique café is featured by the same people responsible for Museo de Cera (The Wax Museum), which by the way is right next door. This is an unusual environment, where you'll be inside an enchanted forest, surrounded by fairytale creatures such as gnomes and fairies.

Address: Pasaje de la Banca, 5, 08002 Barcelona  
Public Transport: Metro: Drassanes  
Phone: +34 93 317 26 49  
Internet: [www.museocerabcn.com](http://www.museocerabcn.com)

### **Xarcutería Xaloc**

Part café, part restaurant, this place specializes in top notch Catalan and Spanish ham, meat, cheese and wine. Try the tapas or the carpaccios!

Address: Carrer de la Palla, 13, 08002 Barcelona  
Phone: +34 93 301 1990  
Internet: [www.xalocreastaurant.com](http://www.xalocreastaurant.com)

## **BARS & NIGHTLIFE**



*Photo: kennyhindgren*

Barcelona stays awake while the rest of Europe sleeps! Nightlife starts late, preferably at a bar. Spaniards believe it's smart to eat while drinking, so most bars also serve tapas.

Barcelona's trendy nightlife is in a constant state of change so the best advice is to ask around for the latest and greatest places, especially in fashion and record shops, or to approach people who you think might know.

### **Mirablau**

Have a drink enjoying the city's most expansive view from the slopes of Tibidabo. Sit down either on the terrace or behind the wall-to-wall picture windows. After the worm's-eye view from Barri Gòtic or El Born, it can feel good to have Barcelona at your feet.

Address: Carrer de Manuel Arnús, 2, 08035 Barcelona  
Phone: +34 934 185 879

### **La Vinya del Senyor**

La Vinya del Senyor is still the best place to sample wine in Barcelona with its location opposite the beautiful church of Santa Maria del Mar. The open-air restaurant in the church square has a great range of good wines and an excellent tapas menu.

Address: Plaza Santa Maria, 5, 08003 Barcelona  
Phone: +34 933 103 379



### Schilling

Schilling is a friendly, fairly intellectual place, close to La Rambla and Barri Gòtic. If you walk around the Barri Gòtic you will most certainly walk past it a couple of times.

Address: Carrer Ferran, 23, 08002 Barcelona  
Phone: +34 933 176 787  
Internet: [www.cafeschilling.com](http://www.cafeschilling.com)

### Otto Zutz

A well-established nightclub with three levels accommodated in a former factory. Spacious and airy and a good place to dance when the music is right.

Address: Carrer de Lincoln, 15, 08006 Barcelona  
Phone: +34 932 380 722  
Internet: [www.ottozutz.com](http://www.ottozutz.com)

### Sala Razzmatazz

Trendy club with several dancefloors and very good underground house music. Don't forget to check the programme before going, they have different events every night.

Address: Carrer Pamplona, 88, 08018 Barcelona  
Phone: +34 933 20 82 00  
Internet: [www.salarazzmatazz.com](http://www.salarazzmatazz.com)

### Bar Marfil

Bar Marfil claims to have the best sushi and most exclusive cocktails in the area of Paseo de Gracia. Here you are offered food, drinks and a trendy atmosphere. The bar was designed by famous interior designer Kelly Hoppen and has a sober and sensual ambience. This is the perfect spot for a drink before a night of clubbing.

Address: Rambla de Catalunya, 104, 08008 Barcelona  
Phone: +34 935 500 600  
Internet: [www.murmuri.com/en/bar-marfil.php](http://www.murmuri.com/en/bar-marfil.php)  
More Info: Located inside Murmuri Hotel

## SHOPPING



*Photo: Howard Lake*

Shopping in Barcelona offers lots of interesting browsing. Unusual shops can be found in most parts of the city, but those who want to be efficient should focus on Placa Catalunya and Barri Gòtic. The amusing and gigantic department store El Corte Ingles is located by Placa Catalunya. Come here for the wares, but also for the people. Across the street is El Triangle, a grotesquely large shopping palace with a good perfumery and a Camper shoe store.

Calle Avinyó, in Barri Gòtic, is possibly Barcelona's most interesting shopping street. This is where Z is located, the crazy interior store selling both kitsch and comical trinkets. Other fun stores include street fashion store Soda, Angel Gimeno specializing in trendy shirts for men, and Loft Avignon, which caters to the more sophisticated set. Close by is Zsu Zsa, where two Argentinean sisters and their mother design their own line of discreet women's wear. Herborista del Rei, on Calle del Vidre 1 in Barri Gòtic, is the best choice for herbs and spices. The store has been here since 1823, and provides a somewhat odd experience.

Visiting the La Boquería, half way down La Rambla, is something of a must. The fishmongers deserve most attention—their selection of mussels, seafood, and shellfish is overwhelming. Stop by Petràs Fruits del Bosc for the best mushrooms in town. Then sample the fresh baby octopus with garlic and parsley with a glass of cava

at the El Quim or Pinotxo bars.

The El Born district is also a good place to shop for food. Casa Gispert, C/ Sombrerers 23, on one of the long sides of the Santa Maria del Mar church, has devoted itself to roasting coffee since 1851. Dried nuts and fruit, cocoa, spices and mushrooms are also sold here. Tot Formatge, Passeig del Born 13, is one of Barcelona's best-stocked cheese shops with both Spanish and foreign varieties.

For serious fashion shopping, make your way to Passeig de Gràcia, the parallel street, Rambla de Catalunya, and the surrounding district. You will find all the big international fashion names here, including Spanish greats such as Adolfo Domínguez, Armand Basi, Groc and the leather specialist Loewe. More economic alternatives such as Zara, Mango and Massimo Dutti are also represented. You can find a good selection of trend-conscious designer fashions at Noténom, C/ Pau Claris 159. Gonzalo Comella, Passeig de Gràcia 6, is a Barcelona institution in the world of fashion—the chain has been in existence for more than a century—with a wide selection of designer fashions.

Vinçon, the home furnishings department store with cult status is also at Passeig de Gràcia 96. Colmada Quilez on the parallel street, Rambla de Catalunya 63, also has cult status. This is Barcelona's most famous food shop with thousands of tinned products, dried goods, and bottles on shelves that run from floor to ceiling all the way round the shop walls. There is an enormous range of wines and spirits. There is also cheese and a delicatessen, and you are served at the counter by male assistants in striped overalls.

### La Roca Village



In the style of a traditional Catalan town, La Roca Village is an exclusive outlet shopping destination, 40 minutes from Barcelona, on the road to the Costa Brava. Discover savings of up to 60% on the recommended retail price of revered Spanish and international brands.

Photo: Chic Outlet

Address: La Roca del Vallès, Barcelona

Phone: +34 93 842 39 39

Email: [www.larocavillage.com](http://www.larocavillage.com)

### L'illa Diagonal

An oval shopping center drawn by Rafael Meneo, with over 130 shops. Many of the large international chains are represented, e.g. FNAC, Decathlon, Zara, Mango, Benetton, Diesel and Camper. Right at the bottom there is a fresh market and the grocery giant, Caprabo.

Address: Avinguda Diagonal, 557, 08029 Barcelona

Public Transport: Maria Cristina

Phone: +34 934 440 009

Internet: [www.lilla.com](http://www.lilla.com)

### El Corte Inglés

Spain's department store colossus is both loved and hated, but successfully performs the main task of the department store, which is to offer most things to most people.

Designer fashions, their own low and medium-priced lines, enormous perfumery and make-up departments, leather goods in all price ranges, toys, children's clothes, art materials, food and delicatessen, home furnishing devices, garden furniture, a tobacco department with humidors etc.

However, the best thing about El Corte Inglés is the service. The staff is always friendly and helpful, garments are shortened and taken in at no cost and without a

murmur. And the customer has the unlimited right of return upon production of a receipt. This sells.

Address: Plaça Catalunya, 14, 08002 Barcelona

Public Transport: Catalunya

Phone: +34 933 06 38 00

Internet: [www.elcorteingles.es](http://www.elcorteingles.es)

## ACCOMMODATION

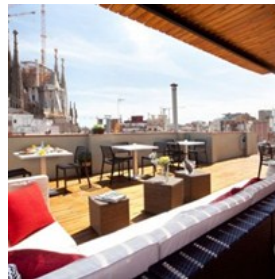


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Barcelona is full of hotels, but also of tourists, so it's not always easy to find a place to stay. Especially when the really interesting hotels, regardless of price range, are much sought after by conscious visitors. Plan and book well in advance to be on the safe side.



### Oh-Barcelona



Oh-Barcelona provides a vast selection of over 400 apartments throughout the Catalan capital, featuring everything from luxurious attics to budget studios. The city has so much to offer all year round, whether it is the beach in the summer that's calling you or the variety of Gaudi architecture, Oh-Barcelona will have something right for you.

Internet: [www.oh-barcelona.com](http://www.oh-barcelona.com)

### DO.

DO offers you a tranquil stay in the middle of the bustling and vibrant Barcelona. Not only do they have a menu for what type of pillow you would prefer but the gastronomic experience at the restaurant is almost worth a visit alone. The chef, Pere Moreno, has personally designed the Mediterranean menu with locally produced products. Choose among enjoying your breakfast in the dining room, on your room or under the morning sun on the roof terrace.

Address: Plaça Reial 1, Barcelona

Phone: +34 934 813 666

Internet: [www.hoteldoreial.com](http://www.hoteldoreial.com)

### Hotel Omm

One of the most modern hotels sophisticated Barcelona has to offer. The successful restaurant group, Tragaluz, opened this, its first hotel, at the end of 2003. It has been selected as the best new designer hotel by the American magazine Travel & Leisure. From the low-key lobby in wood and shades of stone to the almost Japanese, timber-clad pool on the roof terrace—via the cream-coloured, varnished walls of the rooms, dream bathrooms and completely high-tech kit.

Address: Carrer Rosselló, 265, 08008 Barcelona

Phone: +34 934 454 000

Internet: [www.hotelomm.es](http://www.hotelomm.es)

### **The Sixtytwo Hotel Barcelona**

Hotel Sixtytwo has a reasonable claim to being the ultimate boutique hotel for design-conscious visitors. Minimalist rooms (with Bang & Olufsen plasma screens), Japanese gardens, a lounge bar with a lending-library and concierges with insider knowledge of Barcelona. The location could not be better from the point of view of shopping.

Address: Passeig de Gràcia, 62, 08007 Barcelona  
Phone: +34 932 724 180  
Internet: [www.sixtytwohotel.com](http://www.sixtytwohotel.com)

### **Hotel Banys Oriental**

This is where trend conscious visitors usually stay when they visit Barcelona. Located in a 19th century building, the interior is decidedly futuristic with a monochromatic color palette, Kartell plastic chairs, black bathrooms and strict lines. Breakfast is served in the Parellada restaurant.

Address: Carrer l'Argenteria, 37, 08003 Barcelona  
Phone: +34 932 688 460  
Internet: [www.hotelbanysorientals.com](http://www.hotelbanysorientals.com)

### **NH Barcelona Centro**

A great choice for the weekend visitor who would rather spend money on shopping and partying. Good value for money.

Address: Carrer Duc de la Victòria, 15, 08002 Barcelona  
Phone: +34 932 703 410  
Internet: [www.nh-hoteles.es](http://www.nh-hoteles.es)

### **Hostal La Palmera**

Simple but well located close to the fresh produce market, La Boqueria. The rooms are clean, light and airy—and quite quiet despite being near the bars of Rambla and Raval. Some have balconies.

Address: Carrer Jerusalem, 30, 08001 Barcelona  
Public Transport: Liceo  
Phone: +34 933 170 997  
Internet: [www.hostallapalmera.com](http://www.hostallapalmera.com)

### **Apartamentos Mur-Mar**

Located right on Las Ramblas, a 15 minute walk from Plaça Catalunya and close to many of the city's major attractions.

Address: La Rambla, 34 08002 Barcelona  
Phone: +34 93 318 26 12  
Internet: [www.apartamentosmurmar.com](http://www.apartamentosmurmar.com)

### **Casa Camper Barcelona**

Casa Camper lies in the Raval area of town, which means it is very close to for example MACBA and Plaza Cataluña. It is a boutique hotel with a full breakfast buffet and WiFi access, to mention only a few of the amenities available here. If you get hungry, there is a tapas restaurant here called Dos Palillos.

Address: Carrer Elisabets 11, 08001 Barcelona  
Phone: +34 933 426 280  
Internet: [www.casacamper.com](http://www.casacamper.com)

### **Hotel 1898**

Hotel 1898 offers a wide range of amenities that will make your stay here both pleasant, comfortable and relaxing. You'll find a well renowned spa facility, restaurants and bars as well as well equipped meeting rooms for business guests.

Address: La Rambla, 109, 08002 Barcelona  
Phone: +34 935 529 552  
Internet: [www.hotel1898.com](http://www.hotel1898.com)

### **Hotel Jazz**

Hotel Jazz offers a peaceful retreat in the middle of the busy city. It has a lounge area on the rooftop, complete with a pool and bar. As for the location, it couldn't be better, with easy access to Plaza Catalunya, Passeig de Gràcia and Ramblas.

Address: Pelai 3, 08001 Barcelona  
Phone: +34 93 552 96 96  
Internet: [www.hoteljazz.com](http://www.hoteljazz.com)



### Hotel Curious

Here is a design hotel with an exciting focus on the four elements; Earth, Fire, Wind and Water. It is located in the city center and the rooms have air-condition, WiFi and flat screen tv's.

Address: Carrer Carme, 25 08001 Barcelona  
Phone: +34 93 301 44 84  
Internet: [www.hotelcurious.com](http://www.hotelcurious.com)

### U232

U232 is a completely non-smoking 4-star hotel with a reception open 24 hours with their minds set on making your stay as comfortable and enjoyable as possible. The elegant surroundings contain a book-crossing library, cocktail bar, terrace and buffet breakfast, to name a few.

Address: Carrer del Comte d'Urgell, 232, 08036 Barcelona  
Phone: +34 933 22 41 53  
Internet: [www.u232hotel.com](http://www.u232hotel.com)

### Mandarin Oriental

The Mandarin Oriental Hotel is a 5-star luxury hotel situated on the famous street Passeig de Gràcia. This means that you'll have plenty of restaurants, entertainment, culture and sights right outside the door. The design is contemporary Catalan and the hotel has a well-renowned spa area as well as fine dining on the premises.

Address: Passeig de Gràcia, 38 08007 Barcelona  
Phone: +34 931 51 88 88  
Internet: [www.mandarinoriental.com](http://www.mandarinoriental.com)

### Hotel SOHO

This is a 3-star hotel located at the Eixample, no more than ten minutes from Plaza Catalunya and the Ramblas. Staying here means free breakfast that you can enjoy on the lounge terrace. There is also an outdoor pool and possibilities to improve your tan.

Address: Gran Via de les Corts Catalanes, 543, 08011 Barcelona  
Phone: +34 935 52 96 10  
Internet: [www.hotelsohobarcelona.com](http://www.hotelsohobarcelona.com)

### Hotel Praktik Rambla

Hotel Praktik Rambla is a boutique hotel boasting an authentic architecture as well as a prime location. Prices are reasonable and the service friendly and helpful.

- "The Praktik concept:

For people who know how to travel,  
For people who know what they want,  
For people who want to make the best use of their time,  
And who like to make each trip a unique experience,  
Praktik is your hotel."

Address: Rambla de Catalunya, 27, 08007 Barcelona  
Phone: +34 93 343 66 90  
Internet: [www.hotelpraktikrambla.com](http://www.hotelpraktikrambla.com)

### Hotel DO Plaça Reial

Hotel DO Plaça Reial is the first gastronomic boutique hotel in the historic centre. It is situated in a memorable protected building that has been transformed into the elegant and exclusive hotel that it is today.

Address: Plaça Reial, 1, 08002 Barcelona  
Phone: +34 934 81 36 66  
Internet: [www.hoteldoreial.com](http://www.hoteldoreial.com)

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### Airports

Aeropuerto de Barcelona (BCN), Barcelona's airport, is located 13 km southwest from the city center. Several bus companies serve the different terminals every 15 minutes before leaving for the city's centrally located Plaza de Catalunya Square. Local trains leave for Barcelona every 30 minutes. Taxicabs are available and charge a bit more on weekends.

Girona airport lies about 100 km from the center of Barcelona, there are three ways of getting between the two places.

Buses will take you to Estacio d'Autobusos Barcelona Nord.

A taxi is expensive so a better option might be to stay overnight at Girona and travel by bus the next day.

There are also trains to and from Barcelona, but then you also have to organize transport between the center of Girona and the airport.

For car rental:

Enterprises rent-a-car  
[www.enterprise.es](http://www.enterprise.es)

Internet: [www.aena.es](http://www.aena.es), [www.emt-amb.com](http://www.emt-amb.com)

### Public Transport

Tickets for the underground can be bought from travel information booths and from stations. They are valid for one trip. Bus tickets are bought from the driver.

Internet: [www.tmb.net](http://www.tmb.net)

### Taxi

Barcelona's black and yellow taxis can be hailed on the street, at stations or called by telephone. Standard fares apply between 06.00–22.00 from Monday–Friday at all other times, including public holidays, fares are higher. Remember that drivers often have minimal small change and do not take credit cards. Radio taxi companies:

Barnataxi: +34 933 581 111

Fonotaxi: +34 933 001 100

Ràdio Taxi: +34 933 033 033

Servi-Taxi: +34 933 300 300

### Post

The post office in Spain is called "Correos", (Correu in Catalan). Stamps can be purchased from post offices and kiosks - "Estancos". The main post office at Plaça Antoni López is open Monday-Saturday 08:30 to 21:30 and for some services even Sunday 9:00 to 13:00. Other offices are generally open Monday to Friday 08:30 to 14:30 and

Saturday 9:30 to 13:00.

Address: Plaça Antoni López

### Pharmacy

Chemist shops in Barcelona take turns at operating the after-hours service. The nearest chemist shop that is open at night will be posted on the door of an adjacent chemist shop. Chemist shops with 24-hour service are:

Farmàcia Alvarez  
Passeig de Gràcia 26  
+34 933 021 124

Farmàcia Clapés  
La Rambla 98  
+34 933 012 843

### Telephone

Country code: +34

Area code: 093

### Electricity

220 volts (125 volts in some older buildings), 50 Hz

### EVENTS



Events from Nickes.Com

### Sant Andreu - Ontinyent

Spanien - Segunda Division B3: 1/22/2014

Address: Barcelona, Narcís Sala  
Internet: <http://www.nickes.com/sv/EventInfo.aspx?eventid=709631>

### FC Barcelona - Málaga

Spanien - La Liga: 1/26/2014

Address: Barcelona, Camp Nou  
Internet: <http://www.nickes.com/sv/EventInfo.aspx?eventid=680074>

### FC Barcelona - Valencia

Spanien - La Liga: 2/1/2014

Address: Barcelona, Camp Nou  
Internet: <http://www.nickes.com/sv/EventInfo.aspx?eventid=680084>

### F.C. Barcelona Regal B - Cocinas.com CB Clavijo

Basket - Spanien (Adecco Oro): 2/2/2014

Address: Barcelona, Palau Blaugrana  
Internet: <http://www.nickes.com/sv/EventInfo.aspx?eventid=698994>

### Sant Andreu - Reus Deportiu

Spanien - Segunda Division B3: 2/2/2014

Address: Barcelona, Narcís Sala  
Internet: <http://www.nickes.com/sv/EventInfo.aspx?eventid=709705>

### F.C. Barcelona - BM. Villa de Aranda

Handboll - Spanien: 2/8/2014

Address: Barcelona, Palau Blaugrana  
Internet: <http://www.nickes.com/sv/EventInfo.aspx?eventid=692344>

### Espanyol - Granada

Spanien - La Liga: 2/9/2014

Address: Barcelona, Estadi cornella-El prat (Cornellà del Llobregat)  
Internet: <http://www.nickes.com/sv/EventInfo.aspx?eventid=680098>

### F.C. Barcelona Regal B - Força Lleida

Basket - Spanien (Adecco Oro): 2/9/2014

Address: Barcelona, Palau Blaugrana  
Internet: <http://www.nickes.com/sv/EventInfo.aspx?eventid=698961>

### Barcelona B - Tenerife

Spanien - Division 2: 2/9/2014

Address: Barcelona, Mini Estadi

Internet: <http://www.nickes.com/sv/EventInfo.aspx?eventid=687228>

**Champions League - Men - Group C F.C.  
Barcelona - PSG Handball**

Handboll - Champions League Men: 2/12/2014

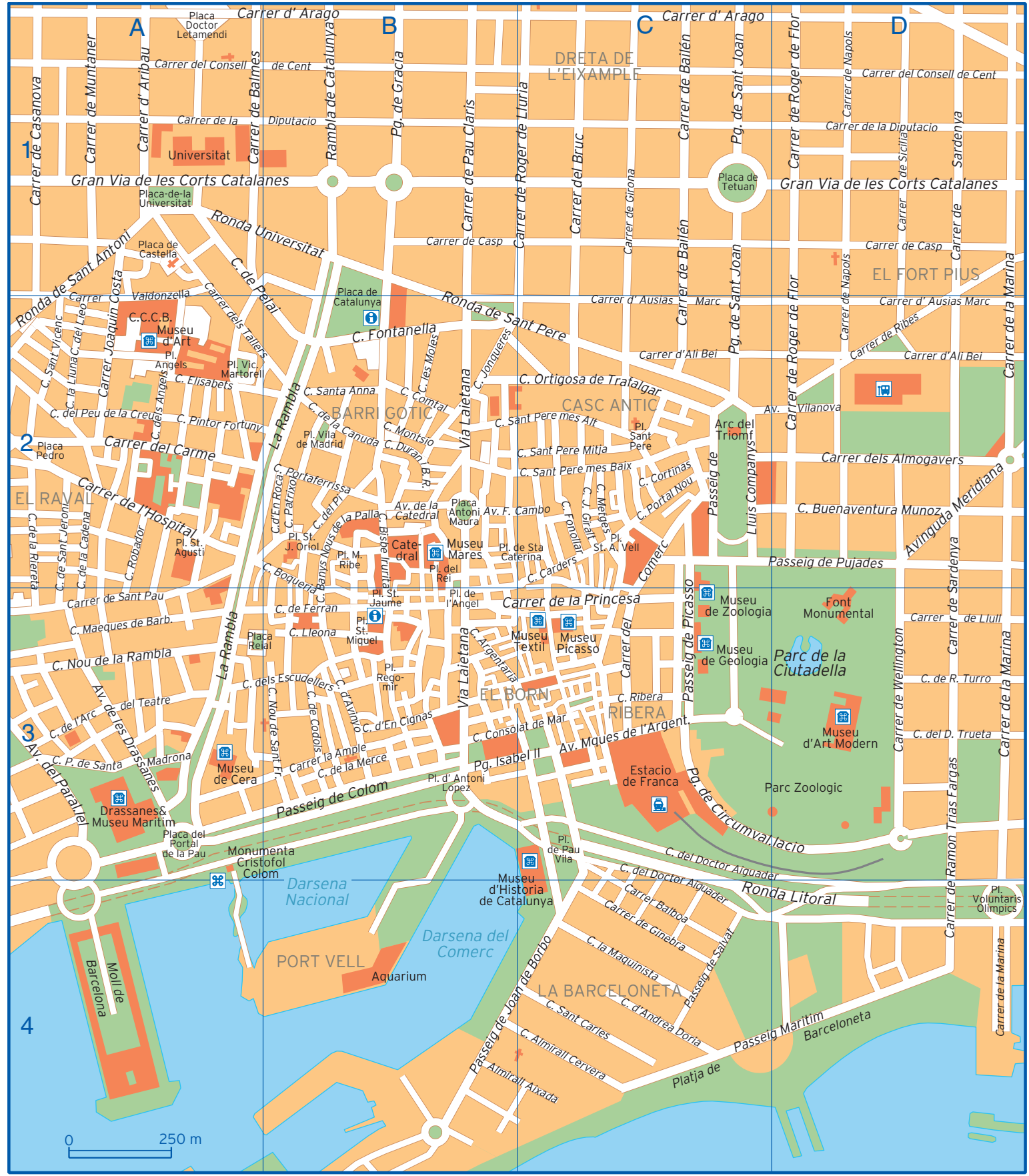
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Av. de la Catedral	B2	C. Montsio	B2	Carrer d' Ausias Marc	C2 D2
Av. de les Drassanes	A3	C. Nou de la Rambla	A3	Carrer d'Ali Bei	C2 D2
Av. del Paral·lel	A3	C. Nou de Sant Francesc	B3	Carrer Joaquin Costa	A1 A2
Av. F. Cambo	B2 C2	C. Ortigosa de Trafalgar	C2	Carrer la Ample	B3
Av. Marques de l'Argentera	C3	C. Patxol	B2	Carrer Valdonzella	A1 A2
Av. Vilanova	D2	C. Pintor Fortuny	A2	Gran Via de les Corts Catalanes	A1 B1 D1
Avinguda Meridiana	D2	C. Portaferriassa	B2	La Rambla	A3 B2
C. Almirall Cervera	C4	C. Portal de Santa Madrona	A3	Passeig de Colom	B3
C. Argentaria	B3	C. Portal Nou	C2	Passeig de Joan de Borbo	B4 C4
C. Banys Nous de la Palla	B2 B3	C. Ribera	C3	Passeig de Lluís Companys	C2
C. Bisbe Irurita	B2	C. Robador	A2	Passeig de Picasso	C2 C3
C. Boqueria	A2 B3	C. Sant Carles	C4	Passeig de Pujades	C2 D2
C. Buenaventura Munoz	D2	C. Sant Pere mes Alt	B2 C2	Passeig de Salvat	C4
C. Carders	C2	C. Sant Pere mes Baix	C2	Passeig Marítim	C4 D4
C. Comtal	B2	C. Sant Pere Mitja	C2	Pg. de Circumval·lació	C3 D3
C. Consolat de Mar	B3 C3	C. Sant Vicenc	A2	Pg. de Gràcia	B1
C. Cortinas	C2	C. Santa Anna	B2	Pg. de Sant Joan	C1 C2
C. de Codols	B3	C.d'En Roca	B2	Pg. Isabel II	B3 C3
C. de Ferran	B3	Carrer Balboa	C4	Pl. Angels	A2
C. de la Cadena	A2 A3	Carrer de Bailén	C1 C2	Pl. de l'Angel	B3
C. de la Canuda	B2	Carrer de Balmes	A1	Pl. de Pau	Vila
C. de la Merce	B3	Carrer de Casanova	A1	Pl. de Sta Caterina	B2 C2
C. de la Riera	A2 A3	Carrer de Casp	B1 D1	Pl. del Rei	B2
C. de l'Arc del Teatre	A3	Carrer de Ginebra	C4	Pl. d' Antoni Lopez	B3
C. de Pelai	A1 B2	Carrer de Girona	C1	Pl. M. Ribe	B2
C. de Ramon Turro	D3	Carrer de l'Hospital	A2	Pl. Regomir	B3
C. de Sant Jeroni	A2 A3	Carrer de la Diputació	A1 D1	Pl. Sant Pere	C2
C. del Doctor Aiguader	C3 C4 D3	Carrer de la Marina	D1 D2 D3 D4	Pl. St. A. Vell	C2
C. del Doctor Trueta	D3	Carrer de la Princesa	B3 C3	Pl. St. Agusti	A2
C. del Lleo	A2	Carrer de Lluí	D3	Pl. St. J. Oriol	B2
C. del Peu de la Creu	A2	Carrer de Muntaner	A1	Pl. St. Jaume	B3
C. del Pi	B2	Carrer de Nàpols	D1 D2	Pl. St. Miquel	B3
C. dels Angels	A2	Carrer de Pau Claris	B1	Pl. Vic. Martorell	A2
C. dels Escudellers	A3 B3	Carrer de Ramon Trias Fargas	D3 D4	Pl. Vila de Madrid	B2
C. Duran i B. R.	B2	Carrer de Ribes	D2	Pl. Voluntaris Olímpics	D4
C. d'Andrea Doria	C4	Carrer de Roger de Flor	D1 D2	Plaça Antoni Maura	B2
C. d'Avinio	B3	Carrer de Roger de Llúria	C1	Plaça de Castella	A1
C. d'En Cignas	B3	Carrer de Sant Pau	A3	Plaça de Tetuan	C1
C. Elisabets	A2	Carrer de Sardanya	D1 D2 D3	Plaça Doctor Letamendi	A1
C. Fonollar	C2	Carrer de Sicília	D1	Plaça Pedro	A2
C. Fontanella	B2	Carrer de Wellington	D3	Plaça Reial	A3 B3
C. J. Giralt	C2	Carrer del Bruc	C1	Plaça-de-la Universitat	A1
C. Jonqueres	B2	Carrer del Carme	A2	Plaça de Catalunya	B1
C. la Lluna	A2	Carrer del Comerç	C3	Plaça del Portal de la Pau	A3
C. la Maquinista	C4	Carrer del Consell de Cent	A1 D1	Rambla de Catalunya	B1
C. les Moles	B2	Carrer dels Almogavers	D2	Ronda de Sant Antoni	A1 A2
C. Lleona	B3	Carrer dels Tallers	A1 A2	Ronda de Sant Pere	B2 C2
C. Maeques de Barbera	A3	Carrer d' Arago	A1 B1 C1	Ronda Litoral	C4 D4



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