

Conference Location:



Novotel Barcelona Sant Joan Despi

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URL: <http://www.accorhotels.com/>

How to get to Barcelona

By Air:

Barcelona-El Prat International Airport (IATA: BCN)

One of the advantages of Barcelona's airport is that it is really close by the center of city, at just 14 km. It is located at El Prat del Llobregat, the town that gives the name 'Aeroport del Prat' to the airport, the second largest of the country after Madrid 'Aeropuerto de Barajas'.

Airport Terminals:

The airport has two terminals, T1 and T2. Terminal T1, built in 2009 is the main Terminal, and T2 is mainly unused, except for some low cost carriers. Check Terminals information or Airlines information.

Barcelona-El Prat International Airport (IATA: BCN)

Address: 08820 Prat de Llobregat, Barcelona

Phone: (+34) 91 321 10 00

URL: <http://www.barcelona-airport.com/>

Lost & found luggage:

Phone: 93 298 33 49

Email: <mailto:bcninfofi@aena.es>

Visa:

Before you start planning your travel to Barcelona in Spain you should visit the Ministry of Foreign Affairs' web page to see if you need to get a visa.

Barcelona is a member of the Schengen Area, and applies the Schengen legislation in full. The entry formalities for Barcelona vary according to the country of origin. All visitors entering Barcelona must possess a valid passport, or a valid picture ID in some cases.

Visas info:

<http://www.exteriores.gob.es/Portal/en/ServiciosAlCiudadano/InformacionParaExtranjeros/Paginas/VisadosDeLargaDuracion.aspx>

Information to Foreign Citizens:

<http://www.exteriores.gob.es/Portal/en/ServiciosAlCiudadano/InformacionParaExtranjeros/Paginas/RequisitosDeEntrada.aspx>

How to get from the Airport to the Hotel

By Public Transportation:

By bus

Take route No.78 which departs from Sants station in Barcelona, alight at TV3 station

Tickets' types and prices:

- Single Ticket: 2 €
- Student Ticket: 0,90 €
- Two day travel card: 18,8 €
- Four day travel: 23,5 €

Other types of cards and tickets: <http://www.tmb.cat/en/bitllets-i-tarifes>

You can buy your ticket on line by visiting: https://kiosk.iritickets.co.uk/k?v=tmb&ka=English&lang=en_gb

By Taxi

Taxi Stops in front of terminals A, B & C. Taxis are an affordable alternative to public transport. A 15 minutes journey will only cost about €10.00. Licensed Taxis have to charge you the amount displayed on the meter. However if you are carrying extra luggage there may be a small surcharge. Rates will be displayed inside the cab.

Tipping is welcomed but not required. If you wish to give a tip give 5 to 10% of the taxi fare. Official Barcelona Taxis are yellow and black and a green illuminated light on the top of the Taxi indicates that it's available for hire.

Most taxis are licensed to carry up to 4 passengers however some van taxis have a special license to carry up to 6 passengers. If you require a taxi to carry 6 passengers it is best to call a taxi company in advance and reserve this type of cab.

You book your taxi at: +34 93 225 0000, +34 93 357 7755, +34 93 300 2314

Source: <https://www.barcelona-tourist-guide.com/en/transport/barcelona-spain-transport.html>

By Car

From Barcelona, take the A2 (E90) highway in the direction of Sant Joan Despi then take exit No.3 for St. Joan Despi. From Tarragona, take the A7 (E15) or A2 (E90) highway in the direction of Barcelona and Av Diagonal then take exit No.2 for St. Just and St. Joan Despi.

Rent a Car:

You will find the rental companies for car hire at Barcelona airport in both Terminal 1 and 2. The Car hire company in Terminal 2 is only in building T2B. Each of these companies is right next door to each other so you can be sure of cheap car rental prices. You can try arranging your car rental directly with the companies but often internet based reservation services can give you a better price as they have negotiated discounts for bulk reservations.

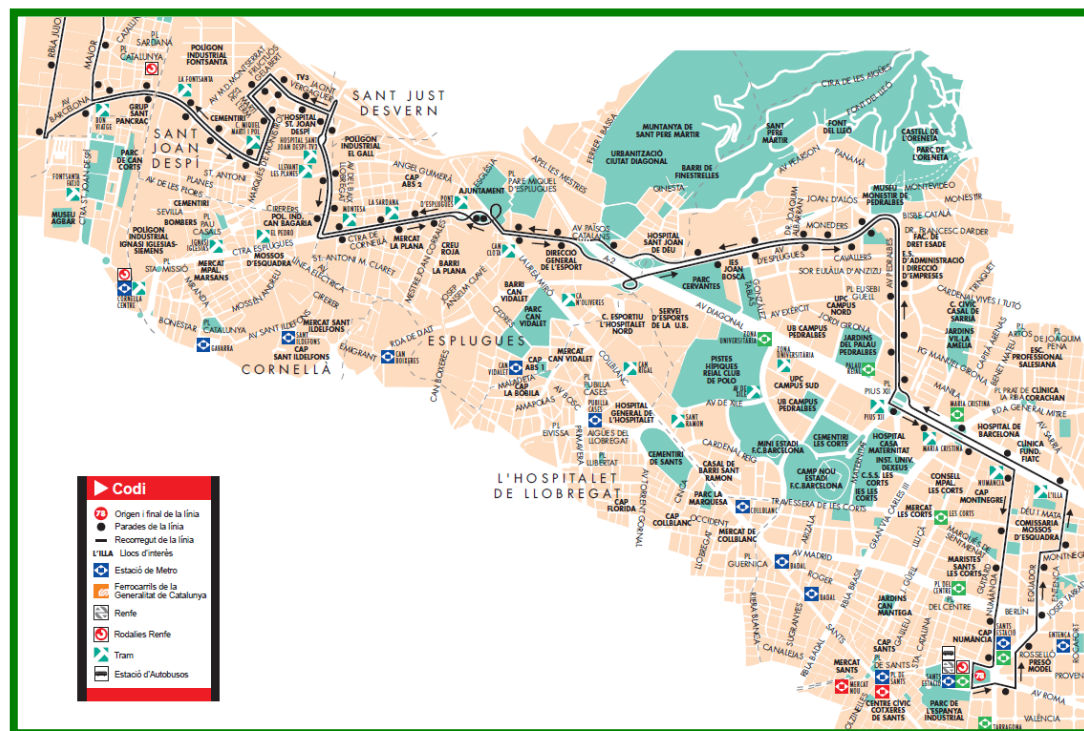
More information about the rates and contact details:

<http://www.barcelona-tourist-guide.com/en/airport/transport/car-rental-barcelona-airport.html>

By Metro

Barcelona has a clean, punctual, air-conditioned metro system that will take you to most of the major sites. All main entrances have a wall map to help you plan your journey and estimate your journey time on the metro. As a general rule of thumb allow 2 minutes per stop. Some stops are quicker and some slightly longer but over all this rule of thumb works well to give you an estimate of travel times with a little time built in for possible small delays etc. If you need to change metro lines then add an extra 10 minutes for the change. You will only need to wait 5 minutes between trains at the very most. On Sundays the metro runs a little less frequently in which case add an additional 10 minutes waiting time to your overall calculation.

For more information you can visit: <http://www.barcelona-tourist-guide.com/en/transport/barcelona-metro.html>



Barcelona Metro Map



Barcelona

Population: ~ 1,604,555

Area: 101.4 km²

History:

Founded as a Roman city, Barcelona became the capital of the County of Barcelona. After merging with the Kingdom of Aragon, Barcelona became one of the most important cities of the Crown of Aragon. Besieged several times during its history, Barcelona has a rich cultural heritage and is today an important cultural centre and a major tourist destination. Particularly renowned are the architectural works of Antoni Gaudí and Lluís Domènech i Montaner, which have been designated UNESCO World Heritage Sites. The headquarters of the Union for the Mediterranean is located in Barcelona. The city is known for hosting the 1992 Summer Olympics as well as world-class conferences and expositions, including the 1888 Exposición Universal de Barcelona, the 1929 Barcelona International Exposition (Expo 1929), the 2004 Universal Forum of Cultures, and the 2004 World Urban Forum. Barcelona is today one of the world's leading tourist, economic, trade fair/exhibitions and cultural-sports centres, and its influence in commerce, education, entertainment, media, fashion, science, and the arts all contribute to its status as one of the world's major global cities. Indeed, it is a major cultural and economic centre in southwestern Europe 26th in the world and a growing financial centre (Diagonal Mar and Gran Via). As of 2009 it was ranked Europe's fourth best city for business. One of Europe's principal Mediterranean ports can be found here as well as Barcelona international airport, which handles above 34 million passengers per year. It also boasts an extensive motorway network and is a hub of high-speed rail, particularly that which is intended to link Spain with France and the rest of Europe. Barcelona is the 16th-most-visited city in the world and the fourth most visited in Europe after Paris, London, and Rome, with several million tourists every year. Barcelona is the 14th most "livable city" in the world according to lifestyle magazine Monocle. Similarly, according to Innovation Analysts 2thinknow, Barcelona occupies 13th place in the world on Innovation Cities™ Global Index. It is the fourth richest city by GDP in the European Union and 35th in the world with an output amounting to €177 billion, a figure nonetheless smaller than alternative estimates. As of 2009 the city was ranked Europe's third and one of the world's most successful as a city brand. Barcelona is the seventh most important fashion capital in the world. At the same time, the city was ranked Europe's fourth best business city and fastest improving European city, with growth improved by 17% per year. Among world centers of commerce, Barcelona takes second place in economic stability. As the capital of the autonomous community of Catalonia, Barcelona is the seat of the Catalan government, known as the Generalitat de Catalunya; of particular note are the executive branch, the parliament, and the Supreme Court of Catalonia. The city is also the capital of the Province of Barcelona and the Barcelonès commerce.



Access to the Gala Dinner

The Gala Dinner will be held on May 11th, 2017

Time: According to the program



Information



Weather

Barcelona has a Mediterranean climate with mild, humid winters and warm, dry summers. Its average annual temperature is 21 °C (70 °F) during the day and 14 °C (57 °F) at night.

Source: <https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Barcelona>



Time

Barcelona is in the Central European Time Zone. Central European Standard Time (CET) is 1 hour ahead of Greenwich Mean Time (GMT+1).



Banks

Choose an ATM in a busy area and merge quickly into the crowd to avoid being targeted. Barcelona is particularly well-equipped with ATMs. Many offer a wide range of services (withdrawals, transfers, mobile credit recharges, ticketing, etc.) and accept credit cards of various banks.



Post Office

Most post offices are open Monday to Friday from 08:00am to 18:00pm.



Shopping

Monday-Friday: 10:00am to 18:00pm Saturdays: shops close at 13:00pm and remain closed on Sundays.

Be careful in tourist areas. A variety of methods are employed, including the No Change trick



Electricity

In Barcelona electrical current is 220 volts/50Hz and the European round 2-pin plugs are standard. Americans and Canadians with 110V equipment will need a transformer which changes the voltage and an adapter to fit Spanish sockets. These can be bought at any hardware store. British, Australians and South Africans can use a plug adapter which most department stores stock.



Special Needs

Delegates and accompanying persons with disabilities are invited to advise the Congress Secretariat of any special requirements.



Currency

The official currency is EURO.



Pharmacy

In Barcelona there are plenty of 24 hour service pharmacies.

Source: <http://barcelona.angloinfo.com/af/271/barcelona-pharmacies-medical-services-and-supplies.html>

Emergency direct call numbers:

Ambulance 061

Fire Brigade 080

Police 091

Place of Interest in Barcelona

Barcelona Cathedral

The earliest origins of Barcelona Cathedral date back to a basilica with three naves, destroyed by Al-Mansur in 925. The remains of this basilica can be seen at the City History Museum. Around 1046, Bishop Guislabert pushed for the construction of a new cathedral. There are hardly any references to this cathedral. It is believed to have occupied part of the Gothic building but all that has been preserved is Romanesque.

Address: Pla Seu, 3, 08002 Barcelona

Opening hours:

- **Mondays to Saturdays:**
13:00pm – 17:00pm
- **Sundays and public holidays**
14:00pm – 17:00pm

Phone: +36 1 441 4000

Fees: General admission: 5 €

For more details about the fees you can visit the official site (in Spanish language):

URL: http://www.bcn.es/cgi-bin/eveure_eq.pl?id=92086000934



Sagrada Familia by Antonio Gaudi

The expiatory church of La Sagrada Família is a work on a grand scale which was begun on 19 March 1882 from a project by the diocesan architects Francisco de Paula del Villar (1828-1901). At the end of 1883 Gaudí was commissioned to carry on the works, a task which he did not abandon until his death in 1926. Since then different architects have continued the work after his original idea. The building is in the centre of Barcelona, and over the years it has become one of the most universal signs of identity of the city and the country. It is visited by millions of people every year and many more study its architectural and religious content. It has always been an expiatory church, which means that since the outset, 130 years ago now, it has been built from donations. Gaudí himself said: "The expiatory church of La Sagrada Família is made by the people and is mirrored in them. It is a work that is in the hands of God and the will of the people." The building is still going on and could be finished some time in the first third of the 21st century.

Address: Calle Mallorca, 401, 08013 Barcelona

Opening hours: October - March: 09:00 - 18:00

Fees: full admission €13.00

For more details about the fees you can visit the official site:

URL: <http://www.sagradafamilia.cat/>



L'Aquarium de Barcelona

An ideal place to see the sea bed, and particularly the Mediterranean, and a fantastic option for enjoying your free time. In L'Aquàrium de Barcelona, as well as the tanks and the displays, you can enjoy the different services we offer you for your visit to be as pleasant as possible (cafeteria self-service, L'Aquàrium shop, souvenir photo, the auditorium, etc.).

Address: Moll d'Espanya del Port Vell 08039 Barcelona

Opening hours: Open all year round

Opening: 9.30h, **Closing:** Monday through Friday: 21.00h Weekend and public holidays: 21.30h

Entrance Fee: Adults: 18.00 €, Children from 3 to 12: 13.00 €, Adults over 60: 15.00 €

URL: http://www.aquariumbcn.com/AQUARIUM/info_horario.php



Poble Espanyol de Montjuïc

The Spanish people is one of the many attractions offered by Barcelona. This is a small village made up of different neighborhoods replicas to maintain the style of the houses and architecture from different parts of Spain. There you can find, besides the renowned flamenco show tablao Carmen, various craft shops and workshops where they produce some traditional items of Spain.

Address: Avda. Marques de Comillas, 13 08038 Barcelona

Opening hours: Monday: from 9 PM to 8 PM

Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Sundays from 9 AM until midnight

Friday: from 9 AM to 3 AM, Saturdays: from 9 AM to 4 AM

Entrance Fee: full admission €9,50, seniors: €6,60, children €5,60

URL: <http://www.poble-espanyol.com/pemsa/en.html>



La Pedrera - Casa Mila by Antonio Gaudí

The Royal Canonry of Premonstratensians at Strahov is one of the oldest monasteries of the Premonstratensian Order in the world. It has been a working monastery practically ever since it was founded in 1143. Fire, the Hussite Wars, religious wars, and the Communists all failed to shut down this institution. Even when the members of the monastery were unable to live within its walls, they gathered wherever they could and nurtured the spirit of their House until they were able to return to the monastery complex.

Address: Calle Provenca, 261 – 265, 08008 Barcelona

Opening hours: Daily, March - October: 09:00 - 20:00

Entrance Fee: Adult: €16.50, Children (six and under): free, Children (7-12 years old): €8,25

URL: <https://www.lapedrera.com/en/home>



Museums

Picasso Museum

The Picasso museum is a key reference for understanding the formative years of Pablo Picasso. The genius of the young artist is revealed through the 4,251 works that make up the permanent collection. Furthermore, the Picasso museum, opened in 1963, also reveals his deep relationship with Barcelona: an intimate, solid relationship that was shaped in his adolescence and youth, and continued until his death. The Picasso museum is very rich in regard to work from the formative years in the life of the artist; it is practically exhaustive up to the Blue Period. The Museum also houses an important representation of works from 1917, and the series Las Meninas (1957) as well as a comprehensive print collection.

Address: Montcada, 15-23 08003 Barcelona

Opening Hours:

Tuesday - Sunday: 9am to 7pm

Thursday: Until 9.30 pm

Closed on Mondays

Entrance Fee: full admission €11

Phone: +36 1 469 7100

URL: <http://www.museupicasso.bcn.es/>



FC Barcelona Museum

Another of the most popular museums in Barcelona is the Museu del FC Barcelona, this is a must for all those Barca supporters around the world. You can also visit the Camp Nou stadium which is truly amazing. In the museum you will find the trophies posters, shirts, boots and tons of other memorabilia of one of the worlds best football clubs.... perhaps the best? Camp Nou is the 3rd largest football stadium in the world and the largest stadium in Europe with a capacity of about 110000 people. It has been the home of FC Barcelona since 1957 and is also the home of the Catalan national team. Construction started on 28 March 1954 and took 3 years to complete, it was officially opened on the 24 September 1957. The architects who built it were Francesc Mitjans, Josep Soteras, and Lorenzo Garcia-Barbon.

Address: Aristides Maillol, entrance no 7, 08028 Barcelona

Phone: +36 1 460 7000

Opening Hours:

04 April - 09 October: 10:00 - 20:00

10 October - 03 April: 10:00 - 18:30

Sundays and holidays: 10:00 - 14:30

Prices: Adults: €22.00

Child: €16.50



URL: <http://www.fcbarcelona.com/camp-nou>

Source: <http://www.barcelona-easy-guide.com>

Attractions

Tours

All Barcelona Highlights Tour

The perfect tour for people on a short visit: the best way to see everything, covering the distances and avoiding the lines. Visit Barcelona's major landmarks: Passeig de Gracia, Parque Guell, Sagrada Familia, Olympic Village and more!

Tour Route

Passeig de Gracia, Park Guell, Sagrada Familia, Port, Columbus Monument, Miramar Lookout, Joan Miro Foundation, Olympic Ring Stadiums, Poble Espanyol including free time for lunch.

Open Bus Tours

Fees: Price adults: 66 euros, children (3-12): 35 euros, infants (0-3): free

Departs: Daily at 9:00

Contact information

Phone number: +34 9317 86083

On line contact form: <http://www.barcelonacitytours.com/contact.html>



URL: <http://www.barcelonacitytours.com/tours/details/8906/All-Barcelona-Highlights-Tour/>

Barcelona Walks Gourmet

Enjoy a flavour-filled journey in a guided tour through the old town and discover Barcelona's cuisine. During this walk you will find out about the history of Barcelona's cuisine as well as some of its flagship restaurants and food outlets, to enjoy sampling some of their produce. Bon appetit!

Tour Route

Farm Viader, Market of La Boqueria, Confectionery Escriba, Cafe de le Opera, Petrixol street, Chocolateria Fargas, La Pineda, Les turroneiras del carrer Cucurulla, Barcelona 600 years of gastronomy culture, Cafes el Magnifico, Tostaderos Casa Gispert, Botifarrereria de Santa Maria, The wineries of La Ribera.

Fees: Price adults: 20 euros, children ((4-12): 7 euros, infants (0-4): free

Pick up departure: Turisme de Barcelona information office. Pl. de Catalunya, 17.

Departs: Fridays and Saturdays in English at 10:00 am

Contact information

Phone number: +34 9317 86083

On line contact form: <http://www.barcelonacitytours.com/contact.html>

URL: <https://www.barcelonacitytours.com/tours/walking-tours/barcelona-walks-gourmet/>



Dining in Barcelona

The contemporary traditional Catalan cuisine scene in Barcelona makes the city one of the best food destinations in the world. The plates elaborated in these Barcelona's kitchens are creative, but utilize locally sourced ingredients based on dishes of the past, reinterpreted with great attention to detail, creativity, presentation, and contemporary cooking techniques.

In Barcelona food is taken very seriously. People in Barcelona plan supper while eating lunch, when planning a day trip their most important concern is where they are going to eat. Just grabbing a bite to eat is just not an option.

In Barcelona eating comes first, when you taste the food you will discover why.

Gaig (Typical Catalan Cuisin)

Carles Gaig was destined to be a chef from birth. He was raised in the Horta neighborhood of Barcelona where his family owned the Taberna d'en Gaig since 1869. Growing up, Carles was always helping out around the restaurant but it wasn't until the 1970s when his mother's blindness forced him to take over the reins of the Taberna. His mother and great-grandmother's influences are still visible today in the great care with which he prepares their classic recipes – especially the cannelloni, one of his star dishes that has been on the menu since he started the business.

Address: Carrer Còrsega, 200

Opening Hours: Tuesday to Saturday: 13:30 - 15:30, 20:30 - 23:00

Sunday and holidays: 13:30 - 15:30

Closed on Mondays Monday - Sunday: 12:00pm -23:00 pm

Phone: +34 934 53 20 20

E-Mail: info@restaurantgaig.com

URL: <http://www.restaurantgaig.com/en/>



Ferrum Restaurant

In a warm and refine place not far from city center, Ferrum could be defined as a modern Catalan gastronomic restaurant. We appreciate very much the way the chef transforms fresh market products and traditional recipes into something new, sophisticated and amusing

Address: Carrer Còrsega, 400

Phone: +34 934 577 610

E-Mail: ferrum@ferrum.es

URL: <http://www.ferrum.es/>



Cal Pep (Tapas restaurant)

Cal Pep is one of the most known tapas restaurant in Barcelona. Its reputation goes largely behind the city wall and it's justified. Everything is fresh and fun, the tapas, the people, the service, the wine! Cal Pep is authentic Mediterranean cuisine, reflecting Pep's personal style and incorporating seasonal ingredients. You will enjoy fish, shellfish and fresh produce, all prepared with Pep's originality and flair.

Opening hours: Monday from 7.30pm to 11.30pm,
Tuesday - Friday from 1pm to 3.45pm and from 7.30pm to 11.30pm
Saturday from 1pm to 3.45pm
Closed Sundays and holidays

Address: Pl. de les Olles, 8

Tel: +34 933 107 961, +34 933 196 281

URL: <http://www.calpep.com/>



Arola Restaurant

Arola restaurant in Barcelona is located on the second floor of the luxury Hotel Arts. One comes there for its brand new pop design, its beautiful terrace in front of Frank Gehry's giant wale and great live music set with local DJs. At his Hotel Arts restaurant, Arola showcases imaginative interpretations of traditional Mediterranean cuisine, served tapas style for informal sharing.

Address: Marina 19–21, 08005 Barcelona

Tel: +34 93 483 80 90

E-Mail: <mailto:artsrestaurants@ritzcarlton.com>

URL: <http://www.hotelartsbarcelona.com/en/Dining/Arola>



La Vinya De St. Joan

Bar restaurant Sant Joan Vinya reopens now with a new environment and a new cuisine specializing in tapas, sandwiches, torrades and a tasty meat stone.

Address: Riera D'en Nofre 10

Phone: +34 93 477 21 42

URL: <https://www.facebook.com/LA-VINYA-DE-ST-JOAN-119422672883/>

Sources: http://www.barcelona.com/barcelona_city_guide/where_to_eat_barcelona/



Sources: <http://www.barcelona-tourist-guide.com>
<http://www.barcelona.com/>
<http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Barcelona>
<http://www.ferrum.es/>
<http://www.barcelona.com>
<http://www.restaurantgaig.com/en/>
<http://www.barcelona-airport.com/>