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## The hot list

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	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	
	03	04	
	Harley Days	Bob Dylan	
	<b>Motorcycles</b> BCN is taken over by the beautiful machines.	<b>Concert</b> The US singer performs an open-air show.	
	MONDAY	WEDNESDAY	FRIDAY
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a se se	Daniel Barenboim	La Traviata	24-hour Motorcycle Race
	<b>Classical music</b> Famed conductor comes to Palau de la Música.	<b>Opera</b> The Liceu stages Verdi's three-act masterpiece.	<b>Sport</b> Endurance test at the Catalan circuit.

**DON'T MISS!** Alfons Borell. The Fundació Miró pays tribute to the 60-year career of this Barcelona painter. **THU 02** 

Los Sobrinos. Part of a series of world music concerts at the lovely Sant Pau modernista monument. THU 23

SATURDAY	TUESDAY	SATURDAY		SUNDAY
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Festival Folklore	Mallorca 1715	Barcelona Beach Festival	LIE LIKE	Zoggs Swim Barcelona
<b>Traditions</b> Catalan customs at Montjuïc Castle.	<b>Exhibition</b> History-themed show at Born Cultural Centre.	<b>Electronic music</b> David Guetta and Martin Garrix headline.	VERT COLLECTION	<b>Sport</b> Swimmers compete in an open-sea race.
-	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	FRIDAY
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	Sorolla	Festival Hard Rock Rising	Bachelona	Mark Knopfler
	Dance Spanish National Ballet performs art-inspired piece.	<b>Music</b> Kings of Leon and Lenny Kravitz lead the line-up.	<b>Classical music</b> Bach cantatas at Santa Maria del Mar church.	<b>Concert</b> See the British guitarist at Poble Espanyol.

## I love BCN



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On this quiet, photogenic street in Ciutat Vella, this building is the loveliest of them all.

#### WTF IS...

Learn to speak Barcelona with our vocab guide | By Jan Fleischer

Orxata

**Orxata** (*or-CHAT-a*) is a sweet, calorific summer drink made from either tiger nuts, barley, almonds, rice or hazelnuts. To make more of a meal of it, order *farton* sponge fingers to go with it and dip them in.

## What am I doing here?

Jan Fleischer

## Vegans eat pork, right?

All this talk about fancy salads (see page 28) is making me hungry. And in this town, that wasn't always the case. I went vegetarian while living in San Francisco in the '90s. But despite the rants I endured from vegan friends trying to convince me to take that next step, I refused. I had to draw the line. Cheese is good. Ice cream is good! Plus, I had a vegan friend who couldn't even eat certain cookies because they had some trace of some ingredient that was once strained through some material made out of a shaving off a horse's hoof. Or something.

Being a veggie was a breeze until I moved to Barcelona, when the only sandwich option was sliced white cheese on dry white bread, and the only salad had iceberg lettuce, pungent raw onions, pale tomatoes and a single, sad olive. With an anchovy inside. Or sometimes tinned tuna on top. 'But that's not meat, it's tuna!' I'd be told. Then I learned how to ask for vegetarian options. After a fiveminute lecture on how I can never fully integrate if I don't eat jamón serrano, I'd be assured there was no meat in the pasta. Which was then served with ham mixed in. 'But that's not meat, it's ham!'

Nowadays Catalans are eating healthier, cutting back on red meat, adding in more fresh and locally grown food, and discovering that vegetarian dishes go beyond tofu, and that salads don't have to be just iceberg swimming in vinegar. Excuse me while I grab a fork.

Jan's currently eating veg (and cheese) on holiday.

This clock towerstands ----in Plaça de la Vila de Gràcia.

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#### 14:00-16:30 Down in the Born

Start at the Born Centre Cultural (Pl. Comercial, 12), an iron and glass structure built in 1876 as a market. From there you can stop in at the spectacular Santa Maria del Marchurch (Pl. de Santa Maria, 1), a local favourite and setting for many a wedding. Just next to that is the Fossar de les Moreres, a square that might not be much to look at, but which has great significance to the people of Barcelona: it was built over a cemetery where those who died fighting to defend the city in the 1714 Siege of Barcelona were buried. The square features an eternal flame to honour the memory of the fallen.

#### 17:00-19:30 Sustenance and shopping

Stop for a break in one of the Born's lesser-known squares, such as

Sant Pere de les Puel-les or Sant Agusti Vell. The Born is an area that's packed with boutiques where you can pick up some designer shoes or one-of-a-kind gifts to bring home. As you're strolling through the streets, keep your eye out for Ivori (Mirallers, 7), an exquisite shop with local designs, On Land (Princesa, 25), where both men and women can find new threads, and Studiostore (Comerç, 17), with everything from clothes and eyewear to original cushions.

## 20:00-23:30

For dinner, try the Asian tapas at Mosquito (Carders, 46) – they'll melt in your mouth. Always a sure thing is eating in one of the city's fresh markets, such as Santa Caterina (Av. Francesc Cambo, 16) with its attention-drawing rooftop, or try Mercat Princesa (Flassaders, 21), where you don't have to limit your choice to just one restaurant

#### **COOL HUNTING**

Once called the 'Barrio Chino', the Raval has inspired many a writer. Nowadays, it's a place where local businesses thrive in the form of unique shops and restaurants, while still maintaining some of its seedy underworld glamour. Urban culture is booming here, alongside gems such as the CCCB and Filmoteca.

but can graze from 16 different food 'stalls'. To top off the night, head in the direction of the sea and have a drink in Absenta (Sant Carles, 36) and you're sure to get a good night's sleep, the more upscale Zahara Cocktail Club (Pg. Joan de Borbó, 69) or Café de los Angelitos (Almirall Cervera, 26).

#### 09:00-11:30 Trees and parks

Start your day with a big breakfast among the tree-lined streets of the Esquerra Eixample. Velodromo (Muntaner, 213) opens at 6am, for those of you really keen to get going, while Travel & Cake (Rosselló, 189), opens every day from 9am and has an eclectic menu of sweet and savoury options. Once you've got your energy levels up, jump on public transport and head up to Gaudí's natural wonder, Park Güell - book in advance on www.parkguell.cat to ensure you get in to the 'monumental' zone and save a euro. Bonus!

#### 12:00-14:00 Gracious living

Grab a bite down the hill in Gràcia, at the woodsy and spacious Café Salambó (Torrijos,

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51) or at La Pubilla (PI. de la Llibertat, 23), specialising in oldschool local food or, if the weather's nice, in a square such as Plaça del Diamant or Plaça de la Vila de Gràcia. While you're in the area, have a look around for some unusual souvenirs in the shop-lined streets – suggestions include Pinc Store for clothes (Encarnació, 24) and Magnesia (Torrent de l'Olla, 192) or Mueblé Martínez de la Rosa, 34) for homewares.

#### 14:30-18:00 Explore modernisme

Next stop: the Sagrada Família. Gaudí's masterpiece gets very crowded, but take your time to appreciate his vision. Once done, walk over to Av. Diagonal to keep the modernisme theme going by stopping at Casa de les Punxes (Rosselló, 260), Palau del Baró de Quadras (Diagonal, 373) and Casa Planells (Diagonal, 332). Alternatively, take the metro from the Sagrada Família (L5) to Diagonal and stroll down Passeig de Gràcia to just hit the modernisme biggies: La Pedrera (Provença, 261), Casa Amatller (Pg. de Gràcia, 41) and Casa Batlló (Pg. de Gràcia, 43).

#### WANDER OFF

Many visitors stick to the central areas, but the city is so much more. Gràcia is full of life at all hours of the day, Sarrià retains much of its historical small-town feel, while Poble-sec and Sant Antoni are currently the places to be, thanks to their top cuisine and quality nightlife. And not forgetting the hilltop theme park of Tibidabo.

#### 19:30-02:00 Big night out

Try the out-of-this-world double terrace of Invisible-Pizza Ravalo (PI. Emili Vendrell, 1), Teresa Carles for a healthy vegetarian option (Jovellanos, 2), or the Mediterranean banquet that is Lo de Flor (Carretes, 18). After lining your stomach, get a couple of drinks in Negroni or Tahiti, both in the barladen street of Joaquín Costa (46 and 39, respectively), and then ease on down to the dance floors at Apolo, Marula or other area clubs, before calling it a night.

#### 10:00-12:00 Mountain climbing

Head to the 'mountain' of Montjuïc. Depending on what you're in the mood for, you can visit the Joan Miró Foundation (Parc de Montjuïc, s/n), the Olympic Stadium and other nearby constructions from the 1992 Games, or walk around the plentiful gardens, such as the Jardins Laribal (Pg. Santa Madrona, 2). Another highlight is the Museu Nacional d'Art de Catalunya (MNAC), with its ample collections and varied temporary exhibitions.

#### 13:00-15:00 End on a beach spot

Take the cable car from Montjuïc to Barceloneta, with its beaches and boats, where you can relax with a vermouth and a paella. Most restaurants in Barceloneta specialise in seafood, taking advantage of the nearby Med. The prime real estate means some of the better spots aren't cheap, but if you're feeling flush, they're worth it. Try Can Solé (Sant Carles, 4), La Mar Salada (Pg. Joan de Borbó, 58) or El Suguet de l'Almirall (Pg. Joan de Borbó, 65). A great place for the more budget-conscious, with a huge terrace and fresh, scrummy dishes to go with their relaxed vibe is Santa Marta (Grau i Torras, 59).

> Nova Icària beach was once part of the Somorrostro shanty town, home to thousands and birthplace of legendary flamenco artist Carmen Amaya.

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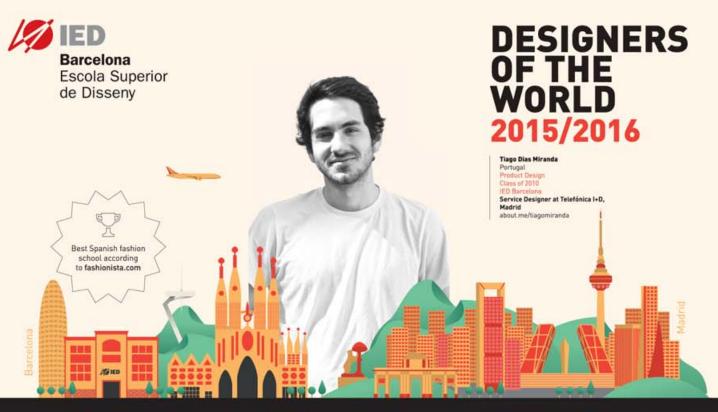


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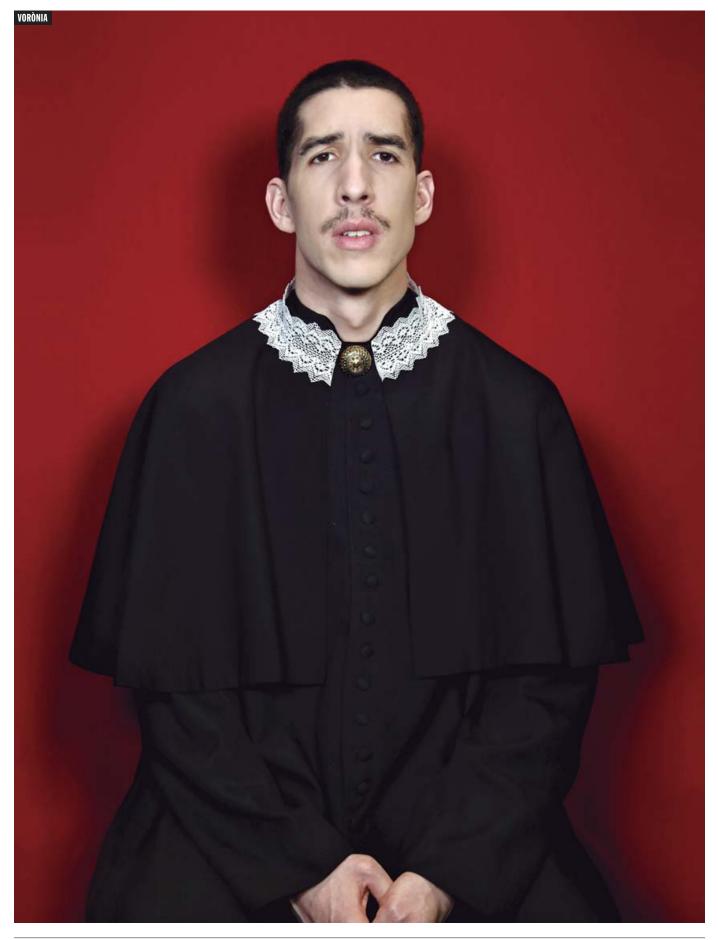
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# Cultural takeover

The Grec Festival is Barcelona's biggest cultural event, with a whole month dedicated to music, dance and theatre in venues around the city. Both local and international creatives take part, bringing a unique energy to what is one of the hottest months of the year when many other activities are winding down. At the centre of the action is the Teatre Grec, a classically styled, open-air amphitheatre built in 1929 on the site of a former quarry on Montjuïc – with its refreshing gardens and imposing ranks of stone benches, the performers have to work hard to compete with the setting. The Grec programme is extensive – to lend you a hand, here are our picks of what you really should see.

By Andreu Gomila & Nick Chapman



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#### VORÒNIA

DANCE. Wed 1-Thu 2, Teatre Grec. After transporting us to Siena, Russia, Iceland and Japan, La Veronal now plunges into the darkness and shadows that hold sway in the depths of the Voronja cave, an underground cavern more than 2,000 metres deep, located in Georgia, in the Western Caucasus. It's the ideal setting for an exploration of evil such as the one embarked upon by La Veronal – a company with an international reputation, directed by Marcos Morau – which was formed in 2005 by a group of artists from the worlds of dance, film, photography and literature in search of new forms of expression.

#### W.W. (WE WOMEN)

DANCE. Mon 6-Wed 8, Mercat de les Flors. In previous works, Sol Picó has explored issues around the world of women: she now approaches the subject head-on, asking a number of artists from countries as diverse as India, Benin and Japan to reflect on identity and gender barriers. The show is part of a collaborative project on women and their situation in the world today, and the performers employ different techniques and languages which, while not necessarily mutually intelligible, serve to pose the same questions. Why is women's contribution to art so easily forgotten, and why does their legacy disappear? What is our experience of the clash between tradition and modernity? How is it possible, in the 21st century, that there are still traditions that permit the abuse of women?

#### **DIEGO EL CIGALA**

MUSIC. Fri 10, Teatre Grec. It's no accident that El Cigala has chosen a piano-only accompaniment for his show: the instrument marked a turning point in his career. He encountered it in 2000, thanks to the great Bebo Valdés, with whom he recorded one of his most important albums, Lágrimas negras. Meeting the legendary Cuban pianist was a gift, above all because Valdés revealed to the singer the vast potential of a musical instrument that he has rarely been separated from since. After Valdés, El Cigala enlisted the musician's piano-playing son, Chucho, and then Caramelo de Cuba. Since 2005, he has been accompanied by Jaime Calabuch, Yumitus, from Barcelona's gypsy community. Together they will revisit El Cigala's greatest hits, playing styles from zambra to tango and bolero.

#### JOSÉ JAMES

MUSIC. Saturday 11, BARTS. In the centenary of the birth of Billie Holiday, a voice from the new generation pays tribute to her, proving that Lady Day's star shines as brightly as ever. José James has described how Holiday's voice, 'magnificent, warm, intimate and absolutely unique' (which can all be applied to James's own baritone voice) could be heard in his childhood home. James





rediscovered the voice of Lady Day during his teenage years, when he was also listening to Nirvana, De La Soul and A Tribe Called Quest. So it's no surprise that he mixes contemporary beats with the musical legacy of an artist who, as he says, opened the doors of jazz to him and showed him the path he should follow.

#### À LOUER

#### DANCE. Wed 15-Fri 17, Mercat de les Flors.

Theatregoers who saw 32 rue Vandenbranden at Grec 2012 or Vader (Father) at last year's festival will be looking forward to submerging themselves once again in the parallel universe of memories, visions and nightmares that Peeping Tom so brilliantly evokes. The company returns to Barcelona with a major production having its Spanish premiere. The story follows a bourgeois family in decline, its eccentric members groping their way through a kind of labyrinth that symbolises a tangled maze of thoughts from which they cannot escape. A metaphor for life and the theatre, and for a stage that belongs to the artists only fleetingly, a provisional space that is always 'for rent' (à louer).

#### LAMBCHOP

**MUSIC. Fri 17, BARTS.** Singer-songwriter and guitarist Kurt Wagner is the central point that anchors the every changing line-ups of Lambchop, a band with a quiet but far-reaching influence on US alternative music. Since the band's formation in Nashville in the 1990s, they've developed an alt-country style that draws on 1001 sources of inspiration, including soul and blues from Wagner's home town of Memphis. In 2012, they released their 11th album, titled *Mr. M*, a series of meditations on love, loss and the little miseries of everyday life.

#### LEE FIELDS

MUSIC. Wed 22, BARTS. James Brown, The Temptations, Eddie Floyd, Otis Redding, classic '60s Memphis soul... That was the soundtrack to Lee Fields's childhood. Since he began singing in the late-'60s, he's mastered James Brown-style funk, as well as contemporary blues and soul. In the '70s he was a funk legend, while in the '90s he was enthusiastically championed by soul-blues fans. Today his records continue to be appreciated in scenes as diverse as hip hop and rare groove, and provide an endless source of pleasure for fans delighted by his revival of the classic sound of US R 'n' B.

#### EL CINQUÈ HIVERN

DANCE. Wed 22-Thu 23, Mercat de les Flors. María Muñoz and Pep Ramis, creators and performers of *El cinquè hivern*, invent a succession of games and strategies to while away the time as they wait – and to fill the silence in which they have become unexpectedly immersed. In the depths of the so-called 'fifth winter', captive bodies roam through an intimate geography, as if suspended between silences and voices from elsewhere. In this piece, the Mal Pelo dance company presents a poetic meditation on the passing of time and the limits of our personal territory.

#### LILA DOWNS

MUSIC. Fri 24, BARTS. With a mother who's a singer and a father who's a professor of art and a film director, the performing arts were a natural choice for this Mexican artist who never misses a chance to champion her country's cultural heritage. She does so once again on her latest studio album, which she recorded with some distinguished guests, including Colombian musician, Juanes. The songs on Balas y chocolate cast their keen gaze towards an America that, despite social conflicts and disenchantment, still clings to its hopes and dreams. These are the 'bullets' and 'chocolate' alluded to in the title, symbolising, on the one hand, violence and, on the other, pleasure and excess, signs of the times we live in.

#### YANN TIERSEN

MUSIC. Sun 26, Teatre Grec. His music for films including Amélie (2001) and Goodbye Lenin! (2003) made him famous, but Yann Tiersen doesn't regard himself primarily as a soundtrack composer. He's an eclectic musician whose influences range from street music, avant-garde and minimalist styles to rock, waltzes and the French chanson. His latest release, his eighth studio album, takes a sign that could be the number 8 or the infinity symbol as a title. It features tracks sung in Icelandic, Faroese and Breton (Tiersen hails from Brittany), and has a deep connection to the landscapes of the Celtic culture that Tiersen champions - to the point of dreaming of a Brittany independent from France, but part of a federal Europe.

#### Mini-sized culture

Take your children on a journey of discovery with the Grec's specially designed programme of productions for young culture fans.

Barcelona's cultural scene is an excellent place to find original activities aimed at children, introducing them to the worlds of music, dance and theatre. The Grec Festival is no exception, with a special programme of events for the younger members of the family, called MiniGrec. The fun kicks off with Faboo, a piece of 'theatre with objects' (without spoken language) where the sole protagonist is a plastic bottle, the eponymous Faboo (pictured below). Worked by two actresses, the child-like creature sets off on a journey to explore his surrounds, a trip during which the joy in the simple elements of life are celebrated (Sat 4, Sun 5, Teatre Tarantana. For children aged five and above). If your kids are fans of puppet shows, Petjades ('Footprints') is an exploration of how the relationship between humans and their best friends, dogs, developed over time (Wed 8, Thu 9, La Vilella. For children aged four and over. In Catalan), while El intrépido viaje de un hombre y un pez, follows a man and a fish on an adventure filled with poetry and dreams (Sat 18, Sun 19, La Vilella. For over-sevens. In Spanish). And if you're visiting with a baby, why not get their musical interest going with ElectricBabyland, a multilingual musicalstory workshop where under-fives will have the chance to play a range of miniature instruments (Sat 11, Sun 12,

Fundació Joan Miró. In Catalan, Spanish, English, French and Italian). -Hannah Pennell

> The Grec Festival runs throughout July. **Buy tickets** and find **more info** about what's happening at: **www.bcn.cat/grec**

## Hamlet speaks Catalan

Don't sweat the language – there's no better way to immerse yourself in local culture than to take in a play in Catalan. By **Andreu Gomila** 



They're in their 30s and have projects on the go in theatre capitals like New York, London and Milan. They've spent a lifetime in the theatre, watching the best productions and absorbing lessons from the likes of Neil LaBute, Simon Stephens and David Harrower. They even tasted success in their 20s with small plays staged in off-Barcelona venues. And now, at a time when directors are no longer in the spotlight, playwrights like Pere Riera, Pau Miró, Jordi Galceran, Sergi Belbel, Marta Buchaca and Jordi Casanovas are the ones to watch.

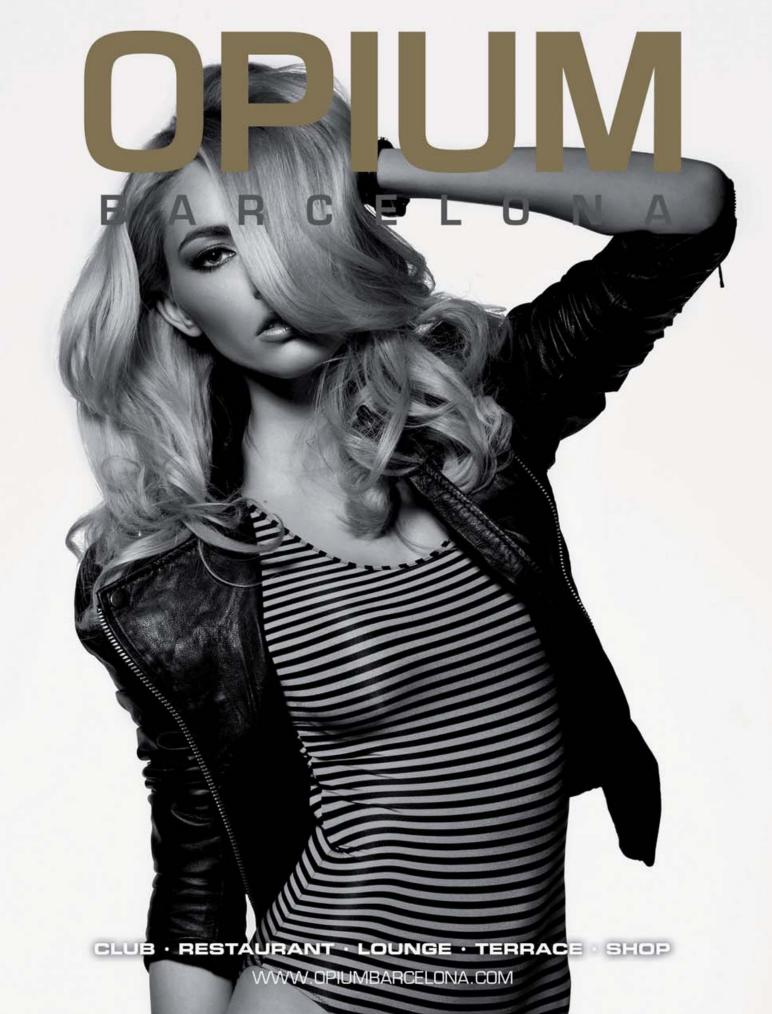
Guillem Clua, whose plays *Skin in Flames* and *The Taste of Ashes* premiered in the US, says, 'We're living our finest moment as playwrights with respect to international opportunities, and we've got to take advantage of that. There are several exciting voices outside Barcelona, such as Esteve Soler, and this is happening because we don't sit around contemplating our navels or talking about marital problems or issues out of our reach. We talk about what happens on the street, what's in the papers. Today our audience is global.' The upcoming Barcelona season will include Clua's production of the musical 73 raons per deixar-te (73 Reasons to Leave You) at the Teatre Goya.

All these playwrights come from the biggest Barcelona drama factory, the Sala Beckett, a 60-seat theatre in Gràcia that 10 years ago devoted a full season to the theme of Barcelona and, two years later, to Catalan drama. With that first season on Barcelona, new authors erupted onto the scene. Pau Miró premiered *Plou a Barcelona (It's Raining in Barcelona)*, which won the Critics Circle best new play award and travelled to Italy, to be staged by the Teatro Uniti company. And his *Els jugadors (The Players)* won the Ubú prize (the Italian Oliviers) for best foreign play. And we can't forget *The Grönholm Method*, by Jordi Galceran, premiered in 30 countries.

Three years ago, the Catalan National Theatre (TNC) gave a few playwrights the chance to stage their new work in one of the biggest theatres in town – with 900 seats, the TNC is normally reserved for big productions by Shakespare or Lorca. It was the sign of a healthy future: local playwrights can draw an audience. In Barcelona, not only does Hamlet speak Catalan, but the most popular plays are written in Catalan too.

## Catalans at the Grec Festival

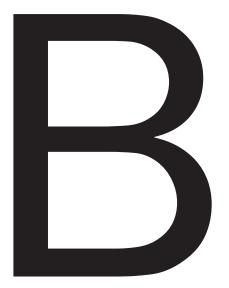
Thanks to Barcelona's summer festival you've got the chance to see the latest play by Catalonia's most important female playwright, Lluïsa Cunillé (El carrer Franklin. TNC, July 2-26), a critique of a society that has suddenly become insensitive to such basic rights as housing and work. You can also catch classic Catalan company, Els Joglars (VIP. BARTS, July 1-8), as they ask whether our education system and our obsession with children's rights are not leading parents and teachers to fall into a trap of their own making. And a new Catalan troupe called La Calòrica (Bluf. Mercat de les Flors, July 16-19). Unfortunately, none of these performances have English subtitles...



# Peaceful path to the sea

By Antonio Baños Photos Maria Dias

Poblenou's Rambla is the best street Barcelona, according to our readers. We sent one of the city's most acerbic commentators to confirm it.



etween the showy would-be Manhattan of the 22@ district and the toytown Miami of Diagonal Mar. I set out down the street best loved by Time Out readers: Rambla de Poblenou. The Rambla Nova ('New Rambla'), slicing through the worst, most depersonalised area of the city, begins with the Sheraton Four Points hotel on the left ideal for a glamour-free meeting with sallow suits and random barflies during happy hour.

The stretch that runs from Diagonal to Pere IV is widely accepted to be irrelevant, but past this black hole of contemporary banality, we come to the old border marked by Pere IV itself. An industrious street of tradespeople, its ranks of low-rise buildings and warehouses stretch off into the distance on either side of the Rambla. true to the spirit of the old district of Sant Martí. the city's back-room workshop.

Not so long ago it was the monument to Doctor Trueta that marked the start of the Rambla, representing a modest gesture towards the idea of public statuary. It's the work of Josep Ricart, one of those tormented, Catholic, eternally bewildered sculptors like Subirachs (another local boy), who have so little in common with the luminous spirit of Barcelona.

#### A fascinating world

On the right, at No. 113, there's one of the most charming and useful businesses on the Rambla, the ironmonger's Coral. The 1930s-style metal lettering of the sign is seductive with its fascinating, simple and suggestive message – materials, foneria i aïllants ('materials, castings and insulation'). A drink and a snack are optional, but a visit to a hardware store such as Coral - which opened in 1860 - is always an essential element of a proper urban stroll.

The great triumph of town planning - and, I would even say, of ethics - on the Rambla del Poblenou, is the roundabouts. All over this country, roundabouts are empty spaces. A circle that expels life and is filled with the pathetic emptiness of grass verges and ugly sculptures in the property-boom style. Poblenou's Rambla, however, proves that the circle of a roundabout can also be the opposite. An amphitheatre of public benches where people gaze not at the landscape or the street, but at each other. The roundabouts of the Rambla, with their benches, are citizens' auditoriums, theatres of the self where the show is other people, sitting before you. They may be one of the most civilised places in the city. Unlike benches set apart from the flow of the crowds, these offer a static, civil, communal experience.

As we enter the oldest part of the Rambla we have to make a stop at Can Recasens (see over). And a little further down, close to the Passatge del Cantí, I rediscover another classic: Can Toni. When, many years ago now, yours truly played rough-and-ready rock 'n' roll in the Wad Ras rehearsal rooms opposite, Can Toni was music's hope and salvation. Loud, teeming with life, and a local institution, Can Toni witnessed a fantastic dinner to celebrate my birthday, back when a gin and tonic was only ever made with Gordon's and watery ice cubes.



#### **CORAL SAS**

Even if you're just passing through Poblenou, a visit here is practically obligatory. To call it an ironmonger's doesn't do it justice: you'll find literally everything you could need for the home, from hinges to water filters. Its not the friendliest service in the world, but they make up for it with their exhaustive stock. Pere IV, 200 **t** 93 309 65 00









#### **FLORETA**

Xavi Jovells's bar has brought the district high-cuisine tapas at affordable prices, something that was seriously lacking. Jovells's obsession is to raise his ingredients to their maximum expression through the cooking process, and today he has a dozen Calaf swan's eggs, which he plans to serve fried, 'to bring out the flavour of a very pure ingredient'. **Marià Aguiló, 50 @** 93 000 98 37

#### **TIERRA DE FUEGO**

It's not easy to find a truly great rotisserie chicken in Barcelona. The ones at Tierra del Fuego are perfect: as soon as you see them turning on the spit, you realise they're roasting on a wood fire. And they're bursting with flavour. You can also get *empanadas* – savoury pastries with a range of fillings – and various Argentinian meat cuts and sweets. **Venero, 18 9** 93 016 72 06



#### **CAN RECASENS**

Housed in a building designed by a student of the modernista architect Domènech i Muntaner in the early 1900s, this is Poblenou's go-to venue for large groups and celebrations. The fact that it's achieved this status with a menu based on cheeses and cured meats on toast speaks for itself. The portions are generous in the extreme, and there are usually queues for its two supper sittings. -R.M.**Rambla del Poblenou, 102** 

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Can Toni was where we negotiated the recording of our first album, and argued over which songs to include on it. I approach it feeling nostalgic, and it doesn't disappoint. The white shirts of the waiters are now delicate black garments. The noise of people is now the tireless sound of football on a plasma screen. The lighting is restrained. My nostalgia is seen off by the tapas and friendliness of the present. You can't go round being such an old fart, I tell myself.

#### **Table football heaven**

It's one of a kind! Monopol (No. 74) is a former table football club, now converted into a classic/ trendy bar. In a local/global space. Once again, the signs over the door explain this dual identity. Monopol serves *berenars* (afternoon snacks) and brunch. Tapas and happy hour. Paella and organic produce. Still, their table football championships are glorious. You should never lose the healthy habit of listening to the pounding music of an old table football table, performed by four impassioned players.

Here we are at last. No. 42. The Casino de l'Aliança de Poblenou was built in 1928 for an institution that dates back to 1868 – a casino in the original sense of 'social club', and nothing to do with gambling. If the bourgeois temple of the city-centre La Rambla is the Liceu Opera House, the Casino is its working-class counterpart. The symbol of a rebellious, dynamic Barcelona, steeped in a vibrant popular culture.

Now that I'm at the heart of the Rambla, it's time to pay homage to the residents, who, as the Som Rambla collective, have monitored and campaigned for the refurbishment and the conservation of the delicate balance of the Rambla's ecosystem for years.

At the Casino's restaurant, a classic among classics, they serve me a draught beer that revives me for the last stretch. The C/ del Taulat is the limit of the classic Rambla. The restaurant Mar Bella and Hostal Poblenou, its name stencilled on the side wall, are the final guardians of tradition, one on either side of the road. Beyond, the Rambla is tarmac to the sea. The oily smell of still-fresh road surfaces follows me to the C/ de Fernando Poo, another well of nostalgia. In the mid-'90s there were some unforgettable parties, about which I remember almost nothing, in a disused industrial unit on this street. They were parties where what was on the menu wasn't exactly cupcakes, and they finished around breakfast time. There's no rave when I walk past, but I find Le Somni, an interesting vintage furniture business. Everything is less offensive and softer these days, but as I said at Can Toni, I can't go round being such an old fart.

#### **One last treasure**

A final recommendation. Before you reach the municipal housing on Passeig del Calvell, take a look at No. 4. It's a two-storey house from 1890, which is hanging on. A tiny garden/vegetable plot. Peace. A scrap of countryside. Pause at the wild, hybrid, common space between the house and the housing blocks to savour for a moment the last vestiges of pre-tourist/non-touristified Barcelona.

The Rambla del Poblenou is a slice of what it means to be from Barcelona in these banal times when anywhere is the same place. A place where to be a Barcelona native is a pleasure, and at the same time a gratifying duty that must be fulfilled.



We'll be honest, this is not the place to find the most select ingredients or creative cuisine, but La Tertulia is Poblenou's version of the traditional tapas bar: the waiters are friendly, the dishes are generous and well-made (the holy trinity of fried goodness: *bombas*, *patatas bravas* and *calamars*) and the prices are reasonable. –*R.M.* **Rambla del Poblenou, 34 ④** 93 225 20 98

## THE VOICE

#### TERESA MORENO

#### ORXATERIA TÍO CHE

One place that gets a thumbs-up from both visitors and natives is the orxateria Tío Che. Owner Teresa Moreno represents the fifth generation of a family business that has been serving orxata for over a century.

#### Tell us a bit about the history of the orxateria.

It opened in 1912 in Barceloneta. But around 1932 because of problems with port workers, we came to Poblenou, Grandma wanted a quieter location. They first set up shop in C/ de Bertràs, which is now called Dr Trueta. The street was bombed [during the Civil War] and in 1942 we came to where we are now.

You're a force to be reckoned with in the area. You don't bring the Rambla to a standstill, but almost. But we're quick! We can deal with a queue in ten minutes, there are plenty of us working. We've created strong links with the local community. The queue brings people together: if there's a first-time visitor in the queue who doesn't know what orxata is, the person ahead of them will explain.

#### l've always thought your job must be hard and boring. Orxata and ice cream in summer, *torrons* (nougat) in winter.

We serve orxata all year round. Orxata is cold, but so is beer – and we 'orxataholics' want it all year. But it is hard. You're out of synch with everybody else.

### You're not going to open any more outlets?

Maybe it's time: the kids want to carry on the trade. But we'd lose some of the charm of Tío Che – an orxateria in Poblenou for people from all over the world, but with deep roots in the neighbourhood. –*R. Martín* 

**Tío Che** Rambla del Poblenou, 44

#### ALAPARRA

The Bodega Alaparra, open since 2014, has spread to two different premises: at **Pujades, 136**, you'll find a wine cellar with more than 400 vintages, available for tasting and with all kinds of delicacies on sale to pair with them. At **Pujades, 177**, they've just opened a wine bar with a three-course set lunch menu, including wine pairings. Get sipping!

#### **MR BROWNSTORE**

Spare a thought for the owner of this combined videoclub-comic book store. He works tirelessly in two of the sectors most battered by the current financial reality, to such an extent that his efforts seem more of a vocation than a job. Behind the videos, you'll discover a treasure trove of a shop that mixes new comics with well-chosen bargains. **Marià Aguiló, 82 •** 93 309 59 24



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# SUMMER DISCOVER THE TRENDS THAT ARE MAKING IT BIG IN BCN RIGHT NOW FTRENDINGTOPICS

By Montserrat Rossell



The buzz around Barcelona's music scene just keeps growing, with fresh-faced girl groups leading the field. Some are already on the radar of international publications such as Pitchfork and NME. Mourn (made up of three women and one man) hail from Mataró on the Maresme coast to the north of Barcelona, and are fronted by Jazz and Leia, daughters of local indie rocker Ramón Rodríguez, singer in The New Raemon. Then there's hotly-tipped singersongwriter Núria Graham, from Vic in central Catalonia, who recently released her debut, Bird Eyes, on the label El Segell del Primavera. Listen up, these ladies are going places.



Let's not get any ideas: Kelly Slater is never going to rock up in Barcelona on the trail of the perfect wave. But although the Mediterranean is stubbornly calm and rewards the faithful with far too few really memorable days, the Catalan capital seems perversely determined to establish itself as a surf city, with great schools (Pukas Surf, Joan de Borbó, 93), shops (Boardriders, Drassanes, 10) and cultural events dedicated to the surf lifestyle, such as the BCN Surf Film Festival (www.bcnsurffilmfestival.com) and the new Surfcity Festival (surfcityfest.com).

## **60 MINUTES TO ESCAPE**

For an unforgettable afternoon with friends or the ultimate team-building exercise with workmates, live escape games are the thing. You're in one room with clues and puzzles to solve in an hour - which can fly by or feel like eternity. There are plenty of options out there that will put your wits to the test. For games playable in English, try Escape Hunt Barcelona (barcelona.escapehunt.com), Roomin (roomin.com) or one of the newest on the scene, Chicken Banana Escape (chickenbanana.com).

#### $\star 04$ **CAFFEINATED KICKS**

Once Barcelona's coffee was merely a slug of murky water to jolt you awake in the morning; today the city is full of cafés where the black stuff is served like liquid caviar by waiters who prefer to be called baristas - armed with thermometers to check the exact temperature the coffee should infuse at. Check out Coffee Lab and Shop (Ptge. Sert, 12) and L'Algueró (Mare de Déu de Montserrat, 214).

#### **★** U5 **TEQUILA'S POOR COUSIN?**

It's stronger than Mexico's national drink, but more natural and - according to those in the

know - gives you less of a hangover. Mescal, distilled from agave by a complex traditional process, has cast a spell on Barcelona's barmen. Sign up for one of the tasting sessions at Magatzem Escolà (Comercial, 13), and ask for a 14/28 at Boca Chica cocktail bar (Ptge. de la Concepció, 12), where they mix it with spiced vermouth. At Bar 68 (Sant Pau, 68), they also have a soft spot for this Mexican spirit.

## JOINING FORCES

A new kind of concept store is making its mark in this age of the sharing economy, the crafts revival and local purchasing: collaborative shops, mutually supportive platforms for local, socially engaged and sustainable fashion and design. lorana (Diluvi, 10), Oslo (Torrent de l'Olla, 164) and Ozz Barcelona (Banys Vells, 10), among others, are following in the footsteps of Coshop, which has just opened its third store in the Barri Gòtic (Sant Pere Més Baix, 42).

#### $\star 07$ **BOTOX-FREE WINE**

After just one sip of **natural wine** you'll admit it's like no wine you've tasted before. Natural wine has the flavour that wine should never have lost: that of the grapes. It's wine without cosmetic surgery. With so many vintages nipped and tucked to the point of anonymity, people are keen to rediscover the original, unimproved flavours. Seek them out at L'Ànima del Vi (Vigatans, 8), Bar Brutal (Princesa, 14) and Casa Xica (França Xica, 20).

#### $\star 08$ **UNPACKAGED GOODNESS**

You can thank the economic crisis for the revival of old-school habits like buying by weight - the way everything from rice to spices was sold in the days before prepackaged foods. Good for your pocket, good for the environment - and for human relationships too. Now it's a shopping phenomenon that goes beyond groceries. At Flamingo's Vintage Kilo (Ferlandina, 20) they sell clothes from €13 a kilo, while Miaroma (Carolines, 26) and the Goccia Verde chain (gocciaverde.net) have a full range of ecofriendly cosmetics, soaps and perfumes.

## CAT EYES FOR HEP CATS

We loved last season's '50s-style sunglasses so much, we can't bear to give them up just yet. The trend for outsize cat eve or butterfly lenses shows no sign of abating. As for frames, wood and transparent plastic still rule the roost. Look out for Bassols (Doctor Dou, 19) Assumpta (Ramalleres, 3), Optika (Marià Cubí, 182) and Wilde Store (Joaquin Costa, 2).

## WE TALK TO....

Marta Belmonte, trend analyst and director of Entropía Advanced Research

How do trends start? At the exact moment when something starts to grow and spread from one group to another.

#### How long do

they last? **Between six** months and three years. We tend to think of them as ephemeral whereas they can be stable patterns of gradual change, like the impact of computers on society, or the ageing of the population, which give rise to specific trends. You can trace a direct link from 'we're living longer' to 'crossfit is the hot new sport'.

#### Let's talk about the big current trends.

Everything artisanal, the new traditionalism and back to basics. Empathetic consumption -buying from companies and people that are like me, or are perceived as being close to me. And on the rebound from the economic crisis, guilt-free consumption. If you look closely, everything hinges on the idea of humanisation.the macro trend we're heading towards. We're rediscovering other people.

#### What trend is happening right now? In terms of

mainstream trends in Barcelona, craft

beer. It's at the tipping point there's an explosion, then suddenly everyone's doing it and you don't know how it happened.

#### One that's coming?

New forms of sexuality, such as having sex only when there's an emotional connection, and the fun aesthetic of the mid-'90s. We'll also see the influence of 'mum porn', as in Fifty Shades of Grey.

#### What are BCN's strengths?

Barcelona has a strong character of its own, which is to do with the climate. the terraces, the architecture, the way of life, and all this make a difference. Perhaps we are better at slowing down, looking at life in a different way, compared to major cities that run on pure stress, like London.

Where will we find you cool hunting? In Sants. Some people think Poble-sec is where it's at: they're wrong, it's Sants.



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Getting back to essentials and eating food in its natural state are the basic tenets of **raw foodism**, a movement that's winning converts and extols the benefits of eating food raw – or at least cooked at low temperatures, but never over 40°C, to avoid losing nutrients. You can try it out for yourself at Espai Kru (Lleida,7) or contact nutritionist Christine Mayr (cruagourmentcuisine.com), who offers a private chef service and can organise bespoke gourmet raw food events for groups at Gràcia multifunctional space, Mezanina (Ramón y Cajal, 2).

#### **11** SNIFFING OUT A BARGAIN

In what many are comparing with the boom in electronic cigarette shops, there's no doubt that **low-cost perfumeries**, offering cut-price fragrances by the litre, are one of the most successful business models of the moment. They sell their own fragrances 'inspired by'

## **'SANTS' ALIVE!**

It's the little brother who'll soon be upstaging his siblings. A quiet, unassuming district that has become a hotbed for new trends, more or less overnight. It's paradise for fans of craft beers, thanks to Can Brigantes (Callao, 12) and Homo Sibaris (Pl. d'Osca,4). A gourmet's delight with Michelin-worthy restaurants such as **Petit** Pau (Espanya Industrial, 22), Pràctic and its tapas by an El Bulli alumnus (Tenor Masini, 20) and Tatau l'Antiquari where grandma's cooking rules (Salou, 5). Zumzeig shows indie films (Béjar, 3), LaCol seeks social change through architecture (Ciceró, 5), and Materia Sensible takes photography seriously (Riego, 43). Sants is prime material for cool hunters like Marta Belmonte because 'it's still an authentic city district, there are plenty of ordinary people and there's room for everyone.'

high-end designer perfumes, popularly known as 'smell alikes'. Put them to the sniff test at Labperfum (Puigmartí, 23) or Aromas Artesanales (Gran de Gracia, 208).

#### ★12 THE BEARD BOOM

It started with hipsters and now it's spread to the civilians: **beard** fever has the city in its grip. It doesn't take great powers of observation to spot that barbershops are popping up everywhere, even in the city's staid uptown districts. But beard mania is now extending to the first shops selling specialist beard products.

Ladies&Gentlemen (Semoleres, 12) is heaven for the hirsute. And if Yohji Yamamoto has his way, by autumn we'll be dyeing them.

#### ★13 CINEMA WITH EXTRAS

Dirty Dancing with karaoke and dance numbers courtesy of Sing-Along (www.singalong.es). The Auditori's concert hall converted into a cinema for a performance of great film soundtracks by the Barcelona Symphony and Catalonia National Orchestra (www.auditori.cat). Or the visionary Phenomena, with its legendary Beer & Pizza night (www.phenomena-experience.com). Interactive cinema experiences are the bait designed to lure us back to the big screen. There's no longer any excuse for streaming movies on your phone.

#### ★14 COFFEE WITH ADDED CAT

Excitement is building among Barcelona's cat-lovers. The association Espai DeGats will soon be opening Catalonia's first **cat café**, a popular concept in Japan that is practically unknown in Europe. The café, where you'll be able to order drinks from the menu while enjoying the company of around 15 friendly felines, will also function as an adoption and animal welfare education centre. Find more details at their website (espaidegats.com).

#### ★15 HAPPY SLURPING

There are many variations on the comforting basic idea of a steaming bowl of soup with noodles floating in it, but the most popular is surely ramen, a Japanese take on Chinese wheat noodles. Hearty broth flavoured with soy sauce or miso, topped with combinations of sliced pork, seaweed or boiled eggs – it's a winning formula. Just look at the queue that forms outside Ramen-Ya Hiro (Girona, 164) to sample the home cooking of chef Hiro Yoshiyuki, who makes 50 litres of broth every day. In Poble-sec you'll find Ramen Can (Lleida, 11) – shorter queues, but equally satisfying.

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SATURDAY 1 August — 2manydjs (dj set) + Matrixxman + TCTS + Brenmar





By Laura Conde Photos Iván Moreno

#### Rodríguez & Co

With the motto of 'good food, good mood', which is proclaimed on a poster adorning this contemporary and cosmopolitan café, Rodríguez & Co's philosophy is healthy (and, they say, fun) cooking, based on four elements: juices, smoothies, sandwiches and salads. Among the latter you'll find creations such as the Asilah (couscous, chickpeas, vegetables, almonds and raisins, with yoghurt dressing), and one with spinach, poached egg, sun-dried tomatoes, apple and dried fruits.

Provença, **179 (Eixample esquerre)** 93 518 96 85 www.rodriguezyco.com

#### Iposa

When you call Iposa and someone answers 'Mossos d'Esquadra [the Catalan police force], *buenos días*', you know it's a place with a sense of humour and imagination, and this is reflected in the menu of salads that rocketed them to success. 'When I opened 15 years ago, only girls came,' says Sebastian, owner and the man behind the joke on the phone. Nowadays the menu is more wide-ranging, but the salads are still there. Examples? The one with pasta and prawns with dill, and another of spinach, duck gizzards and croutons. At lunchtime they have half-sized salads for €3.

Floristes de la Rambla, **14 (Raval)** 93 318 60 86

#### **The Box Social**

The restaurant of the new Hotel Brummell, in the Poble-sec neighbourhood, has a lovely interior terrace and a very interesting menu that includes seasonal, light and healthy dishes with South American touches. This approach translates into a selection of salads that range from the most classic, called the 'Urban allotment' with seasonal fruit and veg, to the most exotic in the form of Korean dish *kimchi* with cabbage, squash and coriander. **Nou de la Rambla, 174 (Poble-sec)** 93 125 86 22

www.hotelbrummell.com

#### **UP CLOSE**

## RASOTERRA

#### **GASTRO CONSCIENCE**

The salad made with buffalo mozzarella from the Empordà region of Catalonia is already a classic in this place that favours creativity, slow food, locally sourced ingredients, fair trade and respect for the environment. And they know perfectly well that even if 'Catalan mozzarella isn't as flavourful as the one from Campania', it's still really good and, in life, above all else, it's important to be consistent.

Palau, 5 (Gòtic) © 93 318 69 26 www.rasoterra.cat

> This must-try salad from Rasoterra combines buffalo mozzarella from the Empordà with seasonal smoked and pickled fruits and vegetables

Discover the freshest, healthiest and most delicious creations on Barcelona menus. Eating veggies can be fun!

Organic kale with avocado, bean sprouts, nori seaweed and the Special Teresa dressing - a 10 salad from Flax & Kale

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#### HARMONIOUS

## FLAX & KALE

#### THE FLEXIBLE VEGETARIAN

This gastronomic paradise where everybody is thin, attractive and apparently in harmony with themselves, has dishes that are flexitarian (flexible vegetarian), creative and delicious. In Flax & Kale, which would have been an impossibility in BCN until fairly recently, you can decide how vegetarian you want to be in a space full of multicoloured dishes, which is proud of being unorthodox, and makes around a fifth of its recipes with fish. **Tallers, 74 (Raval) 9** 93 317 56 64

www.teresacarles.com/fk

#### Café Emma

On the menu of this fashionable bistrot with a free-thinking spirit are around ten salads, from the classic Caesar to others with a strikingly French air, such as bistrot-style herring with warm potatoes, and *une salade* of green beans with foie gras and parmesan shavings. Even though the salads are standout dishes at Café Emma, that doesn't mean you shouldn't try being a Parisian bon vivant for the day and pair, for example, your lobster salad with a few oysters.

Pau Claris, 142 (Eixample dret) 93 215 12 16 www.cafe.emma.com

#### Saboc

With its huge windows, this restaurant is light and welcoming, and serves up what the owners call 'temperature cooking', demonstrated by a menu that is divided into four sections: raw, lowtemperature, hob and grill. In the raw part, we like innovations such as couscous with broccoli, fruit and dried fruit; spheres of fresh mozzarella with tomatoes and herbs; and the ceviche of fresh corvina with orange, coriander and lime. **Fusina, 3 (Born)** 93 268 30 80

www.saboc.es

#### **The Juice House**

The very trendy C/Parlament is arguably the best street in Barcelona to discover that the classic salad of lettuce, tomato and onion has been successfully, and (let's be honest) happily, substituted by more creative and imaginative proposals using ingredients sourced from elsewhere. This is clearly demonstrated by the range of dishes at this informal venue – that also specialises in juices – such as Caribbean tabbouleh (with hemp seeds, mint, coriander, avocado and palm hearts), and the quinoa salad with sweet potato, pear, blueberries, spinach and goat's cheese. **Parlament, 12 (Sant Antoni)** 

93 117 15 15 www.thejuicehouse.es

# **Shopping&Style**

## **Summer suits**

A range of swimming costumes to get you perfectly kitted out for days at the beach or by the pool. By **Eugènia Sendra** 

#### Pale

A notable return to the '70s, lurex, and animal and mineral prints feature in Pale's second summer collection (€125). Get yours in Colmillo de Morsa, Flassaders, 12.

#### Wilder Shores

Colourful, fresh – like tiki cocktails – and featuring dragon fruit and papaya, these swimsuits are created by collaborators Laura Vaquero and Francisco Costa. They'll make your mouth water (€50). wildershores. bigcartel.com On July 1, the summer sales start here – some prices shown may be reduced

# Reset Priority

This label, which designs in BCN and produces in Italy, combines polychrome fauvism with a sporty aspect in shiny neoprene ( $\in$ 98). Find them at Room, Laforja, 112.



Lacoste

For men bold enough to move away from the classic stripe, these short bermudas are decorated with warm colours (€90). Pg. de Gràcia, 51



#### Laurie Nouchka Italian lycra combines

with Gaudí design for this all-in-one with an expressionist feel (€162). www. laurienouchka.com

> Geometric images adorn this limitededition range by Yoko Honda for **Grain Supply Co.** (€59). www.grainsupplyco. com

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#### Kling

A postcard from a Palm Beach resort in the '50s digitally printed on a swimsuit. Do you dare to wear this retro look ( $\in$ 34)? Banys Nous, 14.





Original, quality, historical pieces. Tichy keeps working according to these criteria and has launched her first, lovely, swimsuit collection (€49). Pinc Store, Encarnació, 39

#### **Andres Sarda**

The veteran underwear label gives us blackand-white elegance, material that fools the eye, and vintage shapes (€230). Santa Eulàlia, 5-9

#### **El Ganso**

A swimsuit collection that's subtle and stylish, with handmade prints for anyone looking to avoid loud designs (€55). Rambla de Catalunya, 116

> Surrealism and irony in one? That's the new range from MSGM for **Toilet Paper** (€165). Noténom, Pau Claris, 159

#### Shopping & Style

#### **RE-COVERING CANVAS SHOES** Give your feet a good summer

#### GRÀCIA

HACKNEY BCN designers Alvarez & Moixonet have reworked the familiar beach shoe. *Travessera de Gràcia*, 164.

#### SANTS

JAIVA This shop opened

its doors in 1911, and still sells classic canvas shoes in white, black and blue, all made in Spain. Sants, 439. IN CALÇATS VALÈNCIA (VALÈNCIA, 190) YOU'LL FIND POPULAR SPANISH BRAND VICTORIA

#### which this summer

has decorated its fisherman shoe with palm trees and other fun prints. Rosselló, 281.

EIXAMPLE DRET

THE OUTPOST

Stockists of Rice&Co.

#### BORN

LA LOCAL Head here for classic, locally made footwear, such as the camping shoes created in Navarra. *Bòria*, 21.

#### **Object of desire**

#### **GOOD ENOUGH TO EAT**

Make sure you don't get lost on the crowded city beaches with this amazing shirt that would also make an ideal gift for lovers of seafood. €100. Medwinds, Elisabet, 7. www.medwinds.com



#### Sale samples

#### Keeping it real

The Caboclo brand of shoes continues to stay loyal to its 'green' beginnings: rubber soles made from recycled tyres, and leather dyed with natural products and created by Brazilian artisans. What's new in their latest collection isn't the basics but the shape. Caboclo has found inspiration in the tropical movement of the '60s to create sandals that are more feminine and seductive, with an extremely minimal background style – pictured is the Caetano ( $\leq 129.90$ ). Freneria, 8. caboclobrasil.com



#### Arty experience

Geometry and surrealism go handin-hand in the new collection, entitled Surrey Totems, of visors and turbans from Andrea Viêntëc (below is the Muna turban, €64). In this latest line, the Catalan designer focuses on prints with an African inspiration and an acid-pastel palette. The result? Concept pieces, created by hand and with a potent aesthetic language. Yes, putting a Viêntëc on your head is certainly a very arty experience. Find them at Bon Vent, Argenteria, 41. andreavientec.com

#### Our house

Private apartments can be the setting for cultural and gastronomic experiences, as well as excellent showcases for selling vintage furniture. Take Chez Nous,



the project of a couple from the Sant Antoni area, which takes advantage of their flat to exhibit the goodies from the '50s, '60s and '70s that they find in markets in the south of France. They're devoted to record player consoles and only buy items they like – they have to live with them until someone comes along and buys them. So before saying yes to a blue Formica

wardrobe based on online photos, Chez Nous invites you to visit them (by prior

arrangement) to see and touch the pieces before purchasing. *cheznousbcn.com* 

#### The safest rucksack

A simple, lightweight bag that's produced locally in bright colours, and is water- and pickpocket-proof. These are the virtues of Urbanita, a rucksack designed by three creatives with experience in theatrical scenery and costume design. The Urbanita studio launched the first U1 models (€65) at the end

of 2014 and the bags have already made their way to cities across the planet... Wondering how your laptop will fit inside? You'll find the zips on the back of the rucksack. Coshop, Banys Nous, 6. www. urbanitabarcelona.com

> By Laia Beltran and Eugènia Sendra

#### **Shopping & Style**

## **Your inspire us**

Cultured, visionary and passionate about fashion as a cultural phenomenon. Charo Mora is a wise woman. By Laia Beltran

Just back from the Louise Vuitton cruise collection show in Palm Springs, she's still suffering the effects of jet lag. But it seems little can affect the good humour of Charo Mora, journalist, curator, consultant, teacher and holder of other fashion-related roles. It's a subject that captivated her from the get-go, to the point where she combined her degree in Art History with a course in industrial design. 'I was obsessed with knowing how clothes worked on the inside.' This innate curiosity has enabled her to explore many different paths throughout her professional career. The latest? Coordinating the intense programme of the recent Moritz Feed Dog festival, which focuses on fashion documentaries. Passionate about art and music, Mora firmly believes that fashion is culture. 'It forms part of the human condition, whether in terms of thought or irony. I've always been interested in any artistic language that talks about human beings.' And in this sense, fashion is always revealing.

#### **GET THE LOOK!**

**GLOBAL TEMPLE** In L.A., Mora always visits Decades, a luxury vintage fashion store. decadesinc.com

A GREAT CLASSIC Santa Eulalia, BCN's mecca of good taste. Pg. de Gràcia, 93. www.santaeulalia.com

PHOTO: MARIA DIAS





**VINTAGE SPIRIT** Mora found this '40s crocodile leather bag in L'Arca (Banys Nous, 20). Other favourite shops include Blow (Bonaire, 6) and Heritage (Palla, 27).





The window displays of Forn Mistral are part of Barcelona's collective memory. The achievements of this historic bakery are archived in a kind of sensorial larder with traditional cakes and pastries (such as coca de vidre and mini ensaimadas), as well as all types of bread. But there's nothing sentimental about this place that combines skill (tradition) and ideas (innovation). Jaume Bertran is the factotum of the firm, along with his wife, Pilar Martín. Bakeries are big business in the city right now more than ever before - and a key part of the Mistral dream team are the Bertran siblings: Bibiana (journalist), Andreu (nutritionist) and Clara (IT pro). On the shelves behind the counter, you'll find all the latest trends: kamut, spelt, buckwheat (50% wheat) and rye bread, along with a range of organic wholemeal breads (including saltfree). The company's origins are in the 19th century and Barcelona's neighbouring town of Badalona during the 20th century it moved to different spots in the Catalan capital. Today, and with the name it took from premises in Avinguda Mistral, it's a landmark in a city where businesses are increasingly homogeneous. -Maria Gorgues

#### FORN MISTRAL

Ronda de Sant Antoni, 96; Torres i Amat. 7 (Raval)

**CINEMA HISTORY** 

The rise and fall of Mallorcan

**FASHION MEANS READING** 

Mora is a compulsive reader and has hundreds of art and fashion books. Asked for a recommendation, she suggests the essays of Pierre Bourdieu.

# Things to Do

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## The antiquarian's little brother

They may not have the cool cachet of all things vintage, nor the dignified status of antique shops, but Barcelona's bric-a-brac shops are crammed with treasures. By **Maria Junyent** 

It's said that the bric-a-brac dealer is the antiquarian's little brother, because while they both sell used items, the price tags in the former are normally less heart-attackinducing than those of the polished heirloom pieces and objets d'art on display in the average antique shop. We're talking about the classic junk shop, which was around long before vintage fever and all it entails hit the city, and where you can find everything from practical homeware at knock-down prices to genuine rarities.

#### **BYGONE SPORTS**

At Francisco Giner, 52, there's a small window display in the entrance that could be the digs of a sporty Oxford student circa 1920. For 25 years, Albert Sangenís has been dealing in leather footballs from the 1920s, Barça shirts from the 1970s and tennis racquets from the 1930s, among many other sporting relics and the memorabilia of yesteryear. Sangenís talks of 'the simplicity and honesty of old things', which are his passion, and he's more concerned with evoking history than with the vagaries of fashion. 'I'm not so much interested in the economic value of a piece as in its story. I look at this racquet and I see the girl who used it, the swish of her white tennis skirt.' There aren't many places like this left.

#### **RASTRO NUEVA FRONTERA**

It's not elegant, nor is it impregnated with the charm of things past. All the same, when you make your way down the steps that lead to Rastro Nueva Frontera (Calàbria, 33), you'll find a series of faithful reconstructions of living rooms, bedrooms, studies and dining rooms that at one time actually existed in different houses all over the city – all crammed into a single space, which can can bring on a kind of inverse Stendhal syndrome, but once you've recovered from the symptoms, you'll find quality furniture – from before the Ikea Age – and household appliances in perfect working order.

#### **PETITS ENCANTS DEL BORN**

Francesc Raich manages Els Petits Encants del Born (Basses de Sant Pere, 24) with his daughter. It's a cavern packed with objects, each with its own story, from musical instruments to velvet hats that were doffed at parties long ago. The story of the shop is unusual in itself. Until he was 50, Raich was a farmer who, from a young age, collected watches as a hobby. Ten years ago he swapped hobby and profession, and opened Els Petits Encants, where antique clocks hang side-by-side with agricultural implements so old their purpose will be a mystery to most – but also coloured-glass Tiffany-style lamps, which he says are in high demand. Among the customers who drop by the shop, there are the usual flea-market regulars, but also street musicians looking for new instruments when their own have been confiscated by the Guàrdia

Urbana.

at Veguer, 13

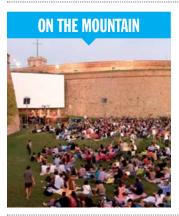
#### **AL FRESCO FILMS**

#### IN THE VILLAGE



#### **MECAL AIR AND MECAL ROOFTOP**

Barcelona's Poble Espanyol (or Spanish Village) is the setting for one part of Mecal's open-air cinema offerings this summer, where they screen short films with double subtitles in English and Spanish. Every Friday night, and for the seventh year, they set up their screen in the Plaça del Baluard of Poble Espanyol (Mecal Air), while new for Thursday evenings, you'll find them on top of the Hotel Silken Diagonal (Mecal Rooftop). www.mecalbcn.org



#### **CINEMA LLIURE A LA PLATJA**

Enjoy the cooler summer evenings with free screenings on Sant Sebastià beach every Thursday and Sunday from July 9 to August 16. The programme includes Spanish and foreign films (shown in the original language with subtitles) such as *American Interior*, a documentary featuring Welsh musician Gruff Rhys searching for a Native American tribe that speaks Welsh (Sun 19), and *The Kings of Summer*, about three unhappy teens escaping parental control by setting up camp in a forest (Thu 23). www.cinemalliure.com

#### SALA MONTJUÏC

From July 3, this popular run of outdoor film screenings returns to the grassy area in front of Montjuïc Castle, with live music, picnics (bring your own), deckchairs (for hire) and a splendid programme of films that includes *Cinema Paradiso* (Mon 6), *The Grand Budapest Hotel* (Wed 8) and *Reservoir Dogs* (Mon 27). All the films are shown in their original language with subtitles every Monday, Wednesday and Friday until August 7, when the show closes with a surprise feature. www.salamontjuic.org

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#### Things to Do

## Day by day

 Information and sales: Tourist Information Points and bcnshop.com

FREE This activity is free

#### Wednesday 1

#### Sports

#### **ORC World Championship**

The Offshore Racing Council's Championship brings the fastest sail racing cruisers to the city's Royal Yachting Club. with 105 teams representing 23 countries. Until Jul 4. www.rcnb.com and www. barcelonaorcworlds2015.com

#### Tour

#### Santa Maria del Mar rooftop

Guided tours to the top of this historic church for great city views. (Plaça de Santa Maria, 1). M: Jaume I (L4). Mon-Fri 12pm to 5pm (every hour, last entry 4pm). Sat, Sun, public holidays 11am to 5pm (every hour, last entry 4pm). €10 (general). €8 (reduced). Booking: www. riostabarcelona.com.

#### Liceu opera house

Discover Barcelona's glorious opera house, carefully restored after a devastating fire in 1994. (La Rambla 51-59). M: Liceu (L3). Mon-Fri 9.30am, 10.30am.  $\in$ 14.

#### Sant Pau modernista monument

Once a working hospital, this network of pavilions was designed by Lluís Domenech i Montaner. (Sant Antoni Maria Claret, 167). M: Sant Pau/Dos de Maig (L5). Tours in various languages; consult for schedule. Mon-Fri 10.30am-1pm. Sat, Sun, public holidays 10.30am-1.30pm.  $\in$ 14.  $\in$ 9.80 (reduced).

#### Palau de la Música

Tour this emblematic building of Catalan modernisme. (Palau de la Música, 4-6). M: Urquinaona (L1, L4). Daily tours 10am-3.30pm. €18. €11 (reduced).

#### ► Tibidabo theme park

Enjoy a range of fun activities for all ages at Barcelona's historical theme park. (*Pl. Tibidabo*, 3-4). *Funicular del Tibidabo (Pl. Doctor Andreu). FGC: Av. Tibidabo + tramvia blau or bus 196. For more details* see page 41.

#### **El Born Centre Cultural**

Guided tours of this site with remains from the 18th century, discovered in recent years below a former market that was set to be turned into a library. (*PI. Comercial, 12*). *M: Jaume I* and Barceloneta (L4). T. 93 256 68 51. Wed-Sun 6pm in Catalan; Sat, Sun 12.30pm, Wed, Sun 5.30pm in Spanish; Wed, Sun 4.30pm in English; Wed, Sun noon in French. Catalan and Spanish: €8.80; English and French; €10.56.

#### **Kids**

#### It's surprising, but it's science! Workshop in which kids can discover unexpected properties of common and not-so-common materials. CosmoCaixa (Isaac Newton, 26) M: Av. Tibidabo (FGC). Daily 10am-8pm. Activity included in entry fee.

#### When everything fits!

Geometric puzzles are more than fun pastimes – they can help us understand mathematical and logical concepts. CosmoCaixa (Isaac Newton, 26). M: Av. Tibidabo (FGC). Until Sep 10. cosmocaixa.com/agenda. €4.

#### Night-time tours

#### The Born by night

Discover local archaelogical remains by dark. Includes a game, a glass of Moritz beer and a tapa. Born Cultural Centre (Pl. Comercial, 12). M: Jaume I and Barceloneta (L4). T.93 256 68 51. Wed, Thu 9pm-10pm. €12

#### Prostitution and business in the Barcelona of 1700

Discover the seamy underside of the city's nightlife at the turn of the 18th century. Tour includes a game, a glass of Moritz beer and a tapa. Born Cultural Centre (Pl. Comercial, 12). M: Jaume I and Barceloneta (L4). T. 93 256 68 51. Wed 9pm-10pm. €10.

#### Thursday 2

#### Kids

#### It's surprising, but it's science!

See Wed 1. CosmoCaixa (Isaac Newton, 26) M: Av. Tibidabo (FGC).

#### When everything fits!

See Wed 1. CosmoCaixa (Isaac Newton, 26). M: Av. Tibidabo (FGC).

#### Night-time tours

#### Taverns and inns in the Barcelona of 1700

Themed tour of historical city drinking-spots. Includes a glass of Moritz beer and a tapa. Born Cultural Centre (PI. Comercial, 12). M: Jaume I and Barceloneta (L4). T. 93 256 68 51. Thu 9pm-10pm.  $\in$ 10.

#### Friday 3

#### Festival

#### Mecal Air: horror special

Enjoy the cool summer evenings with the al fresco Barcelona International Short Film Festival. See page 35. Poble Espanyol (Av. Francesc Ferrer i Guàrdia, 13). M: Espanya (L1,L3;FGC). Every Friday until Sep 4. Doors open 8pm; film starts 9.30pm.

#### **Barcelona Harley Days**

Harley Davidson's biggest urban event in Europe, a showcase for biker culture, custom bikes and motorbikes in general, with parades, demo rides and concerts. Jul 3-5. More info: www. barcelonaharleydays.com

#### **Human towers**

• Castellers practice session Take your chance to see one of the local castellers groups rehearse: today, Vila de Gràcia. Wed, Thu, Fri. Check availability on www.castellscat.cat (booking necessary). €24.20; reduced €20.50.8pm.

#### **Saturday 4**

Tour

#### The New Organ at the Basilica de Montserrat

Learn how the Basilica's new organ was built, and ascend a spiral staircase to the rehearsal room to find out abut the role it plays in concerts and worship. (Abadia de Montserrat, 08199 Montserrat). FGC: Monistrol de Montserrat (R5) + zip train. Jul 4, 11, 18, 25, 1pm. montserratvisita.com

#### The School and Sacristy at Montserrat

Tour of school that is home to one of Europe's oldest boys' choirs. (Abadia de Montserrat, 08199 Montserrat). FGC: Monistrol de Montserrat (R5) + zip train. Jul 4, 11, 18, 25, 2pm. montserratvisita.com

#### **Night-time tours**

#### Summer nights at the Pedrera: Llibert Fortuny & Gary Wills

The essence of Gaudí with spectacular views and live jazz concerts. Includes entry, concert and glass of cava. (Provença, 261-265). M: Diagonal (L3, L5) and Provença (FGC).  $\in$  28. Doors open 8.30pm, concert runs from 9pm-10.30pm.

#### Secret Basilica del Pi

Evening visits to the 14th-century Basilica of Santa Maria del Pi. Santa Maria del Pi Church (Pl. del Pi, 7). M: Liceu (L3). Thu, Fri 9.20pm (English). Sat 9.50pm (English). €19 (general). €16 (in advance). bcnshop.com or www. adsentiabarcelona.com

#### Sports

#### **Second Fòrum Aquathlon**

Three-stage running and swiming race on Barcelona's seafront. Parc del Fòrum (Pl. del Llevant). M: El Maresme/Fòrum (L4). www.cet10.com/cat

#### **Festival**

#### **Gastro fair and vintage market**

A weekend of food trucks and fashion on Montjuïc. Poble Espanyol (Av. Francesc Ferrer i Guàrdia, 13). M: Espanya (L1, L3; FGC). Jul 4-5, all day.

#### Al fresco

#### **FREE Art fair in Plaça Sant Josep Oriol**

Over 40 artists show their work for sale in two picturesque squares. (Pl. Sant Josep Oriol i del Pi, s/n). M: Liceu (L3). Sat 11am-8pm; Sun 11am-2pm.

#### **FREE Festa Catalana**

Some of Catalonia's most popular cultural activities, including human towers, sardana dances and 'giants' (7.30pm). (Av. de la Catedral). M: Jaume I (L4). www.barcelona.cat/culturapopular

#### Set sail on the Santa Eulàlia

Take a trip on a beautifully restored three-masted schooner. Maritime Museum (Av. de les Drassanes, s/n). M: Drassanes (L3). Sat 9.30am. €12 adults. €6 kids.

#### Sunday 5

#### Tour

#### A taste of botany and culture

Try the emblematic liquor traditionally made at Montserrat. (Abadia de Montserrat, 08199 Montserrat). FGC: Monistrol de Montserrat (R5) + zip train. Every Sun in July. 4.30pm. montserratvisita.com

#### **FREE Guided tour of Poblenou Cemeterv**

Explore one of Barcelona's historical cemeteries. (Av. Icària, s/n). M: Llacuna (L4). 1st and 3rd Sun 10.30am (Catalan) & 12.30pm (Spanish).

#### **FREE Visit CCCB rooftop** terrace

See Barcelona from the top of this city centre building. (Montalegre, 5). M: Universitat (L1, L2) & Catalunya (L1,L3;FGC). First Sunday of the month.

#### **FREE Baluard Gardens**

Visit renovated gardens tucked behind the only remaining gateway of the city's medieval walls. (Av. de les Drassanes, s/n). M: Drassanes (L3). 1st and 3rd Sun 11am-2pm.

#### **FREE Tour and choir**

Enjoy the historic Sant Pau modernista monument with musical accompaniment. (Sant Antoni Maria Claret, 167). M: Sant Pau/Dos de Maig (L5). 10.30am-2.30pm.

#### Poetry

#### FREE Grec Festival - Parallel Voice Three Finnish and three Catalan poets read their work. Born Cultural Centre (Pl. Comercial, 12). M: Jaume I and Barceloneta (L4).T.93 256 68 51. 9pm-10pm. In Catalan and Finnish.

#### **Kids**

**Family planetarium** Find out how sailors use stars and planets to navigate. Maritime Museum (Av. de les Drassanes, s/n). M: Drassanes (L3). 11.30am, 12.45pm. €4, €2.50 kids.

#### **Family fun at Poble Espanyol**

Various activities including cocktail workshop (from 10.30am) and circus show (€8-€13). Poble Espanyol (Av. Francesc Ferrer i Guàrdia, 13). M: Espanya (L1, L3; FGC). 11am-5pm.

#### **Monday 6**

Tour

Liceu opera house See Wed 1. (La Rambla 51-59). M: Liceu (L3).

Santa Maria del Mar rooftop See Wed 1. (Plaça de Santa Maria, 1). M: Jaume I (L4).

#### **Tuesday 7**

Tour

The Secret Pedrera Delve into the corners of Gaudí's

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building with this night-time tour. (Provenca, 261-265). M: Diagonal (L3, L5) and Provença (FGC). Mon-Sun 8.15pm-midnight. €30.

**Sant Pau modernista monument** See Wed 1. Hospital Sant Pau (Sant Antoni Maria Claret, 167). M: Sant Pau-Dos de Maig (L5).

#### Wednesday 8

#### Tour

Liceu opera house See Wed 1. (La Rambla 51-59). M:

Liceu (L3).

#### Torre Bellesguard

Tours of Gaudí's modernista castle on the slopes of Tibidabo. (Bellesguard, 6-9). M: Av. Tibidabo (FGC). English: Wed to Sun 11am. €16. €12.80 (reduced).

#### Palau de la Música

See Wed 1. (Palau de la Música, 4-6). M: Urquinaona (L1, L4).

**El Born Cultural Centre** See Wed 1. (Pl. Comercial, 12). M: Jaume I and Barceloneta (L4).

### **Thursday 9**

#### **Night-time tour**

Secret Basilica del Pi See Sat 4. Santa Maria del Pi Church (Pl. del Pi, 7). M: Liceu (L3).

#### **Kids**

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Newton, 26) M: Av. Tibidabo (FGC).

When everything fits! See Wed 1. CosmoCaixa (Isaac Newton, 26). M: Av. Tibidabo (FGC).

#### Friday 10

#### **Sports**

24 hour Motorcycling Race International contest that sees bike riders take on a full-day endurance test.

Circuit de Barcelona-Catalunya (Camí Mas Moreneta, Montmeló). Montmeló (RENFE). Jul 10-12. More info: www.circuitcat.com.

#### Human towers

#### Castellers practice session

See local castellers group of Sants rehearse. Check availability on www.castellscat.cat (booking necessary). €24.20; reduced €20.50.8pm.

#### Saturday 11

#### Human towers

#### **FREE Summer castellers**

The Castellers de Sants group put on a seasonal performance. (Pl. d'Osca). M: Plaça de Sants (L1). 6pm.

#### Tour

Santa Maria del Mar rooftop See Wed 1. (Plaça de Santa Maria, 1). M: Jaume I (L4).

Secret Basilica del Pi See Sat 4. Santa Maria del Pi Church (Pl. del Pi, 7). M: Liceu (L3).

Torre Bellesguard See Wed 8. (Bellesguard, 6-9). M: Av. Tibidabo (FGC).

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See Sat 4. (Abadia de Montserrat, 08199 Montserrat). FGC: Monistrol de Montserrat (R5) + zip train.

**The School and Sacristy at** Montserrat See Sat 4. (Abadia de Montserrat, 08199 Montserrat). FGC: Monistrol de Montserrat (R5) + zip train.

#### Al fresco

Set sail on the Santa Eulàlia See Sat 4. Maritime Museum (Av. de les Drassanes, s/n). M: Drassanes (L3).

#### **FREE** Art show in Plaça Sant **Josep Oriol**

See Sat 4. (Pl. Sant Josep Oriol i del Pi, s/n). M: Liceu (L3). Sat, Sun.

#### **FREE Folklore festival at Montjuïc Castle**

A weekend celebration of Catalan customs and traditions at the historical fortress. (Ctra. de Montjuïc, 66). M: Espanya (L1,L3;FGC). Jul 11,12. More info: www.bcn.cat/castelldemontjuic.

#### Sunday 12

Tour

#### **El Born Cultural** Centre

See Wed 1. (Pl. Comercial, 12). M: Jaume I and Barceloneta (L4).

#### A taste of botany and culture

See Sun 5. (Abadia de Montserrat, 08199 Montserrat). FGC: Monistrol de Montserrat (R5) + zip train.

#### Tibidabo theme park

See Wed 1. (Pl. Tibidabo, 3-4). Funicular del Tlbidabo (Pl. Doctor Andreu). FGC: Av. Tibidabo + tramvia

## **FREE Guided tour of Montjuïc**

Visit Barcelona's hillside graveyard. Cementiri de Montjuïc (Mare de Déu del Port, 56-58). M: Espanya

#### Kids

#### **Mummies can talk**

Family activity ideal for children between seven and 12, allowing them to discover objects from the Egyptian collection. Museu de Montserrat (Abadia de Montserrat, 08199 Montserrat). FGC: Monistrol de Montserrat (R5) + zip train. Every Sun in July, 10.30pm. montserratvisita.com.

#### Monday 13

#### Tour

Liceu opera house See Wed 1. (La Rambla 51-59). M: Liceu (L3).

Palau de la Música See Wed 1. (Palau de la Música, 4-6). M: Urquinaona (L1, L4).

#### Santa Maria del Mar rooftop

See Wed 1. (Placa de Santa Maria, 1). M: Jaume I (L4).

#### The Secret Pedrera

See Tue 7. (Provença, 261-265). M: Diagonal (L3, L5) and Provença (FGC).

**Tuesday 14** 

Tour

#### **Santa Maria del**

**Mar rooftop** See Wed 1. (Plaça de Santa Maria, 1). M: Jaume I (L4).

The Secret Pedrera See Tue 7. (Provença, 261-265). M: Diagonal (L3, L5) and Provença (FGC).

#### Kids

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#### Wednesday 15

Tour

#### Palau de la Música See Wed 1. (Palau de la Música, 4-6). M: Urquinaona (L1, L4).

**El Born Cultural Centre** See Wed 1. (Pl. Comercial, 12). M: Jaume I and Barceloneta (L4).

Tour of Liceu opera house See Wed 1. (La Rambla 51-59). M: Liceu (L3).

### Sport

#### **VIII Puig Sailing Regatta**

Four-day sailing competition organised by the Reial Club Nàutic de Barcelona. Jul 15-18. More info: puigvelaclassicabarcelona.com.

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blau or bus 196.

## Cemetery

(L1, L3; FGC). 2nd & 4th Sun 11am (Catalan) and 11.15am (Spanish).

#### Thursday 16

#### Tour

#### Sant Pau modernista monument

See Wed 1. Hospital Sant Pau (Sant Antoni Maria Claret, 167). M: Sant Pau/Dos de Maig (L5).

#### **Night-time tours**

#### Taverns and inns in the Barcelona of 1700

See Thu 2. Born Cultural Centre (Pl. Comercial, 12). M: Jaume I and Barceloneta (L4).

The Born by night See Wed 1. Born Cultural Centre (Pl. Comercial, 12). M: Jaume I and Barceloneta (L4).

#### Friday 17

#### Tour

Torre Bellesguard See Wed 8. (Bellesguard, 6-9). M: Av. Tibidabo (FGC).

#### **Night-time tours**

#### Summer nights at the Pedrera: Alexis Cuadrado Quartet See Sat 4. (Provença, 261-265). M: Diagonal (L3, L5) and Provença (FGC). €28. Jul 17, 18. Doors open 8.30, concert from 9pm-10.30pm.

#### ► Secret Basilica del Pi See Sat 4. (Santa Maria del Pi Church (Pl. del Pi, 7). M: Liceu (L3)

#### Saturday 18

### Human towers

**FREE Raval Festa Major** Central neighbourhood hosts its annual 'big party' as part of which, castellers will build their amazing towers. (*Rambla del Raval*). M: Drassanes (L3). Noon.

#### **FREE Festa Catalana**

See castellers perform in front of the Gothic cathedral. (Av. de la Catedral). M: Jaume I (L4). 7pm.

#### Al fresco

Set sail on the Santa Eulàlia See Sat 4. Maritime Museum (Av. de les Drassanes, s/n). M: Drassanes (L3).

FREE Art show in Plaça Sant Josep Oriol See Sat 4. (Pl. Sant Josep Oriol i del Pi, s/n). M: Liceu (L3). Sat, Sun.

#### Tour

#### Palau de la Música See Wed 1. (Palau de la Música, 4-6). M: Urquinaona (L1, L4).

#### Sunday 19

#### Tour

#### Tibidabo theme park

See Wed 1. (Pl. Tibidabo, 3-4). Funicular del TIbidabo (Pl. Doctor Andreu). FGC: Av. Tibidabo + tramvia blau or bus 196.

## **FREE** Guided tour of Poblenou Cemetery

Explore one of Barcelona's historical cemeteries. (Av. Icària, s/n). M: Llacuna (L4). 1st and 3rd Sun 10.30am (Catalan) & 12.30pm (Spanish).

#### **FREE Baluard Gardens**

Visit renovated gardens tucked behind the only remaining gateway of the city's medieval walls.

(Av. de les Drassanes, s/n). M: Drassanes (L3). 1st and 3rd Sun 11am-2pm.



#### Human towers

Castellers del Poble-sec

Castle builders celebrate their anniversary with display of their amazing skills. (C/ Blai). M: Poble-sec (L4). Noon.

#### Sports

#### **Triathlon de la Vila**

Three-pronged sporting contest around the Olympic Port. More info: www.triatlodelavila. com

#### **Catalan Motorcycling Championship**

Barcelona-Catalunya race circuit hosts motorcycling contest. Circuit de Barcelona-Catalunya (Camí Mas Moreneta, Montmeló). Montmeló (RENFE). circuitcat. com

#### **Zoggs Swim Barcelona**

Open-sea swimming competition organised by Club Neda El Món, and taking place on the beaches of Sant Sebastià and Nova Icària.

More info: www.nedaelmon.com

#### Monday 20

#### **Kids**

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When everything fits! See Wed 1. CosmoCaixa (Isaac Newton, 26). M: Av. Tibidabo (FGC).

#### **Tuesday 21**

#### Tour

#### ► The Secret Pedrera See Tue 7. (Provença, 261-265). M: Diagonal (L3, L5) & Provença (FGC).

Palau de la Música See Mon 1. (Palau de la Música, 4-6). M: Urguinaona (L1, L4).

#### Wednesday 22

#### Tour

Torre Bellesguard See Wed 8. (Bellesguard, 6-9). M: Av. Tibidabo (FGC).

**Sant Pau modernista monument** See Wed 1. Hospital Sant Pau (Sant Antoni Maria Claret, 167). M: Sant Pau-Dos de Maig (L5).

#### **Puppets**

#### **Grec Festival - Her and the** architects

Puppets and actors tell a story that reflects on the brutality of war, set in the 18th-century siege of BCN. Born Cultural Centre (Pl. Comercial. 12). M: Jaume I and Barceloneta (L4). T. 93 256 68 51. Jul 22-26. €18. In Catalan.

**Thursday 23** 

Tour

Santa Maria del Mar rooftop See Mon 1. (Plaça de Santa Maria, 1). M: Jaume I (L4).

► Tour of Liceu opera house See Mon 1. (La Rambla 51-59). M: Liceu (L3).

#### **Night-time tours**

Secret Basilica del Pi See Sat 4. Santa Maria del Pi Church (Pl. del Pi, 7). M: Liceu (L3)

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#### **Night-time tours**

#### Summer nights at the Pedrera: **Giula Valle Trio**

See Sat 4. (Provença, 261-265). M: Diagonal (L3, L5) and Provença (FGC). €28. Jul 24, 25. Doors open 8.30, concert from 9pm-10.30pm.

**Festival** 

**Mecal Air: YouTube contest** See Fri 3. Poble Espanyol (Av.

Francesc Ferrer i Guàrdia, 13). M: Espanya (L1, L3; FGC).

#### Saturday 25

Al fresco

#### **FREE** Art show in Plaça Sant **Josep Oriol**

See Sat 4. (Pl. Sant Josep Oriol i del Pi, s/n). M: Liceu (L3). Sat, Sun. restaurants at timeout.com/

#### Tour

Torre Bellesguard See Wed 8. (Bellesguard, 6-9). M: Av. Tibidabo (FGC).

#### The New Organ at the Basilica de Montserrat

See Sat 4. (Abadia de Montserrat, 08199 Montserrat). FGC: Monistrol de Montserrat (R5) + zip train.

#### The School and Sacristy at Montserrat

See Sat 4. (Abadia de Montserrat, 08199 Montserrat). FGC: Monistrol de Montserrat (R5) + zip train.

#### Sunday 26

#### Tour

**El Born Cultural Centre** See Wed 1. (Pl. Comercial, 12). M: Jaume I and Barceloneta (L4).

#### A taste of botany and culture See Sun 5. (Abadia de Montserrat, 08199 Montserrat). FGC: Monistrol de Montserrat (R5) + zip train.

**FREE Guided tour of Montjuïc** Cemetery

See Sun 12. Cementiri de Montjuïc (Mare de Déu del Port, 56-58). M: Espanya (L1, L3; FGC).

#### Monday 27

#### Tour

The Secret Pedrera See Tue 7. (Provenca, 261-265). M: Diagonal (L3, L5) & Provenca (FGC).

#### Sant Pau modernista monument

See Wed 1. Hospital Sant Pau (Sant Antoni Maria Claret, 167). M: Sant Pau-Dos de Maig (L5).

#### **Tuesday 28**

Tour

Palau de la Música See Wed 1. (Palau de la Música, 4-6). M: Urguinaona (L1,L4).

Liceu opera house See Wed 1. (La Rambla 51-59). M: Liceu (L3).

### Wednesday 29

#### **Kids**

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It's surprising, but it's science! See Wed 1. CosmoCaixa (Isaac Newton, 26) M: Av. Tibidabo (FGC).

When everything fits!

See Wed 1. CosmoCaixa (Isaac Newton, 26). M: Av. Tibidabo (FGC).

#### **Thursday 30**

#### Tour

#### ► Tibidabo theme park

See Wed 1. (Pl. Tibidabo, 3-4). Funicular del Tlbidabo (Pl. Doctor Andreu), FGC: Av. Tibidabo + tramvia blau or bus 196.

#### Fridav 31 **Night-time tours**

#### Summer nights at the Pedrera: **Ofri Nehemya Quartet + Félix** Rossy See Sat 4.

(Provença, 261-265). M: Diagonal (L3, L5) and Provença (FGC). €28. Doors open 8.30, concert from 9pm-10.30pm.

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## **Sights**

#### Architecture

#### Basílica de la Sagrada Família

(Mallorca, 401). M: Sagrada Família (L2, L5). T. 93 513 20 60. 9am-8pm. Guided tour/with audio guide: €19.50. Barcelona's most famous landmark, begun by Antoni Gaudí in 1891 and unfinished to this day. Ticket sales help fund the ongoing construction of Spain's most popular tourist attraction.

#### ► Basílica de Santa Maria del Mar

(Plaça de Santa Maria, 1). M: Jaume I (L4). T. 93 310 23 90. Mon-Sat 9am-1.30pm, 4.30pm-8pm; Sun and public holidays 10.30am-1.30pm, 4.30pm-8pm. Wheelchair access. Known as the 'cathedral of the Ribera', this church is one of the most perfect examples of Gothic architecture, thanks to the harmony of its proportions and its inherent serenity.

#### ▶ Basílica de Santa Maria del Pi

(Plaça del Pi, 7). M: Liceu (L3) & Jaume I (L4). T. 93 318 47 43. Mon-Sat 10am-6pm; Sun 5pm-8pm. €4. €3 (reduced). Guided tour (including belltower): Sat noon (advanced booking required). €12. €8 (reduced). One of Barcelona's grandest Gothic churches, with great views from its belltower.

#### ► Casa Batlló

(Pg. de Gràcia, 43). M: Passeig de Gràcia (L2, L3, L4). T. 93 216 03 06. 9am-9pm. €21.50. €18.50 (reduced). Last admission: 8pm. More info: www.casabatllo.cat. The sensuality and harmony of its interior, combined with Gaudi's use of colours, shapes and light, make this a must-see for admirers of the architect's work.

#### Gaudí Crypt at Colònia Güell

(Claudi Güell, 6 – Santa Coloma de Cervelló). M: Espanya (L1, L3) & FGC: Colònia Güell (S4, S8, S33). T. 93 630 58 07. Mon-Fri 10am-7pm; Sat, Sun, public hols 10am-3pm. €9 (incl. audio guide).

#### €7.50 (reduced).

Gaudí's hidden treasure is a UNESCO World Heritage Site inside Colònia Güell, a planned textile factory and residential area 20 mins from Barcelona.

#### Gran Teatre del Liceu

(La Rambla, 51–59). M: Liceu (L3). T. 93 485 99 14. Guided tour: Mon-Fri 9.30am, 10.30am. €14. 30-minute tour: €6. www.liceubarcelona.cat Visit one of the world's great opera houses: discover the impressive concert hall and exclusive private rooms that make this one of Barcelona's most emblematic buildings.

#### ► La Pedrera

(Provença, 261-265). M: Diagonal (L3, L5). T. 902 202 138.9am-8.30pm.Last admission: 8pm. €20.50. €16.50 (reduced). Many Barcelona residents regard this as Gaudí's true masterpiece. The roof terrace represents modernista architechture at its finest. Enjoy the spectacular design at night with 'Gaudi's Pedrera. The Origins', a tour and videomapping on the rooftop featuring multiple screenings accompanied by music. Daily 9pm-11pm (ticket office opens 8pm). Until Sep 12, Fri, Sat 10.15pm-11pm (ticket office opens 9pm).

#### Palau Güell

(Nou de la Rambla, 3-5). M: Drassanes & Liceu (L3). T. 93 472 57 75. Tue-Sun 10am-8pm. Last admission: 7pm. Closed Mon except public hols.  $\in$ 12.  $\in$ 8 (reduced). Built by Gaudí in the late 19th century, this palace belonged to his principal patron. The roof terrace shouldn't be missed.

#### ▶ Palau de la Música Catalana

(Palau de la Música, 4-6). M: Urquinaona (L1, L4). T. 93 295 72 00. 10am-3.30pm. €18. €11 (reduced). Under 10s free. Step inside one of the most beautiful modernista buildings in the city, today a UNESCO World Heritage Site.

#### Sant Pau, modernista monument

(Sant Antoni Maria Claret, 167). M: Sant Pau (L5). T. 93 553 78 01. Mon-Sat 10am-6.30pm; Sun, public hols 10am-2.30pm. Selfguided tour: €18. €5.60 (reduced). Guided tour: €14. €9.80 (reduced). First Sunday of month and under 16s free. More info: www. santpaubarcelona.org. Tour the buildings and grounds of Hospital Sant Pau, one of the world's largest Art Nouveau monuments, recently restored and opened to the public.

#### ► Torre Bellesguard

(Bellesguard, 6-9). M: Av. Tibidabo (FGC). T. 93 250 40 93. Tue-Sun 10am-3pm. Closed Mon. Panoramic tour (audio guide to exterior, remains of Martin the Humane's palace, audiovisual centre): €7. Guided tour (tower exterior and interior, roof terrace): €16; in English – Sat, Sun 11am. Discover the modernista castle that Antoni Gaudí built at the foot of Tibidado mountain.

#### Leisure

#### ► Aire de Barcelona, Arab Baths

(Pg. de Picasso, 22). M: Barceloneta, Jaume I (L4). T. 93 295 57 43. Mon-Fri: first entry 10am; last entry between 10pm and midnight; Sat, Sun and days before public holidays: last entry between midnight and 2am. www.airedebarcelona.com These Arab baths revive the ancient tradition of bathing as a form of relaxation, in a gorgeous setting.

#### ► Barcelona Urban Forest

(Plaça del Fòrum, s/n). M: El Maresme/Fòrum (L4). T. 93 117 34 26. Daily 10am-8pm. €11-€27 (depending on age and circuit).
Get some high-adrenaline exercise with over 30 attractions, including zip lines, bungee jumping, trampolines and more.
> Gaudí Experience

(Larrard, 41). M: Vallcarca,

Lesseps (L3). T. 93 285 44 40. 10am-7pm.  $\in$  9.  $\in$  7.50 (reduced). A fascinating interactive journey that uses 4-D technology to take you inside Gaudí's universe.

#### Poble Espanyol

(Av. Francesc Ferrer i Guàrdia, 13). M: Espanya (L1, L3). T. 93
508 63 00. Mon 9am-8pm; Tue-Thu Sun 9am-midnight; Fri 9am-3am; Sat 9am-4am. €12. €7, €8.40 (reduced).
Built for the 1929 Barcelona Expo, Poble Espanyol is an open-air museum on Montjuïc with replicas of streets, squares and buildings from all over Spain. Regularly hosts live music events.

#### ► Tibidabo Amusement Park

(Plaça del Tibidabo, 3-4). Bus Tibibus (T2A) from Plaça Catalunya. M: Av. Tibidabo (FGC) + Tramvia Blau or Bus 196 + Funicular del Tibidabo. T. 93 211 79 42. For info and times: www. tibidabo.cat. Sky Walk: €12.70. Children under 120cm: €7.80. Amusement park: €28.50. Children under 120cm: €10.30. Tibidabo is one of the oldest theme parks in the world, and features both classic rides and brand-new attractions with spectacular views over the city.

#### ► PortAventura

(Av. Alcalde Pere Molas. Km. 2. Vila Seca, Tarragona). Train: Port Aventura. T. 902 20 22 20. For prices and times contact tourist offices or visit portaventura.es. Located an hour south of Barcelona, this theme park has six zones covering 119 hectares, with 30 attractions, 100 daily processions, 75 places to eat, and 27 shops.

#### ► Barcelona Zoo

(Parc de la Ciutadella, s/n). M: Arc de Triomf (L1) & Ciutadella/ Vila Olímpica (L4). T. 902 45 75 45.10am-8pm. €19.90. Children (ages 3-12): €11.95. Open for more than 100 years, this is one of the city's bestloved attractions. Nowadays it's home to more than 2,000 animals representing some 315 species.

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what they do separately. They sing

that 'collaborations don't work' – a touch of humour from the Mael

brothers – but theirs does, and brilliantly. The playlist will include classics from the two groups, passed through the FFS filter.

JAMIE CULLUM Friday 10

# Music for all

Barcelona's crammed line-up of summer festivals continues. **Marta Salicrú** picks her five must-sees at this month's Cruïlla

#### KENDRICK LAMAR Friday 10

Last seen in BCN at Primavera Sound 2014, the rap artist *du jour* comes to Cruïlla with something even better up his sleeve: *To Pimp a Butterfly* (2015). His third album, it reached No. 1 in the USA and UK, and is already considered a hip-hop masterpiece. Celebrating black urban music, it references Fela Kuti, George Clinton and Michael Jackson, and has collaborations with Flying Lotus, Pharrell Williams and Thundercat, among others. We salute the king.

#### **FFS** Saturday 11

News of the joint project between Scottish foursome Franz Ferdinand (the two Fs in the name) and veteran Californian duo Sparks (the S) caused great excitement on planet pop this year. Expectations proved justified with an eponymous debut album that combines the best from each side while also managing to sound different from

Poor Rufus Wainwright was left a bit scarred after Cruïlla 2013: the public was in too much of a party mood for his ballads. But if there's one man who can keep a festival crowd happy with just a piano, it's Jamie Cullum. A jazzman who rides the instrument as if it was a surfboard and does Rihanna covers? That's Cullum. His latest album is Interlude (2014), a collection of early jazz hits. **ALOE BLACC** Saturdav 11 His biggest hit is 'The Man', and that's no coincidence. The US

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artist is one of the classiest new soulmen of his generation. Although he began with influential independent hip-hop label Stones Throw, he made it big with Avicii's hits 'I Need a Dollar' and 'Wake Me Up', which Blacc co-wrote – despite not being credited – as well as

sang. Tell everyone: he is the man.

#### MS. LAURYN HILL Saturday 11

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This is the Barcelona debut for the former Fugees singer, and she's the second member of the US trio to perform at Cruïlla, following Wyclef Jean (and a rather dull 2013 set). Hill's solo career has been erratic: her huge debut, *The Miseducation* of *Lauryn Hill* (1998), which earned her five Grammys, including album of the year, is still waiting for a follow-up, and in 2013 she was sent to prison for tax evasion. But if, after so many years, you're still living off royalties, it's because your past merits are significant indeed.

Cruïlla Barcelona Summer Festival 2015 Parc del Fòrum, Jul 10-12. www.cruillabarcelona.com

**1.** Kendrick Lamar performing at Primavera Sound 2014. **2.** Ms. Lauryn Hill. **3.** FFS.

## **Architecture for the senses**

CaixaForum revisits the work of architect Alvar Aalto and his connection to contemporary art. By **Eugènia Sendra** 

Alvar Aalto-the cosmopolitan architect who created organic buildings such as the Villa Mairea summer house in the Finnish town of Noormarkku, as well as objects including the asymmetric Savoy Vase and the Paimio, a wavy wooden chair - was dubbed the 'Magus of the North'. The trajectory of this Finnish illusionist can't be understood without Nordic Romanticism and Functionalism, or the impact of artists such as Alexander Calder, Fernand Léger, Jean Arp and László Moholy-Nagy, which is demonstrated in this retrospective co-produced by the Vitra Design Musem and the Alvar Aalto Museum.

Curator Jochen Eisenbrand highlights the vast influence of Moholy-Nagy on Aalto, which explains the architect's interest in photography and New Realism, the close relationship of Aalto with cinema, and the effects of a course in materials he did at the Bauhaus when Moholy-Nagy was still teaching there. From Léger and Arp, Aalto 'learned to transform shapes from nature and make them abstract to incorporate them into his designs', says Eisenbrand.

As well as works by Aalto, the majority of which are usually housed in Finland, the show evokes



the sensations that arise from architecture that is closely linked to nature: 'His buildings are welcoming, on a human scale – the architect guides you through the building, which speaks to all the senses,' says the curator. Aalto broached the idea of a total work of art, studied light to be able to create choreographic spaces, and was concerned with all the details of construction. He also designed interiors, from door handles to the industrial furniture he marketed

Alvar Aalto CaixaForum v. Francesc Ferrer i Guàrdia, 6-8. Until August 23 via the company Artek. 'He was interested in enhancing daily objects through well-designed industrial objects,' adds Eisenbrand.

Aalto's furniture helped build his global fame and are some of the jewels in this show along with photos and archive material. You'll also discover the relationship that he had with the Mediterranean Sea.

## The merits of being too sensitive

Mexican artist Santiago Borja is taking over the emblematic Mies van der Rohe Pavilion in Montjuïc (built for the German representation at the 1929 International Exposition held in Barcelona) for this month of July and two weeks in August, with a project focused on astral bodies and invisible planes.

'Suprasensible' (which literally translates to 'Supersensitive') is the latest work by the young artist who originally trained as an architect. In more recent times, however, he has turned to creating installations using varied spaces around the world to explore the connection between art, architecture and ethnology – over the past few years, he's exhibited in Los Angeles, London, Mexico City and Dublin, among other places.

At the Mies van der Rohe Pavilion, you'll discover videos, photos and sculptures that Borja uses to juxtapose visual arts and architecture, esoterism and geometric shapes, abstraction and colour. Perhaps most strikingly, Borja has also designed a textile



cover for the interior pavilion. If you're already familiar with this modernist building at the foot of Montjuïc, this is a chance to discover a new reading of it; and if not, the efforts of Santiago Borja provide an added dimension to one of the city's already noteworthy constructions. –*Hannah Pennell* 

## Suprasensible: a project on astral bodies and invisible planes

Mies van der Rohe Pavilion. Av. Francesc Ferrer i Guàrdia, 7. Jul 1-Aug 15. www.miesbcn.com

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## **The Arts**

## Music

#### Wednesday 1

#### Classical

## Music at the Palaces - King of Ragtime

Anton Serra (flute) and Jordi Ribell (harpischord) perform ragtime. Reial Acadèmia Catalana de les Belles Arts (Pg. Isabel II, 1). M: Barceloneta (L4). 7pm.  $\in 12$  in advance;  $\in 15$  on the door. More info: www.fomentdelaclassica.cat

#### Bach in Barcelona

Every Monday and Wednesday lunchtime, cellist Jurgen van Win performs Bach's Suites in a 11thcentury Benedictine monastery. *Monestir de Sant Pau del Camp* (Sant Pau, 101). M: Paral·lel (L2,L3). *Mon & Wed 1pm.* €16. €7.99 children 8-17. Free for under-7s. T. 679 305 718. reservas@ bachinbarcelona.com.

#### Spanish guitar masters

Manuel González in concert. Santa Maria del Pi Church (Pl. del Pi, 7). M: Liceu (L3). 9pm. €21. Discount at tourist offices.

#### Jazz

#### Grec Festival: Motis - Chamorro Sextet & Young Jazz Band

Classic jazz tunes re-interpreted by local musicians. Jamboree (Pl. Reial, 17). M: Liceu (L3). Jul 1-3. 8pm, 10pm.  $\in$ 15- $\in$ 18. www.bcn.cat/grec

#### **Opera – Flamenco**

#### Stories of love

A full cast performs the traditions of opera, zarzuela and flamenco. Palau de la Música Catalana (Palau de la Música, 4-6). M: Urquinaona (L1, L4). 9.30pm.  $\in$ 20- $\in$ 49. bcnshop.com

#### Flamenco

► Palacio del Flamenco show A full cast of guitarists, singers and

dancers, and the rhythms of the *cajón*, heels and palms, take you on a journey into the world of flamenco.

(Balmes, 139). M: Diagonal (L3, L5, de la (L1, L5)) = (L1, L5) =

#### ► The most authentic contemporary flamenco at Tablao Cordobés

Live flamenco in one of Barcelona's most emblematic *tablaos*, with performances from some exciting new names on the scene. (*La Rambla*, 35). *M*: *Drassanes* (*L3*) & *Liceu* (*L3*). *Daily* 8.15pm, 10pm. €42.50. More info: tablaocordobes. com

#### Live Flamenco

Enjoy a flamenco show in the heart of the city.

Sala Tarantos (Plaça Reial, 17). M: Liceu (L3). Daily 8.30pm, 9.30pm, 10.30pm. €10 (on the door). €8 (web). www.masimas.com/tarantos

### Thursday 2

#### Flamenco

#### ► Flamenco at the MEAM

Live flamenco every Thursday night. (Barra de Ferro, 5). M: Jaume I (L1). 6pm.  $\notin$ 24. Reduced  $\notin$ 19. Includes wine and tapas. www.meam.es

#### Classical

#### Spanish guitar masters

Award-winning guitarist, and Barcelona native, Xavier Coll performs in this beautiful setting. Santa Maria del Pi Church (Pl. del Pi, 7). M: Liceu (L3). 9pm. €21. Discount available at tourist offices.

#### Spanish guitar masters

Enjoy a show by Barcelona guitar duo, Carmen, and a glass of wine. Santa Ana Church (Santa Ana, 29). M: Catalunya (L1, L3;FGC). 9pm. €20. Discount available at tourist offices. Info: bcnshop.com.

#### **My Favourite Things**

Children's choir performs in sublime surroundings. Palau de la Música Catalana (Palau de la Música, 4-6). M: Urquinaona (L1, L4). 9pm.  $\in$ 15- $\in$ 20.

## Music at the Palaces – Song recital

Soprano Susanna Crespo is accompanied by guitarist and composer Jaume Torrent.

Reial Acadèmia Catalana de les Belles Arts (Pg. Isabel II, 1). M: Barceloneta (L4). 8pm. €12 in advance; €15 on the door. Under-14s €5. More info: www.racba.org

#### **Emerging music**

## **FREE** Grec Festival: Mini concerts

Various up-and-coming artists perform ahead of the main acts taking to the stage of the Teatre Grec. Teatre Grec Gardens (Pg. de Santa Madrona, 38). M: Espanya (L1,L3; FGC). Jul 2-30. 8pm. bcn.cat/ grec

#### World music: Moussakis

Fusion of Balkan, Mediterranean, jazz, funk and rock sounds. Sant Pau modernista monument gardens (Sant Antoni Maria Claret, 167). M: Sant Pau–Dos de Maig (L5). 9.30pm. santpaubarcelona.org.

#### Blues

#### Blues night at Poble Espanyol

Honky Two and MA Lonesome & Alan Bike perform. (Av. Francesc Ferrer i Guàrdia, 13). M: Espanya (L1,L3;FGC). Every Thu in July. 9pm.

#### Opera

#### Opera at Palau Dalmases

Lovely music in a lovely venue in the old part of the city. (Montcada, 20). M: Jaume I (L1). Every Thursday. 11pm. www. palaudalmases.com

#### Pop – Rock

Pedralbes Gardens Festival: Paul Weller

Iconic British musician performs songs old and new. Palau Reial de Pedralbes (Av. Diagonal, 686). M: Maria Cristina (L3). 10pm. €18-€170.

#### Friday 3

#### Classical

#### Spanish guitar masters

See Thu 2 (X. Coll). Santa Maria del Pi Church (Pl. del Pi, 7). M: Liceu (L3).

#### Blues

#### Blues at the MEAM

Amadeu Casas, Johny Big Stone, Little Jordi, Reginal Vilardell and The Blues Workers take the stage. (Barra de Ferro, 5). M: Jaume I (L1). Every Friday. 6pm. €14. meam.es

#### Flamenco

Flamenco at Palau Dalmases Perhaps more than any other music form, flamenco must be seen live. (Montcada, 20). M: Jaume I (L1). Daily 6pm, 7.30pm, 9.30pm.

#### ▶ Palacio del Flamenco show See Wed 1. (Balmes, 139). M: Diagonal (L3, L5, FGC).

Tablao Cordobés

See Wed 1. (Rambla, 35). M: Drassanes/Liceu (L3).

#### ► Tablao Flamenco Nervión

City centre restaurant hosts flamenco performance. (Princesa, 2). M: Jaume I (L4). Thu, Fri, Sat 8pm-10pm. Show + drink €16.90; show + supper €27.90.

### Saturday 4

Classical

#### Spanish guitar masters

See Thu 2 (Carmen). Santa Ana Church (Santa Ana, 29). M: Catalunya (L1, L3;FGC).

#### Spanish guitar masters

Performance of traditional music from Barcelona 4 Guitars. Palau de la Música Catalana (Palau de la Música, 4-6). M: Urguinaona (L1, L4). 9pm. €30-€35.

#### ► Teatime classical music

Works by Manuel de Falla, among others. in afternoon concert that includes a glass of cava. MEAM (Barra de Ferro, 5). M: Jaume I (L4). Doors 5.30pm; concert 6pm (please arrive before concert starts).

#### Singer-songwriter

#### **Grec Festival: Joan Manuel** Serrat

Catalan singer presents his latest album Antología desordenada. Teatre Grec (Pg. Santa Madrona, 36). M: Espanya (L1, L3;FGC). Jul 4-8. 10pm. €28-€58. bcn.cat/grec

#### **Pedralbes Gardens Festival: Bob Dylan**

The US singer performs in al fresco concert. Palau Reial de Pedralbes (Av. Diagonal, 686). M: Maria Cristina

(L3). 10pm. €18-€350.

#### Jazz

#### **Grec Festival: Lluc Casares**

**Ouintet featuring Miguel Rodriguez.** Jamboree (Pl. Reial, 17). M: Liceu (L3). 8pm, 10pm. €12-€15. www. bcn.cat/grec

#### Flamenco

► Live Flamenco See Wed 1. Sala Tarantos (Plaça Reial, 17). M: Catalunya (L1,L3;FGC).

#### Sunday 5

#### Classical

#### Spanish guitar masters

Guitarist Robert Majure performs 'Alma Flamenca' in the beautiful, semi-hidden church with the amazing cloister.Santa Ana Church (Santa Ana, 29). M: Catalunya (L1, L3;FGC). 9pm. €19. Discount available at tourist offices. bcnshop.com

#### **Opera-Flamenco**

Stories of love See Wed 1.

Palau de la Música Catalana (Palau de la Música, 4-6). M: Urguinaona (L1.L4).

#### Jazz

#### **Grec Festival: Jove Big Band**

Young jazz group take us on a journey through the genre's history. Jamboree (Pl. Reial, 17). M: Liceu (L3).8pm, 10pm. €12-€15.www. bcn.cat/grec

### **Monday 6**

#### Classical

#### **Daniel Barenboim**

The renowned Argentinian conductor directs the Staatskapelle Berlin as it plays works by Wagner and Elgar. Palau de la Música Catalana (Palau de la Música, 4-6). M: Urquinaona (L1, L4). 8.30pm. €25-€150.

#### Bach in Barcelona

See Wed 1. Monestir de Sant Pau del Camp (Sant Pau, 101). M: Paral·lel (L2,L3).

#### Pop – Rock

#### **Pedralbes Gardens Festival:** Anastacia

The multifaceted US musician sings hits from her 14-year career. Palau Reial de Pedralbes (Av. Diagonal, 686. M: Maria Cristina (L3). 10pm. €18-€170.

#### Jazz

#### Live iazz

Concert at Milano Cocktail Bar. (Ronda Universitat, 35). M: Catalunya (L1, L3). 9pm (double session). Cover charge €8

#### **Tuesday 7** Classical

### **Daniel Barenboim**

The Argentinian conductor directs the Catalan Chamber Choir. Palau de la Música Catalana (Palau de la Música, 4-6). M: Urguinaona (L1, L4). 8.30pm. €25-€150.

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#### **Opera – Flamenco**

#### Grand Flamenco Gala

Passionate performance that takes in some of the key styles of the classic Spanish music genre. including fandango and bulería. Teatre Poliorama (La Rambla, 115). M: Catalunya (L1, L3; FGC). 9.30pm. bcnshop.com.

#### Pop – Rock

#### **Pedralbes Gardens Festival: Angus & Julia Stone**

Australian brother-and-sister indie folk duo bring their music to BCN. Palau Reial de Pedralbes (Av. Diagonal. 686. M: Maria Cristina (L3). 10pm. €18-€160

#### Flamenco

▶ Palacio del Flamenco show See Wed 1. (Balmes, 139). M: Diagonal (L3, L5, FGC).

Tablao Cordobés See Wed 1. (Rambla, 35). M: Drassanes/Liceu (L3).

#### Jazz

#### **Grec Festival: Susana Sheiman** & Opera Gate Quintet

Three local jazz stars accompany the great voice of Sheiman. Jamboree (Pl. Reial, 17). M: Liceu (L3). Jul 7-9. 8pm, 10pm. €12-€15. www.bcn.cat/grec

### Wednesday 8

Opera

#### La Traviata

Verdi's popular three-act opera tells the story of the doomed love between Alfredo and Violetta. Gran Teatre del Liceu (La Rambla,

51-59). M: Liceu (L3). Jul 8, 9, 11, 12 (6pm), 14, 15, 17 and 18. 8pm. €11-€222.

#### Classical

#### Spanish guitar masters

Manuel González in concert. Palau de la Música Catalana (Palau de la Música, 4-6). M: Urguinaona (L1, L4). 9pm. €30-€35.

Bach in Barcelona See Wed 1. Monestir de Sant Pau del Camp (Sant Pau, 101). M: Paral·lel (L2,L3).

#### **Thursday 9**

Pop – Rock

#### **Grec Festival: Ismael Serrano** Spanish songwriter and guitarist performs from his latest album. Teatre Grec (Pg. de Santa Madrona, 38). M: Espanya (L1,L3; FGC).

10pm. €20-€35. www.bcn.cat/grec

#### Flamenco

#### **Pedralbes Gardens Festival: Miguel Poveda**

Catalan flamenco star entertains in outdoor setting. Palau Reial de Pedralbes (Av. Diagonal, 686. M: Maria Cristina (L3). Jul 9,10. 10pm. €18-€160.

**Flamenco at the MEAM** See Thu 2. (Barra de Ferro, 5). M: Jaume I (L1)

#### Friday 10

#### Classical

Spanish guitar masters Barcelona Guitar Trio in concert with flamenco-classical fusion. Palau de la Música Catalana (Palau de la Música, 4-6). M: Urquinaona (L1, L4). 9pm. €30-€35.

#### **Opera – Flamenco**

Grand Flamenco Gala See Tue 7. Teatre Poliorama (La Rambla, 115). M: Catalunya (L1, L3; FGC).

#### Jazz

#### **Grec Festival: Juan Perro**

The jazz singer is joined by the other members of his trio for this showcase. Jamboree (Pl. Reial, 17). M: Liceu (L3). Jul 10-12. 8pm, 10pm. €12-€15.www.bcn.cat/grec

#### Saturday 11

#### Classical

#### Teatime classical music

Works by Albeniz, Tarrega and Bach, in concert that includes a glass of cava. MEAM (Barra de Ferro, 5). M: Jaume I (L4). Doors 5.30pm; concert 6pm (please arrive before concert starts).

#### **Progressive metal**

#### **Be prog my friend**

Festival of progressive metal music. Poble Espanyol (Av. Francesc Ferrer i Guàrdia, 13). M: Espanya (L1,L3; FGC). 4.30pm. €80.

#### Classical

#### Spanish guitar masters

Joan Benejam performs fandango, while you enjoy a glass of wine. Santa Ana Church (Santa Ana, 29). M: Catalunya (L1, L3;FGC). 7pm. €20. Discount at tourist offices.

Spanish guitar masters See Thu 2 (X. Coll). Santa Maria del Pi Church (Pl. del Pi, 7). M: Liceu (L3).

#### **Opera – Flamenco**

#### Grand Flamenco Gala

Passionate performance that takes in some of the key styles of the classic Spanish music genre, including fandango and bulería. Palau de la Música Catalana (Palau de la Música, 4-6). M: Urquinaona (L1, L4). 9.30pm. €20-€49. bcnshop.com

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#### Flamenco

► Tablao Cordobés See Wed 1. (Rambla, 35). M: Drassanes/Liceu (L3).

## Monday 13

#### Classical

► Spanish guitar masters See Wed 1.Santa Maria del Pi Church (Pl. del Pi, 7). M: Liceu (L3).

#### Netrebko, Gubanova. Antonenko & Abdrazakov

Four soloists come together to perform Italian and Russian operatic arias, duos and trios. Palau de la Música Catalana (Palau de la Música, 4-6). M: Urquinaona (L1, L4). 8.30pm.  $\in$  35- $\notin$ 200.

#### World music

#### Caetano & Gil, Two Friends

Two Brazilian singers, Caetano Veloso and Gilberto Gil, celebrate their collective 100 years in music. *Gran Teatre del Liceu (La Rambla,* 51-59). *M: Liceu (L3)*. 9pm. €36€140.

#### **Tuesday 14**

#### Classical

#### **Many thanks Bach!**

Tribute to the German composer. Reial Acadèmia Catalana de les Belles Arts (Pg. Isabel II, 1). M: Barceloneta (L4). 8pm. €12 in advance; €15 on the door. Under-14s €5. More info: www.racba.org.

#### Spanish guitar masters

See Thu 2 (Carmen). Santa Ana Church (Santa Ana, 29). M: Catalunya (L1, L3;FGC).

#### Jazz

#### Grec Festival: Anton Jarl & Original

Jazz Orquestra Taller de Músics US drummer Buddy Rich tribute. Jamboree (Pl. Reial, 17). M: Liceu (L3). 8pm, 10pm. €12-€15. www. bcn.cat/grec

#### Live jazz

Concert at Milano Cocktail Bar. (Ronda Universitat, 35). M: Catalunya (L1, L3). 9pm (double session). Cover charge  $\in$ 8.

#### Wednesday 15

#### Classical

► Bach in Barcelona See Wed 1. Monestir de Sant Pau del Camp (Sant Pau, 101). M: Paral·lel (L2,L3).

#### Spanish guitar masters

See Wed 1. Santa Maria del Pi Church (Pl. del Pi, 7). M: Liceu (L3).

#### World music

#### Gaudí Nights 2015

Cultural event with mix of music, food and architecture. (Bellesguard, 6-9). M:Av.Tibidabo (FGC). Doors 7.30pm; guided tour of exterior 7.30pm; concert 8.15pm; chill out 10pm-midnight. €25-€45. www.bellesguardgaudi.com

#### Blues

#### Grec Festival: Barcelona Big Blues Band + Myriam Swanson Enjoy jazz sounds from the '40s. Jamboree (Pl. Reial, 17). M: Liceu (L3). 8pm, 10pm. €12-€15. www. bcn.cat/grec

#### Singer-songwriter

#### **Grec Festival: Lisandro** Aristimuño

Award-winning multifaceted Argentinian musician comes to town. Barts (Av. Paral·lel, 62). M: Paral·lel (L2,L3). 9pm. €18-€22. www.bcn.cat/grec

## Thursday 16

### Classical

Spanish guitar masters

#### See Sun 12.

Santa Ana Church (Santa Ana, 29). M: Catalunya (L1, L3;FGC).

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► Spanish guitar masters See Wed 1.Santa Maria del Pi Church (Pl. del Pi, 7). M: Liceu (L3).

#### Blues

Blues night at Poble Espanyol

Amadeu Casas Trio perform. (Av. Francesc Ferrer i Guàrdia, 13). M: Espanya (L1,L3;FGC). Every Thu in July. 9pm.

#### World music

#### **Skyland Tal Ben Ari and Mel Semé**

Israeli-Cuban fusion sounds. Sant Pau modernista monument gardens (Sant Antoni Maria Claret, 167). M: Sant Pau–Dos de Maig (L5). 9.30pm. €10, €8. Visit to site included. Info: santpaubarcelona.org

#### Opera

• Opera at Palau Dalmases See Thu 2. (Montcada, 20). M: Jaume I (L1).

#### Friday 17

Classical

#### Xavier Sabata

The countertenor sings pieces from Handel, Vivaldi, Hasse and Porpora. *Palau de la Música Catalana (Palau de la Música, 4-6). M*: Urquinaona (L1, L4). 8.30pm. €10-€40.

#### Jazz

**Grec Festival: Janine Johnson** Johnson sings some of the greatest James Bond themes. Jamboree (Pl. Reial, 17). M: Liceu (L3). 8pm, 10pm. €12-€15. www. bcn.cat/grec

#### Saturday 18

#### Soul

**Grec Festival: Janine Johnson** In her second show, Johnson performs hits from iconic soul divas. *Jamboree (Pl. Reial, 17). M: Liceu (L3). 8pm, 10pm. €12-€15.* 

#### www.bcn.cat/grec

#### **World music**

► Gaudí Nights 2015 See Wed 15. (Bellesguard, 6-9). M: Av. Tibidabo (FGC).

#### Electronic

#### Barcelona Beach Festival 2015

The Fòrum beach becomes the venue for a night of top DJ action, courtesy of the likes of David Guetta, Hardwell, Axwell Ingrosso and Martin Garrix. Platja del Fòrum and Parc de la Pau. More info: www.livenation.es.

#### **Festival**

#### Bona Nit Barcelona

Open-air, environmentally friendly festival with appearances from Norweggian group Kakkmaddafakka and Jack Savoretti. *Pl. de les Glòries. Info: bonanitbarcelona.es.* 

## Sunday 19

#### Classical

Bach's Magnificat The Catalan Orfeo Choir sings the the composer's major work. Palau de la Música Catalana (Palau de la Música, 4-6). M: Urquinaona (L1, L4). 8.30pm. €20-€30.

#### Spanish guitar masters

Russian guitarist Ekaterina Záytseva is one of the best of her generation. Santa Maria del Pi Church (Pl. del Pi, 7). M: Liceu (L3). 9pm. €19.

#### Monday 20

#### Classical

▶ Bach in Barcelona See Wed 1. Monestir de Sant Pau del Camp (Sant Pau, 101). M: Paral·lel (L2,L3).

#### **Tuesday 21**

#### Classical

#### Spanish guitar masters

See Wed 8. Palau de la Música (Palau de la Música, 4-6). M: Urquinaona (L1, L4).

**The King of Ragtime** 

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les Belles Arts (Pg. Isabel II, 1). M: Barceloneta (L4). 7pm. €12 in advance; €15 on the door. Under-14s €5. More info: www.racba.org.

#### **Broadway musicals**

#### Grec Festival: Night of musicals

Local musical theatre stars join with the Barcelona Municipal Band to perform Broadway hits. Teatre Grec (Pg. de Santa Madrona, 38). M: Espanya (L1, L3;FGC). 10pm. €12-€22.

#### Wednesday 22

#### Classical

► **Spanish guitar masters** See Sun 19. Santa Maria del Pi Church (Pl. del Pi, 7). M: Liceu (L3).

► Bach in Barcelona See Wed 1. Monestir de Sant Pau del Camp (Sant Pau, 101). M: Paral·lel (L2,L3).

#### World music

► Gaudí Nights 2015 See Wed 15. (Bellesguard, 6-9). M: Av. Tibidabo (FGC).

#### Flamenco

► Tablao Cordobés See Wed 1. (Rambla, 35). M: Drassanes/Liceu (L3).

▶ Palacio del Flamenco show See Wed 1. (Balmes, 139). M: Diagonal (L3, L5, FGC).

► Live Flamenco See Wed 1. Sala Tarantos (Plaça Reial, 17). M: Catalunya (L1,L3;FGC).

### Thursday 23

#### Catalan rumba

#### Los Sobrinos

Catalan group perform as part of a series of world music concerts. Sant Pau modernista monument gardens (Sant Antoni Maria Claret, 167). M: Sant Pau–Dos de Maig (L5). 9.30pm. €10, €8. Includes visit to site. Info: santpaubarcelona.org.

#### Classical

#### Vivaldi's Venice

The Catalan Orfeo Choir pay tribute to the composer and his hometown. Palau de la Música Catalana (Palau de la Música, 4-6). M: Urquinaona (L1, L4). 9pm.  $\in$ 15- $\in$ 20.

#### Flamenco

#### **Yolanda Cortes**

Young Barcelona-born dancer gives a live performance. Sala Tarantos (Plaça Reial, 17). M: Liceu (L3). Daily 8.30pm, 9.30pm, 10.30pm. €10 (on the door). €8 (web). www.masimas.com/tarantos

#### Flamenco at the MEAM

See Thu 2. (Barra de Ferro, 5). M: Jaume I (L1).

#### Friday 24

**Festival** 

#### Hard Rock Rising

For lovers of big rock and big concerts, this is a can't-miss event: Kings of Leon, Robbie Williams and Lenny Kravitz are just some of the stars taking part. *Platja del Fòrum and Parc de la Pau. Jul* 24-25. More info: www.livenation.es.

#### Classical

Spanish guitar masters See Sun 5. Sta Ana Church (Santa Ana, 29). M: Catalunya (L1, L3;FGC).

Saturday 25

#### **Festival**

#### **FREE Bachelona - participatory** cantanta

Celebrating the work of J.S. Bach, this series of cantantas is staged in one of BCN's finest churches. Santa Maria del Pi Church (Pl. del Pi, 7). M: Liceu (L3). 7pm.

#### ► Teatime classical music

Works by Corelli, Turina and Locateli, in concert with glass of cava included. MEAM (Barra de Ferro, 5), M: Jaume I (L4), Doors 5.30pm; concert 6pm (please arrive before concert starts).

#### Jazz

#### ZAZ

French singer mixes soul, acoustic and Manouche jazz. Poble Espanyol (Av. Francesc Ferrer i Guàrdia, 13). M: Espanya (L1,L3; FGC). 9pm. €35.

#### Sunday 26

#### Flamenco

Tablao Cordobés See Wed 1. (Rambla, 35). M:

Drassanes/Liceu (L3).

#### Palacio del Flamenco show

See Wed 1. (Balmes, 139). M: Diagonal (L3, L5, FGC).

#### Classical

Spanish guitar masters See Sun 19. Santa Maria del Pi Church (Pl. del Pi. 7). M: Liceu (L3).

#### Monday 27

#### Classical

#### Bach in Barcelona

See Wed 1. Monestir de Sant Pau del Camp (Sant Pau, 101). M: Paral·lel (L2,L3).

#### Spanish guitar masters

Show by top flamenco guitarist, Pedro Javier González, Santa Maria del Pi Church (Pl. del Pi, 7). M: Liceu (L3). 9pm. €19.

#### **Tuesday 28**

#### Classical

#### Spanish guitar masters

Luis Rodrigo is on stage. Santa Maria del Pi Church (Pl. del Pi, 7). M: Liceu (L3). 9pm. €19.

#### Spanish guitar masters

Alen Garagic performs flamenco and classic tunes. Santa Ana Church (Santa Ana, 29). M: Catalunya (L1, L3; FGC). 9pm. €20. Discounts in tourist office. bcnshop.com

#### Wednesday 29

#### Tango

#### **Grec Festival: Piazzolla** invites Buika

The grandson of mythic Argentinian musician Astor Piazzolla teams up with Mallorcan-born singer Buika. Teatre Grec (Pg. de Santa Madrona, 38). M: Espanya (L1,L3; FGC). 10pm. €16-€35.bcn.cat/grec

#### **Thursday 30**

#### Pop

#### Grec Festival: Els Amics de les Arts

Catalan band celebrates ten years. Teatre Grec (Pg. de Santa Madrona, 38). M: Espanya (L1,L3; FGC). 10pm. €18-€30. bcn.cat/grec

#### Opera

#### Opera at Palau Dalmases See Thu 2.

(Montcada, 20). M: Jaume I (L1).

#### Friday 31

#### Rock

#### **Mark Knopfler**

British singer and guitarist gives an open-air live show. Poble Espanvol (Av. Francesc Ferrer i Guàrdia, 13). M: Espanya (L1,L3; FGC). 4.30pm. €80

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#### Antoni Capella, society

**photographer** *Until Oct* 3. Catalan snapper whose subjects included the Liceu and Ràdio Barcelona.

#### Arxiu Històric de la Ciutat de Barcelona

(Santa Llúcia, 1). M: Jaume I (L4) & Urquinaona (L1, L4). T. 93 256 22 55. Mon-Fri 9am-8.45pm; Sat 9am-1pm. Closed Sun & public holidays.

#### FREE Apel·les Mestres. A

complete artist and multifaceted man Until Oct 31. Examining the creations of this Catalan artist (1854-1936) who was a painter, poet, playwright and musician.

#### **Blue Project Foundation**

(Princesa, 57). M: Arc de Triomf (L1) & Jaume I (L4). T. 93 182 43 71. Tue-Sun, 10am-8pm. Mon, closed.  $\in$  3.

**Gjentagelsen** *Until Jul 26.* Solo show by artist-in-residence Daniel Toca.

Little is left to tell. Calvino after Calvino Until Oct 31. Collective exhibition.

#### CaixaForum

(Av. Francesc Ferrer & Guàrdia, 6-8). M: Espanya (L1, L3; FGC). T. 93 476 86 00. Mon-Sun 10am-8pm. Adults €4. Under 16s free.

Alvar Aalto 1898-1976 Until Aug 23. Organic architecture, art and design. See page 43.

**FREE Windows of the world** *Until Aug 31.* Short films portraying life in Africa, Asia and South America.

#### Can Framis. Fundació Vila Casas

(Roc Boronat, 116-126). M: Glòries (L1) & Poblenou, Llacuna (L4). T. 93 320 87 36. Tue-Sat 11am-6pm; Sun 11am-2pm. Closed Mon and public holidays. €5. Reduced: €2.

Permanent exhibition

Contemporary paintings shown in a Barcelona 1700. From stones to

former cotton factory in Poblenou. **The Art of Collecting** *Until Jul 19.* Eight carefully chosen pieces from the collection of Ventura Garcés. **Painted in 2014** *Until Jul 19.* Recent paintings by local artist, Manolo Ballesteros.

#### **Castell de Montjuïc**

(Ctra. de Montjuïc, 66). M: Espanya (L1, L3; FGC). T. 93 256 44 45. Mon-Sun and public holidays 10am-8pm. €5. Reduced: €3.

Montjuïc, the construction of a castle Permanent exhibition. Doble Creu Sculpture by Carles Berga. Permanent exhibition.

#### СССВ

(Montalegre, 5). M: Catalunya (L1, L3). T. 93 306 41 00. Tue-Sun & public holidays 11am-8pm. Closed Mon (except public holidays).  $\in$ 6. Reduced entry on Wed (except public holidays) and for pensioners and students:  $\in$ 4. Under-16s & unemployed: free.

**Sebald Variations** *Until Jul 26.* Author W.G. Sebald is acclaimed for his turn-of-millennium works.

#### CosmoCaixa

(Isaac Newton, 26). M: Av. Tibidabo (FGC). T. 93 212 60 50. Tue-Sun and public holidays 10am-8pm. Closed Mon (except public holidays). €4 (permanent and temporary exhibitions). Under 16s free. First Sun of month free.

Permanent exhibition – Top science Barcelona's science

museum that covers more than 50,000m2.

▶ Year 2100 experiment No end date. What might life be like in the year 2100 and the 22nd century?

#### **El Born Centre Cultural**

(Plaça Comercial, 12). M: Jaume I & Barceloneta (L4). T. 93 256 68 51. Tue-Sun and public holidays, 10am-8pm. Closed Mon (except public holidays). €6. Reduced: €4. Under-16s free. Sun 3pm-8pm free. First Sun every month free, 10am-8pm.

Born Cultural Centre Under the cast-iron structure of one of the city's 19th-century markets lie remains from the 1700s. Barcelona 1700. From stones to

#### people. Permanent exhibition

18th-century Barcelona was dynamic and forward-looking, but marked by the wars that affected the city from 1691 to 1714. **Red for censorship** *Until Jul 5.* Exhibition of books that have been censored or prohibited.

**Mallorca 1715** *Jul 14* Sep 6. Exploring the events that brought the War of Spanish Succession to an end.

#### Espai VolART-Fundació Vila Casas

(Ausiàs March, 22). M: Urquinaona (L1, L4). T. 93 481 79 85. Tue-Fri 5pm-8.30pm; Sat 11am-2pm, 5pm-8.30pm; Sun 11am-2pm. Closed Mon and public holidays. €1.

#### 53rd Ynglada-Guillot Drawing

Award Jul 9-26. See the range of works selected for this international art prize. Time Travel Until Jul 17. Lluís Barba re-visits past classic works. Patrim 2014, painting, photography and sculpture Jul 9-26.

#### Fundació Antoni Tàpies

(Aragò, 255). M: Passeig de Gràcia (L2, L3, L4). T. 93 487 03 15. Tue-Sun 10am-7pm. Closed Mon. €7. Students and pensioners, €5.60.

#### Tàpies collection. Works and

**references** *Until Jan 2016.* Works by the late Catalan artist created from the '40s to the '80s, along with a selection of works by other artists from his own collection.

#### Fundació Joan Miró

(Parc de Montjuïc, s/n). M: Espanya (L1, L3, FGC). T. 93 443 94 70. Jul-Sep: Tue-Sat 10am-8pm; Thu 10am-9pm; Sun & public holidays 10am-2.30pm. Closed Mon (except public holidays). €11. Temporary exhibition: €7. Espai 13: €2.50.

**Permanent exhibition** Most important public collection of

works by the Catalan artist. Alfons Borrell. Work and days Jul 3-Sep 27. 100 paintings from 60 years of work by BCN artist Borrell. Lesson 0 (Espai 13) Until Sep 6. Cycle of exhibitions reflecting on the current state of art education.

#### Fundació Suñol

(Passeig de Gràcia, 98). M: Diagonal (L3, L5). T. 93 496 10 32. Mon-Fri 11am-2pm & 4-8pm; Sat 4-8pm. Closed Sun and public holidays. €4. Reduced: €2.

Permanent exhibition Collection of works belonging to Josep Suñol that includes art by Warhol, Dalí, Tàpies, Picasso, Miró and Man Ray.

▶ Italia. I Sei Sensi Until Jan 9, 2016. Re-examination of late 20thcentury Italian works held in the collection of the Suñol Foundation.

► José Guerrero. The Presence of Black (1950-1966) Until Sep 5. Celebrating the 100th anniversary of the birth of the Granada artist.

#### Hash Marihuana & Hemp Museum

(Ample, 35). M: Drassanes (L3). T. 93 319 75 39. Every day 10am-10pm. €7.50. Under-13s free.

**Permanent exhibition** The past, present and future of the cannabis plant and its various uses.

#### Jardí Botànic

(Doctor Font i Quer, s/n). M: Espanya (L1, L3; FGC). T. 93 256 41 60. Daily 10am-7pm. €3.50. Reduced: €1.70.

Jardí Botànic (MCNB) Plants from Mediterranean climate zones all over the world. Salvadoriana. Barcelona's cabinet

of curiosities Until Feb 2016. Reconstruction of one of BCN's earliest natural history collections.

#### La Pedrera – Fundació Catalunya

(Provença, 261-265). M: Diagonal (L3, L5). T. 902 202 138. Mon-Fri 9am-10pm; Sun and public holidays 10am-2pm, 6pm-10pm. €20.50. Reduced: €16.50.

► Leopold Pomés. Flashback Until Jul 12. Retrospective of work from second half of 20th century by multi-faceted creative.

#### La Virreina Centre de la Imatge

(La Rambla, 99). M: Liceu (L3). T. 93 316 10 00. Tue-Sun and public holidays, noon-8pm.

**FREE Writing diffraction** Until Jul 5. Works from collection of Fundação Leal Rios including by artists from Brazil, Portugal and Belgium.

#### MACBA. Museu d'Art Contemporani

(Placa dels Àngels, 1), M: Universitat (L1, L2) & Sant Antoni (L2). T. 93 412 08 10. Mon-Fri 11am-7.30pm; Sat 10am-9pm; Sun, public holidays 10am-3pm. Closed Tues (except public holidays). Whole museum ticket: €10. Reduced: €8.

Species of space Jul 16-Jan 31, 2016. Examining the spaces that define us according to the way we use them.

Desires and needs Until May 2016. New works that have joined the MACBA collection.

Sergi Aguilar. Reverse/Obverse Until Jan 31, 2016. Retrospective of work by Barcelona sculptor.

The beast and the sovereign Until Aug 30. Exploring the limits of political sovereignty within Europe.

#### MEAM: Museu Europeu d'Art Modern

(Barra de Ferro, 5). M: Jaume I (L4). T. 93 319 56 93. Tue-Sun. 10am-8pm. €7. Reduced: €5.

▶ 21st-century art. Permanent exhibition from the museum's collection with almost 300 paintings and 80 sculptures.

#### **MIBA. Museu d'Idees i Invents** de Barcelona

(Ciutat, 7). M: Jaume I (L4). T. 93 332 79 30. Tue-Fri 10am-2pm, 4pm-7pm; Sat 10am-8pm; Sun, public holidays 10am-2pm. Closed Mon (except public holidays).  $\in 8$ . Reduced: €6.

Permanent exhibition The fascinating world of creativity and inventing.

#### **MUHBA Park Güell**

(Olot, s/n. Casa de la Guarda). M: Vallcarca (L3). T. 93 256 21 22. Daily, 8.30am-9.30pm. The Casa de la Guarda museum in Park Güell is part of the 'monumental area' of the park, and visits are covered by general conditions for admission. Access with ticket only. www. parkguell.cat.

Permanent exhibition The Casa de la Guarda, Park Güell and modernista Barcelona.

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(Pl. del Rei). M: Jaume I (L4). T. 93 256 21 22. Tue-Sat 10am-7pm: Sun 10am-8pm. Closed Mon. €7. Reduced: €5. Under-16s free. Free admission Sun from 3pm.

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Barcino. Haggadot Until Jul 5. 15th-century Barcelona and Catalan haggadots

(illlustrated Jewish texts). Barcelona in late antiquity times No end date. Archaeology exhibition.

**Carolingian coins of Louis the** Pious (814-840) No end date.

#### **MUHBA Refugi 307**

(Nou de la Rambla, 169). M: Paral·lel (L2, L3). T. 93 256 21 22. Mon-Sat: guided visits by appointment only. Sun: 10.30am (Eng), 11.30am, 12.30pm. Closed public holidays. €3.40.

MUHBA Refugi 307 400 metres of underground passageways bear witness to the city's suffering during the Civil War.

#### **MUHBA Santa Caterina**

(Pl. de Joan Capri). M: Jaume I (L4). T. 93 256 21 22. Mon-Sat 10am-2pm. Closed Sun and public holidays.

#### FREE Permanent exhibition.

Archaeological display among the foundations of the Santa Caterina market.

#### **MUHBA Turó de la Rovira**

(Marià Labèrnia s/n). Bus: 119,V17. T. 93 256 21 22. Mon-Fri 5pm-8pm; Sat. Sun 11am-8pm.

Permanent exhibition Barcelona to the limit.

#### **MUHBA Oliva Artés**

(Espronceda, 142-146, Parc Central del Poblenou). M: Poblenou (L4). T. 93 256 21 00. Wed-Fri, Sat-Sun 5pm-8pm.

FREE Interogate Barcelona, from industrialisation to the 21st century Permanent exhibition.

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del Fòrum). M: El Maresme/Fòrum (L4). T. 93 256 60 02. Tue-Sat 10am-7pm. Sun & public holidays 10am-8pm. Closed Mon (except public holidays). €6. Reduced: €2.70. Museum & Botanical Gardens €7.

Planet life Permanent exhibition about the history of live and evolution of our planet. Poisoned. The most venemous animals in nature Until Dec How natural poisons can kill and save. Drawings by Luis Feo Until Jan 31, 2016

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#### Museu de Badalona

(PI. Assemblea de Catalunya, 1). Badalona. M: Badalona-Pompeu Fabra (L2). T. 93 384 17 50. Tue-Sat 10am-2pm, 5pm-8pm; Sun & public holidays 10am-2pm. €6.48. Reduced: €2.16.

**Permanent exhibition** Visit the underground remains of the Roman city of Baetulo.

#### **Museu de Montserrat**

(Abadia de Montserrat. 08199 Montserrat). FGC: Monistrol de Montserrat + zip train. Mon-Sun 10am-5.45pm. From Jun 20 10am-6.45pm. €7. Reduced: €4.

Permanent Exhibition Paintings by El Greco, Caravaggio, Monet, Degas, Pissarro, Dalí and Picasso. Ramon Calsina, Remembrance Jul 17-Nov 8. Roger Balen, photography Jul 28-

Oct 12.

#### MEB: Museu de l'Eròtica

(La Rambla, 96). M: Liceu (L3). T. 93 318 98 65. Mon-Sun 10ammidnight. Adults €9. Reduced: €8.

▶ Permanent exhibition The history of eroticism.

#### Museu de la Moto de Barcelona

(C/ de la Palla, 10).T.933 186 584. Tue-Sat 10.30am-2.30pm, 3.30pm-7.30pm; Sun 10.30am-2.30pm. Closed Mon.

• The history of the motorbike in Catalonia 36 of the most representative models.

**Bultaco, a legendary motorbike** *Until Nov.* The musem pays homage

to one of Spain's greatest motorbike manufacturers.

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L'Auditori (Lepant, 150). M: Glòries & Marina (L1). T. 93 256 36 50. Tue-Sat 10am-6pm; Sun 10am-8pm. Closed Mon. €5. Reduced: €3.50. Free admission Sun from 3pm and for under-16s.

► Permanent exhibition Take a trip through musical history.

▶ Phonos, 40 years of electronic music in Barcleona Until Sep 27. The Phonos laboratory was created in 1974 and became a pioneer in electro music.

► Voices of the Mediterranean. Until Jul 26. Voices from countries including Italy, Croatia, Greece, Egypt and Algeria.

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(Comerç, 36 - Antic Convent de Sant Agustí). M: Arc de Triomf (L1). T.93 268 78 78. Mon-Sat 10am-7pm; Sun 10am-3pm. €5. Groups: €4.

► Permanent exhibition The story of chocolate, from its origins to its arrival in Europe.

#### Museu de les Cultures del Món

(Montcada, 12-14). M: Jaume I (L4). T. 93 256 23 00. Tue-Sat 10am-7pm; Sun and public holidays 10am-8pm. Closed Mondays (except public holidays).  $\in$ 5. Reduced:  $\in$ 3.50.

Permanent exhibition Art, books, and other objects gathered on expeditions to Asia, Africa, Oceania and the Americas.

▶ Writings. Symbols, words, powers Until Jan 31, 2016.

#### Museu del Disseny de Barcelona

(Edifici Disseny Hub Barcelona. Pl. de les Glòries Catalanes, 37-38). M: Glòries (L1). T. 93 256 68 00. Tue-Sun 10am-8pm. Closed Mon. €5. Reduced: €3. museudeldisseny.cat

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#### Museu del Futbol Club Barcelona

(Aristides Maillol, s/n. Gates 7 or 9). M: Les Corts (L3). T. 902 18 99 00. 10am-7.30pm (some parts of tour are closed on match day). €23. Children: €17. Under 6s & FCB members, free.

• Camp Nou Experience Discover 100 years of the club's history and visit the stadium.

#### Museu del Mamut

(Montcada, 1). M: Jaume I (L4). T. 93 268 85 20. Mon-Sun 10am-9pm. €7.50. Reduced: €5. Children (6-15): €3.50

Permanent exhibition

See remains of woolly mammoths and other Ice Age animals.

#### Museu del Modernisme Català

(Balmes, 48). M: Passeig de Gràcia (L2, L3, L4). T. 93 272 28 96. Mon-Sat 10am-8pm; Sun 10am-2pm. €10. Reduced: €7.

#### Permanent exhibition

350 works by 42 of the most important artists of the Catalan modernisme movement.

 Portrait of Barcelona Until Oct 15. The evolution of the city.

#### Museu Egipci de Barcelona

(València, 284). M: Passeig de Gràcia (L2, L3, L4). T. 93 488 01 88. Until Jun 21: Mon-Fri 10am-2pm, 4pm-8pm; Sat 10am-8pm; Sun 10am-2pm. From Jun 22: Mon-Sat 10am-8pm; Sun 10am-2pm. €11. Reduced: €8.

Permanent exhibition Almost a thousand exhibits provide a glimpse into life in Ancient Egypt.
 Tutankhamun. Story of a discovery No end date. 1922 archeological expedition that uncovered the pharaoh's tomb.

#### **Museu Frederic Màres**

(Pl. de Sant lu, 5). M: Jaume I (L4). T. 93 256 35 00. Tue-Sat 10am-7pm; Sun, public holidays 11am-8pm. Closed Mon (except public holidays). €4.20. Reduced: €2.40.

Permanent exhibition Its collection

includes a range of valuable artworks and objects. **Maillol and Greece** *Until Jan 31,* 2016. How a trip to Greece inspired sculptor Aristides Maillol.

#### Museu Marítim de Barcelona

(Av. de les Drassanes, s/n). M: Drassanes (L3). T. 93 342 99 20. Daily 10am-8pm. €5. Reduced: €4.

Extension of water Until Sep 27. Ona-Ola-Wave. Surf in Catalonia Until Jan 17, 2016.

#### Museu Nacional d'Art de Catalunya

(Parc de Montjuïc). M: Espanya (L1, L3;FGC). T. 93 622 03 60. Tue-Sat 10am-8pm; Sun, public holidays 10am-3pm. Closed Mon (except public holidays). €12. Admission to roof terrace €2. Free entry Sat afternoon, from 3pm. Temporary shows: ask at museum.

Permanent exhibition World's most important collection of Romanesque art and Catalan modernisme.

► Gabriel Casas Until Aug 30. Works from the '30s by photographer who was an early proponent of the New Vision movement.

#### Museu Olímpic i de l'Esport Joan Antoni Samaranch

(Av. de l'Estadi Olímpic, 60). M: Espanya (L1, L3; FGC). T. 93 292 53 79. Tue-Sat 10am-8pm; Sun, public holidays 10am-2.30pm. Closed Mon (except public holidays).  $\notin$  5.10. Students:  $\notin$  3.20. Under-7s and over-65s: free.

► Permanent exhibition Explore in-depth the worlds of sport and the Olympic Games.

'Summits of my life' by Kilian Jornet Until Jul 27. Catalan mountain skier and runner who has won numerous competitions.

#### Museu Picasso

(Montcada, 15-23). M: Jaume I (L4).

T. 93 256 30 00. Tue-Sun 9am-7pm; Thu 9am-9.30pm. Closed Mon. €14 (combined ticket for museum + temporary exhibition). Collection only: €11. Temporary exhibition only: €6.50.

**Permanent exhibition** More than 3,800 works from different periods in Picasso's life.

#### **Palau Robert**

(Pg. de Gràcia, 107). M: Diagonal (L3, L5). T. 93 238 80 91. Mon-Sat 10am-7pm; Sun, public holidays 10am-2.30pm.

FREE Catalunya Moto Until Oct 25. Show that looks at the history of motorcycles in Catalonia, covering themes of industry, society, competition and technology. FREE RCR Architects. Shared creativity Until Sep 13. Exploring 25 years of the Olot architectural studio and the innovative, shared creativity of founders Rafael Aranda, Carme Pigem and Ramon Vilalta.

**FREE Occupied pleasures** *Until Aug 30*. Exhibition in the palace gardens.

**FREE Stubbornly. Images from the Catalan process** *Until Sep 8.* Exhibition in the palace gardens.

#### Pis-museu Casa Bloc

(Pg. Torras i Bages, 91). M: Torras i Bages (L1). Guided tours in Catalan, Spanish and English: reservations must be made in advance before Thu. Guided tours: Sat 11am. Information line: Tue-Fri 10am-1pm; Thu 3pm-5.30pm. Individual visits: €3. Info: tel. 93 256 68 01 or www. museudeldisseny.cat.

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## Reial Monestir de Santa Maria de Pedralbes

(Baixada del Monestir, 9). M: Reina Elisenda (FGC). T. 93 256 34 34. Tue-Fri, 10am-5pm; Sat 10am-7pm; Sun, 10am-8pm. Public holidays, 10am-2pm. Closed Mon (except public holidays). €4.40. Reduced: €3.10.

Permanent exhibition Murals under the magnifying glass – paintings from Sant Miquel Chapel. Permanent exhibition Plants, remedies and apothecaries – the monastery's medieval garden.

#### Recinte Modernista. Fundació Privada Hospital de Sant Pau

(Sant Antoni Maria Claret, 167). M: Sant Pau–Dos de Maig (L5). Mon-Fri 10am-6.30pm; Sat, Sun, public holidays 10am-2.30pm. Included with entry ticket.

Women of the World: Home and work in Barcelona UN International Institute in the Sant Rafael pavilion hosts exhibition.

## Theatre

#### **El Molino**

(Vilà i Vilà, 99). M: Paral·lel (L2, L3). Tel. 93 205 51 11. www. elmolinobcn.com. Ticket offices: Thur-Sat, 5-9pm. Tickets available via Ticketea, Atrapalo, Telentrada, Entradas.com and ticket offices.

▶ El Molino Show-Time Thu, Fri 6.30pm. Sat 6.30pm, 9.30pm. €33. Special offer: 2 tickets + bottle of cava €50. Cabaret and burlesque show.

Life is a Cabaret Thu 9.30pm; Fri, Sat 6.30pm, 9.30pm. €33. Enjoy the best cabaret, circus, dance and song at El Molino.

#### **Teatre Gaudí Barcelona**

(Sant Antoni Maria Claret, 120). M: Sagrada Família (L2, L5) & Sant Pau/Dos de Maig (L5) T. 93 603 51 52. www.teatregaudibarcelona. com. Ticket offices open one hour before performances start.

La Pisat Jul 9-Aug 9. Thu-Sat 8.30pm; Sun 6pm. €20. In-house theatre company perform. Los que iban cantando Until Jun 28. Thu-Sat 8pm. Sun 6pm. €20. Show in Catalan.

#### **Teatre Poliorama**

(La Rambla, 115). M: Catalunya (L1, L3). T. 93 317 75 99. www. teatrepoliorama.com. Ticket offices Tue-Fri from 5pm. Sat & Sun from 4pm.

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# Food & Drink

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## No such thing as too much pork

Award-winning chef Xavier Franco finds a new angle on affordable eating with his versions of classic dishes. By **Ricard Martín** 



Here's a paradox: while Barcelona natives are falling for such exotic imports as brunch and pancakes, traditional Catalan cooking is making inroads at the city's fivestar hotels, previously the domain of Caesar salads and heavily sauced dishes dating back to the 19th century – places like Mercer, DO and Ohla, to which chef Xavier Franco brought his restaurant Saüc, and a Michelin star, five years ago.

And it had to be Franco, perhaps the clearest heir of the late Santi Santamaria – because of his bluntness, creative talent and faithfulness to ingredients and traditions – who was called on to reinvent the hotel's most affordable restaurant. Welcome to La Plassohla, a showcase for Catalan haute cuisine that will suit almost any budget. 'I always thought there was a failed dialogue between the space – which is very cosmopolitan – and our cooking, deeply rooted in Catalan traditions,' he says.

Franco has reformulated the paradigm of a mid-price restaurant at a luxury hotel: he's extended the menu, offering Barcelona's foodie craze of the minute, vermouth accompanied by high-quality tinned seafood aperitifs, as well as crispy fried tapas from Andalusia and, most impressively of all, a whole new section of some 20 dishes, unambiguously entitled 'Our Tasting Dishes'. 'This is our vision of contemporary Catalan cuisine. More casual than Saüc, less complex, but communicating a sense of the country and who we are.' And Franco does it with all the forcefulness you'd expect from his style of cooking: there's charcoalgrilled Pyrenean river trout with Iberian jowl bacon; meatballs with

### It's our vision of Catalan cooking: conveying a sense of the land and who we are

cuttlefish; slow-cooked eggs with black sausage and lentils. His determination not to water down tradition has caused occasional problems. 'Some American visitors told me there was too much pork on the menu. I told them that in Catalan cooking, pork shows up everywhere. It got to the point where they were insulting me, saying there was too much fat.'

This hasn't persuaded the chef to flood the menu with hamburgers and club sandwiches: they're reserved for room service. However, there is a set lunch menu ( $\leq 17.50$ for a starter, main course and wine, or  $\leq 23$  including dessert) based on dishes from the main menu, creating a serious gastronomic attraction on Via Laietana, once an unpromising street for eating out.

**LA PLASSOHLA Via Laietana, 49 (Gòtic).** T. 93 341 50 50. P: €20-50.

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**DUCK TATAKI** China and the Empordà part of Catalonia and share a love of duck. Here Franco plays with the two worlds in which the sweetness of the fatty duck takes flight when set against the roasted aubergine. A treat!



BEEF TACOS This is a spanking new arrangement of a classic. A hearty slice of beef served atop a mound of Santa Pau beans, a local variety, which are bathed in the flavours and juices of the meat.



SALT COD FRITTERS Who can resist salt cod fritters? They're even better when served with a romesco sauce (red pepper, almonds and oil). You'll find them alongside other fried dishes such as tempura and Andalusian dogfish.



## Manolito

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Robador, 18-22 (Raval) Tue-Thu 9am-1am; Fri 9am-2am; Sat 10am-2am; Sun 10am-1am.

A metropolis is an organism on fast-forward, in a permanent state of flux-there are planning solutions imposed from above, and the spontaneous, organic rhythms of the city itself. And the way the two interact is what ultimately shapes neighbourhoods, streets and squares - because, as Valéry wrote, 'two dangers constantly threaten the world: order and disorder'. C/ d'en Robador in the Raval has suffered plenty of changes recently: the city council became obsessed with 'cleaning it up', driving out the prostitutes and giving the whole street a facelift -

too near the centre of town and the tourists to be so raw and so real and last summer, one of its most notorious last-night bars, La Bata de Boatiné, lowered its shutters for the last time, leaving a large chunk of the city's alternative LGBT population bereft. Popular bars that seemed to have been around forever have shut up shop, and others have taken their place - La Robadora is an example - aimed at a clientele with fatter wallets than the locals.

Now Maria, of tapas bar La Casa de la Pradera, and Krishna, of Chelo café - two other Raval venues - have decided to take on what was previously a microtheatre venue, and turn it into a tapas bar: Manolito. The first thing that strikes you when you arrive is the luminous interior. The openplan space is bathed in light from the large windows at the back, which turn it into a glowing haven in a district of dark, narrow back streets.

Wooden floorboards and tables add to the comfortable sensation. as does the friendly and easy-going service. Manolito offers dishes like fried aubergines with honey (€3.50) and freshlv squeezed juices made from ingredients including apple, carrot and ginger (€4). They have plenty of daily specials, and also serve sandwiches and salads. Reasonable prices, bike parking at the back, light, good food, and atmosphere: could you ask for more? - Martí Sales

FOOTNOTE C/ d'en Robador is a great street for breakfast options.

## A classic

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Mas La Plana DO Penedès, 14%

This noble creation from the Torres family has been around for 40 years. It was one of the first pure Spanish cabernet sauvignons, and beat off competition from the best French contenders in the famous 1970 Wine Olympiad in Paris, Each vintage since has created a similar

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sensation. The latest is from 2010, although it's made from vines planted in 1966 at an altitude of 225 metres in very deep soil. Aged for 18 months in French oak barrels and two years in the bottle, it has fruity aromas and hints of toasted bread, white chocolate.clove and pepper. In the mouth, it's full. alive with mature tanins that augure well for its future flavour. -Meritxell Mas La Plana Falgueras

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## Nouveau brunch

Who said that brunch has to finish at 4pm? Not the good folks at CDLC (the letters stand for Carpe Diem Lounge Club), that's for sure. The beachfront venue is synonymous with the see-and-beseen Barcelona crowd, and to jazz up the best part of Sundays, each week they host Zoco, a combo brunch-tea dance event. As well as easing you into the day with their delicious food and drink, they also host a market of clothing by young designers

catwalk shows, yoga classes and a henna tattoo parlour. Around 4pm, the energy levels start to rise and the club's stage becomes the place for a live music concert to get your blood moving once more - just the exercise you need to set you up for the week ahead.

On the Zoco menu, you'll find a great range of choices: from eggs, archetypal brunch fare that they make using the local Calaf variety (sourced from the town of the



same name in the heart of Catalonia), to hamburgers and sandwiches, some excellent sushi, Thai wok dishes and vegetarian options. And its location means that, if you're here with kids, you can enjoy the entertainment while they play on the sand.

**ZOCO** CDLC (Pg. Marítim, 3) Brunch: Sun 11am-8.30pm www.cdlcbarcelona.com



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### Corxus



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'Our mission is to bring the rustic Spanish cooking we know and love to the heart of Barcelona.' This is how Xus Martínez, the brains behind Corxus, describes his philosophy. He has plenty of experience in the trade, having been the steady hand at the tiller at La Flauta, a Barcelona restaurant group with several successful eateries around the city. Martínez was often to be found in Ibiza during his free time, until one day he decided to address a question many people ask themselves when they're on the island: why is it that both visitors and locals are condemned to either substandard food or ridiculously expensive and elitist restaurants?

This is how he finally ended up opening Corxus – a multifaceted venture, in culinary terms. Its success over the years fuelled his confidence, and he has just set up shop in Barcelona – at the bottom of Rambla de Catalunya, no less, a place which, for reasons of taste, was until recently strictly the realm of tourists, not locals.

Corxus makes an impression as soon as you walk in: first the seafood kitchen in full view, then the bar serving tapas, tasting dishes and brochettes. But the real attraction are the set menus, with a kitchen open from early in the morning until late at night.

Martínez's ultimate aim is not to be known for fancy-sounding dishes, but for familiar ones, made with the highest-quality ingredients. This is most obvious in the fish and shellfish, but their artichokes, finely sliced and deepfried, or the Galician octopus, are not to be underestimated. He hit the spot when he recommended the ous emprenyats ('angry eggs'), spicy and delicious, after an excellent Russian salad and great croquettes. The tapa of the day on the lunch menu was scrambled eggs with sun-dried tomatoes and red peppers, and for our second course we plumped for an original and tasty moussaka with Emmental au gratin. On the dessert menu, the highlight was the cremós de xocolata – a creamy chocolate dessert served with olive oil and Maldon salt. -Marcelo Aparicio

### THE BILL

(For 2)
1 set lunch menu€13.00
1 'angry eggs'€7.50
2 Russian salads€4.15
1 portion artichokes€4.50
2 glasses wine€5.20
1 creamy chocolate dessert€5.75
<b>TOTAL</b> (with VAT) €40.10

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## Into the fire



## **Friendly kitchens**

Le Cucine Mandarosso serves Italian food that is beautifully executed in an almost anthropological spirit. By **Pau Arenós** 

Stepping inside Le Cucine Mandarosso is a blast from the past. Wasn't this once La Sopeta Una? It was a rite of passage, its escargots a la Bourguignonne vividly memorable. Butter, parsley and a toothpick. Pietro Leonetti suspects it was, but his memories don't go back that far: he moved to Barcelona as a student on the Erasmus programme in 2004. He was never a customer at the old restaurant, and never delved into those enormous shells.

With his degree in Art History, Leonetti wanted to stay in Barcelona, and it occurred to him that perhaps the best way to connect with people was via food. He'd already experienced the effect when cooking at friends' houses: exchanging recipes was a way to get closer.

The name of the restaurant, Le

Cucine (the other half is made-up and difficult to explain), refers to 'the kitchens', all those sites of co-operation and sharing: 'It sums everything up. Friends' kitchens.' Leonetti broadened his quest for knowledge among his family, who are from Avellino in the Campania region of Italy. He asked all his relatives for one recipe that would become part of

### WHAT ELSE?

#### Watch out for:

Lunchtime, when it's the set menu only, and no bookings.

**Recommended for:** Fans of real Italian home cooking.

#### Stay away if:

You don't get the fuss – 'it's only pasta'.

the restaurant's memory bank, and, on opening day, to bring him recipe books that would hold up the walls of the dining room - at least ideologically. Le Cucine is a charming space that reveals another of Leonetti's talents interior design, although where he really lets those talents shine is in the desserts, in memory of his grandfather Crescenzo, who ran a bakery. His gelato di crema has the fleeting, overwhelming flavour of childhood. He serves it at the restaurant - out of the goodness of his heart - and it will take pride of place at the pastry shop he plans to open on the corner.

The burrata de la Pulla, supplied by Mozzakimozza, is milk you can sink your teeth into. The olive oil, Greek, is from his father's wife's farm. Ah, *la famiglia*. Ketty, his partner, looks after the dining room. Some of

the ingredients essential to his philosophy, such as the pasta and the tomatoes, are also imported, sourced from the Italian companies of Benedetto Cavalieri and Casa Barone, respectively.

The lasagne recipe is from his mother, Diana, and looks towards Naples: intense, red, memorable. Make a point of ordering it. The casarecce pasta with walnut sauce, less exciting, is his uncle's. Both are on the set lunch menu, which costs €11. The cannelloni stuffed with baccalà mantecato (creamed salt cod) is his own and belongs to the evening menu. On both menus you'll find emphatic, clear, powerful flavours.

We move on to dessert and find the same exceptional approach: everyone who works there has to contribute. Jonay, the waiter, makes their cheesecake: 'He's very precise, it always turns out the same.' Andrea, Leonetti's brother, makes the carrot cake. The chocolate *caprese*, the *cassata* and the lemon *pasticciotto* should all be rounded up and arrested by the Vice Squad.

Collective history, shared dishes, communal recipes: this is cooking, not as the preserve of individual genius, but as an expansion of the genius that belongs to everyone.

#### **LE CUCINE MANDAROSSO**

Verdaguer i Callís, 4 (Sant Pere). T. 93 269 07 80. Around €20 (without wine) Set lunch menu: €11.

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## Cocktails: drinks of all shades

It's the time of year for sipping rainbow-coloured drinks by a pool or on a rooftop terrace. Here are nine you'll want to be seen with. By **Òscar Broc** 

You'll probably pay between €8 and €12 for each of these beauties.



EL PARAIGÜA At this bar they like to experiment such as this recent concoction created using Malibu and Midori liqueur. Pas de l'Ensenyança, 2.

BAR ULTRAMARINOS This welcoming bar serves good-value G&Ts made using an excellent gin created in the Catalan town of Vilanova. Sant Pau, 126.

**SLOW** The look of the Mexiterráneo is fabulous, but will you remember it after trying the tequila, orange liqueur and absinthe combo? París, 186.

SPECIAL SECTION



## A pleasure for the palate

El Mercat de Glòries has become a gastronomic reference-point for visitors to the city



I Mercat de Glòries is a space infused with the essence of the best in Catalan and international

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cooking. Inspired by Barcelona's typical traditional markets, it has an extensive range of restaurants of all different types, bakeries, cafés, a shop of gourmet products and even a place to buy designer kitchen utensils.

In El Mercat de Glòries you can enjoy a top-level foodie experience. You'll find any number of places for lunch or dinner serving dishes for all tastes: from fresh, seasonal produce to home-made fare created using traditional recipes that have been adapted to modern cooking.

If you love travelling and are a fan of global flavours, you can choose between a

Mexican restaurant, an Italian, a Japanese, one specialised in meat, and another in fish. The restaurants have open kitchens that let customers see how their food is cooked. If you decide to head to El Mercat de Glòries, take your pick from options such as the popular Russian salad, delicious huevos estrellados (fried eggs mixed in with fried potatoes - not for the faint-hearted!), a cone of succulent pieces of jabugo ham, Wagyu T-bone steak, or a fine cod carpaccio. And don't forget that many of the

restaurants have a take-away service.

You can go there for breakfast, for tapas, lunch, an afternoon snack or dinner. It's also an ideal spot to head in the early evening for a glass of beer, to try a good wine, or have a refreshing drink at any of the bars or tables of the different venues. If you're there between 6pm and 8pm, you'll be able to take advantage of the many special deals that a lot of the places offer.

Every Thursday, from 7pm, you can enjoy live concerts.

Different groups, duos and singers perform their music in a lively, informal atmosphere. It's worth mentioning that all the musicians who take part have been selected via an open-call process that is organised by El Mercat de Glòries, reflecting its commitment to and support for new musical talent.

Open from 8am to midnight non-stop, and until 1.30am at weekends, El Mercat de Glòries is an excellent option for eating at any time. The quality-price relationship is another great reason for stopping by. It'll be,

> without doubt, an experience that will leave a great taste in your mouth.

> > El Mercat de Glòries Glòries Shopping Centre – Floor -1. Diagonal, 208. T. 93 486 04 04 www.lesglories.com



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#### **Catalan cuisine**

#### 7 portes

The eponymous seven doors open on to as many dining salons, all kitted out in elegant 19th-century décor. Long-aproned waiters bring regional dishes, including a fishy *zarzuela* stew with half a lobster, a different paella daily (shellfish, for example, or rabbit and snails), a wide array of fresh seafood, and heavier dishes such as herbed black-bean stew with pork sausage, and orujo sorbet to finish. Reservations are available only for certain tables; otherwise, get there early.

Passatge Isabel II, 14. T. 93 319 30 33. M: Barceloneta (L4)

#### Agut

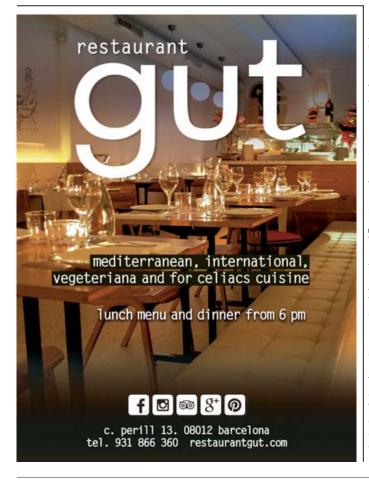
Barcelona has a wealth of eateries that have improved over the years. Many are back on the map after having been forgotten, and some have the added bonus of having modernised without going over the top, to catch up with the demand for the quality products that their clients want. One such case is Agut. *Gignàs*, 16.7.93 315 17 09. *M: Drassanes (L3), Jaume I (L4)* 

#### **Bar Velódromo**

This classic serves quality dishes from early morning until the wee hours. With Jordi Vilà (one of the city's cooking maestros) at the helm, they produce an endless succession of dishes and tapas that will teach you about Catalonia's gastronomic heritage. The full menu is available all day, so if you fancy some Iberian ham at 7 am or a croissant for a midnight snack, just say so. *Muntaner, 213. T. 93 430 60 22. M: Hospital Clínic (L5)* 

#### Freixa Tradició

The return of Josep Maria Freixa to his family home, now that his son



Ramón has gone off to enjoy fame in Madrid, has resulted in a real celebrationof traditional cuisine: pig's trotters with prunes and pine nuts, cuttlefish with artichokes, and perhaps the finest macaroni in Barcelona. Sant Elies, 22. T. 93 209 75 59. *M*: Sant Gervasi (FGC)

#### **Restaurant Gaig**

Don't go It's currently all the hungry. Book rage for Barna's top restaurants at chefs to set up moretimeout.com/ affordable offshoots. barcelona and this one is under the guiding hand of Carles Gaig. His approach in this restaurant, as in his other ventures, is a return to grandmotherly Catalan basics, and the favourite dish here is the canelons - hearty, steaming tubes of pasta filled with shredded beef and topped with a fragrant béchamel. The various dining rooms manage to be both modern and wonderfully comfortable. Còrsega, 200. T.934532020. M: Hospital Clínic (L5)

#### Casa Lepoldo

Rosa Gil, the heart and soul of this lovely eatery, has carried out a veritable revolution here, and with excellent results. The cuisine has improved – which is really saying something. They have two standout dishes: the *capipota* (literally head and foot, a delicacy made from pork) and the oxtail. *Sant Rafael, 24.* T.93 441 30 14. *M: Paral-lel (L2,L3)* 

#### Wine bars

#### **Bar Nostàlgic**

Although located in the fashionable Sant Antoni market area, this bar does not mimic the Nordic aesthetic of most new local establishments. They serve a good selection of wines, particularly from Catalonia, plus they have good beer on tap and an impressive list of gins, malt whiskies and special rums. Gin and tonics, spritz... they make it all, including tapas to please even the most sybaritic palates. *Viladomat, 38. M: Sant Antoni (L2)* 

#### Can Cisa/Bar Brutal

This restored neighbourhood bar combines a classic bodega at the entrance with a wine bar at the back. They stock 300 wines, all from organic or bio-dynamic producers around the world (so no nasty chemicals or additives), at accessible prices.

Princesa, 14. T. 93 319 98 81. M: Jaume I (L4)

#### **Casa Mariol**

At the Casa Mariol Wine Bar, which is part of the bodega of the same name, you'll have the chance to get to know suau, which is a version of a drink (a blend of soda and coffee) that was popular in the Ribera de l'Ebre region decades ago. You can also taste cask wines from the Ebre, accompanied by a nice clotxa (bread stuffed with herring, onions, tomatoes and garlic), and then top it all off with delicious cakes from Batea (a town also in the Ebre). Rosselló, 442. T. 93 436 76 28. M: Sagrada Família (L2,L5)

#### Magatzem Escolà

It looks like a hoarder's paradise of wine bottles, but the shop's staff know exactly where everything is. You'll find a great variety of products, which is the result of a company that really knows its business and has spent more than half a century dedicated to wine distribution. Keep a lookout for their wine tasting and cocktail events. *Comercial*, 13. T.93 167 26 55. *M: Barceloneta (L4)* 

#### Monvínic

This is one of the largest information centres for wine not only in Europe but the world over. It's also a wine bar and restaurant. The latter – which focuses on traditional cuisine with a creative touch – is excellent, by the way. *Diputació*, 249. T. 93 272 61 87. *M: Universitat (L1,L2)* 

#### Seafood

Els Pescadors Josep Maulini and his wife have

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turned this into a lovely spot, combining antique furniture with modern décor, and retaining its air of a small-town bar. One delicious recommendation: grilled sardines in sauce, though they don't always have them. Rice dishes are a staple on the menu, and never disappoint. *Plaça Prim, 1.* 

T. 93 225 20 18. M: Poblenou (L4)

#### Rías de Galicia

This restaurant is the setting for the Iglesias family's wonderful relationship with the finest seafood. The menu includes Cantabrian lobster with garlic, John Dory and txangurro crab cannelloni. And when it's in season, they have the exquisite Bordeaux lamprey. *Lleida*, 7. T. 93 423 45 70. *M: Espanya (L1,L3,FGC)* 

#### Tabarca Langosta's Club

Tino Martínez, sailor and chef extraordinaire, has opened an unusual restaurant in Barcelona specialising in lobster: he has recovered the recipes of the lobster fishermen from the island of Tabarca, and he does so with a menu that includes lobster and rice cooked in the lobster stock. *Comte Borrell*, 160.T. 661 074 704. *M: Universitat (L1,L2)* 

#### Pizza

#### La Bella Napoli

There can be few Barcelona residents who haven't tried the wonderful pizzas served in this place with an authentic Italian atmosphere and noisy, cheerful waiters. Book a table if you're going at the weekend. *Margarit*, 14. T. 93 442 50 56. *M: Paral-lel (L2,L3)* 

#### La Bricciola

A real Italian trattoria with good pizzas and fantastic pasta. Features a good wine list and some great Italian grappa. *Olzinelles*, 19. T. 93 432 19 33. *M: Mercat Nou (L1)* 

#### Murivecchi

This restaurant-trattoria is a direct relative of Un Posto al Sol on C/ Urgell, and they both make really

#### good pizzas.

Princesa, 59. T. 93 315 22 97. M: Jaume I (L4)

#### **Piazze d'Italia**

A temple of southern Italian cuisine with an innovative and provocative twist. The pizza chef makes the dough spin and dance above his fingertips before transforming it into an outstanding crust. Try their sweet Nutella pizza, which is completely over the top but not to be missed. *Casanova*, 94. *T.* 93 323 59 77. *M: Rocafort (L1)* 

#### Tapas

#### Bar del Pla

Positioned somewhere between a French bistro and a tapas bar, Bar del Pla serves tapas and small plates (divine pig's trotters with foie, superb *pa amb tomàquet*). Drinks include Mahou on tap (a fine beer that's often ignored here because it's from Madrid), plus some good wines by the glass. *Montcada*, 2. T. 93 268 30 03. *M: Jaume I (L4)* 

#### El Jabalí

This deli bar, which is reminiscent of Av. Paral·lel in its heyday, is a great place to eat wonderful tapas – try the patatas bravas, the chicken salad and the cured sausage – while sipping on good wine. It's also a nice place to sit on the terrace and do some serious people watching. *Ronda Sant Pau*, 15. *T*. 93 441 10 82. *M: Paral·lel (L2,L3)* 

#### Tapas 24

Another nu-trad tapas bar focusing on quality produce. Among the oxtail stews, fried prawns and cod croquettes, however, fans of chef Carles Abellan will also find playful snacks more in keeping with his signature style. The McFoie Burger is an exercise in fast-food heaven, as is the *bikini*, a small version of his take on the ham and cheese toastie. *Diputació*, 269. T. 93 488 09 77. *M: Passeig de Gràcia (L2,L3,L4)* 



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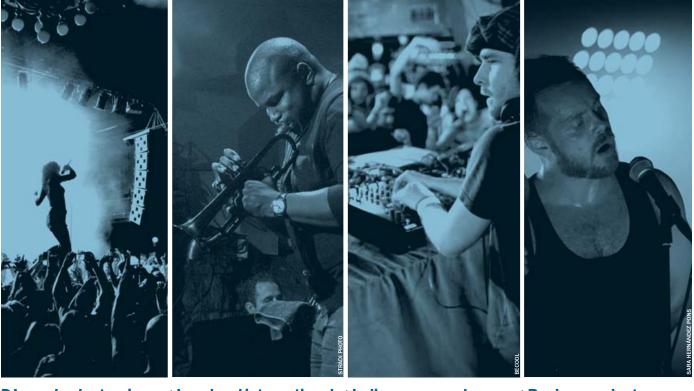
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# Clubs

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## Which is your club?

Barcelona has a booming live music scene. We pick some of the top city spots for enjoying a gig or two. By **Ricard Martín** & **Maria Junyent** 



#### DJs, rock, electronic, folk: Apolo

Sala Apolo is the pulsing heart of Barcelona's indie clubbing scene and a concert venue for live music of all genres. New and established names from the worlds of pop, rock, folk and electronic music hit its two stages every night of the week-the owners don't seem to have grasped the concept of a day off. With an average of ten weekly shows, you're pretty much guaranteed to find something you like. Rumba, tick. Swing, tick. Free monthly Sunday afternoon parties to see out the weekend on a high, big tick. Nou de la Rambla, 113

T. 93 441 40 01 www.sala-apolo.com M: Paral·lel (L3)

## Local and international jazz: Jamboree

A jazz institution. Jamboree has done more than most to put Barcelona on the circuit for the biggest names in international jazz. The venue has had performances from giants of the stature of Bill Coleman, Kenny Drew, Chet Baker, Stéphan Grappelli, Ornette Coleman and Dexter Gordon. A jamboree is a rowdy, boisterous gathering, so it's an appropriate name for a jazz venue that's been a meeting place for artists and intellectuals ever since it opened in 1960. Pl. Reial. 17 T. 93 319 17 89 www.masimas.com/jamboree

#### Indie, new sounds: Sala BeCool

BeCool is where the city's music lovers hungry for the newest sounds go to find out what's happening in cities like London and Berlin. Since the venue opened, the owners have stayed true to their philosophy of programming DJs and cutting-edge groups in an intimate space. You won't find a regular crowd - it varies from one gig to the next, depending on who's headlining. After the live shows, the crowd throbs to sophisticated electronica and bizarre attendant visuals, while upstairs, DJs play indie pop-rock.

Pl. Joan Llongueras, 5 T. 93 362 04 13 www.salabecool.com M: Hospital Clínic (L5)

## Rock, pop, electro, house: Razzmatazz

We'll go out on a limb here: this beast of a club with its five separate spaces is one of the best-if not the best-in Barcelona, You'll find rock and indie at Razz Club, techno and house in The Loft, techno-pop in Sala Lolita, electro and pop in the Pop Bar, and electro-rock in the Rex Room. As well as DJs, the club hosts gigs and large-scale live concerts that attract hugely diverse crowds. Razz rules the city's clubbing scene, so if it's nightlife you're after, this is where it's at. kids.

Almogàvers, **122** T. 93 272 09 10 www.salarazzmatazz.com M: Marina (L1), Bogatell (L4)

M: Liceu (L3)



### **Yellow Claw**

Already stars at home, this Dutch DJ trio is now catching the eye of international party people. Skrillex, Major Laser and Baauer have all used Yellow Claw tracks in their sets, and the group is currently on a summer tour of Europe, the USA and Asia. *Razzmatazz, Monday 27, midnight.* 

#### Sessions

#### **Nasty Mondays**

Tattoos, sweat and rock 'n' roll: the city's wildest Monday night party. Miss it at your peril. Sala Apolo (Nou de la Rambla, 113). M: Paral·lel (L2, L3). Mon midnight. €15 (on the door). €14 (advance). Price includes one drink.

#### **Raw Rebels**

Dance to the best beats of the '40s, '50s and '60s, with local and international DJs, in the heart of the city. Sidecar Factory Club (Plaça Reial, 7). M: Liceu (L3). Tue 12.30am. €5. Price includes one drink.

#### Caníbal Sound System

Live acts, DJs and roots music make for an underground vibe at this long-running club night. Sala Apolo (details above). Wed 12.30am. €12 (on the door). €9 (advance). Price includes one drink.

#### Anti-Karaoke

This is the hard rock version of karaoke, with dressing up and

obsessive fans, all under the watchful eye of MC, US comedian and actor, Rachel Arieff. Sidecar Factory Club (details above). Thu 10pm. €8. Price includes one drink.

#### Cupcake

Take a trip down memory lane without forgetting to live in the moment, with hits from the '70s right up to the present day. Sala Apolo (details above). Thu 12.30am. €10 (on the door). €8 (advance). Price includes one drink.

#### The Bus Music Club

Session celebrating noncommercial, non-mainstream and underground music. *Razzmatazz (Almogàvers, 122). M: Bogatell (L4). Thu midnight.* €15 (on the door). €13 (advance). *Price includes one drink.* 

#### **Happy Techno**

The beat will get you at this weekend party dedicated to newage and old-school dance music. City Hall (Rbla Catalunya, 2-4). M: Catalunya (L1, L3; FGC). Sat 12.30am.  $\leq 12 - \leq 18$  (depends on arrival time and if you sign up on guest list). Price includes one drink. SCHEDULE Friday & Saturday 10PM - 2:30AM

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# Getaways

## **Outdoor occasions**

Discover the province of Barcelona with these four very different events that are taking place this month. By **Nick Chapman** 



#### **1. CanetRock**

Born in the '70s as a protest festival, today CanetRock brings together the best of the Catalan music scene to offer 12 hours of concerts. There's everything from rock to pop and folk, and the line-up showcases the diversity of a small but healthy scene. Younger bands like Els Catarres, La Pegatina and Els Amics de les Arts join veteran rockers Lax'n'Busto, and the venerable Companyia Elèctric Dharma, who have played every festival since its beginning. Canet de Mar, Jul 4. www.canetrock.cat



2. Banc Sabadell Vijazz Penedès

Vijazz is the ultimate pairing of the Penedès region's finest wines with international names from the world of jazz. This year's headliners include legendary bassist Stanley Clarke and his band, and trio The Bad Plus with saxophonist Stanley Redman. Featuring more than 300 wines and cavas from 40 of the region's top wine producers, the event is one of the biggest wine festivals in Catalonia, and includes wine tastings and food-pairing workshops, as well as tours and exhibitions. Vilafranca del Penedès, Jul 4-6. www.vijazzpenedes.com

**3. Escaldàrium, Festival of Fire** and Water

Caldes de Montbui is a spa town whose hot springs have attracted bathers since Roman times - its summer festival takes its name from the caldarium, the hottest room in the Roman bathhouse. The town's main square and Lion Fountain are the setting for a celebration of fire and water, with fireworks, music and dancing. Diables ('devils') create showers of sparks that rain down on festivalgoers during six fire dances, which are interspersed with three water dances, when hoses spray the square. Jul 11-12. escaldarium.com 4. Baells Summer Festival Surrounded by towering pre-Pyrenean peaks, the Baells reservoir keeps Barcelona's taps flowing, but its turquoise waters are also a tempting refuge from the summer heat. The Baells Summer Festival brings together aquatic activities organised by local associations from May until September. July's events include kayak outings (Sat 4, 18), a kids' trout-fishing competition (Sun 5) and a 1.5km swimming race (Sun 26). On other days you can rent kayaks, Canadian canoes and motorboats all summer long. www.elbergueda.cat

www.barcelonaismuchmore.com

## Dip more than a toe in the water

Head to one of Catalonia's many beaches and you may well be surprised by the range of water-based activities on offer. By **Hannah Pennell** 

Catalonia is one of the areas of Spain that is most blessed in geographical terms. There are mountains, forests, lakes, rivers and. of course. a fantastic coastline. From the twists and turns of the Costa Brava to the long, shallow waters of the Costa Daurada, there is a beach for everyone. And, if you're looking to have extra fun in the sun, many offer a great selection of seabased activities: jet skis, wind surfs, water skis and wakeboards, kayaks, and banana buses are all a common sight during the summer months along the Catalan coast. What's more, there are six designated water-sports resorts that specialise in many of these pursuits-visit www.encatalunya. com for details. In the meantime. here's a selection of what's available up and down the coast.

#### **GET ON BOARD**

If you're looking for a new sport to try out, standup paddle surfing could be just the thing. This offshoot of surfing involves standing up on a board and using a paddle to propel yourself forward. As in many other parts of the world, it has really taken off in Catalonia in recent years and you'll find many places to hire the equipment.

UNDERWATER EXPLORATION There are many spots where you can go snorkelling and scuba diving in Catalonia, but for lots of local fans, the best place to head is the Illes Medes (Medes Islands), just off the town of L'Estartit in the Costa Brava. Enjoy viewing historical boat wrecks and fascinating underwater flora and fauna. If you're a novice and yet to get your PADI qualification, you'll find a number of schools in the area where you can get the







**1.** Beginner's sailing course in the waters of L'Estartit (Costa Brava). **2.** Enjoying the banana bus at the Santa Susanna water-sport resort (Maresme).

necessary training to go diving. If total submersion isn't your thing, experience the local aquatic sights with an excursion on a glassbottom boat, or by renting a kayak.

## SOMETHING COMPLETELY DIFFERENT

For a really unique experience, you could do a wine tasting at sea, go fishing then cook your catch in a local restaurant, or race across the waves in a high-speed dinghy. Alternatively, see the beach with fresh eyes as you go parachuting, parasailing or take a tour in a light aircraft or hot-air balloon.

#### **AT THE HELM**

Anyone who fancies taking the wheel of a boat will be in paradise on the Catalan coast. From yacht, sailboat and motor boat hire (with or without licence) to extreme catamaran sailing, there's a great range of seafaring transportation available, as well as courses for different levels of expertise. If you prefer someone else to do the hard work, set sail on a sunset boat trip, ideal for a romantic outing.

#### **ANIMAL LOVERS**

If you like a wildlife aspect to your holiday activities, you'll discover various options along the coastline that should suit. For example, in the Costa Daurada region, you can go swimming with sea lions, take a tuna tour, which involves snorkelling with giant tuna, or head out on family trips to fish for cuttlefish.

#### **ON DRY LAND**

Of course, there may well come a moment when you want to take a break from the beach and head inland for a different kind of leisure experience. Horse riding, wine tasting, bird watching, quads, mini golf, canyoning – the list is almost endless.



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## Espai Nag

In C/ de la Franca Xica, in Poblesec, is this space dedicated to analogue photography, where they hold exhibitions, organise workshops and develop photos in an old-school lab, because. believe it or not, creating photos doesn't actually just mean getting out your mobile and selfie stick - there's a lot more ritual involved than that.

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#### Vintage shops

The proliferation of these shops around the city selling analogue cameras and other period gadgets is nothing less than a gauntlet to our high-speed digital era. They're full of worthless relics and magical machines that are dangerous for fetishists or romantic collectors.



## BCNmp7

This cycle of contemporary music at the CCCB, which runs throughout the year, focuses on electronic music that's made using analogue equipment by artists such as French duo Zombie Zombie (pictured), Barcelona's anonymous act Akron, and Spaniard Diego García with his sound laboratory.

#### Δ Watches

Many pharmacies now display digital info about the time and temperature, but it's still possible to find timekeepers around Barcelona that our great-grandparents would recognise, even sundials although it's another question whether locals can actually interpret them, even with all the good weather they enjoy.



Five years ago, in the very best

# **Barcelona Top Ten** Analogue city



of cases, these recycling points (whose name translates as 'Green Points') were saturated with analogue television sets that were rapidly expiring. Francesc Arrellano, a TV collector in Poblenou, was overjoyed to make the most of these now-obsolete devices.

#### 6 Modelling lab

At the department of Geodynamics and Geophysics of the University of Barcelona there is an analogue modelling



lab for studying geologic processes to scale - which means it's a model for working out what might happen right under our feet.

#### **Craft stalls**

Apart from the regular stands at the end of La Rambla and in Portal de l'Àngel, Barcelona is full of artisan fairs that are the opposite end of the spectrum from the digital world with their hand-made knick-knacks. jewellery and gourmet products.

#### 8 Messengers

They're the most analogue way of sending stuff, in total contrast to the digital messages we're constantly sending and being sent via our mobiles. With their actual presence, atop a moped or a bike, or in a real van, they prove that not everything can be sent virtually. Parcels still exist.

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**Newspaper kiosks** 

Even though they are shutting down across the city at a rate of knots, a few places remain for a daily newspaper fix or weekly magazine addiction, analogue survivors among our increasingly digitised media. We mustn't let the kiosks disappear, who knows what will happen...

#### 10 Maurici Pla

In 2003, the Barcelona writer published a literary essay entitled 'Sobre la imaginació analògica: Lautréamont, Breton, Roussel' ('About analogue imagination: Lautréamont, Breton, Roussel'). It doesn't talk about analogue cameras or complain about electronic music but rather compares poets in the sense of 'analogy', another demonstration that there was life before this digital tsunami.

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