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# The hot list

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<b>MONDAY</b>	<b>TUESDAY</b>	
<b>03</b>	<b>04</b>	
<b>Jordi Masó</b>	<b>Gandules</b>	
<b>Music</b> Classical sounds at the Palau de la Música.	<b>Film</b> Open-air screenings at the CCCB.	
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	<b>THURSDAY</b>
<b>05</b>	<b>05</b>	<b>06</b>
<b>Circuit</b>	<b>50th Joan Gamper Trophy</b>	<b>Palau Güell nights - Güngur</b>
<b>Festival</b> BCN's huge LGBT summer event begins.	<b>Football</b> Barça play pre-league match against AS Roma.	<b>Music and dance</b> Open-air performance with a glass of cava.

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## DON'T MISS!

**Ona-Ola-Wave.** Exhibition at the Maritime Museum looking at surfing in Catalonia and worldwide. **SUN 02**

**Craig Bratley.** DJ known for his freestyle sessions comes to Moog as part of the Mas i Mas Festival. **WED 12**

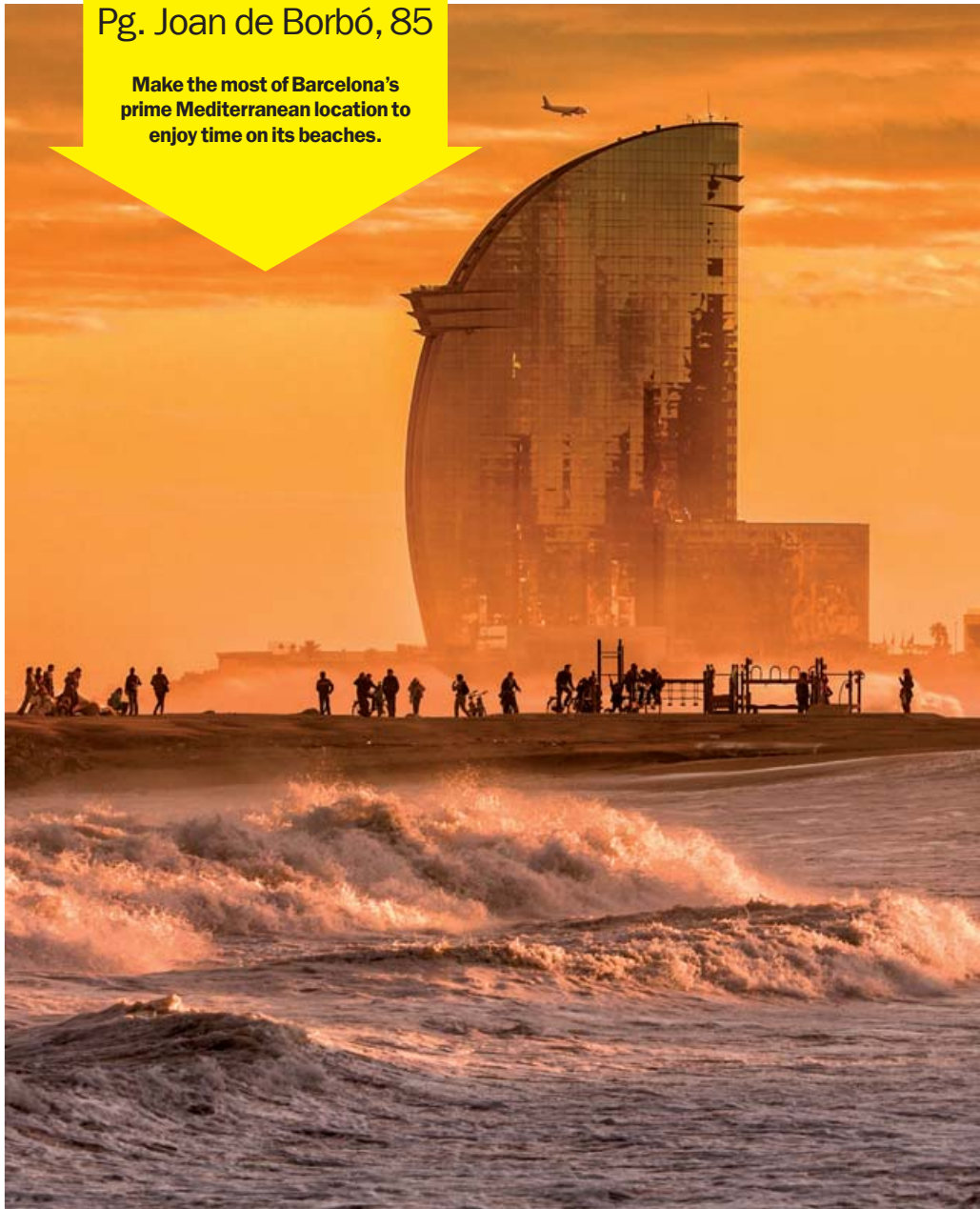
<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>FRIDAY</b>	<b>SATURDAY</b>		<b>WEDNESDAY</b>
<b>09</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>		<b>19</b>
<b>41st Barcelona City Trophy</b>	<b>Tricia Evy</b>	<b>Gràcia Festa Major</b>		<b>Magic nights at Casa Batlló</b>
<b>Football</b> Friendly tournament run by RCD Espanyol.	<b>Music</b> Guadeloupian jazz singer performs.	<b>Traditions</b> Week-long, fun-filled street party.		<b>Music, food and art</b> A special evening on the roof of Gaudi's building.
	<b>THURSDAY</b>	<b>SATURDAY</b>	<b>FRIDAY</b>	<b>MONDAY</b>
	<b>20</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>31</b>
	<b>Music in the Parks</b>	<b>The Gramophone Allstars</b>	<b>IBStage</b>	<b>1st Women World Winner</b>
	<b>Music</b> Gorg Trio play a concert in Ciutadella Park.	<b>Music</b> Catalan fusion group are on stage at Jamboree.	<b>Dance</b> Gala performances at the Liceu Opera House.	<b>Tennis</b> New clay tournament for up-and-coming players.

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**Sant Sebastià beach**  
Pg. Joan de Borbó, 85

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## What am I doing here?



Jan Fleischer

## The last local left in August

If you're visiting Barcelona in August, you may notice a few things: it's really hot, lots of shops are closed, and the city is more international than you thought it'd be. The reason for these is one and the same – because it is the hottest time of the year, the locals tend to head out of the country, or at least out of the sweltering city.

That leaves you, the visitor, and me, the only fool in town who took her holidays in June and now has to sweat it out the rest of the summer while colleagues flee the office like kids on the last day of school, magazine pages thrown into the air with a good-riddance as they jet off to the Philippines and Sri Lanka, Italy and India. Trying to make me jealous with their vaccine-punctured arms and purchases of ultra-light luggage as I sit here with an air-conditioning system made of a USB-powered desk fan and some rapidly disappearing ice cubes.

So what's good about staying here in August? There's a more languid pace, far less traffic, and fewer crowds outside the city centre. There's the sticky but fun Gràcia festival in mid-August. Public pools are open. Long evening meals on terraces. Watermelon!

So let my coworkers come back at the end of the month with bronzed skin, relaxed demeanors and photos of faraway lands. I can walk to work without hitting a single red light. And if it's too hot for that, I can try all the ice creams in this month's Top Ten, leaving the melted run-off on someone else's desk.



Jan is still getting over a nasty holiday sunburn.

## WTF IS...

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

## Festa major

A **festa major** (*FES-ta ma-DJOH*) is a district or town's most important festival. It can honour a patron saint and may last days or even weeks, with live music, parades, traditional events, food and more.



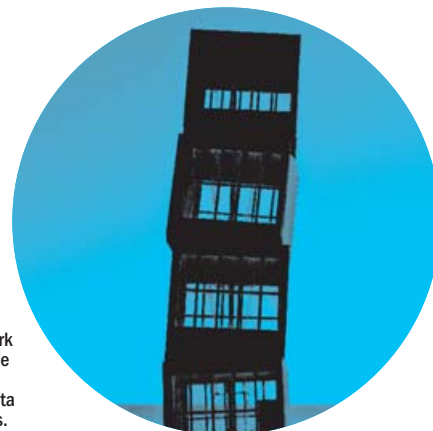
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# 48 HRS IN BARCELONA

In Joan Miró Parc, see the 22-metre 'Woman and Bird'.



This artwork is one of the standout Barceloneta landmarks.



## 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 Mar church (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

### It's time to eat

For dinner, try the Asian tapas at Mosquito (Carders, 46) – they'll melt in your mouth. Always a sure thing is a meal in one of the city's fresh markets, such as Santa Caterina (Av. Francesc Cambó, 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 Eixample Esquerre. 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](http://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

### DID YOU KNOW?

► The first recorded staging of Gràcia's annual August *fiesta major* dates from 1817, when it was a religious celebration.





Take the lift to the top of the tower for city views.

## MAKE THE MOST OF YOUR TIME IN BARCELONA. HERE'S OUR GUIDE TO THE CITY'S ESSENTIALS

(Torrijos, 51) or at La Pubilla (Pl. de la Llibertat, 23), specialising in old-school 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, Sarrà 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 (Pl. 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 bar-laden 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 Museu Nacional d'Art de Catalunya (MNAC), 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). A short walk away, just past Plaça Espanya, you'll find the Parc Joan Miró, with its dramatic 'Woman and Bird' sculpture.

### 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 Suquet 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).

► Plans have been mooted to create the world's first Woody Allen museum in Barcelona, in a former art school where Picasso once studied.

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Now that the hot summer weather has arrived, there's no better way to cool off than by heading with your friends and family to enjoy the many attractions in Barcelona's various water parks: Illa Fantasia, Costa Caribe Aquatic Park and Aqualeón. All just a short journey out of town, at the three parks you'll find

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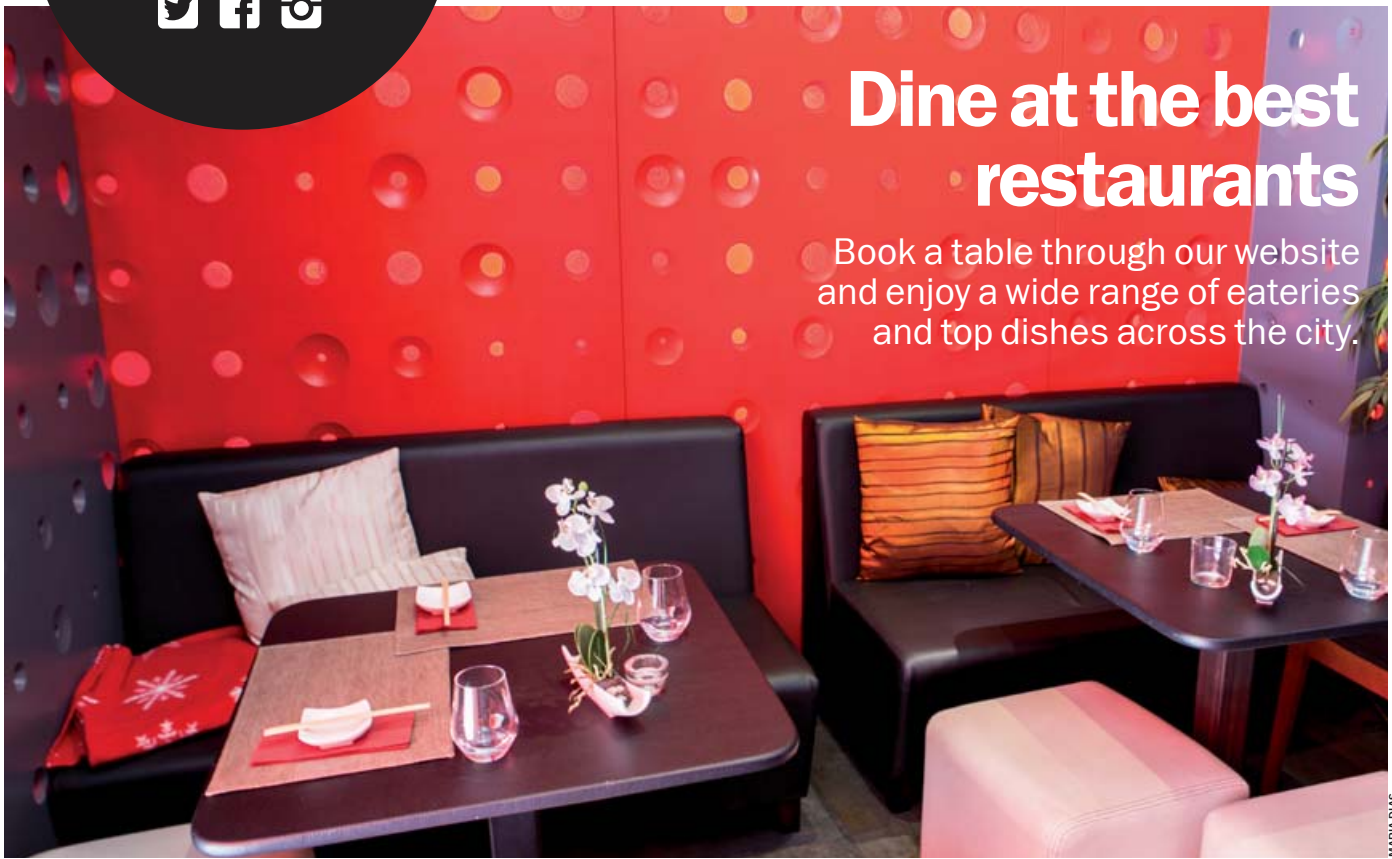
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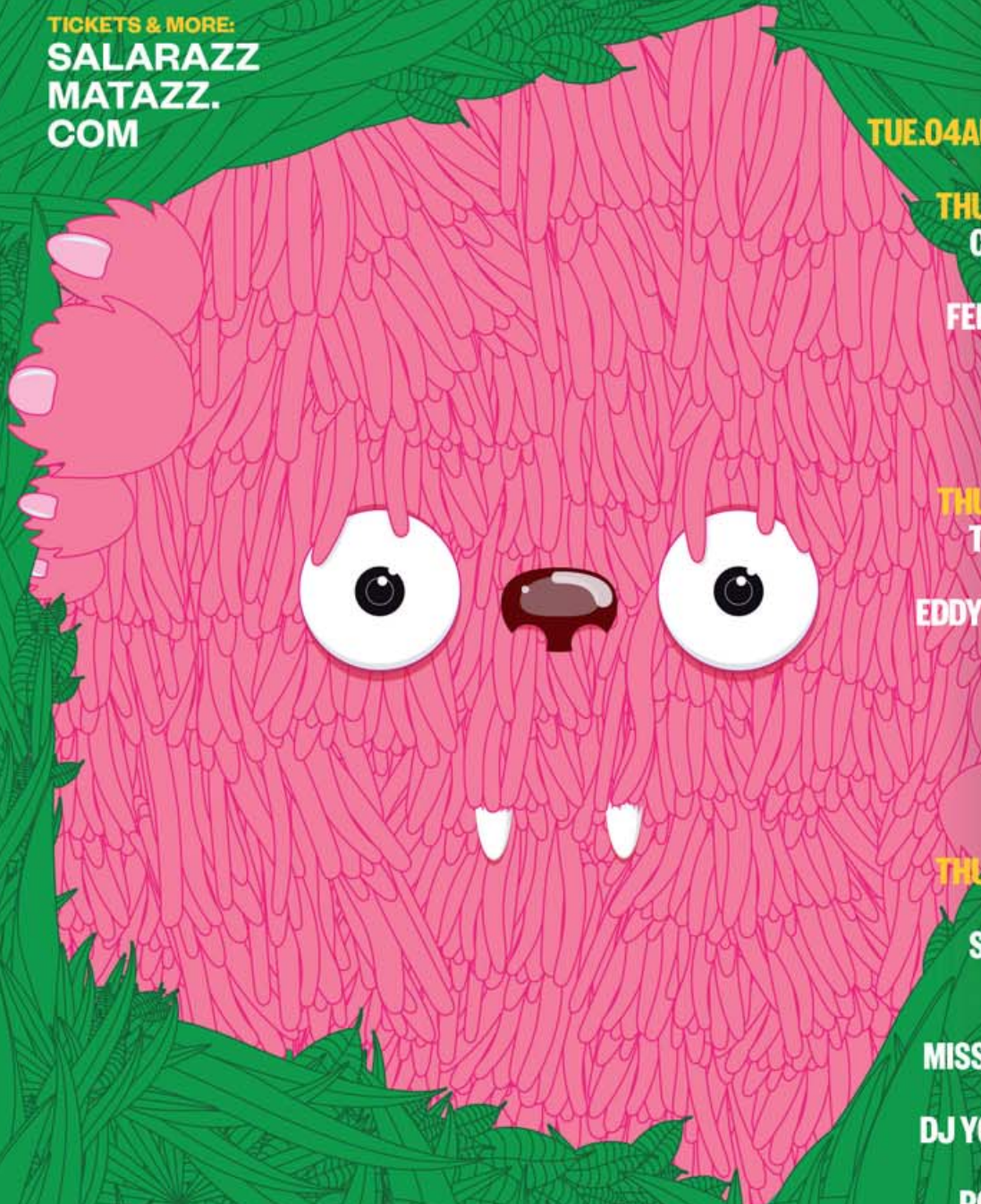
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(Primal Scream)

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**THU.20AUG** - The BUS:  
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# TIME TO PLAY!

MUSEUMS, PARKS, POOLS,  
BEACHES... BARCELONA IS  
FULL OF PLACES FOR KIDS  
TO HAVE FUN.

By Hannah Pennell

## TORRE DE LES AIGÜES

In 1870, the Torre de les Aigües provided water to some of the first houses to be built in the Eixample district. Now, more than a century later, converted into a swimming pool and a small park (that somewhat lacks in grass), it provides fun for young and old alike. As temperatures soar in August, the Torre de les Aigües is a welcoming oasis – it's known locally as the 'beach of the Eixample': relief from the heat, and unlimited opportunities for splashing, paddling and generally getting wet.

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## PARC DE LA CIUTADELLA

There's so much going on in this surprisingly extensive park – including the zoo, a children's park and a boating lake – that it's sometimes hard to find a plain, old-fashioned patch of grass. At this time of year, the Ciutadella (the largest park in the city centre) is a great place for a picnic, a bike ride or taking a break from sightseeing with an ice cream. If your kids need a bit of space to run around, this is one of the best spots in Barcelona to take them.

**Passeig de Picasso, 21. Free**  
M: Ciutadella/Vila Olímpica (L4)  
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## CAIXAFÒRUM

Housed in a fabulous modernista building in the foothills of Montjuïc, once you've crossed the desert-like expanse between Plaça Espanya and the entrance to the museum, blessed relief and varied culture await. While older children may enjoy the current exhibition on Finnish architect Alvar Aalto, there is also a series of children's cinema screenings that will appeal to

most. On Saturday 8, they're showing seven short animations from around the world, all with no or very little dialogue (5.30pm, €4).

**Av. Francesc Ferrer i Guàrdia, 6-8. €4**  
M: Espanya (L1, L3; FGC)  
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## POBLE ESPANYOL

A little way up the road from CaixaForum (on hot days, it's probably best to take the bus there from Plaça Espanya) is this tribute to architectural styles from around Spain, with reproductions of buildings from Andalusia to Zaragoza (more or less). It might not sound the most enticing place for kids, but they also run a host of family-focused activities. For example, every Sunday this month, they are hosting games mornings that include sack races, giant jigsaws and hula hoop contests (10.30am-1.30pm; included in general entry fee). They also have a picnic area and a treasure hunt that gives families the chance to discover the venue's nooks and crannies (Mon-Sun 10am-6pm; in Spanish, Catalan, English and French; €5.70; up to five participants).

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A celebration of what we're capable of creating when we put our minds to it, this city centre museum was originally designed for adults, but it has endless appeal for children, too – a periscope in the shop, bathrooms full of surprises, and a range of inventions to discover and stimulate their own creativity. For instance, in the Corner of the Absurd, the exhibits were designed for nothing more or less than to bring a smile to the lips – and why not? The Minimiba gives 5- to 12-year-olds the chance to come up with and draw their own invention. Every month, three winners are chosen from the submissions, and a professional team actually builds a prototype of these designs!

**Ciutat, 7. €8. €6 (under-12s). Free for under-4s**  
Tue-Fri 10am-2pm, 4pm-7pm; Sat 10am-8pm; Sun 10am-2pm  
M: Jaume I (L4)  
[www.mibamuseum.com](http://www.mibamuseum.com)

## BARCELONA BOSC URBA

Adventure playground by the sea Barcelona Urban Forest offers a mélange of activities, sports and, yes, adventures, for you and the kids to test your adrenaline levels, all within the city limits. Zip lines, rope swings, bungee



## EATING OUT...

While most restaurants in BCN welcome children, there are some specially geared up to them. **Idò DO Balear**, dedicated to food from the Balearics, has an area with a big blackboard where the kids can play while you eat (Viladomat, 43; closed Aug 3-24). At **Restaurant Marc**, in Vila Olímpica, there's a space that has adult supervision for the children at weekends, and they regularly organise different activities (Joan Miró, 24; closed Aug 7-19). If you're heading to Collserola Park, two minutes from the train station is **Bar Restaurant Pinya 2**. The grilled meats are excellent, and there's a great terrace for kids to play on (Ctra. de l'Església; T. 93 280 26 49).

jumping, log rolls and much more besides mean your head will spin before you even decide which to tackle.

**Plaça del Fòrum, s/n. €11-€24, depending on your age and the circuit(s) you choose**  
Daily 10am-3pm, 4pm-8pm  
M: Maresme-Fòrum (L4)  
[www.barcelonaboscbarba.com](http://www.barcelonaboscbarba.com)

## GOLONDRINAS

Indulge your little pirates aboard one of the emblematic wooden boats that have been sailing round the port since 1888, the year of Barcelona's Universal Exposition. There's the classic 40-minute tour of the industrial port, or a longer excursion in a catamaran that heads up the coast past Barceloneta and the Vila Olímpica. Both give you the chance to take in the city skyline and appreciate the sights from a different perspective. Weigh anchor, all hands! Prepare to make sail!

**Portal del Pay. €7 (adults). €2.75 (children aged 4-10)**  
Daily 10am-8pm  
M: Drassanes (L3)  
[www.lasgolondrinas.com](http://www.lasgolondrinas.com)

## MUSEU BLAU

Barcelona's Natural Sciences Museum (or Blue Museum) covers 9,000 square metres, and at the main entrance has the skeleton of a whale that beached itself on Catalan shores in 1862. As well as permanent installations and spaces that include 'Planet Life', an exhibition on the history of life and planet Earth, at the moment there's an interactive temporary exhibit about healthy eating and nutrition, which might even encourage carrot consumption among some. For children six and under, the Niu de Ciencia (Science Nest) is a dedicated space where they can play and start discovering the world of science.



## CAFÉS...

After a busy few hours of doing stuff, a sit-down for some sustenance is more than welcome. At **Granja La Nena** in Gràcia, not only do they have a selection of delicious snacks and drinks, there's also a play corner and range of board games (Ramón y Cajal, 36). Alternatively, treat your kids (and yourself!) to a gourmet doughnut at **La Donuteria**. From Nutella-stuffed (the Donutella) to pink grapefruit and ginger flavour, this is sugar heaven (Parlament, 20). Another option is Babelia, a combined café/second-hand bookshop, which has a library of kids' books in English to flick through and a fortnightly Saturday story time (Villarreal, 27; closed Aug 15-31).



## SHOPPING...

Younger kids will be delighted by a trip to **Barruguet**, a stylish toy shop that stocks an excellent selection of games and activities to inspire their creativity (Gran Via de les Corts Catalanes, 620). If you're on the hunt for a souvenir for the child of your most hipster friends back home, stop by **Impossible Project** and you'll be overwhelmed by choices – wooden games, original books and modern fashion (Tantarantana, 16). And if it's clothes you're in the market for, then head to **Go Kids**. They have a big assortment of brands and products from cute clothes for babies right up to smart gear for ten-year-olds (Elisabets, 20; closed Aug 10-15).



**Plaça Leonardo da Vinci, 4-5. €6. €2.70 (for 16- to 29-year-olds). Free for under-16s**  
Tue-Sat 10am-7pm; Sun, public holidays 10am-8pm  
M: Maresme-Fòrum (L4)  
[www.museuciencies.cat](http://www.museuciencies.cat)

## MUSEU EGIPCI

One of the finest collections of Ancient Egyptian artefacts in Europe, this one is owned by prominent Egyptologist Jordi Clos and spans 3,000 years of Nile-drenched culture. Children (and adults as well) will be fascinated by exhibits such as the massive baboon heads used to decorate temples, and mummified cats, baby crocodiles and falcons. Another highlight is a 5,000-year-old bed, which still looks comfortable enough to sleep in. Currently on show is an exhibition about the discovery of the Tutankhamun tomb back in the '20s.

**València, 284. €11. €8 (children 5-15)**  
Mon-Sat 10am-8pm; Sun 10am-2pm  
M: Passeig de Gràcia (L2, L3, L4)  
[www.museuegipci.com](http://www.museuegipci.com)

## L'AQUARI

Home to more than 11,000 animals representing 450 species (normal in what is the world's largest Med-themed marine attraction), the main draw at Barcelona's aquarium is the Oceanari, a giant shark-infested tank traversed via a glass tunnel on a slow-moving conveyor belt. Other aquaria house shoals of kaleidoscopic fish where kids can play 'hunt Nemo'. The upstairs section is devoted to children. For pre-schoolers, Explora! has 50 knobs-and-whistles-style activities, such as turning a crank to see how ducks' feet move underwater or climbing inside a mini submarine; they probably won't mind that much

of the equipment is looking a bit the worse for wear. Older children should head to Planet Aqua – an extraordinary, split-level circular space with Humboldt penguins.

**Moll d'Espanya. €20 (adults). €15 (children 5-15). €7 (children 3-4)**  
Mon-Sun 9.30am-11pm  
M: Drassanes (L3)  
[www.aquariumbcn.com](http://www.aquariumbcn.com)

## MUSEU DE LA XOCOLATA

Seriously, who doesn't like chocolate? Dark, milk or even the not-actually-officially-chocolate white version – everyone has a fave. And this is the place to go if you're feeling particularly indulgent with your offspring. Telling the story of chocolate, from its origins in South America to its unstoppable journey across the globe, the history part of this museum may not keep kids captivated. But the numerous and varied chocolate sculptures made by some of Barcelona's master pastry chefs will doubtless thrill them, even though you may have keep an eye out for reaching hands.

**Comerç, 36. €5. Free for under-7s**  
Mon-Sat 10am-7pm; Sun 10am-3pm  
M: Arc de Triomf (L1) or Jaume I (L4)  
[www.museuxocolata.cat](http://www.museuxocolata.cat)

## PARC NATURAL COLLSEROLA

If you're looking for a rest from the city, take to the hills behind Barcelona, aka Collserola Natural Park. Kids will appreciate the freedom to run on tracks and paths through a beautiful, natural environment, and you'll often feel a million miles away from the crowded streets below. If your children are 12 or older, on August 12 the information centre is hosting a special evening event to witness the Perseids, a summer meteor shower also known as the 'tears of Saint Lawrence', as the phenomenon appears around his feast day on August 10 (call

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in advance to book on 93 280 35 52; €5.15 [includes glass of wine]; 9.30pm; in Catalan).  
**Information centre: Ctra. de l'Església, 92. Free**  
FGC: Baixador de Vallvidrera  
[www.parcnaturalcollserola.cat](http://www.parcnaturalcollserola.cat)

## COSMOCAIXA

In this enormous science museum – said to be the biggest in Europe – it can take a while to actually find the exhibits, with sweeping walkways and a slightly confusing lift layout. It's worth the trek though, thanks to features such as the Flooded Forest (a reproduction of a corner of Amazonia with various harmless creatures roaming about) and excellent installations for children: the Planetarium pleases those aged five to eight, and the wonderful Clik (ages 3-6) and Flash (ages 7-9) introduce children to science through games. Toca, Toca! ('Touch, Touch!') educates children on which animals and plants are safe and which to avoid. Another highlight, for both young and old, is the hugely entertaining sound telescope outside on Plaça de la Ciència.

**Isaac Newton, 26. €4. Free for under-16s**  
Mon-Sun 10am-8pm  
FGC: Av. Tibidabo; Bus V15, 22, 58, 60, 73, 75 and 196  
[obrasocial.lacaixa.es/nuestroscentros/cosmoaixabarcelona\\_ca.html](http://obrasocial.lacaixa.es/nuestroscentros/cosmoaixabarcelona_ca.html)

## BEACHES

If in doubt, where better to head than the beach? Kids love the sand and the sea, and there's certainly a lot of both to enjoy in Barcelona. On Nova Icària and Mar Bella beaches, you'll find playgrounds for added entertainment. And if you came without buckets and spades, head to the Centre de la Platja, where you can hire all sorts of essential equipment for the day (Pg. Marítim, 25).



## OUT OF TOWN...

If you'd like to explore more of Catalonia, there's any number of places that your children will be happy to go. Top of the list for most of them will be **PortAventura**, Catalonia's answer to Disneyland, with six themed zones and fantastic rides for the courageous ([www.portaventura.cat](http://www.portaventura.cat)). Up in the Pyrenees, the **Segre Olympic Park** makes for an ideal day trip for adventure-loving families. White-water rafting, mountain biking and hydro sledging are just a sample of what's on offer ([www.parcolimpic.cat](http://www.parcolimpic.cat)). Finally, if nature is more your thing, head to the south of Catalonia and the **Delta de l'Ebre** for bird spotting and boat trips ([www.terresdelebre.travel](http://www.terresdelebre.travel)).

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**DEFY THE WAVE**

Catalan brand Bobo Choses is great for vintage-style dressing in the water. €39. Babillage, Manuel de Falla, 15-17.



**OPTICAL EFFECT**

The triangles seem to multiply in this Bonnet à Pompon design that is akin to op art. €31.43. El Corte Inglés, Av. Diagonal, 617.



**PATSY THE ZEBRA**

If your kids are fans of the zoo, they'll love Gardner and the Gang's psychedelic fantasy. €29. Rock 01 Baby, Bonavista, 16.



**LOOK OUT FOR THE SHARK**

These fish from Maxomorra are kind and protect the wearer from UV rays! €17.90. KM Family, Bruc, 150.

# Splish splash

It's a fact: swimsuits for kids from local and European brands are just gorgeous (and lots are a bargain right now). By **Eugènia Sendra**

**OCEAN PALATE**

Little Creative Factory combines the elegance of mermaids with the sea's blue. €62. ,248, Rosselló, 248 bis.



**BLACK CAT**

Mini Rodini, who always gets it spot on, is the brand behind this swimsuit that's both feminine and feline. €37. Sugarfreaks, Ribera, 1.



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# FRESH

By **Ricard Martín** Photos **Ivan Giménez**

**As high temperatures set in, the body cries out for refreshing, healthy food. It's time for light dishes and seasonal produce. These are the restaurants with the freshest, most original summer menus.**

## 01

### **TRADITIONS AND LOCAL PRODUCE: ECO-FRIENDLY SEASONAL COOKING**

If the economic crisis has had one positive effect, it's the rediscovery of humble ingredients. Or perhaps rather than a rediscovery, it would be more accurate to talk about defending simple products. At **Gat Blau** (Diputació, 139) Pere Carrió sets out from a 'radically ecological perspective, based on seasonal, ultra-local produce', and the results are amazing: 'A whole organic jowl of bacon costs €4. A kilo of organic chickpeas, €3. A prime entrecôte is expensive, but you can make a tartare from the humbler cuts.' And they do it incredibly well. They perform the ordinary miracle of serving a €11.50 set lunch menu that's organic, traditional and creative, on which six of the eight options are vegetarian. And it changes daily! You won't miss pricey ingredients like Palamós prawns when faced by delicacies as good as silky-smooth veal cannelloni wrapped in courgettes, or a 'masked' potato coulant. In the evening, you'll find locavore haute cuisine for around €25.

Obviously, learning to appreciate fresh ingredients from an early age is a huge advantage, and can define your eating habits for life. Joan Vilalta, the friendly face of **Gut** (Perill, 13; T. 93 186 63 60), was lucky enough 'to have a stay-at-home mum who went to the market every day, and was an education for the taste buds'. His own culinary vision has two strands. He's obsessed with ensuring that everything he serves up was brought in fresh from the market as recently as possible; and



## **VEGGIE FACTS**



### **EXTROVERT FRUIT**

Only two fruits have seeds on the outside rather than the inside: cashew nuts and strawberries. Now let the debate begin on what constitutes a fruit.

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he has a mission to introduce vegetarian food to recalcitrant carnivores – although Gut is omnivorous and non-extremist. ‘I serve the dish and tell them, “If you don’t like it, I’ll bring you something else.”’ Who could turn down wild rice with shiitake mushrooms and artichoke crisps? People who eat red meat three times a day, perhaps. On his summer menu, fish takes a higher billing than meat: tuna tartare with avocado, nori seaweed and sweet lemon sorbet – just thinking about it can cool you down. As an added bonus, more than half the items on the menu are gluten-free.

We began by talking about radical ecology. The next step is biodynamics, organic farming that follows the cycles of nature and the moon. We won’t go into the more obscure practices – such as stuffing a cow’s horn with manure and burying it in the ground – but it’s worth pointing out that at **NONONO** (Ptge. de Lluís Pellicer, 12; T. 93 444 99 01) they didn’t opt for a

## ESQUEIXADA

Catalans like to think of themselves as eating a healthy Mediterranean diet, but you often get the feeling a Catalan meal isn’t complete without red meat as the centrepiece. To counter this impression, we recommend the Catalan salad par excellence: *esqueixada de bacallà*, salt cod salad in which cold, de-salted cod shares the stage with onion, peppers and olives in cool, soothing harmony.

### EL JARDÍ DE L’ÀPAT

Albert Llanas, 2  
93 285 77 50

biodynamic approach just to make the food taste nicer, but because they ‘want to leave a better world for those who come after us’, says the owner, Marcos Acosta. Most of their vegetable produce comes from their own farm just up the coast from Barcelona.

## 02 FLEXITARIANS, DESIGNER FOOD AND RAW POWER: GREEN IS THE NEW BLACK

In the old days, Barcelona’s vegetarian restaurants had a cultish feel – you almost felt obliged to put on a hemp kaftan as you chewed solemnly through mounds of raw vegetables. The trend now – and it’s a positive one – is to develop a distinctive style, always aiming to reach the widest possible clientele. And what people want are fresh ingredients and seasonal cooking, whether they’re vegans, ovo-lacto-vegetarians or (brace yourselves) flexitarians. This last, according to Cécile from the restaurant **D’Aquí** (Venus, 3; T. 93 458 20 44), is the latest term for people who occasionally eat meat or fish (or for vegetarian restaurants that, like them, offer a non-vegetarian option on the menu). ‘If they only eat meat every couple of weeks, they want it to be the best quality.’ They don’t use processed ingredients, all the dishes are home-made, and the majority of the produce is organic, from smallholdings up the coast in the Maresme. Tuck in your napkin for the €13 set lunch menu, which features delicious recipes and a non-vegetarian option – such as their organic beef lasagne. It’s an innovative formula, and they’ve only been open for a few months: from 9am to 5pm it’s D’Aquí, while at night it becomes French bistro *Atmosphère*.

On the subject of easy-going radicalism, **Sopa** (Roc Boronat, 114; T. 93 309 56 76) is a strictly vegan restaurant, but they prefer to call it simply ‘healthy food’. The extraordinary interior design – light, wood, glass and plenty of space – can be misleading; you feel you should be ordering top-end seafood and a bottle of cold white wine. They offer a daily set menu that always includes a soup or purée that has been cooked over a low heat for



### SQUARE WATERMELONS

Japanese farmers grow watermelons in square containers, so they’ll fit better in the average fridge.



### POISONOUS POTATOES

Spuds can kill: they contain a glycoalkaloid, solanine, which is poisonous in large doses. Watch out for green tattie, which has more of it.

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three hours, and second courses that are strictly seasonal.

They built up a loyal clientele in just a matter of months – just like the take-away food store, which also has plenty of room to sit down and eat your lunch in situ, **Les Tres a la Cuina** (Sant Lluís, 35; T. 93 105 49 47). Locals from all over the Gràcia district flock here to take home boxed-up portions of their trademark dishes, legendary for their freshness and creativity. They offer a different set menu every day, with three first courses and three seconds, predominantly vegetarian, but always including one option with animal protein. For example, endives with caramelised walnuts and blue cheese, followed by beef ragout with fried rice or a quinoa salad with smoked aubergine, mango and radishes.

## 03 CEVICHE AND PISCO SOURS: PERUVIAN REFRESHMENT

After dining at a Peruvian restaurant, whether traditional or ultramodern, you never get the feeling you're too full, or that your digestive system is working overtime. It could be an unassuming spot like **Toya Petit Bar** (Viladomat, 249; T. 626 71 12 94; pictured right), just a bar with two tables, where David Villanueva runs his one-man show. 'This is a small place, but just because it's a bar doesn't mean we don't have gastronomic ambitions.' Good things come in small packages – and the fish is always fresh, an article of faith for Peruvian cooks. On the set lunch menu, there's a tomato and pesto carpaccio, and, for seconds, griddled langoustines (€10.50). At night it becomes a small tasting menu (€14) with the addition of their own version of the Peruvian classic *papas a la huancaína* (potatoes in a creamy sauce), a hamburger tasting with three sauces (huancaína, black-olive mayonnaise and creamed avocado) and a burrito with *anticucho* sauce.

When I interrogate Álex Luna of the wonderful **Ceviche 103** (Londres, 103; T. 93 209 88 35) about the essential freshness of Peruvian cuisine, he tells me, 'In Peruvian



### TABBOULEH

Is there a more emblematically Mediterranean dish than tabbouleh? The foundation of this refreshing salad is bulgur, not a type of cereal, but the parboiled, hulled kernels of several different species of wheat – especially durum. The tiny grains hide in a forest of greenery including chopped parsley, mint, lettuce and tomatoes, generously dressed with olive oil and lemon juice.

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Verdi, 28  
T. 93 368 50 77

cooking everything is made just before it's served. And we could use perch or any other fish, but to make a real ceviche you need wild corvina.' From the set lunch menu I pick a phenomenal ceviche that, served with *leche de tigre* (a citrusy seafood marinade) and washed down with a pisco sour, would quench Clint Eastwood's thirst at the end of *A Fistful of Dollars*. The second course is duck with a mildly spicy sauce, just hot enough to be interesting without bringing you out in a sweat. And profiteroles filled with passion fruit! A set lunch menu for only €14.50, it sends you strolling back to work, refreshed and satisfied.

However, Peruvians don't have a monopoly on freshness: **Tonka** (Marquès de Campo Sagrado, 27; T. 93 127 05 44), run by Venezuelan owner Mayela Armas, is a local institution, with a reputation based on local, organic produce – they have the best zero-grease brunch in Barcelona – and dishes like their Asian salad are summertime on a plate.



#### BENEFICIAL BANANAS

If you suffer from heartburn, a banana can help reduce the sensation. The secret? Its anti-acid properties.



#### THE TOMATO TREATMENT

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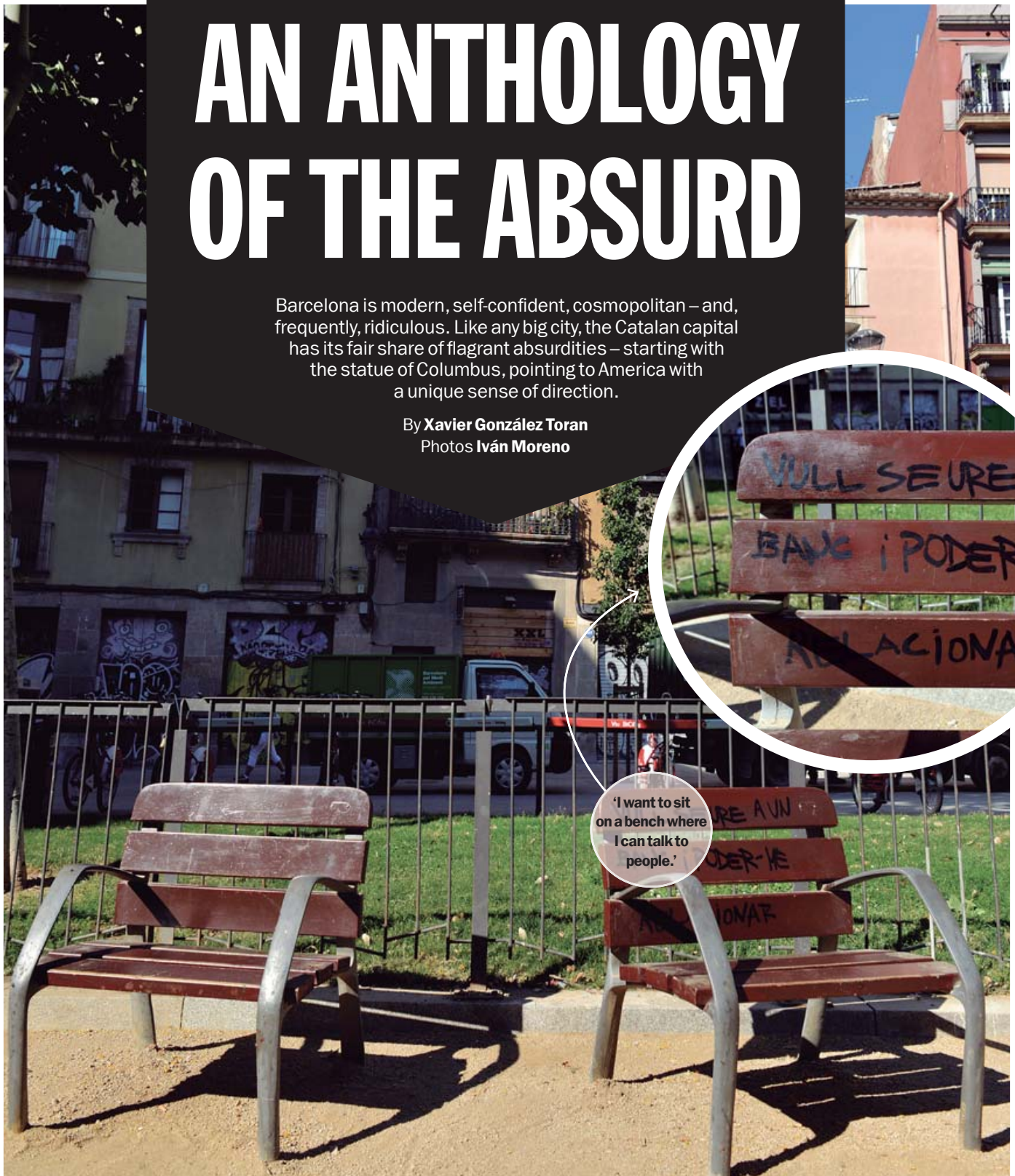
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# AN ANTHOLOGY OF THE ABSURD

Barcelona is modern, self-confident, cosmopolitan – and, frequently, ridiculous. Like any big city, the Catalan capital has its fair share of flagrant absurdities – starting with the statue of Columbus, pointing to America with a unique sense of direction.

By **Xavier González Toran**  
Photos **Iván Moreno**



'I want to sit on a bench where I can talk to people.'

## AWKWARD!

'I feel like a Roman radiator,' observed BCN mayor **Joan Pich i Pon**, brandishing a sword during a museum visit. He also confused the word *urbe* ('city') with *ubre* ('udder'), when on the summit of Tibidabo and indicating the city below to King Alfonso XIII of Spain: 'Majesty, at your feet, the udder.'

'[Ex-President] Jordi Pujol's centralism is a kind of male chauvinism, and slightly phallic.' – **Pasqual Maragall**, ex-President of Catalonia in a 1999 interview

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## ARCHITECTURAL ESCALATION

It's ironic that *Mon Oncle*, by Jacques Tati, an implacable critic of the excesses of contemporary architecture, is many modern architects' favourite film. We don't know if the architect behind the Filmoteca de Catalunya is one of its fans, but we can't rule out the possibility that the film inspired the decision to provide magnificent escalators to sweep audiences to the downstairs projection rooms – while to get out again, they have to tackle the 42 unyielding steps of a steep and dingy staircase. Or wait to squeeze into the lift, which holds 13, for a Filmoteca that seats 555.

## METEOROLOGICAL MISHAPS

The escalators at the Filmoteca are fitted with mirrors: according to the architect, this is so the cinemagoer can feel like the star of the show. The same idea is repeated on the underside of the giant roof that covers the Encants Vells bric-a-brac market, where reflections 'express the relationship between the market and the city'. The mirrors have their charm, but the condescending pseudo-intellectual justifications don't. They could have saved the mental energy for more practical matters. If you want a roof to protect people from the elements, don't put it 24 metres in the air, without side walls, because both sunlight and rain will pour in when they fall at an angle. Just another of the challenges of doing architecture on these awkward planets – the kind with atmospheres, and that orbit stars.

## UN SOUND PRINCIPLES

Architects and their clashes with natural phenomena are a constant in the city. Take Ricard Bofill, designer of the National Theatre of Catalonia. He dug out all his student notes on Greco-Roman pomposity, but forgot to revise the way sound travels, and other subtle laws of physics. The result was a stunning neoclassical coliseum – with a main auditorium that's too big, difficult to fill, and has a flat, dry acoustic quality that makes it almost impossible to hear the actors' lines. A minor oversight that has entailed years of building works and the need for onstage amplification.

## SILLY NAMES

For a century and a half, Barcelona had a street dedicated to El Duc de la Victòria ('The Duke of Victory'), a tribute to General Espartero, whose great service to the city was to bombard it in 1842. Since 2007 it's been known simply as the Carrer del Duc, a change that doesn't really clear up the underlying issue. On the other hand, the name of Joan de Coloma – 'Secretari



Coloma' – who brought the Spanish Inquisition to Catalonia, survives unaltered in a street in Gràcia. He hasn't yet become a victim of the city's periodical toponymic rethinks, such as the wave of renaming that followed the transition to democracy, when many street names were Catalanised with a zeal that was often taken to extremes. The backstreet in Sarrià named after the city of Arrecife in the Canary Islands became Carrer de l'Escull – 'Reef Street' – a direct translation that entirely misses the point.

## WAR ON THE PAVEMENTS

A pedestrian walks between two white lines in a trance, only to be rudely awoken by the hysterical bell of a cyclist, demanding that they abide by point 2 of article 14 of the city's traffic

ordinance, and stop obstructing the bike lane, which takes up the whole of the middle of the pavement. Meanwhile, a cyclist finds that the dedicated bike lane suddenly stops dead, but they're not sure whether they should continue on the pavement, in case they're accused of infringing the second part of point 6. When work began on Barcelona's network of cycle paths in 1990, some planning genius decided not only to carve space out of the roads, but also from the pavements. Since then there's been all-out war between cyclists and pedestrians. Passing motorists can be seen snickering from behind the wheel.

## THE TRIALS OF THE CAFÉ TERRACE

The cherry on the cake for Barcelona's crowded

'Pee before you leave the house,' said then-mayor **Joan Clos**, in reply to a citizen's complaint about the lack of public lavatories in Barcelona. And 'there are still ten gorillas at City Hall', was his verdict on the death of Barcelona's famous albino gorilla, Snowflake, in 2003.

'I'm waiting for the high-speed train with a scepticism that is expectant, but not passive.' – ex-mayor **Jordi Hereu** in an interview.

'I'd like to congratulate you on your medal...' – letter from ex-mayor **Xavier Trias** to members of Spain's water polo team after the London Olympic Games – where they came in sixth.



to turn their backs on each other. Is a face-to-face conversation an affront to civic decency?

### COMPETITION-FREE SPORT

Barcelona's back-to-back design philosophy is starting to make waves outside the city too – perhaps not on an international level (yet), but it has reached the city's suburbs. In Sant Andreu de la Barca, for example, there's a park where you can play non-confrontational basketball and football, a version in which rival teams can never clash, because the baskets and the goalposts, instead of being at opposite ends of the pitch facing each other, are in the middle, facing opposite directions. It's a pointless design – you could never play a match – but it does represent a significant saving, as they only require one pole for the two baskets, and a single set of goalposts for the two-way net.

**A roof usually keeps the rain off – except, of course, when it's raised this high.**

### HIGH-RISK URBAN DESIGN

Similarly, on the three basketball courts at the Parc de la Solidaritat in Esplugues de Llobregat, there are baskets, but only at one end: at the other, there are none – perhaps to avoid the tedium of the official regulations. But these courts are not just an exercise in futility: there's also the excitement of endangering life and limb, thanks to a sporting version of the thigh-busting steps that divide up Barcelona's hard-surfaced squares. The courts are arranged in a row, one next to the other, without barriers, as a series of steps down the slope. So if you try to stop the ball going out of play, there's the added risk of falling on top of a player on the court next door, or, if you really put your back into it, straight onto the tarmac of the ring road down below.

### IGNORE YOUR INSTINCTS

Defecating on a street in Barcelona can be expensive, if you get caught: the fine will set you back around €250 on an ordinary thoroughfare, and between €750 and €1,500 if you obey the call of nature at the Sagrada Família or any other tourist monument, as established by the city's bylaws on civic conduct in 2005. Taking a leak and spitting don't come for free either. At the same time, the total fines paid by the 6,000-plus infractors who are charged every year don't even cover half the city council's budget for keeping the streets free of waste. It's the price you pay for having lots of civic-minded legislation but hardly any public toilets in a city whose streets host more than nine million bladders, between locals and tourists.

pavements are the bar and restaurant terraces, a Mediterranean institution subject to volatile regulations. Until 2013, the rules were different in each city district. Since last year, they've been regulated by a new, unified, citywide ordinance – which, however, does not apply to particular avenues and squares, including the busiest tourist hotspots in the city centre. Meanwhile, bar owners in outlying neighbourhoods are driven to distraction as they try to comply with an exasperatingly exhaustive set of rules, including such bright ideas as a prohibition on permanent awnings with advertising, in a city in which terrace awnings have been financed by advertising for years. Wise bar owners now cover the trademarks with paint to avoid a fine.

### CHAIRS FOR COUPLES IN CRISIS

The city's guidelines on street furniture establish a set of 20 requirements for seating in public places. They specify measurements, proportions and materials, but they don't mention placement and spacing – with some disconcerting results. It's perhaps understandable that there should only be single chairs, and not benches, in the city centre. The idea was to discourage rough sleepers – or perhaps tired and emotional tourists – from turning them into temporary beds. What's harder to understand is why these chaste seats are placed in pairs, but facing opposite directions, forcing anyone who occupies them

'The building is in perfect condition, but since the rain doesn't fall straight, from time to time water will get in.'  
– **Xavier Trias**, at the official opening of the new Encants Vells market (above).

'I don't know why the opposition is complaining about the city's funeral services. None of the clients have complained. I don't understand the fuss. The users are very happy.' – **Joan Clos**

'We play croquet, we play tennis, we play football, we play... What do you call that thing posh people do on Sundays? Ah, polo.'  
– **Römül Bosch i Alsina**, mayor of Barcelona in 1905, when talking to a group of visitors from England.

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# WORLD-CLASS PARTY

The Circuit Festival and Girlie Circuit are the highlight of the LGBT calendar in August, turning Barcelona into the global capital for gays and lesbians.

By **Hannah Pennell**



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From August 5 to 16, Barcelona is once more the destination of choice for many in the LGBT community – indeed, around 70,000 if past editions are anything to go by – who'll flock to the city for what has become a can't-miss summer date: Circuit Festival and Girlie Circuit. These events are renowned for their parties and highlights such as the Water Park Day, and cater for all tastes and interests. Here's our guide to the main things going on, as well as suggestions about how to meet people in the city.

### WATER PARK DAY AND NIGHT

As is now the custom in August, men arriving from all points of the planet are invading Barcelona this month to enjoy Circuit, a fun-filled festival organised this year for the eighth time by the Matinée Group (responsible for, among other things, one of the most popular sessions at the epic Ibiza club, Amnesia). Out of the many parties that are held (18 this year!), the one that provokes the most excitement is the **Water Park Day and Night** (Tuesday 11, €90, 10am-6am at L'illa Fantasia Water Park; Circuit buses run every five minutes from Plaça Catalunya); it's the most fun, most diverse and most intense party of the Circuit line-up. Arrive early to ensure you get a locker, and don't look too closely at the water, which by mid-afternoon will be filthy. There are a lot better views on offer.

### KEEP YOUR SHIRT OFF

Clearly if there's one thing that does well at Circuit, it's the pool parties. The first aquatic event this year is the **Matinée Pool Party**, held on Saturday 8 at the Complex Esportiu L'Hospitalet Nord in one of Barcelona's neighbouring cities, L'Hospitalet del Llobregat (tickets cost €20 in advance and €25 on the door; 4pm-11pm). This is also the venue for the **Papa Main Party** and the **Main Party** the following Saturday, offering 14 hours of pool partying for €70 (you can get advance tickets for the separate events for €30 and €40, respectively), and **The Beach Party** on Sunday 9 (4pm-11pm, €25 in advance). If you're looking for a different kind of wet entertainment, don't miss a new edition of the **Xtreme fetish and sex party** featuring live sex shows and hosted by porn star David Ávila, on Tuesday 13 (venue tbc).

## BOY SEEKS BOY

When Barcelona was living under the steel fist of the Franco dictatorship, finding a man who wanted to meet other men was dangerous and, above all, difficult – unless you headed to the dodgy turf of the Raval, you faced a real challenge. However, from the era of Ocaña and his protests in the late '70s and early '80s, the situation has effectively done a 180-degree turn, and today there's any number of places to head to meet like-minded souls.

For example, if it's stocky, hairy bears you're into, then the **Bear Bacon Bar** (Casanova, 64) is the place for you. If, on the other hand, you prefer a more sophisticated style, something fashion-forward, at **La Penúltima** (Riera Alta, 40) in the Raval, you'll find exclusive haircuts, electronic music and beards in all the sizes and shapes that you can imagine...

If you're not looking for words but rather sex without complications, **Open Mind** (Aragó, 118), **La Base** (Casanova, 201) and **Berlin Dark** (Passatge de la Prunera, 18) are your best bets.

For fans of the sea, fresh air and sun, the **beaches of Mar Bella** and **Barceloneta** are the ideal place to go on the prowl. Use the line about 'Could you keep an eye on my stuff while I'm swimming?' to get a conversation going with someone who interests you. On the other hand, if what you want are bodies in great shape dancing all night long and you're in the mood for getting down and dirty, don't miss the Saturday nights at **Pervert** (Ronda de Sant Pere, 24).

Finally, remember to keep your eyes open as you're walking around town. At any pedestrian crossing or corner, especially in the centre, if you pay attention to men you like, you'll soon see if they look back or just ignore you. Don't pre-judge anybody. That guy who may not seem like it, could well be on the lookout for someone just like you. –*Martí Sales*

### LEGENDARY LESBIAN TIME

The female version of Circuit has its own share of noteworthy action. The **Legend Party**, which brings the week-long festivities to a close on Sunday 16 is, appropriately, a legend in its own right. Spain's biggest lesbian event, which has run for 12 years, this year features seven hours of open-air pool action with a stellar line-up of guest and Matinée resident DJs, including Deborah de Luca and Mia Wallas. One of the big names at the 2015 Girlie Circuit is Patricia Yurena, who was voted Miss Spain in 2008 and Miss Spain Universe in 2013, coming second in the Miss Universe contest of the same year. She'll be a special guest at **La Leche** on Friday 14 (Under Club, 11pm-6am, €20 on the door including one drink), the party where her girlfriend Vanesa Klein is the headlining DJ. Also on the programme are the **Lezzgo! Opening** party and concerts (Wednesday 12, 10pm-6am, Sala Bikini, €20 including one drink) and **Girlicious Party** with DJs and a live performance from Valencian musician Lara Taylor (Thursday 13, Bloc Club, 11pm-6am, €20 including one drink).

### IT'S NOT ALL PARTY, PARTY

The mega-festival isn't just made up of parties – there's also a range of sporting and cultural events going on. Throughout the 12 days you can, for example, enjoy art shows such as '**Project Gender 5 – Intersex**' (Forsale Gallery, Còdols, 11), exploring identities that reject standard social, religious and other stereotypes. Historian Leopold Estapé will lead a talk about the experience of members of the **LGBT community down the ages** (Wednesday 12, 5pm, Axel Hotel). Events aimed at women include a **self-defence workshop** (Sant Sebastià beach, Thu 13, 6.45pm) and an **open mic** poetry and storytelling session (La Sue, Sun 16, 8pm). The extensive line-up also includes **Sing-Along** versions of *The Rocky Horror Picture Show* (Fri 7, 10pm, Aribau Multicines) and *Hairspray* (Sat 8, 10pm, Aribau Multicines). Sporty types can enjoy various **sessions** including yoga, spinning, paddle surf and volleyball. And if you fancy it, **speed dating** and a **shopping tour** are also on offer.

**Circuit Festival and Girlie Circuit**  
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## GIRL SEEKS GIRL

Lesbians like closeness. In general, we look into a woman's eyes before looking at her breasts, seek ways to probe out invisible affinities, and make all the chords of desire vibrate. We talk, look for coincidences, and go with the flow. And we do all this in places where we feel comfortable, where we can be ourselves.

The neighbourhoods of Gràcia and Sant Gervasi are no longer the sole zones for lesbians in this city, as they were some years back. The Gaixample had its golden age, but recently rainbow-coloured flags have joined with the banner of diversity in the Raval, and there are now a variety of venues in that area where you can meet girls who like girls. Dine at **La Monroe** (Plaça de Salvador Seguí, 1), **Manolito** (Robador, 18) and the classic restaurant **Las Fernández** (Carretes, 11). Ideal for a drink are **La Penúltima** (Riera Alta, 40), **Madame Jasmine** (Rambla del Raval, 22) and **La Casa de la Pradera** (Carretes, 57), where you can also go dancing if you can find space. Make sure your gaydar's on form to be able to distinguish between the various sexual preferences around.

One of the big trends in BCN at the moment are regular party nights, which take place every fortnight or so, or once a month...and may continually change venue. If you're into an alternative, modern scene, then you should seek out **Les Fatales**, **SomosLas** and **Muerta Sánchez** – wherever these DJs play you're bound to meet girls like you. They're normally to be found at **Apolo** (Nou de la Rambla, 113) and smaller venues around the Raval. The Sunday vermouth parties from **VenTú!** are also good to try ([ventubcn.es](http://ventubcn.es)). On the other hand, if you're more a fan of pop hits or classic sounds, then try **Stupenda** at Aire (Diputació, 233), **Girlicious** from the Matinée Group, **Silk BCN** and **Melon Party**, or **Las Vecinas del Cuarto**. –*Cristina Carbonell*

# Shopping & Style

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## Bags with memory

Approaching product design from a radical point of view. The big challenge for Mexican architect Mónica Juvera is called Loope. By **Laia Beltran**

'Can I design a handbag that's made from a single piece of material, including the strap, and that closes completely?' This is the challenge that Mexican architect Mónica Juvera set herself two years ago. Used to working on large-scale projects, she was keen to try product design. Handbags proved to be ideal for the task.

She did her research and discovered that the majority of bags available on the market were designed using three or four base templates. Juvera wasn't interested in trying to improve what others were already doing, nor did she think that she had a particular talent for combining colours and materials. What really motivated her was approaching the concept from a new angle. That's how she's been able to meet her own challenge and create bags using just one piece of material, strap included, and that can be completely closed with its zips. And while these are the key features of Loope products, they aren't the only ones.

### From Tuscany to Andalusia

Using her sewing machine, Juvera created two prototypes. From that



starting point, she then had to face two new tests: finding the material and arranging the production process. She found vegetable-tanned leather (free of chrome) in Italy, specifically in Tuscany. It's top-quality caramel- and chocolate-coloured leather, soft to the touch and doesn't hide the imperfections of the animal it came from. The bags – with impeccable finishings – are sewn by expert hands in a small workshop in the Andalusian town of Ubrique.

The sum of these variables converge in each of Loope's bag, which are a lesson in radical geometry, and also in memory, thanks to a noble leather that captures the inexorable passing of time and the experiences of the holder. Juvera loves to use her own bag as an example. For more than a year she's carried it with her everywhere and she's seen how it's changed in colour and texture. And she likes the metamorphosis. 'We have to move away from the premise that we're only beautiful when we're 25. I think we have to look for other values, such as the beauty you find as time passes.'

**LOOPE**  
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## GEOMETRIC LOOK Open bag – closed bag



### PATENTED DESIGN

The use of lateral zips means that the flat piece (L) gains volume when the zips are closed (R). This is the big 'how' of Loope bags, which is why their design has been patented.



### WHERE TO BUY

The bags of Loope are on sale in two multibrand Barcelona shops: The Outpost (Rosselló, 281 bis) and It Reminds Me Of Something (Sagrístans, 9). The model shown left costs €270.

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# Ready to be filled

If you've overdone it on the shopping front, make your final purchase a new bag to take your treasures home. By **Eugènia Sendra**

If you're planning to hit the shops, check the August opening hours of where you're going to head.

TAKE IT ON BOARD	SOFT SIDES	HARD CORE
 <p><b>BUMPED AS STANDARD</b> It's going to happen anyway, so get this pre-damaged bag from Crash Baggage. €150. Be, Bonavista, 7.</p>	 <p><b>LOCAL AND GLOBAL</b> The savoir-faire of South African artisans is evident in every Rowdy bag. €123.50. <a href="http://www.rowdybags.com">www.rowdybags.com</a></p>	 <p><b>ETERNAL ALLIANCE</b> Comfortable, urban, reliable... we're big fans of Eastpak. €180. Quelmi, Muntaner, 193.</p>
 <p><b>READY FOR ACTION</b> Samsonite's backpack-case has a parachute-like design. €175. Casa Antich, Consolat de Mar, 27.</p>	 <p><b>HISTORIES</b> For frequent flyers, Catalan company Numon has created this compact bag. €54. Olokuti, Astúries, 36.</p>	 <p><b>ASIAN ENGINEERING</b> Made from polycarbonate, MUJI's feather-like case weighs just 5kg. €259. Rambla Catalunya, 81.</p>
 <p><b>SOPHISTICATED</b> Leather with pockets all over and luxury details. Italian, obviously. €479.40. Piquadro, Pg. de Gràcia, 11.</p>	 <p><b>YOUNG EXPLORERS</b> Let the travel bug bite early with their own case. €45. Mina Mina, Pl. de la Virreina, 7.</p>	 <p><b>GOOD LINEAGE</b> Les Modo by Roncato are bright, light and well-priced. €88. Temprado, Gran de Gràcia, 62.</p>

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## You inspire us

Loewe has rediscovered the brooches of Ramon Puig Cuyàs.  
By **Eugènia Sendra**

For almost 40 years, Ramon Puig Cuyàs has taught jewellery making at Barcelona art school Escola Massana, and he's full of praise for this trade that led him to art. He argues that contemporary jewellery communicates with, reflects on, and wants to understand the universe – just like literature and photography – and it creates alliances between the piece and its wearer. Puig loves this intimacy, and he achieves it through micro-sculptures that re-create the symbolic value of ancient ornaments. 'I'm interested in making them look like pieces from an archaeological museum, and having them connect with the transcendent.' His brooches have no genre, a fact that appealed to the cool hunters of Spanish fashion label Loewe and its creative director Jonathan Anderson, who was impressed by Puig's work from the '80s. Now, as well as having a presence in international museums such as London's Victoria & Albert, the jeweller's works also form part of Loewe's art collection, and have inspired some of the motifs in the winter 2015-16 collection of the luxury firm.



PHOTOS: MARIA DIAS

### GET THE LOOK!

#### FUNCTIONAL FEET

He pays a lot of attention to footwear, and likes the comfort of Camper. Pg. de Gràcia, 2

#### UNIQUE SHIRTS

In Humana he finds a good range of casual, second-hand shirts. Ronda Universitat, 19



#### THREE-DIMENSIONAL CANVAS

Puig has changed the rules with this series created with iron, Formica and enamel. You can see some of his pieces at Amaranto Gallery, Sant Domènec, 23.



#### CREATIVE MOTOR

Concepts of local and global from Eduardo Chillida's work flow through Puig's pieces. The jeweller has an intense relationship with the sea – his studio has views of a lighthouse.



#### THE CONCEPT

The artist points out the conceptual coherence and craft value of Dau, the German jewellery brand that uses pure shapes and superior materials.

## New times for ADA



ADA is a place that knows how to keep going. It's one of those shops that is mindful of changes in the market, that will shed its skin if necessary. Owners Elena and Carla regularly update the décor, habitually host second-hand markets, and run workshops and activities to ensure that the shop stays dynamic. Despite all these efforts, it's true that some things don't change at ADA, such as the care offered by Elena and Carla to loyal customers, whose tastes and preferences they know well.

ADA was the label created by Elena López, a print designer who, after working at Suite (a one-time fashion studio in Gràcia's C/Verdi), had a vision of having her own shop to sell her collection as well as similar brands – ie. ones that are feminine and well-priced. López introduced Kling, Pepa Loves and Sietedelonce to Barcelona fashionistas; over time, she's incorporated other lines including Pepper Corn, Mink Pink and Bêhulah, jewellery by Fauna y Flora and Laus, and espadrilles by The Rice Co. ADA's tenth anniversary brings news: next season they will inaugurate a small range for men. –E.S.

#### ADA

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## Shopping & Style

### Your style

Hermès, messenger of the gods, can inspire your wardrobe choices.

By **Laia Beltran**



#### THE SEDUCTIVE TUNIC

A giant printed silk scarf from French label Hermès can be used to make a particularly chic tunic (€895). Hermès, Pg. de Gràcia, 77

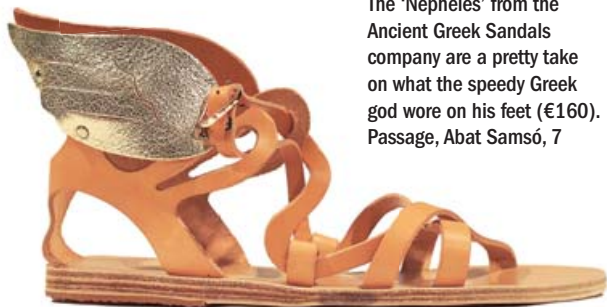
#### THE WIDE-BRIMMED SUN HAT

Designer Eli Urpí's take on the Greek petasos hat is made from straw and decorated with a delicate cotton and silk flower (€190). Eli Urpí, Montsió, 11



#### THE WINGED SANDAL

The 'Nepheles' from the Ancient Greek Sandals company are a pretty take on what the speedy Greek god wore on his feet (€160). Passage, Abat Samsó, 7



## Object of desire

### HAVE BAG, WILL TRAVEL

The current passion for rucksacks is indulged in this version using quality leather and clean, almost Nordic lines. The brand is called Fahrenheit, and the bags are made here in Barcelona (€280). Nuovum, Pintor Fortuny, 30.



## Designer towels

Valencian film director Luis Cerveró and his Terranova gang are a busy lot. They launched a publishing house and record label last autumn, then at the end of June this year they presented a new project focused on design items. 'The idea's been around for a while,' says Cerveró, 'and as with our publishing arm, which takes little-known local writers and releases their books, we want to do the same with textile and industrial designs.'

The scheme, baptised Labrador, has begun with towels designed by illustrator Mirena Ossorno, who heads up projects like the feminist fanzine *Bulbasaur*. She was inspired by the connections between the Med and Africa to create this collection of three designs, which are produced in Portugal. In a nod to Terranova's



editorial work, each towel comes with a publication featuring new photographers. Cerveró says that the Labrador venture has a spirit of continuity: the team is already working on new items, such as a set of porcelain mugs by Romina Gris and a chair. -E.S.

### LABRADOR

**Mirena Ossorno towels. €45.**  
Chandal Store, Valldonzella, 29.  
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# Things to Do

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## With the stars

Experience Barcelona from on high with a drink on one of the city's rooftop terraces. **Tina Schmechel** takes the lift



### SKY BAR AT GRAND HOTEL CENTRAL

Many of Barcelona's rooftops offer a rather restricted view of the city's major sights. The terrace at the top of the Grand Hotel Central will not let you down: with its seemingly endless pool and impressive views of almost the whole city, it's no surprise that the Sky Bar doesn't stay empty for long. The limited public access (from 8.30pm) only adds to its popularity. This year they've started taking reservations, and it's worth booking as prices here are relatively cheap... in rooftop terms. **Via Laietana, 30.**

### THE PULITZER TERRACE AT HOTEL PULITZER

Only a stone's throw from Plaça Catalunya, this urban garden is the perfect place to kick back and relax on a temperature-friendly night. Sip a sweet cocktail while enjoying the tropical paradise around you, as

well as evening live music and DJ sessions from Wednesday to Friday. The view from this terrace may not be as outstanding as that from some of the other places listed, but it certainly makes up for that with its Spanish and Catalan culinary delights and the sense of being in a green oasis in the city's heart. **Bergara, 8.**

### LA TERRAZA DEL CLARIS AT HOTEL CLARIS

On the cusp between elegance and cosiness, La Terraza del Claris is an ideal choice for a great time. The view from the large rooftop is pretty good, but the true strength of this spot is its atmosphere of luxury and stylish design. What's more, unlike many other rooftop bars, La Terraza del Claris also boasts a top restaurant. While there are certainly cheaper places to dine out, well-prepared local specialities and friendly staff ensure you get what you pay for. **Pau Claris, 150.**

### B-POOL BAR AT B-HOTEL

Not only does the spacious rooftop terrace provide a good view of Plaça Espanya, but dining next to the too-blue-to-be-true pool under the envious gazes from the Arenas shopping centre's viewing platform just opposite has a certain draw. Compared to other rooftop bars, the prices for yummy tapas and cool drinks are relatively affordable here, so you can fully enjoy your evening on this elegant terrace with a clear conscience. **Gran Via de les Corts Catalanes, 389-391.**

### LA TERRAZA AT VILLA EMILIA

If what you're after is a hidden jewel, a place not yet over-explored by heaps of visitors, Villa Emilia's La Terraza could be the perfect place for you. Just a short walk from Plaça Espanya, this cosy, tastefully furnished rooftop terrace is an excellent example of Barcelona's Mediterranean and laid-back side. It enjoys an intimate

atmosphere, and prides itself on its live music sessions and popular Thursday and Saturday barbecue nights (pre-booking for these events is essential). On other days, they offer a small but fine selection of tapas, along with refreshing cocktails. **Calabria, 115.**

### LA DOLCE VITAE AT HOTEL MAJESTIC

The Majestic is a place of elegance, first-class service and exclusivity. Unsurprisingly, its rooftop terrace sticks to the script with amazing views of the Sagrada Família and Montjuïc, and an extensive culinary offer supervised by Michelin-starred chef Nandu Jubany. At €10 for a glass of their least expensive wine, it's not exactly a bargain, so if you're watching your budget you should probably consider La Dolce Vitae as an option for a special occasion rather than a hazy Tuesday afternoon. **Pg. de Gràcia, 68-70.**

## Things to Do

### Half a century of tributes

Barça's season opener, this year celebrating 50 years, pays homage to the club's founder



Hans Gamper may not be a household name nowadays in the mould of Messi, Neymar or Sánchez, but his role in the history of FC Barcelona is fundamental. A footballer in his native Switzerland, Gamper founded the Football Club Barcelona in 1899, and would become its president five times, keeping it afloat and often thriving. He brought in new members, strengthened its finances, was the driving force behind the creation of the club's first grounds, and recruited its first professional coach in 1917. He was much-loved in this city, where he was known by the Catalan name of Joan. Sadly, in the 1920s, Gamper found his world permanently shaken. He was banned from Spain by the dictator Primo de Rivera, allegedly due to his support for Catalanism, and his business interests were decimated in the economic crash. Although he was eventually allowed to return to Barcelona, he wasn't permitted to involve himself with Barça, and a depression that engulfed him as a result of these blows eventually

saw him take his own life in July 1930 – he was 52.

Since 1966, the club has paid tribute to him with the annual Joan Gamper Trophy. This friendly competition originally took a four-game format (two semis, third-place play-off and final). In those days, before social media and jam-packed match schedules, it was an unmissable pre-season event for fans keen to see both their familiar heroes and the club's new signings after the summer break. For the past 20 years, it's been a single-match contest but is still a great chance to experience a Camp Nou match, and see the team's stunningly skilled players in action. Competing for the trophy this year are AS Roma, and they face no easy task – in the past four Joan Gamper, Barça have scored 19 goals, but let in only one. Hans would have been proud.

– Hannah Pennell

**TROFEU JOAN GAMPER**  
**Camp Nou, August 5, 10pm**  
[www.fcbarcelona.com](http://www.fcbarcelona.com)

### WHAT'S MORE

#### BACK TO WORK

Holidays are over at Barça. As well as the Gamper, this month the team play one International Champions Cup match, two Supercups (Spanish and European) and three Spanish league games.

#### DID YOU KNOW?

As well as the globally recognisable football team, and consistently successful basketball side, Barça also has handball, roller hockey, rugby, volleyball and figure skating teams.

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## Saturday 1

### Tradition

#### **FREE Festa Catalana**

The best of Catalan folk traditions - folk dance group l'Esbart de Sant Martí presents *Antologia*.  
Av. de la Catedral, Pla de la Seu.  
7.30pm. M: Jaume I (L4). More info:  
[www.barcelona.cat/culturapopular](http://www.barcelona.cat/culturapopular).

#### **FREE Festa Catalana**

Folk dancing and 'bigheads' - dancers with oversized papier-mâché heads.  
Castell de Montjuïc (Ctra. de Montjuïc, 66). 5pm-7pm. More info:  
[www.barcelona.cat/culturapopular](http://www.barcelona.cat/culturapopular).

### Al fresco

#### **FREE Weekend art fair**

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

#### **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

### Tours

#### ► **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).  
[riostabarcelona.com](http://riostabarcelona.com).

#### ► **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. Mon-Fri 10.30am-1pm. Sat, Sun, public holidays 10.30am-1.30pm. €14. €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 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. See page 41 for price info.

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

18th-century remains discovered below a former market. (Pl. Comercial, 12). M: Jaume I & Barceloneta (L4). Sat, Sun 12.30pm, Wed, Sun 5.30pm in Spanish; Sat, Sun 4.30pm in English; Sat, Sun noon in French. Spanish: €8.80; English and French; €10.56.

#### ► **La Pedrera by day**

Enjoy one of the most spectacular buildings in Barcelona. (Provença, 261-265). M: Diagonal (L3, L5) and Provença (FGC). Mon-Sun, 9am-8pm (last entry 7.30pm). From €20.50.

#### **Hash Marihuana Cañamo & Hemp Museum**

Everything you ever wanted to know about cannabis. (Ample, 35). M: Jaume I (L4), Drassanes (L3). Every Sat in August, 5pm. €7.50.

#### **FREE Guided tour of Funeral Carriage Collection**

Unique collection of historical funeral carriages. (Mare de Déu del Port, 56-58. Montjuïc Cemetery). Every Saturday at noon.

#### ► **Torre Bellesguard**

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

### Night-time tours

#### ► **Secret Basilica del Pi**

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

### Kids

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

Workshop for discovering 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 fun and can help us understand mathematical and logical concepts. CosmoCaixa (Isaac Newton, 26). M: Av. Tibidabo (FGC). Until Sep 10. [cosmocaixa.com/agenda](http://cosmocaixa.com/agenda). €4.

#### **Indiana Stones: let's explore!**

Daring explorers discover the hidden corners of La Pedrera in an architectural adventure that takes in the whole of Gaudí's building. (Provença, 261). M: Diagonal (L3, L5) and Provença (FGC). 10am (lasts 1h45m). €8.50 (adults and children). For children 5-13. Reservation essential: [reserves@lapedrera.com](mailto:reserves@lapedrera.com).

## Sunday 2

### Tradition

#### **FREE Festa Catalana**

Gathering of folk groups that will represent Catalan folk culture in Turin later this month - with giants, dancers, dragons, music and more.

Castell de Montjuïc (Ctra. de Montjuïc, 66). 5pm-7pm. More info: [www.barcelona.cat/culturapopular](http://www.barcelona.cat/culturapopular).

### Tours

#### **Sant Pau modernista monument**

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

#### **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 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**

Renovated gardens 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.

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

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

#### ► **Tibidabo theme park**

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

### Kids

#### **Games to share, games for kids**

Fun for all the family every weekend at Poble Espanyol. (Av. Francesc Ferrer i Guàrdia, 13). M: Espanya (L1, L3; FGC). Every Sunday in August from 10.30am.

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

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

## Monday 3

### Tours

#### ► **Liceu opera house**

Discover Barcelona's glorious opera house, carefully restored after a devastating fire in 1994.

## Things to Do

(La Rambla 51-59). M: Liceu (L3). Mon-Fri 9.30am, 10.30am. €14.

### ► La Pedrera by day

See Sat 1. (Provença, 261-265). M: Diagonal (L3, L5) and Provença (FGC).

### ► Tibidabo theme park

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

## Kids

### Operation Gaudí

Help two professional investigators who've been working for years on 'Operation Gaudí'. Explore La Pedrera to discover clues. (Provença, 261). M: Diagonal (L3, L5) and Provença (FGC). Until August 8. For children from 7-13. Prior reservation essential: reserves@lapedrera.com

## Human towers

### ► Castellers practice session

See the Colla Castellera de Sants, Cal Borinot rehearse their towers. (Comtes de Bell-lloc, 45). M: Sants-Estació (L3, L5). €24.20; reduced €20.50. 8pm. Prior reservation necessary: bcncshop.com

## Tuesday 4

### Night-time tours

#### ► Gaudí's Pedrera. The Origins

Spectacular night-time event that includes rooftop video mapping, screenings in different parts of the building and a glass of cava. (Provença, 261). M: Diagonal (L3, L5) and Provença (FGC). Daily 9pm-11pm (ticket office opens 8pm). Until Sep 12, Fri, Sat 10.15pm-11pm (ticket office opens 9pm). Info and reservations: bcncshop.com.

## Film

### FREE Gandules '15-Gas Natural Fenosa

Al fresco cinema at the CCCB, with Abram Room's Soviet b/w classic *Bed and sofa* (1927)

(Russian with English & Spanish subtitles).

(Montalegre, 5). M: Catalunya (L1, L3). Every Tue, Wed and Thu at 10pm. www.cccb.org

## Wednesday 5

### Human towers

#### ► Castellers practice session

See Mon 3. (Comtes de Bell-lloc, 45). M: Sants-Estació (L3, L5).

## Tours

### El Born Cultural Centre

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

#### ► Tibidabo theme park

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

#### ► La Pedrera by day

See Sat 1. (Provença, 261-265). M: Diagonal (L3, L5) and Provença

## Kids

### La Pedrera is 100!

Follow the clues to travel back in time and discover what life was like in La Pedrera 100 years ago. (Provença, 261). M: Diagonal (L3, L5) and Provença (FGC). Reservation essential: reserves@lapedrera.com.

#### When everything fits!

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

#### Operation Gaudí

See Mon 3. (Provença, 261). M: Diagonal (L3, L5) and Provença (FGC).

### Night-time tours

#### ► The Born by Night

Explore local archaeological remains. Includes a game, a glass of Moritz beer and a tapa. Born Cultural Centre (Pl. Comercial, 12). M: Jaume I & Barceloneta (L4). Wed, Thu 9pm. €12.

#### ► Magic nights at Terrat del Drac

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Live music, drinks and food tasting on the spectacular 'dragon roof terrace' of Gaudí's Casa Batlló. (Pg. de Gràcia, 43). M: Passeig de Gràcia (L2,L3,L4). Wed-Sat. Entry for tour and concert, at 8pm. €36. Magic nights, access at 9pm. €29. Info and bookings: bcnshop.com.

## Comedy

### Festhum – Festival of humour

The best of Barcelona's stand-up comics.

Poble Espanyol (Av. Francesc Ferrer i Guàrdia, 13). M: Espanya (L1,L3;FGC). Every Wednesday in August at 9pm.

## Film

### FREE Gandules '15–Gas Natural Fenosa

Leontine Sagan's *Girls in Uniform* (1931) (German with Spanish subtitles). CCCB (Montalegre, 5). M: Catalunya (L1, L3). Every Tue, Wed and Thu at 10pm. www.cccb.org

## Festival

### Circuit Festival

One of Europe's biggest LGBT summer festivals hits town. See page 28. Various venues. August 5-16. www.circuitfestival.net

## Thursday 6

### Tours

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

► **Torre Bellesguard**  
See Sat 1. (Bellesguard, 6-9). M: Av. Tibidabo (FGC).

### Sant Pau modernista monument

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

## Kids

### Operation Gaudi

See Mon 3. (Provença, 261). M: Diagonal (L3, L5) & Provença (FGC).

## Night-time tours

### ► The Born by Night

See Wed 5. Born Cultural Centre (Pl. Comercial, 12). M: Jaume I and Barceloneta (L4).

## Friday 7

## Human towers

### ► Castellars practice session

See Mon 3. (Comtes de Bell-lloc, 45). M: Sants-Estació (L3,L5).

## Film

### Mecal Air: weirdo special

Enjoy the summer evenings with al fresco short film screenings. Poble Espanyol (Av. Francesc Ferrer i Guàrdia, 13). M: Espanya (L1,L3;FGC). Every Friday. Doors 8pm, film 9.30pm. poble-espanyol.com

## Tours

► **Liceu opera house**  
See Mon 3. (La Rambla 51-59). M: Liceu (L3).

## Saturday 8

## Tradition

### FREE Festa Catalana

Folk associations from the Gràcia district, with blunderbusses, stick dancers and more. Av. de la Catedral, Pla de la Seu. 7.30pm. M: Jaume I (L4). More info: www.barcelona.cat/culturapopular.

## Al fresco

### FREE Weekend art fair

See Sat 1. (Pl. Sant Josep Oriol i del Pi, s/n). M: Liceu (L3).

### Set sail on the Santa Eulàlia

See Sat 1. Maritime Museum (Av. de les Drassanes, s/n). M: Drassanes (L3).

## Tours

### ► Palau de la Música

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

### Hash Marihuana Cañamo & Hemp Museum

See Sat 1. (Ample, 35). M: Jaume I (L4), Drassanes (L3).

## Sunday 9

## Tours

### El Born Centre Cultural

See Sat 1. (Pl. Comercial, 12). M: Jaume I & Barceloneta (L4).

### FREE Guided tour of Montjuïc Cemetery

Visit Barcelona's hillside graveyard, which is as much as an art museum as a final resting-place. Cementiri de Montjuïc (Mare de Déu del Port, 56-58). M: Espanya (L1, L3; FGC). 2nd & 4th Sun 11am (Catalan) and 11.15am (Spanish).

## Kids

### Games to share, games for kids

See Sun 2. Poble Espanyol (Av. Francesc Ferrer i Guàrdia, 13). M: Espanya (L1, L3; FGC).

## Football

### 41st Barcelona City Trophy

RCD Espanyol presents its latest signings to the fans in this annual friendly.

Estadi Cornellà–El Prat (Av. del Baix Llobregat, 100. Cornellà de Llobregat). FGC: Cornellà Riera. More info: www.rcdespanyol.com.

## Monday 10

## Human towers

### ► Castellars practice session

See Mon 3. (Comtes de Bell-lloc, 45). M: Sants-Estació (L3,L5).

## Tours

### ► Liceu opera house

See Mon 3. (La Rambla 51-59). M: Liceu (L3).

## Tuesday 11

## Tours

### ► Torre Bellesguard

See Sat 1. (Bellesguard, 6-9). M: Av. Tibidabo (FGC).

## Night-time tours

### ► Gaudí's Pedrera. The Origins

See Tue 4. (Provença, 261). M: Diagonal (L3, L5) & Provença (FGC).

## Football

### ► European Supercup. FC Barcelona – Sevilla FC

This year's best of the best in Europe face off. Info: www.fcbarcelona.cat. Camp Nou (Aristides Maillol, s/n). M: Les Corts (L3).

## Wednesday 12

## Tours

### El Born Cultural Centre

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

### ► Tibidabo theme park

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

## Night-time tours

### ► The Born by Night

See Wed 5. Born Cultural Centre (Pl. Comercial, 12). M: Jaume I and Barceloneta (L4).

### ► Magic nights at Terrat del Drac

See Wed 5. Casa Batlló (Pg. de Gràcia, 43). M: Passeig de Gràcia (L2,L3,L4).

## Thursday 13

Book your favourite restaurants at [timeout.com/barcelona](http://timeout.com/barcelona)

# Things to Do

## Tours

### ► Palau de la Música

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

### ► Santa Maria del Mar rooftop

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

## 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* (*Pl. Comercial*, 12). M: *Jaume I and Barceloneta* (L4). T. 93 256 68 51. Thu 9pm-10pm. €10.

## Friday 14

### Film

#### Mecal Air: Paris special

Enjoy the summer evenings with al fresco short film screenings. *Poble Espanyol* (*Av. Francesc Ferrer i Guàrdia*, 13). M: *Espanya* (L1,L3;FGC). Every Friday. Doors 8pm; film starts 9.30pm. [poble-espanyol.com](http://poble-espanyol.com)

## Tours

### ► Santa Maria del Mar rooftop

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

## Kids

### When everything fits!

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

## Saturday 15

### Kids

#### Indiana Stones

See Sat 1. (*Provença*, 261). M: *Diagonal* (L3, L5) & *Provença* (FGC).

#### Interactive visit to 'Toca, Toca'

Find out how to protect the different

ecosystems of our planet *CosmoCaixa* (*Isaac Newton*, 26). M: *Avinguda Tibidabo* (FGC). For kids 5 and above. [cosmocaixa.com/agenda](http://cosmocaixa.com/agenda).

#### Clik

Hands-on lab where kids can make their first scientific discoveries. *CosmoCaixa* (*Isaac Newton*, 26). M: *Avinguda Tibidabo* (FGC). For kids three and above. [cosmocaixa.com/agenda](http://cosmocaixa.com/agenda)

## Traditions

### FREE Festa Major de Gràcia

Neighbourhood celebrates its annual festival, with concerts, food and drink, and a fierce competition to see which street has the finest decorations. Aug 15-21. [festamajordegracia.cat](http://festamajordegracia.cat)

## Al fresco

### FREE Weekend art fair

See Sat 1. (*Pl. Sant Josep Oriol i del Pi*, s/n). M: *Liceu* (L3).

### Set sail on the Santa Eulàlia

See Sat 1. *Maritime Museum* (*Av. de les Drassanes*, s/n). M: *Drassanes* (L3).

## Tours

### FREE Guided tour of Funeral Carriage Collection

See Sat 1. (*Mare de Déu del Port*, 56-58. *Montjuïc Cemetery*).

## Night-time tours

### ► Magic nights at Terrat del Drac

See Wed 5. *Casa Batlló* (*Pg. de Gràcia*, 43). M: *Passeig de Gràcia* (L2,L3,L4).

## Sunday 16

### Tours

#### Sant Pau modernista monument

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

### FREE Poble Nou Cemetery

See Sun 2. (*Av. Icària*, s/n). M: *Llacuna* (L4).

### FREE Baluard Gardens

See Sun 2. (*Av. de les Drassanes*, s/n). M: *Drassanes* (L3).

## Monday 17

### Football

### ► Spanish Supercup. FC Barcelona - Athletic Club

This year's best Spanish clubs compete for one more cup. *fcbarcelona.cat*. *Camp Nou* (*Aristides Maillol*, s/n). M: *Les Corts* (L3).

## Tuesday 18

### Tours

#### El Born Cultural Centre

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

#### ► Liceu opera house

See Mon 3. (*La Rambla* 51-59). M: *Liceu* (L3).

## Wednesday 19

### Tours

#### ► Tibidabo theme park

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

## Night-time tours

#### ► The Born by Night

See Wed 5. *Born Cultural Centre* (*Pl. Comercial*, 12). M: *Jaume I and Barceloneta* (L4).

#### ► Magic nights at Terrat del Drac

See Wed 5. *Casa Batlló* (*Pg. de Gràcia*, 43). M: *Passeig de Gràcia* (L2,L3,L4).

## Kids

#### Let's be architects

Kids become architects in this hands-on workshop at *La Pedrera*,

using all kinds of materials to recreate Gaudí's work. (*Provença*, 261). M: *Diagonal* (L3, L5) and *Provença* (FGC). Prior reservation essential: [reserves@lapedrera.com](mailto:reserves@lapedrera.com).

## Thursday 20

### Kids

#### Clik

See Sat 15. *CosmoCaixa* (*Isaac Newton*, 26) M: *Av. Tibidabo* (FGC).

#### Bubble Planetarium

A space dedicated to piquing the interest of children in space and the world of astronomy. *CosmoCaixa* (*Isaac Newton*, 26). M: *Av. Tibidabo* (FGC). For children five and above.

## Film

### FREE Gandules '15-Gas Natural Fenosa

*Paradise: Love* (*Ulrich Seidl*, 2012). (German with Spanish subtitles, not recommended for under-18s). CCCB (*Montalegre*, 5). M: *Catalunya* (L1, L3). Every Tue, Wed and Thu at 10pm. [www.cccb.org](http://www.cccb.org)

## Friday 21

### Tours

#### ► Torre Bellesguard

See Sat 1. (*Bellesguard*, 6-9). M: *Av. Tibidabo* (FGC).

## Film

### Mecal Air: Science-fiction special

Enjoy the summer evenings with al fresco short film screenings. *Poble Espanyol* (*Av. Francesc Ferrer i Guàrdia*, 13). M: *Espanya* (L1,L3;FGC). Every Friday. Doors 8pm; film starts 9.30pm. [poble-espanyol.com](http://poble-espanyol.com)

### FREE Gandules '15-Gas Natural Fenosa

*Jonas Trueba's The Romantic Exiles* (2015). Three friends set out on a trip with no apparent destination. Some call it burning

# Things to Do

the last boats of youth, others regard it as the decadence of the male sex. (In Spanish).

CCCB (Montalegre, 5). M: Catalunya (L1, L3). Every Tue, Wed and Thu at 10pm. www.cccb.org

## Saturday 22

### Tours

#### Hash Marihuana Cànnamo & Hemp Museum

See Sat 1. (Ample, 35). M: Jaume I (L4), Drassanes (L3).

#### Sant Pau modernista monument

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

### Kids

#### Enchanted chimney pots

The Pedrera's chimney pots are unique – in this workshop you can paint one for yourself. (Provença, 261). M: Diagonal (L3, L5) and Provença (FGC). Reservations and info: reserves@pedrera.com

#### When everything fits!

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

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

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

### Night-time tours

#### ► Secret Basilica del Pi

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

## Sunday 23

### Tours

#### FREE Montjuïc Cemetery

See Sun 9. Cementiri de Montjuïc (Mare de Déu del Port, 56-58). M: Espanya (L1, L3; FGC).

### Football

#### ► \* League fixture. RCD Espanyol – Getafe CF

The Spanish league returns and to

get things kicked off, Espanyol welcome the Madrid side.

Date and time TBC. Info: www.rcdespanyol.com. Estadi Cornellà - El Prat (Av. del Baix Llobregat, 100. Cornellà de Llobregat). FGC: Cornellà.

## Monday 24

### Tours

#### ► Palau de la Música

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

#### ► Liceu opera house

See Mon 3. (La Rambla 51-59). M: Liceu (L3).

## Tuesday 25

### Tours

#### ► Santa Maria del Mar rooftop

See Sat 1. (Plaça de Santa Maria, 1). M: Jaume I (L4).

#### ► Palau de la Música

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

#### ► Liceu opera house

See Mon 3. (La Rambla 51-59). M: Liceu (L3).

## Wednesday 26

### Tours

#### Sant Pau modernista monument

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

### Night-time tours

#### ► The Born by Night

See Wed 5. Born Cultural Centre (Pl. Comercial, 12). M: Jaume I & Barceloneta (L4).

## Thursday 27

### Night-time tours

#### ► Secret Basilica del Pi

See Sat 1.

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

## Human towers

#### ► Castellors practice session

See one of the local castellors groups rehearse: Colla castellera de Barcelona.

(Bilbao, 212). M: Clot (L1, L2).

€24.20; reduced €20.50. 7pm.

Reservation needed: bcshop.com

## Friday 28

### Film

#### Mecal Air: Food special

Enjoy the summer evenings with al fresco short film screenings. Poble Espanyol (Av. Francesc Ferrer i Guàrdia, 13). M: Espanya (L1, L3; FGC). Doors 8pm; film starts 9.30pm.

### Kids

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

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

#### When everything fits!

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

## Saturday 29

### Tours

#### Hash Marihuana Cànnamo & Hemp Museum

See Sat 1. (Ample, 35). M: Jaume I (L4), Drassanes (L3).

#### FREE Guided tour of Funeral Carriage Collection

See Sat 1. (Mare de Déu del Port, 56-58. Montjuïc Cemetery).

### Night-time tours

#### ► The Born by Night

See Wed 5. Born Cultural Centre (Pl. Comercial, 12). M: Jaume I and

Barceloneta (L4).

#### ► Magic nights at Terrat del Drac

See Wed 5.

Casa Batlló (Pg. de Gràcia, 43). M: Passeig de Gràcia (L2, L3, L4).

#### ► Secret Basilica del Pi

See Sat 1.

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

## Al fresco

#### FREE Weekend art fair

See Sat 1.

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

#### Set sail on the Santa Eulàlia

See Sat 1.

Maritime Museum (Av. de les Drassanes, s/n). M: Drassanes (L3).

## Sunday 30

### Tours

#### El Born Cultural Centre

See Sat 1.

(Pl. Comercial, 12). M: Jaume I & Barceloneta (L4).

### Football

#### ► \* Spanish league. FC Barcelona – Malaga CF

Barça's first home game of the new football season sees them host the southern Spanish team.

Date and time TBC. Info: www.fcbarcelona.cat. Camp Nou (Aristides Maillol, s/n). M: Les Corts (L3).

## Monday 31

### Tours

#### ► Palau de la Música

See Sat 1.

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

#### ► Liceu opera house

See Mon 3.

(La Rambla 51-59). M: Liceu (L3).



# Sights

## Architecture

### **Basilica 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-1pm, 5pm-8.30pm; Sun and public holidays 10am-2pm, 5pm-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-Fri 10am-6pm; Sat, Sun, public hols 10am-7pm. €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.casabatlló.cat](http://www.casabatlló.cat).

The sensuality and harmony of its interior, combined with Gaudí'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. Express tour: 10am-8pm (27, 28, 29 10am-6pm). Every half hour. €6. [www.liceubarcelona.cat](http://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 architecture at its finest. Enjoy the spectacular design at night with 'Gaudí'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. €12. €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. 9am-8pm. €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. Self-guided tour: €8. €5.60 (reduced). Guided tour (various times and languages): €14. €9.80 (reduced). First Sunday of month and under 16s free. [santpaubarcelona.org](http://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 - Tue-Sun 11am. Discover the modernista castle that Antoni Gaudí built at the foot of Tibidabo 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](http://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. Mon-Fri 10am-8pm. Sat, Sun 10am-3pm, 4pm-8pm. €11-€27 (depends 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. €9. €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](http://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](http://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 best-loved attractions. Today it's home to more than 2,000 animals, some 315 species.

# The Arts

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## Don't stop the music

The Mas i Mas Festival is a multi-date, multi-venue, multi-genre affair. **Clemmy Manzo** talks to its artistic director, Pere Pons

### Barcelona and music festivals go together like rhythm and blues. How is the Mas i Mas Festival different to the others?

It focuses purely on music rather than the social aspect that makes up a large part of the other festivals. Plus it's over a month long, with more than 300 performances across the city, ranging from jazz, soul, funk and blues to flamenco, electronic and classical.

### How has the festival changed over the years?

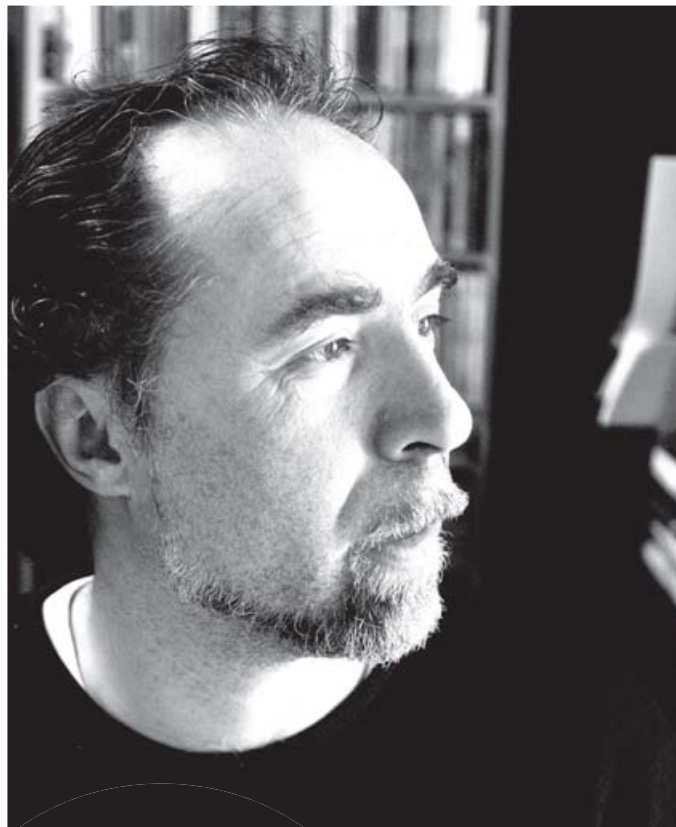
When we started 13 years ago, the city was culturally – and literally – deserted in August. Since then, the Mas i Mas Festival, which is always held in August, has become one of the year's cultural highlights, attracting visitors and showcasing the best national and international musical offerings.

### Who are this year's absolute must-sees?

Dave Holland and Kenny Barron (Monday 3 and Tuesday 4), Maria del Mar Bonet (Saturday 1 and Sunday 2), and any of the electronic sessions at Moog. Special mention also goes to pianist Marco Mezquida (Tuesday 4), and Kayah and the Barcelona Gipsy Klezmer Orchestra (Monday 24).

### And why was Rocío Márquez chosen to close out the festival?

Her album *El Niño* (2014) is a colossal work of modern flamenco. She respects tradition, paying homage to classic musicians like Pepe Marchena, yet at the same time she's pioneering. Accompanying her on the guitar is the patriarch of flamenco, Pepe Habichuela. There'll also be collaborations



with guitarist Raul Rodriguez, singer El Niño de Elche, and indie-pop musician Raül Fernández (aka Refree). It's without a doubt the flamenco event of the year.

### Tell us about the venues

All six venues are emblematic. Moog occupies the space that was once the Café-Theatre Villa Rosa, where Barcelona's first flamenco performances were held in the late 19th century (C/ de l'Arc del Teatre, 3). Jamboree is Spain's temple of jazz, now celebrating its 55th year. It has hosted some of the world's greatest jazz musicians, among them Chet Baker, Dexter Gordon, Ornette Coleman, Brad Mehldau, Elvin Jones, Lee Konitz and Kenny Garrett (Pl. Reial, 17). Los Tarantos was founded in 1963 as one of the first flamenco *tablaos* in Barcelona (also Pl. Reial, 17). Palau de la Música Catalana is a beautiful example of Catalan modernisme, which has been declared a UNESCO World Heritage site (Palau de la Música, 4-6). El Born Cultural Centre, the site of the old Born Market, preserves ruins from the 1714 bombings [during the Siege of Barcelona] (Pl. Comercial, 12). Finally, new to the festival this year is the Reial Cercle Artístic, part of Gothic Barcelona and now converted into a cultural space (Arcs, 5).

## EVEN MORE MUSIC



### HOMAGE TO PAU CASALS

David James King (cello) and Jinha Park (piano) pay tribute to Catalonia's world-renowned cellist with a specially commissioned work. Reial Cercle Artístic. Fri 7. €10 (€7 web).



### ANDREW WEATHERALL

Veteran British DJ and producer (he's worked with Beth Orton, Primal Scream and Björk, among others) hits the decks for one of his eclectic sessions. Moog. Wed 19. €10 (€8 web).

### So would you say the festival pays homage to Barcelona?

More than that, it's a declaration of love to the music and musicians who make Mas i Mas possible.

**The 13th San Miguel Mas i Mas Festival runs until Sep 1. For the full programme, visit: [www.masimas.com/es/festival](http://www.masimas.com/es/festival)**

# Tàpies. An artist's collection

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**Fundació Antoni Tàpies**  
Until January 10, 2016

Sometimes I love reading the small print. For example, there's a letter in this exhibition that records how Antoni Tàpies exchanged nine of his own works for five by other artists, which were the property of US gallery owner Martha Jackson. I look at the measurements and characteristics of the pieces by Tàpies, and the measurements and names of the artists his work was exchanged for: Pollock, Kline, Motherwell, de Kooning and Sam Francis. The proportion is approximately two to one, both in number of works and size.

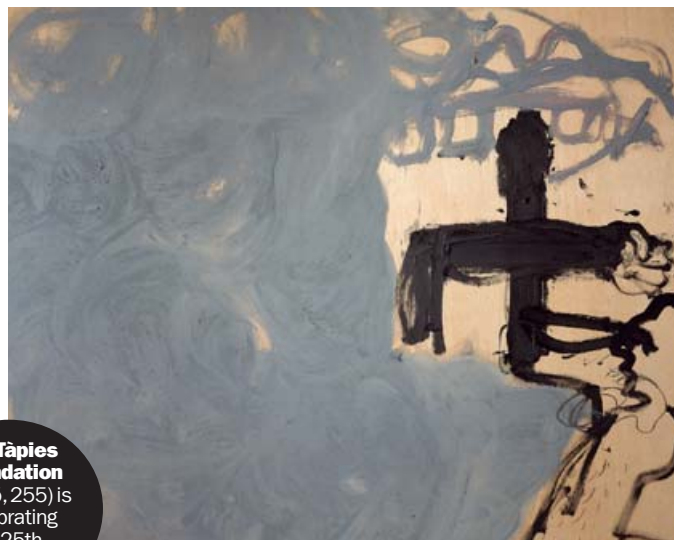
This small detail highlights the worth of the young Antoni Tàpies at the height of the New York informalism movement, when that city was the capital of the art world. It also reveals that he wasn't very taken with Dalí. The latter had introduced Tàpies to Jackson and promoted him through articles in the city's specialised art press. Tàpies, in contrast, had a copy of the Christmas 1934 issue of the monthly Catalan cultural magazine *D'Ací i d'Allà* and he tried to get works from all the artists featured in that showcase of modernity – Miró, Kandinsky, Picasso – all of them, except Dalí.

## Changes in standards

This show displays 31 works acquired or exchanged by Tàpies, and 43 works by Tàpies himself, painted between 1947 and the mid-1980s, all taken from the most recent donation his family made to the Foundation. Accompanying the art on the walls is a previously unreleased film by Maria Lluïsa Borràs, made in 1981. Having watched it, I wonder why the documentary hasn't been shown before. Take a look, you might find the answer...

Overall, what can we learn from this show? A) Tàpies was an intelligent, sensitive and ambitious man (which is all good); B) Tàpies encountered a kind of linguistic-creative disorientation once he made the jump to informalism: his work between 1962 and 1980 is too theatrical; and C) the best Tàpies starts from 1981 with his varnish paintings, and the simplification of his semiotic language – he moves from the theatrical magic to interior scenography.

But none of this would have been possible without the enormous confidence of the artist in his work, capable of proposing exchanges with the big names, and writing his own version of art history, whatever anybody else might think. Let time be his judge. - Ricard Mas



The **Tàpies Foundation** (Aragó, 255) is celebrating its 25th anniversary.



GRIS I NEGRE. 1985. FUNDACIÓ ANTONI TÀPIES / © PHOTO: GASULL FOTOGRAFIA

COMPOSICIÓN DE FIGURAS. 1947. FUNDACIÓ ANTONI TÀPIES / © GASULL FOTOGRAFIA

VERNIS SOBRE BLANC. 1979. FUNDACIÓ ANTONI TÀPIES / © PHOTO: GASULL FOTOGRAFIA

# Summer nights on the town

During the summer in Barcelona, there's no shortage of outdoor events to make the most of the (slightly) cooler evenings. What can make many of these activities even more enticing is the fact that they're held in buildings with splendid fresco spaces, particularly when it comes to Gaudí's unique creations. In Passeig de Gràcia, La Pedrera has a varied programme this month, from weekly flamenco shows in one of the building's beautiful interior rooms to regular evening jazz concerts on its

rooftop. And if you want to see La Pedrera in a new light (literally), take the audiovisual tour 'Gaudí's Pedrera. The Origins', which includes a spectacular videomapping on the roof.

At Casa Batlló, a little further down the same street, you'll find special events taking place on its fabulously named Dragon's Rooftop. From Wednesday to Saturday, their 'Magic Nights' feature live music, drinks and food tastings, which you can combine with a tour of the building itself.

If you prefer to get away from the



centre of town, overlooking the city in the foothills of Collserola is Torre Bellesguard, which, from Wednesday to Saturday, hosts 'Gaudí Nights' –these include guided tours, food and concerts.

Palau Güell is the most exclusive venue, opening its roof terrace for just three concerts this month, featuring musicians from around the world. –Hannah Pennell

**FOOTNOTE** Find more details, including times and prices for these events, in our listings on the following pages.



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## The Arts

### Music

#### Saturday 1

##### Classical

###### ► Teatime classical music

Works by Rodrigo, Toldrà and 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). €19. [www.meam.es](http://www.meam.es)

###### ► Spanish guitar masters

Enjoy a show by US-born guitarist based in Barcelona, Robert Majure, along with 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](http://bcnshop.com).

###### ► Spanish guitar masters

Spanish guitar masterpieces in one of the city's historical spaces. *Santa Maria del Pi Church (Pl. del Pi, 7)*. M: *Liceu (L3)*. 9pm. €21. Discount at tourist offices. [bcnshop.com](http://bcnshop.com).

#### Singer-songwriter

##### Festival Mas i Mas: Maria del Mar Bonet

The spirit of the Mediterranean with Mallorcan singer-songwriter Bonet, accompanied by Dani Espasa and Antonio Sánchez. *El Born Centre Cultural (Plaça Comercial, 12)*. M: *Jaume I (L4)*. 8pm. €25. [www.masimas.com](http://www.masimas.com)

#### World music

##### ► Gaudí Nights 2015

Music, food and architecture at Gaudí's Torre Bellesguard. (*Bellesguard, 6-9*). M: *Av. Tibidabo (FGC)*. Doors 7.30pm; guided tour 7.30pm; concert 8.15pm; chill out 10pm-midnight. €25-€45. [www.bellesguardgaudi.com](http://www.bellesguardgaudi.com)

#### Jazz

##### Festival Mas i Mas: Joe Louis Walker

At 65, Walker is a living legend of electric blues. He presents new album *Hornet's Nest*. *Jamboree (Pl. Reial, 17)*. M: *Liceu (L3)*. 9pm. €25. [www.masimas.com/jamboree](http://www.masimas.com/jamboree)

##### Live jazz

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

#### 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 an emotional journey. (*Balmes, 139*). M: *Diagonal (L3, L5, FGC)*. Daily 6.25pm, 8.15pm & 10.30pm. Options: show only; show + one drink; show + different menu options (including tapas). €45-€160. €10 discount at tourist offices. [palaciodelflamenco.com](http://palaciodelflamenco.com).

##### ► Tablao Cordobés

Live flamenco in one of Barcelona's most emblematic *tablaos*. (*La Rambla, 35*). M: *Drassanes (L3) & Liceu (L3)*. Daily 8.15pm, 10pm. €42.50. [www.tablaocordobes.com](http://www.tablaocordobes.com)

##### ► Flamenco at Palau Dalmases

Historical surrounds are the setting for a live flamenco show. (*Montcada, 20*). M: *Jaume I (L1)*. Daily 6pm, 7.30pm, 9.30pm. [bcnshop.com](http://bcnshop.com)

##### ► Live Flamenco

Enjoy flamenco in the heart of Barcelona. *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](http://www.masimas.com/tarantos)

#### Sunday 2

##### Classical

###### ► Spanish guitar masters

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

###### ► Spanish guitar masters

Alain Gargic performs flamenco and classical works, while you enjoy a glass of wine. *Santa Ana Church (Santa Ana, 29)*. M: *Catalunya (L1, L3;FGC)*. 7pm. €20. Discount at

tourist offices. Info: [bcnshop.com](http://bcnshop.com).

#### Blues

##### Blues night at Poble Espanyol

Open-air concert with Oscar Rabadan and Blas Picón, and support from Chino and the Big Bet. (*Av. Francesc Ferrer i Guàrdia, 13*). M: *Espanya (L1, L3;FGC)*. Every Sun in August. 8pm. €5.50 on [www.poble-espanyol.com](http://www.poble-espanyol.com), €6.50 on the door.

#### Singer-songwriter

##### Festival Mas i Mas: Maria del Mar Bonet

See Sat 1. *El Born Centre Cultural (Plaça Comercial, 12)*. M: *Jaume I (L4)*.

#### Jazz

##### Festival Mas i Mas: Joe Louis Walker

See Sat 1. *Jamboree (Pl. Reial, 17)*. M: *Liceu (L3)*.

#### Flamenco

##### ► Palacio del Flamenco show

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

##### ► Tablao Cordobés

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

##### ► Live Flamenco

See Sat 1. *Sala Tarantos (Plaça Reial, 17)*. M: *Catalunya (L1, L3;FGC)*.

#### Monday 3

##### Classical

###### ► Spanish guitar masters

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

###### ► Bach in Barcelona

Every Monday and Wednesday lunchtime, cellist Jurgen van Win performs Bach's Suites in a 11th-century 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.

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## Festival Mas i Mas: Jordi Masó

Accomplished Catalan pianist Masó plays music by Granados, Mompou and Montsalvatge. *Palau de la Música Catalana (Palau de la Música, 4-6). M: Urquinaona (L1, L4). 9pm. €20.*

## Jazz

### Festival Mas i Mas: Kenny Barron and Dave Holland

Two giants of jazz, pianist Kenny Barron and double bassist Dave Holland, perform two intimate concerts. *Jamboree (Pl. Reial, 17). M: Liceu (L3). 10pm. €40. www.masimas.com/jamboree*

## Flamenco

### ► Flamenco at Palau Dalmases

See Sat 1. (*Montcada, 20*). M: *Jaume I (L1)*.

## Tuesday 4

## Jazz

### Festival Mas i Mas: Kenny Barron and Dave Holland

See Mon 3. *Jamboree (Pl. Reial, 17). M: Liceu (L3)*.

### Festival Mas i Mas: Marco Mezquida

This Minorcan jazz pianist has dazzled audiences and critics alike despite his tender age of 28. His solo concerts showcase his wide-ranging talent and influences.

*Palau de la Música Catalana (Palau de la Música, 4-6). M: Urquinaona (L1, L4). 9pm. €22.*

## Live jazz

See Sat 1. (*Ronda Universitat, 35*). M: *Catalunya (L1, L3)*.

## Wednesday 5

## Jazz

### Festival Mas i Mas: Amadeu Casa

A full band pays tribute to the legacy of the great bluesman

B.B.King, whose passing earlier this year left the world of blues bereft. *Jamboree (Pl. Reial, 17). M: Liceu (L3). 10pm. €15. www.masimas.com/jamboree*

## Flamenco

### ► Palacio del Flamenco show

See Sat 1. (*Balmes, 139*). M:

## 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 Thu. 11pm. €20. [www.palaudalmases.com](http://www.palaudalmases.com)

(*Princesa, 2*). M: *Jaume I (L4)*. Thu, Fri, Sat 8pm-10pm. Show + drink €16.90; show + supper €27.90.

## Jazz

### Festival Mas i Mas: Xavier Torres Trio

Talented young pianist Xavi Torres, with Vic Moliner of double bass and Joan Terol on drums. *Jamboree (Pl. Reial, 17). M: Liceu (L3). 10pm. €15. www.masimas.com/jamboree*

### ► Jazz at the Palau Dalmases

Weekly live jazz show. (*Montcada, 20*). M: *Jaume I (L4)*. Every Thursday at 11pm.

## Friday 7

## Classical

### ► Spanish guitar masters

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

## Blues

### Blues at MEAM

The Miguel Roldan Swingtet plays American standards and swing. *MEAM (Barra de Ferro, 5). M: Jaume I (L4)*. Every Friday at 6pm. €14. [www.meam.es](http://www.meam.es)

## Flamenco

### ► Palacio del Flamenco show

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

### ► Tablao Cordobés

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

## World music

### ► Gaudí Nights 2015

See Sat 1. (*Bellesguard, 6-9*). M: *Av. Tibidabo (FGC)*.

## Jazz

### ► Summer nights at La Pedrera

The Àrid trio accompany vocalist Kathryn Christie. (*Pg. de Gràcia, 92*). M: *Diagonal*

*Diagonal (L3, L5, FGC)*.

## Thursday 6

## Classical

### ► Spanish guitar masters

See Sun 2. *Santa Ana Church (Santa Ana, 29). M: Catalunya (L1, L3;FGC). 9pm.*

### ► Spanish guitar masters

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

## World music

### ► Nights at Palau Güell

The Güngur ensemble presents classical music and dance from Odisha in NE India. *Palau Güell (Nou de la Rambla, 3-5). M: Liceu (L3). 8.30pm. €35.*

## Flamenco

### ► Tablao Flamenco Nervión

City centre restaurant hosts flamenco performance.

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(L3, L5) and Provença (FGC). Aug 7, 8, 14, 15, 21, 22, 28 and 29. Doors 8.30pm; concert 9pm-10.30pm. €28 (includes tour, concert and drink).

## Festival Mas i Mas: Jerry González Trio

Trumpet maestro González fused New York and Puerto Rico sounds to shape Latin jazz. *Jamboree (Pl. Reial, 17)*. M: Liceu (L3). 10pm. €18. [www.masimas.com/jamboree](http://www.masimas.com/jamboree)

## Saturday 8

### World music

#### ► Gaudí Nights 2015

See Sat 1. (Bellesguard, 6-9). M: Av. Tibidabo (FGC)

### Classical

#### ► Teatime classical music

Works by Beethoven, Schubert and Chopin 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). €19. [www.meam.es](http://www.meam.es)

## Festival Mas i Mas: Myriam Swanson

Swanson's quartet brings us the sound of '50s Broadway classics. *El Born Centre Cultural (Plaça Comercial, 12)*. M: Jaume I (L4). 8pm. €15. [www.masimas.com](http://www.masimas.com)

### Jazz

#### ► Summer nights at La Pedrera

See Fri 7. (Pg. de Gràcia, 92). M: Diagonal (L3, L5) & Provença (FGC).

## Festival Mas i Mas: Jerry González Trio

See Fri 7. *Jamboree (Pl. Reial, 17)*. M: Liceu (L3).

## Sunday 9

### Blues

#### ► Blues night at Poble Espanyol

Open-air music with Mancuso and the Miguel Talavera Power Trio. (Av. Francesc Ferrer i Guàrdia, 13). M: Espanya (L1, L3; FGC). Every Sun in August. 8pm. €5.50 on [poble-espanyol.com](http://poble-espanyol.com), €6.50 on the door.

### Flamenco

#### ► Live Flamenco

See Sat 1. *Sala Tarantos (Plaça Reial, 17)*. M: Catalunya (L1, L3; FGC).

### Jazz

## Festival Mas i Mas: Begues at Jamboree

Super-group that brings together teachers from the Begues jazz seminar. *Jamboree (Pl. Reial, 17)*. M: Liceu (L3). 8pm. €5. [www.masimas.com/jamboree](http://www.masimas.com/jamboree)

## Festival Mas i Mas: Joan Margarit & Carles Margarit

One of the greatest Catalan poets, Joan Margarit, reads his own works with jazz accompaniment composed by Carles Margarit. *El Born Centre Cultural (Plaça Comercial, 12)*. M: Jaume I (L4). 8pm. €15. [www.masimas.com](http://www.masimas.com)

## Monday 10

### Classical

#### ► Festival Mas i Mas: Sergey Belyavskiy

22-year-old Russian virtuoso Belyavskiy plays the music of Chopin, Liszt and Rachmaninoff among others. *Palau de la Música Catalana (Palau de la Música, 4-6)*. M: Urquinaona (L1, L4). 9pm. €20.

#### ► Bach in Barcelona

See Mon 3. *Monestir de Sant Pau del Camp (Sant Pau, 101)*. M: Paral·lel (L2, L3).

#### ► Spanish guitar masters

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

### Jazz

## Festival Mas i Mas: WTF Jam Session

A BCN Monday night classic led by vocal percussionist Aureli Santos. *Jamboree (Pl. Reial, 17)*. M: Liceu (L3). 8pm, 10pm. €15. [www.masimas.com/jamboree](http://www.masimas.com/jamboree)

### Flamenco

#### ► Tablao Cordobés

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

## Tuesday 11

### Classical

#### ► Spanish guitar masters

See Sun 2. *Santa Ana Church (Santa Ana, 29)*. M: Catalunya (L1, L3; FGC). 9pm.

### Flamenco

#### ► Palacio del Flamenco show

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

## Wednesday 12

### Classical

#### ► Bach in Barcelona

See Mon 3. *Monestir de Sant Pau del Camp (Sant Pau, 101)*. M: Paral·lel (L2, L3).

#### ► Spanish guitar masters

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

### Flamenco

#### ► Tablao Cordobés

See Sat 1. (Rambla, 35). M:

## FLAMENCO AROUND THE CITY



### MEAM

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### PALAU DE LA MÚSICA

Emblematic venue hosts two flamenco shows: *Stories of Love* (above; Aug 1, 9, 16) and a *Grand Gala* (8, 12, 15). *Palau de la Música, 4-6*. From €38.



### TEATRE POLIORAMA

In the city's heart, enjoy the same shows as at the Palau: *Stories of Love* (14, 21, 23, 28), *Grand Gala* (above; 19, 22, 26, 29, 30). *La Rambla, 115*. From €38.



### LA PEDRERA

Enjoy duende performances in a beautiful room of this iconic building. *Pg. de Gràcia, 92*. Every Thu 8pm, 10pm. €22 (includes a drink).

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Drassanes/Liceu (L3).

### World music

#### ► Gaudí Nights 2015

See Sat 1. (Bellesguard, 6-9). M: Av. Tibidabo (FGC).

### Jazz

#### Festival Mas i Mas: Mayte Alguacil and Mike Kanan

One of the most attractive young voices on the Spanish jazz scene, Alguacil, is joined by Kanan on piano. *Jamboree* (Pl. Reial, 17). M: Liceu (L3). 8pm, 10pm. €15. [www.masimas.com/jamboree](http://www.masimas.com/jamboree)

## Thursday 13

### Opera

► **Opera at Palau Dalmaes**  
See Thu 6. (Montcada, 20). M: Jaume I (L1).

### Jazz

#### Festival Mas i Mas: Gnaboss

Vocalist David Muñoz leads his quartet in the final concert of their Gnaboss Groove tour. *Jamboree* (Pl. Reial, 17). M: Liceu (L3). 9pm. €15. [www.masimas.com/jamboree](http://www.masimas.com/jamboree).

#### Live jazz

See Sat 1. (Ronda Universitat, 35). M: Catalunya (L1, L3).

### World music

#### ► Nights at Palau Güell

Four-piece Rapport & Swing fuses the essence of blues with swing and lindy hop. *Palau Güell* (Nou de la Rambla, 3-5). M: Liceu (L3). 8.30pm. €35.

## Friday 14

### Jazz

#### Festival Mas i Mas: Tricia Evy

Guadeloupan jazz singer brings her fresh sound to BCN. *Jamboree* (Pl. Reial, 17). M: Liceu (L3). 8pm, 10pm. €15. [www.masimas.com/jamboree](http://www.masimas.com/jamboree)

#### ► Summer nights at La Pedrera

See Fri 7. (Pg. de Gràcia, 92). M: Diagonal (L3, L5) & Provença (FGC).

### Classical

#### ► Spanish guitar masters

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

### World music

#### ► Gaudí Nights 2015

See Sat 1. (Bellesguard, 6-9). M: Av. Tibidabo (FGC).

### Blues

#### Blues at MEAM

Atomic Leopards play rockabilly blues and swing. *MEAM* (Barra de Ferro, 5). M: Jaume I (L4). Every Friday at 6pm. €14. [www.meam.es](http://www.meam.es)

## Saturday 15

### Classical

#### ► Teatime classical music

Works by Satie, Ravel and Chopin, 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). €19. [www.meam.es](http://www.meam.es)

#### ► Spanish guitar masters

See Sun 2. Santa Ana Church (Santa Ana, 29). M: Catalunya (L1, L3;FGC). 9pm.

### Rock – Reggae

#### Festival Mas i Mas: Après Minuit

Cece Gianotti and drummer Francesc Chaparro continue a musical journey from rock to reggae. *El Born Centre Cultural* (Plaça Comercial, 12). M: Jaume I (L4). 8pm. €15. [www.masimas.com](http://www.masimas.com)

### Jazz

#### Festival Mas i Mas: Tricia Evy

See Fri 14. *Jamboree* (Pl. Reial, 17). M: Liceu (L3).

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# The Arts

## Sunday 16

### Singer-songwriter

#### Festival Mas i Mas: Judit Neddermann

Neddermann's solo debut reflects the richness and diversity of her musical universe.

*El Born Centre Cultural (Plaça Comercial, 12). M: Jaume I (L4). 8pm. €15. www.masimas.com.*

### Blues

#### Blues night at Poble Espanyol

Open-air concert with A Contra Blues, winners of the 4th European Blues Challenge 2014.

*(Av. Francesc Ferrer i Guàrdia, 13). M: Espanya (L1, L3;FGC). Every Sat in August at 9pm. €5.50 www.poble-espanyol.com, €6.50 on the door.*

### Jazz

#### Festival Mas i Mas: Chaplin at Jamboree

Jamboree club becomes a cinema with Carles Robert and Miquel Àngel Marín accompanying Chaplin's classic *City Lights*. *(Pl. Reial, 17). M: Liceu (L3). 8pm, 10pm. €12. www.masimas.com/jamboree*

### Flamenco

#### ► Live Flamenco

See Sat 1. *Sala Tarantos (Plaça Reial, 17). M: Catalunya (L1, L3;FGC).*

#### ► Tablao Cordobés

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

## Monday 17

### Classical

#### Festival Mas i Mas: Àlex Aguacil

Pianist Aguacil plays the music of Brotons, Casablanca, Mompou and more.

*Palau de la Música Catalana (Palau de la Música, 4-6). M: Urquinaona (L1, L4). 9pm. €20.*

#### ► Bach in Barcelona

See Mon 3. *Monestir de Sant Pau del Camp (Sant Pau, 101). M: Paral·lel (L2, L3).*

### Jazz

#### Festival Mas i Mas: WTF Jam Session

See Mon 10. *Jamboree (Pl. Reial, 17). M: Liceu (L3).*

## Tuesday 18

### Classical

#### ► Spanish guitar masters

See Sun 2. *Santa Ana Church (Santa Ana, 29). M: Catalunya (L1, L3;FGC). 9pm.*

### Jazz

#### Live jazz

See Sat 1. *(Ronda Universitat, 35). M: Catalunya (L1, L3).*

## Wednesday 19

### Classical

#### ► Bach in Barcelona

See Mon 3. *Monestir de Sant Pau del Camp (Sant Pau, 101). M: Paral·lel (L2, L3).*

### World music

#### ► Gaudí Nights 2015

See Sat 1. *(Bellesguard, 6-9). M: Av. Tibidabo (FGC).*

## Thursday 20

### Jazz

#### FREE Music in the Parks

Gorg Trio perform as part of summer series of concerts in different parks around the city.

*Parc de la Ciutadella. M: Ciutadella-Vila Olímpica. 9pm.*

#### Festival Mas i Mas: Margá Mbande Soft Quartet

Afro, jazz and soul unite. *Jamboree (Pl. Reial, 17). M: Liceu (L3). 8pm, 10pm. €12. www.masimas.com/jamboree*

#### ► Nights at Palau Güell

The Pol Prats Quartet presents an evening of live jazz with hotly tipped vocalist Mayte Alguacil. *Palau Güell (Nou de la Rambla, 3-5). M: Liceu (L3). 8.30pm. €35.*

## Friday 21

### World music

#### ► Gaudí Nights 2015

See Sat 1. *(Bellesguard, 6-9). M: Av. Tibidabo (FGC).*

### Blues

#### Blues at MEAM

See Fri 14. *MEAM (Barra de Ferro, 5). M: Jaume I (L4). MEAM (Barra de Ferro, 5). M: Jaume I (L4).*

### Jazz

#### Festival Mas i Mas: Carlos Sarduy Trio

Cuban trumpeter Sarduy presents new album *Luz*, with special guest Caramelo at the piano. *Jamboree (Pl. Reial, 17). M: Liceu (L3). 8pm, 10pm. €15. www.masimas.com/jamboree*

#### ► Summer nights at La Pedrera

See Fri 7. *(Pg. de Gràcia, 92). M: Diagonal (L3, L5) & Provença (FGC).*

## Saturday 22

### Classical

#### ► Spanish guitar masters

See Sun 2. *Santa Ana Church (Santa Ana, 29). M: Catalunya (L1, L3;FGC). 9pm.*

### World music

#### ► Gaudí Nights 2015

See Sat 1. *(Bellesguard, 6-9). M: Av. Tibidabo (FGC).*

### Jazz

#### Festival Mas i Mas: Telva Rojas with Tomate, Trio y Cebolla

Cuban singer Rojas joins jazz group, Tomate, Trio y Cebolla to pay tribute to Ignacio Villa.

*El Born Centre Cultural (Plaça Comercial, 12). M: Jaume I (L4). 8pm. €15. www.masimas.com*

#### Festival Mas i Mas: The Gramophone All Stars Big Band

Big names from Barcelona's jazz scene come together to explore the rhythms of soul and reggae.

*Jamboree (Pl. Reial, 17). M: Liceu (L3). 8pm, 10pm. €15. www.masimas.com/jamboree*

### Flamenco

#### ► Tablao Cordobés

See Sat 1. *(Rambla, 35). M: Drassanes & Liceu (L3).*

## Sunday 23

### Blues

#### Festival Mas i Mas: Big Blues Band & Knock-Out Grec

Led by the irrepressible Ivan Kovacevic, the BCN Big Blues Band has revolutionised the city's big band scene.

*(Plaça Comercial, 12). M: Jaume I (L4). 8pm. €18. www.masimas.com*

### 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*

## Monday 24

### European music

#### Festival Mas i Mas: Kayah & Barcelona Gypsy Klezmer Orchestra

Katarzyna Rooijens Kayah is one of Poland's biggest vocal artists, with a Europe-wide following. *Palau de la Música Catalana (Palau de la Música, 4-6). M: Urquinaona (L1, L4). 9pm. €26.*

Find more concerts on our website [timeout.com/barcelona](http://timeout.com/barcelona)



# The Arts

## Classical

### ► Bach in Barcelona

See Mon 3. *Monestir de Sant Pau del Camp (Sant Pau, 101)*. M: Paral·lel (L2,L3).

## Tuesday 25

## Classical

### ► Spanish guitar masters

See Sat 1. *Santa Ana Church (Santa Ana, 29)*. M: Catalunya (L1, L3;FGC).

## Wednesday 26

## Flamenco

### ► Tablao Cordobés

See Sat 1. (*Rambla, 35*). M: Drassanes & Liceu (L3).

### ► Palacio del Flamenco show

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

## Classical

### ► Bach in Barcelona

See Mon 3. *Monestir de Sant Pau del Camp (Sant Pau, 101)*. M: Paral·lel (L2,L3).

## Thursday 27

## Opera

### ► Opera at Palau Dalmaes

See Thu 6. (*Montcada, 20*). M: Jaume I (L1).

## World music

### ► Gaudi Nights 2015

See Sat 1. (*Bellesguard, 6-9*). M: Av. Tibidabo (FGC).

## Friday 28

## Blues

### Blues at MEAM

Singer Myriam Swanson and Amadeu Casas on guitar and dobro. (*Barra de Ferro, 5*). M: Jaume I (L4). Every Friday at 6pm. €14. meam.es

## Jazz

### ► Summer nights at La Pedrera

See Fri 7. (*Pg. de Gràcia, 92*). M: Diagonal (L3, L5) & Provença (FGC).

## Saturday 29

## World music

### ► Gaudi Nights 2015

See Sat 1. (*Bellesguard, 6-9*). M: Av. Tibidabo (FGC).

## Flamenco

### Festival Mas i Mas: Pedro Javier Gonzalez & Horacio Fumero

Double bassist Fumero and guitarist González criss-cross the Atlantic, blending trad Spanish and Latin American styles. *El Born Centre Cultural (Plaça Comercial, 12)*. M: Jaume I (L4). 8pm. €15. www.masimas.com

## Sunday 30

## Blues

### Blues night at Poble Espanyol

Open-air concert with Sun Street blues and the Honky Two Band. (*Av. Francesc Ferrer i Guàrdia, 13*). M: Espanya (L1,L3;FGC). Every Sun in August at 8pm. €5.50 on www.poble-espanyol.com, €6.50 on the door.

## Jazz

### Festival Mas i Mas: La Locomotora Negra

The veteran Catalan jazz line-up are swing masters in the tradition of Louis Armstrong and Duke Ellington. *El Born Centre Cultural (Plaça Comercial, 12)*. M: Jaume I (L4). 8pm. €15. masimas.com

## Monday 31

## Classical

### ► Bach in Barcelona

See Mon 3. *Monestir de Sant Pau del Camp (Sant Pau, 101)*. M: Paral·lel (L2,L3).

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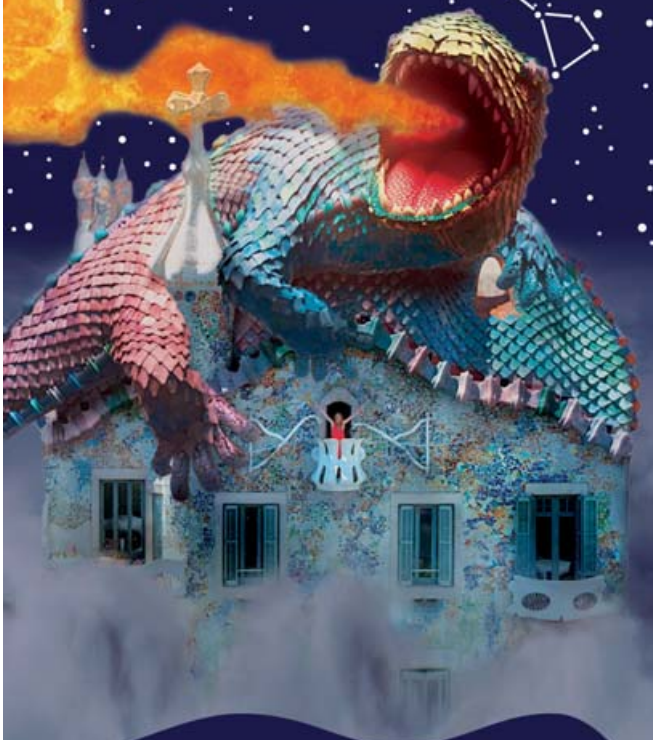
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
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# The Arts

## Exhibitions

### Arxiu Fotogràfic de Barcelona

(Pl. Pons & Clerch, 2). M: Arc de Triomf (L1) & Jaume I (L4). T. 93 256 34 20. Mon-Sat 10am-7pm. Closed Sun and public holidays.

### 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. €3.

### Little is left to tell. Calvino after

**Calvino** Until Oct 31. Collective exhibition featuring 12 works that have been put into pairs. Sam Taylor-Wood, Sophie Calle and Gianni Motti are among the international artists taking part.

### 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 from this Finnish architect, focusing not only on his buildings but also the many interior items and furniture that he created.

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

### 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 that explores the origins of the fortress.

**Doble Creu** Sculpture by Carles Berga. Permanent exhibition.

### CCCB

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

### Pis Pilot. Medellín-Barcelona

Until Oct 25. Focus on the issue of housing in two cities, Medellín in Colombia and Barcelona, that share many similarities as well as differences.

### CosmoCaixa

(Isaac Newton, 26). M: Av. Tibidabo (FGC). T. 93 212 60 50. Mon-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 50,000m<sup>2</sup> and has a range of exhibits that include a living rainforest.

► **Year 2100 experiment** No end date. What might life be like for humankind in the year 2100 and during 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. They were discovered during recent building works that were supposed to turn the market into a library, but instead the historic

finds were preserved.

**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.

### Mallorca 1715

Until Sep 6. Exploring the events that finally brought the War of Spanish Succession to an end.

### 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. See page 43.

### 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

Until Sep 27. A show that features paintings from across 60 years of work by Barcelona 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 20th-century Italian works that are

found 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.

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#### Alberto Peral.

Until Sep 5. Exhibition of works created specifically for this space, by Basque artist Peral.

### 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** From its cultivation to its consumption, and from its use in ancient rituals to its place in modern medicine, you'll find everything you ever wanted to know about cannabis and human culture.

### Jardí Botànic

(Doctor Font i Quer, s/n). M: Espanya (L1, L3; FGC). T. 93 256 41 60. Tue-Sun 10.30am-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.

### MACBA. Museu d'Art Contemporani

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

► **Species of space** Until Jan 31, 2016. Examining the spaces that define us according to the way we use them.

► **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.

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# The Arts

**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). €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-10pm. 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** One of Barcelona's most emblematic spots, you can see Antoni Gaudí's vision for a garden city high up in the hills.

**MUHBA Plaça del Rei**  
(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.

**Permanent exhibition** An archaeological tour of the Roman colony of Barcino.

**Haggadot** Until Sep 27. A show of 15th-century Barcelona and Catalan haggadots (illustrated Jewish texts).

**Carolingian coins of Louis the Pious (814-840)** No end date. Exhibition of money from key historical period.

**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. This place is free to visit at any time; the timetable refers to museum spaces. Wed, Sat 5pm-8pm; Sun 10am-1pm, 5pm-8pm.

**Permanent exhibition** Head to the hills above Barcelona for fabulous views of the city.

**MUHBA Oliva Artés**  
(Espronceda, 142-146, Parc Central del Poblenou). M: Poblenou (L4). T. 93 256 21 00. Sat-Sun 11am-3pm, 5pm-8pm.

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

**Museu Blau**  
(Pl. de Leonardo da Vinci, 4-5, Parc 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 life and evolution of our planet.

**Poisoned. The most venomous animals in nature** Until Dec How natural poisons can kill and save.

**Drawings by Luis Feo** Until Jan 31, 2016 Artwork inspired by scientific illustrations and experts in drawing, etchings and photography such as Escher and Man Ray.

**Nutrition, vital instinct** Until May 2016 Fundamental concepts of food and nutrition, as well as healthy eating habits

**Museu de Badalona**  
(Pl. 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. Closed Aug 15. €6.48. Reduced: €2.16.

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

**Museu de Montserrat**  
(Abadía de Montserrat. 08199 Montserrat). FGC: Monistrol de Montserrat + zip train. Mon-Sun 10am-6.45pm. €7. Reduced: €6. Children: €4. Temp exh: €3.50.

**Permanent Exhibition** Paintings by El Greco, Caravaggio, Monet, Degas, Pissarro, Dalí and Picasso. **Ramon Calsina, Remembrance**

Until Nov 8. Retrospective of work by the late Catalan artist Ramon Calsina, featuring close to 100 pieces from across his career.

**Roger Ballen, Fate** Until Oct 12. Photography from New Yorker Ballen, who is renowned for his photos of the inhabitants of rural and suburban South Africa, with 35 images on show.

**MEB: Museu de l'Eròtica**  
(La Rambla, 96). M: Liceu (L3). T. 93 318 98 65. Mon-Sun 10am-midnight. 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. Mon-Fri 10.30am-7.30pm; Sat 10.30am-2.30pm, 3.30pm-7.30pm. Closed Sun.

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

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► **Bultaco, a legendary motorbike** *Until Nov.* The museum pays homage to one of Spain's greatest motorbike manufacturers.

### Museu de la Música

*L'Auditori (Lepant, 150).* M: Glòries & Marina (L1). T. 93 256 36 50. Tue-Sat, public hols 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 Barcelona** *Until Sep 27.* The Phonos laboratory was created in 1974 and became a global pioneer in the fields of experimentation, composition and promotion of electro-acoustic music.

### Museu de la Xocolata

*(Comerc, 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, with a special focus on the role of Barcelona in this sweet history.

### 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). €5. Reduced: €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.* The first temporary exhibition at the Museum of World Cultures is an exploration of the significance of writing in our society, and traces its development from an instrument of conserving and spreading the word, is now a symbolic reference of the culture to which it belongs.

### 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*

### From the world to the museum. Product design, cultural heritage

Permanent exhibition. Daily objects considered from a museum perspective.

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Permanent exhibition. How women change their shape with clothes.

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► **Graphic design: from trade to profession** Permanent exhibition. Tracing the professionalisation of graphic design.

### Museu del Futbol Club Barcelona

*(Aristides Maillol, s/n. Gates 7 or 9).* M: Les Corts (L3). T. 902 18 99 00. 9.30am-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 world-famous stadium. This is Barcelona's most-visited museum, with millions of people making the trip there each year.

### 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. Tue-Sat 10.30am-7pm; Sun 10.30am-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 Egípc de Barcelona

*(València, 284).* M: Passeig de Gràcia (L2, L3, L4). T. 93 488 01 88. 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 Mares

*(Pl. de Sant Iu, 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 the work of French 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.* Secondary school students worked with artist-in-residence Mònica Roselló on research into the sea, using books, photos, and other historical resources for their investigations.

► **Ona-Ola-Wave. Surf in Catalonia** *Until Jan 17, 2016.* Looking at the growth of surfing both locally and around the world.

### 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 Barcelona photographer who was an early proponent of the New Vision

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movement, and one of the key photojournalists from Catalonia during the interwar period.

### 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). €5.10. Students: €3.20. Under-7s and over-65s: free.

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

► **VI Barcelona Olympic Foundation International Prize** Until Sep 29. Series of artworks on paper.

### 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-8pm; 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 shared creativity of founders Rafael Aranda, Carme Pigem and Ramon Vilalta.

**FREE Occupied pleasures** Until Aug 30. Daily life in Palestine as photographed between 2009 and 2015 by Tanya Habjouqa, winner of the World Press Photo contest in 2014.

**FREE Stubbornly. Images from the Catalan process** Until Sep 8. Looking at five recent (from 2012 to 2014) civic and political happenings as part of the movement calling for Catalans to

be given the right to vote on whether to remain part of Spain.

### 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.

**Casa Bloc** A symbol of rational social housing in Barcelona.

### 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-Sat 10am-6.30pm; 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.

**Rumba Experience** Thu 9.30pm; Fri, Sat 6.30pm, 9.30pm. €27. Two

tickets + 2 Moritz beers, €50. Enjoy rumba as you've never seen it before.

### La Villarroel

(Villarroel, 87). M: Urgell (L1) and Hospital Clínic (L5). T. 93 330 90 04. www.lavillarroel.cat. www.bcn.cat/grec

**Grec Festival: Bangkok** Until Aug 2. Tue-Fri 9pm; Sat 6.30pm, 9pm; Sun 6.30pm. €24-€28. In Spanish.

### Teatre Gaudi Barcelona

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

**La Pista** Until Aug 9. Thu-Sat 8.30pm; Sun 6pm. In-house theatre company perform. In Catalan.

**Monòlogos de la vagina** Aug 11-Sep 13. Tue-Sun 8.30pm. €20. Eve Ensler's famous show, performed in Spanish.

**T'estimo però no tant** Aug 6-Sep 20. Thu-Sat 10.30pm. Sun 6pm. €20. Third season for this comedy show in Catalan.

### Teatre Romea

(C/ de l'Hospital, 51). M: Liceu (L3). T. 93 301 55 04. www.bcn.cat/grec

**Grec Festival: Sócrates. Juicio y muerte de un ciudadano** Until Aug 2. Tue-Fri 8.30pm; Sat 6.30pm, 9.30pm; Sun 6.30pm. €18-€28. In Spanish.

## Dance

### Gran Teatre del Liceu

(La Rambla, 51-59). M: Liceu (L3). www.liceubarcelona.cat

**IBStage** Aug 28-29, 8pm. €10.10-€151.10. Gala performances featuring classical ballet stars from around the world, including the American Ballet Theatre and the Royal Ballet, and up-and-coming students specially selected by IBStage.



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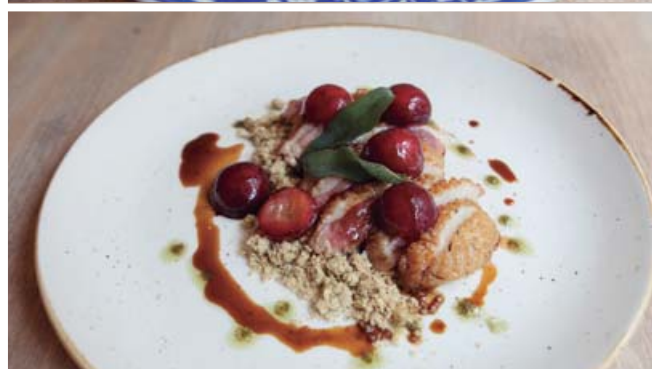
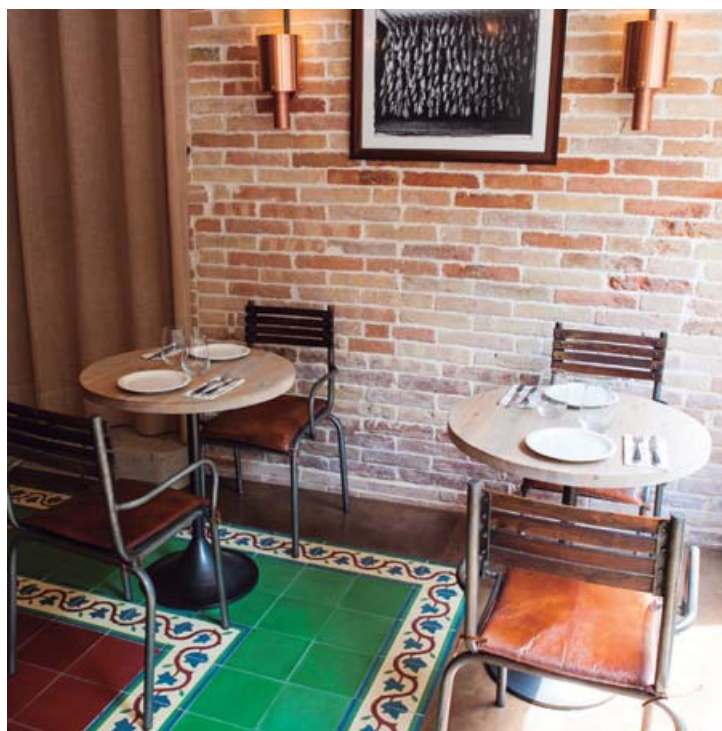
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# Food & Drink

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## Catalan cuisine, made in London

British-Catalan co-production La Bellvitja takes a fresh look at local traditions, with the occasional medieval flourish and oodles of inventiveness and skill. By **Ricard Martín**



PHOTOS: MARIA DIAS

In Barcelona's old city, deep in the Raval, a backlog of gastronomic bad karma waits to be purged. A greasy cluster of tourist traps cling on, displaying croquettes in two textures: burnt or frozen.

So it's a delicious irony that an English company has opened La Bellvitja, a highly recommendable restaurant specialising in Catalan cuisine, just along from the equally attractive Plaça de Sant Agustí. Of course there's a Catalan connection: co-owner Monika Linton also runs Brindisa, a pioneering London-based firm that imports Catalan and Spanish products to the UK. After studying in London, Linton lived in Vic, a town in central Catalonia, for three years. 'The first products we brought to the UK were Catalan: *fuet* and *llonganissa* sausages from Vic, Garrotxa cheese, and *codonyat*

(quince jelly),' she remembers. Almost 30 years later, Brindisa runs five Catalan and Spanish restaurants in London.

### Celebrating local produce

Now they've closed the circle with La Bellvitja. 'It allows us to cook in the place where we started, in direct contact with the raw ingredients of Catalan cooking,' Linton says. The restaurant, 'a celebration of local produce from land and sea', is in a former chapel to the Virgin of Bellvitja, which stood empty for 10 years. The restoration of the interior, evoking Protestant austerity rather than Catholic opulence, is superb.

Any British influence on the menu has been deliberately avoided. You could call it a Catalan co-production that happens to have its head office in London: the

kitchen is run by Josep Carbonell, executive chef; Carles Ramon, head chef; and Oriol Lagé, sous-chef and one of the team behind Ot, a restaurant that blazed a trail for creative cooking in Barcelona. La Bellvitja's menu is short and thoughtfully constructed: it connects directly with local produce and traditions, and even includes medieval touches – roast potatoes with *almadroc* sauce and *botifarra negra* (black sausage); a sort of *alloli* with cheese recorded in the 1324 *Llibre de Sent Soví*. The *platillos* respect the traditional meaning of the term in Catalan cookery: little culinary diversions, braised or stewed, with an emphasis on *sofritos* (fried tomato, onion and garlic), poultry and offal, served in earthenware dishes to be scooped up with a fork or spoon. The salt cod belly with chickpeas

and *sobrassada* spicy sausage is a perfect example. Then there are creative dishes that come across as vegan *trompe l'oeil*: roasted veg tartare with an 'egg' made of sweet potato. 'It wouldn't make sense just to serve the standard croquettes and ham,' argues Linton, 'and it would be extremely difficult to do what we've done without Catalan chefs.'

Solid Catalan cooking with creative touches, a nod to late master chef Santi Santimaria's food philosophy, and dishes like beetroot-tinted rabbit rillettes with foie gras and pickles. Fantastic flavours in a chapel where the mortification of the flesh is no longer on the agenda.

**LA BELLVITJA**  
**Hospital, 38 (Raval).**  
T. 93 461 82 46. €25-€30.

## Dos Billares



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**Elisabets, 11 (Raval).**  
Tue-Sat 6pm-2am.

My friend and I start our evening by heading down a winding staircase. Next we descend into the very bowels of Casa Camper, when, out of nowhere, a rectangular, wood-covered haven filled with retro armchairs appears right before our eyes. It feels like a clandestine cocktail bar from '50s Hollywood. Humphrey Bogart's cologne lingers in the air. Loudspeakers sporadically infuse the venue with jazz. And two pool tables in perfect condition rule the roost: the cues are hanging on the wall; the balls are perfectly lined up on the green cloth. It's the kind of place that could only have dreamt of appearing in *The Color of Money*.

Lithographs and paintings line one wall of this

21st-century speakeasy, pulling customers' eyes towards the bar. Well, more specifically, to the hypnotic afro hairstyle of Archie, the superb bartender who tends to ignore the drinks menu, instead preferring to talk to his clients to identify their poison. He brings me a Bloody Mary with wasabi, and I suffer an attack of alcoholic priapism: delicious.

### Shaken and stirred

But it doesn't stop there. Archie performs his magic once more and pulls a 'strawberry cocoa' out of his hat. This potion, created with vodka and a pinch of chocolate, may sound off-putting at first but the guy always gets it right. In point of fact, for my companion he prepares an invigorating concoction with passion fruit. They say it's a guaranteed aphrodisiac. That's what they say... -Óscar Broc

## TWO MORE COCKTAIL BARS OF NOTE

### GINGER

Retro style, evenings of music on vinyl, and a fine selection of tasting dishes mix perfectly with Ginger's considered range of wines and excellent cocktails. Palma Sant Just, 1.

### TANDEM

Don't let the austere entrance fool you - Tandem is an exceptional cocktail bar. Young bartenders in old-school outfits whip up boozy treats. Aribau, 86.



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This place is synonymous with quality orxata, probably thanks to the fact that it's prepared fresh each day. *Bruc, 126 and Passeig de Sant Joan, 132.*

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The hipsterisation of the area hasn't reduced Sivent's powers of attraction. Locals in the know go with bottles. *Ronda de Sant Pau, 3.*

## Senyor Vermut



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I'd been thinking of going out for tapas for days, and since I'd visited Senyor Vermut at the beginning of February, I decided to go back and record in black and white what had been a fascinating experience.

It's a neighbourhood place, in the left-hand part of the Eixample to be precise, a fact that's far from irrelevant. As Raimon, the great Valencian protest singer of the '60s, said, 'lose your origins and you lose your identity'. Run by the Miralles family, Senyor Vermut practises the noble art of the aperitif. Those of us of a certain age remember our grandparents preparing the Sunday vermouth with essentials such as Martini Rosso, soda siphon, tinned clams and Laughing Cow cheese.

On the afternoon I returned to Senyor Vermut, the tippie of the day was Negroni, and I set things rolling with this classic cocktail, one part gin, one part red vermouth, and one Campari. They say a Negroni awakens the appetite, and so it did. The Senyor Vermut menu of tapas and small plates isn't all that different from what you'd find at many a more magnificent establishment, but at the Miralles family bar everything has the Miralles touch. There was a peach gazpacho, all kinds of croquettes – the wild mushroom ones are fantastic – a traditional *capipota*

(calf's head and foot stew) with the same rich flavours as the ones my grandma used to make, interesting if not superlative *patatas bravas*, and a *broqueta moruno* – skewered pork kebab – marinated in oil and spices. Bearing in mind a certain scene in *Monty Python's The Meaning of Life*, I decide not to risk an explosion and round things off with a lemon sorbet.

Before I leave, I'm already compiling a wish list for visit No. 3: the *bomba de la Barceloneta* (a giant breaded fried grenade of mashed potato and meat, on a splodge of *allíoli* and spicy sauce), the Cantabrian anchovies, the *bunyols* (salt cod fritters), the meatballs with cuttlefish, the Murcian potato chips and the tapa of Payoyo cheese. I'll come by bike next time to burn off the calories. –Daniel Vázquez Sallés

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1 mini croquette.....	€3.50
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## Even more Arola



Catalan chef Sergi Arola is flying high at the moment. On the one hand, at the Arola restaurant in the Hotel Arts, the summer season is well underway with cocktail and live music nights – every Thursday until the end of this month, the funk and soul group Sugar Drops perform from 10pm. The combination of Arola's creative tapas (starting with his famous *patatas bravas*) and cocktails on what is one of the best terraces on the Barcelona seafront make for a luxurious evening out. On the other, the cook is expanding his presence in the

Catalan capital by becoming a consultant at the Basque restaurant Ura (the impact of his wisdom is such that it is now known as Ura by Sergi Arola). The restaurant hasn't lost its Basque essence, but rather is widening its menu based on a vision of new trends as perceived by Arola. He aims to enhance the seasonal nature of the dishes, which this summer is focusing on raw foods, particularly ceviches and tartars.

#### URA BY SERGI AROLA

**Diagonal, 447 (Eixample Esq.).** Reservations: T. 93 419 49 24.



## Into the fire



JOAN GORTADELLAS

Barcelona's cuisine looks out to sea (and not enough), with its back to the mountains,

The sommelier Koldo Rubio has created some serious wine pairings, although I find that the constant coming and going of so many liquids bothers me more and more. Of the 12 servings, I toast the Conxita Serra de Solergibert, the caipirinha and the 2012 Ferrer Bobet.

There were dishes with plenty of muscle: aubergines from Sant Climent de Llobregat pretending to be a baked potatoes (with a slip of silver representing tinfoil), the tomato stuffed with dried poor cod (and the pickles frozen into a circle of ice – an instant summer hit), the Tudela asparagus with ham sauce, the huge Huelva prawns with Galician seaweed, the chargrilled Extremaduran suckling kid. The dish that least impressed me was the beans, which reminded me of Quique Dacosta's lima beans back in 2013. Among the desserts, the one with strawberries, home-made kefir and fresh wasabi grated at the table was pure green luxury.

On the 24th storey of the Hotel Meliá Barcelona Sky things are happening. This isn't elevator cuisine, it's music with a powerful hook. The ingredient is the philosophy, but the philosophy doesn't upstage the ingredients. What's the formula? Produce x 2 = Torres.

### DOS CIELOS

Hotel Meliá Barcelona Sky. Pere IV, 272-286 (Poblenou). T. 93 367 20 70. Tasting menu (not including wine): €110.

# Ingredients x 2 = Torres

At Dos Cielos, the ingredient is the philosophy, but the philosophy doesn't upstage the ingredients. By **Pau Arenós**

Talking about ingredients in cooking is like talking about concrete in architecture. It's impossible to do anything without them, but to take this basic element and deify it is to distort reality.

All cooking is based on ingredients, although not all ingredients make for good cooking. The Torres brothers, Sergio and Javier, have made first-class raw materials their métier. What does that mean? That they do their utmost to find suppliers who are perfectionists, and to seek out products at the source. 'We've become more specialised in ingredients,' they say, and that 'more' makes all the difference: as well as being consumers, they're researchers. They tell me that their TV show *Cocina2* came about as a consequence of this, and not vice versa, as did their cookery book *De la tierra al cielo*

(*From Earth to Heaven*). Like good architects, they work on groundbreaking projects. Of all the meals I've eaten at Dos Cielos, and I've had a few, this was the best.

Why? Because of the maturity and the restraint of their ideas, and because Brazil and its influence have gradually waned (they no longer have restaurants

there). The academic approach, to which they owe a debt via Alain Ducasse and Philippe Rochat, has also been relaxed. What are they trying to achieve? 'Tastes, technique and beauty.' Fun, ideas, outstanding ingredients, the occasional dish with a narrative, a barely contained sense of irreverence. El Cáliz, for example: underneath a communion wafer sits black Las Pedroñeras garlic to ward off evil. Vampires beware.

Or their Comecocos (a cheeky reference to the video game known globally as Pac-Man) – fresh cheese with almonds, semi-cured at the restaurant. 'We go out with our head chef, Albert Pujols, and the other cooks to have a picnic on Collserola, and we pick almonds.' Why aren't there more chefs exploring the Collserola range above the city, in search of herbs, plants, fruit, surprises, inspiration?

### WHAT ELSE?

#### Look out for:

The restaurant terrace – dining among skyscrapers.

#### Recommended if:

You want to experience one of Barcelona's top restaurants.

#### Stay away if:

Haute cuisine gives you vertigo.

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## BARRACA BARCELONETA

Part of a group that promotes natural, organic products, their six rice dishes feature ingredients ranging from sausages to octopus. Pg. Marítim Barceloneta, 1.



## 7 PORTES

Historical restaurant open since 1836, age has in no way diminished the quality of its menu of paellas and arrossos (Catalan rice dishes). Pg. Isabel II, 14.



## LA MAR SALADA

Located between the beaches and the old port, La Mar Salada's chef creates his rices based on what's in season at the market. Pg. Joan Borbó, 58-59.



## EL SUQUET DE L'ALMIRALL

Home to the innovative 'paella catalana', at this time of year, its terrace is one of the most coveted lunch spots in town. Pg. Joan de Borbó, 65.



# Rice: Worth the wait

For the ultimate slow food experience, order one of the local specialities that can take a while to cook but come crammed with flavour. By **Hannah Pennell**

## EL ROSAL

In the heart of the Born, taste quality 'dry' paellas, the most difficult to make, and a rich, tasty black rice (created with squid ink). Pg. de Born, 27-29.



## ARROSSERIA XÀTIVA LES CORTS

Proof, if it were needed, that you don't need to be anywhere near the sea to eat delicious rice dishes. And they have 30 types to choose from. Bordeus, 35.



## ELCHE

The hard work of the Iborra family, which has run this place for 50 years, pays off in the shape of a fabulous selection of authentic Valencian rices. Vila i Vilà, 71.



## CAN SOLÉ

Barceloneta spot popular with celebs past and present, including the likes of Dalí and Rafa Nadal. Sant Carles, 4 (closed Aug 4-18).



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# El Mercat de Glòries

## A great range of take-away options

Discover 20 restaurants and food shops with gourmet products to eat either inside El Mercat de Glòries or take with you

**E**l Mercat de Glòries is a stylish food space, located on the lower ground floor of the Glòries shopping centre, that has become one of the best gastronomic options for visitors who are on holiday in Barcelona. Its extensive culinary range makes it an ideal place for everyone – whether you're here with your partner, family or friends – and at any time of the day. Inspired by a traditional Barcelona market, you'll find an extensive selection of all types of restaurant, bread shop, cafés, gourmet food shops, etc.

It's particularly recommendable for anyone looking to eat quickly, who wants a snack, or is looking to buy a sandwich, tapas or salad to eat, along with a drink, as they wander through the newly designed Glòries area, exploring the streets of the 22@ district, the expansive Avinguda

Diagonal or want to enjoy a picnic sitting in the shade of a tree or under the sun on the beach.

There are 20 different places offering take-away and deli products for all tastes: Mexican, Italian, Japanese, tapas... If you go, we particularly recommend the bags of nachos, chicken croquettes, cones of Iberian ham pieces, pizzas and salads, all pre-packaged ready to take with you. And a special mention has to be made of the sandwiches created with the local speciality of bread smeared with tomato and Catalan sausage (*botifarra*) that one of the places makes – the best in the city.

In the evenings, beat the heat and high temperatures typical in August with a break in El Mercat de Glòries. Head there for a cool drink, an ice cold beer, a slushed ice fruity drink (*granizado*) or an ice cream, and enjoy a great

ambience with a comfortable temperature for the time of year. You'll be grateful you did! We recommend the Mexican margaritas, mojitos, Japanese cocktails or the classic gin and tonic (you'll find the best gins around). What's more, every Thursday from 7pm, you can enjoy concerts of live music.

If you prefer to have lunch or dinner in El Mercat de Glòries, it's worth knowing that all the venues are equipped with bars and tables. And don't forget that between 6pm and 8pm, you can take advantage of special offers.

El Mercat de Glòries is open from 8am to midnight, non-stop,

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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)

**Some restaurants close for part or all of August. Call before you go!**

#### 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. T. 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 7am 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 celebration of 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

It's currently all the rage for Barna's top chefs to set up more-affordable offshoots, 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. 93 453 20 20.  
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

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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)*

### 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 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)*

## 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)*



# Clubs

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## Ibiza comes to Barcelona

The DGTL Festival lands in Barcelona. This Dutch original features two nights of excellent house and techno over a single August weekend. By **Javier Blánquez**

Nowadays Barcelona residents are used to hearing about their city's 'brands' expanding across the world – with Primavera Sound and Sónar leading the charge. But locals are so used to this situation that they've almost missed the fact that Barcelona has become a paradise for international promoters, attracted by the conviction that the Catalan capital is capable of hosting festivals that last for hours. This relationship started with the week of madness that is Sónar, where everybody was renting out venues to celebrate their own mini festival, and now it's become one of the summer's key events. While one result of Barcelona's global appeal is companies such as Live Nation contracting DJs for massive parties on the beach, this month there's a new, authentic player at the hottest

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**This month there's a new player at the hottest clubbing table in town**

clubbing table in town, and its name is DGTL. On August 14 and 15, at the Parc del Fòrum, the city welcomes this electronic music festival with an unbeatable line-up that is focused on refined techno and elegant house.

For two years, DGTL has been an essential date on the electronic music calendar in Amsterdam, a city that's full of this kind of initiative. It's always taken place during Easter week, a short holiday that's ideal for a two-night festival-season warm-up, and now that DGTL is looking to expand abroad (see, it's happening in the



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Netherlands, too), they've had Barcelona in their sights as a priority. What they do is not much different from what happens in local clubs every weekend – or half an hour away by plane, in Ibiza – but DGTL's appeal lies in the way it will concentrate a serious number of top DJs during peak tourism season and one of the hottest months of the year, while keeping its eye firmly on the most demanding clubbers.

You just have to look at the programme: it's like Sónar Off-Week, or the best afters programme in Ibiza, or the house tents in the now-defunct Monegros festival, but all amassed in the heart of the Fòrum. The first-day acts include Agoria, Àme, Ben Klock, Boddika, Maceo Plex and Henrik Schwarz, who triumphed at this year's Sónar with his evening house set. The second day's protagonists are artists such as Adam Beyer, Breach, David August, Dixon and Marcel Dettmann – in other words, regulars from clubs including Berghain, Fabric and Barcelona's own Nitsa, leaders in deep house, refined techno and lightly cosmic electro. What's more, local DJs are given a fair crack of the whip: on the line-up you'll find John Talabot, DJ Fra, Kosmos and Pau Roca.

This promises to be a quality event: a well-designed line-up with dependable artists who never tread on, let alone cross, any red line, perfect for losing yourself in the music at a carefree festival made for summer's short nights. DGTL means it'll be a bit less boring in Barcelona this August.

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## 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).*

### 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.*

### Crappy Tuesdays

Indie, post-punk, electropop, new wave and rock are all served up for your delectation.

*Sala Apolo (details above). Tue 12.30am. €14 (on the door). €13 (advance). Price includes one drink.*

### Canibal 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.*

### 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 non-commercial, non-mainstream and underground music.

*Razzmatazz (Almogàvers, 122). M: Bogatell (L4). Thu midnight. €15 (on the door). €13 (advance). Price includes one drink. Not August 20.*

### Anti-Karaoke

This is the hard rock version of



## Porter Robinson

Following appearances at festivals like Coachella and Moonrise, the US DJ (who began exploring electronic sounds aged just 13 – ten years ago – and is now signed to Skrillex's OWSLA label) takes to the decks for a late summer set. *Sala Razzmatazz. Monday 24, midnight.*

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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). Fri 10pm. €8. Price includes one drink.*

### Happy Techno

The beat will get you at this weekend party dedicated to new-age and old-school dance music. *City Hall (Rbla Catalunya, 2-4). M: Catalunya (L1, L3; FGC). Sat 12.30am. €12-€18 (depends on arrival time and if you sign up on guest list). Price includes one drink.*

## Live music

### Felix da Housecat

The Chicago DJ and producer returns to Barcelona after a break of two years for one of his renowned mixed-sound sessions, in advance of the October release of his new album, *Narrative of Thee Blast Illusion*. He's supported by local act, Undo.

*Razzmatazz (Almogàvers, 122). M: Bogatell (L4). Fri 7, 1am. €17*

*(on the door). €13 (advance). Price includes one drink.*

### Rex the Dog live

British DJ Jake Williams launched the Rex project in 2004, and it's still going strong, with the most recent release, *Sicko/Korgasmatron*, coming out earlier this year. Expect remixes, synthesisers and maybe some tail wagging. *Razzmatazz (Almogàvers, 122). M: Bogatell (L4). Sat 8, 1am. €17 (on the door). €13 (advance). Price includes one drink.*

### Talktome

Up-and-coming DJ shows what he's made of with Nitsa session in collaboration with Piknic Electronik. He debuted in December 2014 with veteran Barcelona label Factor City with Aazra, regarded by many as one of the best debuts of the year in the Spanish circuit.

*Razzmatazz (Almogàvers, 122). M: Bogatell (L4). Sun 23, 10pm. €12 (on the door). €5 (with Piknic Electronik bracelet before 10.30pm).*

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# Getaways

## Festival season

Across Catalonia this month, different towns let their hair down with their annual festivities while others celebrate local traditions. By **Nick Chapman**



**1.** Festa Major in Vilafranca del Penedès  
**2.** Salty harmonies at Firamar  
**3.** Sheepdogs are put to the test in Castellar de n' Hug  
**4.** Earth meets sky at Terrazel

### 1. Festa Major!

August is when some of the biggest towns in the Barcelona region celebrate the holiday season and their patron saints with their Festa Major—celebrations that include processions, dances, fireworks and human towers, as well as concerts, fairs and more. Vilanova i la Geltrú (until Aug 6), Igualada (until Aug 25), Sitges (Aug 20-25), Manresa (Aug 23–Sep 1), and Vilafranca del Penedès (Aug 29–Sep 2) are all in a festive mood. Taradell celebrates the festival of Toca-Sons (Aug 24-25), which begins with the announcement that legendary

bandit Toca-Sons has taken over the town. And in Granollers (Aug 22-30), the city splits into two groups whose good-natured rivalry in tug of war contests, water fights and more is the centrepiece of the festival. [barcelonaesmoltmes.cat/en/web/agenda](http://barcelonaesmoltmes.cat/en/web/agenda)

### 2. Firamar at Sant Pol de Mar

The tradition of singing *havaneres* comes from the trade that linked Catalonia with Cuba in the 18th century. Throughout the summer, these sweetly nostalgic popular songs are performed in open-air concerts up and down the coast. With its narrow streets and whitewashed houses, Sant Pol is

the epitome of a Med fishing town, and Firamar celebrates this maritime heritage with workshops, a craft fair and a *havaneres* festival. And no evening of *havaneres* would be complete without *ron cremat*—a spicy cocktail of flambéed rum. *End of August.* [www.santpol.cat](http://www.santpol.cat)

### 3. Sheepdog Trials

The International Sheepdog Trials at Castellar de n' Hug, high in the Pyrenees, have been held since 1962. Shepherds from France, Andorra, the Basque Country, Aragon and the Balearic Islands compete in trials that test dogs' herding skills and the special connection between shepherds and

their canines. The event also celebrates the lifestyle of mountain shepherds, with participants wearing traditional garb from their areas. *Aug 30.* [www.elbergueda.cat](http://www.elbergueda.cat)

### 4. Terrazel

The night of August 10, Sant Llorenç d' Hortons is the stage for a battle between nature and humankind's capacity for devastation. The giant figure of Mother Earth is joined by elves, a dragon spewing smoke and pollution, the forces of good, and a magical unicorn, come to defend Earth. The spectacle fills the streets with fireworks, music and dancing. [www.terrazel.cat](http://www.terrazel.cat)



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## Walk this way

Sweet-scented pine forests to one side, clear blue sea to the other: Catalonia's coastal paths are ideal for summer walks. By **Nick Chapman**

### SMUGGLERS & PATROL PATHS

Catalonia's coastline has rugged cliffs, mountains, wetlands, sweeping bays and sandy beaches – and practically its whole length can be walked on over 583 km of coastal footpaths. With sections to suit all, from seaside strolls to rocky scrambles, these paths let you discover quiet coves and rarely visited beaches, with the chance of a refreshing dip never far away. The idea of a *camí de ronda* – literally a 'patrol path' – comes from the Costa Brava. In the 19th century, ancient paths made by farmers, fishermen and sailors were used by the Carabineros, a force set up to control smuggling. In the '40s and '50s, the Guardia Civil patrolled the coast in a largely unsuccessful attempt to stop boats landing black-market goods – mainly cigarettes, but also penicillin, chocolate and silk lingerie.



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### THE MEDITERRANEAN TRAIL

As Spain left post-war shortages behind, the *camins de ronda* lost their stated purpose, and many fell into disuse. But Catalonia has a long-established tradition of hiking, (*excursionisme*), and local associations worked to maintain and restore the paths. The individual sections were gradually

linked together and signposted to create a single long-distance route, christened the GR-92 to commemorate '92 Olympics in Barcelona. The GR-92 now continues beyond the borders of Catalonia, through Valencia and Murcia and into Andalusia, where it is under construction as far as the Straits of Gibraltar. The GR-92 is

the southern stretch of an even larger pan-European footpath, the E-10, which links the Baltic Sea to the Mediterranean.

### WALKING THE COSTA BRAVA

The most popular stretch of the GR-92 follows the Costa Brava: serious walkers do the whole thing, from Cotlliure to Blanes, in 12 days, but many of its sections make ideal day walks. One of the most picturesque heads north from Palamós, past the whitewashed beach houses at Cala S'Alguer and the sandy beach of Cala Castell, before winding up red cliffs with views of rocky coves, and then down to the tiny beaches of Cala Estreta and Can Pomes. From here you can make your way back to Palamós, but the sure-footed may want to continue the route along this wild section of coast, passing the remote coves of El Crit, Font Morisca and El Vedell, before skirting the botanical gardens at Mont Roig and rejoining civilisation at Calella de Palafrugell. Other popular sections link Aiguablava with Begur, Almadrava with Cala Montjoi, and S'Agaró with Sant Feliu de Guixols. At [www.camideronda.com](http://www.camideronda.com) you can book organised or self-guided tours of the area, lasting from two to eight days. For independent travellers, the Sarfa bus company ([www.sarfa.com](http://www.sarfa.com)) offers links from Barcelona to many of the starts and finishes of the walks.

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Closer to Barcelona, many *camins de ronda* can be reached by public transport – one is the route that links Sant Pol de Mar with Calella, making its way along narrow town streets and train tracks, and through tall reed beds to the beaches south of Calella. Further south, in the province of Tarragona, the Costa Daurada offers plenty of attractive possibilities. You can follow the coast from L'Ampolla to the unspoilt beach of Cala de l'Aliga in L'Ametlla de Mar, or stroll the seafront on the *camí de ronda* at Salou.



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# Barcelona Top Ten Ice cream

## 1. La Valenciana

Located on Aribau, just below Gran Vía, this city classic has been tempting locals, especially students from the nearby University of Barcelona, since 1910. It's been run by a Jijona family for four generations, and, as is the norm with such places, in winter switches its focus to *torrons* (nougat-like bars eaten around Christmastime).

## 2. Ice Barcelona

In this Vila Olímpica ice bar, the chairs, floor, walls, tables and even the glasses are made of ice. They kindly lend customers a coat at the entrance and, once inside, you can't stop dancing, at least if you don't want your feet to freeze!

## 3. Creación 57

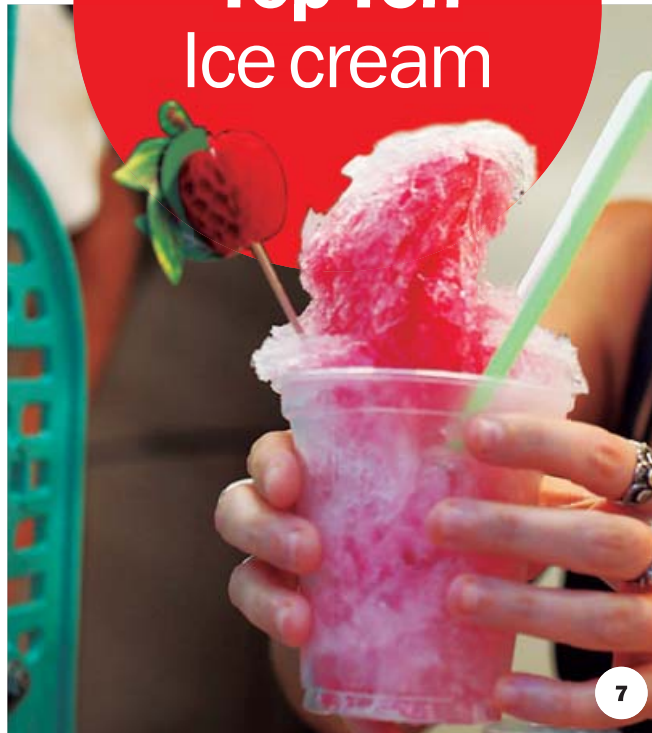
Famous ice cream made by La Menorquina, with sponge cake bathed in liqueur, and vanilla, coffee and cinnamon ice cream, all covered in chocolate. The fun comes from the fact that when you bite into it you never know which flavour you'll find in your mouth. Unfortunately, it's not actually available in Barcelona – to try it, you have to head to the Balearic Islands. What a shame!

## 4. La Cremaria Toscana

This is the place for authentic Italian *gelati artigianali*, with branches at Muntaner, 161 and Princesa, 26. It's an initiative of Milan native Andrea Giuntoli, who goes back to his Tuscan roots to make extremely creamy ice cream.

## 5. Stick House

In C/ de la Boqueria, just off La Rambla, is this ice lolly (aka popsicle) shop. It's hell on earth for ditherers because there's seemingly endless flavours to



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choose from, and they all look delicious. What's more, you can pimp your *polo* (as they're called round here) by having it dipped in white chocolate, or topped with almonds or coconut sprinkles. Mmmmm!

## 6. Ice cream shops on La Rambla

Not so long ago, there were stalls selling a variety of birds as pets on Barcelona's most famous street. The concept of animal rights intervened and



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they were converted into places to buy Barcelona souvenirs and ice creams. But there seems to be a curse on these city centre vendors, and the question is once again being asked, what to do with these stalls?

## 7. Kakigori

This is a Japanese ice cream made of snow, the antithesis of the obscenely rich products some of us are used to. Last summer, Australian Martin Kunz, who lived for a decade in Japan, opened a place called Kakigori in Verdi, 49 (Gràcia), where you can try these refreshing and (bonus!) much less fattening ices.

## 8. Organic ice cream

This is the latest novelty in many local ice cream shops. They use milk sourced from happy cows and fruit that hasn't been touched by chemical fertilisers, and vegans are also catered for. So it's impossible to confuse these worthy creators with those sinners who sell additive-packed lollies that kids love so much.

## 9. Yoghurt

Frozen yoghurt is also trending in Barcelona. Next to Plaça Francesc Macià, Danone has a place where you decorate your icy yoghurt with a variety of toppings. There's fruit, but lots of other treats as well because where's the fun in being too healthy?

## 10. La Sibèria

One of the last ice factories in Poble Nou, La Sibèria was founded in 1910 and closed in the 1970s. With the area's recent development, it should have been converted into something cool, like a space for up-and-coming designers. But the economic crisis means such plans have had to be put on ice.

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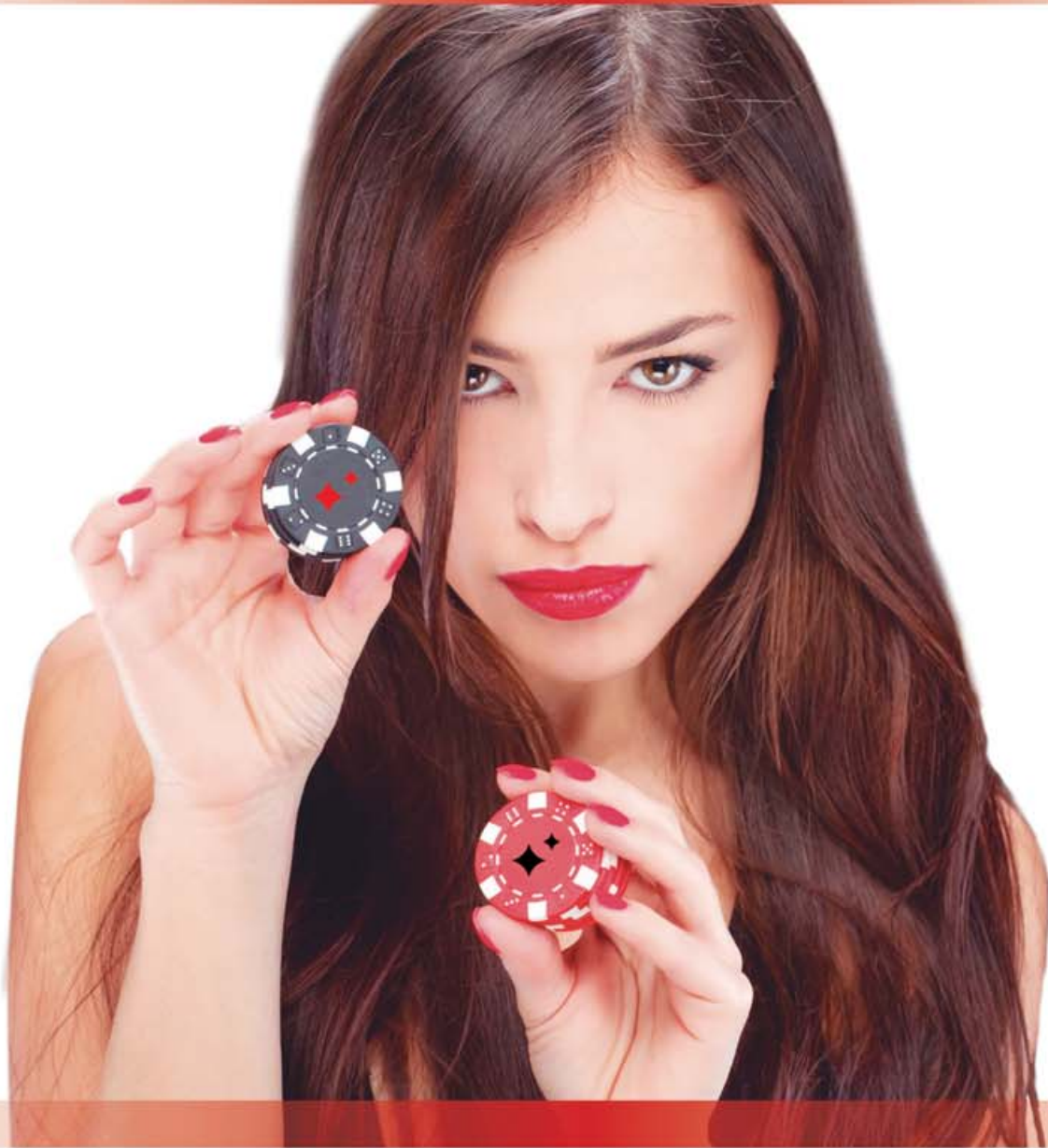
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