

# Barcelona Curious Guide

by Hotel Curious



**Welcome! How long are you staying in Barcelona? Build your own curious guide.**

It's great when you meet someone who lives in the city you are about to visit: you can have many tips and recommendations that only local people can tell you.

From the main "highlights" of the historical-architectural level to those little cultural gems, popular only among local people. **Hotel Curious would love to show you its city: Barcelona.**

**Hotel Curious** is located at the heart of the center of Barcelona, 2 min walk from Liceu Metro Station and 5 min walk from Plaza Catalunya, where you can get many buses and train connections to all points of Barcelona city, Catalonia and Spain, so all routes we suggest can start easily from our hotel. Choose your days and discover Barcelona!

**You'll love it!**

## DAY 1 – A walking tour through Raval, Gothic, Borne and Barceloneta Quarters

**This tour is at walking distance. Recommended for your first day - to start exploring the city.**

- **Las Ramblas**

Las Ramblas is **the most lively and emblematic street in Barcelona** and it is full of restaurants, Cafés, shops, bars, beautiful flower shops, human statues and painters. In Las Ramblas you will also find the famous Opera House Liceu, Canaletes Fountain (where Barça supporters meet and celebrate when FC Barcelona wins an important match), the Boqueria Market, the Wax Museum, the Erotic Museum, Palau Güell, Colombus Monument and the Royal Gothic Shipyards. *<M> Catalunya L1, L3 <M> Liceu L3 <M> Drassanes L3*

- **La Boqueria Market**

“Boqueria Market” is a space full of life, history and architectural value. The **first of Barcelona’s local markets** was opened on Saint Joseph’s day, on the 19th of March 1840, after four years of work on the land that was up until then occupied by Saint Joseph’s convent. However, the history goes back a good few years before, because on the site on La Rambla where the market is today, there were already peddlers selling meat in the thirteenth century. The market officially opened in the same year, but the plans for the building were modified many many times. The inauguration of the structure finally took place in 1853. A new fish market opened in 1911, and the metal roof that still exists today was constructed in 1914. This Market is a space with a magnificent explosion of colors, smells and textures, and high quality products! If you want to try or buy for your family and friends some cured ham (*jamón ibérico*), sausages, wines... this is the best place to do that. You can not miss La Boqueria Market! *Opening time: From Monday to Saturday, from 8 am to 8:30 pm. <M> Liceu L3*

- **Opera House Liceu**

**Barcelona's opera house “Gran Teatre del Liceu”**, was founded on Las Ramblas in 1847 and has continued over the years to fulfil its role as a culture and arts centre and one of the many symbols of the city. The **fire that destroyed the Auditorium** and stage on 31<sup>st</sup> January 1994 caused a great impact on Catalan society and the Liceu's very existence was called into question. It was decided to rebuild and improve the emblematic building and to create a new legal framework to put it under



public ownership. It opened its doors again on 7<sup>th</sup> October 1999. Nowadays, they offer lots of theater and opera plays. If you walk nearby, pay attention: **you can hear some of the singers rehearsing** an opera inside the building for the next show. *Guided tour: 10:00 am, daily (1 hour 10 min) 11,50 € Unguided tour (express): 11:30 am, 12:00 midday, 12:30 pm and 1 pm, daily (20 minutes). Price: 5,50 €* <M> Liceu L3

- **Palau de la Música Catalana**

Built between 1905 and 1908 by the architect Lluís Domènech i Montaner, the **Palau de la Música Catalana is one of the most unique concert venues in the world** and one of the most representative monuments of Catalan Modernism, which was built for the Orfeó Català, a choral society founded in 1891 that was a leading force in the Catalan cultural movement that came to be known as the *Renaixença* (Catalan Rebirth). In 1997, the Palau de la Música Catalana was declared a UNESCO World Heritage Site. The building outsides are very beautiful, but the insides are amazing. Due to its wide variety of concerts we suggest you look at the billboard if you fancy going to a concert in a spectacular place. *Opening time: from Monday to Saturday, from 10 am until 9 pm. Guided tours: daily from 10 am until 3:30 pm.* <M> Jaume I L4

- **Plaza Reial**

This is **one of the most emblematic plazas of Barcelona**, and it contains one of the first orders to Gaudí by the City Council: the streetlights. A lovely fountain dominates the square, which is full of **terraces, restaurants, bars and night clubs**, as SideCar or Jamboree. Amazing! <M> Liceu L3

- **Gothic Synagogue**

The Main Synagogue of Barcelona is not only the oldest in Spain but in all of Europe. Despite the temple's importance, it was discovered almost by accident. The architectural structures unmask the Roman times, although the first writings date from the eighth century. The current synagogue does not show at all what was the synagogue of old times, but shows only part that has been able to recover through archaeological explorations and research studies. *Opening times: From 11am until 6pm (Saturdays from 11am until 3pm)* <M> Jaume I L4 and <M> Liceu L3 It is located at c/ Marlet, 5.

- **Temple of Augustus**

As you explore **Barcelona's Gothic Quarter** you'll come across one of the city's best-kept secrets in a building on c/ Paradís. Inside a small medieval courtyard, the four columns from the Temple of Augustus have survived despite the passing of the centuries. They are more than 2,000 years old, like Barcelona itself. *Opening time: From 1st May to 31st October, Tuesday to Saturday from 10am to 7pm. Sunday, from 10am to 8pm. From 1st November to 30th April, Tuesday to Saturday from 10am to 5pm. 1st January, 1st May, 24th June and 25th December, closed.* <M> Jaume I L4

- **Ferran Street and Plaza Sant Jaume**

Calle Ferran is a **wide street full of bars and shops** which starts in La Rambla <M> Liceu L3 and leads direct to Plaza Sant Jaume, where the City Council and the main building of the catalan government (Generalitat) are located. This square has lived many historical moments since 1823, when it was urbanized. Surroundings are very beautiful: bars, small and original shops, ancient buildings, the Gothic Cathedral... <M> Liceu L3 <M> Jaume I L4

- **The Cathedral of Barcelona “Catedral de la Santa Creu i Santa Eulàlia”**

The Cathedral of Barcelona was constructed throughout the 13<sup>th</sup> to 15<sup>th</sup> centuries and it is dedicated to Eulalia of Barcelona, co-patron saint of Barcelona, a young virgin who, according to Catholic tradition, suffered martyrdom during Roman times in the city. One story says that she was exposed naked in the public square and a miraculous snowfall in mid-spring covered her nudity. The enraged Romans put her into a barrel with knives stuck into it and rolled it down a street (the one now called

*Baixada de Santa Eulàlia*). The body of Saint Eulalia is entombed in the cathedral's crypt. *Opening time: The church is open daily from 8 am until 12:45 pm and from 5:15 pm until 7:30 pm. Guided tour: Daily except Sunday: from 1 pm until 5 pm. Sundays and public holidays: from 2 pm until 5 pm. Price: 6,00 € per person. <M> Liceu L3 <M> Jaume I L4*

- **Christopher Columbus Monument**

This is a 60 meters (197 ft) **tall monument dedicated to Christopher Columbus** at the lower end of La Rambla. It was constructed for the Universal Exhibition in Barcelona (1888) and it is located at the site where Columbus returned to Spain after his first voyage to the Americas. The statue was sculpted by Rafael Atché and it is said to depict Columbus pointing towards the New World with his right hand (although he actually points *Sa Calobra*, a beach in Mallorca Island), while holding a scroll in the left. An elevator used to bring visitors to a high platform from where they could have an excellent view over La Rambla and Port Vell, but nowadays it is closed. His finger is about 50 cm long (1.64ft.)! <M> *Drassanes L3*

- **Santa Maria del Mar Church**

Deep inside the Borne or Ribera Quarter you will find this amazing church. Santa Maria del Mar church is **one of the most beautiful ones in Barcelona**. It was built in just 55 years, from 1329 to 1384, and it is the only surviving **church in the pure Catalan Gothic style**. Its structure comprises three naves, underpinned by very tall columns set 13 metres apart, a distance unsurpassed by any other existing medieval building. This gives the impression of sublime width, height and airiness. *Opening time: Monday to Saturday, from 9 am to 1:30 pm & 4:30 pm to 8 pm. Sunday & public holidays: from 10:30 am to 1:30 pm & 4:30 pm to 8 pm. <M> Liceu L3 <M> Jaume I L4*

- To end in a perfect way your first wonderful (and tiring!) day in Barcelona, we suggest you to have a lovely dinner in La Barceloneta Quarter. One of the “must” restaurants in this area is “El Merendero de la Mari” (paella, fish and sea food Restaurant), although there are a lot more and we love all of them! Have a walk, choose a nice Restaurant and enjoy the views over La Barceloneta harbour. *OUR TIP: If you feel very tired you can get bus number 59 from La Boqueria Market and you will be in La Barceloneta in 10 minutes. The same bus takes you back to Hotel Curious in 10 minutes from La Barceloneta.*

Nighty Night!

### Curious Barcelona Gems, don't miss them...

- **“Plaza Sant Felip Neri”**: Do you see the holes on the wall of the church? They were made by bullets of the Civil War. This scenario is full of history and pain. Located in the Gothic Quarter.
- **“The gothic wish-bridge”**: From Plaza Sant Jaume to the Cathedral you will see a very small bridge. Pass under the bridge, look up and find a skull, then make a wish. It is said that it will come true, as long as you never tell the wish to anyone! C/ Bisbe.
- **“Bosc de les Fades”**: This is an amazing bar next to the Wax Museum (La Rambla). Visit it and tell us if you liked it or not! You will!! It's next to the Wax Museum ( La Rambla) at Passatge Banca, 7.
- **“Escribà”**: Delicatessen pastry shop for gourmets, located in a Art Nouveau Décor establishment. Curious Card discount! La Rambla, 83.
- **“Roman Temple”**: Well-preserved Roman relic in Barcelona. c/ Paradís, 10.
- **“Casa Gispert”**: Enjoy the special atmosphere of a Traditional-Store which has always preserved its origins over 150 years. Shop specialized in nuts, dried fruits and coffees. Located behind Santa Maria del Mar church at C/ Sombrerers, 23.

- **“Arús” Library**: specializing in social movements of centuries 19th and 20th, especially masonry. Passeig de Sant Joan, 26.
- **“La Manual Alpargatera”**: Small workshop supplying men, women and children with classic espadrilles since 1940. c/ Avignó, 7.
- **“Santa Caterina Food Market”**: The original design of the building, as well as the treasure trove of produce displayed on its stalls, won't disappoint you! Av. Francesc Cambó, 16.
- **“La Botifarrería de Santa Maria”**: Meats shop. It's a gourmet's delight. Its speciality is homemade "butifarras", Catalan sausages based on pork loin, bacon, salt and pepper. Located just behind Santa Maria del Mar Church at C/ Santa María, 4.
- **“La Palleresa”**: *Granja / Bar*: Taste the best hot chocolate with "churros" of the city. C/ Petritxol, 11.

### The best food – according to our taste!

- **“Rita Rouge”**: International Fusion Cuisine with healthy and creative dishes. C/Carme, 33 (Average Price of 25€). **Curious Card Discount!**
- **“Julivert Meu”**: Traditional Catalan Cuisine. Country Style air and warm atmosphere. C/Bonsuccés, 7 (Average Price of 17 €). **Curious Card Discount!**
- **“Clemen's”**: House-made and tapas Bar (inside La Boqueria Market) – **Curious Card discount!** (Average Price of 15 €)
- **“El Plà”**: Catalan and innovative Cuisine. Intimate, cosy and romantic atmosphere. C/Bellafilla, 5 (Average Price of 42 €)
- **“Cañete”**: Traditional Spanish Cuisine and tapas, with Andalusian soul and atmosphere. c/ Unió, 17 (Average Price of 30 €)
- **“Bar Lobo”**: Mediterranean Cuisine. Informal atmosphere with a great terrace. C/ Pintor Fortuny, 13 (Average Price of 20 €)
- **“Granja Viader”**: The famous chocolate milkshake "Cacaolat" was invented here in 1931 and it is a must, although other flavours of milkshakes and hot chocolate are also very advisable in this place. c/ Xuclà, 4
- **“GastroBar”**: Creative Cuisine. Original tapas and surprising small dishes created by the chef Xavier Franco, winner of a Michelin Star. Located on the ground floor of the Ohla Hotel. c/ Via Laietana, 49 (Average Price of 35 €)
- **“El Xampanyet”**: Specialized in tapas, sparkling white wine and cantabrian anxovies. It is a landmark in el Born that keep all its personality since 1929. c/ Montcada, 22 (Average Price of 25 €)
- **“La Fonda”**: Catalan and International Cuisine. Up to date atmosphere. We recommend you to go early to avoid annoying queues. c/ Escudellers, 10 (Average Price of 20 €)
- **“Pasta Bar”**: Specialized in fresh pasta where you can choose as many ingredients to go into your creation as you'd like. Cheap healthy fast food place, to eat there or to take away. c/ Escudellers, 47 (Average Price of 10 €)

**This tour is for Gaudí lovers, as you will visit many buildings designed by Antoni Gaudí such as La Pedrera, Casa Batlló, Sagrada Família... This will be a long day, so get a bottle of water and enjoy this magical architecture!**

- **Park Güell**

Eusebi Güell bought a large farm in the "Muntanya Pelada", in Gràcia's neighborhood. He wanted to build a Garden-city and the works were commissioned to the architect Antonio Gaudí. But they could only sell three parcels, and the works were stopped in 1914 because it had been a failure. Today the structures are designed to community services. It was opened to the public in 1926 as a park for its beauty. In 1984 it was declared a World Heritage Site by Unesco *Opening time: daily from 10 am to 6 pm <M> Lesseps L3 / BUS 24 from Plaza Catalunya*

- **La Pedrera**

Casa Milà, popularly known as 'La Pedrera' is probably one of the most famous buildings of the *Modernista* or Catalan Art Nouveau period and one of the architect Antoni Gaudí's (1852–1926) most ambitious works. It is a container that is a work of art in itself. La Pedrera is a most unusual building, constructed between 1906 and 1912 by Gaudí and declared UNESCO World Heritage in 1984. Today it houses a cultural centre which is a reference point in Barcelona for the range of activities it organises and the different spaces for exhibitions and other public uses it contains. *Opening time: from 9 am to 6 pm (last admission: 6 pm) Price: 16,50€ <M> Passeig de Gràcia L3.*

- **The “Apple” of discord: Casa Batlló / Casa Lleó i Morera / Casa Amatller**

The block of Discord or Apple of Discord is noted for having **buildings by five of Barcelona's most important Modernist architects in close proximity**. The houses are the Casa Lleó-Morera, at Passeig de Gràcia 35, designed by Lluís Domènech i Montaner; Casa Mulleras, at Passeig de Gràcia 37, designed by Enric Sagnier; Casa Bonet, at Passeig de Gràcia 39, designed by Marcel·lí Coquillat i Llofriu; Casa Amatller, at Passeig de Gràcia 41, designed by Josep Puig i Cadafalch; and Casa Batlló, at Passeig de Gràcia 43, designed by Antoni Gaudí. As the four architects' styles were very different, the buildings clash with each other and the neighboring buildings. They were all built in the early years of the 20th century. Due to the presence of these famous landmark buildings, the block is a significant tourist attraction in Barcelona. The name in Spanish, *Manzana de la Discordia*, is a play on words: *manzana* means both "city block" and "apple," referencing the Apple of Discord.

- **Sagrada Família**

**Sagrada Família is maybe the main symbol of Barcelona.** The foundation stone of La Sagrada Família was laid on 19 March 1882, at a solemn event presided by the bishop of Barcelona, Josep Urquinaona. The Building then began with the crypt beneath the apse after a neo-Gothic design by the architect Francisco de Paula del Villar y Lozano. A short time later, owing to disagreements with the promoters, he resigned and the commission was handed over to Antoni Gaudí, who after 1914 devoted himself exclusively to building La Sagrada Família, which is why there are no other major works from the last years of his life. After undertaking the project in 1883, Gaudí built the crypt, which was finished in 1889. As he started work on the apse (and the cloister), everything went at a good pace thanks to the donations. When he received a large anonymous one, he thought of doing a new, bigger work: he discarded the old neo-Gothic project and proposed a more monumental and innovatory one in terms of both forms and structures and the construction. *Opening time: Open daily. From October to March: 9 am to 6 pm / From April to September: 9 am to 8 am Price: 13€ <M> Sagrada Família L5 / OUR TIP: We recommend you to take your tickets in advanced at [www.sagradafamilia.org](http://www.sagradafamilia.org) You will avoid long queues! "La Caixa" Bank has machines where you can buy the tickets by credit card.*

- **Plaza Catalunya**

**Plaza Catalunya is a large square in central Barcelona** that is generally considered to be both its city centre and the place where the old city (Ciutat Vella) and the 19th century-built Eixample meet. Some of the city's most important streets and avenues meet at Plaça Catalunya: Passeig de Gràcia, Rambla de Catalunya, La Rambla or Portal de l'Àngel. The plaza occupies an area of about 50,000 square metres. It is especially known for its fountains and statues, its proximity to some of Barcelona's most popular attractions, and for the flocks of pigeons that gather in the centre. Here you will find the famous old Café “Zurich”, which is also a meeting point for all the local people living in Barcelona. <M> *Plaça Catalunya L3 L1*

### Curious Barcelona Gems, don't miss them...

- **“The House Museum of Antonio Gaudi”**: It was the residence of Antonio Gaudi till 1925. Located inside the Park Güell. Price 5,50 €
- **“Amatller Chocolate boutique”**: Shop selling the most ancient and active European chocolate brand. Located inside Casa Amatller, modernist house located by Casa Batlló. c/ Passeig de Gràcia, 41
- **“Gràcia's Quarter”**: Gracia used to be an independent town, some minutes away from the ancient Gothic Quarter. Nowadays, it belongs to Barcelona but it still has that "bohemian old village atmosphere". Charming squares and narrow streets. From hotel Curious you can take the metro at Liceo Metro Station (green line ) and go till Fontana Metro Station. In less then 10 minutes you are already in Gracia Neighbourhood.
- **“Bodega del Poblet”**: Thought it's right next to the Sagrada Familia the Bodega el Poblet has always resisted to invasion. You won't see many tourists in this bodega. c/Sardenya, 302
- **“Canaletes Fountain”**: At the begining of La Rambla, starting from Catalonia Square, you will find on your right hand side an emblematic Fountain, where Barça supportters go and celebrate when their football team wins an important match, as Champions or Spanish League. the legend says that "he or she who drinks of its water will return to Barcelona some day".

### The best food – according to our taste!

- **“Taller de Tapas Restaurant”**: Traditional tapas and seasonal regional dishes. Informal atmosphere. c/ Rambla de Catalunya, 49 (*Average Price of 22 €*)
- **“Ciudad Condal Restauran”**: Traditional tapas suitable for all tastes. Informal atmosphere. C/ Rambla de Catalunya, 18 (*Average Price of 20 €*)
- **“Tibet Restaurant”**: Home-made Catalan Cuisine. With 50 years of history. Rustic and cosy décor. Excellent option in the Park Güell Area. c/ Ramiro de Maetzu, 34 (*Average Price of 35 €*)
- **“El Jardí de l'Àpat Restaurant”**: Catalan Cuisine, specialized in meat. Incredible garden and terrace, it will make you feel somewhere outside the city. Another option in the Park Güell area. c/ Albert Llanas, 2 (*Average Price of 23 €*)
- **“Tangerina Restaurant”**: Catalan Modern Cuisine. Informal, up to date atmosphere for young people. c/ Verdi, 179 (*Average Price of 22 €*)
- **“La Panxa del Bisbe Restaurant”**: Catalan seasonal Cuisine and tapas. Informal, up to date atmosphere for young people. c/ Rabassa, 37 (*Average Price of 30 €*)
- **“La Llabor dels Orígens Restaurant”**: Tradicional Catalan Cuisine, highly recommendable for wine lovers. Informal, up to date atmosphere. c/ Passeig del Born, 49 (*Average Price of 20 €*)

**This day is for getting in touch with the nature. Barcelona has many green parks, mountains and hills, and they are very beautiful.**

- **Plaza de Espanya**

The Plaza de España (or Plaza España) in Barcelona is one of the most significant squares of the Catalan capital. It was built for the International Exhibition of 1929, according to a draft prepared by Josep Puig i Cadafalch and Guillem Busquets and finalized by Antoni Darder. With 34,000 square meters is the second largest square in Spain, after the Plaza of Spain in Madrid, and Plaza de Catalunya in Barcelona. In the middle of the square: the Three Seas Fountain (Mediterranean Sea, Bay of Biscay and Atlantic Sea surrounding the Iberian peninsula (designed by Josep Maria Jujol) and the Two Venetian Towers designed by Ramon Reventós, and built for the 1929 Expo. <M> *España L3*

- **MNAC**

The MNAC (Museo Nacional de Arte de Catalunya) is a **Museum that embraces all the arts** (sculpture, painting, *objets d'art*, drawing, engraving, posters, photography and coinage) and has the task of explaining the general history of Catalan art from the Romanesque period to the mid-twentieth century. In the case of the Romanesque and Gothic collections, this discourse is characterized by the Catalan provenance of most of the pieces, although, particularly in the Gothic, comparisons are made with art from other provenances. *Opening time: From Tuesday to Saturday 10 am to 7 pm. Sunday and public holidays: 10 am to 2.30 pm. Monday: closed (except public holidays) Price: 12€ <M> España L1 & L3*

- **CaixaForum**

**Caixaforum is a social and cultural center** of the Obra Social "la Caixa" in Barcelona, and it is located in one of the main modernist buildings of Barcelona. This is a unique textile factory, located at the foot of the Montjuïc mountain, where the employer Casimir Casaramona commissioned to the architect Puig i Cadafalch. The building is a unique piece of Catalan industrial modernist architecture of the early twentieth century. *Opening time: From Monday to Friday: 10 am to 8 pm. Saturday, Sunday and public holidays: 10 am to 9 pm. Price: 3 € <M> España L1 & L3*

- **Poble Espanyol**

Poble Espanyol (or Spanish Village) is an **outdoor museum** located on the mountain of Montjuïc. It was built in 1929 for the International Exhibition held in Barcelona that year. The idea was promoted by the Catalan architect Josep Puig i Cadafalch and was conceived as a town which sought to gather the main characteristics of Spain. The project was realized by architects Francesc Folguera and Ramon Reventós, and artists Xavier Nogués and Miquel Utrillo. This museum occupies a total area of 42,000 square meters and **it reproduces various buildings, plazas and streets representing several Spanish cities**, but inside this venue there are discos and bars. <M> *España L1 & L3*

- **Miró Foundation**

Miró Foundation The Foundation has the most comprehensive **public collection of works by Joan Miró**, consisting of paintings, sculptures, ceramics, textiles, prints and drawings by the artist of all time. *Opening time: From Monday to Friday: 10 am to 8 pm. Saturday, Sunday and public holidays: 10 am to 2:30 pm. Price: 11 € <M> España L1 & L3*

- **Olympic Stadium**

Estadi Olímpic Lluís Companys (formerly known as the Estadi Olímpic de Montjuïc or Barcelona

Olympic Stadium) was designed by architect Pere Domènech i Roura and built in 1927 for the 1929 International Exposition Barcelona and renovated in 1989 to be the main stadium for the 1992 Summer Olympics. The stadium has a capacity of 55,926 spectators (67,007 during the 1992 Olympics). The stadium served as the home of football club RCD Espanyol from 1997 until 2009 and it also served as the home of the Barcelona Dragons American Football team until 2003. *Opening time: from October to March: 10 am to 6 pm. From April to September: 10 am to 8 pm. Saturday, Sunday and public holidays: 10 am to 2:30 pm. Price: 5,10 € <M> España L1 & L3*

- **Castle of Montjuïc**

The Castle of Montjuïc is located at the heart of Montjuïc Mountain. In 1022 it was built the first building in Montjuïc, a watchtower called "Farrell Tower". In 1640 they arose a fortification during the War of Reapers (*Guerra dels Segadors*), for use as a defense. Napoleon's troops were stationed there during the invasion of 1808 and two years later it began to be used as a prison. During the twentieth century it was used as a place of execution after the Spanish Civil War. In 1960 the castle was given to the city with the condition that it was used as a military museum and since 2007 and by ministerial order, the Montjuïc Castle is owned by all citizens of Barcelona. *OUR TIP: Take the cable car called "Telefèric de Montjuïc" to go up the hill until the Castle.*

At this point, we suggest you **2 options** to end this wonderful day in Barcelona:

**Option 1:**

Having dinner at Poble Sec is also a very good option. There are many local tapas restaurants at c/ Blai. We specially recommend you "**Quimet, Quimet**". We warn you that this place is very small but it's worth it!

**Option 2:**

Taking the Cable Car called "Transbordador Aeri del Port" (open until 7 pm) from Montjuïc Mountain to La Barceloneta Quarter and visit:

- **La Barceloneta**

La Barceloneta Quarter is the old fisherman quarter of Barcelona. It still has a humble familiar environment although it is now full of really good restaurants of fish, sea food and paella.

- **Maremagnum**

Maremagnum is one of the most lively areas of Barcelona. There you will find restaurants, discos, shops, regular cinemas, the Imax 3D Cinema, the Aquarium... All this surrounded by the sea, with lovely views over the city. It's 10 minutes walk from Hotel Curious!

- **Olympic Port**

The Olympic Port is marina and it was build for the Olympics in 1992, held that year in Barcelona. By day you can eat at any seafood restaurant and in the evening you can enjoy there the wide and fun nightlife it offers. Having dinner at the Olympic Port is a great option for a perfect closure. There are many good restaurants there, but we can recommend Opium Mar, Agua or Shöko. *OUR TIP: To come back to Hotel Curious after the dinner or after a tasty drink, you can take bus 59 (until 10 pm), metro L4+L3 or taxi.*

Good night!!

**Curious Barcelona Gems, don't miss them...**

- **"The Cable Car from Miramar"** (Montjuïc Mountain) to La Barceloneta Quarter. Fly over the sea with the Cable Car, views are amazing! Opening time: January to February: 10 am to

7 pm (from November until January from 10am until 6 pm. Summer: 10 am to 9 pm) Price: Round trip: 15 € / One Way: 10 € <M> Barceloneta L4

- **“Magic Fountain of Montjuïc”** Free amazing show of water, light and loud music every Friday and Saturday from 7 pm until 9 pm <M>Espanya L3 L1
- **“Aquàrium”** it is the most important marine leisure centre in the world concerning the Mediterranean. A series of 35 tanks, 11.000 animals and 450 different species, an underwater tunnel 80 metres long, six million litres of water and an immense Oceanarium, the only one in Europe, turn this centre into a unique reference leisure show. c/Moll d'Espanya del Port Vell / From 9:30 am until 9 pm Price: Adults: 18.50 € <M> Drassanes L3
- **“Imax 3D Cinema”** It is a large format cinema. Here films are shown on giant screens allowing the viewer to get totally immersed into the images shown. c/ Moll d'Espanya del Port Vell / Price: 9,75 € <M> Drassanes L3

### The best food – according to our taste!

- **“El Merendero de la Mari Restaurant”**: Seafood Cuisine, specializing in fish and rice. Elegant terrace with magnificent views over the harbour. c/ Plaça Pau Vila, 1 (*Average Price of 50 €*)
- **“La Barca del Salamanca Restaurant”**: Shellfish and Seafood Cuisine. Terrace with views over the Port Olímpic Harbour. c/ Moll de Gregal, 13 (*Average Price of 40 €*)
- **“El Xalet de Montjuïc Restaurant”**: Mediterranean and Catalan Cuisine. Luxury atmosphere, located in an idillic setting on the top of Montjuïc hill. c/ Avinguda de Miramar, 31 (*Average Price of 55 €*)
- **“Rías de Galicia Restaurant”**: Shellfish Cuisine. Founded in 1986, it is one of the seafood restaurants in Bcn with more tradition and reputation. Traditional and luxury atmosphere. c/ Lleida, 7 (*Average Price of 80 €*)
- **“Quimet, Quimet Bodega”**: Tapas season cuisine and good wines. It is a genuine spot. With only two tables and a bar, it's tiny old wine cellar with informal atmosphere. c/ Poeta Cabanyes, 25 (*Average Price of 25 €*)
- **“El Agua Restaurant”**: Seafood and Mediterranean Cuisine. With charm and up to date atmosphere. c/ Passeig Maritim de la Barceloneta, 30 (*Average Price of 30 €*)
- **“MNAC Óleum Restaurant”**: Creative Catalan and Mediterranean Cuisine. Sophisticated space with original atmosphere. It is located on the first floor of MNAC Museum. c/ Parc de Montjuïc, s/n (*Average Price of 40 €*)

**Are you staying more than 3 days in Barcelona? Choose any of these excursions or activities and complete your experience in our city!**

- **Montserrat**

Montserrat Mountains are very well-known worldwide. "Montserrat" literally means "jagged (serrated) mountain" in Catalan. It describes its peculiar aspect with multitude of rock formations which are visible from a great distance. The mountain is composed of strikingly pink conglomerate, a form of sedimentary rock. Montserrat is Spain's first National Park. It is well known as the site of the Benedictine abbey, Santa Maria de Montserrat, which hosts the Virgin of Montserrat sanctuary and which is identified by some with the location of the Holy Grail in Arthurian myth. The Abbey can be reached by road, by the Aeri de Montserrat cable car, or by the Montserrat Rack Railway.

- **Caves Codorniu (Codorniu Cellars)**

Among the vineyards in the town of Sant Sadurní d'Anoia (Barcelona), you will find some of the largest cellars in the world. The first bottle of Spanish cava was produced here in 1872. The architect Josep Puig i Cadafalch, who, together with Gaudí, was one of the leading representatives of the great Catalan modernist architectural school, was in charge of the design and construction of the winery. This is the ideal place to follow the whole process from grape pressing to the labeling of the bottle. This wine ferments at least 9 months in the bottle, in the dark, still and constant temperature of the underground cellars. After a short video, you'll visit the vast cellars in a small electric train. The French invented the method and called it Champagne. In Spain wine made by the same method is called Cava. The varieties of grape are local: Xarel•lo, Macabeu and Parellada although lately Chardonnay has been introduced. Cava can be produced using one variety alone but a mixture is usually used - the coupage - to obtain a subtle mix of tastes and scents to which the winegrowers add their personal touch. *Opening time: Monday to Friday, from 9am to 5pm. Saturdays, Sundays and holidays, from 9am to 1pm.*

- **Figueres – Costa Brava**

Figueres is in the province of Girona, 1 hour and a half from Barcelona. It is a pleasant town with an attractive centre, a large castle and a café-lined 'rambla'. However it is for the **Salvador Dali** museum that large numbers of visitors come each year. Indeed, the Salvador Dali Museum (Teatre-Museu Dali) is the **most visited museum in Spain after the Prado** in Madrid and the Guggenheim in Bilbao. On its ruins, Dalí decided to create his museum. The building has a large glass dome and its edges are decorated by large egg shapes. It is, in its entirety, Dali's greatest work, and was created by Dali specifically to offer its visitors a unique visual experience. In Figueres we also find, 18th century castle Castell de Sant Ferran. This is a popular place as you can walk (or jog) around its 3km perimeter. It offers excellent views over the sea. It is possible to look around the interior as well and there is a café inside. Figueres Rambla is the main street in Figueres and like the Rambla in Barcelona it is a popular spot for meeting and sitting at one of the many pavement cafes to drink a coffee or eat lunch. At the bottom of La Rambla there is a painting on the floor, 'the Face of Dali' which is a popular homage to Salvador Dali. The old streets around the Rambla are very pleasant to walk around and to make some great shopping.

- **Sitges – Costa Dorada**

20 miles south of Barcelona, you'll find Sitges' beautiful beaches and peaceful mountains. The Catalan wealthy made it a fashionable resort at the turn of the 19th-20th century. At the same time, Modernist artist Santiago Rusinyol discovered its charms and attracted a colony of Modernist artists and intellectuals to his house there, now the Museum Cau Ferrat. Sitges has wisely preserved its Modernist past in the streets and buildings of the old quarter, and the charm of this seaside town

remains intact. You can start your tour with a waterfront promenade where you will find century mansions, enter the old quarter and find Palau Maricel. Approach Cau Ferrat (Santiago Russinyol's house, currently closed for restoration) and end your tour in Sant Sebastià Beach, you must know that Sitges is also perfect for a day at the beach. *Opening times: (The Museu Cau Ferrat is currently closed due the restoration and refurnishing project of the building. Sorry for any inconvenience) Tuesday to Friday, 9.30 am to 2 pm and 3.30 pm to 6.30 pm - Sunday and Bank Holidays, 10 am to 3 pm*

- **The FC Barcelona Stadium - Barcelona**

The Barcelona football stadium is the **3rd largest football stadium in the World** after the stadiums in Sao Paulo, Brazil and Mexico City. Barcelona Camp Nou has a capacity of 110,000 people and on every match practically every seat is taken -such is the passion for football shared by the Catalan people. *Opening times: 4 April - 09 October: 10 am – 8 pm; 10 October - 03 April: 10 am – 8 pm; Sundays and holidays: 10 am – 2.30 pm Prices for the Museum: Adults: €23.00 Child: €17 <M> Les Corts L3*

- **Tablao El Cordobés - Barcelona**

We really recommend you to see a Flamenco show during your stay in Barcelona. Tablao El Cordobés is **one of the most outstanding shows in Barcelona**. In the heart of Las Ramblas since 1970, Tablao Cordobés is a gem of artisanship inspired by Moorish art, and decorated under the direction of restorers and artisan's from Alhambra. Under the direction of a family of **passionate flamenco artists**, it offers impeccable cuisine with traditional top quality local products. *Opening times: Shows normally start at 6,45 pm Our tip: Buy your ticket before the day of the show! <M> Liceu L3*

- **Laberint d'Horta:**

The Labyrinth Park of Horta is Barcelona is **widely considered to be the most beautiful park and gardens in Barcelona**. Located in the former estate of the Desvalls family, next to the Collserola ridge, the park comprises an 18th century neoclassical garden and a 19th century romantic garden. *Opening time: from 10 am to 6 pm. On summer from 10am to 9pm. <M> Mundet L3. When you exit Mundet metro station, it is a 10 minute walk slightly uphill to Horta labyrinth park.*

DAILY EXPRESSIONS	ESPAÑOL	CATALÀ
Yes	Sí	Sí
No	No	No
Thank You	Gracias	Gràcies
Not at all / You're welcome!	De nada	De res
Sorry / Excuse me	Perdón	Perdó
Please	Por favor	Si us plau
It doesn't matter	No importa	No importa

GREETINGS	SALUDOS	SALUTACIONS
Hello !!!	Hola!	Hola!
Good morning	Buenos días	Bon dia
Good evening	Buenas tardes	Bona tarda
Good afternoon	Buenas tardes	Bona tarda
Good night	Buenas noches	Bona nit
How are you?	¿Cómo estás?	Com estàs?
Fine, thank you. And you?	Bien, gracias. Y tú?	Bé, gràcies I tu?
What is your name?	¿Cómo te llamas?	Com et dius?
My name is ...	Me llamo ...	Em dic ...
Welcome	Bienvenido/a/os/as	Benvingut/da/s/des
Where are you from?	De dónde eres?	D'on ets?
Where do you live?	¿Dónde vives?	On vius?

FAREWELLS	DESPEDIDAS	COMIATS
Goodbye!! Bye!!	Adiós	Adéu
See you!	Hasta luego!	Fins ara!
See you tomorrow	Hasta mañana	Fins demà
See you soon	Hasta pronto	Fins aviat
See you next time	Hasta la próxima	Fins la propera

LEARNING SPANISH	APRENDIENDO	APRENT
Do you speak English?	¿Hablas inglés?	Parles anglès?
Yes, a bit	Sí, un poco	Sí, una mica
I'm sorry, I don't	Lo siento, no lo hablo	Ho sento, no el parlo
Do you understand me?	¿Me entiendes?	M'enténs?
I don't understand	No te entiendo	No t'entenc
Can you speak more slowly, please?	¿Puedes hablar más despacio?	Pots parlar més a poc a poc?
How do you say this in Spanish/ Catalan?	¿Como se dice ésto en español?	Com es diu aixó en català?
What does it mean?	¿Qué significa?	Què significa?
That means...	Eso significa...	Això significa...
Could you repeat, please?	¿Puedes repetir?	Pots repetir?
Could you speak louder?	¿Puedes hablar más alto?	Pots parlar més alt?
Can you write it down, please?	¿Puedes escribirlo, por favor?	Ho pots escriure, si us plau?

AT THE AIRPORT	EN EL AEROPUERTO	A L'AEROPORT
I want to pick up my luggage	Quiero recoger mis maletas	Vull recollir el meu equipatge
Where can I Exchange Money?	¿Dónde puedo cambiar moneda?	On puc bescanviar diners?

<b>I want to go till hotel Curious</b>	Quiero ir hasta el Hotel Curious	Vull anar fins l'hotel Curious
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<b>AT THE HOTEL</b>	<b>EN EL HOTEL</b>	<b>A L'HOTEL</b>
<b>I have a booking</b>	Tengo una reserva	Tinc una reserva
<b>At what time is breakfast?</b>	A qué hora es el desayuno?	A quina hora és l'esmorzar?
<b>Where is the nearest parking?</b>	Dónde está el parking más cercano?	On està el parking més proper?
<b>Do you have a map of the city?</b>	Tienes un mapa de la ciudad?	Tens un mapa de la ciutat?
<b>Can you recommend me a restaurant?</b>	Me puedes recomendar un restaurante?	Em pots recomanar un restaurant?
<b>Can you book a flamenco show for me?</b>	Me puede hacer una reserva para un espectáculo de flamenco?	Em pot fer una reserva en un espectacle de flamenco?
<b>Can you call me a taxi?</b>	Me puede llamar un taxi?	Em pot trucar un taxi?
<b>Where is the nearest metro station?</b>	Dónde está el metro más cercano?	On està el metro més proper?
<b>Can I have an extra pillow?</b>	Puedo tener una almohada extra?	Puc tenir un altre coixí?
<b>How far is the airport ?</b>	A qué distancia está el aeropuerto?	A quina distancia està l'aeroport?

<b>SHOPPING</b>	<b>COMPRANDO</b>	<b>COMPRANT</b>
<b>How much does it cost?</b>	Cuánto cuesta esto?	Quant costa això?

<b>WHEATHER</b>	<b>TIEMPO</b>	<b>TEMPS</b>
<b>It's sunny</b>	Hace sol	Fa sol
<b>It's cloudy</b>	Está nublado	Està ennuvolat
<b>It's raining</b>	Está lloviendo	Està plovent
<b>It's hot</b>	Hace calor	Fa calor
<b>It's windy</b>	Hace viento	Fa vent
<b>It's cold</b>	Hace frío	Fa fred
<b>The weather is good</b>	Hace buen tiempo	Fa bon temps
<b>The weather is bad</b>	Hace mal tiempo	Fa mal temps

<b>AT THE RESTAURANT</b>	<b>EN EL RESTAURANTE</b>	<b>EN EL RESTAURANT</b>
<b>I'd like to taste catalan cuisine</b>	Me gustaría probar la cocina catalana	M'agraderia tastar la cuina catalana
<b>I'd like a bottle of red wine</b>	Me gustaría una botella de vino tinto	M'agradaria una ampolla de vi negre
<b>I'm allergic to sellfish</b>	Soy alérgico al marisco	Sóc al.lèrgic al marisc
<b>I'm celiac</b>	Soy celíaco	Sóc celíac
<b>Vegetables</b>	Verdura	Verdura
<b>Meat</b>	Carne	Carn
<b>Fish</b>	Pescado	Peix
<b>The bill please</b>	La cuenta, por favor	El compte, si us plau

**We wish you enjoy your stay in Barcelona!**

**- Hotel Curious team -**