



TRIP GLOBAL

4 Days in Barcelona: Gaudí, Beaches & Tapas

Barcelona, Spain · June · 4 days

Tailored for couples - includes romantic spots, intimate dining, and couple-friendly activities

Four days in Barcelona, starting with Gaudí on Passeig de Gràcia and ending with a sunset walk along the beach. Look forward to the view from the Bunkers del Carmel and a morning in the Gothic Quarter before the Museu Picasso.

Open the interactive trip: live map, photos and links

Before you go:

Get a Spain eSIM: data on landing

What this trip might cost, per person for 4 days, flights extra:

Budget \$300 · Mid-range \$570 · Comfort \$870

Opening hours, prices and transport change. Please double-check bookings and times before you go.

YOUR TRIP AT A GLANCE

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Casa Batlló and Passeig de Gràcia

Example · 4 nights

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Fundació Joan Miró and Barceloneta Beach

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AFTER THE LAST DAY

Before you go: Barcelona

Casa Batlló and Passeig de Gràcia

Arrival day: an easy start close to your stay

Sunrise 6:18 AM

Golden hour 8:45 PM

Sunset 9:27 PM

Your base for 4 nights: Eixample

Start at Casa Batlló, stroll down Passeig de Gràcia, stop by the Monumento a Gaudí, then have tapas at Cervecería Catalana.

GO

12:30 PM · 45 minutes

Barcelona-El Prat Airport to Eixample

Take the R2 train (Line 2) from the airport to Passeig de Gràcia station (25 minutes, EUR 5.15). From there it's a 5-10 minute walk to central Eixample. Much faster and cheaper than a taxi.

- T-Mobilitat Train · 30 minutes · \$5.60 per person
- Aerobus · 40 minutes · \$12.35 per person
- Taxi · 25 minutes · \$33-44 per trip

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1



2:15 PM · 1.5 hours

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Casa Batlló

\$26 per person · Open 9 AM-8 PM

Gaudí's undulating apartment block with a dragon-scale roof and mosaic balconies. You'll stand in the courtyard (free) to see the facade, or book a ticket to walk inside the flats. It's the drama-queen starter to understand his style. A 2-minute walk from Passeig de Gràcia metro.

Insider tip: Skip the queue: enter before 3 PM or after 6 PM. The interior's worth the ticket if you have time, but the street view alone tells the story.

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4:00 PM · 1.5 hours

Passeig de Gràcia

Free

Barcelona's most famous avenue, lined with modernist mansions (including three Gaudí buildings: Casa Batlló, Casa Amatller, Casa Lleó Morera). Stroll the length, stop for a cortado at a pavement cafe, and spot the mosaicked lamp posts. A 10-minute walk south from Casa Batlló.

Insider tip: Walk on the shaded side (west), and look up: the real art is the rooflines and chimneys, not the ground-floor shops.

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DAY 1: CASA BATLLÓ AND PASSEIG DE GRÀCIA (CONTINUED)

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5:45 PM · 45 minutes

Monumento a Gaudí (Passeig de Sant Joan)

Free

A quiet park with a statue honouring the architect, good for breathing space and a bench. The surroundings are calm tree-lined streets, a slice of local Eixample life. A 15-minute walk north from Passeig de Gràcia or 5 minutes' metro from Diagonal station.

Insider tip: Come here to reset before dinner; the golden light hits the plaza around 8:30 PM if you linger.

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7:15 PM · 1.5 hours

Cervecería Catalana

\$33-54 per person for tapas and drinks · Open 7 PM-midnight

Packed tapas bar serving jamón, pan con tomate, patatas bravas and croquetas. Arrive by 7 PM to snag standing room at the bar or a table in the back. Counter service is fastest. A 12-minute walk south from Monumento a Gaudí.

Insider tip: Order 6-8 small plates to share, point at what you want, and eat standing up. Skip the wine list and drink vermouth or a beer.

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If you land early (optional, close to your stay, before the plan above)

Mercat de Sant Antoni: A 19th-century iron market in the heart of Eixample, open from 7 AM. Grab fresh fruit, a coffee and a croissant from a market stall and people-watch. A 10-minute walk west of Passeig de Gràcia.

Rambla del Poblenou: Tree-lined promenade in the old industrial neighbourhood south of Eixample, calm and green with cafes and galleries. Easiest by metro (L2, 10 minutes south from central Eixample).

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Where to stay in Eixample

Book in Eixample between Passeig de Gràcia and Avinguda Diagonal: dead centre for Gaudí sites, with metro access to everywhere else. The neighbourhood's quiet enough to sleep but close to everything you'll need.

Hostal Barcelona Centro

Budget · Hostel · \$

Private doubles available, Eixample location, younger crowd. Good value for a couple, kitchen access.

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Hostal Gat Xino

Budget · Hostel · \$

Private rooms available, Gothic Quarter edge, social vibe, budget-friendly

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Hostafrancs Apartments

Budget · Apartment · \$

Poble Sec neighbourhood. Self-catering setup, steps from Montjuïc cable car, local vibe.

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Mercer Hotel Barcelona

Mid-range · Hotel · \$\$

Gothic Quarter edge, quiet rooms, rooftop terrace. Walking distance to everything, but feels central.

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Praktik Bakery Hotel

Mid-range · Hotel · \$\$

Eixample proper, former bakery, ground-floor café. Mid-century vibes, helpful staff, excellent breakfast.

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Aparthotel Arai

Mid-range · Apartment · \$\$

Eixample location, kitchenette in units, good for couples wanting space

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Where to eat

Cervecería Catalana

Spanish Tapas · Dinner · \$\$

Standing room, counter service, endless small plates. Jamon iberico, patatas bravas, pan con tomate. Arrive by 7:30pm or wait.

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Tickets Bar

Spanish Tapas Modern · Dinner · \$\$\$

Albert Adrià's place. Book weeks ahead or try walk-in at 7pm. Theatrical small plates, wine pours. Splurge on day one.

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Bar del Pla

Spanish Tapas · Dinner · \$\$

Tiny, crowded, excellent. Croquetas, jamón, vermouth. On Carrer de Montserrat, 2. Easier to get into than Cervecería.

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DAY 1: CASA BATLLÓ AND PASSEIG DE GRÀCIA (CONTINUED)

TOURS & DAY TRIPS FROM BARCELONA

2-3 HOURS

Skip-the-line Sagrada Familia with audio guide

You'll skip the brutal queues and the audio guide actually explains Gaudí's obsessive symbolism in the facades, making the hours inside feel purposeful rather than crowded.

[Book now](#)

3 HOURS

Gaudí's masterpieces guided walk

Hit Casa Batlló, Casa Amatller, and Casa de les Punxes on a single street without the guesswork, plus context on what made Gaudí tick.

[Book now](#)

3 HOURS

Food and wine tapas tour with local guide

You'll taste properly made jamón ibérico, pa amb tomàquet, and local wines at three authentic neighbourhood bars where tourists don't usually go, plus learn which ones to return to

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2-3 HOURS

Picasso Museum skip-the-line entry

His early work and the Meninas series are worth seeing without the Sunday crowds jamming the narrow Medieval rooms.

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Park Güell, Vermouth and the Bunkers

Sunrise 6:18 AM

Golden hour 8:45 PM

Sunset 9:27 PM

Sleep in Eixample · night 2 of 4

Head up to Park Güell in the morning, have a vermouth at Muy Buenas, then climb the Bunkers del Carmel for the view over the city.

PREFER A GUIDE? · 2 HOURS

Park Güell skip-the-line ticket

Another Gaudí essential; the ticket gets you past the gatekeepers and into the mosaic-tiled plaza at a quieter time, though mornings are still your friend.

[Book this tour](#)

1



10:30 AM · 2 hours

[Book ahead](#)

Park Güell

\$15 per person · Open 8 AM-6 PM

Gaudí's tilework wonderland: mosaic-covered pathways, sculptural gatehouses and terraced gardens with city views. The park is on a hillside in Gràcia. From Casa Batlló, take Metro L3 north to Lesseps, then walk uphill 15 minutes (or a short bus from Passeig de Gràcia).

Insider tip: Buy a timed ticket online to skip the queue. The upper terraces have fewer people and better light for photos.

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2



1:00 PM · 1.5 hours

Vermouth Bar Muy Buenas

\$9-16 per person for vermouth and snacks · Open 12 PM-10 PM

Casual local spot in Gràcia village for vermouth and small plates. You'll find vintage seating and honest food without the tourist markup. A 10-minute walk downhill from Park Güell into the heart of Gràcia neighbourhood.

Insider tip: Order the vermouth con soda and any jamón croqueta. Lunch here is under 12 euros per person.

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3



5:00 PM · 2.5 hours

Bunkers del Carmel

Free

Abandoned 1930s anti-aircraft bunkers on a ridge with 360-degree views of Barcelona, Montjuïc and the Mediterranean. From Gràcia, take Metro L3 south to Fontana, then walk 20 minutes uphill to the entrance (or a short taxi ride to save energy for the climb).

Insider tip: Bring water and wear trainers. Arrive by 8:00 PM to claim a good spot for golden hour (8:45 PM). The ramparts face west; the view gets better as the sun drops.

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DAY 2: PARK GÜELL, VERMOUTH AND THE BUNKERS (CONTINUED)

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Where to eat

Gresca

Modern Catalan · Lunch · \$\$

Creative tasting plates, local ingredients, relaxed vibe near Gràcia

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Cal Pep

Seafood/Spanish · Dinner · \$\$

Counter seating, fresh fish, garlic shrimp. Eat early or book ahead

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Cathedral, Plaça Reial and Museu Picasso

Sunrise 6:18 AM

Golden hour 8:45 PM

Sunset 9:27 PM

Sleep in Eixample · night 3 of 4

Walk through the Gothic Quarter from the cathedral and Carrer del Bisbe to Plaça Reial, then spend the afternoon at the Museu Picasso.

1



8:30 AM · 1.5 hours

Cathedral of Barcelona (Catedral de Barcelona)

\$8 per person · Open 8 AM-7:45 PM

The Gothic Quarter's heart: a 13th-century cathedral with soaring ceilings and a cloister full of white geese. The facade is best seen before 9 AM when tour groups haven't arrived. Walk from your Eixample hotel to Plaça Reial (20 minutes on foot via Passeig de Gràcia and Carrer de Ferran), or take Metro L1/L3 to Liceu, then walk 5 minutes northeast.

Insider tip: Skip the tower climb. Stand in the cloister at 8:45 AM for the best light on the stone arches.

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2



10:00 AM · 45 minutes

Plaça Reial

Free

A hidden arcaded square ringed with palm trees and neoclassical buildings, where you'll see locals rather than crowds at this hour. It's the Gothic Quarter's best courtyard. 2 minutes walk south from the cathedral.

Insider tip: Sit at one of the cafe tables with a coffee and watch the square wake up.

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10:50 AM · 30 minutes

Carrer del Bisbe (Bishop Street)

Free

A narrow medieval lane with a Neo-Gothic bridge overhead connecting two buildings. It's postcard-perfect and quiet in the late morning. Walk north from Plaça Reial, 8 minutes.

Insider tip: Stand under the bridge around 11 AM when the light cuts through the street at an angle.

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11:30 AM · 2 hours

[Book ahead](#)

Museu Picasso Barcelona

\$15 per person · Open 9 AM-7 PM

Five Gothic palaces linked inside, housing Picasso's early work and a striking courtyard. The collection is smaller than Madrid's but more intimate. You'll see his evolution from age 15 onwards. 10-minute walk west from Carrer del Bisbe, or 5 minutes from Jaume I Metro stop on L4.

Insider tip: Go straight upstairs to the upper galleries first; they empty by midday while downstairs stays crowded.

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3:30 PM · 1 hour

El Xampanyet

\$5-13 per person for drinks · Open 11 AM-10 PM

A wood-paneled vermouth bar in the Born neighbourhood, one block from Picasso Museum. Order a glass of vermouth with a plate of conservas (tinned seafood) and jamón. It's old Barcelona, not touristy. 12-minute walk southeast from Cervecería Catalana, or Metro L4 from Passeig de Gràcia to Jaume I, then walk 8 minutes northeast.

Insider tip: Stand at the bar, not a table. Order the vermouth 'nature' (plain) or 'negra' (dark).

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5:00 PM · 1.5 hours

Quimet & Quimet

\$16-27 per person for pintxos and drinks · Open 12 PM-12 AM

A legendary standing-room montaditos bar tucked down a side street in Poble Sec. Towers of small bites: croquetas, jamón, pan con tomate. Cramped, loud, and worth the trip. Take Metro L2 from Jaume I to Parallel (3 stops, 5 minutes), then walk 10 minutes uphill on Blai.

Insider tip: Order half a dozen creations by pointing at the display. The house vermouth is excellent and cheap.

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6:45 PM · 1.5 hours

Bodega Montferry

\$9-16 per person for wine and snacks · Open 5 PM-midnight

A tiny traditional wine bar near La Rambla with marble-topped tables, cured meats, and an excellent wine list by the glass. It's where the crawl winds down into proper evening drinks. 8 minutes walk north from Quimet & Quimet (downhill to Parallel Metro, then L2 to Liceu, walk 5 minutes south).

Insider tip: Ask for a red Priorat or a white Albariño. The sobrasada (cured sausage) is excellent.

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DAY 3: CATHEDRAL, PLAÇA REIAL AND MUSEU PICASSO (CONTINUED)

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8:15 PM · 1.5 hours

La Rambla

Free

The famous tree-lined boulevard from Plaça Reial down to the waterfront. Walk it slowly at golden hour (8:45 PM onwards), watching street performers and the city soften in the last light. Stop at one of the waterfront terraces for a final drink. 5 minutes walk south from Bodega Montferry.

Insider tip: Walk down the middle of La Rambla; ignore street performers asking for tips. Sit at Mirablau or similar on the Drassanes waterfront terrace for the sunset.

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Where to eat

Flax & Kale

Brunch/Cafe · Breakfast · \$

Sourdough toast, strong coffee. Start here before the Gothic Quarter crowds hit.

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Bar del Pla

Tapas · Lunch · \$\$

Croquetas, jamón ibérico, vermouth. Tiny, standing-room bar on a medieval lane.

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Bodega Montferry

Tapas · Dinner · \$\$

Pan con tomate, gambas, local wine. Old-school vibe, locals only, perfect for crawling.

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Cal Pep

Seafood Tapas · Dinner · \$\$

Fresh fish, sea urchin, standing room. Book ahead or arrive before 7pm.

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Cervecería Catalana

Tapas · Dinner · \$\$

Packed, lively, endless small plates. Join the counter crush for the real Barcelona feel.

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Fundació Joan Miró and Barceloneta Beach

Sunrise 6:18 AM

Golden hour 8:45 PM

Sunset 9:27 PM

Sleep in Eixample · night 4 of 4

Visit the Fundació Joan Miró and the Mossèn Costa i Llobera gardens on Montjuïc, then head to Barceloneta and walk along the sand to Bogatell at sunset.

1

9:30 AM · 2 hours

Fundació Joan Miró

\$16 per person · Open 10 AM-7 PM

The world's best collection of Miró's colourful abstracts and sculptures. You'll spend 90 minutes inside, then walk downhill through gardens. Take the Metro L2 from Passeig de Gràcia (Eixample) to Parallel, then the funicular up to Montjuïc.

Insider tip: Skip the gift shop queues. Head straight to the top floor and work down to beat the crowds.

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2

12:00 PM · 1 hour

Jardins de Mossèn Costa i Llobera

Free

Mediterranean gardens with cacti, succulents, and terraced views over the city and sea. A 15-minute walk downhill from Fundació Joan Miró through quiet paths. Totally free and barely crowded.

Insider tip: Walk to the lower terrace at the far end for the clearest city views and a spot to sit.

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1:30 PM · 3 hours

Platja de la Barceloneta

Free

The nearest proper beach to the city centre, wide sand and calm water in June. Descend from the gardens and take Metro L2 from Parallel back to Paral·lel, then L4 to Barceloneta. 25 minutes total.

Insider tip: Grab lunch at a chiringuito (beach bar) on the sand itself. Espai Santa María has good paella and cold wine.

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8:15 PM · 1.5 hours

Sunset walk from Platja de la Barceloneta to Platja de Bogatell

Free

Walk northeast along the shore past the fishermen's quarter (Barri de la Barceloneta) to the quieter Bogatell beach. The light turns golden around 8:45 PM. You're already at the beach.

Insider tip: Stop at any beachfront chiringuito for a vermouth and aperitif as the sun drops. The view across to Montjuïc is soft and warm.

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DAY 4: FUNDACIÓ JOAN MIRÓ AND BARCELONETA BEACH (CONTINUED)

GO

9:45 PM · 0.5 hours

Return to Eixample

Take Metro L4 from Barceloneta station back to Passeig de Gràcia or your hotel stop in Eixample. 10 minutes, no crowds at 9:45 PM.

- Metro · 20-30 minutes · \$2.70 per person
- Taxi · 15 minutes · \$16-27 per trip
- Walk · 45 minutes · Free

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Where to eat

Flax and Kale

Mediterranean brunch · Breakfast · \$\$

Airy spot near Montjuïc. Order eggs, fresh juice, good coffee.

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Quimet & Quimet

Montaditos (Spanish tapas) · Lunch · \$

Tiny standing bar in Poble Sec. Stack of montaditos, sherry, efficient fun.

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Tickets Bar

Spanish tapas · Dinner · \$\$\$

Albert Adrià's playful tapas. Book weeks ahead or try the walk-in line.

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Should I book Sagrada Familia and Park Güell in advance?

Absolutely. Both sell out by late morning in June. Book online at least 3-5 days ahead for your preferred time slot.

What's the best tapas crawl route?

Skip the Gothic Quarter tourist traps. Start in Poble Sec (Carrer Blai or around Blai metro): Cal Pep, Bodega Montferry, or La Quetxetoria. Small plates, local crowd, honest prices.

When should I go to Bunkers del Carmel for sunset?

Arrive 30-45 minutes before sunset (around 9:15pm in early June). June sunsets are late, so plan an evening visit. It's free and has 360-degree city views.

Which beach is best for a couple?

Barceloneta is closest and liveliest; Bogatell is quieter and slightly less crowded. Both are reachable by metro (L4) in 20 minutes from the city centre.

What's the weather like in Barcelona in June?

Expect 25-28°C (77-82°F) with occasional rain. Pack light clothes, sunscreen, and a thin layer for air-conditioned museums and evening breezes off the Mediterranean.

Do people speak English in Barcelona?

Spoken here: Catalan and Spanish. English is widely spoken in hotels, restaurants, and tourist areas, but less reliable in neighbourhood bars and metro staff.

Useful phrases:

- Hola (OH-lah): Hello
- Una cervesa, per favor (OO-nah ser-VAY-sah, per fah-VOR): A beer, please
- L'compte, si us plau (lah KOM-ptuh, see oos PLOUW): The bill, please
- Quant costa? (KWANT KOS-tah): How much does it cost?
- Merci (MER-see): Thank you (Catalan)

Is Barcelona safe for visitors?

Pickpocketing on the metro, in Gothic Quarter, and around major sights is common. Keep bags in front, avoid flashing phones or cameras, and watch for distraction scams.

What's the emergency number in Spain?

Call 112 for police, ambulance or fire. It's free and works from any phone, including a foreign mobile.

Do you tip in Spain?

Tipping isn't expected but rounding up or leaving 5-10% at restaurants and bars is appreciated. Taxis rarely receive tips unless you're pleased with the service.

What do only locals know about Barcelona?

- Book Sagrada Familia online before you arrive; queues hit two hours by mid-morning in June and skip-the-line tickets sell out.
- Locals eat dinner after 9pm, so head to tapas bars around 7-8pm when you'll have tables to yourself and can actually talk to bartenders.
- Hit the beach before 11am or after 5pm to avoid the midday crush and Mediterranean sun at its worst.
- Casa Batlló's night tickets (after 9pm) are cheaper and less crowded than daytime, and the lit facade is stunning.