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BIENVENIDO A BARCELONA!

"Bienvenido a Barcelona!"

A few useful tips before you visit...

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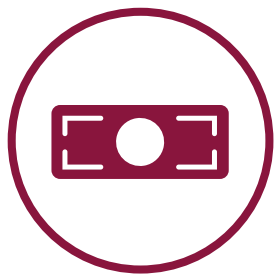
“Bienvenido a Barcelona!”

With almost 8 million visitors in 2014, Barcelona is one of the most popular tourist destinations on earth.

The reasons for this popularity are no great secret. For over 150 years, Barcelona has steadily built its reputation as a city sculpted for **cultural creativity** and **architectural beauty**. It also has a history of being one of the most forward cities with a mind geared towards the tourism industry. Many of its greatest attractions from the late nineteenth and early twentieth centuries were created to present a magnificent display of culture and art that would resonate on the world stage, and draw in wealthy tourists for Barcelona's economic benefit.

From the uniform grid structure of the impressive **Eixample** district to the great works of **Gaudi**, Barcelona's daring designs hark back to a bygone era of architectural glory - but the city isn't just about bricks and mortar. The proud and patriotic **Catalan culture** is ever present within its vibrant capital. This is most clearly seen in the arts, with the presence of many theatres, art galleries, festivals and musical performances. Whether you prefer to kick back and relax on the beach, absorb local history in the many museums or simply immerse yourself in the cultural vibrancy of the markets, main squares and nightlife venues, it is not difficult to find something to enjoy in Barcelona.

A FEW USEFUL TIPS BEFORE YOU VISIT...



MONEY

When using ATMs, always opt to be charged in euros rather than your native currency - otherwise you will be unwittingly accepting the unfavourable exchange rates of the "Dynamic Currency Conversion" (DCC).



SAFETY

Pickpockets on the prowl! Barcelona is well-known for having an endemic of pickpockets. Try to avoid crowds within the main tourist areas, and make sure that you don't have valuables on show. For more safety tips, check out this [website](#).



LANGUAGE

While Spanish is almost universally understood within Barcelona, Catalans are notoriously proud of their own language and culture. In light of this, it wouldn't hurt to learn a few words of Catalan before visiting the city.



SHOPPING

No shopping on Sundays! Many restaurants and bars also close their doors on this holy day of rest, which is good to know in advance if you're just visiting for the weekend.




DINING

Like everywhere else in Spain, Barcelona restaurants offer the best value for money at lunchtime. Menus are more restricted at this time, but the lower price tag more than makes up for this.



TRANSPORT

Never buy a single ticket, if you can avoid doing so. Single tickets are expensive, and are often used by naive tourists. Purchasing a T-10 ticket can lead to significant savings for you and your holiday group.

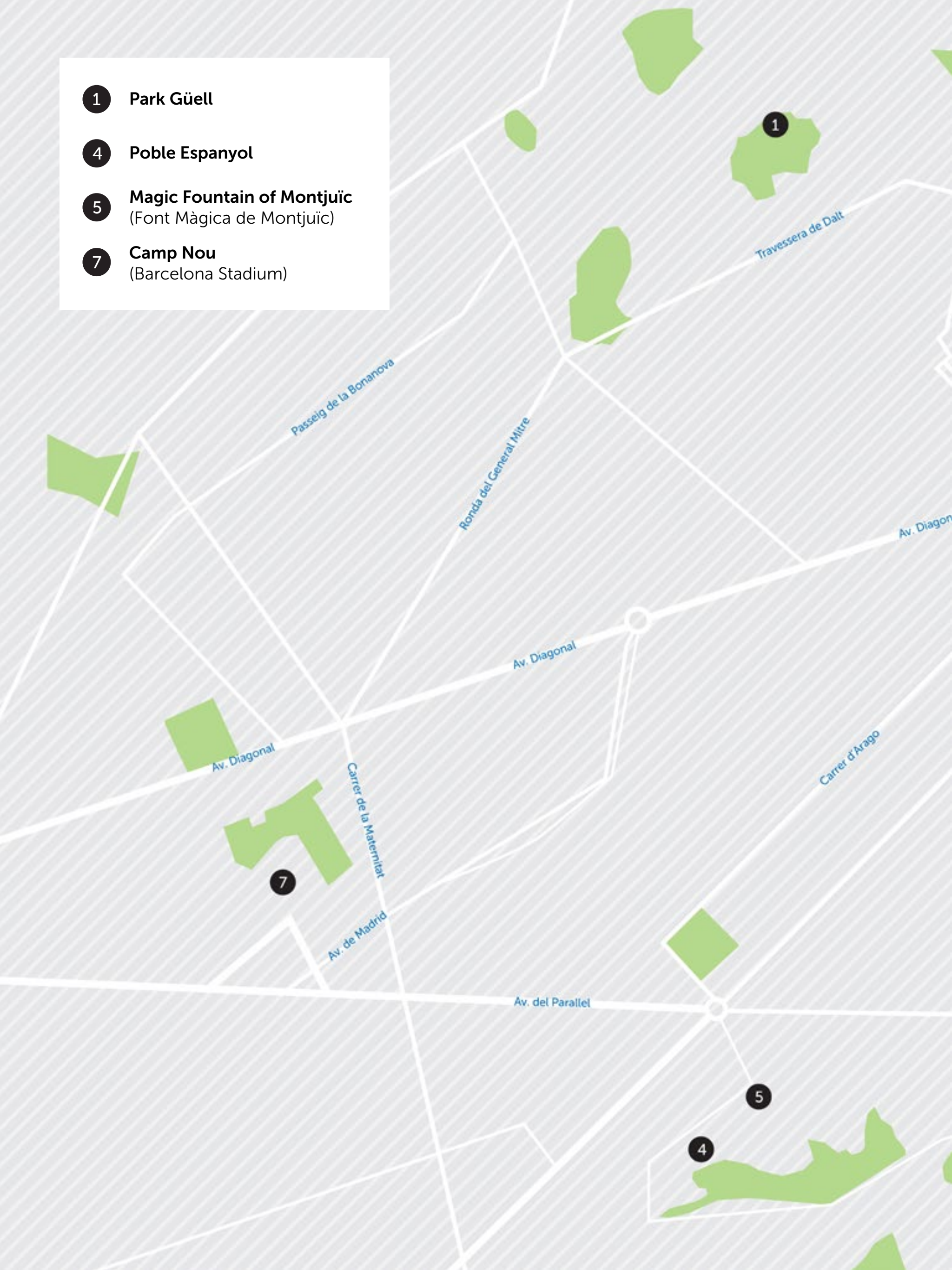


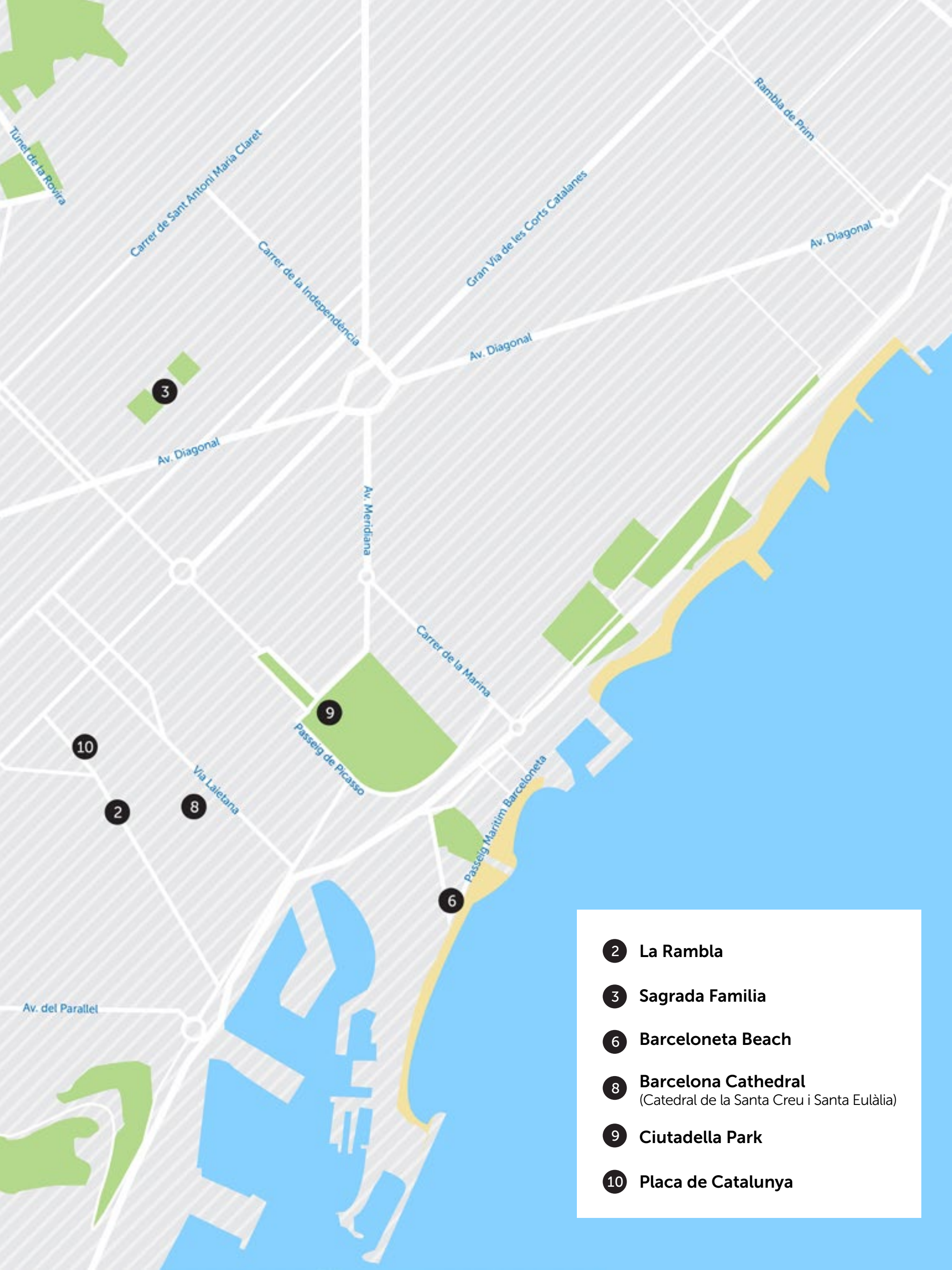
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BARCELONA'S TOP LANDMARKS

1. Park Güell
2. La Rambla
3. Sagrada Familia Basilica
4. Poble Espanyol
5. Magic Fountain of Montjuïc
(Font Màgica de Montjuïc)
6. Barceloneta Beach
7. Camp Nou
(Barcelona Stadium)
8. Barcelona Cathedral
(Catedral de la Santa Creu i
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10. Plaça de Catalunya

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PARK GÜELL






Designed by the master builder **Antoni Gaudi**, Park Güell is undeniably one of the most unusual and impressive parks in western Europe. Although now open to the public, Park Güell began its existence as a commercial housing project commissioned by **Count Eusebi Güell** in 1900. The venture was unsuccessful, and the park became public property in 1923. Entrance to the main area of the park is free, though to see the stunning buildings and architectural follies of Gaudi's "**Monumental Zone**" an entrance fee is required.

Park Güell Monumental Zone

-  **ADMISSION**
Regular €8, Reduced €5.60,
Children aged 0-6 years Free
-  **OPENING TIMES**
Oct 25 – Mar 28 8.30am – 6.15pm
Mar 29 – May 3 8am – 8pm
May 4 – Sept 6 8am – 9.30pm
Sept 7 – Oct 24 8am – 8pm
-  **ADDRESS**
Carrer d'Olot, s/n, 08024 Barcelona, Spain
-  **GETTING THERE**
Metro: L3 (Lesseps, Vallcarca)
-  **OFFICIAL WEBSITE**
<http://www.parkguell.cat/en/>
- OFFICIAL GUIDE APP**
<http://www.audioguia.parkguellonline.cat/?L=2>

The entrance to the fascinating Monumental Zone is located on Carrer d'Olot, flanked by two elaborate pavilions – the Porter's Lodge and the Warden's House. From the entrance courtyard, visitors are directed to the **Dragon Staircase** – named as such due to the dragon mosaic statue that sits between its two branches. At the top of the steps, visitors come face to face with the grand **Hypostyle Room**. Originally intended as a marketplace for the exclusive residential estate, the design of the Hypostyle Room is based upon that of ancient **Roman temples**.

Gaudi House Museum

-  **ADMISSION**
Regular €5.50, Reduced €4.50
-  **OPENING TIMES**
Oct – March 10am – 6pm
Apr-Sept 9am – 8pm
-  **ADDRESS**
Park Güell, Ctra. del Carmel, 23A, 08024 Barcelona
-  **GETTING THERE**
Metro: L3 (Lesseps)
Bus: 24, 92 (Carretera del Carmel). 32, H6,
116 (Carrer d'Olot)
-  **OFFICIAL WEBSITE**
<http://www.casamuseugaudi.org/cm-eng/index.php>



2 LA RAMBLA

Stretching 1.2 kilometres, this tree-lined boulevard is the largest and most popular shopping street in Barcelona. La Rambla begins on the corner of the famous **Plaça de Catalunya** Square and ends at the **Mirador de Colom** – a 60-metre monument to **Christopher Columbus**.

La Rambla is popular with both locals and tourists alike, and boasts numerous attractions, such as the **Palau de la Virreina** (the city council's Culture Institute) and Barcelona's famous opera house, the [Gran Teatre del Liceu](#).

Other landmarks along La Rambla include the [Picasso Museum](#) and Barcelona's oldest theatre, the **Teatre Principal**. Along the distance of the central walkway, visitors will encounter many street performers, including human statues, artists and circus professionals. The street even features work from the famous painter **Joan Miró**. The Miró mosaic is located next to Liceu Metro Station.



GETTING THERE

Metro: L1, L3 (Catalunya) L3 (Liceu)

Bus: 14, 59, 91, N9, N12, N15 (La Rambla)

3 SAGRADA FAMILIA BASILICA

The imposing **Sagrada Familia** is undoubtedly Antoni Gaudi's greatest unfinished masterpiece. Although construction began in 1882, by the time of Gaudi's death in 1926 the basilica was only between 15 and 25 percent complete. In the time that followed, construction work continued under the direction of a number of successive architects. The development was greatly delayed however by historical events – such as the **Spanish Civil War**, during which parts of the basilica and its designs were destroyed in the crossfire.

Building work continues to this day, with an estimated completion date of 2026 – the 100 year anniversary of Gaudi's death. Despite being incomplete, the church was consecrated by **Pope Benedict XVI** as a minor basilica in 2010. The ongoing construction work is unsupported by any government or church group, which means that all funds come from entrance fees and private donations. Disabled visitors and children 10 years of age or under are entitled to free access.



ADMISSION

Regular €15, Students €9

Concessions Free Sagrada Familia + guide €19.50

Sagrada Familia + guide and Tower access €24



OPENING TIMES

Nov – Feb 9am – 6pm

Apr – Sept 9am – 8pm

Oct – Mar 9am – 7pm



ADDRESS

Carrer de Mallorca, 401, 08013 Barcelona



GETTING THERE

Metro: L2, L5 (Sagrada Familia)

Bus: 19, 33, 34, 43, 44, 50, 51, B20, B24 (Sagrada Familia)



OFFICIAL WEBSITE

<http://www.sagradafamilia.org/en/>



4 POBLE ESPANYOL

Poble Espanyol is a unique and impressive architectural feat, boasting 117 **full-scale replicas** of buildings, streets and squares from around fifteen of Spain's autonomous communities. It is the fourth most popular attraction in Barcelona, and is one of the most daring architectural museums in the whole of Europe.

Like many of Barcelona's top attractions, Poble Espanyol came into existence for the purpose of wooing the world community with examples of Spain's architectural,

cultural and economic prowess. The initial intention had been to deconstruct the attraction after the 1929 International Exposition, but in light of its popularity the decision was reversed.

Today, the site functions as an **open-air architectural museum**, as well as a nightlife venue and a centre for contemporary art. The artificial village is also regularly used for special events, including craft fairs, concerts and 'Gastropops'.



ADMISSION

Regular €12, Children Aged 4-12 €7, Students €9.50, Aged 65+ €8.40



OPENING TIMES

Mon 9am – 8pm
Tue, Wed, Thur & Sun 9am – midnight
Fri 9am – 3am, Sat 9am – 4am



ADDRESS

Avda. de Francesc Ferrer i Guàrdia, 13, 08038 Barcelona



GETTING THERE

Bus: 13, 23, 150 (Poble Espanyol)



OFFICIAL WEBSITE

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



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MAGIC FOUNTAIN OF MONTJUÏC

(Font Màgica de Montjuïc)

This magnificent water feature would give any Vegas-style extravaganza a run for its money. The first performance of the impressive Magic Fountain was for the 1929 **International Exposition**. To this day it remains Barcelona's largest and most extravagant fountain, and its monumental shows attract spectators from around the globe.

Combining water acrobatics with synchronised music and a lighting system boasting over 50 shades, the Magic Fountain has the power to compete with any pyrotechnic display. The antique water feature has a pool capacity of 3.1 million litres, and was cleverly built to connect to the

groundwater network of Montjuïc Mountain. During each show it is capable of pumping 2,600 litres per second through its system.

The **Montjuïc** site also boasts a number of other attractions that were created for the International Exposition and remain in use to this day. These include the [National Museum of Catalan Visual Art](#), which is housed within the **Palau Nacional**, the Archeology Museum of Catalonia, located within the former Palace of Graphic Arts, and the [Ciutat del Teatre](#) which makes use of the former Centre of Agriculture and Sports Palace.



SHOW TIMES

May-Sept Thur – Sun 9pm – 11.30pm.

Musical sessions at half hour intervals
Oct-Apr Fri-Sat 7pm-9pm.

Musical sessions at half hour intervals



ADDRESS

Plaça de Carles Buïgas, s/n, 08038 Barcelona



GETTING THERE

Bus: 13, 150 (Plaça de Carles Buïgas)

Metro: L1, L8 (Pl. Espanya)



6 BARCELONETA BEACH

Barceloneta Beach is the closest beach to the city centre, and in light of this it's hardly surprisingly that it gets busy – especially during the summer months. Nevertheless – as one of the most vibrant beaches in the region, it is well worth a visit. Not only is it the **most popular surf beach** in the city, it offers a whole range of recreational activities. Whether you prefer windsurfing, kite surfing, sailing, swimming or simply sunbathing, you're likely to find something to enjoy here.



ADMISSION
Free

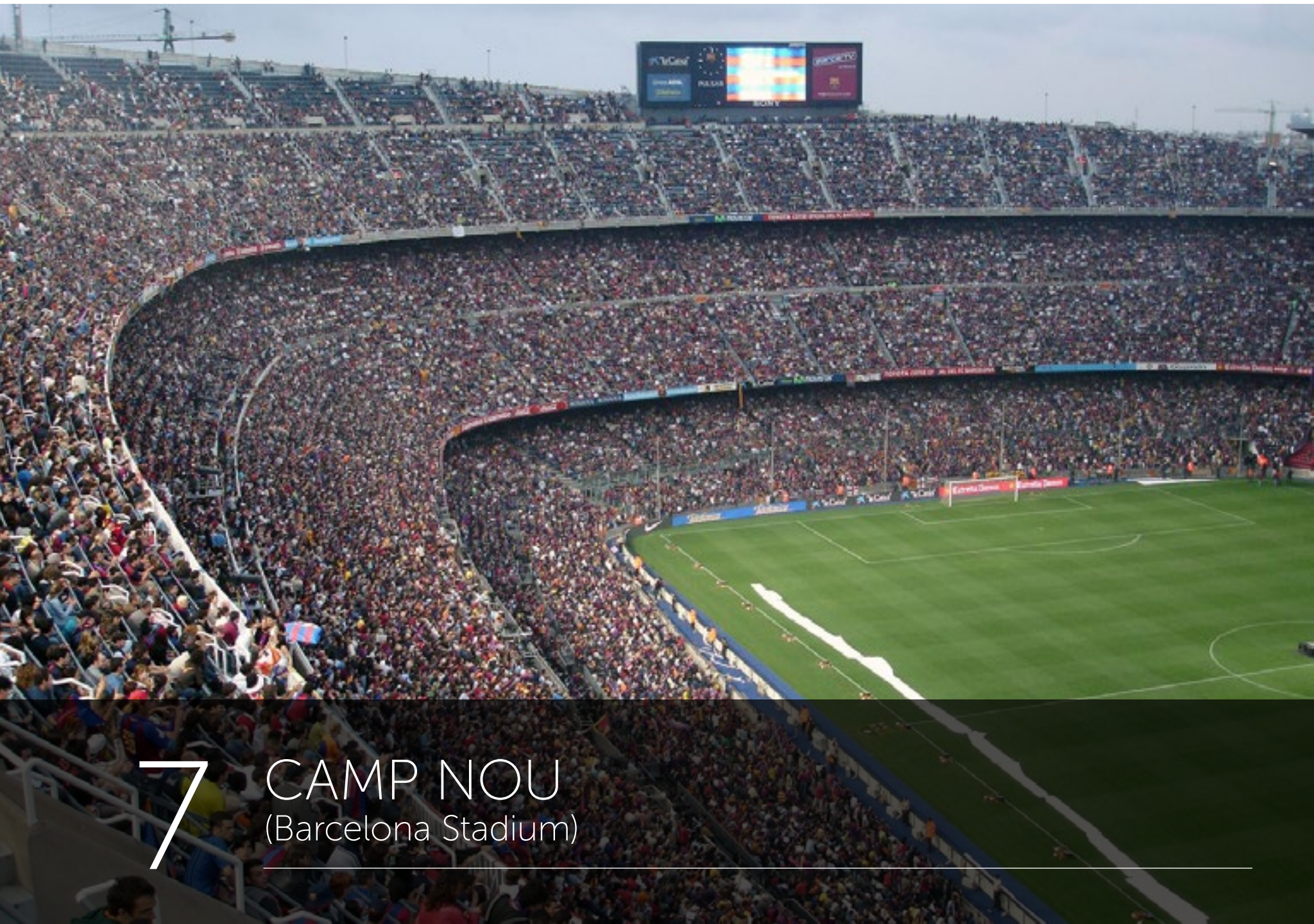


LOCATION
Passeig Marítim Barceloneta, 08003 Barcelona



GETTING THERE
Bus: 45, 59, D20, N8 (Platja de la Barceloneta)
Metro: L4 (Barceloneta)

While there is a lot on offer, it must be noted that this isn't the type of beach where you can enjoy peace and quiet. The lively coastline is often crowded during peak season is scouted by freelance vendors selling drinks from cool boxes, or offering hair braiding or massage. There are also many dining opportunities along the coastline – ranging from sand-strewn beach bars to the cool indoor eateries along the promenade.



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CAMP NOU (Barcelona Stadium)

The imposing **Camp Nou** Stadium is famous the world over – and not without good reason. Boasting a total seating capacity of 99,354, it holds the grand title of being the **largest stadium in Europe**. While this number is impressive, it used to be higher. At its peak, the stadium was capable of holding over **120,000** fans. It was also originally called **Estadi del FC Barcelona**, but the name was changed following a popular vote in 2000.

In its lifetime, the stadium has undergone numerous revamps and has been the centre stage for a number major international footballing events – including the **1972 European Cup** and the **1982 World Cup**. Next door to stadium, visitors will find the most visited museum in Catalonia – the **FC Barcelona Museum**, which racks up a visitor count of over 1.5 million per year.

A concise list of opening times for the Camp Nou Tour and Museum can be found [here](#).

Camp Nou Tour & FC Barcelona Museum



ADMISSION

Regular €23

Concessions €17

Children aged 5 and under Free

TOUR DURATION: 1 hour 30 minutes



LOCATION

Carrer d'Aristides Maillol, 12, 08028 Barcelona



GETTING THERE

Metro: L3 (Palau Reial, Les Corts) L5 (Collblanc, Badal)



OFFICIAL WEBSITE

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

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BARCELONA CATHEDRAL
(Catedral de la Santa Creu i Santa Eulàlia)

Nestled within the **Barri Gòtic** district, this fine example of Gothic architecture is situated in the very heart of Barcelona's old town centre. The site of the cathedral as a place of worship dates back to the **4th century** - though in the centuries that followed, the church underwent a gradual evolution to become the grand edifice that we see today.

Much of current building was constructed between the 13th and 15th centuries, though the neo-Gothic facade wasn't added until the late 19th and early 20th centuries. The reasoning behind the revamp came as part of a plan to improve the aesthetic appeal of the historic centre for the **1929 International Exposition**, in an attempt to turn

Barcelona into an attractive tourist attraction.

The cathedral's name is taken from **Saint Eulalia**, co-patron of Barcelona, who suffered martyrdom during Roman times at the age of 13. As an ongoing tradition in tribute to its patron, 13 white geese are kept in the cathedral's secluded gothic cloister.

Entry is free most of the day, though a donation of €7 per person is required for visits between 2pm and 5pm on Sundays, and from 1pm until 5.30pm the rest of the week. For groups, this donation is reduced to €5 per person. Visitors can also access the rooftops or the choir for an additional donation of €3 for each.

**OPENING TIMES**

Mon – Sat 8am – 7.30pm

Sundays and holidays 8am – 8pm

Cloister opening times:

Mon-Sat 8.30am – 12.30pm, 5.45pm-7pm

Sundays and holidays 8.30am – 1pm, 5.15pm – 7pm

**ADDRESS**

Pla de la Seu, s/n, 08002 Barcelona

**GETTING THERE**

Metro: L4 (Jaume I)

Bus: 45, N8 (Via Laietana – Pl. Ramon Berenguer)

**OFFICIAL WEBSITE:**

<http://www.catedralbcn.org/index.php?lang=en>



9 CIUTADELLA PARK

Far from being a typical greenscape for relaxation and leisure, **Ciutadella Park** has both a colourful and varied history and an exciting range of attractions on offer. The park is in part a remnant of the 18th-century fortified citadel ('Ciutadella') that was constructed following Barcelona's defeat in the **War of the Spanish Succession**.

The citadel was demolished in the mid 19th-century, and moves to convert the area to a public park were in progress. The site was designated to become the location of the **1888 Universal Exposition**, and it owes much of its current layout to this time in its history. It was at this

time that many of the park's elaborate buildings were constructed to display the city's wealth and history. Many of these remain – the most notable being **Castell dels Tres Dragons**, which houses collections from the **Natural History Museum**.

Also within the park, visitors will find the **Cascada Fountain** with its grand triumphal arch, the **Catalan Parliament Building** and the **Martorell Museum**. **Barcelona Zoo** is located in the southeast side of the park, and boasts 7,500 animals.



LOCATION

Carrer d'Aristides Maillol, 12, 08028 Barcelona



GETTING THERE

Metro: L4 (Vila Olímpica), Tram T4 (Ciutadella)

Bus: 39, 51 (Picasso-Princesa) 36, 92 (Vila Olímpica)



OFFICIAL WEBSITE

<http://www.barcelona.de/en/barcelona-parc-ciutadella.html>



10 PLAÇA DE CATALUNYA

Considered by some to be the central square of Barcelona, **Plaça de Catalunya** is both unique and characterful. As the centre of Barcelona, some of the city's most significant avenues converge on the square – including La Rambla, Passeig de Gracia and Rambla de Catalunya. The square also bridges the old town districts with the newer Eixample district, and acts as both a **vibrant cultural centre** and a major transport hub.

The popular square is home to numerous fountains, sculptures and statues of artistic and cultural significance. Historically, the square has been used for many cultural purposes, including open air theatres, protests and social gatherings. Today, the area is one of the city's most popular attractions, and draws in tourists and locals alike.



GETTING THERE

Metro: L1, L3 (Catalunya)

Bus: 24, 41, 42, 55, H16, 67, 68 N1, N2, N3, N6, N8 (Plaça de Catalunya)

