

Sights to see:

- [La Sagrada Familia](#) (Buy tickets online in advance to skip the line [here](#).)
- [Casa Battó](#) (My favorite of Gaudi's houses! Buy tickets online in advance [here](#).)
- [Parc Guell](#) (Coolest park ever! Buy tickets online [here](#).)
- [Camp Nou](#) (FC Barcelona's fútbol stadium. Try to get tickets for a game! If you can't, definitely do the tour -- it's pretty cool. You can just buy tickets there for a self-guided tour)
- Walk through [La Boqueria](#) market & down [Las Ramblas Street](#) (the market is right off of Las Ramblas, which is a super touristy street. Watch out for pick pocketers here.)
- [Montjuïc](#) & [Olympic Stadium](#) (Rent electric bikes [here](#) to ride up Montjuïc, and stop by the Olympic Stadium half way up. There is also a castle at the top with cool views.)
- [Barceloneta Beach](#) (It's warm enough from May through September to lay out typically. Otherwise, just walk around for the views.)
- Plaza España
- [The Bunker](#) (One of my favorite views of Barca, and typically deserted as it's off the tourist path. You can take the metro most the way, then it's a little bit of an uphill walk up it. You'll find old war bunkers with new graffiti every time you go. The views are truly breathtaking!)
- [The Labrynth Park](#) (This park is really cool that's actually a maze!)

Restaurants:

- **Lunch**
 - [Bo De B](#) (The best sandwiches ever. I still crave these! You get a ton of food and it's really cheap and right on the border of El Born and the Gothic districts.)
 - [El Xampanyet](#) (An awesome tapas/lunch spot. This place is extra cool because it has a super authentic Spanish vibe. They're famous for the their hamburguesa and cava rosa. Here you'll stand the entire time, grab a tapa or two, and have a drink. You just throw your trash on the ground when you're done, and they'll come by and sweep it up periodically.)
- **Dinner:**
 - [Cera 23](#) (District: El Ravel), *modern Spanish cuisine*
 - [Can Cisa](#) (District: El Born), *tapas and wine bar*
 - [Cal Pep](#) (District: El Ravel), *tapas*
 - [Cuines Santa Caterina](#) (District: El Born), *Mediterranean-Japanese Fusion*
 - [Cervecería Catalana](#) (District: L'Eixample), *tapas*
 - [Quimet & Quimet](#) (District: El Poble-sec), *tapas*

**stay away from food on Las Ramblas*

Bars: Don't go to bars until around midnight

- [Chupitos](#) (Try the Harry Potter shot and the boy scout shot!)
- [Dow Jones](#) (stock market bar thats super cool!)
- [Pippermints](#) (The drinks are fishbowls – great for groups.)
- [Le Cyrano](#) (This bar is owned by mother and son and has amazing service. It's a local spot, with a truly Catalan vibe. It's a great, cheap place to drink and you are able to pour your own drinks.)
- [L'Ovella Negra](#) (An awesome pub. You can purchase 5L mini taps of beer or sangria. It's a huge beer hall and very loud, so a great place to go with friends to play drinking games!)

Dance Clubs: Go around 1:30-2:00-6:00 AM (Barca has the *best* night life. You must take advantage of it while you're there!)

- [Opium](#)
- [CDLC](#)
- [Shoko](#)
- [Razzmatazz](#)
- [Café Marula](#)

**Search for news about these clubs on Twitter and Facebook to find promoter specials – typically if you say a specific promoter's name at the door between certain hours, you can get in free without paying a cover charge.*

Day Trips from Barcelona: all of these cities are about an hour train ride from Barcelona and are worth the visit if you have the time.

- [Girona](#): an old town with hundred of ancient arcaded houses, beautiful churches, and cobbled streets. Home to a huge Jewish community. There is also an airport here that [RyanAir](#) flies to for cheaper fares.
- [Costa Brava](#): a small city on the north coast of Spain with tropical beaches and relaxing days, but a lively nightlife scene. It's only a popular day trip during the summer season (June to mid September), and completely deserted after that.
- [Montserrat](#): Montserrat Mountain is Catalunya's holiest site, and a monastery. You'll take about an hour train ride and then take cable cars up the mountain to the basilica on the mountain face; the views are breathtaking. This is also a beautiful area to hike in.
- [Sitges](#): A cute town with whitewashed walls that is perfect for relaxing on the gorgeous beaches. Again, it's very crowded during the summer season, and desolate during the cooler months. There are a lot of contemporary and modern art galleries here too.