

the unlike guide to

barcelona

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I've been following the Barcelona scene since the very first Sonar Festival back in the nineties, playing live with the Private Lightning Six or during various DJ bookings at the Moog Club, the Lolita and some prime Kiosks at the beach. Barcelona always means an escape from sticky Vienna for me—a dive into Mediterranean culture, into the sunny seaside. And don't forget the culinary experiences!

Le Swing

Heaven for vintage hunters

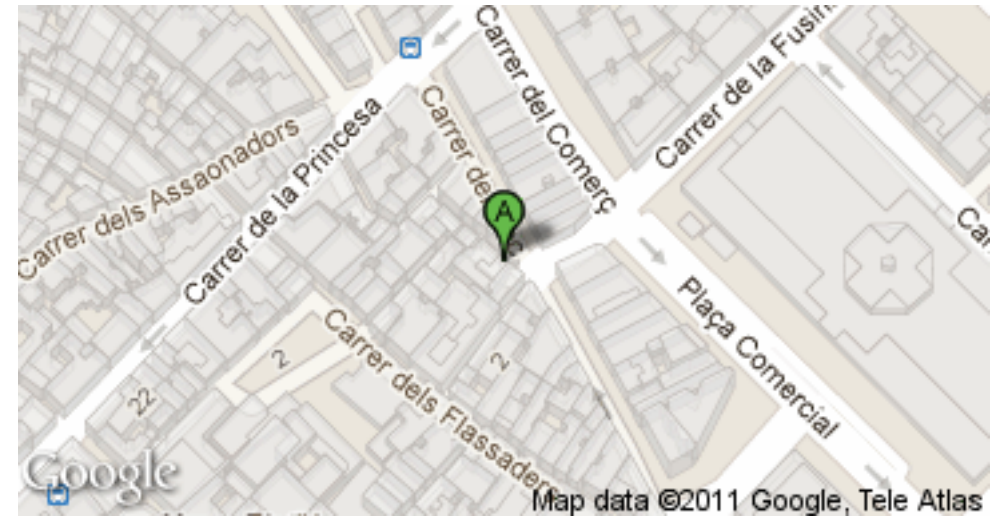


"Delicatdressesen for guys and dolls" is the upfront motto for this vintage de luxe second-hand designer shop.

Le Swing transports its shoppers to a dreamed past of movie stars and dear old kitsch with a nostalgic collection of original antiques from classic names (Chanel, Vuitton, St.Laurent) and new retro-chic clothing from local designers. A few choice pieces of throwback furniture coexist with '80s shades and a pair of old yet still crisp roller skates. The sum total is a carefully curated time-capsule of what we love about each twentieth-century decade.

Shop | Ciutat Vella

Mon Sat, 11:00 15:00 & 17:00 20:30



"Found perfect driving-gloves for my vintage rides here..."

Le Swing

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W. www.leswingvintage.com

Transport:
[L3] at Jaume 1

**Raval
secondhand
accessories
designer
clothing
vintage
furniture**

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Barcelona Reykjavk

Give us this day our daily bread

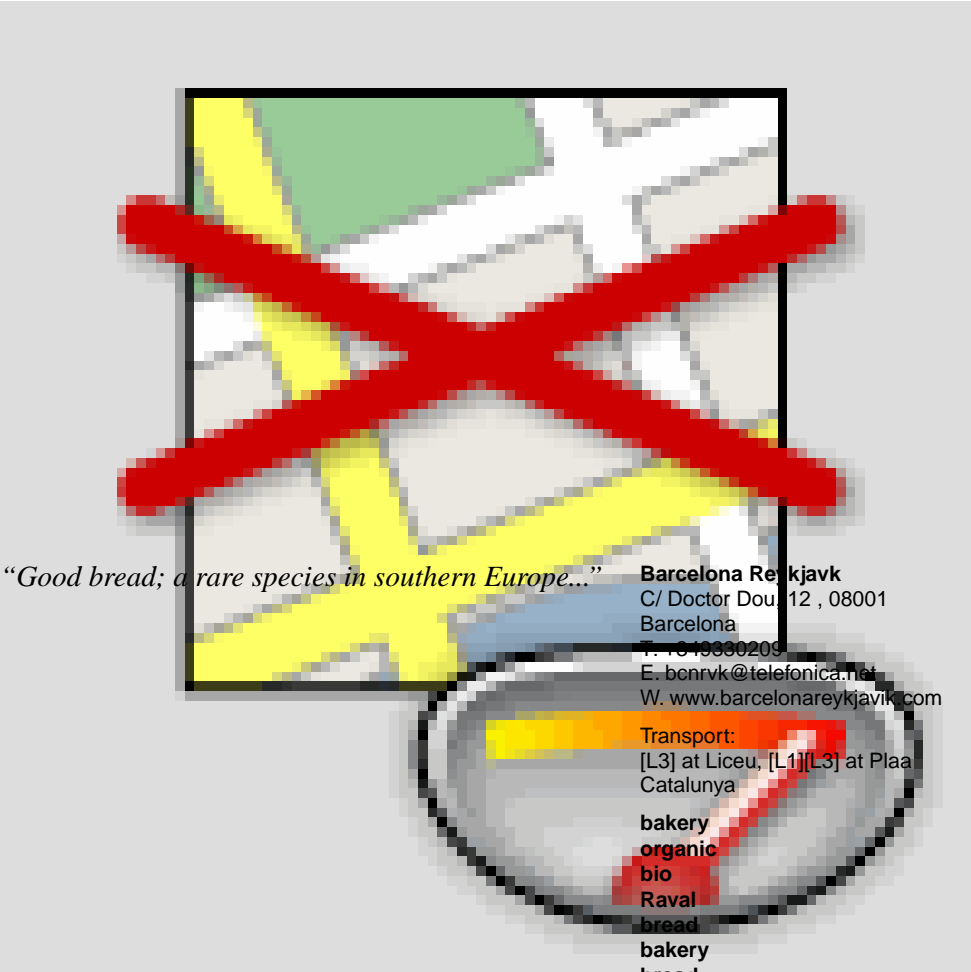


Stone-ground flour, purified water, unrefined Atlantic sea salt and years-old sourdough starters are just some of the organic ingredients used to sift, knead, and bake the perfect artisanal loaf. Whether it's a dense, moist bread with a sweet, wet crust or a fluffy, airy affair with a crisp, crackling exterior, Reykjavk sells its splendid breads straight from the oven.

The bakery employs methods that harken back to the food staple's culinary roots, folding its fresh doughs with gluten-free spelt, wild herbs and seasonal fruits. From classic breads and pastries to new-age innovations—green pea flour, anyone?—these healthy, modernized versions can quickly run the course from feeding frenzy to a few, measly crumbs.

Food | Ciutat Vella

Mon Fri, 10:00 21:00; Sat, 10:00 18:00



“Good bread; a rare species in southern Europe...”

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Barcelona
T. +34 93330209
E. benrvk@telefonica.net
W. www.barcelonareykjavik.com

Transport:
[L3] at Liceu, [L1][L3] at Plaa
Catalunya

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organic
bio
Raval
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Discos Impacto

Immediate impact

Shop | Ciutat Vella

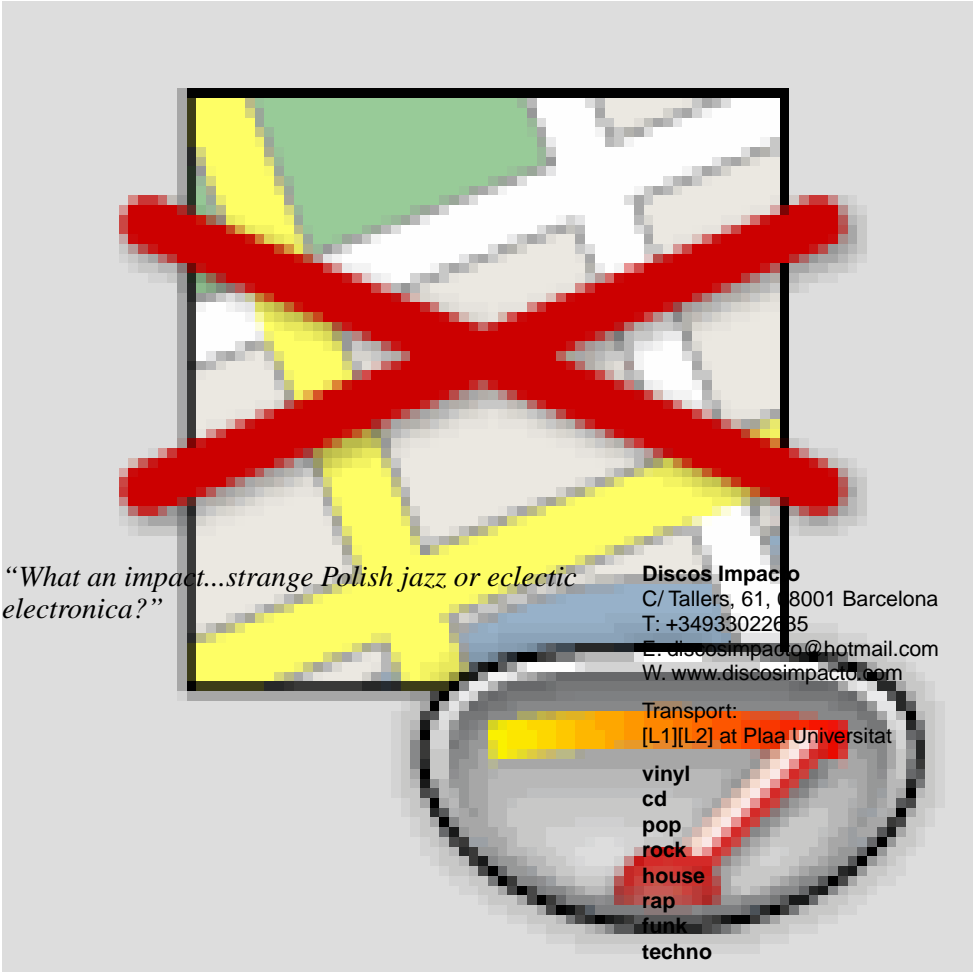
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Discos Impacto looks just like a record store should. It's fantastically cluttered, with vinyl and CD covers peeping out from every infinitesimal space.

While the interior is something to cherish in itself, it's really no surprise that the stock is the star of the show. The selection covers all styles and spans so many genres, including rock, pop, soul, funk, jazz and house.

The pick of the litter is the fantastic rare records section, which, despite being rather small, is a sure thing for anyone looking to unearth a gem: picture discs, special editions and deleted rarities abound. And if this somehow fails to satisfy your urge for discovery, then set your sights on the great bit of kitsch memorabilia available as well.



“What an impact...strange Polish jazz or eclectic electronica?”

Discos Impacto
C/ Tallers, 61, 08001 Barcelona
T: +34933022635
E: discosimpacto@hotmail.com
W: www.discosimpacto.com

Transport:
[L1][L2] at Plaça Universitat

- vinyl
- cd
- pop
- rock
- house
- rap
- funk
- techno

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Museu de la Xocolata

Chocolate lovers unite



Does chocolate play a large role in your life? Do you feel like its cultural impact has been overlooked? Then here's your must-see museum. The intoxicating sweet, and to some, aphrodisiac, is honored in all its glory at the Museu de la Xocolata (Chocolate Museum), first opened in 2000 by Barcelona's Confectionary Guild, the Gremio Provincial de Pastelera y Confitera de Barcelona.

The Chocolate Museum is the first facility of its kind in Catalonia, and thanks to the efforts of Guild members and their supporters, offers a mouthwatering range of confectionery delights, highlighting the history and modernization of the phenomenal sweet. The museum's delicate design and prime location are testament to the importance of chocolate, and the unequivocal impact of a sugar rush.

Culture | Ciutat Vella
Mon Sat, 10:00 19:00; Sun, 10:00 15:00

A stylized map of Barcelona with a red 'X' over it, indicating the location of the museum. The map is in shades of yellow and white, with a red 'X' crossing it out. Below the map is a circular inset showing a street view of the museum's location, with a red arrow pointing to the building. The text "sweet chocolate" is written in the inset.

"Time for munchies!"

Museu de la Xocolata
C/ Comer, 32, 08003 Barcelona
T: +34932687878
E: museu@patisserie.cat
W: [patisserie.cat/...](http://patisserie.cat/)

Transport:
[L1] at Arc de Triomf; [L4] at Jaume 1

sweet chocolate

MACBA

Contemporary muse



The Museu de Arte Contemporani de Barcelona holds the record for hosting provocative and vital exhibitions, coupled with an impressive permanent collection of Spanish, Catalan and international art from the latter half of the 20th century. The interior challenges the accepted notion of a gallery as a blank space or museum for art, due to its imposing and vivid design features.

The building is just as impressive from the outside, and the surrounding area is a great place to hang out, adored by skaters and photographers alike, for its expanse of concrete and sleek modern architecture. It's a great place to head for a coffee or beer, with a wealth of stimuli on offer to those who venture inside.

Culture | Ciutat Vella

Mon, Wed, Thurs, Fri, 11:00 19:30; Sat, 10:00 20:00; Sun, 10:00 15:00

A stylized map of Barcelona with a red 'X' over it. The map shows the city's layout with yellow and green areas. A red 'X' is drawn across the map, indicating a location or event. The map is framed by a black border.

*“Had a great concert with *The Private Lightning* Six back in the days: *Sonar, 1996.*”*

MACBA
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E. exposicions@macba.cat
W. www.macba.es

Transport:
[L1][L2] at Plaça Universitat,
[L1][I3] at Plaça Catalunya

**museum
contemporary
Raval**

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Casa Camper

Following family footsteps



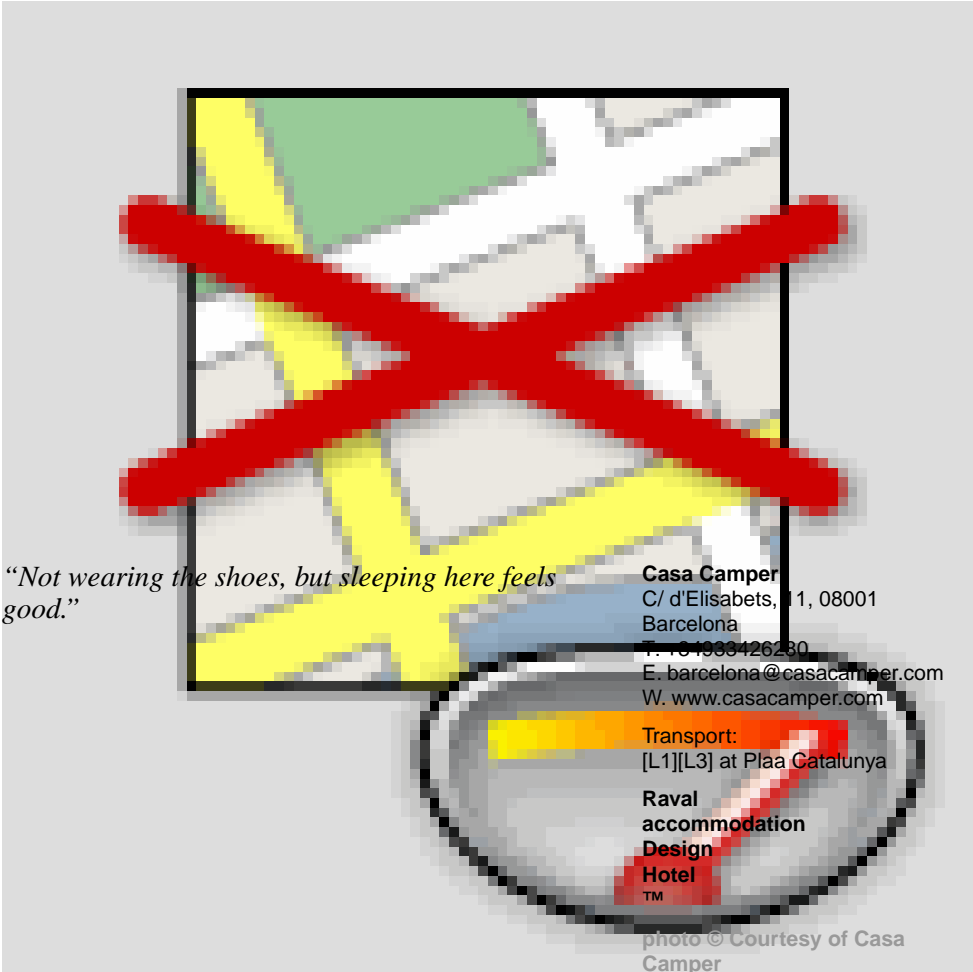
Camper offers more than just comfortable shoes. The company's hotel, Casa Camper, is steps away from the La Boqueria market in busy Raval but provides guests with bountiful countryside hospitality.

Take advantage of the hotel's central location by renting hotel bicycles as an athletic way to explore the city. Those looking for less activity can relax on Casa Camper's rooftop terrace with a spectacular view across Barcelona's skyline. Meanwhile, each of the 25 rooms comes equipped with the usual range of high-quality amenities, though perhaps most enticing is the Tentempié (light snacks based on sandwiches, juices, tea, etc.) served in the hotel lounge throughout the day.

As part of the Design Hotels family, Casa Camper naturally provides guests with close encounters in chic design—large ballroom and all. Twin rooms start at 225.

Hotel | Ciutat Vella

'Round The Clock Reception



ADN

Creative defense

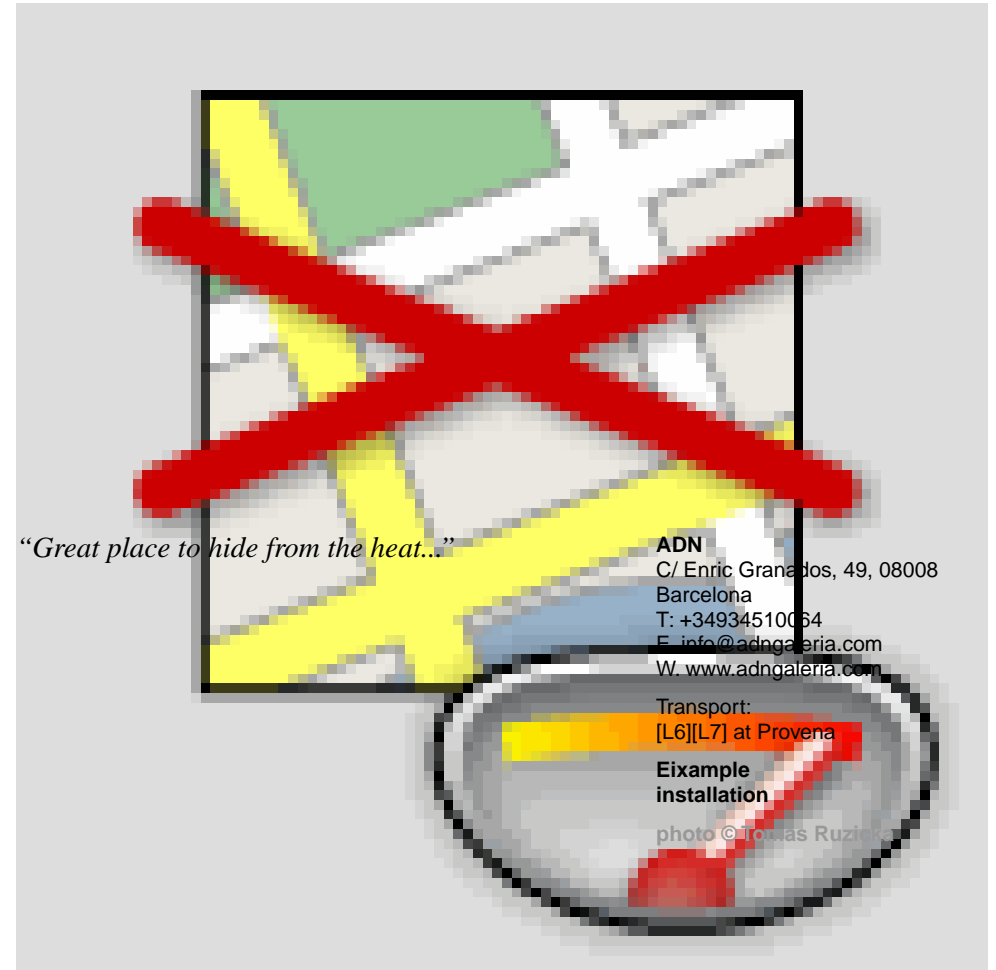


ADN Galera was founded in 2003, conceived of as "a site from which to defend this generation's artistic ideas and tendencies".

The gallery's 240 square meters play host to various installations from upcoming contemporary artists, divided between two exhibition rooms as well as a dark room for video and multimedia works.

Culture | Eixample

Tue Fri, 10:00 14:00, 16:30 20:00; Sat, 11:00 14:00, 17:00 20:30; Mon, Only By Appointment



Cafe Zurich

The meeting point



A Barcelona institution, Cafe Zurich has traditionally served as the local meeting point for over 80 years. Like any establishment that's proven itself for this long, you can expect that the place pretty much runs itself (certainly speaks for itself), and you can expect to take care of yourself once inside. The unconcerned, dogged waitstaff leaves you to your own devices, which—once you've secured your food and drink—is fine as far as we're concerned.

The grand open terrace in the heart of the city—Plaa de Catalunya—is a prime place to partake in the old pastime of people watching, with a constant flow of attractive foot traffic passing by. Or relax among friends and entertain some good conversation in a locale that's been known for fostering it. As featured on b-guided.com":<http://www.b-guided.com>

Food | Eixample

Mon Fri, 8:00 1:00; Sat, 10:00 1:00; Sun, 10:00 23:00

"Having my five o'clock tea, watching busy las Ramblas..."

Cafe Zurich
 Plaa de Catalunya, 1, 08002
 Barcelona
 T. +34933179153

Transport:
 [L1][L3] at Plaa Catalunya

central
 cafe
 beers
 busy
 bar
 b-guided

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Barcelona Basics

All You Need To Survive

WELCOME

...to the Mediterranean metropolis.

As more and more tourists flood our beautiful city, the Catalan people rightly hold dear their language and tradition. Tension of local and foreign plays out over time and its manifestations emerge to fascinating effect. Every corner turned in Barcelona holds the promise of new discovery, beauty and creativity, sometimes stemmed from an ambiguous origin.

Embraced by its Mediterranean Sea coastline and bordering Montserrat mountains, only in Barcelona does Gehry follow Gaudi, haute cuisine follow tapas, and techno follow flamenco. We'll guide you through Spain's culture capital as it continues to push its traditions forward into an exciting and unknown future.

FACTS & FIGURES

Population: 1.6 million (city); 3.1 million (metropolitan)
Average Temperature: Winter 10C/50F; Summer 26C/78F
Time Zone: GMT +1
Electricity: 220 volts, 50 Hz
Country Dialing Code: +34
Area Code: 93
Website: <http://www.bcn.cat/english/ihome.htm>

ARRIVING

The Barcelona Airport is located 6.2 miles southwest of the city and has over 32 airlines transporting visitors both domestically and internationally.

Bus:

Several bus lines leave Barcelona Airport for Barcelona's city center (mostly from Terminal B if not indicated otherwise):

The Airbus (A1) (+34 934 156 020 / <http://www.emt-amb.com/>) and Line N17 (+34 933 187 074 / <http://www.emt-amb.com/>) takes passengers from terminals A, B, C, and the Cargo terminal to the center of Barcelona, the Plaza de Catalunya. The Airbus leaves the airport every 7 to 15 minutes from 6a to 1a. bus fare: EUR4. Line N17 buses leave for the city center every 20 minutes from 10:05a to 5:05a. Departures from Plaza de Catalunya, from 11p to 5a every 20 minutes.

Directbus (+34 902 109 276 / <http://www.autocarsnadal.com/>) leaves the airport seven times a day between 7:45a and 10:45p for Sants Station, Barcelona.

Line 46 takes passengers to Plaza de Espana every half hour from 5:30a to 12:45a.

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A single ticket costs EUR1.30

Mon-Bus (+34 938 937 060 / <http://www.monbus.org/>) links Barcelona and several other cities. Buses run every hour between 7:40a and 11:40p. Check website for details.

Novatel Autocars takes passengers to Andorra bus station five times a day On-way ticket: EUR31; return: EUR52.

The Rpid Aeroport (Alsa) leaves the airport for Figueres, Girona, Lleida, Reus, Port Aventura and Tarragona several times a day. Prices range between EUR12-30.

Taxi:

Taxi ranks are located in front of Terminals A, B and C. For fares to various locations check: +34 932 235 151 / <http://www.taxibarcelona.cat/>. Per baggage item an extra fee of EUR1 is expected.

Train:

Renfe Line 10 suburban train (+34 902 240 202) leaves the airport from 6a to 10:30p every half hour. The ride takes about 30 minutes and drops passengers off at Barcelona Sants, among various other stops. A single ticket costs EUR2.50.

Car Rentals:

Traveling by car is generally a good idea if you

are looking to do some out-of-city sightseeing. The province has beautiful views to offer, and rental cars are a sure-fire way to get where you want for a fixed price.

Barcelona International Airport (BCN)

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<http://www.barcelona-airport.com>

TRANSPORTATION

Public Transport

Barcelona's extensive public transportation system makes it possible to visit without a car. The TMB system (local transport, bus, train, tram and metro <http://www.tmb.net/>) is the city's major public transportation source. For train, metro and tram times, bus schedules, and tourist travel passes, this site is most helpful in planning that trip to the museum or movie. The Spanish National Railway Network (RENFE) (<http://www.renfe.es/>) website also contains information about alternative local train routes that connect the most visited places of Barcelona.

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