

the unlike guide to

barcelona

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Every time I visit Barcelona, I imagine myself living here. It makes me feel like I'm on holiday no matter what my mission is—it's such a peaceful city. I love the wonderful buildings boasting such interesting architecture, and all the shops where you can buy anything you want, the great food everywhere, people on bikes, the beach, the nice club scene...

Kasparo

Under the arches

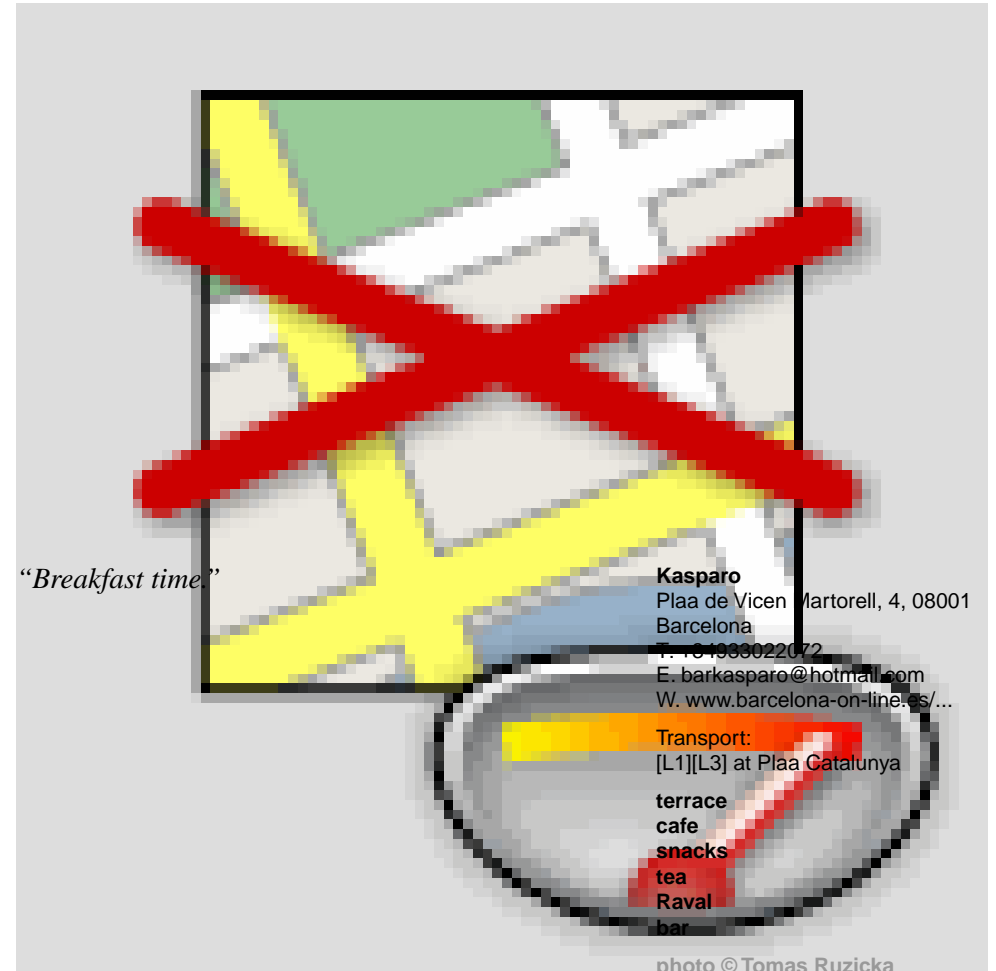
Food | Ciutat Vella

Daily, 9:00 0:00 (Closed All Of January)



Even hustling and bustling Barrio Gotico has its occasional idyll periods. One such place to enjoy your downtime is at this Australian owned café, situated a stone's throw from Plaza Catalunya.

Grab a table by the terrace under the grand stone arches of Placa Vicenc Martorell, which also boasts some lush greenery and a play area for kids. The evenings are fairly busy, with a mixed crowd of locals and tourists enjoying the tapas and bocadillos. A reasonable meal here is possible for less than 10 Euros. Word from the Aussies has it that their carrot cake steals the show, the recipe an old family heirloom for which Barcelona is now grateful. The same can be said for this charming little café.



CD Drome

Don't touch that groove



Deceptively, given its name, CD Drome carries one of the better vinyl collections of electronic music in Barcelona, less for its size than for its meticulously selected material. The actual CD section is largely focused on indie, americana and post-rock. The staff posts quality recommendations on the walls above the racks, which, inclined to recognize the best in each genre, from Will Oldham to Mouse On Mars, tend to offer advice worth taking. The staff members are commonly active in the local music scene, and will happily impart knowledge devoid of the sort of snobbery that can ruin a trip to a trendy record shop. It's also a one-stop shop for flyers and tickets for local gigs, and as such can be considered an indispensable resource for visiting music enthusiasts.

Shop | Ciutat Vella

Mon Sat, 11:00 14:00, 17:00 21:00



“See what Juan B. has got for me.”

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Transport:
[L1][L2] at Plaa Universitat

vinyl
cd
techno
electronic
Raval
recordshop

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Carmelitas

Food for the connoisseur



With a sublime location on the corner of C/ Dr.Dou and C/ Carmen, Carmelitas is more than just a restaurant, it serves as a cultural center for El Raval.

The gallery/restaurant concept is conveyed through a permanent exhibit and three projection screens with work from contemporary video artists distributed throughout the halls' windows and walls.

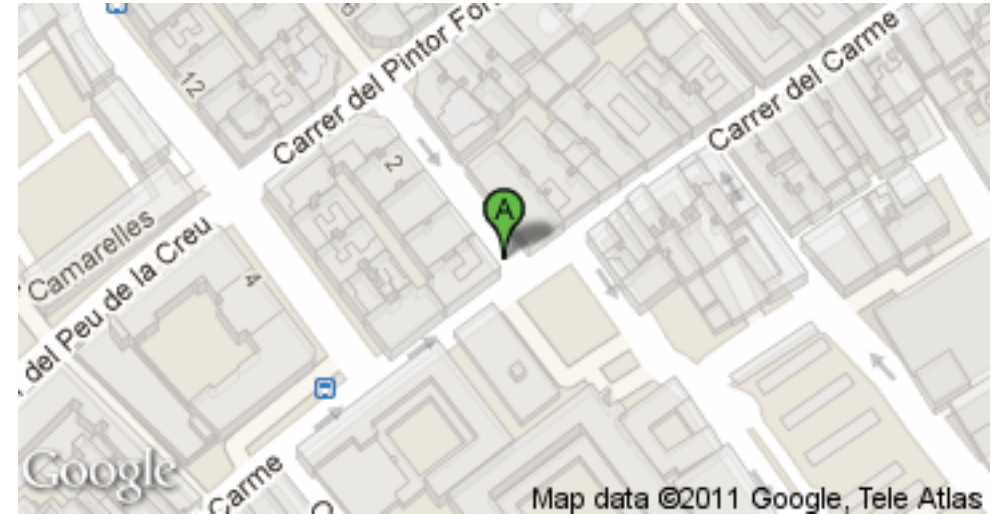
In conjunction with its local market inspired cuisine, Carmelitas makes for a fine and affordable lunch or dinner dining experience.

The creative menu is accompanied by a carefully prepared wine list that bears names representing the best of the Spanish regions, and caters to the most discerning palates.

Carmelitas is also open for a quick snack or coffee during the morning or afternoon's off-peak dining hours; and also offers free Wi-Fi.

Food | Ciutat Vella

Daily, 13:30 00:00



"Meeting my friends for lunch."

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Transport:
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Raval
Catalan
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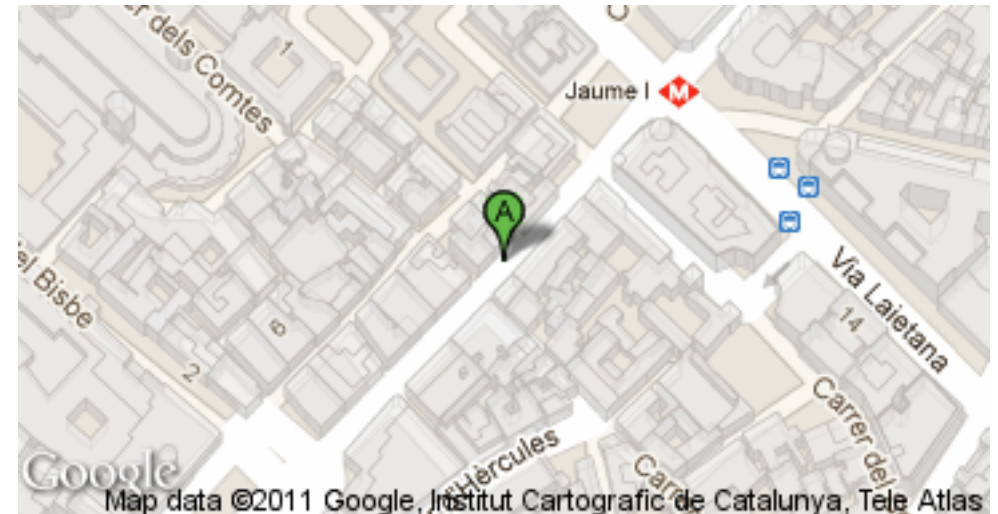
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Gelateria Pagliotta

Much more than ice cream

Food | Ciutat Vella

Daily: Jun Sep, 09:00 02:00; Oct May, 09:00 23:00



Despite the increasing abundance of conspiracy theories, the last place one would expect to hear one is in a quaint, family-owned gelateria. Egidio Pagliotta, however, will sincerely insist to anyone within earshot that his business is under threat from the Spanish government, who are apparently opposed to the sale of chemical-free ice cream.

Whether the political ramifications of Egidio's sorbet and ice cream products are real or imagined, there can be no doubt as to the integrity of the claim that all his products are entirely free of additives and coloring. Gelateria Pagliotta also offers great variety in terms of milk-free and sugar-free alternatives, not to mention the great selection of desserts in general. Expect an enticing display of pastries, cakes and biscuits, alongside the typical ice creams, sorbets, frozen yogurts, milkshakes and smoothies, which all benefit from three generations of family experience in the trade.

"I scream , you scream & 8211; were all there for Ice Cream."

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**Italian
Gotico
ice
cream
handmade
gelato**

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Adidas Originals Store

From the horse's mouth



It seems that Adidas was not content with letting everyone else in Barrio Gotico sell its products—the logo gleaming conspicuously from so many of the storefronts—so the three-striped monster added its own flagship store, a veritable Mecca to those who like their fashion with a healthy dose of iconographic branding.

Expect designs endorsed by celebrities, such as Missy Elliott and Run DMC, alongside solid classics like the Campus trainer, and a comprehensive range of contemporary and old-school styles.

If planning prolonged exposure, anticipate the risk of "post-emblematic stress syndrome," whereby the original three-stripe motif is indelibly burned into the mind's eye, appearing afterward in ghostly apparitions, willing the victim back to the store for more.

Shop | Ciutat Vella

Mon Sat, 10:30 21:00; Sun, 11:00 19:00



"I need new sneakers."

Adidas Originals Store
C/ Aviny, 6, 08002 Barcelona
T: +34933175579
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Transport:
[L3] at Liceu

Gotico
sneakers
sportswear
pop
culture
streetwear

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Hotel Silken Diagonal

Silky smooth



The Hotel Silken Diagonal, opened in 2004, stands out not only for its staggering size (240 rooms), but also for its modern architecture and interior design. Barcelona architect Juli Capella is responsible for the hotel's stylish structure, including the imaginative play of black and white contrasting on its faade.

Its exceptional location—right next to the Agbar Tower—is another of the hotel's many highlights. The hotel's fresh and striking features will please guests seeking accommodation that provides a wealth of current design trends.

Be sure to enjoy the beautiful rooftop pool; catch some sun and an exceptional view.

Hotel | Sant Mart

'Round The Clock Reception



“Chilling before the gig.”

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Transport:

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agbar

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Silken Diagonal

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.

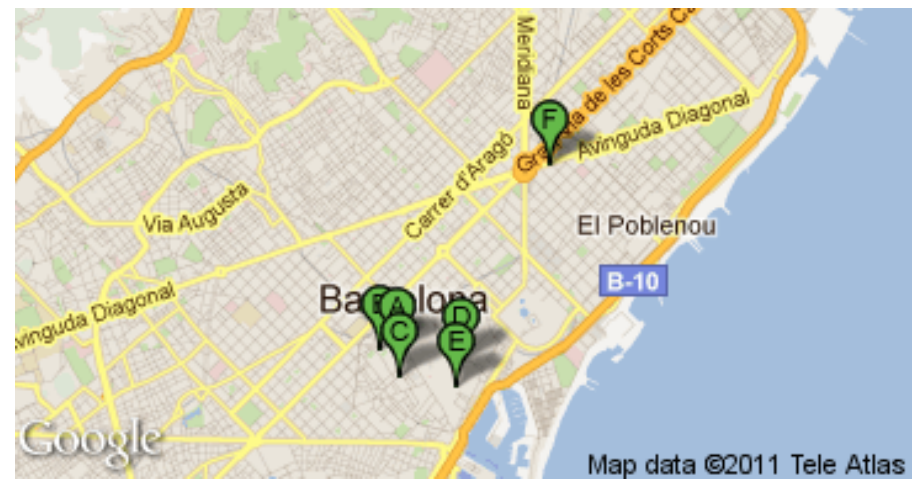
Barcelona International Airport (BCN)
+34 932 983 838
<http://www.barcelona-airport.com>

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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