

the unlike guide to

# barcelona

Chymera

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# Chymera

Every time I step off the plane in Barcelona from wherever I've been playing, I feel comfortable because I'm on home soil. It's a perfect city for cycling; big wide streets, some with cycle lanes, and lots of space. I can make it from one end of the city to the other in 30 minutes.

Barcelona is like the smallest big city. It's amazing how many new things you can discover just taking a different route to where you are usually going. There's so many beautiful streets, squares, parks, etc. packed in such a relatively small area.

Being Irish, I spend a lot of time in bars, and my favorite one here is called Bar 32, on Carrer Ample. It's usually the place where things take a turn for the worse and you end up stumbling home in the early hours of the morning with an empty pocket, a half eaten kebab and very little memory of the night. Great.

# DyD Lowrider

## Nuthin' but a D thang



**Shop | Ciutat Vella**  
Mon Sat, 11:00 15:00, 16:30 21:00



For those inclined to refrain from guns and pimping, lowrider bikes are surely the next-best hip-hop accoutrement. They do have undeniable aesthetic appeal, decked out in chrome, and commonly embellished by designs that take their cue from the graffiti and tattoo art of urban American culture.

DyD Lowrider embraces both machine and mythology, selling parts and custom-made frames alongside music and fashion straight from the West Coast. All bikes are built by Lowrider, and the clothing comes from labels including Bighouseclothing, OG Abel, Jokerbrand and Estevan Oriol.

*"Pimping my bike..."*

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Transport:  
[L2] at St. Antoni

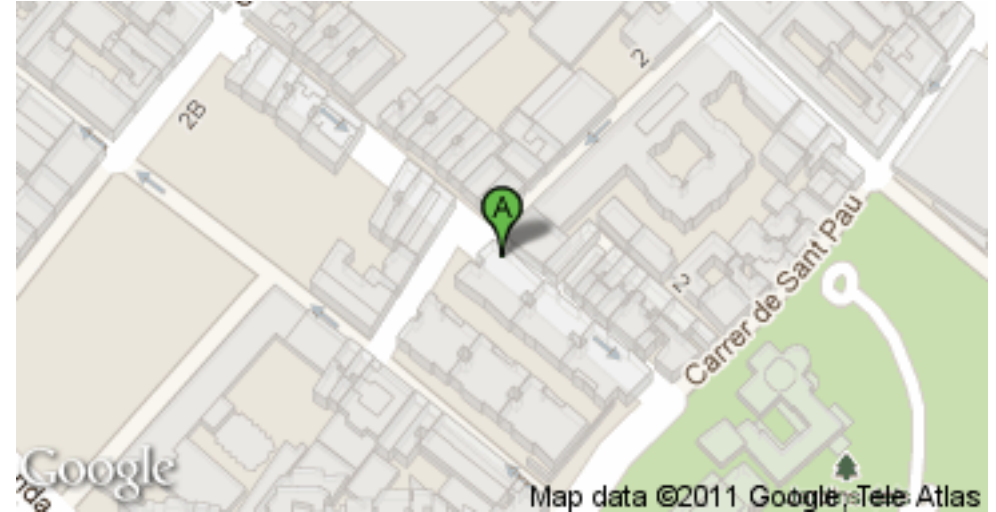
**Raval  
bikes  
urban  
culture  
streetwear**

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# Mesn David

Plain and simple quality

Food | Ciutat Vella  
Thu Sun, 12:30 16:00, 20:00 1:00



The staff at Mesn David has a typically Spanish take on how run a restaurant. The service is friendly but brash, and one should be prepared to wait a while to share a table in the ultra unpretentious dining area. Likewise, don't be surprised to hang around and find yourself playing table football between courses. If this is beginning to sound a little negative, then be assured that the experience here is actually a quite positive one.

The waiting around is a reflection of the popularity of the excellent and cheap food, and the simplicity of the environment is the principal reason why it stays that way. The brashness of the service can be explained by a confidence in these truths. And besides, the abundance of classic and wholesome yet inexpensive food and drink should see to it that one would only notice these aspects as an afterthought. The Galician stew, mixed grill and seafood dishes set the bar high, and the sangria pushes it higher.

Like much of the Raval district, Mesn

David gives a vibrant and flamboyant account of how life in Barcelona is lived—best enjoyed with a touch of sunburn and the remnants of a hangover.

*“A good and inexpensive lunch menu.”*

**Mesn David**  
C/ Carretes, 63, 08001 Barcelona  
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Transport:  
[L2][L3] at Paral.lel

**Raval**  
**traditional**  
**Spanish**  
**seafood**  
**grill**

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# Castillo de Montjuc

Elevated fortress



The creation of Castillo de Montjuc began in the middle of the 17th Century, with additions continuing up until the late 18th Century. It was commissioned during the 'War of the Reapers', fought between Catalonia and Spain. For this reason, many Catalans have a profound affection for the building, whose imposing outline now represents a purely symbolic resistance to rule by the Spanish government from Madrid.

The castle's position was originally intended to give early warning of approaching ships, and still offers breathtaking views of the Mediterranean Sea to tourists and residents alike. It is also an opportunity to see another side to Barcelona, with its surrounding industrial sprawl in perfect view.

For those wishing to gain a more in-depth understanding of the fascinating history that defines this impressive building, there is a military museum within the castle grounds.

Escapism | Sants-Montjuc

Tue Sun, 10:00 19:00, Mon, Closed



*“Having a few beers in the sun in the cool hidden bar at the far end of the castillo.”*

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Transport:  
[parallel] at Paral.lel + Teleférico  
de Montjuc

**Montjuic**  
**Poble**  
**Sec**  
**view**  
**mountain**  
**museum**

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# Bar 32

## Inconspicuous pleasures



Bar 32 is a simple affair, with an anonymous doorway that does little to hint at the liveliness to be found within. The healthy, cheap food on offer is a favorite of Barrio Gotico's savvy inhabitants, with great salads and sandwiches to be had, and a soup kitchen that truly seals the deal.

In the evenings Bar 32 tends to liven up considerably, perhaps by inducement of their mojito, which its two Irish proprietors rather confidently claim is the best in Barcelona. The competition is such that we can't rightly back that statement up, but you have to admire their gall, and we can vouch for what is, in all fairness, a laudably good mojito. Free wi-fi is available throughout.

## After Dark | Ciutat Vella

Sun Thu, 12:00 2:00; Fri Sat, 12:00 3:00



*"My fav bar in Barcelona. Best atmosphere in town."*

### Bar 32

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### Transport:

[L3] at Drassanes, [L4] at Jaume 1

**Gotico**  
**wi-fi**  
**cocktails**  
**bar**  
**food**  
**soups**

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# Moog

Larger than life techno venue

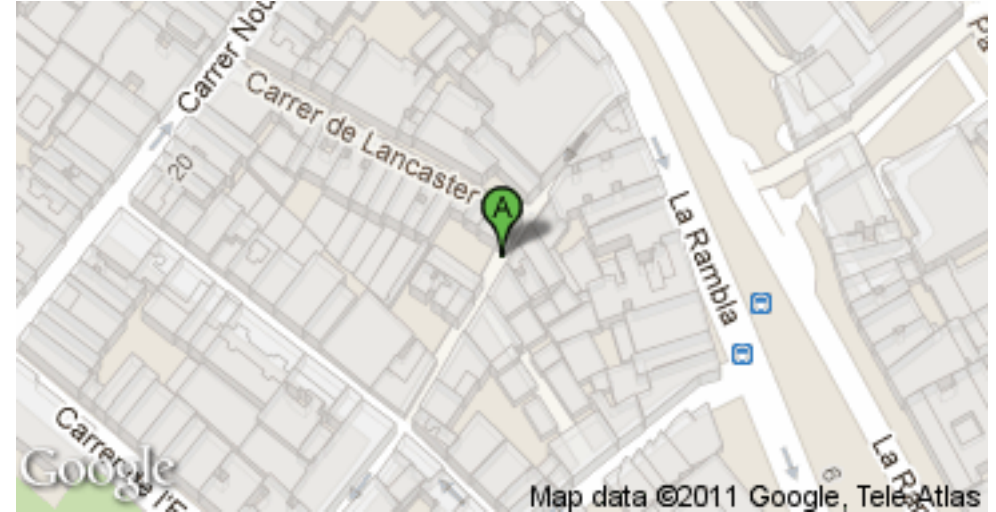


Moog is probably Barcelona's finest techno club. Open every night of the week, it dedicatedly brings the beat, with consistently great lineups and fantastic atmosphere. This is thanks to and in spite of its sparing dimensions, which forge an intimacy between crowd and performer, and ensure that the impressive sound system has the clout of heavy artillery.

The resident roster at Moog is one of the best around, and includes Dave Tarrida, Funk D'Void and Angel Molina. Some of the biggest international techno artists have also seen fit to grace the decks, including Jeff Mills, Laurent Garnier and Richie Hawtin.

After Dark | Ciutat Vella

Mon, Tue, 24:00 5:00; Wed Sun, 21:30 5:00



*“A small but damn‘ good techno club, probably the best.”*

## **Moog**

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Transport:  
[L3] at Liceu

**Raval**  
**dance**  
**loud**  
**techno**  
**club**

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Sarmiento via flickr

# Marisquera La Paradeta

## Market-style fish



Marisquera La Paradeta is a charming locale, with a novel approach to serving fish and seafood. You are invited to choose the produce that will constitute your meal as if at a market stall; it is laid out in front of you, and the choice you make is then priced according to weight.

Once you have gone through the arduous task of choosing between so many undeniably fresh delights, you can order a drink and sit down and wait for your number to be called. In the meantime, you may notice how the uncomplicated dining area—with its cartoon mural of a traditional market fish stall—encourages an unpretentious, friendly atmosphere. When your number is called, the fantastic taste of fresh fish and seafood, simply prepared, is yours to savor.

## Food | Ciutat Vella

Tue Thu, 20:00 23:30; Fri, 20:00 24:00; Sat & Sun, 13:00 16:00



*“Best and cheapest seafood restaurant in Barcelona.”*

**Marisquera La Paradeta**  
C/ Comercial, 7, 08009 Barcelona  
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W. [www.laparadeta.com](http://www.laparadeta.com)

Transport:  
[L4] at Barceloneta

**seafood**  
**fresh**

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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.

# Notes



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