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1 day



1-day Barcelona City Guide

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Overview of Day 1

This day shows you the absolute essential tourist attractions of Barcelona. You will get a peek into the city's architectural heritage, enjoy the works of Picasso and sense the lively atmosphere by walking the La Rambla.

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	Take Subway line 2 or 5 to Sagrada Família station	
09:00-10:00	La Sagrada Família ▪	Barcelona's main tourist attraction Page 5
	Take Subway line 5 from Sagrada Família station to Diagonal station (Direction: Cornellà) - 15'	
10:15-11:15	La Pedrera (Casa Milà) ▪	One of Gaudí's most fascinating buildings Page 5
	Take a walk to Casa Batlló - 5'	
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	Take a walk to the neighboring building: Casa Amatller	
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	Take a walk to the neighboring building: Casa Lleó Morera	
12:30-12:40	Casa Lleó Morera ▪	One of the finest examples of modernista architecture Page 6
	Take a walk to Plaça Catalunya; the starting point of La Rambla - 10'	
12:50-13:20	La Rambla ▪	Favorite walking street of Barcelona Page 7
	Lunch time Take a walk to Barcelona Cathedral	
14:30-15:15	Barcelona Cathedral ▪	An amalgam of architectural styles from Gothic through Baroque to 19th-century Page 7
	Take a walk to Picasso Museum - 15'	
15:30-16:30	Picasso Museum ▪	One of the most extensive Picasso collections Page 7
	Take Subway line 4 from Jaume I station to Joanic station (Direction: Trinitat Nova) Change to Bus line 116 from Escorial-Sant Lluís stop to Larrard-Olot stop - 30' in all	
17:00-18:00	Güell Park ▪	Quite possibly the most fascinating urban park in the world Page 8
	Take Subway line 1 or 3 to Espanya station	
After Dusk-	Magic Fountain ▪	The show is the perfect ending of a busy Barcelona day Page 8
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Attraction Details

09:00-10:00

La Sagrada Família (Carrer Mallorca, 401)

Opening hours: Jan - Mar, Oct - Dec: 9am - 6pm, Apr - Sep: 9am - 8pm, 25 and 26 Dec, 1 and 6 Jan: 9am - 2pm • **Admission:** 12.5 €



THINGS YOU NEED TO KNOW

- The full name of the church is Expiatory Church of the Holy Family
- The construction of the Catholic church has been started in 1882 and it is still unfinished
- Expected to be complete some time in the first third of the 21st century
- Considered the master-work of renowned Catalan architect Antoni Gaudí (1852-1926)
- Gaudí devoted the last 40 years of his life to this vast project: by the end he even lived on the premises
- By 1904 the final touches are made to the Nativity Façade; the first finished from the planned 3 façades
- The Spanish Civil War (1936) brings construction of the Sagrada Família to a halt for some 20 years
- By 1990 Artist Josep Maria Subirachs completes the statuary of the Passion Façade
- A total of 18 tall towers are called for, representing in ascending order of height the Twelve Apostles, the four Evangelists, the Virgin Mary and, tallest of all, Jesus Christ

THINGS TO DO THERE

- Start your visit at the Nativity Façade that looks on a small artificial lake
- Walk along Carrer de Provença in order to get to the opposite side; the Passion Façade
- Enter the church in order to visit the interior construction site
- Take the elevator to mount to one of the towers for splendid view of the city
- Descend to the semi-basement of the Passion façade to visit the museum exhibiting the building work of the church

TIPS & INSIGHTS

- To avoid long queues in high season at the ticket office, you may buy your ticket in advance (Ticket collection and preferential access at the Information Point)
- The charge of using the elevators is not included in the entrance fee but it is the only way of getting to the towers as the stairs can only be used for descending

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10:15-11:15

La Pedrera (Casa Milà) (Carrer Provença, 261)

Opening hours: November to February: 9am - 6:30pm, March to October: 9am - 8pm • **Admission:** 14 €



THINGS YOU NEED TO KNOW

- Casa Mila is a unique looking modernista apartment building designed by Gaudí that resembles no other building in the world. There are no straight walls or right angles inside the premises
- It was built for a wealthy and socially active couple (Rosario Segimon and Pere Mila) as a show of wealth and extravagance. Today many of its apartments are private homes
- The building was ridiculed in its time and earned a nickname, La Pedrera (The Quarry). The nickname stems from its stony, fortress-like appearance
- The building gives home to a museum dedicated to Gaudí's works (Espai Gaudí)
- It houses a furnished Modernista flat (El Pis de La Pedrera) that exemplifies a typical bourgeois flat of late 19th-century Barcelona
- It is famous for its chimneys that resemble medieval warriors as part of a surreal rooftop sculpture park

- The building is part of the UNESCO World Heritage Site "Works of Antoni Gaudí"

THINGS TO DO THERE

- Take a look at the building from outside
- Visit Espai Gaudí, a museum dedicated to Gaudí's works
- Visit the furnished modernista flat (El Pis de La Pedrera)
- Climb to the roof and enjoy the rooftop statue park
- Enjoy the view of the neighborhood (La Sagrada Família and the port)

TIPS & INSIGHTS

- Save money by purchasing the [Articket](#) that serves as a pass to several Barcelona attractions

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Attraction Details

11:20-12:20



Casa Batlló

 (Pg. de Gràcia, 43, 08007 Barcelona)

Opening hours: All year round: 9am - 8pm • Admission: 18.15 €

THINGS YOU NEED TO KNOW

- Casa Batlló (1906) is an imposing modernist building in central Barcelona designed by Gaudí
- The locals call it the House of Bones (Casa dels ossos) because of its skeletal organic look
- The façade is decorated with colorful mosaic, running from shades of golden orange at the bottom into greenish blues at the top
- The building has a unique arched roof that is often likened to the back of a dinosaur or dragon
- Casa Batlló is part of a block of modernist buildings called the Apple of Discord (Illa de la Discòrdia)
- The building is a reconstruction of an existing building for a middle-class family

- Gaudí's goal seemed to be to completely avoid straight lines

THINGS TO DO THERE

- Enjoy the building's imposing appearance from the outside
- Visit the first floor apartment
- Climb to the roof and enjoy the abstract shaped chimneys and the roof that looks like the back of a dragon
- Enjoy the view of the neighborhood

TIPS & INSIGHTS

- Save time and money by [purchasing your ticket online](#)
- Informative audio guide included in the price

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12:20-12:30



Casa Amatller

 (Passeig de Gràcia 41)

Opening hours: Monday to Friday mornings: [Check website](#) • Admission: 10 €

THINGS YOU NEED TO KNOW

- Casa Amatller is beautiful building between Casa Batlló and Casa Lleó Morera, the three forming together the Apple of Discord (Illa de la Discòrdia)
- The building is the work of the architect Josep Puig i Cadafalch
- It was a wealthy chocolate maker, Antoni Amatller who commissioned the building
- The designer followed the principles of Urban Gothic palaces with a flat façade, a central courtyard and a staircase leading up to the main rooms

- Enjoy the guided tour including a tasting of Amatller chocolate (advance booking is required)

TIPS & INSIGHTS

- Only guided tours are available
- Tickets need to be booked in advance via [email](#) or phone (+ 934 877 217)
- No ticket is available at location

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12:30-12:40



Casa Lleó Morera

 (Passeig de Gràcia 35)

THINGS YOU NEED TO KNOW

- Casa Lleó Morera (1902) is a remarkable palace situated next to Casa Batlló and Casa Amatller, and is part of the Apple of Discord
- Lluís Domènech i Montaner designed the building as a renovation project of an existing house
- Domènech cooperated with the biggest names in the building industry to create this magnificent palace
- The building earned its name after its decorations of lions (Lleó) and mulberry trees (morera), unlike the traditions of the time buildings taking their names after their owners

- The building is privately owned and closed to the public

THINGS TO DO THERE

- View from outside and take photos of the building's imposing appearance from the outside

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12:50-13:20

La Rambla (Plaça Catalunya)**THINGS YOU NEED TO KNOW**

- La Rambla is a of a mile long (1.2 km) tree-lined pedestrian mall with an engaging and lively atmosphere
- It connects the old gothic city center (Catalunya Square) with the harbor
- La Rambla provides many shopping possibilities and astounding entertainments of street artists
- Nearby Boqueria market carries Catalan and Spanish specialties

THINGS TO DO THERE

- Walk down La Rambla and enjoy the view and the special atmosphere
- Explore the shops

- Let yourself be entertained by the astounding performances of street artists and jongleurs
- Enjoy a coffee, a glass of wine or a scoop of ice cream
- Taste Catalan and Spanish specialties in Boqueria Market

TIPS & INSIGHTS

- Be prepared for much crowdedness, especially in prime time tourist season
- Beware of pickpockets and Three-card Monte players

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14:30-15:15

Barcelona Cathedral (Pla Seu 3, 08002 Barcelona)

Opening hours: Monday to Saturday: 1pm - 5pm, Sundays and holidays: 2pm - 5pm • **Admission:** 6 €

THINGS YOU NEED TO KNOW

- Barcelona Cathedral is a magnificent cathedral that dates back to 1298
- The Cathedral of Santa Eulalia (in Catalan, La Seu) is dedicated to the saint Santa Eulalia of Barcelona who suffered martyrdom in the Roman times
- It exhibits a number of architectural styles from its Gothic cloister through Baroque chapels to a 19th-century façade
- The cathedral serves as the spiritual hub of Barcelona's gothic district (Barri Gotic)

THINGS TO DO THERE

- Wander around the inside of the church
- Take the elevator to mount to the roof for a view of the city
- Visit the lush cloister that continues to be home to white geese
- Pop in to the small museum opening from the cloister

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15:30-16:30

Picasso Museum (Carrer Montcada 15-23)

Opening hours: Tuesday to Sunday: 10am - 8pm • **Admission:** 10 €

THINGS YOU NEED TO KNOW

- Picasso Museum is one of the most extensive collections of the master; showcasing more than 3500 pieces of his artwork
- The museum was opened in 1963
- The idea of the museum came from Picasso's lifelong friend Jaume Sabartés whose donation of 574 works made up a large proportion of the original exhibition
- The current collection includes two of Picasso's first major works: The First Communion (1896), and Science and Charity (1897)

THINGS TO DO THERE

- Visit the museum that offers one of the most extensive collections of the great painter

TIPS & INSIGHTS

- Save money by purchasing the [Articket](#) that serves as a pass to several Barcelona attractions
- All Sundays free from 3 pm
- Free Museum entrance on first Sunday of each month

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Attraction Details

17:00-18:00

Güell Park (Carrer d'Olot, 1-13)

Opening hours: December - February: 10am - 6pm, March, November: 10am - 7pm, April, October: 10am - 8pm, May to September: 10am - 9pm • **Admission:** Free

THINGS YOU NEED TO KNOW

- Güell Park (built: 1900-14) is an unforgettable garden that is littered with countless amazing Gaudí buildings, statues and other creations
- The park was originally part of a commercially unsuccessful housing site, the idea of Count Eusebi Güell, whom the park was named after
- It is most famous for its serpentine bench that is unlike anything in the world
- The park is part of the UNESCO World Heritage Site "Works of Antoni Gaudí" since 1984
- The park gives home to a museum dedicated to Gaudí's life

- The museum is housed in Casa-Museu Gaudí where the architect lived for 20 years

THINGS TO DO THERE

- Try to discover all the numerous details Gaudí included in the park
- Take a short break by relaxing on the world famous serpentine bench
- Be sure not to miss the Calvary, the Viaducts and the mosaic covered lizard fountain

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After Dusk-

Magic Fountain (Plaça Carles Buïgas, 1)**THINGS YOU NEED TO KNOW**

- Font Màgica is a fountain in front of The [National Art Museum of Catalonia](#) (Palau Nacional)
- It was built for the 1929 International Exhibition
- After dark countless water jets turn into a spectacular 15-min sound and light show that provides a mesmerizing experience

THINGS TO DO THERE

- Sit back and enjoy the show

TIPS & INSIGHTS

- Music sessions:
 - From 1 October to 23 December - Friday and Saturday: 19:00, 19:30, 20:00, 20:30
 - From 24 December to 3 January - From Thursday to Sunday: 19:00, 19:30, 20:00, 20:30

- From 7 January to 12 February: Closed
- From 13 February to 31 March - Friday and Saturday: 19:00, 19:30, 20:00, 20:30
- From 1 April to 4 April: 19:00, 19:30, 20:00, 20:30
- From 5 April to 30 April - Friday and Saturday: 19:00, 19:30, 20:00, 20:30
- From 1 May to 21 July - From Thursday to Sunday: 21:00, 21:30, 22:00, 22:30, 23:00
- From 22 July to 25 July: Closed
- July 26: Special Show
- From 27 July to 30 September - From Thursday to Sunday: 21:00, 21:30, 22:00, 22:30, 23:00

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