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# ESSENTIAL

Barcelona has the character of the Mediterranean cities: dynamic, open and with a lifestyle that makes it unique and cosmopolitan. Cradle of many cultures and testimony of great transformations, the city has many essential corners. Each year thousands of travellers visit Barcelona to enjoy the climate, food and architecture. There are many and varied options of leisure and culture that the city offers visitors. Despite this, the heritage of Gaudi, especially the Temple of the Sagrada Familia and Park Güell, continues to be the main attraction for travellers. In this part of the guide we show you the essential spots of the city that nobody should miss even if they only have a little time for their trip to Barcelona:



# BAR(ELONA (ITY OF ARTISANS

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#### RECINTE MODERNISTA De Sant Pau

The hospital of Sant Pau was built between 1905 and 1930 and designed by the architect Lluís Domènech i Montaner as a garden city for nursing the sick. After being used as a public hospital for a century, its newly refurbished pavilions shine again in all their splendour. A visit to this exceptional architectural ensemble is a unique experience. It was awarded World Heritage status by UNESCO in 1997 Sant Antoni M. Claret, 167 📥 🌆 Sant Pau santpaubarcelona.org

## SAGRADA FAMILIA

In this work, Gaudí relates architecture with poetry, religion, botany and nature, one of his great gifts. The Nativity Façade and the crypt have been World Heritage Sites since 2005. Carrer Mallorca, 401

Sagrada Familia
sagradafamilia.cat

## CASA BATLLO

One of the most popular buildings by Gaudí, which, with its organic forms, recalls nature or suggests fantasy-like elements. It also stands out for its amazing functionality, more appropriate to our own times than those of yesteryear. World Heritage Site since 2005. Passeig de Gràcia. 43

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#### LAPEDRERA

The Casa Milà, popularly known as La Pedrera, is a unique building designed by the architectural genius Antoni Gaudí and represents the pinnacle of his achievements. The building was declared a World Heritage Site by UNESCO in 1984. Carrer Provença, 261-265

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## QUADRAT D'OR

Quadrat d' Or (Golden Square), an open-air museum, is the place where Barcelona's moneyed classes of Barcelona came to live in flats designed by the leading architects of the day, such as Gaudí, Domènech i Montaner, Puig i Cadafalch and Enric Sagnier.

L'Eixample

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With its curious, narrow streets and timeless charm. Gràcia -which is now one of the city's 10 districts- epitomises the old rural villages which were absorbed by Barcelona in the late 19th century during its urban development without losing any of their character. Visitors will find almost everything they need in this central area of the city, which has retained its human scale, making it the perfect place to have a relaxing stroll and where surprises await round every corner.

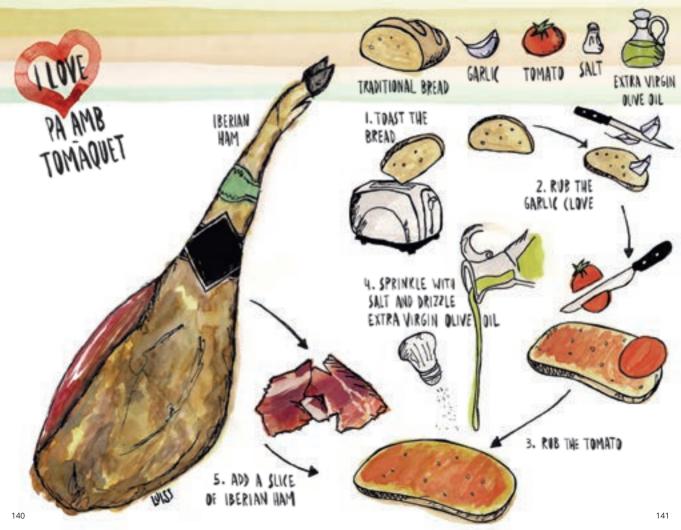
The imprint of modernista architecture, particularly Gaudí's. can also be found in Gràcia: from the Casa Vicens to the magnificent Park Güell. They are all part of a neighbourhood with a strongly defined personality set around squares that reflect its vitality. A closeknit community with its neighbourhood associations are still very much alive and organise a wide range of events including the unique local festival, the Festa Major.





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# COLONIA GÜELL

The Colònia Güell, one of the most pioneering purposebuilt industrial villages of the 19th century is located in the town of Santa Coloma de Cervelló, Gaudí developed the architectural innovations of his later works in the church crypt, which has been designated a UNESCO World Heritage Site. www.gaudicoloniaguell.org

## SANT MIQUEL DEL FAI

A visit of mystical beauty to the only Romanesque chapel in Catalonia built inside a grotto. www.santmigueldelfai.cat

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