



A stylish and modern European city with a rich history stretching back to Roman times. You will find cathedrals, designer shops and a great nightlife on your doorstep. You'll be hard-pressed not to fall in love with this vibrant city.

Getting there:

Barcelona has 3 airports nearby. Barcelona Airport is the closest while Reus and Girona require about an hour connection by taxi, train or bus.

- **Dublin** – Ryanair and Aer Lingus fly to all three airports daily.
- **Cork** – Aer Lingus fly to Barcelona Airport every Monday, Wednesday, Friday and Sunday.
- **Belfast** – Aer Lingus and easyjet fly to Barcelona Airport every Monday, Wednesday, Friday and Sunday.

From the airport:

- There are various ways into the city from each airport. Depending on where you are flying into, check out this website for details on connections: www.barcelona-tourist-guide.com

Where to stay:

- **Alberg Hostel Itaca** – In the Old City. This is a good option and is bright and airy. www.itacahostel.com.
- **Hostal Goya** - www.hostalgoya.com – In the l'Eixample area of the city and a short stroll from Plaça de Catalunya.
- **Hotel Banys Orientals** - hotelbanysorientals.com – really cool boutique hotel.

Top things to do:

- **La Sagrada Familia & Gaudi** – Gaudi is possibly Barcelona's most notable son. Do not miss La Sagrada Familia, as as yet

unfinished Cathedral designed by the famous 'Modernisme' architect. Try finding other Gaudi buildings in the city!

- **Barri Gòtic** – surrounded by winding streets, this impressive cathedral is some sight. Highlights include the cloisters and crypt tomb of martyr Santa Eulàlia
- **Museo Picasso** – home to over 3,000 of Picasso's works. In the Ribera area.
- **The Nou Camp** – Home of FC Barcelona, this is a seriously impressive stadium. Tickets may be hard to come by for matches but still worth visiting for a tour.
- **Shopping** – A great place to shop. Prices in Barcelona also tend to be lower than other major cities. Stroll around Diagonal, Passeig de Gracia and La Rambla De Catalunya, where you can find all the big-name stores and the latest in fashion.

Nightlife:

- **Barri Gòtic & Las Rambla** – Lively and central part of town. Lots of variety but be careful of tourist traps. Rita Blue on Plaza Sant Agusti, is a pretty funky bar. Try also "Bosque de los Fades" (The forest of fairies) which is a small pub/café near the wax museum at the end of Las Ramblas.
- **Maremagnum & Port Olimpic** – Waterfront spots with lots of clubs and pubs. Most places have no cover but drinks can be pricey.
- There are some really nice coffee shops that offer alcoholic drinks as well. Most cafès are open until 1am, but you can always find a bar open late if you're not ready to go home yet.

Top tips:

- Although there are three airport options we would recommend only flying into Barcelona. The other two airports are 100km away and any savings on flights could be cancelled out by transfer costs.
- Watch your bags and purses folks! Unfortunately, Barcelona has a reputation for pick pockets and scam artists.

