

GP Barcelona 2016

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BCN overview

Spain's second largest and definitely most cosmopolitan city, and one of the Mediterranean's busiest ports. Barcelona is the capital of Catalonia, which is a region of Spain with its own language (Catalan), and it's own culture and character.

Famous for breaking ground art, architecture and avant-garde chefs; the city eclipses many other for its creativity and forward thinking.





Public Transport

Barcelona's public transport system allows you to get anywhere within the city in no time (even late at night).

You can buy tickets for the integrated transport system at any metro station and FGC station, at the vending machines and at the pay booths. In buses, you can only buy one-way tickets from the driver.

A 1 zone ticket should be all you need. The Integrated Fare System means you can use different modes of transport (metro, urban, metropolitan and interurban buses, tram, Ferrocarrils de la Generalitat de Catalunya trains and Rodalies de Catalunya trains) on a single travel card, which means no need to pay again when changing from one to another. Most of Barcelona's sights can be reached with this ticket.

All prices stated here refer to tickets in fare zone 1.

Single (one way) ticket: 2.15 €
2-days pass: 14.00 €
4-days pass: 26.50 €

T-10 (10 trips): 9.95 €
3-days pass: 20.50 €
5-days pass: 32.00 €

From the airports to the venue!

From El Prat BCN Airport

by Bus

AEROBÚS is the official shuttle bus service that connects Barcelona Airport (T1 and T2) with the city center (Plaça Catalunya). It has stops at the most strategic points in BCN: Pl. Espanya (where the venue is), Gran Via-Urgell, Pl. Universitat, and runs every day of the year with departures every 5 minutes.

Price single ticket: 5,9 Eur

Aprox. Time: 30 min

More Info at: www.aerobusbcn.com

by Taxi

There is a Taxi Stop in front of each Terminal, 1 and 2.

Aproximate price to Plaça Espanya: 20€

by Train

A few minutes walk from any terminal, the train goes from the Airport to Barcelona city every 30 minutes (from 6:00AM to 11:00PM).

To get to the venue you should buy a 2 zones ticket (2,50€) and take the R2 line at the airport up to “Sants Estació” station. Once there you can buy a single Metro ticket (1 zone this time: 2,15€) and catch the Metro L3 (green) up to “Plaça Espanya” Station, where the venue is.

by metro!!!

Since February 12th a new metro line from the airport to Barcelona will be available. This line will be L9 (Orange line). If you want to take L9 to get to the venue, you must know that T-10 (10 trips pass) won't be valid if you are coming from or to the airport so **you will have to buy a special ticket (4,5€ aprox)**. Take the metro up to Torrasa station and then change to L1 (Red Line) to Plaça Espanya Station where the venue is.

From Girona Airport

Girona Airport is 103km (64.2 miles) North East of Barcelona, about 1hr 20 minutes train ride from Barcelona center. The Barcelona bus is probably the most convenient method of transfer between Girona Airport and Barcelona city center.

by Bus

The bus stops right outside the airport and will take you to Barcelona Nord (Barcelona's main bus terminal) in Barcelona city center. From there you can catch the metro underground system to take you to the venue, in Metro Station Arc De Triomf (Red Line, L1) up to Station Espanya where the venue is.

BEWARE!!! There are 2 different Buses, both operated by the same company. One goes “Girona Airport-Girona” and the other “Girona Airport-Barcelona”. **Make sure to catch the right bus!** Tickets cannot be reserved in advance.

One way ticket: 15€, Two way ticket: 25€

by Taxi

This is an expensive option and will cost you around €120.00 for a one way trip.

by Train

The journey time to Girona from Barcelona is approximately 1 hr and 10 minutes and you will be dropped off in Girona city center. To look up the timetable information for the train transfer between Barcelona city center and Girona click on the following link which will take you to the RENFE train site: www.renfe.com/EN/viajeros/horarios.html



by car!

If you are not in a rush, an attractive option could be to hire a car from Girona airport to Barcelona, and drive along the coast. You can then make a detour to one of the many beaches on route along the Costa Brava.

When checking car hire companies we recommend you to compare a few prices (you'll be surprised at the difference in rental rates) and also to check if you can pick the car up at Girona and drop it off somewhere in Barcelona if you intend to make a one way trip.

Getting to the venue

The Tournament will be held in **Fira Barcelona-Montjic**, which is centrally located, easily accessible from the airport and very well connected to the public transport network.

A link to the map here: <http://tiny.cc/rhuc4x>

Metro: L3 (green line), L1 (red line) "Espanya" station

Train (Renfe): "Barcelona-Sants" station is linked to a complete regional, national and international rail network.

Connections from Sants station:

Bus: line 109 ("Plaça Espanya" stop)

Metro: L1 and L3 ("Espanya" station)

Walking: 15 minutes along Street "Tarragona"

Ferrocarrils Generalitat de Catalunya (FGC):

Lines S8, S33, R6, R5, S4 ("Espanya" station)



Hotels near the venue

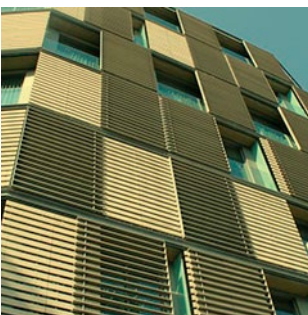
The place where the tournament will take place, “Fira Barcelona”, is a convention centre, which means that there are a lot of hotels nearby. The problem is that these hotels are quite expensive. Here’s a list with some of them. Please remember that these prices are only illustrative.



Hotel Onix Fira (***)

Llançà, 30, Eixample, 08015 Barcelona

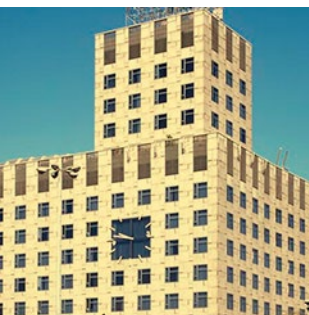
520 € for 4 nights
(Thu-Mon, two adults with breakfast)



B Hotel (***)

Gran Vía, 389, Eixample, 08015, Barcelona

883 € for 4 nights (Thu-Mon, two adults)

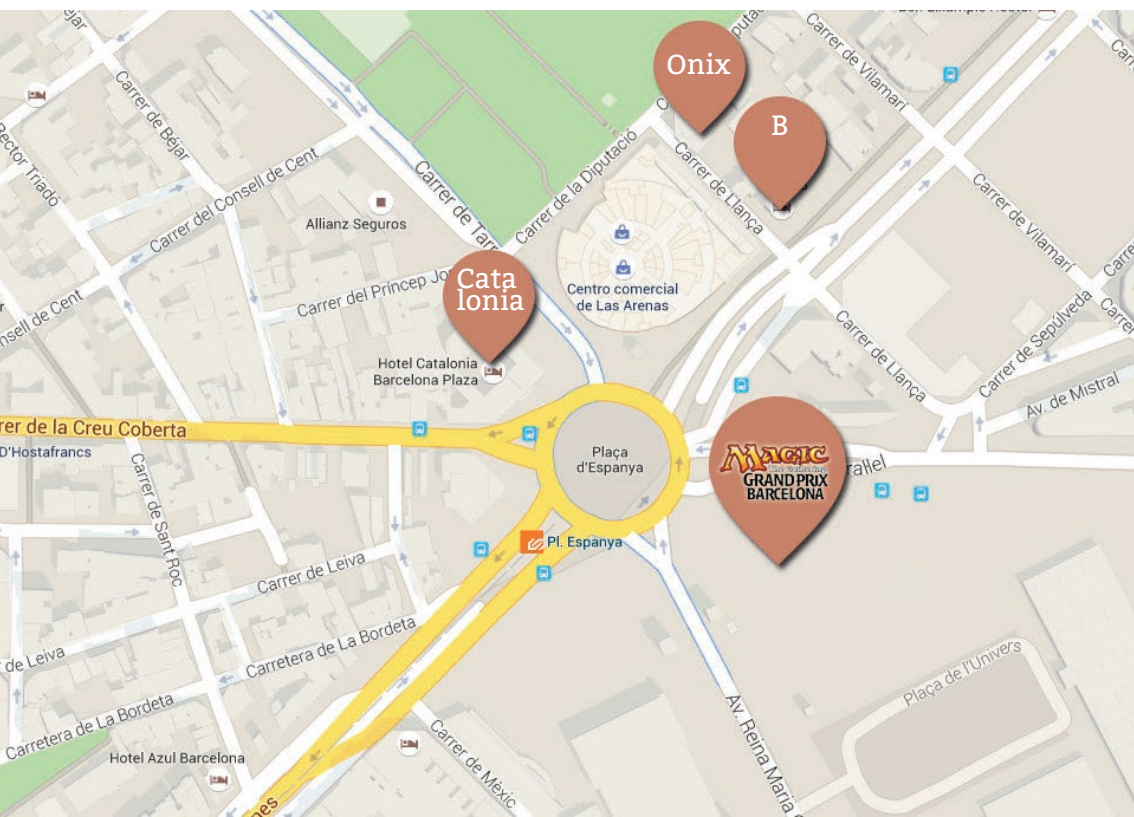


Hotel Catalonia Barcelona Plaza (****)

Plaza España, 6-8, Sants-Montjuïc, 08014 Barcelona

960 € for 4 nights (Thu-Mon, two adults)

Link to Google Maps <http://tinyurl.com/oucu5jh>



Budget Hotels

For those who are looking for some cheaper option here there are some budget-friendly ones. Of course you can always look for something even cheaper and farther from the venue. If you take that option remember that the metro station in front of the tournament centre is Espanya and there are two lines that stop there (**Line 1 RED and Line 3 GREEN**). If you are near one of these two lines, you will get to the tournament easily in less than 20-30 minutes from almost everywhere in Barcelona.



Hostal Sans (**)

Antoni de Capmany, 82, 08014 Barcelona

Metro from Mercat Nou station to Pl Espanya station (red line). 20 min aprox.

105€ 4 nights (Thu-Mon, two adults)



Hotel Friends Barcelona

Gran Via de les Corts Catalans 435, Principal, Eixample, 08015 Barcelona

Double room: **188-200€** 4 nights



360 Hostel Bcn Arts&Culture

Ronda Sant Pere, 56, Eixample, 08010 Barcelona

Metro from Arc de Triomf station to Plaça Espanya station (L1, red line). 22 - 26 min aprox.

Share room: **90€**/person 4 nights

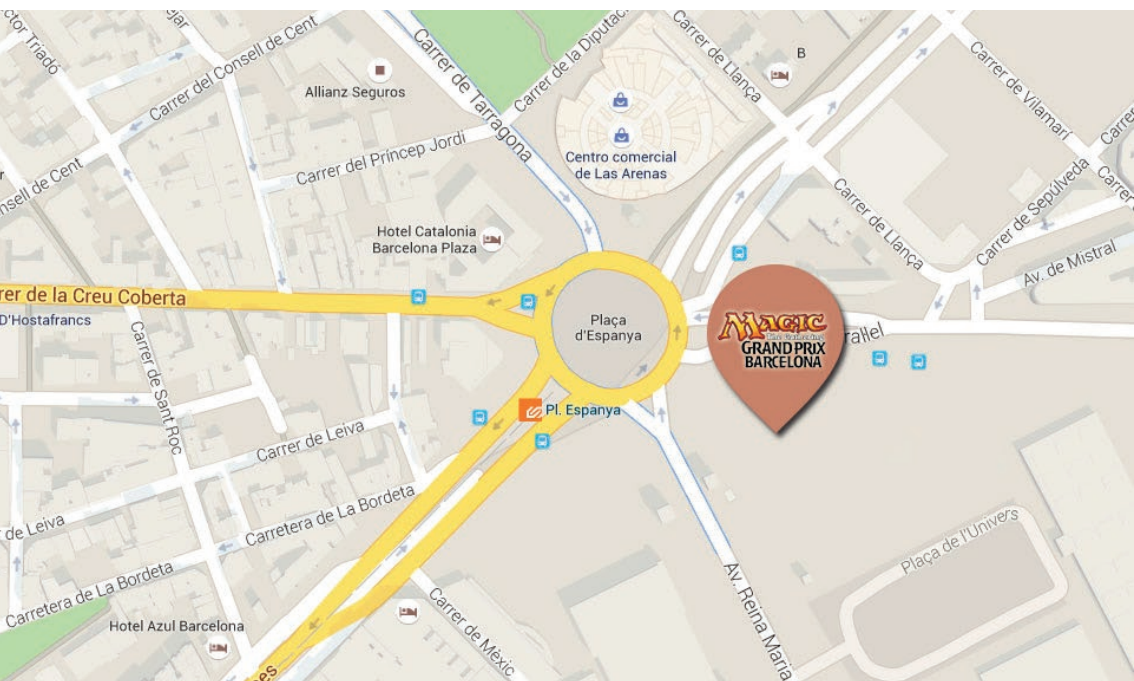
Walk 5-10 min to arc de triomf station (l1) and take the metro there to pl espanya station (red line). 35 min aprox.

ARC House

Metro from Arc de Triomf station (L1) to Plaça Espanya station (red line). 22 - 26 min aprox.

Share room: **55€**/person 4 nights

Link to Google Maps <http://tinyurl.com/oucu5jh>



Gastronomy

Catalonia has been noted for its delicious and refined cuisine. It is famous for its concept of "mar i montanya", combining the products of the sea and the mountains to create inventive dishes.

Traditional Spanish cooking draws on European impressions from the north, Moorish influences from the south and, thanks to early explorers, ingredients from the Americas and the Far East.

Spanish food is exciting and diverse.

Most typical dishes



Paella

Loaded with fresh seafood, rabbit or chicken, rice, spices, and vegetables, Spaniards know how to feed a crowd the right way.



Croquetas

Bechamel. Cheese. Ham. Chicken. Cocido. Can't go wrong with this dish!



Patatas Bravas

Fried potatoes in a spicy "salsa brava" sauce in this traditional tapas dish.
brava = wild, ferocious... will you dare? :D



Jamón ibérico

But isn't it just raw salty ham? Oh no! it's so much more!!!



Pà amb tomàquet

Cut a tomato in two, then rub it all over a slice of toasted bread. Then add a little olive oil and salt... and if you add some "Jamón ibérico" you'll never leave Spain!

Restaurants

"Las Arenas Barcelona" is a shopping mall situated right in front of the venue, where you can find a lot of restaurants, bars, braserias, etc. There are some on the rooftop and some others inside. You can find more info at www.arenasdebarcelona.com



Taverna La Llesca

In the middle of Gracia you can find La Llesca. A very good place to eat the typical Catalan dishes. You will love the ambient!

Travessera de Gràcia 86 · Phone 93.416.05.03

How to Arrive: L3,L5 Diagonal Station



Can Culleretes

Emplaced in "Gotic", Founded in 1786, Can Culleretes can boast about being the oldest restaurant in Barcelona and the second in Spain. A little bit expensive but Good value for money. The best place for "Butifarra"

Carrer d'en Quintana, 5 · Phone 93.317.30.22

How to Arrive: L3 Liceu Station



Michael Collins Pub

The perfect place to experience the hospitality and atmosphere of an authentic Irish pub.

Placa de la Sagrada Familia, 4 Phone 93.459.19.64

How to Arrive: L2 Sagrada Familia Station

www.michaelcollinspubs.com

Turistic hotspots

One of the singularities of Barcelona is its architecture. During the XXth Century, the city lived an architecture hype, most represented by the works of Antoni Gaudí.



The famous rooftop of Casa Milà (La Pedrera) in Barcelona.



Sagrada Família

Gaudí's unfinished masterpiece, this temple is one of the most iconic monuments in Barcelona. Visiting the basilica takes approximately 1 hour and costs around 15 €. The towers can also be visited for an extra fee of 5€. Buying tickets in advance is highly advisable, as large queues tend to form in front of the entrance.



Parc Güell

This public park, designed by Gaudí, is an extraordinary mix between architecture and nature. Besides the famous dragon fountain, the park offers great views over the entire city. You should plan for 3 hours for the visit, as it's complicated to get there with public transportation, but the visit is totally worth it. The park has an entry fee of 7€.



Passeig de Gràcia

The wide boulevards, on both sides of the street, are bordered with shops, boutiques and restaurants. But what make the walk unique are the Art Nouveau (Modernisme) houses. The most famous are Gaudí's Casa Batlló and Casa Milà (La Pedrera). Both are opened for visiting, but large queues tend to form at the entrance.



Camp Nou

Easy to reach by subway, the stadium of the FC Barcelona is always place to visit.

A guided tour of the stadium and the museum costs 23€, and there is a gift shop where you can find all the FC Barcelona's merchandising.



Basílica Santa María del Mar

Built between 1329 and 1383, Santa María del Mar is a beautiful basilica considered the best and most complete example of Catalan Gothic architecture.



Las Ramblas & Barri Gòtic

Another perfect place to have a nice walk. You can start the walk at Plaça Catalunya and walk down the Ramblas (If you pay attention, you'll see people dressing as statues).



While walking down, take a stop at the Mercat de la Boqueria (it will be on your right), a unique food market in the center of the city. When you get to the Liceu (there is a metro stop), you should turn left and sneak into the old quarter, through street Portaferrixa or Ferran. Try to get to the Plaça del Pi (not so easy) and have a coffee there, then walk down to the Cathedral and back to the Ramblas to get down to the Maremagnum and the harbor. Be very careful with your belongings, as the Ramblas is known to be an area full of pickpockets.



Parc de la Ciutadella

You can take the metro to Arc de Triomf and walk down through the arch until you get to the Park. It is a nice place to have a walk in the morning. The zoo is right next to it, but the visit is not worth it at all.



Bosc de les Fades Café.

Less known places



Bosc de les Fades Café

If you want to have a drink in the woods, here's a place you must visit. El Bosc de les Fades (The fairies' forest) is a mystery forest with the best products to satisfy your thirst! Here's the link with all the info:

www.museocerabcn.com/en/bosc.html



The Chocolate Museum

If you have a sweet tooth for chocolate this is the place to visit! The Chocolate Museum provides a journey through the origins of chocolate, its arrival in Europe and its spread as an element between myth and reality.

Individual ticket fee 5 €.

Day trips



Tibidabo Park

Easily reachable by funicular railway, the views from the mountain are amazing. The amusement park, filled with history, is more for children than for adults, but you can still have a great time. You might also want to visit the Temple del Sagrat Cor, a Catholic church at the top of the mountain.



Montserrat

This beautiful mountain houses the Santa Maria de Montserrat Benedictine abbey, Catalonia's most important pilgrimage site. You can get to the top either by taking a funicular or a cable car, and from there you can enjoy the many hiking trails available. Trains to Montserrat depart from Plaça Espanya.



Sitges

If you want to spend a quiet day, Sitges can be a perfect destination. But you should also know that Sitges is very famous for its legendary night-life, so your relaxing day can easily end up in a very different fashion. You can get there very easily, by taking a suburban train from Sants Estació.

Local Game Stores



El Nucli

El Nucli is the closest to the venue. Great ambient to play magic, board games, or to chat with friends. They run a lot of scheduled events during the week. Closed on Monday!
c/Vallespir 24. Phone 93.339.15.28

How to arrive: L1 Plaça Sants L5 Sants Estació

www.elnucli.es - info@elnucli.es



Ingenio

Located in Arc de Triomf, ingenio is a big shop with a lot of rarities in stock. You can find a few freak shops around to complete a tour.

Passeig de Sant Joan, 16. Phone 93.245.03.15

How to arrive: L1 Arc de Triomf

www.ingeniobcn.com - ingenio@ingeniobcn.es



Maná Infinito

Only two streets away from Sagrada Familia, Mana Infinito is a good place to include in a route. They run scheduled events during the week.

c/lepiant 238. Phone 93.002.32.19

How to arrive: L2 Sagrada Familia L1 Glories

Safety & tips

Electricity: 220VAC, 50Hz, European-type plug.

Calling code: +34.

Time zone: GMT+1, CET

Currency: Euro (€)

Average temperature in April: around 12°C (54°F)

Emergency call: 112

Beware of pickpockets! Remember to keep your belongings safe even within the venue.

Mossos d' Escuadra

These are the cops in Catalonia. The nearest office from the venue is in Carrer d'Iradier, 9 (P.C. 08017).

Mossos' telephone number: +34 933.06.23.10

Some spanish wording!

Yes = Sí / No = No

Please = Por favor / Thank you = Gracias

I don't understand = No entiendo

Excuse me = Disculpe / I don't speak Spanish = No hablo español

I like it = Me gusta / How much is it? = ¿Cuánto cuesta?

Cheap = Barato / Expensive = Caro

Beer = Cerveza / Ham = Jamón

Local contact

If you have any issues that require the help of a local judge, you may contact Raül. Be nice to him and he will be nice to you.

Raül Rabionet i Janssen, L2 Judge from Barcelona

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