



# Magic Fest Barcelona

## 2019 Travel Guide

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# Welcome to *Bantcelona!*

Barcelona belongs to the Bant shard of Alara!



- It is White for the peaceful, welcoming city, filled with magnificent architecture and religious temples, as the Sagrada Família or Barcelona's Cathedral.
- It is Blue for its beach, the seafront full of restaurants and its busy port and airport
- It is Green because of the numerous parks around the city, as the Parc Güell, and the green grass of the Camp Nou.

Barcelona is Spain's second largest and most cosmopolitan city. It is the capital of Catalonia, a region of Spain with its own language (Catalan) and 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.

## The Venue

The tournament venue is located in la Fira de Barcelona Gran via. This venue is a comfortable big location in the outskirts Barcelona easily accessible by train or by bus.



This venue is behind the beautiful Montjuïc mountain, easily accessible by train from the airport in a rather quiet and away from the hassle that is Barcelona during summer. The address of the venue is

Fira Barcelona Gran Via  
Av. Joan Carles I, 64 08908  
L'Hospitalet de Llobregat Barcelona

## Public Transportation

Moving around Barcelona is easy. Metro, bus or train are all good options with reliable service that will get you anywhere. For more information check the bus service at <https://www.tmb.cat/en/home>.



To get to the venue first you will need to get to *Plaça Espanya* which there are several bus rides or metro lines that will get you there. From there you can either take any **FGC** outbound trains to *Europa* | *Fira* stop. You can also take the metro L9S and stop at *Fira* stop and walk to the venue.

The ticketing system for Barcelona works by zones. If you want to stay in Barcelona and move within the city you will just need to buy a one way ticket (not recommended) or a ticket valid for 10 trips (T-10, integrated with bus, metro, tram and train: 10.20€).

There are also passes valid up to 5 days (starting at 8.60€). If you want to explore the surroundings of Barcelona make sure to check out what zone are you traveling to as you will need to buy the appropriate ticket.

# Arriving from the Airport

## From El Prat BCN

### by Bus

AEROBÚS is the 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: Plaça Espanya, Gran Via-Urgell and Pl. Universitat. It runs every day of the year, with departures every 5 minutes and the the journey takes about 30 minutes. Price single ticket: 5,90 Eur

More Info at: [www.aerobusbcn.com](http://www.aerobusbcn.com)



### by Taxi

There is a Taxi Stop in front of T1 and T2.  
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 up to *Espanya* station. From there follow the steps described in the previous section.

## by Metro

The metro line L9S connects the airport to Barcelona. Please note that T-10 (10 trips pass) won't be valid in L9S if you are coming from or to the airport, so you will have to buy a special ticket (4,50€ aprox). To get to the venue, take the any outbound train and stop at *Fira* to get to the venue.

## From Girona Airport

Girona Airport is 103km (64.2 miles) North East of Barcelona, about 1hr 20 minutes train ride from Barcelona center but the Barcelona bus is 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 take the metro L1 to get to *Plaça Espanya* and once there follow the steps in the previous section (*Public Transportation*) to get to the venue.

ATTENTION! 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 for a one way trip.

## by Train

If you prefer the train, first you need to take a bus to Girona. The bus station is just near the train station. The journey time to Barcelona from Girona is approximately 1 hr and 10 minutes and you will be dropped off in *Barcelona-Sants* station. See above the connections to the venue. You can look up the timetable information for the train transfer between Girona and Barcelona and buy tickets at <https://renfe.com> from *GIRONA* to *BARCELONA-SANTS*.

## by Car

If you have time, 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. Check also 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.

## Hotels & Accommodation

### Staff Hotel

#### [Renaissance Barcelona Fira Hotel](#)

Plaça d'Europa, 50-52  
08902 L'Hospitalet de Llobregat  
Barcelona, Spain

### Hotels near the venue

***Most of the hotels next to the venue are luxury kind-of hotels. There is a list of hotels in Barcelona city center which are more affordable in the next section.***

#### Hotel Porta Fira

[Plaça d'Europa, 45, 08908 L'Hospitalet de Llobregat, Barcelona](#)

#### AC Hotel by Marriot Sam

[Carrer Arquitectura, 1, 3, 08908 L'Hospitalet de Llobregat, Barcelona](#)

#### Travelodge Fira Barcelona

[Carrer de Botànica 25, 08908 Hospitalet de Llobregat, Barcelona](#)

## Barcelona City Center

### Bcn Eixample Hostel

Gran Via de les Corts Catalanes, 423, 08015 Barcelona.  
Very centric, good metro connection at station *Rocafort* (L1, Red Line).  
+34 606 97 47 40

## Hostal Sans

Antoni de Capmany, 82, 08014 Barcelona.  
Near metro station *Mercat Nou* (L1, Red line).  
+34 933 31 37 00 - [www.hostalsans.com](http://www.hostalsans.com)

## Hola Hostal Eixample

Napoles, 149-151 bajos, Eixample, 08013 Barcelona.  
10 min. walking to metro station *Arc de Triomf* (L1, Red Line).  
+34 936 24 23 31 - [www.holahostal.com](http://www.holahostal.com)

## Sant Jordi Hostels - Gràcia

Carrer de Terol, 35, 08012 Barcelona.  
5 min. walking to metro station *Fontana* (L3, Green Line) or *Joanic* (L4, Yellow Line).  
+34 933 42 41 61 - [www.santjordihostels.com](http://www.santjordihostels.com)

# Touristic 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.



## Sagrada Familia



Gaudí's unfinished masterpiece, this temple is one of the most iconic monuments in Barcelona. It's construction started in 1882 and we are still waiting!

You can see the work of other architects as Josep Maria Subirachs in some fronts of the building. This temple is full of various iconography and there is also a museum

dedicated to explaining Gaudí's vision and architectural Plans.

Visiting the basilica takes approximately 1 hour and the admission fees start at 15€. 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 save at least 3 hours for the visit, as it's a bit tricky to get there with public transportation, but the visit is totally worth it.

You can get there from the metro stations of Lesseps or Vallcarca L3, in the green line. The park has an entry fee of 7.5€.

## 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 open for visiting, but large queues tend to form at the entrance. Plan your visit in advance!



## Camp Nou

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

A guided tour in the stadium and the entrance in the museum costs 26€. 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.

## The Cathedral

This Gothic cathedral between the centuries. It is close to the city visit it by Plaça Catalunya metro to Jaume L4.

The admission free, but you extras (from 3 the roofs and museum inside.

As you visit the Barri Gòtic, you will also see some older ramparts from the Roman era of Barcelona, the Roman baths and the Barcelona City History Museum where you can visit the underground remains of the city.



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to the temple is can pay some to 7€) to visit the cathedral's

Cathedral and

## 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 Boquería (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 station), you should turn left and sneak into the old quarter, through street Portaferrissa 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.

**WARNING! Be very careful with your belongings, as the Ramblas is known to be an area full of pickpockets.**

## Arc de Triomf & 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, as the park is full of fountains and places to relax. The zoo is right next to it, but it does not worth a visit. Make sure to visit the Freak-shops around the Arc de Triomf area if you are looking for Magic products, board games or comic books!

## Less known places

### Bosc de les Fades

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.](#)

### Parc del Laberint

This labyrinthine park is the oldest garden of Barcelona. Created by a Catalan marquis and an Italian architect in the late 18th century, this "Kaladesh" kind of park is a nice place to visit and enjoy your free time. It is located in the district of Horta and you can go there from the metro station of Mundet L3. Although it is far away from the city center it is worth visiting if you have the time. The admission fees are around 2€ and it's free on Sundays. Ideal for romantic couples!

## Food and drinks

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.



The following list is a compilation of highlighted bars and restaurants for eating across Barcelona at a reasonable price.

## Mercat de la Boqueria

A market with tons of different options and food around the world.  
La Rambla, 91 08001 Barcelona. Pl. Catalunya (L1 red, L3 green).

## Una Mica de Japó

Homemade Japanese traditional food. Nice dishes and very good entrees and dessert. Go early or book a table as the place is very small.  
Urgell + 3 min. walking (L1, red)

## Rosa del Raval

Small Food and Drinks Bar-Restaurant. Mexican fusion cuisine. You are advised to book a table if going with a small group.



Carrer dels Àngels, 6, 08001 Barcelona. Liceu + 5 min. walking (L3, green)

## Pim Pam Plats/Burger



Burger place with homemade fries. Fresh ingredients bought in the market every day.

Carrer del Rec, 18, 08003 Barcelona. Jaume I and 5 min. walking (L4, yellow)

## Michael Collins Pub

Classic Irish pub right in front the Sagrada Familia. Live music on Mondays.  
Plaza Sagrada Familia, 4, 08013 Barcelona. Sagrada Familia (L2 purple, L5 blue)

## Local Game Stores

### El Nucli

Carrer de Valladolid, 41, 08014 Barcelona  
+34 934 11 03 79  
<http://www.elnucli.es/>

### Magic Barcelona

Ronda de Sant Pere, 44, 08010 Barcelona  
+34 931 14 26 67  
<https://magicbarcelona.net/>

### inGenio BCN Games

Passeig de Sant Joan, 16, 08010 Barcelona  
+34 932 45 03 15  
<https://www.ingeniobcn.com/>

### Júpiter Juegos Barcelona

Carrer d'Ausiàs Marc, 52, 08010 Barcelona  
+34 937 97 67 36  
<https://www.jupiterjuegos.com/>

## Safety Tips

Barcelona is a big city, and as in every big city there are tourists, and with tourists there are people who like to take advantage of visitors. Beware pickpockets, especially in crowded places like train and metro stations and squares, and remember to always keep your belongings near you and secure, even in the venue and while playing.



## Emergency phone number: 112

**The police** in Barcelona and Catalonia are called *Mossos d'Esquadra*. The nearest office to the venue is located in Plaça Espanya, 1 (P.C. 08015).

Mossos d'Esquadra phone number:

**+34 935 54 27 00**

Electricity: 220VAC, 50Hz, European-type plug.  
Country code: +34 (0034).  
Time zone: GMT+1, CET  
Currency: Euro (€)  
Average temperature in July: around 30°C (90°F)

### Some language help:

Yes = Sí / No = No

Please = Por favor

Thank you = Gracias

I need help = Necesito ayuda

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

## Contact Information

Should you have an issue that requires the help from a local Judge you may contact one of them and they'll do their best to help you.

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