



THE EDITOR'S GUIDE TO

Barcelona

Barcelona, Spain is well known as being one of the world's most iconic cities to visit with its amazing collaboration of unbridled Spanish history, eccentric culture and the birthplace of "tapas" a foodie phenomenon that now spans across the globe. Spending just a few days in this glorious city could be looked at as a shame but sometimes your travel itinerary only allows for a short stay. If this happens to be the case we have a few suggestions that we highly recommend you check out!

GETTING THERE

Take advantage of a WOW Stopover when you book your flight to Barcelona from LAX and enjoy an adventure along the way in Iceland, one of the most exciting countries in the world. Wow Airlines stopover option gives you the chance to break up the long-haul journey across the Atlantic. The stopover opportunity is available to book on return flights between North America and Europe via Iceland in either direction. To experience a #wowstopover for yourself visit wowair.us.

Upon arrival there is nothing better than being greeted by your own personal driver and being whisked away in style. Blacklane car service is a premium method of transportation to get where you need to go whether from Barcelona El-Prat Airport to your

hotel or even day tripping and sightseeing throughout the city. They offer a stylish fleet of car options from their signature Business Class which consists of a Mercedes Benz E-Class, BMW 5 Series or Cadillac XTS to First Class with a Mercedes Benz S-Class, BMW 7 Series or an Audi A8. With over 250 cities worldwide Blacklane is the go to car service when you want to turn some heads and make a statement, letting everyone know you have arrived.

IN THE HEART OF IT ALL

The Majestic Hotel and Spa is one of Barcelona's top rated hotel stays and for good reason. Situated on the elegant Passeig de Gracia Avenue the property is the perfect spot to call home while visiting the city center. One of the main standouts of the property is its ideal central location in the city. Walking distance to world class shopping, incredible historical art and more you couldn't choose a better location in the heart of it all. Though the hotel is so proximal to many entertainment and dining options there is plenty to do on property that you really don't have to leave the hotel if you choose not to. For dining options guests are advised not to miss the incredible breakfast buffet at El Restaurante Del Majestic which ascribes to a healthy yet flavorful Mediterranean diet, Petit Comite serves

local Catalan fare and The Condal provides an intimate romantic dinner setting.

There are a plethora of options available when choosing a room all depending on your needs and wants; from deluxe rooms to suites to penthouses to apartments there truly is something for every type of visit and traveler. The rooms are elegant, spacious and comfortable while integrating innovative elements throughout the space. We suggest you splurge a little and upgrade your stay to the Penthouse which hosts a private terrace overlooking La Sagrada Familia. These penthouses are the jewels of Majestic Hotel & Spa Barcelona and also the perfect choice to enjoy a luxurious experience.

The most talked about section of the hotel has to be La Dolce Vitae rooftop bar which just happens to be one of Barcelona's most popular hangouts for locals and tourists alike. Sweeping views of the city below coupled with refreshing signature cocktails and their delectable Spanish Tapas it certainly doesn't get better than this!

BY THE SEA

If you are looking to stay away from the hustle and bustle of city life then a room at the Hotel Arts is the perfect oceanfront oasis. Located steps away from the beautiful beaches of Port Olympic guests are treated to sweeping views of the



Mediterranean in one of the city's most luxurious hotels. Situated close to the district of Barceloneta which is home to many distinctive bars, cafes and local restaurants guests have an unlimited amount of options when choosing their itinerary for their stay.

When looking to spice things up request a private cocktail class with Diego Baud, the hotel's mixology master. Based in the back of Arola Restaurant just adjacent to the kitchen is a small room where Diego unveils his creative side and teaches you how to prepare delicious and creative concoctions of your very own. Saying he gets in to it would be an understatement, this man lives and breathes the art of mastering new drinks. From the inside of the glass to the outside surrounding presentation each cocktail is meticulously crafted. But don't worry, if making your own drink is not your cup of tea you can always order one of his masterpieces inside the restaurant.



With 483 ocean or city view rooms, guests can choose between standard rooms, executive suites, signature suites as well as 28 duplex penthouses, the Royal Penthouse and the Presidential Penthouse. For more exclusivity book your room with club level access which basically serves as a hotel within a hotel. For a more personalized secluded experience, guests that want

to be away from it all can enjoy private access with a separate reception and full concierge service available to them. The club offers light refreshments and drinks for its guests allowing them to spend the day at their leisure in a much more laid back semi private section of the hotel.

The property boasts an experienced team of travel concierges who can assist in discovering the exciting destination of Barcelona and provide tailor-made advice for your visit to the city. Luxury amenities are at your beckon call from a 24-hour travel concierge, on demand transfer service, a fully equipped iLounge featuring the latest Apple devices, mobile check-in, on-site shops and even a hairdresser.

Surrounded by a splendid beach and the beauty of the Barcelona waterfront, the outdoor pool is the perfect spot for a refreshing dip or to retreat to peaceful serenity. Expose yourself to the warm afternoon breeze of the Mediterranean, enjoy delicious amenities such as handmade ice cream and smoothies, or relax amid a tranquil refuge inside this Barcelona luxury hotel, providing unparalleled facilities and unforgettable sea views.

REJUVENATE

43 the Spa, the Hotel Arts signature spa escape (located on the 43rd floor if you hadn't guessed) is an absolute must if you are staying on property. The facility boasts open air terraces with incredible panoramic views, eight fully equipped treatment suites, hydrotherapy pools, saunas and steam baths and a wide array of treatments using the distinguished luxury Spanish skincare brand Natura Bissé. Opt for their signature treatment, The 43 Experience. This unique massage incorporates various chiropractic techniques, pressure, stretching maneuvers and aromatherapy precious oils to stimulate the senses and deeply relax the entire body.

NOURISHMENT

The I Hotel Arts is home to six dining options ranging from informal al fresco dining by the pool at Marina to a two



Michelin star restaurant Enoteca by renowned Catalan Chef, Paco Perez. Experience a culinary journey of passion from Chef Perez as he takes you on a tour through the Mediterranean with his incredibly fresh local ingredients featuring Barcelona's best produce, meats and seafood on the market. Enoteca's cellar features more than 700 wines so be prepared to have a meal you won't soon forget.

GOURMET GAUDI

If you are seeing Barcelona in a few days and your time is limited we have found the perfect choice for a downtown adventure; the Gourmet Gaudi tour with Wanderbeak! Wanderbeak is the brainchild of husband and wife team Rowan and Marwa who both left their corporate jobs to live out their lives doing what they love the most, traveling and eating good food! They landed in Barcelona after living in many parts of the world and now they are building a small empire in the food tour business. With several tours going on at once including Born to Eat, Savor Spain, Gourmet Gaudi and Tapalicious they are cornering the market and showing foodies the best local spots to try Barcelona's finest cuisine.

The Gourmet Gaudi tour is a one of kind experience that takes you on a three hour tour throughout the heart of the city combining modernist architecture with Barcelona's gastronomic highlights. On the tour you are taken back to a time of the bourgeois scene when architects like Antoni Gaudi were designing one of a kind homes for the wealthy. The tour starts off in style eating local oysters and toasting Cava like the rich of that time period followed by a local artisan chocolate tasting to fully awaken your taste buds. For lunch you are treated to a sit down six course lunch at an award winning Michelin star restaurant with dishes that are a perfect depiction of culinary art at its best! The day finishes off heading up to a rooftop bar to end with a cocktail while talking in the





amazing panoramic views of downtown Barcelona and of course snapping the perfect selfie. If art, history and incredible food are at the top of your list the Gourmet Gaudi tour is an absolute must when visiting the iconic city.

THE PLACE TO MEET

Set on 25,000 square meters of lush gardens this modern business style hotel will make you forget that you are as central to the city of Barcelona as you are. The Fairmont Rey Juan Carlos provides its guests with a luxurious escape from the hustle and bustle of downtown Barcelona and the ever fast city life. This five star property is located on the prestigious Avenida Diagonal and surrounded by famous attractions such as the Barcelona Polo Club and Camp Nou Stadium giving guests the best of both worlds, total exclusivity with an array of activities to do on property.

There are several great dining options offered here including the lobby's newly refurbished B-24 which offers a range of local Spanish fare paired with local wines or handcrafted cocktails. In the summer season guests can enjoy dining outdoors at the Terrace found in the lush grounds of the hotel. The Pool Restaurant and Lounge is also available for lighter fare and cocktails if the weather permits and last but not least if you are a sports fan and cant miss the big game the hotel has you more than covered at Aris Sports Bar for a relaxed bar setting.

The Royal Club Fitness & Spa provides its guests a holistic wellness retreat center while on property. The perfect day escape guests can choose from a number of spa services, a state of the art fitness center as well as an indoor pool and water circuit, sauna, steam room and experience showers in both male and female sections of the spa.

