

**WHY SHOULD I GO TO BARCELONA**



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THE CITY YOU DEFINITELY NEED TO  
VISIT BEFORE YOU TURN 30 (OR 130)





## THIS IS WHY!

Barcelona effortlessly combines Mediterranean vibes with architectural beauty. Gaudí's masterpieces, like the awe-inspiring Sagrada Família and Park Güell, speak to the imagination. Barcelona is a vibrant city full of culture, tradition, design, beach life, and breathtaking coastal views. From the lively Barceloneta Beach to the more relaxed Bogatell Beach, there's a spot for everyone to soak up the sun and enjoy the Mediterranean Sea.

We love the city's dynamic street life and its bustling markets that offer an authentic taste of Catalan gastronomy. Whether you're enjoying tapas, sipping a refreshing *horchata*, or dipping your *churros* in hot chocolate, your taste buds are in for a treat. Barcelona's nightlife is legendary, with a wide range of bars, clubs, and music venues catering to every taste and budget. Dance the night away at one of the many beach clubs, enjoy some live music in El Gòtic, or make your way to trendy bars in El Born and L'Eixample.

Exploring Barcelona is easy and affordable. Walk through the charming narrow streets of the historic centre, rent a bike to explore further out, or use the efficient metro system. Join a free walking tour to get to know the city's rich history and visit viewpoints like the Bunkers and Tibidabo for some spectacular panoramic views. Each area has its own charm, from the bohemian vibes of Gràcia and the creativity of Poble Nou to the elegance of L'Eixample. One thing is certain: your first visit to Barcelona won't be your last.

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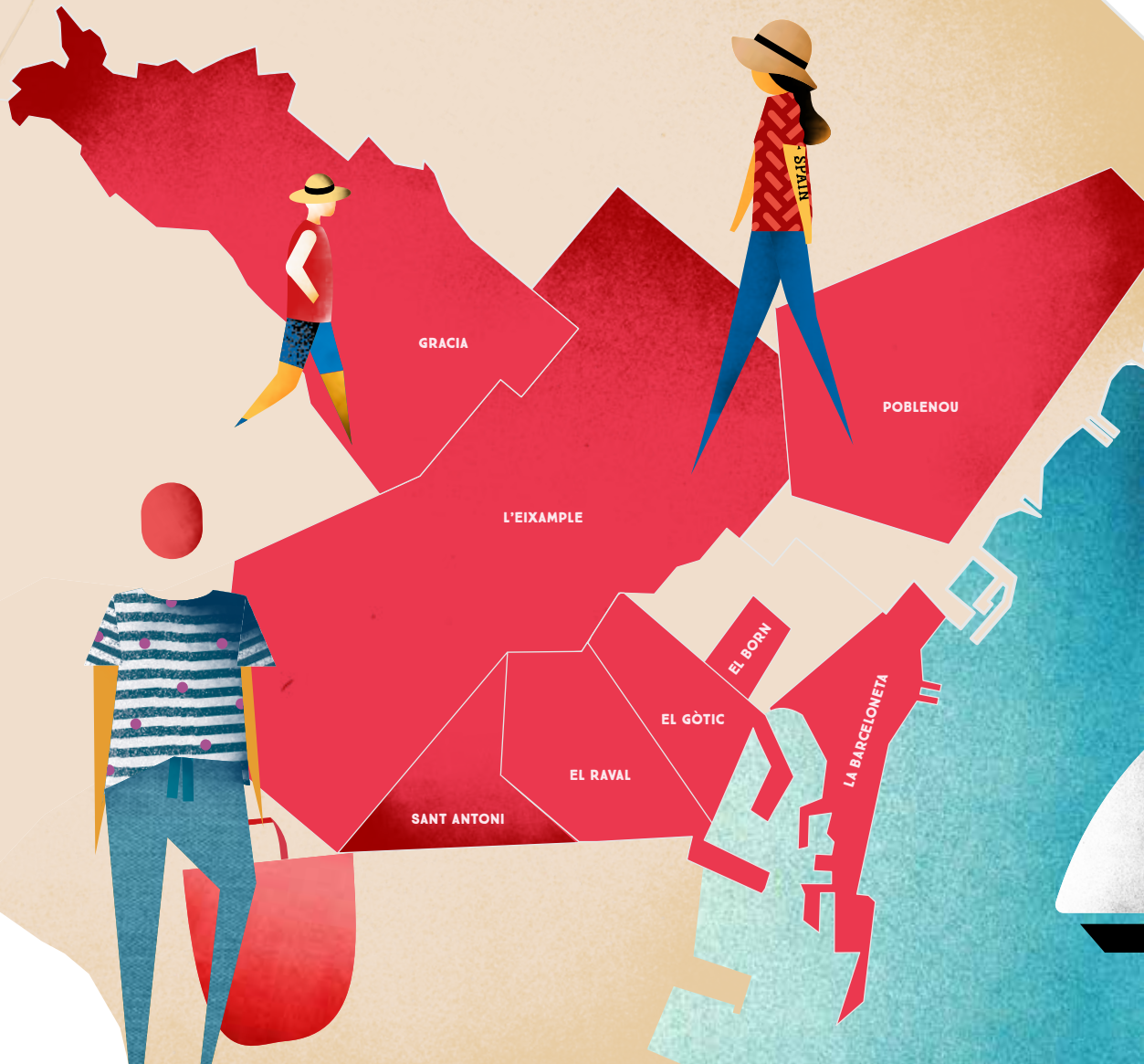
## DISTRICTS

Barcelona is divided into ten districts, each consisting of several neighbourhoods. When you're looking for an address within the L'Eixample district, the Gran Vía or the Avinguda Diagonal, it's advisable to look up the specific intersection, as the streets in this area are very long. We list the coolest districts and areas below.

### El Gòtic (Gothic Quarter)

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Barcelona's rich history is present everywhere in El Gòtic. Nestled between the bustling La Rambla and the vibrant waterfront, this century-old neighbourhood weaves a labyrinth of narrow streets and historic buildings. From the majestic Gothic Cathedral to the atmospheric Plaça Reial, every corner narrates a tale of the city's past.



## El Born

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El Born is nestled between Ciutadella Park and El Gòtic. This neighbourhood is also part of Ciutat Vella, the Old Town, and was the beating heart of medieval Barcelona. Today, its alleys are lined with trendy boutiques, artisanal cafés, and hidden squares with exquisite restaurants waiting to be discovered. Taking a stroll through El Born on a Saturday afternoon is one of our favourite activities.

## El Raval

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Discover the cultural melting pot of El Raval, nestled between historic El Gòtic and the popular residential area of El Poble-sec. Dating back to medieval times, this eclectic district is a haven for immigrants, artists, musicians, and free spirits. Visit the beautiful century-old hospital

or the avant-garde museum MACBA and the lively La Boqueria market.

## L'Eixample

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Marvel at the architectural wonders of L'Eixample. Barcelona's iconic grid-like district was designed in the 19th century by pioneering urban planner Ildefons Cerdà. L'Eixample is characterised by its wide boulevards, elegant squares, and iconic Modernista buildings. Highlights like the Sagrada Família, Casa Milà, and Casa Batlló make it a must-visit destination.

## Poblenou

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Located on the northeastern edge of the city, Poblenou was once a bustling industrial district known for its factories and warehouses. Over the last decades, it has been transformed into a thriving

hub for artists, designers, and tech startups. Its wide boulevards and converted warehouses now house galleries, co-working spaces, and trendy cafés.

## Gràcia

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Gràcia is a lively neighbourhood that was once a village on the outskirts of Barcelona. Its slim streets and lively squares are lined with cafés, boutiques, and artisan workshops. From the lively Plaça del Sol to the tranquil Plaça de la Vila de Gràcia, this charming district offers a welcome respite from the hustle and bustle of the rest of the city.

## La Barceloneta

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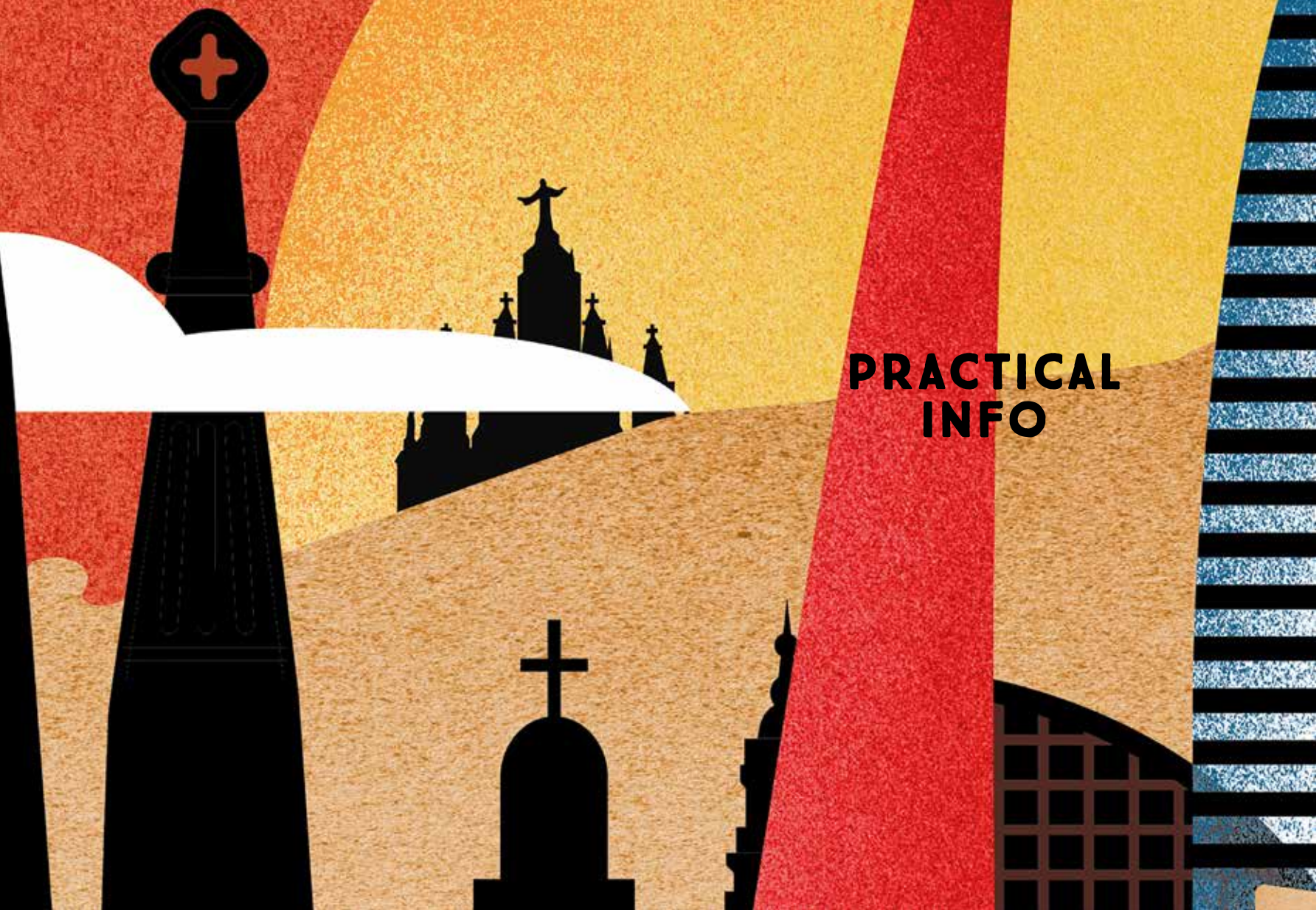
Barcelona's most popular seaside neighbourhood, located between the Old Port and El Born, is called La Barceloneta. Originally built as a fishing village in the 18th century, La Barceloneta retains its maritime charm combined with its sandy beaches, bustling promenade, and lively beach bars known as *chiringuitos*.

## Sant Antoni

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Named after the iconic Sant Antoni Market, Sant Antoni is part of the bustling L'Eixample district. We love this lively part of town because of its local market and fantastic eateries, especially on foodie street Carrer del Parlament. Sant Antoni is the perfect place to savour the flavours of Barcelona's culinary scene.





**PRACTICAL  
INFO**

# TRAVEL

Exploring Barcelona is best done on foot, just like the locals do. The wide pavements and pedestrian-friendly streets make walking a pleasure, allowing you to stop at any café, shop, or landmark that catches your eye. However, if you are short on time or want to cover more ground, there are other options.

Barcelona's efficient public transport system includes the metro, buses, and trams, making it easy to travel the city and its surroundings in a user-friendly and affordable way. You can purchase tickets, which need to be validated before boarding, at vending machines at stations or kiosks and tobacconists. The T-Casual ticket is perfect for short stays, as it offers ten rides at a discount. The metropolitan area of Barcelona is divided into different fare zones, but most

tourist attractions and central areas fall within Zone 1.

The metro is particularly convenient, covering all major areas. M signs mark the stations. The rail network FGC is another excellent option, especially if you're looking to travel to nearby destinations. FGC lines connect Barcelona with suburban areas and towns such as Terrassa and Sabadell. They also provide access to some popular attractions located outside the city, like the Montserrat mountain and monastery. Barcelona also offers an extensive network of buses, with regular services. You can buy a single ticket on the bus, or pay with a contactless debit card or mobile payment. The Nitbus operates throughout the night, ensuring you can get around even after a late night out.

