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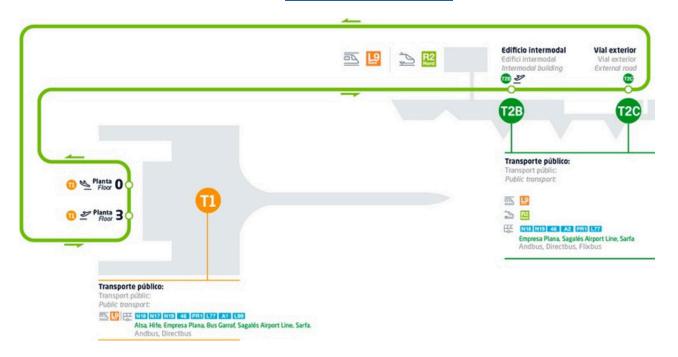


1.1. Barcelona-El Prat Airport (BCN)

Josep Tarradellas Barcelona-El Prat Airport is located 15 km southwest of Barcelona's city center and it features two main passenger terminals, T1 and T2. This airport is the largest in Catalonia and the second busiest in Spain.

The airport provides a free shuttle service to connect T1 and T2 terminals. This service operates 24 hours a day, including holidays, with high frequency during peak hours. Shuttles run every 5-7 minutes during the day and every 10 minutes at night. Passengers can find shuttle stops at T1 (Ground Floor for Arrivals and Level 3 for Departures) and at T2 (near Terminals B and C for both Arrivals and Departures).

For more detailed information about the airport, its services and real-time flight information, visit the official website: AENA Barcelona-El Prat



Transportation from the Airport to the City



Aerobús

Aerobús is the official shuttle service that connects Josep Tarradellas Barcelona-El Prat Airport with the city center of Barcelona, operating every day of the year. It provides a



fast transportation option, linking both terminal T1 and T2 of the airport to the centra hub of Plaça Catalunya. The route also includes key city stops, such as Plaça Espanya, Gran Via, and Plaça Universitat.

Routes

Aerobús operates two routes connecting the center of Barcelona with the airport terminals: Line A1 and Line A2. **Line A1** connects Plaça Catalunya (city center) to Terminal 1 (T1) at the airport, while **Line A2** connects the city center to Terminal 2 (T2).

Schedule and Real-Time Tracking

The Aerobús service operates **24 hours a day**, with varying frequencies depending on the time of day. From 05:00 am to 06:40 am, buses depart every 10 minutes; from 06:40 am to 09:55 pm, buses run every 5 minutes; from 09:55 pm to 12:35 am, departures are every 10 minutes, and from 12:35 am to 05:00 am, buses run every 20 minutes. Travelers can track buses in real time, check schedules, and verify departure times through the official Aerobús website: Aerobús Real-Time Information.

Fares

Aerobús offers various ticket options: a **single ticket costs 7.45€**, while a **round-trip ticket is priced at 12.85€**. Round-trip tickets are valid for 90 days, with the return trip valid for 90 days from the outbound journey.

There are also combined tickets that offer greater savings:

- Single Trip Metro/Bus + Aerobús: 8.75€, combining a single Aerobús ticket with access to TMB's metro or bus network.
- "Hola Barcelona" Travel Cards:

48h + Aerobús: 27.65€

72h + Aerobús: 34.60€

96h + Aerobús: 41.50€

120h + Aerobús: 48.05€

These cards provide unlimited use of public transportation (metro, buses, trams, and trains) in Barcelona for the duration of the card, along with round-trip Aerobús service.

Where to Buy Tickets

Tickets for Aerobús can be purchased either online or at various points of sale located throughout the airport and city center. In Terminal 1 (T1), tickets are available at 24-hour

assistance points, information totems, self-service machines, and the Lost & Found office. In Terminal 2 (T2), similar options are available, including assistance staff and information totems. In the city center, Plaça Catalunya has staff assistance and self- service machines where tickets can also be purchased.

· TMB regular bus lines

TMB regular bus lines provide an affordable and popular option for traveling between Barcelona Airport and several major metropolitan areas.

These buses connect the airport with TMB regular



bus lines provide traveling between Barcelona Airport and several major metropolitan areas, following a route that includes multiple stops along the way. While these buses are economical, they are subject to interurban traffic. Also, there are no dedicated luggage compartments, but passengers can carry their luggage standing next to them. You can use the same **TMB integrated transport card** (such as the T-10 or "Hola Barcelona" Travel Card) for these buses, so there's no need to purchase an additional ticket. (See point 2.1 Public Transport for more information on tickets options and where to buy them)

<u>Line 46: Plaça Espanya – Barcelona Airport (T1 and T2)</u>

This bus line connects Plaça Espanya in central Barcelona with Barcelona Airport, stopping at both Terminal 1 (T1) and Terminal 2 (T2). The journey takes approximately 30-35 minutes, depending on traffic, with about 13 stops along the route, including Gran Via and Carrer de Tarragona. Buses operate every 20-25 minutes throughout the day.

Night Bus N16: Plaça Catalunya – Barcelona Airport (T2)

The N16 Night Bus runs from Plaça Catalunya to Barcelona Airport when other transport services are unavailable. The journey takes around 30-40 minutes, with 10-12 stops, including Gran Via, Plaça Espanya, and Aeroport T2. Buses run every 20 minutes from 11:30 pm to 5:00 am.





By Train

• by an underground line: L9 Sud



The L9 Sud metro line provides a quick connection between Barcelona Airport and the city, with a journey time of just **32 minutes**. You can catch the metro from Terminal 1 (T1) at ground level or from Terminal 2 (T2) outside the terminal The line stops at **Zona**

Universitària, which is the last station. Although the L9 Sud does not go directly to the city center, at Zona Universitàri, you can transfer to the L3 line, which connects you to key locations in Barcelona, including Plaça Catalunya and Passeig de Gràcia. The L9 Sud operates every 7 minutes with the following schedule: Monday to Thursday from 5:00 am to 12:00 am, Friday and the day before holidays from 5:00 am to 2:00 am, and all day Saturday until Sunday at 12:00 am. For airport travel, you need to use the Airport Ticket (5,50€) or the "Hola Barcelona" Travel Card, which offers unlimited travel within the city's public transport system for several consecutive days. Regular metro tickets, such as T- casual or T-grup, are not valid for trips to the airport. If you arrive at the airport with an invalid ticket, you will need to purchase an Airport Ticket to exit.

• by a train line: R2 Nord



The R2 Nord train line connects **Barcelona Airport (T2)** with the city of Barcelona and its metropolitan area. It runs every 30 minutes and takes about 20-25 minutes to reach the city center. The line ends at the Aeroport T2 station, with stops at major locations such as **Barcelona Sants**, **Passeig de Gràcia**, and **Estació de França**. The first train departs from the airport at 5:42 am and the last one at 11:38 pm. For a one-way journey, the fare is **4.90€**.





Taxis are readily available at both terminals of Barcelona Airport (T1 and T2), and there are designated taxi stands outside each terminal. To catch a taxi, you must wait in line and board the next available one. Taxis at the airport are easy to identify, as they are typically black with a yellow stripe on each side. The taxi stands are clearly marked, and staff in recognizable jackets will guide you to the next available vehicle.

The taxi service operates 24 hours a day, so you can always find one when needed. The journey from the airport to central Barcelona

25k**40** approximately **minutes**, depending on traffic and time of day, and fares range from **35€ to 45€**.



For airport trips, there is a **minimum fare of 21€**, even for short distances.





🚗) By Car

Several **car rental companies** are available at both Terminal 1 (T1) and Terminal 2 (T2). However, it's important to note that while renting a car may offer flexibility for traveling around the region, Barcelona has an extensive, affordable, and reliable public transportation system that includes metro, buses, trams, commuter trains, funiculars, night buses, and taxis, making it easy to navigate the city without the need for a car. Additionally, parking in Barcelona can be guite challenging. There are very few areas where you can park for free, and the minimum price for on-street parking is between 2.50€ and 3.75€ per hour. Parking in parking lots can be even more expensive, and it's often difficult to find available spots in the city center. For these reasons, renting a car may not be the most practical option unless you're planning to explore areas outside of the city.

You can find detailed information about the car rental companies available at Barcelona Airport, along with their contact details, on the official AENA website. Here is the link to the relevant page: Car rental companies at Barcelona Airport. This page will provide you with a list of all the rental companies operating at the airport, as well as their contact information and locations in both Terminal 1 and Terminal 2.



1.2. Barcelona Nord Bus Station



The Barcelona Nord Bus Station, centrally located in a historic building from 1862, serves as the main hub for national and international coach travel to and from the city. Managed by the Barcelona Municipal Services company, the station ensures efficient operations, enhanced mobility, and a quality travel experience.

The station features **47 angled platforms** for convenient boarding and alighting. Pedestrian access is available via Alí Bei Street through two interconnected structures

with elevated walkways leading to the top floor of the station. Facilities include ticket counters, escalators, lifts for reduced mobility, and essential services like waiting areas or information points.

For trip schedules and timetables, visit the official Barcelona Nord Bus Station website.



1.3. Barcelona Estació de Sants

Barcelona Sants Station, or Estació de Sants, is the city's largest and busiest train station, centrally located between Plaça dels Països Catalans and Plaça Joan Peiró in the Sants district. This modern steel-and-glass structure serves as a key hub for regional, national, and international train travel.



Sants offers high-speed trains (AVE), long- and medium-distance routes, and comprehensive commuter rail connections through lines R1, R2, R3, and R4, making it an essential gateway for both locals and tourists. The station also integrates metro lines L3 and L5 for convenient access to Barcelona's public transport network.

Open from **4:30 AM to 12:30 AM** (5:00 AM on weekends and holidays), Sants Station is well-equipped with ticket counters, information desks, waiting areas, and facilities for travelers with disabilities. It also boasts a luggage storage, and other amenities to ensure a comfortable journey. For train schedules and tickets, visit the official Adif website.

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2.1. Public Transportation

Barcelona boasts an extensive public transportation network, all governed by the same transport card and fare system. This comprehensive network is divided into zones within the metropolitan area, with Zone 1 covering the core of the city and extending all the way to areas beyond Barcelona's airport. Whether you are traveling by bus, metro, tram, or train, the same ticket and pricing structure apply. Additionally, public transport in Barcelona can be easily managed using any navigation app, such as Google Maps or Apple Maps.



In Barcelona, the bus system has been redesigned to enhance efficiency, usability, and resource management. The new network now features 28 high-performance lines, including **V - vertical** (sea to mountain), **H - horizontal** (Llobregat to Besòs), and **D - diagonal** routes. Key improvements include faster travel times through designated bus lanes, priority at traffic lights, and double stops, which help reduce waiting and journey times. Buses are more frequent, running **every 5 to 8 minutes**, and interchange hubs make it easy to switch between bus lines. TMB offers bus service every day, from Monday to Sunday. TMB offers bus service every day, from Monday to Sunday, with regular service typically operating **from 6 AM to 11 PM**. After this time, the Night Bus (Bus Nit) service takes over, which is designed to provide transportation during late hours. Some lines operate based on scheduled times, while others follow a frequency schedule. You can find detailed information about each line and stop schedule at the Bus Stop, on the official TMB website, or through the TMB App.

The network operates with several types of stops and systems. Double stops allow two buses to pick up and drop off passengers simultaneously. Double destination lines feature buses with two possible endpoints, offering both longer and shorter trips to speed up overall service. The network now covers a total of **97 lines**, including urban, intercity, and neighborhood buses.

To travel by bus in Barcelona, first signal the driver when the bus arrives and wait for the doors to open. If the bus has one or two doors, **board through the front**. For buses with more than two doors, you can use the front two doors. **Be sure to validate your ticket**. When you want to get off, press the red button in advance to allow the driver enough time to stop. Always validate your **transport card** on the bus machine, or use a **bank card** or load your T-mobilitat card via the **TMB app**. Once onboard, move to the back of the bus

The NitBus network includes **23 lines**, each offering a reliable frequency of three buses per hour (**one every 15-20 minutes**). A central feature of the system is that most NitBus lines stop at Plaça de Catalunya, making it easy to transfer between lines. The exception to this is line **N0**, which forms a circular route around Plaça de Catalunya, still allowing convenient connections to other lines.





The Barcelona Metro is an extensive rapid transit system consisting of electrified railway lines, primarily operating underground in the heart of the city and extending into its suburbs. The metro system currently features **12 lines**, which are managed by two different companies. Two more lines, L9 and L10, are currently partially operational, with ongoing construction and expected to be fully operational by 2027. Among these, the **L1** (**Red**), **L5** (**Blue**), and **L3 lines** are the most frequented, serving as the primary routes for reaching key locations and attractions across the city.

The Barcelona Metro operates from 5:00 AM to midnight from Monday to Thursday, with

suburban destinations like Terrassa, Sabadell, and university campuses such as the Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona (**UAB**) and the Universitat Politècnica de Catalunya (**UPC**). Trains departing from Plaça Catalunya serve these areas, making it a popular choice for students and commuters.

The **Llobregat-Anoia** network, starting from Plaça Espanya, links Barcelona with the Baix Llobregat region and farther areas. This network is perfect for travelers visiting iconic sites like **Montserrat** or the **Colònia Güell**, while also connecting to towns such as Martorell and Manresa.

The Ferrocarrils de la Generalitat de Catalunya (FGC) operates from **5:30 a.m. to** midnight on weekdays and the evenings before weekdays. On Fridays, Saturdays, and the evenings before public holidays, the service is extended until **2:00 a.m.**.





Barcelona's TRAM network is a modern and efficient mode of transportation, offering



Hola Barcelona Travel Card 5 dies (120h)

The 5 day travel card includes unlimited journeys on Barcelona's public transport over 5 consecutive days.

42.10€

• **General travel cards** in Barcelona offer flexible options suited to different needs. These non-transferable cards provide access to all public transport within the Barcelona area.

| | | Zone 1 |
|--|---|--------|
| ATM Area de Barcelona Autoritad del Transport Montre del Transport Montr | T-dia card An individual travel allowing an unlimited number of journeys to be made in one day on all operators in the integrated transport system. | 11.55€ |
| T-m ATM Area de Bacelona Abunda de Ibaneuri Adard (s. 7) Area de Bacelona Abunda de Ibaneuri Adard (s. 7) Area de Abunda de Ibaneuri Adard (s. 7) Area de Bacelona Abunda de Ibaneuri Abunda de Ibaneuri Abunda de Ibaneuri Abunda de Ibaneuri Alexandra de Ibaneuri Abunda de Ibaneur | T-casual card Individual travel card allowing 10 journeys to be made on all operators in the Integrated Fare System. | 12.55€ |
| T-m And Area de Barcelona Andréa de Barcelona | T-usual card T-usual An individual ticket for an unlimited number of journeys in one month. | 22.10€ |
| T-m ATM Area de Barcelona Andred et bassport latingsets T-familiar Statums Lardons Red Liberton Basi Liberton | T-familiar card A multi-person travel card allowing 8 journeys in 30 consecutive days from the first validation to be made on all operators. | 11.05€ |
| T-m ATM Area de Bacelona Attendamente de Constante de Co | T-grup card A multi-person travel card allowing 70 journeys to be made over 30 days on all operators in the Integrated Fare System. | 87.35€ |

The single ticket allows for just one journey and is valid exclusively for one service. It
does not include transfers to other services within Barcelona's public transport
system.

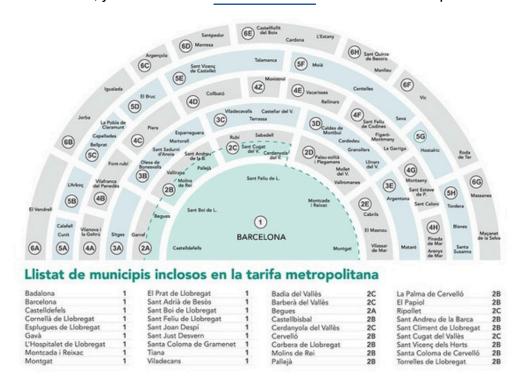
| Bitllet senzill 2024 Wild per I votge en bas o metro TMB | Single ticket valid for one journey on the metro (except for metro stations Aeroport T1 and Aeroport T2 on line L9 Sud), bus or the Montjuïc funicular. | Zone 1 2.65€ |
|---|---|------------------------|
| Bitllet aeroport 2024 Wald per 1 valge en melto 1MB | Airport ticket Valid for one journey between Aeroport T1 and Aeroport T2 stations on line L9 Sud and the rest of the metro network. | 5.70€ |

Zone Map Barcelona's Integrated Fare System covers **296 municipalities**, enabling seamless travel

across different modes of transport. You can **switch between up to four types of transport** and make up **to three transfers within the time and zone limits of your ticket**. The time allowed depends on the zones traveled; for example, Zone 1 allows 1 hour and 15 minutes from the first validation, increasing for additional zones. **The region is divided**

into six fare zones. Your ticket must cover all zones crossed, up to a maximum of six. For instance, traveling from Barcelona (Zone 1) to Terrassa (Zone 3C) requires a three-zone ticket.

For more information, you can use the **zone counter** or consult the map below.



2.2. Taxis

Barcelona is a taxi-friendly city with over 11,000 taxis operating in its metropolitan area. These iconic black and yellow vehicles provide a comfortable and efficient way to travel, particularly during inclement weather, late at night, or when in a hurry. Barcelona's taxis are known for being affordable compared to other European cities and operate under a regulated system managed by the **Metropolitan Taxi Institute (IMET)**.

Official taxis have a green light when available, a visible taximeter, and a sticker displaying rates and surcharges on the rear window. They also include a driver ID card and a taxi license plate.

How to Take a Taxi

- From Taxi Ranks: There are more than 300 taxi ranks across the city, conveniently located near popular spots like museums, theaters, and shopping areas.
- **Hailing on the Street:** Raise your hand to stop a taxi with its green light on.
- **Booking via Apps:** Use apps like MyTaxi, Pide Taxi, or Picmi Taxi to book a ride. Note that Uber does not operate in Barcelona.

Taxi Fares

Barcelona taxis operate with a taximeter based on time and distance. Fares vary depending on the time of day:

- Daytime on Weekdays (Tariff 1): 2.75€ flag drop, 1.32€/km, 29.95€/hour waiting.
- Night/Weekends/Public Holidays (Tariff 2): 2.75€ flag drop, 1.62€/km, 29.95€/hour waiting.

Additional Surcharges

- Sants Train Station or Fira Barcelona: 2.50€.
- Large Vehicles (5-8 passengers): 4.50€.
- Tolls: Paid by the passenger if applicable.

Payment Options

You can pay by **cash, credit/debit card**, or via taxi apps. Always carry some cash, as card terminals may not always be operational. Taxi drivers are required to provide change for amounts up to 20€.

There are helpful external resources available for taxi users in Barcelona. If you find yourself unable to locate a taxi on the street, you can use an online <u>map to identify all the taxi stops</u> across the city and its metropolitan area. Additionally, you can estimate the cost of your ride in advance with a taxi <u>fare calculator</u>, ensuring you're well-prepared for your journey.

2.3. Parkings

Barcelona aims to promote sustainable mobility. To reduce and regulate on-street parking demand, the city introduced an integrated parking management system in 2005. This system organizes parking spaces into categories such as **blue zones**, **green zones**, **resident-only spaces**, **loading zones**, **motorbike spots**, **bus parking**, and other reserved areas.

For non-resident vehicles, the main options are blue zones and green zones. Below is a detailed overview of these options, along with additional considerations about parking in the city.

Blue Zones

The blue zones are designed to encourage a high turnover of vehicles in key areas such as commercial districts, hospitals, schools, and other service hubs. Any vehicle with a valid parking ticket (from a parking meter or the SMOU app) can park here during un maximum of 1 to 2 hours, as indicated by street sign.

Prices range between **2.50€ and 3.75€/hour**, depending on the area's parking demand and the vehicle's environmental label. However, vehicles with a zero-emissions label can park for free.

Green Zones

The green zones **prioritize parking for local residents** over non-residents, particularly in areas where parking demand exceeds supply, often causing congestion. Non-residents can park with a valid ticket (from a parking meter or SMOU) for a maximum of **1 to 2 hours.**

Fees for non-residents, prices are range between **2.75€ and 4.25€/hour**, based on the area's demand and the vehicle's environmental classification. **Zero-emissions vehicles** benefit from significantly lower fees or free parking.

Parking Exceptions

Some zones and timeframes allow parking without restrictions:

- Blue zones: Free parking from 8:00 PM to 8:00 AM.
- **Loading zones:** Typically active during working hours (Monday to Friday, mornings and afternoons; Saturdays, mornings only).
- Bus lanes: Parking is allowed from 10:00 PM on Friday to 8:00 AM on Monday.

Since these exceptions vary by neighborhood, it's crucial to check street signs at the beginning of each block.

Free Parking Areas

Although increasingly scarce, some areas in Barcelona still offer free parking:

- Montjuïc: Free spaces are available near streets like Carrer de Lleida and Passeig de la Zona Franca.
- Near the Beaches: Free parking can be found at Carrer Llull 358 and around Port Olímpic.
- La Sagrera: Free spaces are located near Westfield La Maquinista shopping center.
- Vall d'Hebron Guinardó: Free parking is available around the Velodrome and the Mundet campus.
- **Zona Universitaria and Pedralbes:** Free parking can be found along Avinguda Diagonal and nearby streets.

Barcelona actively promotes the use of **SMOU app** to enhance the parking experience. This application allows users to: easily pay for parking in regulated zones and check the real-time availability of parking spaces. The app is a practical solution for navigating Barcelona's parking system efficiently, saving time and reducing inconvenience.

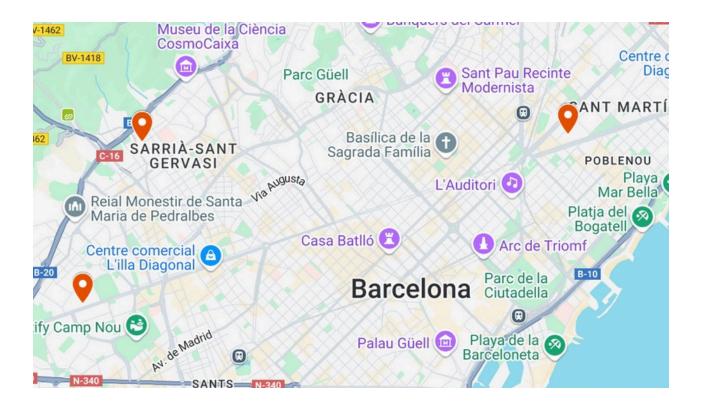
Private Parking

Barcelona not only offers regulated on-street parking but also has a wide network of private parking facilities managed by companies such as SABA and B:SM, two of the most recognized operators. These facilities provide additional convenience, with hourly rates ranging between €3 and €5, depending on the location.

For those seeking longer stays, these parking companies often offer daily passes and promotional packages that can significantly reduce costs.

CONGRESS LOCATIONS

3.1. Congress locations



UB

| Mode | Lines | Stop | Walk Time |
|-------|-----------------------------------|-------------------------------------|-----------|
| Metro | L3, L9S | Zona Universitària | ~3 min |
| Bus | 7, 33, H4, L64, L67 (+ others) | Av. Exèrcit / Zona Universitària | ~2 min |
| Train | R2N, R4, R5, S1, S2 | Zona Universitària or Passeig de | 3–5 min |

CONGRESS LOCATIONS

3.1. Congress locations

UIC

| Transport | Lines | Nearest Stop | Walking Time |
|-----------|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|--------------|
| Metro | L6 (FGC line – Ferrocarrils) | Sarrià station | ~5 minutes |
| Bus | 68, V13, 130, H4, 22, 75, 72 | Pg. Bonanova – Immaculada or | ~2–5 minutes |
| FGC Train | S1, S2, L6 | Sarrià (FGC station) | ~5 minutes |

UOC

| Transport | Lines | Nearest Stop | Walking Time |
|-----------|--------------------------------------|------------------------------------|--------------|
| Metro | L4 (Yellow Line) | Poblenou or Llacuna stations | ~5–7 minutes |
| Bus | 6, B20, B25, V25, H14, H16, V27 | Llacuna – Doctor Trueta / Ramon | ~3–4 minutes |
| Tram | T4, T5 | Ca l'Aranyó | ~3 minutes |
| Train | Rodalies R1, R2 (to <i>El Clot</i>) | Then connect via metro or walk | ~12+ minutes |

USEFUL NUMBERS

4.1. Emergency Numbers

112

European Emergency Number: Can be dialed from any fixed or mobile phone across the European Union to access emergency services (police, ambulance, fire brigade, etc.). This is the main number to use in a general emergency situation.

061

CatSalut Respon: Emergency medical services in Catalonia. Useful for non-urgent medical situations.

900 900 120

24/7 Helping Line for Gender-Based Violence: can be called in case of emergency or for consultation. Social workers are always available to answer questions and provide support.

062

Guardia Civil: The Spanish Police emergency number. They respond to emergencies, even if not directly under their jurisdiction, and provide immediate assistance until the relevant authorities arrive.

For specific medical emergencies, the contact numbers for major hospitals in Barcelona may be useful, depending on your location and the nature of the emergency. Some of the most well-known hospitals include:

- 932 275 400 Hospital Clínic i Provincial
- 934 893 000 Hospital Universitari de la Vall d'Hebron
- 932 919 000 Hospital de la Santa Creu i Sant Pau

Additionally, for locating nearby emergency services, you can use the following resources:

- A list of health centers that offer 24/7 care.
- A map with information about police stations and their locations.

USEFUL NUMBERS

4.2. Transportation Helplines

These transportation helplines can be used for inquiries, assistance, and support with transportation in and around Barcelona. Whether you're looking for information on public transport, train schedules, or assistance with lost property, these numbers will provide you with the necessary support. Here are the key contacts:

- Aeropuerto (Airport Information): 913 211 000
- Estación Barcelona Nord (Bus Station): 937 065 366
- Ferrocarriles de la Generalitat (Regional Rail): 012
- Renfe (National Train Service): 912 320 320
- Rodalies de Catalunya (Catalan Suburban Trains): 900 410 041
- Tram (Tram Network): 900 701 181
- Transportes Metropolitanos de Barcelona (Public Transport System): 900 701 149

4.3. Tourist Information

Barcelona offers a comprehensive network of tourist offices and information points designed to assist visitors throughout the city. **Turisme de Barcelona** is at your service to guide you wherever you are and provide various tourist products and services that will help you explore Barcelona.

Key locations for assistance include:

- Barcelona Airport Tourist Office
- Barcelona Tourist Information Centre in Plaça Catalunya

Here, you can find:

- Tourist and cultural information about Barcelona in multiple languages, provided by knowledgeable staff.
- A wide range of tourist leaflets and brochures.
- Information about over 300 hotels and pensions in the city, with last-minute hotel booking options.

For inquiries, the **Call Center** service operates daily from **8am to 8pm**. You can reach them by phone at **+34 932 853 832** or via email at **info@barcelonaturisme.com**.

USEFUL WEBSITES AND APPS

Barcelona offers a variety of tools to help you navigate the city, book transport, and find the best activities and restaurants. Most of these apps and websites have already been mentioned earlier in the guide. This is just a quick summary to help you easily access.

• <u>Transportation:</u>

TMB App (Most important)

The official app of Transports Metropolitans de Barcelona (TMB), offering real-time information on buses, metros, trams, and more. It's the most essential app for getting around the city.

TMB Website

Official website for all public transport in Barcelona. You can find schedules, routes, and other travel information.

AENA Official Website

The official website for Barcelona El Prat Airport, providing flight information, services, and transport options to and from the airport.

Barcelona Bus Nord Official Website

Information about buses and services operating from the Bus Station in Barcelona (Estació del Nord).

Adif Estació de Sants Official Website

The official website for Estació de Sants, the main train station in Barcelona, with timetables, tickets, and information on long-distance and local trains.

Smou App

This app allows users to find parking spots in Barcelona, pay for parking, and access other parking-related services.

FreeNow App

A popular app for booking taxis in Barcelona. It connects you with licensed taxis nearby.

Pide Taxi App

Another taxi app for booking cabs in Barcelona. It allows you to choose the type of service you prefer.

PicmiTaxi App

Similar to other taxi apps, it connects users with nearby taxis and offers services throughout the city.

USEFUL WEBSITES AND APPS

AMB Taxi Website

This website includes various services such as a map of taxi stands and a taxi fare calculator, allowing you to find the nearest taxi and estimate fares for your journey.

Travel and Tourism:

Barcelona Turisme Website

Official tourism website offering detailed information on sightseeing, activities, and events happening around the city.

Time Out Website

Provides up-to-date information on what's going on in Barcelona, from events to restaurants and cultural activities.

Food and Drinks:

The Fork

A popular platform for booking restaurants in Barcelona, with reviews, menus, and special offers.

Just Eat

A top app with thousands of restaurants, flexible payment options, and frequent discounts.

Uber Eats

Features live order tracking and fast delivery from a curated list of restaurants.

Glovo

Delivers food and other items from any location, even from places without delivery services.

6.1. History, Climate, Safety, and Customs of Barcelona History

Barcelona's rich history serves as the foundation for its dynamic modern identity. Originally established as the Roman colony of Barcino, the city evolved into a strategic center under the Carolingian Empire. During the medieval period, it became a vital hub for commerce and culture in the Mediterranean.

In the 19th and 20th centuries, Barcelona underwent significant urban and cultural transformations. This era gave rise to the iconic architectural works of Antoni Gaudí and the modernist movement, which continue to define the city's aesthetic. The 1992 Olympic Games marked a turning point, modernizing the city's infrastructure and boosting its global reputation as a center for innovation, creativity, and tourism.

Today, Barcelona combines its historic heritage with a forward-thinking approach, making it an ideal destination for conferences and practical exploration of cultural, economic, and urban development topics.

Climate (September)

In mid-September, Barcelona enjoys warm days and mild nights. Average daytime highs range between 26°C and 128C (79°F-82°F), while nighttime lows stay around 19°C-21°C (66°F-70°F). You can expect mostly sunny or partly cloudy weather, though occasional showers or short thunderstorms may occur, especially in the afternoon or evening. It's advisable to bring light clothing, a jacket for coler evenings, and a waterproof layer just in case

Safety, Community, and Health

- Safety: Keep a close eye on your belongings in public spaces and make use of the safes available in your accommodations to secure valuables. Pickpocketing can be an issue in tourist-heavy areas. Community Etiquette: Respect local civic norms by
- avoiding littering or creating noise in public spaces. Drinking alcohol or using drugs in public areas is strictly prohibited. Health: Barcelona has a robust public
- healthcare system and private medical services that handle emergencies efficiently. For COVID-19 testing, you can contact providers like Check&Go or AQB.
 Pharmacies are widely available and can assist with minor health concerns.

Customs

- Business Hours: Shops typically operate from 10:00 AM to 8:00 PM, often with a midday break. Restaurants serve lunch from 1:00 PM to 4:00 PM and dinner from 8:00 PM to 11:00 PM. Currency: The Euro (€) is the currency used. Prices vary,
- but Barcelona is known for offering a wide range of options, from affordable to upscale. **Language:** Catalan and Spanish are the primary languages spoken.
- English and French are also commonly understood in tourist areas.

6.2. Useful Vocabulary in Catalan and Spanish

When visiting Barcelona, knowing some basic Catalan and Spanish phrases can greatly enhance your experience. Here's a list of commonly used words and expressions to help you navigate the city and communicate effectively:

Greetings and Basics

| English | Catalan | Spanish |
|----------------------|------------|---------------|
| Hello | Hola | Hola |
| Good morning | Bon dia | Buenos días |
| Good afternoon | Bona tarda | Buenas tardes |
| Good evening / night | Bona nit | Buenas noches |
| Please | Si us plau | Por favor |
| Thank you | Gràcies | Gracias |
| You're welcome | De res | De nada |
| Excuse me / Sorry | Perdó | Perdón |

| Yes | Sí | Sí |
|-----|----|----|
| No | No | No |

Asking for Directions

| English | Catalan | Spanish |
|-------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Where is? | On és? | ¿Dónde está? |
| How do I get to? | Com arribo a? | ¿Cómo llego a? |
| Left / Right / Straight | Esquerra / Dreta / Recte | Izquierda / Derecha / Recto |
| Near / Far | A prop / Lluny | Cerca / Lejos |

Practical Phrases for Daily Life

| What time does it close? | A quina hora tanca? | ¿A qué hora cierra? |
|----------------------------|------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| I don't understand. | No ho entenc. | No lo entiendo. |
| Can you repeat it, please? | Ho pots repetir, si us plau? | ¿Lo puedes repetir, por favor? |

Metro and Transportation

| Entrance | Entrada | Entrada |
|----------|---------|---------|

| Exit | Sortida | Salida |
|------------------------------|--|---------------------------------------|
| Platform | Andana | Andén |
| Next stop | Proper parada | Próxima parada |
| Final destination | Destinació final | Destino final |
| Where can I buy a ticket? | On puc comprar un bitllet? | ¿Dónde puedo comprar un billete? |
| Is this the right train/bus? | És aquest el tren/autobús correcte? | ¿Es este el tren/autobús correcto? |

Shopping

| How much does it cost? | Quant val? | ¿Cuánto cuesta? |
|------------------------|------------------------|---------------------------|
| I want to buy | Vull comprar | Quiero comprar |
| Can I pay with card? | Puc pagar amb targeta? | ¿Puedo pagar con tarjeta? |

At a Restaurant

| A table for two, please | Una taula per a dos, si us plau | Una mesa para dos, por favor |
|-------------------------|---------------------------------|------------------------------|
| The menu, please | El menú, si us plau | El menú, por favor |
| l'd like | Voldria | Quisiera |

| Water / Wine | Aigua / Vi | Agua / Vino |
|----------------|-----------------------|----------------------|
| Food | Menjar | Comida |
| Check, please | Gràcies | Gracias |
| You're welcome | El compte, si us plau | La cuenta, por favor |

Emergencies

| English | Catalan | Spanish |
|------------------------|-----------------------|--------------------------|
| Help! | Ajuda! | ¡Ayuda! |
| Call the police! | Truqueu a la policia! | ¡Llamen a la policía! |
| I need a doctor | Necessito un metge | Necesito un médico |
| Where is the hospital? | On és l'hospital? | ¿Dónde está el hospital? |

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