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The City

Barcelona is the beating heart of Catalonia. It is the flashy new design hub. It is a magical mixture of medieval, baroque and modern. It is what you discover in it.

Start exploring today. And let us be your guide to explore the mainstream as well as subculture.

This book is your multi-sensual introduction to the city. The only thing you will have to do after reading this guide, is going there and experiencing it yourself.

picture on the right: view from Park Guell



Introduction

Promotional free copy of the Tapa section of the “Where, What & When” section.

Try this section and then buy the full guide!

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Some reasons - a video with Barcelona feeling

check it out on [vimeo](#)

Barcelona is a special place. Many reasons lure people here. The little video above gives you an insight to that feeling. Painted in a mellow Mediterranean light, the experience is great, year round. From hot summer days to not so cold winter nights, its always a pleasure to enjoy the vibe of this unique coastal town.

This guide is your key to the popular sights as well as the little secrets, hidden away in all corners of the city.

How does it feel to ride a cable car in the mellow sunlight of a Mediterranean evening...to be lost in a city market full of colors and scents...to walk the bustling Rambla, exposed to sensory stimulation beyond anything you have ever experienced? While words and pictures are never complete, this guide shows you where to go and what to expect.

Our mission in this book is to unlock the potential of the city to you. Through years of experience living in Barcelona, I know whats on and whats good. Think about this book as a glimpse into the city. It shows you the most amazing places, from there you are at liberty to venture further.

How to use this guide? I divided it into 7 big chapters. Chapter One introduces you to the city outline. Chapter 2 is about the people, who make the place special. Chapter Three highlights the top spots on every travelers agenda, while Chapter Four suggests walks throughout the city. If you need orientation on the hot topics during travel, Chapter Five provides an overview with the top 3 spots in any of 4 price categories. Chapter Six is dedicated to exercise, sports and how you can stay ac-

tive, while enjoying your visit in Barcelona. You will find additional resources and informations in Chapter Seven. With this setup you will have quick access to information you need when you need it; just download the book to your iPad and take it with you wherever you go.

This book is a homage to a special town, as well as an invitation to a place which you have to experience yourself to fully grasp it. Now, explore this book, then go and see Barcelona yourself.

An appetizer gallery - Best of Barcelona



The Calatrava radio tower - **More photos in the full guide...**



Where, What & When

This is about solid facts, shortlisted best offs, with just three in any of my categories. Else you couldn't expect them to be the top locations. This register sends you straight to the places you need. Find a short explanation of the categories below.

pricey: you got 200 €/person at each day and you don't mind spending it

classy: if the budget stays below 100 €/person its your idea of a holiday

economy: not spending much, but assuring a certain luxury here and there

on a shoestring: you will not spend money but you want to see the city

picture on the right: Roy Liechtensteins figure "The Head" in the Old Port



Tapas

These tiny little snacks to be consumed in between meals, can be your main dish, if you like. Barcelona is full of places with fresh food creations waiting to be discovered.

pricey

Pez Vela

The W Hotel hosts a Chiringuito (beach shack that serves food) of the premium class. Fresh and simple dishes are the cornerstones of this beachside location. On top of the premium dishes that are served, the location is amazing. Right on the beach overlooking the Mediterranean sea on the terrace, or inside with a very loungy feel.

[map](#) / [web](#)

Opening hours:

Monday to Saturday, 13:00 - 16:00h and 20:30 to 23:30h

Sunday, 13:00 - 17:00h

Bar del Pla



This place serves some of the best tapas in town. Inside the place, it's definitely a Spanish tavern. But the food served goes up another level. Hop in on your way to the Picasso museum.

[map](#) / [web](#)

Opening hours (uninterrupted kitchen):

Monday to Sunday, 12:00 - 24:00h

Fragments Café

Off the beaten track, but pretty close to Camp Nou lies a jewel for anyone committed to search for the best tapa. Their risotto falso (=false) will earn a star on your personal favorites list. The garden lounge welcomes anybody planing to have a full meal otherwise you are restricted to the tables on the square.

[map](#) / [web](#) **Spanish**

Opening hours:

Monday to Sunday, 12:30 - 1:00h (kitchen only 13:00-16:30h and 20:30 - 24:00h)

classy

Café Alsur



A slight Argentinian touch in all its dishes, that can especially be noted in the sugar heavy desserts. The little square right around the corner of the Mercat de Santa Caterina is a safe bet for some outdoor eating all year round. At least when it's not raining

cats and dogs in February and March.

[map](#) / [web Spanish](#)

Opening hours (uninterrupted kitchen till midnight):

Monday to Thursday, 11:15 - 1:00h

Friday, 11:15 - 3:00h

Saturday, 10:00 - 3:00h

Domingo, 10:00 - 1:00h

Ciudad Condal

It's a classic tapas place in the middle of Barcelona, so expect to wait at least one hour if you head there in the evening rush hour. The dishes are all excellent. The crew is cheerful and nice. I love this place and assure you that most of the times it's worth the wait.

[map](#) / [web yelp](#)



Opening hours (uninterrupted kitchen):

Monday to Friday, 8:00 - 1:30h

Saturday to Sunday, 9:00 - 1:30h

Cerveseria Catalana

The same proprietor has a well known place just 5 minutes away. As it is pretty fashionable as well, the line for a table is almost the same. Make sure to order some “pa amb tomaquet” (=tomato bread). This emblematically Catalan dish is a preparation of bread rubbed with ripe tomato, drizzled with olive oil and sprinkled with sea salt. Perfect to mop up any excess sauce.

[map](#) / [web yelp](#)

Opening hours:

Monday to Friday, 8:00 - 1:30h

Saturday to Sunday, 9:00 - 1:30h

economy

El Xampanyet (Ciutat Vella)

Literally this place is called “tiny champagne” which refers to their trademark sparkling wine. Always crowded it will take some time to place an order or getting into the luxury of a seat. Make sure to at least gulp one of their famous drinks. If you order tapas, everything here is delicious.

[map](#) / [web Yelp](#)

Opening hours:

Monday to Saturday, 12:00 - 15:30h and 19:00 - 23:00h

La Bodegueta (Eixample)



Especially in summertime, the terrace on the Rambla de Catalunya is an inviting location. In winter time you will enjoy the crowd inside this classic Catalan institution. In former times people from the quarter came here to fill up their wine jugs from

the barrels, nowadays it serves great dishes and the wine still flows like back then. Have “patatas bravas” (country cut potatoes with hot sauce), they are great.

[map](#) / [web](#)

Opening hours:

Monday to Friday, 7:00 - 01:45h

Saturdays, 8:00 - 01:45h

Sundays, 18:30 - 01:45h

Taller de Tapas (Eixample)

A chain of restaurants with this name has outlets all over the city. The only one I suggest you to eat in, is the one on Rambla Catalunya. Okay, the food quality is good everywhere, but this location is the nicest. The place has been decorated with fotos from the Woody Allen motion picture “Vicky Cristina Barcelona” as they shot some sequences in the chains outlets.

[map](#) / [web](#)

Opening hours:

Monday to Saturday, 8:30 - 1:00h

Sunday, 12:00 - 1:00h

on a shoestring

Electricitat (Barceloneta)

A classic in Barceloneta. Especially on Saturdays and Sunday mornings the place is filled with people enjoying the traditional **Vermut**. The owner will always talk you into some more tapas than you actually want to eat, but come on, keep the budget and just order as much as you want and you will stay cheap. It is totally normal that the Martini style vermut is served in bottles, you will pay as much as you think you drank.

[map](#) / [web](#) [Yelp](#) / it's part of the [seaside walking tour](#)

Opening hours:

Tuesday to Saturday, 8:00 - 15:00h and 19:00 - 22:30h

Sunday, 8:00 - 16:00h

La Cova Fumada (Barceloneta)

Around the corner you will find another classic. It is a small, spit-and-sawdust room normally packed with workers that still have paint-spattered overalls as well as some old men that talk politics at the tables. La Cova Fumada is believed to

be the birthplace of the bomba, which are mini potato croquettes enclosing pockets of chilli sauce.

[map](#) / [web Yelp](#)

Opening hours:

Monday to Friday, 9:00 - 15:30h

Thursday to Friday, 18:00 - 20:30h

Saturday, 9:00 - 13:30h

El Filferro (Barceloneta)

In this tapas place you can find a slight Italian touch in all the dishes. Still freshness and local ingredients are at the forefront of this place with the strange name “barbwire”. It is hard to find and because the terrace is always full, you have to advise the waiter that you are willing to wait for a table there.

[map](#) / [web Yelp](#)

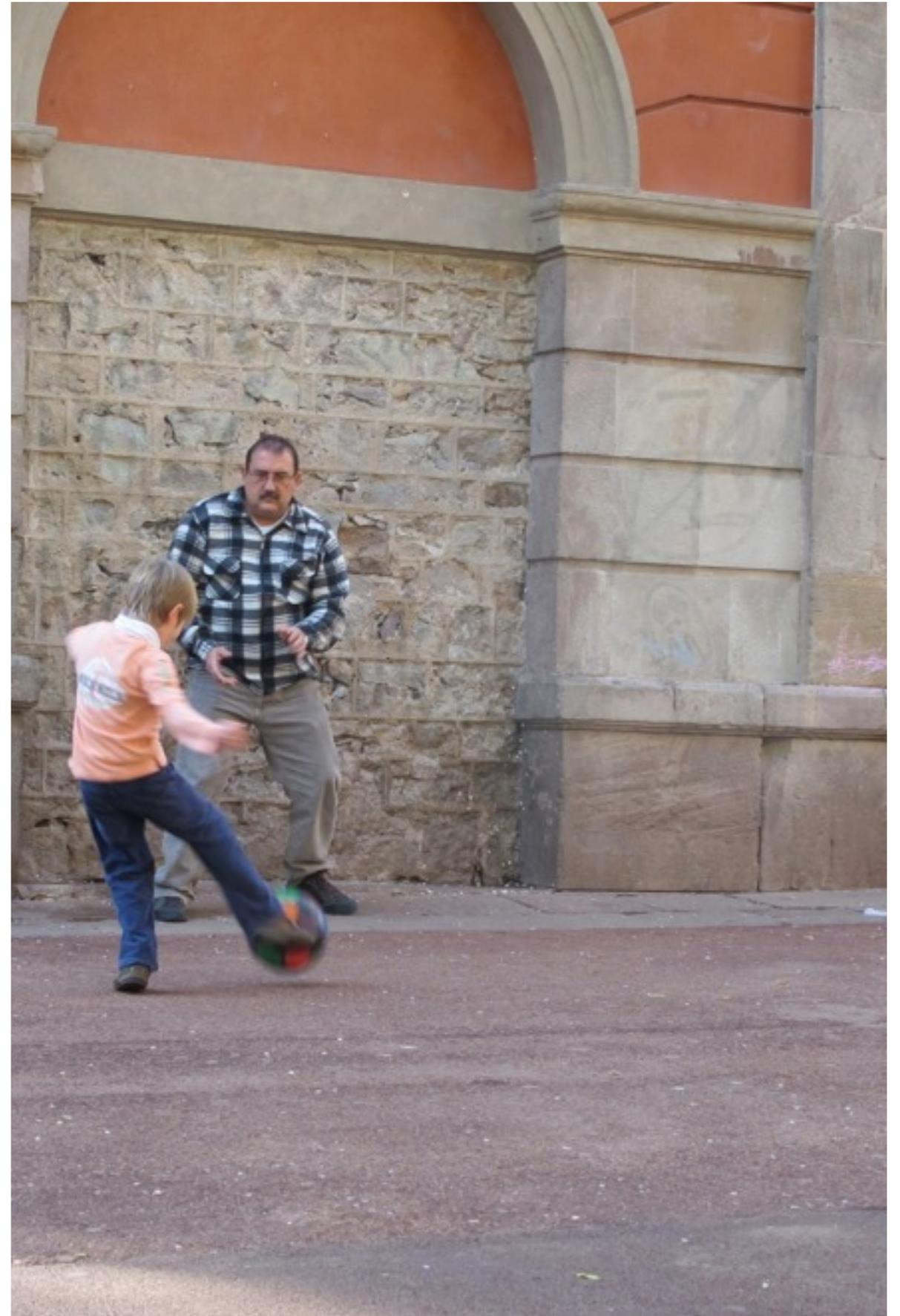
Opening hours:

Tuesday to Sunday, 10:00 - 1:00h

Outro

About the author & keeping in mind who helped...

picture to the right: training to play at “barca” one day, just a usual saturday morning in Gracia



Goodbye, and Welcome to Barcelona

What has Barcelona given to me? It totally opened my perspective on Mediterranean lifestyle. Sweet enough it gave me a reason to dream again. Of course it continues to inspire. There is so much energy condensed in such a tiny place, I think everybody has to experience it at least once.

Goodbye in this book... Welcome to Barcelona!

Thank You

My beautiful wife Claudia, for just being the woman I love. My daughter Chiara, you are my star!

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That said, 99% of what's in here is solid and you won't find this much info about living and visiting Barcelona in this quality.

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The author lives with his wife and daughter in Barcelona for many years. Surfing the city beaches and climbing the surrounding mountains are part of his everyday routine. He fell in love with the city about 10 years ago during a casual weekend visit. He returned every year and never dropped the idea of once changing his primary residence to Spain.

Chasing light and color, finding that “moment”. Jahn almost never leaves home without his camera, much like he seldom leaves without shoes (okay, the beach is an acceptable exception). Photography has given him a means to express himself in ways he could never find through other creative mediums. He tries to weave a loose narrative that tells the tales of his travels and life. These photos are a story of the city’s texture, like the dawn closing in on the city, the special tone of the Mediterranean light and everything else that catches his eyes and attention.

All photos in this book are taken by Jahn himself and if you want to use one in your publication, he would be very happy to talk about conditions ;-). Keep in mind that just using them would be a copyright infringement.

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