

Barcelona

Five days to soak up Gaudí's masterpieces, the tangle of medieval Gothic streets, Mediterranean beaches and some of Spain's best food. This plan keeps each day compact and walkable, mixing must-see icons with market mornings, beach time and museum stops. Late September brings warm sea, thinner crowds and long golden evenings — perfect for terrace dinners.

 Every underlined place name is a link — tap it to open in Google Maps.

5 days

Budget: €600

2 travelers

From BEG

Economy

FLIGHT

BEST DATES

10 Sep 2026 – 15 Sep 2026

AIRLINE

Wizz Air · direct flight

OUTBOUND FLIGHT

Wizz Air W6 4115 · 10 Sep, 18:50 → 10 Sep, 21:35 · BEG→BCN · direct

RETURN FLIGHT

Wizz Air W6 4116 · 15 Sep, 22:20 → 16 Sep, 01:00 · BCN→BEG · direct

APPROX. PRICE

~285 EUR

approximate — check the live link before booking

SMARTER DATES — WE CHECKED 13 COMBINATIONS FOR YOU

12 Sep 2026 – 18 Sep 2026	6 days	~223 EUR	save 62 EUR	BEST PRICE
12 Sep 2026 – 17 Sep 2026	5 days	~231 EUR	save 54 EUR	2.
12 Sep 2026 – 19 Sep 2026	7 days	~231 EUR	save 54 EUR	3.
10 Sep 2026 – 17 Sep 2026	7 days	~244 EUR	save 41 EUR	
11 Sep 2026 – 17 Sep 2026	6 days	~244 EUR	save 41 EUR	
14 Sep 2026 – 17 Sep 2026	3 days	~244 EUR	save 41 EUR	
13 Sep 2026 – 18 Sep 2026	5 days	~264 EUR	save 21 EUR	
12 Sep 2026 – 15 Sep 2026	3 days	~273 EUR	save 12 EUR	
13 Sep 2026 – 17 Sep 2026	4 days	~273 EUR	save 12 EUR	
10 Sep 2026 – 15 Sep 2026	5 days	~285 EUR		YOUR DATES
7 Sep 2026 – 12 Sep 2026	5 days	~327 EUR		
8 Sep 2026 – 13 Sep 2026	5 days	~327 EUR		
12 Sep 2026 – 16 Sep 2026	4 days	~328 EUR		

WHERE TO BOOK — SELLER PRICES FOR THIS FLIGHT

Bravofly	~263 EUR	CHEAPEST
BudgetAir	~264 EUR	
Kiwi.com	~266 EUR	
Booking.com	~271 EUR	
Gotogate	~275 EUR	

→ [Check & book this flight \(Google Flights\)](#)

STAY

RECOMMENDED NEIGHBORHOOD

Eixample (around Passeig de Gràcia)

Central, safe and grid-flat for easy walking, Eixample sits between the Gothic Quarter and Gràcia with Casa Batlló, Casa Milà and Sagrada Família within reach on foot or one metro stop. Excellent metro and airport-train links (Passeig de Gràcia station), wide leafy streets and strong value for mid-range hotels make it the ideal first-time base.

APPROX. PRICE

120–210 EUR / night

→ [Booking.com](#) → [Airbnb](#)

ALTERNATIVE NEIGHBORHOOD

El Born (La Ribera)

A quieter, atmospheric medieval quarter of narrow lanes, tapas bars and the Picasso Museum, walkable to the beach and Gothic Quarter with Jaume I and Barceloneta metro nearby. Fewer big hotels but charming boutique stays, often cheaper than prime Eixample while keeping you in the historic heart.

APPROX. PRICE

100–180 EUR / night

→ [Booking.com](#) → [Airbnb](#)

SPENDING MONEY — YOUR DAY-BY-DAY BUDGET

YOUR BUDGET

€600 for 2 travelers

PLAN ESTIMATE

≈ 572 EUR total · ≈ 286 EUR per person · ≈ 114 EUR per day

= tickets, activities and the planned dinners; lunches, drinks and local transport are not itemized

LEFT FOR EVERYTHING ELSE

~28 EUR

ADDITIONAL COSTS — NOT PART OF THIS BUDGET

FLIGHTS (2×)

~285 EUR

STAY (5 NIGHTS)

~600–1050 EUR

WHAT TO EAT

PLACE	TYPE	PRICE	RATING	MUST TRY
El Nacional Barcelona	Spanish restaurant	\$\$	4.4 ★	Jamón ibérico de bellota and a spread of Catalan tapas like pa amb tomàquet with cured meats in a grand modernist food hall
Restaurant La Boqueria	Mediterranean restaurant	\$\$	4.6 ★	Seafood paella and fresh grilled market fish straight from the famous market stalls
Ca l'Estevet	Spanish restaurant	\$\$	4.6 ★	Classic Catalan fricandó (veal stew) and botifarra with white beans, a century-old home-cooking institution

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Casa Amàlia	Restaurant	\$\$	4.7 ★	Canelons (Catalan-style cannelloni) and esqueixada, salt-cod salad — proper Barcelona comfort food
Prado de Flores Restaurant	Mediterranean restaurant	\$\$	4.8 ★	Fideuà (noodle 'paella' with seafood) and escalivada, smoky roasted vegetables
BODEGA OLIVA	Bar	\$\$	4.7 ★	Bombas (spicy potato croquettes), patatas bravas and vermut on tap — a genuine neighbourhood vermouth bar
Jesús Restaurant	Restaurant	\$	4.7 ★	Great-value menú del día with croquetas de jamón and crema catalana for dessert

WHAT TO SEE — RANKED

MUST SEE

[Sagrada Família](#) — Gaudí's unfinished basilica is the symbol of Barcelona; the light-flooded interior is breathtaking.

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[Park Güell](#) — Gaudí's mosaic-tiled hilltop park with the iconic serpentine bench and city views.

MUST SEE

[La Rambla](#) — The city's legendary tree-lined pedestrian boulevard buzzing with life from Plaça de Catalunya to the port.

MUST SEE

[Casa Batlló](#) — Gaudí's dreamlike, dragon-scaled facade on Passeig de Gràcia — one of the most photographed buildings in Spain.

MUST SEE

[Gothic Quarter](#) — Labyrinth of medieval alleys, hidden squares and Roman remains at the historic core of the city.

WORTH IT

[Casa Milà \(La Pedrera\)](#) — Gaudí's undulating stone apartment block with a surreal rooftop of warrior-like chimneys.

WORTH IT

[Barcelona Cathedral](#) — Soaring Gothic cathedral with a peaceful cloister full of geese in the old town.

WORTH IT

[Montjuïc](#) — Green hilltop of gardens, museums and a castle with sweeping views over the port and city.

WORTH IT

[Magic Fountain of Montjuïc](#) — Evening light-and-music fountain show below the grand Palau Nacional.

WORTH IT

[Barceloneta Beach](#) — The city's most famous beach, lively boardwalk and seafood eateries a short walk from the old town.

WORTH IT

[Picasso Museum](#) — World-class collection tracing Picasso's early years, set in Gothic palaces of El Born.

WORTH IT

Passeig de Gràcia — Elegant modernist avenue lined with Gaudí gems and flagship designer stores.

WORTH IT

La Boqueria Market — Barcelona's most spectacular food market, a riot of colour, produce and tapas counters off La Rambla.

WORTH IT

Palau de la Música Catalana — Dazzling modernist concert hall with a stained-glass skylight, a UNESCO gem.

WORTH IT

National Art Museum of Catalonia (MNAC) — Grand palace museum of Romanesque and Catalan art with a panoramic terrace over the city.

WORTH IT

Bunkers del Carmel — Old Civil War bunkers turned into the city's best free 360-degree sunset viewpoint.

IF TIME

Camp Nou — FC Barcelona's legendary stadium and museum, a pilgrimage for football fans.

IF TIME

Ciutadella Park — Leafy central park with a monumental fountain, boating lake and the Catalan parliament.

IF TIME

Tibidabo — Mountaintop with a vintage amusement park and church offering the highest views of the city.

IF TIME

Arc de Triomf — Red-brick triumphal arch fronting a wide promenade, great for a stroll and photos.

DAY-BY-DAY PLAN

Day 1

Arrival and first taste of the city

Check in and settle in Eixample — Flight lands at 21:35; take the Aerobús or R2 Nord train to the centre (about 40 minutes) and drop your bags. · ~6 EUR

Late-night stroll on La Rambla — Ease into the trip with a walk down the illuminated boulevard toward the port; free and always lively. · free

Dinner: El Nacional Barcelona — Grand multi-space food hall just off Passeig de Gràcia, open late and perfect for a first-night grazing dinner. · ~35 EUR

Day 2**Gaudí's Barcelona**

Sagrada Familia — Book the first morning slot online in advance; add the tower access for extra views if you can. · ~26 EUR

Casa Batlló — Walk down to Passeig de Gràcia; buy timed tickets ahead to skip the queue. · ~35 EUR

Park Güell — Reserve a Monumental Zone entry slot; take the metro to Vallcarca and use the escalators up the hill. · ~10 EUR

Dinner: Casa Amàlia — Homely Catalan cooking near Passeig de Sant Joan; try the canelons and daily specials. · ~30 EUR

Day 3**Old town and the market**

La Boqueria Market — Arrive by 9:30 before the crowds; graze on jamón, fruit juices and counter tapas. · ~10 EUR

Gothic Quarter — Wander the medieval lanes, Plaça Reial and Plaça Sant Felip Neri; entirely free to explore on foot. · free

Barcelona Cathedral — Step into the Gothic cathedral and its cloister with the resident geese. · ~9 EUR

Dinner: Restaurant La Boqueria — Return to the market area for fresh seafood paella and grilled fish. · ~32 EUR

Day 4**Montjuïc, art and evening fountain**

National Art Museum of Catalonia (MNAC) — Ride the metro to Espanya, climb toward the Palau Nacional; the terrace views are free even without a ticket. · ~12 EUR

Montjuïc — Stroll the gardens and ride the cable car toward the castle for harbour views. · ~14 EUR

Magic Fountain of Montjuïc — Check the seasonal show schedule (usually Thu-Sat evenings); arrive early for a good spot. Free. · free

Dinner: Ca l'Estevet — Century-old traditional Catalan restaurant near the Raval; hearty stews and classics. · ~30 EUR

Day 5**Beach, El Born and farewell**

Barceloneta Beach — Morning swim and boardwalk walk; the sea is still warm in September. · free

Picasso Museum — Book a timed slot; it's a short walk from the beach into El Born. · ~12 EUR

Bunkers del Carmel — Head up for a farewell panoramic view before your late flight; free, bring water. · free

Dinner: BODEGA OLIVA — Casual vermouth bar for tapas and bombas before heading to the airport for the 22:20 flight. · ~25 EUR

Food

Barcelona's food scene lives in its markets and food streets, not just restaurants. Go to markets before 11am for the best produce and to eat at the counters; many close early afternoon and on Sundays. Bring cash for stalls and pace yourself across small plates.

Mercat de Santa Caterina — Colourful wavy-roofed market in El Born, less touristy than La Boqueria with great counter tapas.

Mercat de Sant Antoni — Beautifully restored iron market loved by locals, with a Sunday book market alongside.

Carrer de Blai — Poble-sec tapas street packed with pintxo bars charging a euro or two per skewer.

Chök The Chocolate Kitchen — Cult bakery for over-the-top chocolate doughnuts and Catalan sweets.

La Pastisseria Barcelona — Award-winning pastry shop for exquisite cakes and traditional Catalan desserts.

Beaches

The city beaches stretch northeast from Barceloneta and get quieter (and cleaner) the further you go. September water is warm and crowds thinner; take the yellow L4 metro along the coast. For calmer, wider sand consider a short train ride out of the city.

Bogatell Beach — Wider, calmer and less crowded than Barceloneta, popular with locals.

Nova Icaria Beach — Family-friendly, sheltered stretch near the Olympic Port with good facilities.

Sant Sebastià Beach — Southern end of Barceloneta with sunbeds and the W hotel backdrop.

Ocata Beach — Long, uncrowded sandy beach a 30-minute train ride north in El Masnou.

Castelldefels Beach — Broad golden beach south of the city, easy by train for a relaxed day out.

Museums

Many museums offer free entry on the first Sunday of the month and some Sunday afternoons — worth checking dates. Book timed tickets online for the big ones and go early. A few beyond the headline names are well worth your time.

Fundació Joan Miró — Bright hilltop museum on Montjuïc dedicated to the Catalan surrealist, with a sculpture terrace.

MACBA — Barcelona's contemporary art museum in a striking white Richard Meier building in El Raval.

CosmoCaixa — Excellent hands-on science museum with a recreated Amazon rainforest, great for all ages.

Museu Marítim de Barcelona — Maritime history in the medieval royal shipyards, home to a full-size replica galley.

Museu Frederic Marès — Quirky sculpture and collector's museum with a serene courtyard café in the Gothic Quarter.

⚠ The verified places and the day-by-day plan are the heart of this guide. All prices — tickets, meals, stay, flights and transport — are indicative estimates to set expectations and will vary; please check current prices via the included links before booking.