



Steph's Quick Budget Fact Sheet

Spain - Barcelona

Quick Facts

- ✓ **Capital:** Madrid
- ✓ **Language:** Spanish & Catalan
- ✓ **Sq km & Population:** 98 / 1,6mln
- ✓ **Currency:** Euro €
- ✓ **Country code:** +34
- ✓ **Visa:** Yes, except for EU/EFTA [Check!](#)
- ✓ **Alarm codes:** 112
- ✓ **Vaccinations:** None

History Recap Over 1 Drink

Founded by Phoenicians & Carthagians, named Barcino. Occupied consecutively by: Romans → Visigoths → Arabs / Moors → Franks → Spanish again (La Marca Hispánica). 'Wilfred the Hairy' established Catalan nation / hereditary system. 988: Independence County of Barcelona, later known as Catalonia. Conflicts arose with Madrid. 1640-52: Catalan Revolt → Independent with support France. 18th Century: Napoleonic wars. 19th Century: Barcelona important in Industrial Revolution. 1936-39: Spanish Civil War, Spanish Republicans (Barcelona) against Franco's Nationalist rebels. 20th Century: Dictatorship Franco. 1992: Olympic Games.

Travel Seasons

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Spring												
Summer												
Autumn												
Winter												
Best												
Budget												

Bucket List For Free

- ☺ If you stay longer than 1 week, apply for a free Gaudir+BCN card: [Check how!](#)
- ☺ Free art-loving in galleries in Gràcia. Cutting-edge street art (in the form of graffiti).
- ☺ El Gòtic, the gothic area, is an open air museum.
- ☺ Plaça d'Espanya / Font Màgica de Montjuïc and climb the stairs to the MNAC for a view of the entire city.
- ☺ Sunday morning: Free La Sardana dance performances in front of the Catedral in Ciutat Vella.
- ☺ Barceloneta and its beaches.
- ☺ Parc de la Ciutadella. Walk to the Arc de Triomf.
- ☺ Street performances.

Worth The Extra \$€¥

For museums / main attractions, be ready to pay €8 - €20, which is high for European standards. Discounts: show a (fake) student card or ID (children / 65+). Always book tickets online in advance, especially in high season!

👍 [La Sagrada Familia](#) - €14,80 / Carrer de Mallorca 401

👍 Every attraction related to Gaudi translates into high entrance prices. Choose only 1 and choose wisely: the famous, prettiest and cheapest [Park Güell](#) - €7 online / Carrer d'Olot s/n.

👍 Save some extra food to share with the less fortunate living in the streets of Barcelona.

Tourist Trap Alert

- ☹ Ramblas: Pickpocket paradise.
- ☹ Flamenco performances are staged only for tourists: La Sardana is the real local dance.
- ☹ Touristbuses (€25-40 a day)! Public transport is affordable & easy.

Sleep Cheap

- ❖ Primavera Hostel, +34931752151, Calle Mallorca 330.
- ❖ Alberguinn Sants Youth Hostel, +34934905965, Calle Melcior de Palau 70-74.
- ❖ Generator, +34932200377, Carrer de Corsega 373.

Budget Bites

- ⌘ Skip expensive hotel breakfasts, go to a local (often biogical) bakery or bistro, like [Le Pain Quotidien](#); Avinguda Diagonal 564
- ⌘ Self-catering: "Supermercats"

Nights Best Spent

- ◆ Marula Café, Escudellers 69.
- ◆ BeCool, Pl. Joan Llongueras 5.
- ◆ Magic Club (rock), Passeig Picasso 40.

Knowledge I'm Taking Home

- 📖 Hable español: [Ole Languages](#).
- 📖 Reveal the Salvador Dali in you: [La Terrazza Atico](#).
- 📖 Spanish cooking classes, for example at [bcnKITCHEN](#).

... Seated Down

- ◆ Palau de la Música Catalana, Calle Palau de la Música 4-6.
- ◆ Sala Beckett, Alegre de Dalt 55.
- ◆ Cines Renoir, Calle Floridablanca 135.

Mama Said

- ⚠ Don't leave your bag unattended. Buy a small lock to make your bag less accessible than your neighbours' bag.

Free-Riding?

- Stick to 1 or 2 areas per day and walk. You're usually as fast as public transport. You see more, experience more and stay fit.
- Buses are everywhere and go everywhere. €2,30 1-way & €10,30 10-way. [Check map!](#)
- Metros are the fastest public transport option, but don't stop at all relevant places. [Check map!](#)

Tip: Download the city map on your phone with Google Maps and leave it open. You can track yourself on the map also without wifi.

Festivals

- ⚙ Sónar: Electronic Music, mid-June.
- ⚙ Festes de la Mercè: Religious, end Sept.
- ⚙ Festa Mayor de Gràcia: Creative, end Aug.

Next?

- ➔ In Spain: Tarragona, Granollers, Calella.
- ➔ International destinations closeby can be reached easy & cheap with Ryanair. Subscribe to the newsletter for flash deals.