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Barcelona

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Summary:

Barcelona travel guide

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Barcelona is a huge city with several district articles containing sightseeing, restaurant, ni

Barcelona is Spain's second largest and the capital of Catalonia, one of the 17 regions that f

Barcelona has many quarters, but the most important and interesting for visitors are:

- * Ciutat Vella - Barcelona's old town, including the medieval Barri Gotic.
- * Eixample - modernist quarter, noted for its art nouveau buildings
- * Gràcia - historically a working class neighborhood, now rather gentrified, and very live
- * Barceloneta - historically a fisherman's quarter

When to visit:

August is probably the busiest time in Barcelona; at the same time about 10% of shops and rest

from mid-August to early September: owners go to vacations.

As humidity is high, 19-23 degrees Celsius (not higher) is the most comfortable weather.

Festivals and events

* Festes de la Mercè Around the 24th of September, the main celebrations in the city. Live
night, theatre, life in the streets, castellers, and most of it for free!

* Festes de Gràcia - around the 15th of August, the celebrations from the Gràcia quarter.
the neighbours, live music, food in the street, party all night long.

* Festes de Sants - similar to Gracia's event, but smaller and a bit later in August. If y

* Sant Jordi 23rd of April. Is like Saint Valentine's in many places. People give roses an
one of the most popular and interesting celebrations in Catalonia.

Casa de l'Ardiaca during Corpus:

* Corpus. Late in May (Corpus Christi day). An egg is put over the fountains (most of them
with flowers), and "magically dances" over the water. Most of the churches are in the city cen
Santa Anna, Casa de l'Ardiaca, Museu Frederic Marés, and over 10 more fountains.

* Fira de Santa Llúcia From December 2nd/3rd to December 23rd, to commemorate Sta Llúcia (

Cathedral, is where the Christmas objects are sold. Some places sell Christmas trees, but most making the pessebres, the representations of the birth of Jesus that people uses to put at home. There are also sculptures, wooden pieces and moss used to simulate grass.

* Revetlla de Sant Joan: for weeks on end, listen to kids shoot off caps and fire crackers. In the morning, head down to the beach for various music stations and all night festivities.

Language:

Barcelona's official languages are Catalan and Spanish. Most signs are indicated in Catalan, a

To avoid giving offence, never refer to Catalan as a dialect, which is an offshoot of another

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