

Barcelona

Barcelona is the second place I visited outside Europe. This is a beautiful city with awesome architecture designed by Gaudí. There aren't so many old buildings like Italy but you can enjoy a different Spanish life here.

Here are some of my favorite places in Barcelona, and all of them are designed by Gaudi:

Sagrada Familia

It is the landmark of Barcelona. Gaudi's masterpiece. Church was built in 1882, but have not yet been completed because of funding problems. There is a great controversy in the building, it was stated that the four tall minarets are like four biscuits. But anyway, people identify it as the building of Barcelona.



Casa Batllo

It is regarded as the most beautiful building in Barcelona. Also designed by architect Gaudí. It has a dragon-shaped style facade and colorful ceramic roof tiles paved by the colorful, undulating song like bio-wall-like bone structure, like the fairy tale of the strange dragon. Its strange shape attracts tourists and stimulates the curiosity of imagination.



Casa Mila

Locals call it the stone house. The curve wave, irregular-shaped white walls and roof of all kinds of lovely quaint chimney, like a fairy tale in the world. The most mature works of design, but also houses the last building of Gaudí. It is also regarded as the Spanish representative of modern architecture.



Park Guell

Spanish architect Gaudi's work, colorful decorations and abstract ideas, super realistic and innocence of fun style. The park's entrance has candy houses like the fairy tale. The most famous thing in this park is the longest lizard bench in the world.



Gaudi:

All the above architectures are designed by the famous architect Gaudi. It is important to get to know a little background of Gaudi before visiting Barcelona. Antoni Gaudí was a Catalan Spanish[3] architect who worked during the Modernist style period but became famous for his unique and highly individualistic designs. All Gaudi's works are a copy of nature. He observes nature and then make his designs like the leaf, the trees, the beehive and etc.

Food-Tapas

Tapas is the famous dish in Spain. Tapas may be cold (such as mixed olives and cheese) or warm (such as chopitos, which are battered, fried baby squid). The serving of tapas is designed to encourage conversation because people are not so focused upon eating an entire meal that is set before them.



Useful Information to Travel in Barcelona:

Language:

The national languages of the country are Spanish and Catalan. Don't worry though if you don't speak either of these languages. You should be able to get around pretty well in the city by speaking English.

Weather:

Obviously the summer months have the warmer weather, but with the lovely Mediterranean climate, even the winter months are quite pleasant. Summer falls in June, July and August and you can expect an average temperature of around 25°C (77°F). Winter falls in December, January and February. You can expect a pretty mild average of around 10°C (50°F).

Telephone:

Should you find yourself in an emergency situation, you can call 112 from your mobile phone to access the Police, Fire Department or Ambulance Services. If you want to call the country, the international dialling code is 34. So you would dial 0034 followed by the number you wish to call. Remember to drop the first zero of the number you are calling.

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