



# BARCELONA, SPAIN



Barcelona is located on the Mediterranean in the north-eastern part of Spain. Famous for its breathtaking architecture, shopping, beaches, and nightlife, there is something for every type of traveler in Barcelona. The city is easily accessible from Montpellier via train (3 hours) or Rome via flight (2 hours) on discount airlines such as Ryan Air and Vueling. Here are some of our recommendations for your long weekend in Barcelona:



## Sagrada Familia

An iconic symbol of Barcelona. Construction began March 19, 1882 by the diocesan architect Francisco de Paula del Villar. At the end of 1883 Gaudí was commissioned to carry on the work, a task which he did not abandon until his death in 1926. Since then different architects have continued the work after his original idea. Please note that Sagrada Familia is THE most popular tourist attraction in Barcelona and the wait for admittance is often two full hours. If you wish to visit, you would be smart to book ahead!  
<https://sagradafamilia.org/en/home>



Paella is Spain's most well known dish. It's a flavorful rice based dish, often made with chicken, steak, shrimp, or even with squid ink and clams (our personal favorite). Many places also make vegan and vegetarian versions, too.

## Park Güell

Another famous site of Gaudi's work. This park is instantly recognizable with its brightly colored mosaic walls which have become an unofficial symbol of Barcelona themselves. Book an early tour to be able to take the best photos, especially at the top overlooking the city! (PS- if you're a Disney fan, this was also where they filmed "Strut" for *The Cheetah Girls 2*)



Another must see in Barcelona is a flamenco show. Nowhere else can you experience the unique, passionate style of music and dancing that come together to form a truly artistic experience.



A trip to Barcelona would not be complete without a visit to the Boqueria Market, one of the largest food markets in the world. Sample some of the freshest seafoods, fruits, vegetables, locally made candies, or grab a seat at one of the restaurants inside the market for what is sure to be a great meal.