

# Our country and our city



## Barcelona an international city

Barcelona, located at the Mediterranean sea in the very north of the Spanish coast, is certainly the most cosmopolitan and economically most active city in this country.

It has always proved its will to be modern, to follow the latest international tendencies or be ahead of them. To the tourist this is evident specially in its architecture, which so well reflects the general approach to life in this always pulsating city.

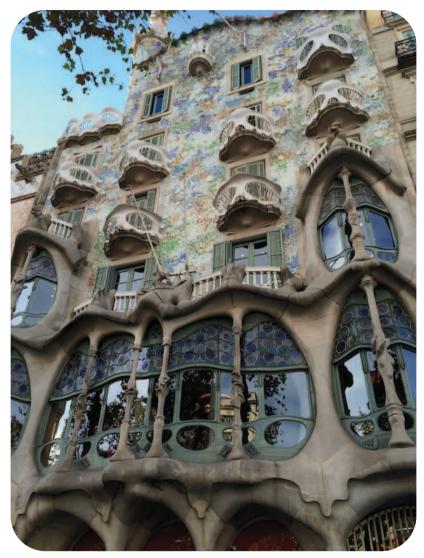


Mapfre's Towers at the seaside

## **History and monuments**

**Barcelona** has an old history, and there are monuments of Romanesque, Gothic and Renaissance periods or still before, but the most characteristic is what has been built during the last 100 years.

**Barcelona** has been a center of Modernist architecture and is distinguished specially by the works of genial Antoni Gaudí, who with his great contemporaries gave new and exciting looks to it, but has remained since then at the top of modernity.



Casa Batlló from Gaudí

**Barcelona** is known worldwide for its monuments and architecture.

Next you can look the most important ones.

























# **Culture: Festivities and traditions**



Our flag: senyera



Castellers

Sant Jordi

# **Culture: Festivities and traditions**

Catalan culture has got a large tradition. We celebrate different festivities during the year.



Correfocs



La Patum de Berga

#### **SANT JORDI**

The legend explains that St. George killed the dragon and saved the princess.

From dragon's blood a rose grew.

We celebrate Sant Jordi on the 23rd April.

We buy roses and books.





# **CASTANYADA**

We celebrate it on the 31st October.

We eat chestnut and "Panellets".

It's a typical autum festivity.





# **GASTRONOMY**

#### **Calçots**

It's a typical onion. We eat it mixed with sauce.

#### Cargols a la llauna

There is a lot of variety of snails which are cooked differently.





# **GASTRONOMY**

*Esqueixada de bacallà*Cod, tomatos and olives



**Pa amb tomàquet**Some bread + some tomato + extra virgin oil and salt



# **GASTRONOMY**

#### **Carquinyolis**

It is a typical food in Catalunya. Carquinyolis are very sweet.



#### Crema catalana

It's a famous Catalan dessert. It is made with egg yolks, sugar, wheat flour, milk flavored with cinnamon and lemon peel.



