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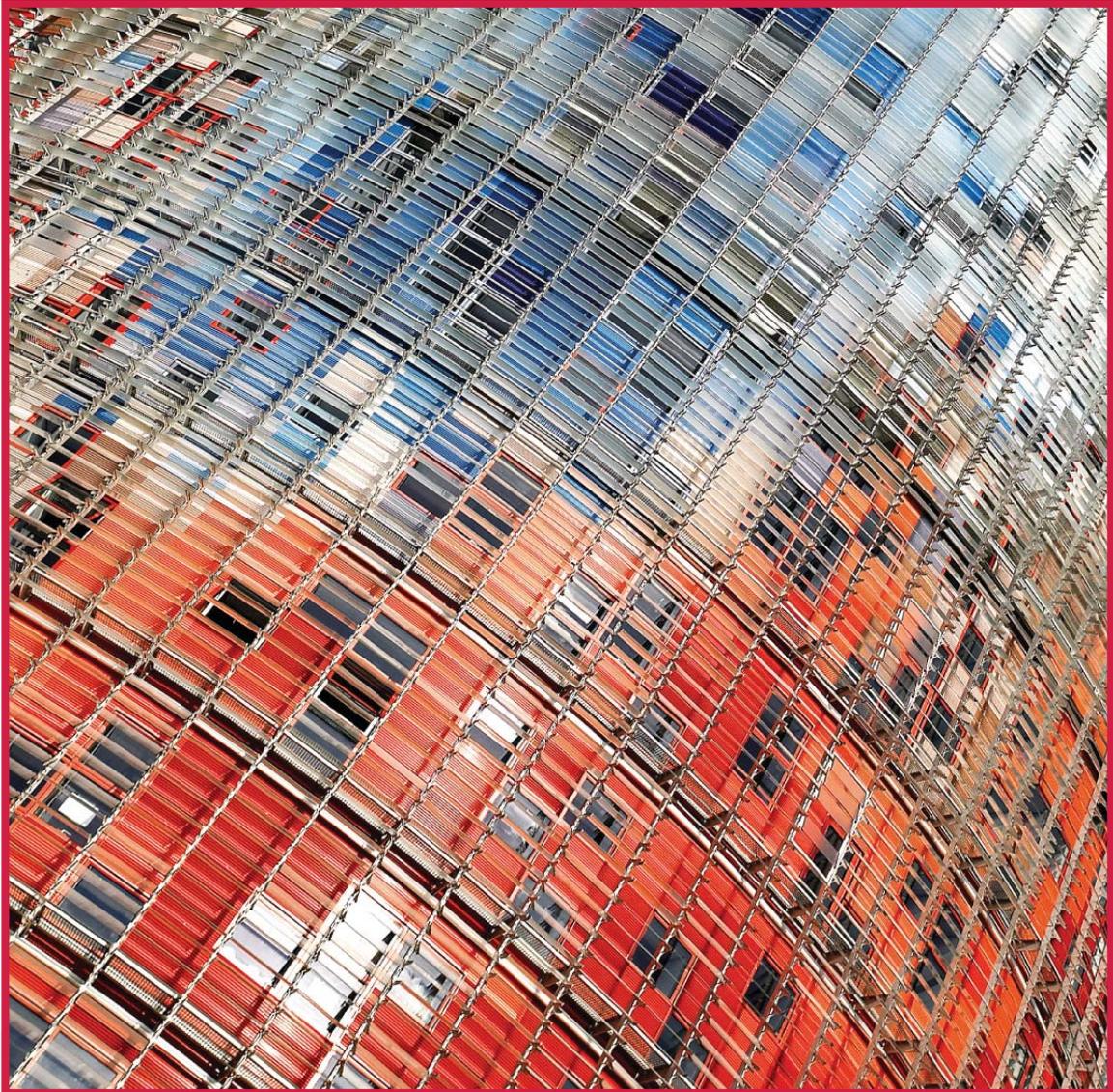
FOSS4G 2010 **Barcelona**

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## Invitation Letter



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November 1st, 2008

Dear Mr. McKenna,

On behalf of the Spanish Language Local Chapter Board of Directors, I would like to announce our bid to host the Free and Open Source Software for Geospatial -FOSS4G- in the city of Barcelona.

With the full support of Jordi Guimet, Irene Compte, Lluís Vicens and Carol, I am pleased to accept the compromises and responsibilities related to the organisation of the congress.

There are several facts supporting this proposal:

The Spanish Language Local Chapter has almost one 260 members in the mailing list and is growing steadily.

It will offer the adequate support for the organization of the meeting.

In particular, there is a good part of the community near Barcelona, working at research centres belonging to the three public Universities (Universitat de Barcelona, Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona and Universitat Pompeu Fabra), to the Consejo Superior de Investigaciones Científicas or to local government research and development centers (Generalitat de Catalunya).

Barcelona has excellent Congress and tourist facilities and very good communications with most European countries.

The local authorities and also the catalan Government will without doubt help with the organization of the meeting, in particular with those "non scientific" events that are so important to have a congress to be remembered.

We are confident that our Local Chapter and Barcelona will measure up to OSGeo most demanding expectations and we sincerely hope to have the privilege of hosting this event.

Yours sincerely,



Lorenzo Becchi  
OSGeo Spanish Chapter Board of Directors member

## Letters of Support





**Alcalde de Barcelona**

November 3, 2008

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Dear Mr. Jeff McKenna,

I am extremely pleased to learn that Barcelona is being proposed as host-city for the Annual Meeting of the Free and Open Source Software for Geospatial (FOSS4G) Conference in the year 2010.

As Mayor of Barcelona, I fully support this proposal and would like to formally invite you to consider Barcelona as your future Conference destination.

Our city, which combines historical and innovative trends, is the home of many scientific and cultural institutions and every year hosts a large number of international events. I am sure that Barcelona will offer your members not only the suitable facilities, but also the warmth and friendship of its Mediterranean character.

I sincerely hope that you will allow our city the privilege and pleasure of hosting the Annual Meeting of the Free and Open Source Software for Geospatial (FOSS4G) Conference in the year 2010.

Yours sincerely,

Jordi Hereu  
The Mayor

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Madrid, 26th November 2008

#### **National Geographic Institute of Spain support for FOSS4G Barcelona conference**

I am very pleased to present this letter of support on behalf of the National Geographic Institute of Spain (Instituto Geográfico Nacional, IGNE) for Barcelona's bid to host the FOSS4G Barcelona conference.

As you may already be aware, Barcelona has a very active Free / Open Source Software community, and the IGNE is the Technical Secretariat of the National Geographic High Council as the official body promoting, coordinating and ruling the National Spatial Data Infrastructure of Spain (IDEE). Many of the SDI Geoportals and web OGC services running under the IDEE initiative have been developed using free software and the Spanish SDI initiatives are a good example on free software working environment.

Hosting the FOSS4G conference in Barcelona would be an ideal opportunity to raise the awareness of the use of FOSS, in particular in the geospatial community.

Barcelona is also a very beautiful city and has a highly developed conferencing, technological and tourist infrastructure which will contribute to a successful meeting of FOSS4G, as well as offering an inspiring and exciting range of unique social events and touring options.

The IGNE is looking forward to welcoming members of the open source spatial community to Barcelona in 2010.

Best regards,

Sebastián Mas Mayoral  
Deputy Director for Geographic Information Applications  
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Dear Mr. McKenna,

We are very pleased to present this letter of support for Barcelona's bid to host the FOSS4G conference in Barcelona for 2010, on behalf of the Institut Cartogràfic de Catalunya.

Since its foundation in 1982 the Institut Cartogràfic de Catalunya (ICC) has spent all its efforts offering a public service to the citizens of Catalonia as a mapping agency. This service is based on the innovative technical knowledge as guarantee of a permanent fight against obsolescence. Producing accurate geoinformation and services, as well as developing to the maximum own productive techniques, have been the synergic movement that different areas of the ICC have carried out since 1982.

The research vocation of the ICC has been, and keeps on being, the development of tools, processes and innovative operational methods to improve the obtaining, processing, management and distribution of geoinformation.

Barcelona is great choice for all foreign people attending the meeting: a beautiful Mediterranean city with a highly developed conferencing and technological infrastructure, which will make, no doubt, a successful meeting of FOSS4G. At the same time, Barcelona offers an exciting range of unique social events and touring options. In addition, it would be an excellent opportunity for all Catalan and Spanish companies and open source contributors to be so close to them.

The Institut Cartogràfic de Catalunya looks forward to welcoming members of the open source spatial community to Barcelona, Catalonia, in 2010.

Yours sincerely,



Jaume Miranda i Canals  
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Barcelona, November 6<sup>th</sup>, 2008

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Dear Mr. McKenna,

I am very pleased to present this letter of support for Barcelona's bid to host the FOSS4G conference in Barcelona for 2010, on behalf of the Secretaria de Telecomunicacions y Societat de la Informació (STSI) de la Generalitat de Catalunya, the Catalan Government Secretary's Office of Telecommunications and Information Society.

The STSI is created in order to pay attention to the challenges and the problems from the public Administration that the new stage of the sector of the telecommunications and of the society of the knowledge they propose. The Secretary's Office is responsible, among other competences, of the general policy about computer science, telecommunications and information society in Catalonia, it promotes the respective economic sectors and integrates the information technologies into all the areas of the Catalan society.

In order to establish guidelines in the formality and the exploitation of the services and necessary systems of information for the functioning of the Generalitat de Catalunya, the STSI has entrusted in the Center of Telecommunications and Information Technologies (CTTI) the realization of a Sheet of Free and Open Source Software Route for the administration where the real opportunities of implantation of the free software are highlighted in the corporative computer systems and departmental.

The main purpose is to guarantee the knowledge and the application of the recommendations of the use of open standards, interoperability and accessibility marked in the European frame.

In this sense, we are sure that hosting FOSS4G conference in Barcelona will be a great and excellent opportunity to raise the awareness of the use of FOSS, in particular in the geospatial community.

As you probably know Barcelona is modern and beautiful city and has a highly developed conferencing, technological and touristic infrastructure which will contribute for sure to a successful meeting of FOSS4G.

The STSI is looking forward to welcoming members of the open source geospatial community to Barcelona in 2010.

Yours sincerely,



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Dear Mr, McKenna,

I'm very pleased to present this letter of support on behalf of ACTIG (Associació Catalana de Tecnologies de la Informació Espacial). The Catalan Association for Spatial Information Technologies is a non profit association, composed by several corporative partners [1] and institutional partners [2], that wants to be a meeting point for users, producers, companies, public administrations, universities ... with the aims and objectives to promote the GIS Technology, to be an active forum to debate about this issues, and to stimulate the research and technological development of geospatial technologies.

FOSS4G will be a very interesting and important event for GIS community in Spain, and will be a very valuable contribution to promote and spread the use of open source technologies in GIS.

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[1] [http://www.actig.cat/socis\\_corp.php](http://www.actig.cat/socis_corp.php)

[2] [http://www.actig.cat/socis\\_ins.php](http://www.actig.cat/socis_ins.php)

Yours sincerely,



Jordi Guimet  
President  
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Dear Mr McKenna,

Institut Geològic de Catalunya for FOSS4G Barcelona Conference

We are very pleased to present this letter of support of Barcelona's bid to host the FOSS4G conference in Barcelona for 2010, on behalf of the Institut Geològic de Catalunya.

The Institut Geològic de Catalunya (Geological Institute of Catalonia, IGC) has been created in 2005 as a public corporation owned by the Generalitat de Catalunya with the objective to encourage and develop activities related to the knowledge, prospection and information about soil and subsoil. Even though this recent creation as autonomous entity, since 1986 the entity is working on the study of geology and geological risks. Since 1990 has working with geospatial data, defining processes and tools to work with GIS.

Barcelona is a beautiful city and has a highly developed conferencing and technological infrastructure will make for a successful meeting of FOSS4G, as well as offering an inspiring and exciting range of unique social events and touring options.

Yours sincerely,

Antoni Roca

Director

Barcelona, Novembre 12<sup>th</sup> 2008



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Dear Mr. McKenna,

It is with great pleasure that I present a letter in support of Barcelona's bid to host the FOSS4G conference in Barcelona for 2010, on behalf of Barcelona Port Authority.

Port of Barcelona, the largest Port on the Mediterranean sea, is aware of how new technologies impact on our life as citizens of a global world and inhabitants of our city. We are confident in Open Source, and we believe its application in spatial technologies should be established as a strategic goal for public companies like Port Authority.

As you know, Barcelona is a beautiful city and has conferencing and technological infrastructure. Barcelona is a city of reference in Europe and especially in the Mediterranean. Barcelona has hosted events related to Open Source, recently Mozilla Opencap Europe, and has the capacity to lead events as FOSS4G.

Port of Barcelona looks forward to welcoming members of the open source spatial community to Barcelona, Spain in 2010.

Yours sincerely,

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**University of Girona support for FOSS4G 2010 Barcelona Conference**

I am very pleased to present this letter of support on behalf of the University of Girona for Barcelona's bid to host the FOSS4G Barcelona Conference.

From the University of Girona believes in most of initiatives promoting open alternatives to student and the rest of society, in this case an initiative addressing to Free / Open Source Software community, which enjoys perfect health in Catalonia.

As well as you may already be aware, Barcelona is a wonderful city that has a highly experience hosting well-known events. The city has a developed conferencing, technological and tourist infrastructures which will contribute to a successful meeting of FOSS4G.

The University of Girona is looking forward to the FOSS4G 2010 will be host in Barcelona.

Kind regards,

Universitat de Girona



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### **Polytechnic University of Catalonia support for FOSS4G 2010 Barcelona Conference**

I am very pleased to present this letter of support on behalf of the Polytechnic University of Catalonia (Universitat Politècnica de Catalunya, UPC) for Barcelona's bid to host the FOSS4G Barcelona Conference.

The UPC is a public institution dedicated to higher education and research specialized in the fields of Architecture, Science and Engineering. Our university is forward-looking and seeks to the training needs and requirements of evolving and newly-developing production sectors. The UPC is fully engaged in the country's technological progress, especially in Catalonia, Spain and Europe.

In this sense, hosting the FOSS4G 2010 in Barcelona will be an ideal opportunity to attach importance of the technological progress and a unique opportunity to spread the use of open source technologies within the geospatial community.

As well, Barcelona is a city be able to host well-known events and conferences since the city has an infrastructures which will contribute to a successful meeting of FOSS4G.

The Polytechnic University of Catalonia hopes the FOSS4G 2010 will be host in Barcelona.

Kind regards,



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**Open University of Catalonia support for FOSS4G Barcelona conference**

I am very pleased to present this letter of support on behalf of the Open University of Catalonia (Universitat Oberta de Catalunya, UOC) for Barcelona's bid to host the FOSS4G Barcelona conference.

As you may already be aware, Barcelona has a very active Free / Open Source Software community, and the UOC has been actively promoting free software by offering open alternatives to students; with an Official Master Programme in Free Software; and as a institution contributing to the new free software virtual campus.

Hosting the FOSS4G conference in Barcelona would be an ideal opportunity to raise the awareness of the use of FOSS, in particular in the geospatial community.

Barcelona is also a very beautiful city and has a highly developed conferencing, technological and tourist infrastructure which will contribute to a successful meeting of FOSS4G, as well as offering an inspiring and exciting range of unique social events and touring options.

Last July, the Free Knowledge Free Technology (FKFT) conference, <http://fkft.eu/>, with UOC as one of the organisers, took place in Barcelona and we found it to be an excellent location in terms of facilities and easy accessibility for delegates from around the world, and also due to the collaboration of authorities.

The UOC is looking forward to welcoming members of the open source spatial community to Barcelona in 2010.

Kind regards,



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Open University of Catalonia



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**DEPARTAMENT DE LENGUATGES  
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**Universitat Jaume I of Castellón (Spain) support for FOSS4G 2010 Barcelona Conference**

Dear Mr. McKenna,

I am very pleased to present this letter of support on behalf of the University Jaume I for Barcelona's bid to host the FOSS4G Barcelona Conference.

The UJI is a public University dedicated to Higher Education and Research specialized in the fields of Geospatial Technologies. In fact, we teach a Master Program in Geospatial Technologies which is funded by the Erasmus Mundus Program of the European Commission.

In this sense, hosting the FOSS4G in Barcelona will be an ideal and unique opportunity to raise the awareness of the use of FOSS, especially in the geospatial community.

Barcelona is a beautiful city and has a highly developed conferencing and technological infrastructure in order to ensure a successful meeting of FOSS4G.

UJI looks forward to welcoming and supporting participants in the FOSS4G Conference in Barcelona 2010.

Kind regards,



Joaquín Huerta Guijarro  
Co-Director Master in Geospatial Technologies



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**Asunto:** **FOSS4G 2010 – Barcelona bid**

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**Dear Mr. McKenna,**

I'm excited to submit a letter in support of the Barcelona bid to host the FOSS4G conference in 2010 on behalf of Mercator Research Group belong to the Technical University of Madrid.

In the last years, the open source geospatial efforts and contribution have been in continuous increase in Europe and especially in Spain. The contributors including research groups at several universities, public administrations and geospatial companies. From a research perspective, FOSS4G will be a fantastic opportunity to showcase research work and to motivate future researches. It would be an exciting opportunity for all Europe and Spain Universities and geospatial open source contributors to be so close to the action.

Mercator Research Group looks forward to welcoming and supporting participants in the FOSS4G conference in Barcelona in 2010.

Yours sincerely,

**Dr. Miguel Angel Bernabé**  
Director of Mercator Research Group  
Technical University of Madrid

**Laboratorio di Geomatica  
POLITECNICO DI MILANO**



12 November 2008

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Dear Mr. McKenna,

It is with great pleasure that I present a letter in support of Barcellona's bid to host the FOSS4G conference in Barcellona for 2010, on behalf of Laboratorio di Geomatica – Politecnico di Milano – Italy.

Laboratorio di Geomatica is a Lab of the Politecnico di Milano, one of the most important technical university in Italy.

The laboratory carries out researches both on statistical methods of data processing and interpretation, GIS and Internet GIS and in different geodesy sectors.

Laboratorio di Geomatica contributes to the education of engineers giving them the necessary knowledge in acquiring, managing, exploiting and distributing environmental and territorial information as well as establishing information technologies.

Laboratorio di Geomatica has promoted and supported the geographic open source and free software for many years.

The first Italian FOSSG conference – called the “first GRASS users conference” – was organized by Laboratorio di Geomatica in 2000.

The commitment of Laboratorio di Geomatica with respect to the free and open source software in the past years has been continuous.

Many students have continued the propagation of free software in other Italian universities and agencies.

FOSS4G will be a fantastic opportunity to seed the FOSS4G ideas in the Mediterranean area, searching to be inclusive with respect to countries, as for example the Northern Africa countries, that at the moment have shown little interest with respect to free and open source GIS contributions.

I hope you are able to see the benefits in making Barcellona the home for FOSS4G in 2010.

Your sincerely

Maria Antonia Brovelli  
(Laboratorio di Geomatica Director)

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Maria Antonia Brovelli'.

Mr Jeff McKenna  
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Dear Mr McKenna:

It is with great pleasure that I present a letter in support of Barcelona's bid to host the FOSS4G conference in Barcelona for 2010, on behalf of Prodevelop S.L.

As you may already be aware, Spain has a very active Free / Open Source Software community. It is seen as a reference of Open Source development in general, and hosting the FOSS4G conference in Barcelona would be an ideal opportunity to raise awareness of the use of FOSS in the geospatial community in particular.

Barcelona is a beautiful city and has a highly developed conferencing and technological infrastructure will make for a successful meeting of FOSS4G, as well as offering an inspiring and exciting range of unique social events and touring options.

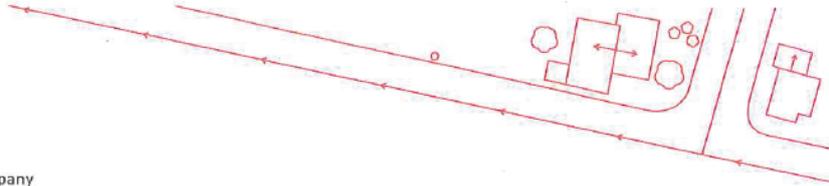
Prodevelop looks forward to welcoming and supporting participants in the FOSS4G conference in Barcelona in 2010.

Kind regards,



The signature is in blue ink and is written over a blue Prodevelop logo. The logo consists of the word 'proDEVELOP' in a stylized font, with 'Integración de tecnologías' written in smaller text below it. Below the logo is the website address 'www.prodevelop.es'.

Miguel Montesinos  
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Dear Mr. McKenna,

I am very pleased to present this letter of support on behalf of Aurensis SL for Barcelona's bid to be host of the FOSS4G Conference for the year 2010.

Aurensis [www.aurensis.com](http://www.aurensis.com) covers the entire technological spectrum of Territorial Information systems. This enables us to offer solutions based on different technological alternatives as we are partners with the main players involved in the sector. Since 2008 Aurensis is part of the Telespazio Group [www.telespazio.com](http://www.telespazio.com), a European leader in the Earth Observation sector and a world leader in satellite services.

A great number of open source geospatial efforts are active in Spain, State and Regional governments have a strong commitment with the Open source initiatives and research groups at several universities and private companies, as well, are working in several projects. Hosting the FOSS4G Conference in Barcelona would be an ideal opportunity to raise awareness of the use of FOSS in the European geospatial community.

Barcelona is a beautiful and modern city, and has a wonderful reputation for staging major events. Its successes in recent years are a true reflection of its international standing. Recently Barcelona has been chosen as the seat of the Secretariat of the Union for the Mediterranean [www.bcneuromed.es](http://www.bcneuromed.es). This initiative aims to create an "area of peace, stability, security and shared prosperity, as well as full respect of democratic principles, human rights and fundamental freedoms and promotion of understanding between cultures and civilizations in the Euro-Mediterranean region".

As a Mediterranean city, Barcelona has a wonderful weather practically all year round and an intensive cultural life, which offers plenty of opportunities for socialising and city exploring in the down-time.

Aurensis looks forward to welcoming members of the Open Source Spatial community in Barcelona, Spain, in 2010.

Yours sincerely,



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**Re.: FOSS4G 2010 in Barcelona, Spain**

Dear Madam, Dear Sir,

Camptocamp would like to express heartily its support to the initiative of Mr. Lorenzo Becchi and his committee to organize FOSS4G 2010 in Barcelona.

After taking place in other continents for the last two years, the outlook to have the conference organized in Europe would honor the Open Source community and would follow through the organization by Alliance Group of the Think Tank conference in Europe and its promising results<sup>1</sup>.

The project initiated by Mr. Becchi is very promising and the selected place, Barcelona, capital of Catalogne, benefits from all advantages a « first class » European city can provide: active, culturally rich and perfectly connected to the international transportation network.

Camptocamp, a true representative of Open Source Geoinformatics, encourage this project that would help promote Europe's competencies and abilities to bring together the Open Source Geoinformatics community. Europe could be seen as the spearhead of Open Source. Indeed, a European report from UNU-MERIT explicitly illustrates the European Commission's interest for FLOSS.<sup>#</sup>

Likewise, another report from the European Commission invites administrations to migrate toward Open Source software.<sup>\*</sup>

Lastly, as the co-organizer of FOSS4G 2006 in Lausanne, Switzerland, we are convinced that this project is viable and we are absolutely certain his realization will influence positively the cohesion of Open Source in Europe.

Yours faithfully,

Camptocamp France SAS  
David Jonglez  
Associated Director

<sup>1</sup>[http://www.technorati.com/posts/\\_Q6HAzG9L3GTBMT6W1nUExLLYMPvpkIkMZO35aBVecc%3D](http://www.technorati.com/posts/_Q6HAzG9L3GTBMT6W1nUExLLYMPvpkIkMZO35aBVecc%3D)  
<sup>#</sup><http://ec.europa.eu/enterprise/ict/policy/doc/2006-11-20-flossimpact.pdf>  
<sup>\*</sup><http://ec.europa.eu/idabc/en/document/7701>



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November 1<sup>st</sup>, 2008

Dear Mr. Jeff McKenna,

It would be a great pleasure and honor for us that you take into account our Group of Companies to organize future Congresses of the Free and Open Source Software for Geospatial-FOSS4G- in the city of Barcelona.

Grupo Pacifico is a PCO and one of the founding Members of the Spanish Convention Bureau. We have a wide experience of over 27 years of successful professional organization of large scale national and international Congresses and around 300 events per year all over Europe. This enables us to have outstanding relationships with most local Convention Bureaus, international hotel chains, local suppliers and international correspondents. Equally, we belong to important international associations such as ICCA, IAPCO, MPI, EFAPCO and all national Meetings Industry associations.

In IT terms, our congress management software allows us to organize congresses anywhere in the world. Since it is an exclusive and tailor-made program, the entire event can be organized on-line. We are delighted to offer to our partners and clients, our staff's know-how, our buying and negotiating power and our good relationship with key players throughout the industry on an international scale. For that reason, please allow me to outline for you a brief history of our part experience in your field of medicine.

You will find herewith in the attachment additional information about Group Pacifico. You may also consult our web page: [www.pacifico-meetings.com](http://www.pacifico-meetings.com)

We hope you will consider our company as a possible candidate to organize your Congresses and being your Spanish partner.

We remain at your entire disposal to provide you with any further information you may require or to hold a personal interview at your convenience. Looking forward to hearing from you,

Yours sincerely,

José MILÁN,  
President, Grupo Pacifico



Pere Duran i Vall-llossera  
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Managing Director

Mr. Jeff McKenna  
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CANADA

October 28<sup>th</sup>, 2008

Dear Mr. Jeff McKenna,

We are pleased to learn that Barcelona is being proposed as host-city for the Annual Meeting of the Free and Open Source Software for Geospatial (FOSS4G) Conference in the year 2010.

Barcelona has a long tradition in hosting international meetings offering excellent facilities as well as expert professionals of the organisation and technical services.

The city, which has undergone during the past years a huge process of renovation, has become one of the most attractive destinations in Europe both for its architecture and its cultural life.

The Barcelona Convention Bureau, a specialised department of "Turisme de Barcelona", stands ready to assist you and co-operate with the local Organising Committee, to assure the successful planning and staging of your Conference, and make it a truly memorable one.

We do hope to deserve this opportunity.

Cordially yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Pere Duran", written over a horizontal line.

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## THE DATES



# Identity



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AUG 30<sup>th</sup>–SEP 04<sup>th</sup> Free and Open Source  
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# The Congress Organization

## OSGeo Spanish Chapter

The OSGeo Spanish Local Chapter has been recently approved as official OSGeo Chapter for Spanish speaking areas of all continents.

The wide area covered by such a Language Chapter includes many users, institutions, universities and companies that are involved with the use and spread of FOSS4G technologies.

The community started in 2007, and it has been supporting the creation of a similar OSGeo infrastructure with the aim of spreading and supporting the OSGeo goals. So far, it has established a Members List and elected its Board of Directors:

- \* Jorge L. Batista
- \* Lorenzo Becchi
- \* Pedro-Juan Ferrer Matoses
- \* Víctor Olaya
- \* Jorge Gaspar Sanz

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Key activities include work on the Free GIS Book, Spanish Localization of softwares and documentations and supporting events as Jornadas de SIG Libre (Girona, Spain), Jornadas gvSIG (Valencia, Spain) or Informatica 2009 (La Habana, Cuba).

The Spanish National Government and the different Autonomous Governments are actively supporting Open Source software use inside the Public Administration, Primary and Secondary Schools and so on. In conjunction with this active support, the debate about opening some parts of the National Geodata elaborated by public institutions such as regional governments and cartographic institutes is very active at present time.

Several projects like gvSIG, Sextante or Kosmo has evolved in Spain and now they are becoming FOSS4G realities worldwide.

The year 2009 is an important milestone for the INSPIRE Initiative (Infrastructure for Spatial Information in Europe) and the attention shall be focused to the most important International Event (FOSS4G) related to Open Technologies for Geomatics, showing and pointing out some interesting technologies for the building of a real Open Source SDI.



## The Organizing Committee

Executive Committee to be involved in the Organization Committee.

It will be chaired and coordinated by:

### **Lorenzo Becchi**

Some other collaborators may be included later and some could be removed if the individual conditions change.

### **Provisional Organizing Committee:**

With the strong support of the OSGeo Spanish Language Chapter (OSGeo-es), the Local Organizing Committee will be constituted by:

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### **Lorenzo Becchi (President)**

With a background managing Humanitarian Projects and consulting for UN FAO, Lorenzo is a component of the OSGeo-es Board and a Charter Member of OSGeo since year 2007. As developer of FOSS4G he has contributed mainly to ka-Map!, a modern web mapping interface for UMN Mapserver. His experience with OSGeo Local communities pass through Italy, Spain and Portugal.

### **Jordi Guimet**

Dr. Industrial Engineer, he has worked as civil servant in the Public Administration as Deputy General Director for Information Technologies in the General Direction of the Cadastre Organization (Madrid, 1987-1991), being in charge of the technical modernization of the Cadastre. Currently in charge of the development and management of the Catalan SDI Center of Support, from 2002 Associated Professor of the Technological University of Catalonia. He founded the Spanish Association of GIS (1990) and has been its president until the year 2000. Current president of the Catalan chapter of this association.

### **Irene Compte and Lluís Vicens**

Irene Compte and Lluís Vicens (Charter Member of OSGeo Spanish Local Chapter) work in the Geographic Information Systems and Remote Sensing Service (SIGTE) of the University of Girona. SIGTE is a technical research and training service specializing in the field of management and treatment of geographical information. As a high profile university service, we can count on the experience and knowledge acquired during more than 10 years of carrying out projects which integrate professional, training and research activities based on Open Source Software for Geomatics.

SIGTE has also a good experience organizing National and International meetings such as Eugises in 2002, AGILE in 2008, or the FOSS for GIS Meeting in Girona (Jornadas de SIG Libre in 2006, 2007 2008) for Spanish speaking community, that was the starting point to the creation of the OSGeo Spanish Local Chapter.

### **Carol Puig**

Lecture of Geomatics at Universitat Politècnica de Catalunya (UPC). Carol has a wide experience on FOSS GIS applied to Humanitarian Projects. Her field of investigation is multispectral image analysis with neural networks, and radiometric corrections.



1 November 2008

Topic: Acceptation for the chairing Organising Committee

To who may concern:

I am pleased to accept the compromise and responsibility of coordinating all the actions needed for promoting and managing the organisation of the FOSS4G in Spain in the name of the OSGeo Spanish Language Chapter and to chair the Organizing Committee.

This compromise will include:

1. To do and coordinate all the actions for presenting a Bid to FOSS4G with the dossier as described in OSGeo rules.
2. To inform and present the Spanish proposal at the next OSGeo General Assembly.
3. If approved, to do all the action needed to constitute the Organising Committee with the agreement of OSGeo Spanish Chapter Board and the Scientific Committee.
4. To establish the agreement with professional organization that will deal with the technical professional work.
5. To made the appropriate arrangements for the relationship between Organising Committee and Scientific Committee.
6. To made the best efforts to facilitate participation of scientists from developing countries and promoting multinational participation.
7. To coordinate all the actions and activities of Organising Committee and professional entities for preparatory work and the development of the Conference (announcements, registrations, printing programme, abstract and proceedings book, technical Congress venue facilities, social activities).
8. To regularly inform to OSGeo and OSGeo Spanish Chapter about the progress in Conference development.
9. To made the appropriate control about the budget and financial organization of the Forum.
10. To coordinate the postcongress actions and report the scientific and economical matters of the Conference to OSGeo and OSGeo Spanish Chapter.

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In the city of Barcelona 1 November, 2008



Lorenzo Becchi

OSGeo Spanish Chapter Board of Directors member

## The host city: Barcelona



## Introducing Barcelona

Barcelona was founded on the Mediterranean coast, between two rivers, over 2,000 years ago. It is located in the north-east of the Iberian Peninsula, just a short distance from France. Since then, it has been the traditional gateway to Spain. Through it entered Romans, Arabs and Christians, as well as the many diverse cultures, which came to enrich its heritage. The traces of this history and diversity can be followed as you walk through the city; through its Gothic Quarter, built on the Roman ruins; through its art-nouveau Eixample district, presided over by Gaudí's exuberant architecture, which at the same time reveals an ordered and rational urban layout. This diversity and harmony are also apparent in the character of the people of Barcelona, who are enterprising and hard-working, enjoy life and, in particular, have great civic pride and are lovers of culture.

These characteristics have made Barcelona into a first-class tourist destination and the ideal setting for meetings and congresses. This open, welcoming city, which shed its skin and opened up to the sea in order to host the 1992 Olympic Games, has since then focused its energies on another major global project: the 2004 Forum of Cultures. This event, the renewed expression of Barcelona's vocation to be an international benchmark for meetings and dialogue, has made it possible to complete the city's seafront, and improve significantly its range of services in the field of congresses, hotels and catering and culture. The new facilities, built in the Forum area, on the seafront, can host up to 15,000 delegates and are unrivalled in Europe.

In just over two decades, Barcelona has completely transformed its range of facilities and attractions. It has done so by displaying a dynamic character and pioneering spirit, which are perfectly visible in its new urban and architectural layout. The city continues to enjoy spring-like climatic conditions, and offers the visitor its own unique lifestyle, which is particularly evocative and appealing. It perfectly combines the gentleness of the Mediterranean coast with the thrust and capacity for innovation of a young society. It is a unique combination on the European continent; a privileged geographical enclave whose inquiring yet serene population is already enjoying the Mediterranean metropolis of the 21st century.







## Why Barcelona?

- **Welcoming**

Barcelona is a compact city, neither too small nor too big, which makes it very welcoming and gives it a cosy atmosphere. As well, it boasts significant cultural, social and commercial diversity.

- **Mediterranean**

Barcelona displays the characteristics of Mediterranean cities: it is dynamic and open, inviting for leisure activities, walking through and enjoying. It is the only large city in Europe that boasts 5 kilometres of beaches in the city itself.

- **Climate**

Barcelona enjoys a very agreeable and mild climate all yearlong, which makes it possible to organise outdoor events in spring, summer and autumn.

- **Historical**

Barcelona has over 2000 years of history and conserves important testimonies of its past.

- **Cultural**

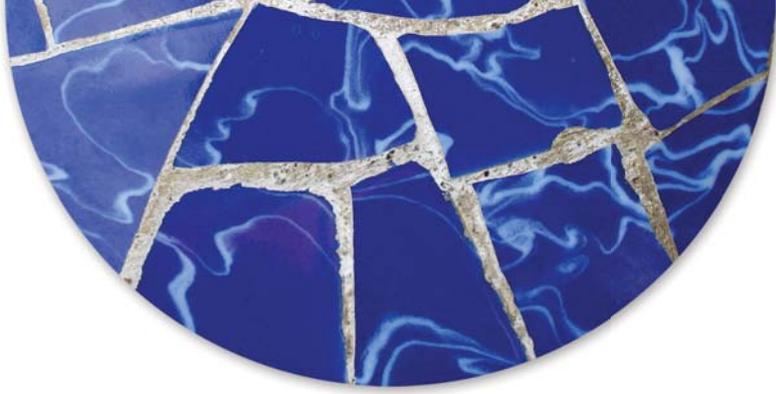
Barcelona offers a very intense cultural life all yearlong: Opera, Ballet, Concert, Theatres, festivals, expositions, museums...

- **Gourmet city**

Barcelona has developed a cuisine style based on creativity and this made in the top “gourmet” city outside France, according to the magazine Gourmet. Furthermore, Mediterranean cuisine, considered by many as the healthiest in the world, is used even in the simplest restaurants.

- **Avant Garde**

Catalonia has always been played host to famous people in the avant-gard movements in Europe: Picasso, Miró, Dali, Gaudi are just some of the many examples of the constant desire for renovation and creation, a true quality that is also present in today’s Catalan artists like its architects or designers.



- **Well connected**

Barcelona has an excellent network of flights specially to Spanish and European cities. Its international airport, located only 15 minutes from the city is currently undergoing full expansion works.

- **Well equipped**

Barcelona offers a variety of places to organise large and small meetings. It also has a wide range of historical charming venues - ideal for banquets, cocktails, exhibitions and products presentations- in modern and fully-equipped facilities. Its stock of hotels is abundant and modern.

- **Reliable**

Catalans are hardworking and reliable people. Throughout their history they have shown their capacity to organise successful events with precision, creativity and efficiency. Organizers and suppliers in Barcelona have inherited those qualities. You can trust members of BCB.

- **A life style**

*Barcelona has its own way of life that makes it truly unique and special.*

*Come and experiment it!*



## Barcelona, The Conference City





## ICCA - International Congress & Convention Association

Snapshot Country Ranking 2008 meetings  
(Made on 3 October 2008)

#	Country	Meetings
1	U.S.A.	335
2	Spain	219
3	Germany	198
4	United Kingdom	190
5	Italy	184
6	France	179
7	China-P.R.	149
8	Canada	148
9	Australia	125
10	Japan	121
11	Netherlands	120
12	Brazil	114
13	Portugal	95
14	Austria	86
	Switzerland	86
16	Greece	84
17	Republic of Korea	83
18	Denmark	75
19	Sweden	73
20	Finland	71
21	Mexico	69
	Poland	69
	Belgium	69
24	Turkey	65
25	Hungary	57
26	India	54
27	South Africa	52
28	Singapore	51
	Czech Republic	51
30	Argentina	48
31	Thailand	47
32	Malaysia	45
33	Norway	44
	Hong Kong, China-P.R.	44
35	Ireland	42
36	Chile	30
37	Chinese Taipei	29
38	Russia	28
	Croatia	28
40	Colombia	26
41	New Zealand	25
42	Slovenia	24
43	Philippines	21
	Indonesia	21
45	Romania	15
	Iceland	15
	Peru	15
48	United Arab Emirates	14
	Costa Rica	14
50	Vietnam	13
	Lithuania	13
	Egypt	13
53	Uruguay	11
54	Morocco	10
	Israel	10

Snapshot City Ranking 2008 meetings  
(Made on 3 October 2008)

#	City	Meetings
1	Barcelona	96
2	Paris	63
3	Beijing	55
4	Copenhagen	54
5	Lisbon	53
6	Singapore	51
7	Budapest	50
8	Seoul	49
	Istanbul	49
10	Vienna	47
	Athens	47
12	Amsterdam	46
13	Berlin	45
14	Hong Kong	44
	Prague	44
16	Rome	41
17	London	39
	Sao Paulo	39
19	Vancouver, BC	38
	Sydney, NSW	38
	Stockholm	38
22	Bangkok	37
23	Madrid	35
	Buenos Aires	35
	Kuala Lumpur	35
26	Tokyo	34
	Helsinki	34
	Brussels	34
29	Montreal, QC	30
	Valencia	30
	Edinburgh	30
32	Shanghai	29
	Geneva	29
34	Cape Town	28
35	Warsaw	27
36	Dublin	26
37	Melbourne, VIC	25
38	Munich	22
39	Québec City, QC	21
	Toronto, ON	21
	Santiago de Chile	21
42	Rio de Janeiro	20
	Taipei	20
	Lyon	20
	Rotterdam	20
46	Florence	19
	New Delhi	19
48	Milan	18
	Liverpool	18
	Brisbane, QLD	18
51	Boston, MA	17
	Adelaide, S.A.	17
	Oslo	17
	Cancun, Qr.	17
	Kyoto	17
56	Chicago, IL	16

## The climate

Barcelona enjoys a mild Mediterranean climate. The average monthly temperatures are as follows:

	Centigrade	Fahrenheit
January	10.0°C	50.0°F
February	13.0°C	55.0°F
March	13.0°C	55.0°F
April	14.0°C	57.0°F
May	18.0°C	64.0°C
June	21.0°C	70.0°F
July	25.0°C	77.0°F
August	25.0°C	71.5°F
<b>September</b>	<b>22.0°C</b>	<b>64.5°F</b>
October	18.0°C	61.0°F
November	16.0°C	54.0°F
December	12.0°C	

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(Figures corresponding to the Servei Meteorològic de Catalunya, January 2008)



## Cost of Living Overview

Cost of a cab ride to/from the airport	25,00 €
Cab minimum charge	1,75 €
Bus and metro fares	one way: 1,25 € 10 trips: 6,90 €
Regular meal	9,00-25,00 €
Coffee and refreshment	1,80 €
Ticket for the cinema	6,50 €
Ticket for the theatre	27,00 €
Museum entrance	5,50 €
Newspapers	1,00 €
Souvenirs and gifts	6,00-37,00 €
VAT in Spain	7% on hotels, restaurants food & beverage, transportation, coaches 16% on all other

## Proposed congress venue



## Barcelona Congress Centre-PCB-



The Conference Centre, located in Montjuïc, is a dynamic infrastructure specialising in the organisation and management of meetings and conferences. Its considerable logistics capabilities enable it to organise large international conferences with over 25,000 participants. It boasts 9 independent halls with seating capacities ranging between 6 and 700 people and a big auditorium able to seat 1,700, giving a total capacity of 4,000. All the halls are characterised by their high standards of comfort and are equipped with the most modern facilities. The availability of other halls and exhibition areas allows major conferences with over 25,000 participants to be organised.

Equipped with the most up-to-date technology, this large centre offers, amongst other features, an outstanding catering service with a capacity for 2,000 diners simultaneously. With such a diverse range of installations and the extensive experience of an organisation that offers total guarantees of success, the Conference Centre in Barcelona is the ideal place to host anything from a small meeting to the largest international event.



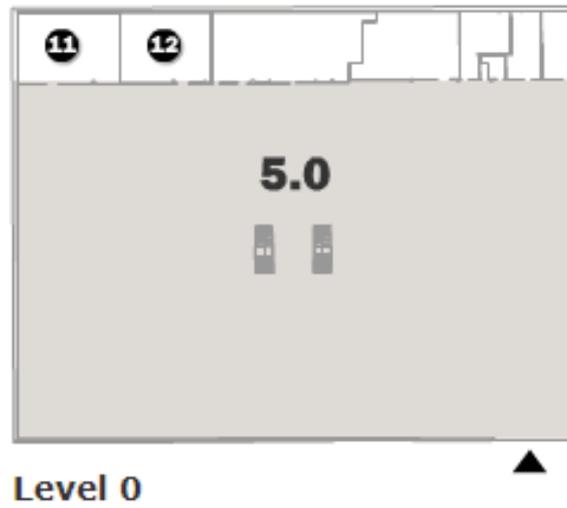
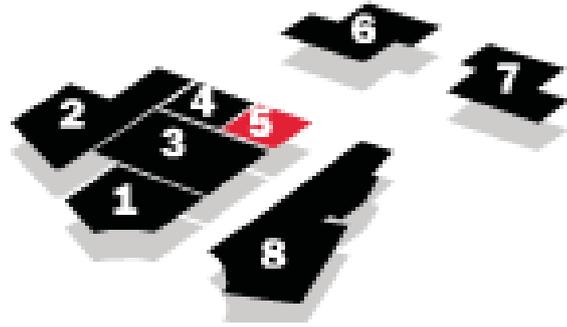


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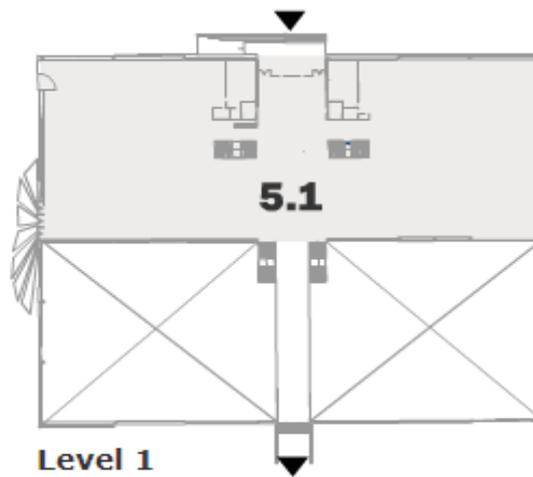
Exhibition Area  
Hall 11  
Hall 12

3.728 sqm  
90 people  
90 people

## Level 1



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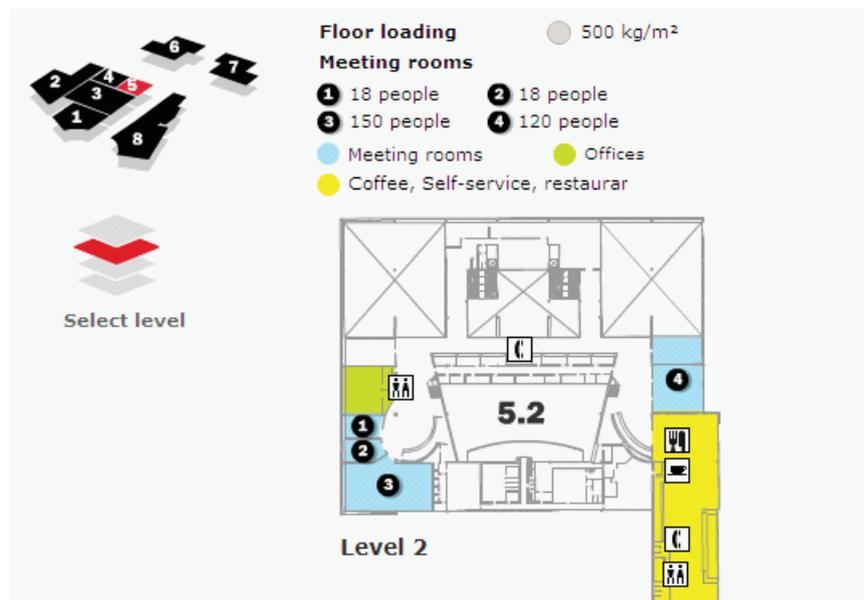
Exhibition area  
Access

1.500 sqm

## Level 2



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Hall 1	18 people
Hall 2	18 people
Hall 3	150 people
Hall 4	120 people

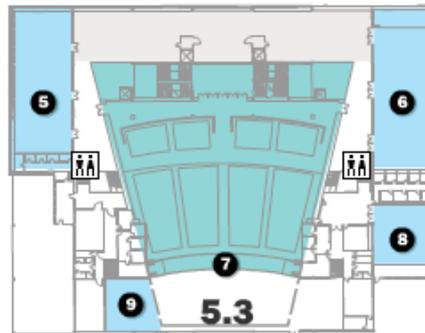
## Level 3



Total surface area 600 m<sup>2</sup>  
 Floor loading 500 kg/m<sup>2</sup>

### Meeting rooms

- 5 250 people      6 320 people      7 1,624 people
  - 8 100 people      9 30 people
- Meeting rooms      ● Auditorium



Level 3

Hall 5	250 people
Hall 6	320 people
Hall 7 – Auditorium	1.650 people
Hall 8	100 people
Hall 9	30 people



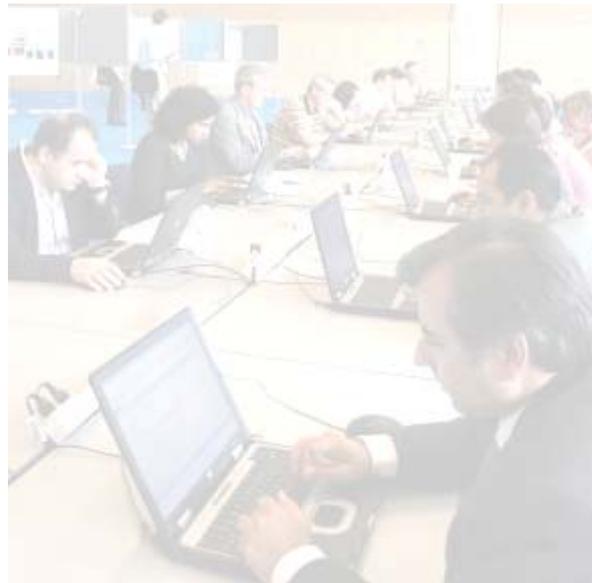


*Antara Catering* is the exclusive provider of all the F&B services in FIRA

Every detail is taken care of by a highly professional team of chefs, maîtres, sommeliers and bartenders.

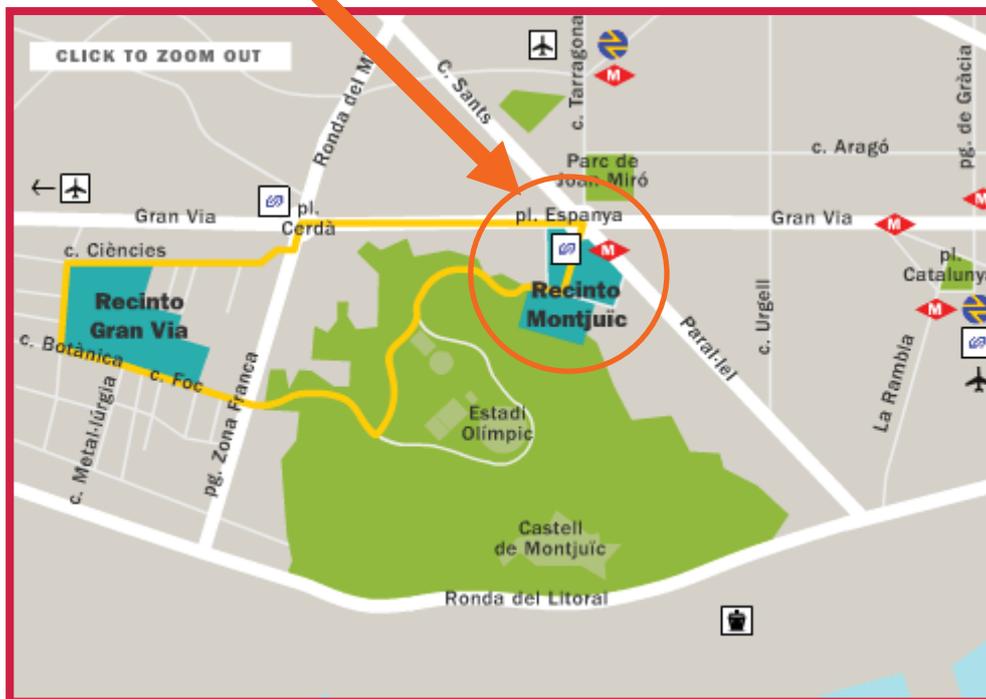
FIRA is equipped with the *latest technology* and provides a global range of services necessary for the organisation of events:

- AV& IT supports
- Technical service
- Security
- Cleaning
- First aid staff
- Cloakroom
- Furniture
- Stands
- Hostesses
- etc



*Wifi Areas &  
Internet Connection*

## How to get there...



Barcelona, one of the most dynamic and modern European cities, occupies a strategic position as capital of a Mediterranean region. It is very well connected by several transport systems.



Motorways and roads: access to the Montjuïc exhibition site

- Girona - Barcelona | AP-7, C-33, Ronda Litoral exit "Paral•lel"
- Mataró - Barcelona | C-32, Ronda Litoral exit "Paral•lel"
- Manresa - Barcelona | C-58, Ronda Litoral exit "Paral•lel"
- Aeroport del Prat - Barcelona | C-31, Gran Via – Plaça Espanya
- Tarragona - Barcelona | AP-7, A-2, Ronda Litoral exit 15 "Pg Zona Franca – Fira"
- Igualada - Barcelona | A-2, Ronda Litoral exit 15 "Pg Zona Franca – Fira"
- Lleida - Barcelona | AP-2, A-2, Ronda Litoral exit 15 "Pg Zona Franca – Fira M1"

Motorways and roads: access to the Gran Via exhibition site

- Girona - Barcelona | AP-7, C-33, Ronda Litoral exit 17 "Gran Via M2"
- Mataró - Barcelona | C-32, Ronda Litoral exit 17 "Gran Via M2"
- Manresa - Barcelona | C-58, Ronda Litoral exit 17 "Gran Via M2"
- Aeroport del Prat - Barcelona | C-31, Gran Via
- Tarragona - Barcelona | AP-7, A-2, Ronda Litoral exit "Barcelona Fires - Gran Via"
- Igualada - Barcelona | A-2, Ronda Litoral exit "Barcelona Fires - Gran Via"
- Lleida - Barcelona | AP-2, A-2, Ronda Litoral exit "Barcelona Fires - Gran Via"



All of these bus lines allow access to the Montjuïc venue from any part of the city of Barcelona.

The regular number 79 metropolitan bus also links Gran Via to Montjuïc and other areas of Barcelona.

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Both lines has exits at Montjuïc venue

Línea 1 - Parada "Espanya"

Línea 3 - Parada "Espanya"



The nearest stop to the Gran Via exhibition site is the station "Europa/Fira". This is directly linked to Montjuïc. All routes that leave or enter the "Plaça Espanya" FGC station stop at "Europa/Fira".



# Fira Barcelona



## Accommodation



## Current number of hotels and bedrooms

Barcelona city offers today 30.237 bedrooms in all categories, and has new projects for around 6.931 more to be completed in the coming years. We describe hereunder in detail the capacities in 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5 stars properties. **VAT on accommodation is 7%.**

### Hotel capacity in Barcelona city:

Category	Hotels	Rooms	Beds
*****	18	4.353	8.600
****	120	15.025	29.462
***	105	7.635	14.792
**	37	2.171	4.111
*	33	1.074	1.983
<b>Total</b>	<b>313</b>	<b>30.258</b>	<b>58.948</b>

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### Hotels to be completed in the coming years:

Category	Hotels	Rooms
*****	12	2.303
****	23	3.445
***	10	793
**	2	239
*	1	151
<b>Total</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>6.931</b>

## Hotels in the proximity of Fira - Gran Via

Hotel Name	Category	Bedrooms
Hesperia Tower	5*	280
Hesperia Fira Suites	5*	54
Renaissance Barcelona Airport	5*	50
Abba Garden	4*	138
Best Western Alfa Aeropuerto	4*	99
Catalonia Barcelona Plaza	4*	347
Ciutat del Prat	4*	130
Citypark Sant Just	4*	120
Fira Palace	4*	276
Hesperia Sant Just	4*	150
Novotel Barcelona Cornellà	4*	153
Novotel Bcn Sant Joan Despí	4*	161
Prestige Congress	4*	160
Renaissance Barcelona Airport	4*	209
Solvasa Barcelona	4*	116
Tryp Barcelona Aeropuerto	4*	205
AC Som	3*	103
nH Cornellà	3*	78
nH Porta de Barcelona	3*	99
Ibis Barcelona Fira de Cornellà	3*	122
Travelodge Hospitalet	3*	83
<b>Total</b>		<b>3.133</b>

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## Hotel projects to be completed in coming years around Fira - Gran Via :

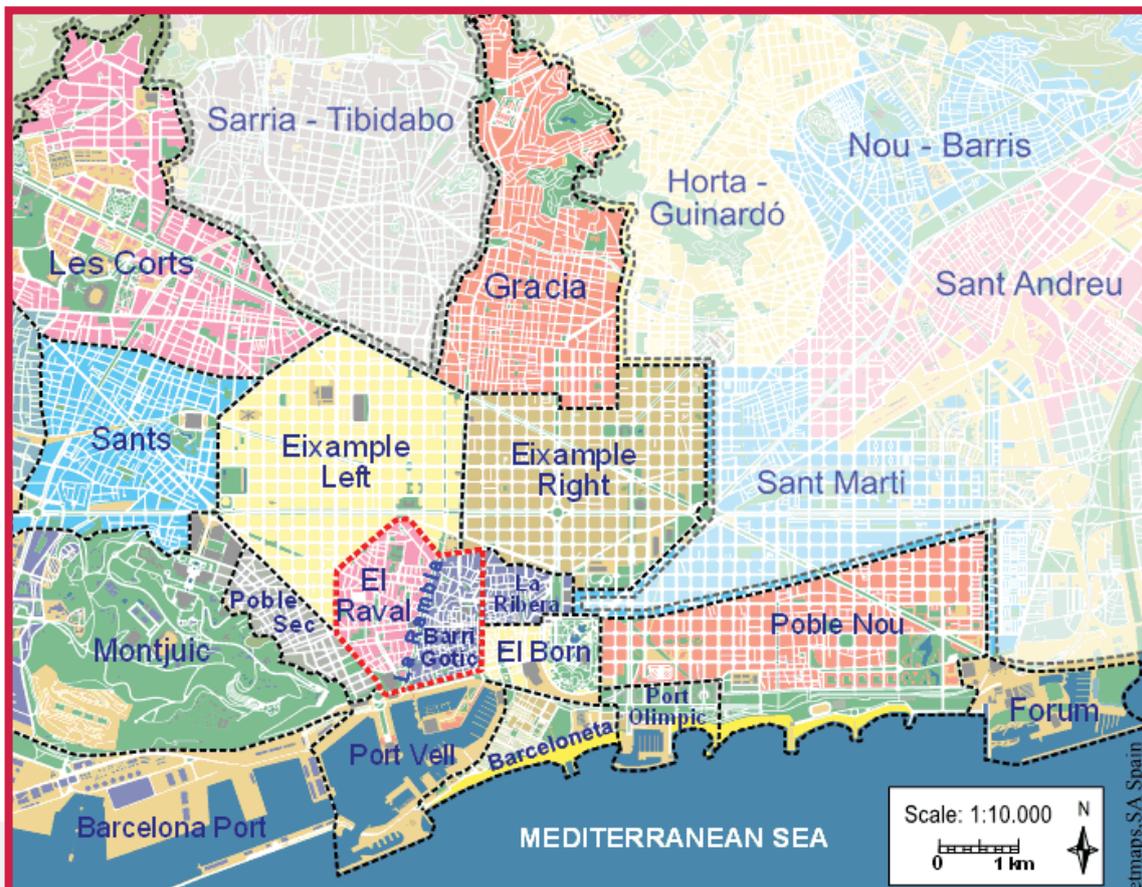
Hotel Name	Category	Bedrooms	Year
Catalonia Plaza Europa	4*	358	2008
Fira 2000	4*/5*	300	2009
<b>Total</b>		<b>658</b>	

## Dorms, Apartments and Youth Hostels

Dorms, Apartments and Youth Hostels throughout Barcelona will offer you a cheap form of accommodation for backpackers and travellers and for young people new to the city whilst they are searching for shared accommodation in a flat.

Hotel capacity in Barcelona city:

	Nº	Beds	Year
Apartments	2.500	-----	2008
Youth HostelsDorms	35	-----	2008
Dorms	44	4.041	2008



## Transportation



## The Local Organisers have negotiated...

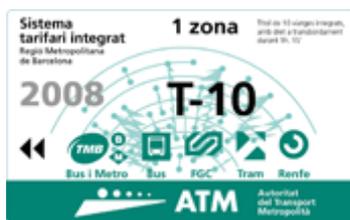
Transport:



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RENFE is proud to be the Official Carrier for the Congress of the Free and Open Source Software for Geospatial- (FOSS4G-2010) in Barcelona and is offering special Congress Fares to all participants. These Congress Fares offer reductions of up to 30% depending on the fare type, route and space availability.



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## By Air

Barcelona Airport is located south-west of the city of Barcelona. It is just 3 km from the Port of Barcelona, one of the most important ports in the Mediterranean for container traffic and the leader in the cruise market. It is also located near the Free Zone Consortium, one of the most important industrial and logistics centres in Spain.

Barcelona Airport constitutes a cornerstone of the Catalan economy and is particularly important for the business sector and tourism industry. To modernise and prepare Barcelona Airport for future air traffic demands, major improvements to infrastructure and services are currently being conducted. The Barcelona Plan will transform the airport. This is the third major transformation operation for Barcelona Airport. It includes the modernisation of the existing facilities, the construction of a third runway, a new terminal area, new road and railway accesses and the urbanisation of over 300 hectares as a service area for the industrial and commercial development of the airport.

These improvements will consolidate Barcelona as a major European hub airport, increasing both its domestic and international connections.

Since the Olympic Games were held, passenger traffic at the Barcelona airport has increased by over 200%, growing from 10 million passengers in 1992 to over 30 million in 2006. In 2006, it handled 30,008,152 passengers, 327,636 flight operations and 93,397 tonnes of cargo.

**The Barcelona Airport is located at 12 Km (20/30 minutes) from the city and connected to by train and bus.**



## Facilities nowadays:

- Air Side:
  - 3 runways
  - Apron: 585,769 m<sup>2</sup>  
24 airbridges  
55 remote park
  - Module 0: 8 new boarding gates to remote stands for Third Level Aviation
- Land Side:
  - Passenger Terminal: 100,390 m<sup>2</sup>  
11,104 passengers/hour
  - Cargo Centre: 35 hectares
- Capacity:
  - 25 million passengers/year
  - 52 operations/hour
  - 200,000 tones/year
- Car Park: 13,000 car places

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## Facilities in the future:

- To be completed in the year 2008 :
  - New passenger's Terminal
  - Industrial area for airport activities
  - Service and complementary activities area
  - Enlargement of Air Cargo Centre

## Future Airport:

- Capacity:
  - 40 million passengers/year
  - 90 operations/hour
  - 600,000 tons/year
- 170 stands: 90 by boarding bridge
- 19,000 car places
- Cargo: 70 ha gradual growth according to needs





**Airfield  
Campo de Vuelos**

- 1 Aeron  
Plataforma de estacionamiento de aeronaves
- 2 02-20 Transverse Runway  
Pista Transversal 02-20
- 3 07L-26R Main Runway  
Pista Principal 07L-26R
- 4 07L-26R Lengthening of the Main Runway  
Prolongación de la Pista Principal 07L-26R
- 5 07R-26L Third Runway  
Tercera Pista 07R-26L
- 6 New Control Tower  
Nueva Torre de Control

**Terminals  
Terminales**

- 7 Terminal A  
Terminal A
- 8 Terminal B  
Terminal B
- 9 Terminal C  
Terminal C
- 10 New Midfield Terminal Area  
Nueva Área Terminal Sur
- 11 Public Transport Interchanger  
Centro de Transporte Público
- 12 Car Park Buildings  
Edificio de aparcamientos

**Road Acces  
Accesos Varios**

- 13 New C-31 detour  
Nuevo Viamonto C-31
- 14 New access road to the South Terminal Area  
Nuevo acceso Área Terminal Sur
- 15 Connection Road between Terminal Areas  
Vialto de Conexión entre Áreas Terminales
- 16 Current Airport Access  
Acceso actual al Aeropuerto
- 17 Access to Cargo Centre  
Acceso al Centro de carga

**Service Area  
Zona de Servicios**

- 18 Airport City Centre  
Ciudad Aeroportuaria Centro
- 19 Aeronautical Industrial Park  
Parque Industrial Aeroespacial
- 20 Aeronautical Service Park  
Parque de Servicios Aeroespaciales
- 21 Service Building  
Edificio de Servicios
- 22 Air Cargo Centre  
Terminal Centro de Carga
- 23 Airport Service Area  
Zona de Servicios Aeroportuarias

**Environmental Integration  
Integración Medioambiental**

- 24 La Ricarda  
La Ricarda
- 25 Coastal Corridor  
Corredor Litoral
- 26 El Bumlal  
El Bumlal
- 27 Can Sabadell Biological Corridor  
Corredor Biológico de Can Sabadell

- In Service  
En Servicio
- Under Construction  
En Construcción
- In Project  
En Proyecto

# Destinations

137 scheduled destinations: 33 domestic, 72 European Union and 32 international

- **Domestic:**

A Coruña	Albacete	Alicante
Almeria	Asturias	Badajoz
Bilbao	Fuerteventura	Gran Canaria
Granada/Jaén	Ibiza	Jerez
Lanzarote	León	Logroño
Madrid	Málaga	Melilla
Menorca	Murcia	Palma de Mallorca
Pamplona	Salamanca	San Sebastián
Santander	Santiago de Compostela	Seville
Northern Tenerife	Southern Tenerife	Valencia
Valladolid	Vigo	Vitoria

- **European Union:**

Aberdeen	Amsterdam	Athens
Belfast	Berlin/Shoenefeld	Berlin/Tegel
Birmingham	Bologna	Bratislava
Bristol	Brussels	Budapest
Bordeaux	Cagliari	Cardiff/Wales
Catania	Cologne	Copenhagen
Cork	Coventry	Krakow
Dotrmund	Dublin	Düsseldorf
Edinburgh	Stockholm	Florence/Peretola
Florence/Galileo Galilei	Frankfurt	Funchal
Glasgow	Goteborg	Hamburg
Hanover	Helsinki	Leeds
Lisbon	Liverpool	Ljubljana
London-Gatwik	London-Heathrow	London-Stansted
London / Luton	Luxemburg	Lyon
Malta	Manchester	Marseille
Milano/Linate	Milano/Malpensa	Munich
Nantes	Naples	Newcastle
Nice	Olbia	Porto
Palermo	Paris/Charles de Gaul	Paris/Orly
Prague	Riga	Rome
Stuttgart	Tallinn	Timisoara
Turin	Warsaw	Venice
Verona	Vienna	Vilnius

- **International**

Algiers	Amman	Atlanta
Basle/Mulhouse	Bogotá	Bucharest/Baneasa
Bucharest/Otopeni int.	Buenos Aires	Casablanca
Damascus	El Cairo	Philadelphia
Geneva	Istanbul	Kiev
Marrakech	México	Miami
Montreal	Moscow/Domododovo	Moscow/Sheremetyevo
New York/J Fitzg Kennedy	Newark/Newark	Oslo
Reykjavik	Singapore	St Petersburg
Sofía	Tangier	Tunis
Zurich		

- **90 scheduled airlines:**

Adria Airways	Aer Lingus	Aeroflot	Aerolinias Argentinas
Aerolineas Baleares	Air Algerie	Air Baltic	Air Berlin
Air Europa	Air Enterprise Pulkovo	Air France	Air Italy
Air Malta	Air Nostrum	Air One	Air Plus Comet
Air Transat	Alia Royal Jordanian	Alitalia	Alitalia Express
Alpi Eagles	Atlas Blue	Austrian Airlines	Avianca
Blue Air	Blue1	BMI Baby	British Airways
BA Citiexpress	Bulgaria Air	Carpatair	Clickair
CN Airlines	CSA Czech Airlines	Condor	Continental
Delta Airlines	Easyjet	Easyjet Switzerland	Egyptair
El-Al	Estonian Air	Executive Airlines	Finnair
Germanwings	Gestair	Girjet	Globespan Airways
Iberia	Icelandair	Inter-Flights	Jet 2
Kaliningradavia	KLM	Lagun Air	LOT
LTE	Lufthansa	Luxair	Meridiana SpA
Monarch Airlines	Myair	Portugalia	Regional Air Lines
Royal Air Marroc	SAS	Singapore Airlines	Skyeurope Airlines
Spanair	Sterling Europe	Swiftair	Swiss
Syrian Arab Air	TAP	Tarom	Transavia
Transaero Airlines	Travel Servis Sro.	Tunis Air	Turkish Airlines
Ukraine Int. Airlines	Ural Airlines	US Air	Vim Airlines
Virgin Express	Volare Airlines	Vueling Airlines	Wind Jet
Wizz Air Hungary			

## Low-cost companies from/to Barcelona

Company	Destination
Air Berlin	Amsterdam, Basel, Berlin, Bremen, Budapest, Cologne/Bonn, Dresden, Dortmund, Dusseldorf, Erfurt, Frankfurt, Hamburg, Hannover, Helsinki, Leipzig, Linz, London Stansted, Milan, Munich, Münster, North Rhine, Westfalia, Nuremberg, Paderborn, Palma, Rome, Salzburg, Stuttgart, Vienna, Zurich
Aer Lingus	Cork, Dublin
Alpieagles	Venice, Naples
Clickair	Amsterdam, Berlin, Bucarest, Dublin, Frankfurt, Malaga, Munich, Naples, Pisa, Porto, Prague, Rome, Warsaw, Venice, Verona, Seville, Zurich
Condor	Amsterdam, Basel, Berlin-Tegel, Bremen, Budapest, Cologne/Bonn, Dresde, Dusseldorf, Frankfurt, Geneva, Graz, Hamburg, Hannover, Leipzig, Halles, Milan/Malpensa, Muenster, Munich, Nuremberg, Paderborn, Paris Charles de Gaulle, Seychelles, Sofia, Stuttgart, Viena, Varsovia, Zurich, Berlin
Easyjet	Basel, Berlin Scho., Bristol, Dortmund, Geneva, Liverpool, London ( all airports ), Newcastle, Paris-Orly
Fly Globe Span	Aberdeen, Edinburgh, Glasgow
Germanwings	Koln-Bonn, Stuttgart
Jet 2	Leeds Bradford, Belfast, Manchester
Meridiana	Florence, Catania, Palermo
Monarch	Manchester
Myair	Venice, Bologne, Bucharest
Smartwings	Budapest, Prague
Sterling	Copenhaguen, Oslo, Stockholm
Sky Europe	Bratislava, Budapest, Kracow, Debrecen, Gliwice, Katowice, Kosice, Prague, Viena, Salzburg
Transavia	Amsterdam
Thomsonfly	Coventry
TUIfly.com	Basel, Berlin, Bremen, Dortmund, Dresden, Dusseldorf, Erfurt, Frankfurt, Hamburg, Hannover, Koln/Bonn, Leipzig/Halle, Munchen, Munster, Nuremberg, Paderborn, Palma Mallorca, Stuttgart
Virgin Express	Brussels

## By Road

The land communications are basically designed on the network of motorways, which radiate towards the most important economic areas of the rest of Spain and connect with the French motorway system to the rest of Europe.

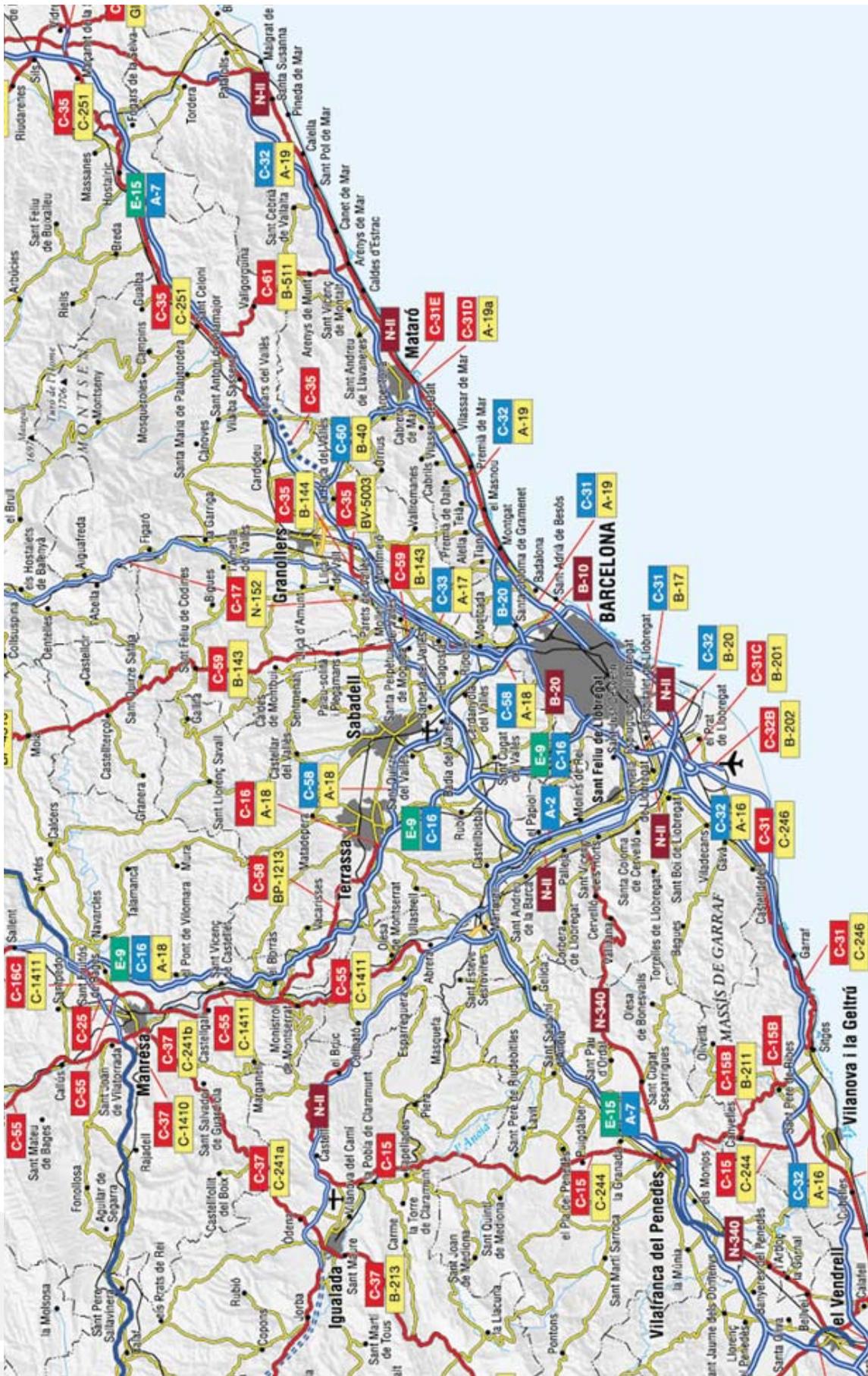
A 17-7 Motorway from Barcelona to the French Border (163 kms)

A 7 Motorway from Barcelona to the rest of Spain (Madrid 621 kms, Valencia 350 kms, Zaragoza 300 kms)

Distance chart in kilometres and miles from Barcelona to the main European cities:

City	Km	miles
Amsterdam	1,588	987
Athens	3,409	2,118
Beograd	1,989	1,235
Berlin	1,829	1,136
Bern	947	588
Bratislava	1,844	1,145
Brussels	1,409	875
Bucharest	2,610	1,621
Budapest	2,102	1,306
Chisinau	2,847	1,768
Copenhagen	2,087	1,297
Dublin	2,112	1,312
Stockholm	2,711	1,684
Helsinki	3,071	1,908
Kiev	3,037	1,886
Lisbon	1,264	785
Ljubljana	1,457	905
London	1,578	980
Luxemburg	1,272	790
Madrid 621	621	386
Moscow	3,685	2,289
Oslo	2,681	1,665
Paris	1,113	692
Prague	1,677	1,042
Riga	3,084	1,915
Sarajevo	2,011	1,249
Sofia	2,372	1,473
Tallin	2,021	1,255
Vienna	1,837	1,141
Warsaw	2,419	1,503
Zagreb	1,595	991

## Motorway and Road Network to and from the Barcelona Metropolitan



## By Train

Barcelona is also an important railway link, connected favourably with the rest of Spain and with Europe which constitutes an advantageous link in the intermodal transport chain with regard to obtaining the greatest efficiency at a low cost.

With regard to Spain, Barcelona is connected daily with trains of the catalan Express network to and from Girona, Tarragona, Lleida and the most important cities in the belt of the catalan capital.

Barcelona is also perfectly connected with Castellón, Valencia and Alicante with the Euromed (high speed train for the mediteranean corridor), and with Zaragoza and Madrid with the Talgo VII and Hotel train (travelling by night).

With regard to Europe we find TALGO train and Hotel train service with the following cities:

Type of train	Destination	Departure time	Arrival time	Running
Hotel Train	Bern	20.15	08.50	Tuesday/Thursday/Sunday
Catalan Talgo	Montpellier	08.45	13.16	Daily
Mare	Montpellier	16.42	21.09	Daily
Nostrum	Paris-	21.05	09.00	Daily
Hotel Train	Austerlitz	20.15	09.10	Tuesday/Thursday/Sunday
Hotel Train	Milano	20.15	05.30	Tuesday/Thursday/Sunday
	Geneve		10.06	

### High Speed Train

The Spanish High Speed Train: AVE will link Barcelona with Madrid in only 2,30 hours by the year 2009.

RENFE, the Spanish Railway Company currently offers interesting discounts for conference delegates upon request and negotiation.

## By Sea

Barcelona has become the Mediterranean's foremost cruise ship harbour. It has eight passenger terminals, five for cruise liners and three for ferries. It operates services to the Balearic Islands and the main Mediterranean ports. Ferries depart daily for the Balearic Islands and there is a direct service to the port of Genoa.

Barcelona harbour has direct connections and operates regular passenger and vehicle transport services to the Balearic Islands, Genoa, Rome and Algiers-Oran.

Three companies operate between Barcelona and the Balearic Islands : Trasmediterranea, Iscomar and Balearia.

**Barcelona is one of the main cruise harbours in the Mediterranean and is establishing its position as the base port for cruise companies. Actually is the 1st European cruise and the 10th World one.**





## Ground Transportation within the city

### Public Transportation:

The city has a convenient and efficient public transport network (buses, metro, tram and suburban rail) which was used by almost 887 million people in 2005. The cost of public transport is much cheaper in Barcelona in comparison with other European cities.

- **Metro:**

Barcelona currently has six metro lines covering a total of 87 kilometres and passing through 123 stations.

- **Bus:**

Barcelona Metropolitan Transport (TMB) operates a fleet of over 1.000 buses, 70% of which are adapted for people with reduced mobility.

- **Ferrocarrils de la Generalitat-FGC:**

The Ferrocarrils de la Generalitat-FGC, run by the Catalan government, supplements the metro network with a city railway network.

- **Tram:**

Barcelona tramway system, known as the Tram, was relaunched in 2004. This means of transport, which was abolished in 1971, is now an accessible, environmentally friendly, fast and comfortable system. It consists of two sections; the Diagonal Baix Llobregat and the Ciutadella-Besos.

- **Train:**

Barcelona has also an extensive network of commuter trains, operated by RENFE the Spanish National Railway Company, which depart from main stations every five or ten minutes. The train's ability provides comfortable and rapid access to the city centre from the outskirts of the city.

- **New Projects:**

A new metro line is under construction that will link the city with the airport. It will be operating in the year 2011.

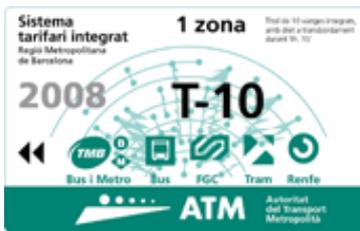
### Central Integrated Railway Network

The Integrated Fare System makes it possible to use the different modes of transport (Underground, bus, tram, FGC and Renfe) in the same journey within the Metropolitan Region extended to the limits of the local rail services.



## Integrated Fares System

These travel cards are valid for unlimited number of Underground, TMB Bus ( Barcelona Metropolitan Transport ), FGC urban line and Tramcar journeys in 1, 2, 3, 4 or 5 days. Non transferables.



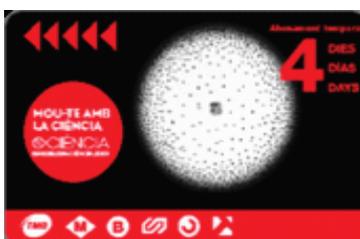
Price 2008 : 7,65 €



Price 2008 : 10,00 €



Price 2008 : 14,30 €



Price 2008 : 18,30 €



Price 2008 : 21,70 €

## Taxis

Barcelona has 11,000 taxis, which are easily identified by their yellow and black colour. They have a clearly visible green light on their roof which, when lit, indicates that they are available. A ride from the airport to the city centre costs approximately 20 €.

This taxi service has professional bilingual drivers with top-quality. It also has seven-seater vehicles suitable for small groups of tourists or business people which offer more economical rates per person. There is also a fleet of taxis which can be adapted to carry people with disabilities ( on request ).



**TARIFES URBANES 2007 / TARIFAS URBANAS 2007 / URBAN FARES 2007**

**IMPORT A PAGAR: EL QUE MARQUI EL TAXÍMETRE**  
**IMPORTE A PAGAR: LO QUE MARQUE EL TAXÍMETRO**  
**AMOUNT TO PAY: THE TAXIMETER SHOWS**

**DEMANAR REBUT**  
**SOLICITAR RECIBO**  
**ASK FOR RECEIPT**

<b>T - 2</b> Laborables <i>Laborables</i> Working days de 7.00 a 21.00 h			<b>T - 1</b> Laborables <i>Laborables</i> Working days de 21.00 a 7.00 h Dissabtes i festius <i>Sábados y festivos</i> Saturdays and public holidays de 0 a 24.00 h		
Baixada de bandera <i>Bajada de bandera</i> Minimum fare	Preu/Km <i>Precio/Km</i> Price/Km	Hora d'espera <i>Hora de espera</i> Waiting time per hour	Baixada de bandera <i>Bajada de bandera</i> Minimum fare	Preu/Km <i>Precio/Km</i> Price/Km	Hora d'espera <i>Hora de espera</i> Waiting time per hour
<b>1,75€</b>	<b>0,78€</b>	<b>16,95€</b>	<b>1,85€</b>	<b>1,00€</b>	<b>17,42€</b>
Taxi emissora fins al lloc d'encotxament, preu màxim. <i>Taxi emisora hasta el lugar de encochamiento, precio máximo.</i> Maximum charge for radio taxi to pick-up point.			Taxi emissora fins al lloc d'encotxament, preu màxim. <i>Taxi emisora hasta el lugar de encochamiento, precio máximo.</i> Maximum charge for radio taxi to pick-up point.		
<b>3,09€</b>			<b>3,86€</b>		
Servei radioemissora, carrera mínima • <i>Servicio radioemisora, carrera mínima</i> • Radio taxi service, minimum fare					<b>6,00€</b>
Sortida aeroport, carrera mínima (inclou suplement de sortida) • <i>Salida aeropuerto, carrera mínima</i> (incluye suplemento de salida) • Minimum airport fare (includes supplement for journey)					<b>12,95€</b>

**SUPLEMENTS/SUPLEMENTOS/SUPPLEMENTS**

Aeroport Entrada/sortida <i>Aeropuerto</i> Entradas/salidas Airport To/from	Maleta o similar <i>Maleta</i> o similar Suitcase piece of luggage	Moll adossat Sortida <i>Muelle adosado</i> Salida Cruise Liner Quay Exit	Fira Barcelona Fira Barcelona Gran Via Montjuïc 2 L'Hospitalet Sortida <i>Salida</i> Exit	Animals domèstics <i>Animales domésticos</i> Pets	Divendres, dissabtes, diumenges i festius (00.00 - 06.00) Manes, sabbats, domingos y festivos Fridays, saturdays, sundays and public holidays	Nits especials <i>Noches especiales</i> Special nights (21.00 - 07.00) 23/11 - 24/11 24/11 - 25/11 31/12 - 1/1
<b>3,00€</b>	<b>0,90€</b>	<b>2,00€</b>	<b>2,00€</b>	<b>1,00€</b>	<b>2,00€</b>	<b>3,00€</b>

Obligatori i gratuït  
*Obligatorio y gratuito*  
 Free and mandatory



Gas pigall  
*Lazarillo*  
 Guide-dog



Cadira minusvàlid  
*Silla minusválida*  
 Wheelchair



Cotxet de nen  
*Cochecito de bebé*  
 Pram

■ Pas Túnel de Vallvidrera: opcional client.  
*Peaje (d'anada i tornada), a càrrec del client.*

Paso Túnel de Vallvidrera: opcional cliente.  
*Peaje (de ida y vuelta), a cargo del cliente.*

Vallvidrera tunnel: optional route. Toll paid by customer (round trip).

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*Disponibilidad de cambio:*  
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■ Telèfon d'objectes perduts.  
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## Social Functions



## Event Venues in Barcelona

Barcelona has been able to preserve the best architecture of its past, while building new architecture characteristic of each era. This is why it can now offer matchless range of venues. From a Royal Palace set among romantic gardens, to the exquisite, rationalist pavilion designed by Mies Van der Rohe; from the Liceu Opera House and Palau de la Música concert hall, in the heart of the city, to a stately country house on the city's outskirts. Barcelona offers these and many more unusual spaces, as well as the usual conference centres, hotels and restaurants, which can host receptions, banquets and parties from small groups to several thousands.

We describe hereunder some of them, but full information can be obtained from the Barcelona Convention Bureau.

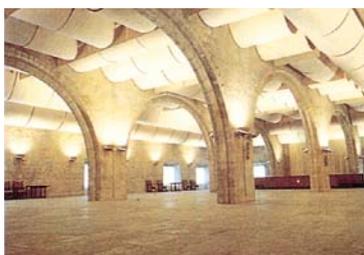
### Casa Milà – La Pedrera



An emblematic work by Antoni Gaudí built between 1906 and 1912. At present it is the headquarters of the Caixa de Catalunya Cultural Centre. The building's Auditorium and Sala Gaudí have all the facilities for symposiums, conferences and other events.

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### Casa Llotja de Mar



A neoclassical building of medieval origin. Has various halls for events held by the Chamber of Commerce. Outstanding large Gothic hall which is used mainly for banquets.

### Estació de França



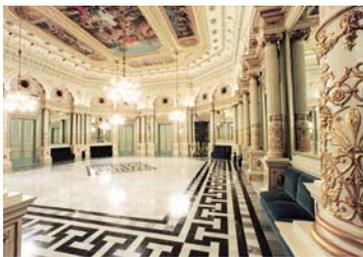
The recently refurbished old railway station. A landmark in the city which offers its vestibule and platforms to provide a unique and distinctive setting.

### Fundació Joan Miró



Houses the most broadly-based collection of Joan Miró's work. It is also a study centre for contemporary art and stages exhibitions by artists from around the world. Due to its prime location, overlooking the city from the vantage point of Montjuïc, the Foundation is also a point where leisure and culture converge and offers a wide and varied range of spaces for private and business events.

### Gran Teatre del Liceu



The theatre opened in 1847 and its architecture and decor reflected the sumptuous taste of European theatres of this type. Destroyed by fire in January 1994, it was rebuilt and finally reopened in October 1999. Today it is one of Barcelona's landmark buildings and a key element in the city's cultural heritage. It has two different areas: El Saló del Miralls and the Foyer.

### L'Hivernacle

Iron and glass greenhouse building, situated in the Ciutadella Park. By Josep Amargós, 1884. Used for cultural events, exhibitions and receptions or banquets

### Masia Bach

The Bach wineries are located in Sant Esteve de Sesrovires, in the heart of the Penedès region. This stately mansion, typical of the 1920s, has been declared a listed building by the Generalitat de Catalunya, as it is one of the finest examples of the noucentista style of the period. Produces cava and wines.

### **Museu d'Art Contemporani de Barcelona – MACBA**

Set in the heart of Barcelona, the MACBA building is a project designed in a rationalist style by the American architect Richard Meier. It stands out due to its light interior and wide spaces which create a permanent dialogue between the interior and exterior of the Museum through large windows and skylights.

### **Museu de Zoologia (Sala de la Balena)**

This modernist building stands at one of the gates to the Ciutadella Park. Built as a café restaurant for the 1888 Universal Exhibition. Events and receptions are held in the Sala de la Balena, which contains an impressive, 15-metre-long whale skeleton.

### **Palau Güell**

Built by Antoni Gaudí as a commission from Count Eusebi Güell. The building reflects Gaudí's bold treatment of space. Inside there is an extraordinary wealth of detail and the palace has recently acquired some of its original furnishings.

### **Pavelló Barcelona**

German pavillion built by Mies van der Rohe for the 1929 International Exhibition. Recently reconstructed on its original site. Sober and exclusive.

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### **Palau de la Música Catalana**

Modernism building of great beauty designed by the architect Domènech i Montaner. In addition to the theatre proper, following recent restoration, it boasts a spacious foyer for receptions.

### **Parc Güell**

Designed at the beginning of the century by Antonio Gaudí according to the garden-city model, it later became a public park. Park Güell has two areas where receptions can be held: the Hypostyle Room, a covered circular space featuring Doric-style columns decorated with the most characteristic Gaudiesque ornamentation; and the esplanade, located above the Hypostyle Room, which is bounded by an undulating bench covered in multicoloured "trencadis" mosaic.

### **Sala Marqués de Comillas**

Located in the Drassanes Reials, the medieval shipyard, which is the world's most important civic Gothic building. The Sala Marqués de Comillas is a hypostyle room which has been restored while strictly conserving its original structure and equipping the space with every service.

### **Teatre Nacional de Catalunya**

Unique venue designed by the architect Bofill. Public events organisers have discovered and used it for a variety of events, whenever it is available. The complex comprises three theatres, spacious lobbies, gardens and all the services the public need, including a restaurant and bookshop.

### **Verger de l'Antic Palau Reial Major**

In the heart of the Gothic Quarter, next to Barcelona Cathedral. The space is framed by a great porch which provides the alternative of a covered and open-air area.

### **Bell Recó**

A luxurious mansion set in 4 hectares of garden which provides the opportunity to hold events of particular significance, just 20 minutes outside Barcelona. Its location, size and great artistic value make it one of Catalonia's most stately mansions. The building has modern facilities for banquets and conventions.

### **Can Magí**

Can Magí, located just 10 minutes away from Barcelona, is a complex built in 1878 which fuses late neo-classical style and early modernisme (Catalan art nouveau).

We have 2,000 m<sup>2</sup> of fully refurbished meeting rooms where you can hold conventions, product presentations, fashion shows, car exhibitions and cocktail receptions for between 20 and 2,000 people. Can Magí is a unique venue, located in Sant Cugat, set in 8,000m<sup>2</sup> of lawned garden. It has parking facilities for cars and coaches.

### Casa Batlló



This architectural jewel by Antoni Gaudí, is a premium venue for meetings, product presentations, banquets, congresses, cocktail receptions and gala celebrations. It offers you over 2,000 m<sup>2</sup> of modernista (Catalan art-nouveau) rooms. Located in Barcelona's most aristocratic central district, on the Passeig de Gràcia, surrounded by the best hotels.

The art-nouveau meeting rooms which offer over 2,000 m<sup>2</sup> of floor space are set out on a number of floors, and also include an open-air art-nouveau courtyard. The meeting rooms have been perfectly restored and equipped in order to host the most prestigious and highest-standard convention, fashion show, product presentation or cocktail reception Barcelona can offer. The modular layout of its space makes it possible to host events catering for 15 to 1,500 people, including cocktail receptions or presentations.

Casa Batlló, unique, singular and exceptional. More than a building, it is a myth of the universal art and architecture of all time.

### Castell de Sant Marçal

Sant Marçal castle dates back to the first half of the 12th century and is located in Cerdanyola del Vallès, just 15 minutes from Barcelona city centre. In recent years, major restoration work has been carried out on the building and its grounds to highlight the features which have been added over the years and adapting the castle's greenhouse and cellars to host all kinds of exclusive events for between 30 to 650 people. Its wonderful gardens elegant function rooms and 25.000 m<sup>2</sup> polo pitch, which can be used for open-air or marquee events, make Sant Marçal castle the ideal place which epitomises unique events.

### El Tablao de Carmen

The finest pure flamenco in a unique setting: the Poble Espanyol on Montjuïc. The best combination of culture and entertainment, very near the trade-fair site. Capacity: 170 people. Top-quality, typical Spanish cuisine. Light snacks, receptions and gala dinners.

### Finca Mas Solers

Combines the elegance of a Catalan-Renaissance-style palace of the late 19th century with state-of-the-art facilities. The splendid gardens, the numerous meeting rooms, the open-air auditorium and La Boîte, form a top-class complex which is leader in its field.

This privileged setting is available to our customers for all kinds of events, from conventions to business meetings, exhibitions, presentations, outdoor events or any other kind of banquet or celebration.

### **La Font del Lleó**

Located in one of Barcelona's most select neighbourhoods, in classic, elegant surroundings which can be adapted to the needs of every event. It has a splendid garden and enjoys a unique location.

### **Masia Bonvilar**

Bonvilar, a 17th-century ancestral home, is located on an estate comprising 150 hectares of woodland and gardens; it was formerly used for raising livestock and farming. The house is located in the town of Terrasa, only 30 minutes from the centre of Barcelona.

It was opened to the public in March 1997, following renovation work and the building of new facilities for banquets, conventions, incentives, working lunches, product presentations, car exhibitions,

### **La Masia Can Portell**

It stands in an incomparable setting, in the heart of the Collserola Natural Park. It is the perfect restaurant for hosting all kinds of events, just 10 minutes away from Barcelona. This former farmhouse was built in 1917 and retains the architectural style of the period. The charm of the past and the convenience of the present coexist in a distinguished atmosphere, full of personality.

### **Masia Egara**

Masia Egara dates from the XVI Century and has always been in the same family. It is one of the finest examples of Catalan rural architecture. In 1926, its owner was given the title of Count of Egara for his services to the crown; an honour which has been closely associated with the Masia ever since. In 1987 the Masia opened its doors, letting its rooms and gardens for the celebration of any social or professional event.



### **Palau Maricel**

In the historical and cultural centre of the picturesque town of Sitges, 36 km from Barcelona. The rooms and terraces of this palace, overlooking the sea, are today used for numerous congresses and conventions.

### **La Paloma**

A dance hall since 1903, located in the centre of Barcelona. Its sumptuous decor makes it a wonderful place for all kinds of social events, conventions, banquets, concerts, etc.

### **Paradís Can Amat**

Catalan farmhouse dating from the end of the 19th century, located 28 kilometres from Barcelona, and set in a natural park. Its facilities range from private dining rooms for 10 people, to large rooms for conventions, banquets and tailor-made special parties. Traditional Catalan cuisine.

### **Poble Espanyol de Montjuïc**



A village within a city. The flavour, the peace and quiet, the ancient wisdom of the streets, squares, and houses imbued with the finest Spanish architecture. Craftspeople in the village houses use their skilled hand and eye to create their products. A variety of spaces for your meetings, social events, where every corner evokes the human warmth of art.

### **El Principal de Tragaluz**

Sited in the centre of Barcelona, this restaurant has a large indoor courtyard and various function rooms for between 10 and 200 people. Serving typical Mediterranean food, it places great importance on product quality and seasonal dishes.

### **Villa Bugatti**



The Villa Bugatti takes its name from the unique collection of vintage cars on display in its extensive gardens (5,000 m<sup>2</sup>) and meeting rooms (for 750 people). Located 20 minutes from Barcelona, it provides an incomparable setting for banquets and conventions. Our excellent cuisine is prepared in-house. Parking facilities for 300 cars and coaches.

## Restaurants

Barcelona features on the Michelin Guide route. You can visit prestige restaurants such as Can Gaig, Neichel, Drolma, Racó d'en Freixa and Vía Veneto without leaving the city. In its environs, you will find excellent restaurants such as El Racó de Can Fabes in Sant Celoni or Sant Pau in Sant Pol. And a little further to the north is El Bulli, the restaurant run by Ferran Adrià, who is considered by cooks from around the world as one of the most imaginative and innovate chefs. In Barcelona, you can eat in the sun nearly all year round, on the open-air seafront terraces. And you can always sample some tapas: small portions which give you the chance to taste typical Spanish dishes.

The Mediterranean diet originated here, by the sea, among the olives groves, vines and wheat fields. Olive oil, wine and bread, combined with vegetables, fish, meat and fruit, created a well-balanced, rich and healthy cuisine. A cuisine appreciated today throughout the world, which has been prepared here for thousands of years, and is renewed daily, with fresh ingredients and creative genius.

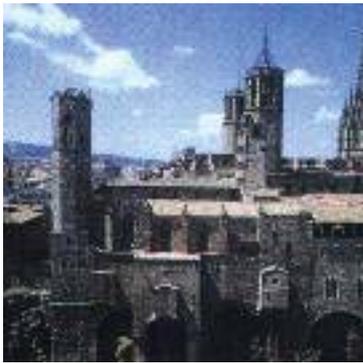


## Attractiveness of city to participants



## Local Attractions

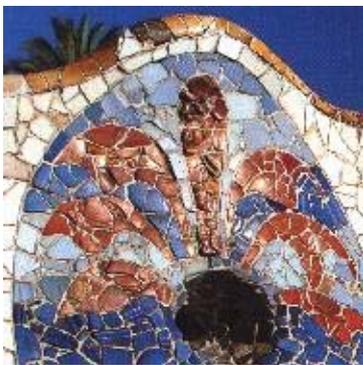
### Old Barcelona: Gothic Quarter and Picasso Museum



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### Gaudí and the Modernism



The dynamism of the Modernist movement in the arts at the turn of the century is reflected in the architecture of the Eixample district. The Eixample, meaning "expansion", refers to the area where from 1860 onwards the city began to spread beyond the mediaeval city walls. A central sector of the Eixample is known as the Quadrat d'Or (Golden Square) because of its rich concentration of Modernist buildings. Key works by Barcelona's most internationally renowned architect Gaudí, and other leading Modernist architects are in this area. The work of Antoni Gaudí was influenced by the Modernist movement but went far beyond it. His unique style, which stemmed from providing wildly creative solutions to technical problems and an extravagant ornamentation, still causes a sensation today. Two of his most striking works are in the Passeig de Gràcia, the Casa Batlló, a dazzling example of his use of different materials and abstract forms, and further up the Casa Milà, popularly known as La Pedrera. Gaudí's church Sagrada Família is probably the most famous of all his works.

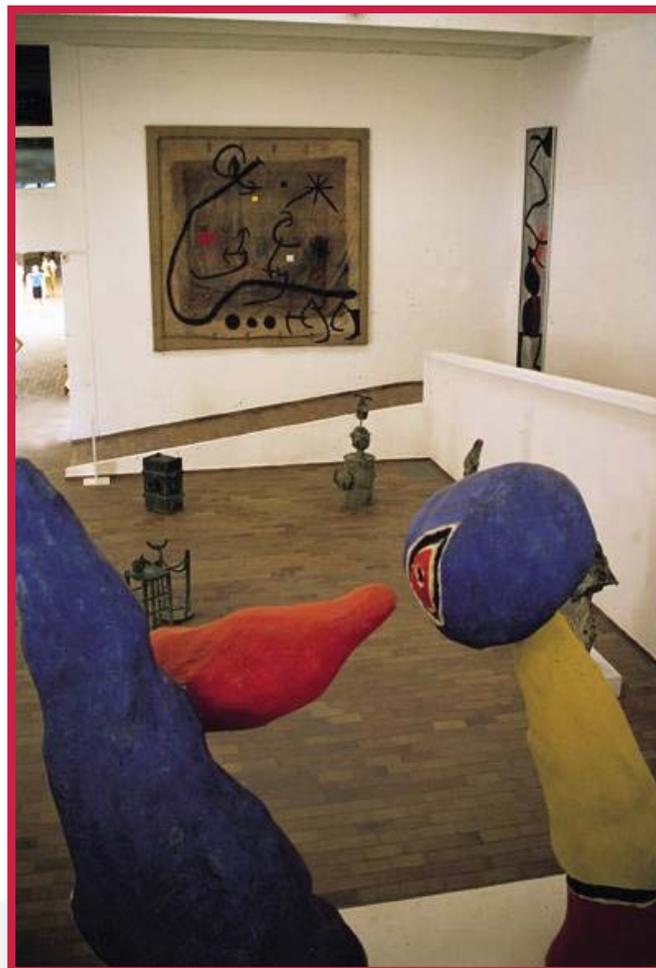
## Olympic Barcelona

Barcelona now looks towards the sea. The 1992 Olympic Games gave the city the opportunity to redesign its seafront, which now stretches along four kilometres of beaches. To the south, Montjuïc Park is the site of the Olympic Ring and commands unbeatable views of the new seafront area. The new World Trade Centre is located in the harbour. La Rambla extends, via a walkway, over the sea to the Maremagnum, a leisure complex which houses L'Aquàrium, the biggest aquarium in Europe, and is close to the refurbished Barceloneta beaches. The Olympic Village lies south of here, by the marina. Top local architects were involved in developing the new seafront district, as well as international stars, such as Isozaki, Meier, Siza, Gehry ...



## Museums

Culture is a sign of Barcelona's identity, and its museums bear this out, as they take us on a historic trail through the city's artistic output. The Museu Nacional d'Art de Catalunya has unique holdings of Romanesque and Gothic art. In the sphere of contemporary art, Barcelona has the Museu Picasso, the Fundació Miró and the Fundació Tàpies, with their splendid collections of works by these great contemporary artists who were born or worked in the city. The Barbier Muller Pre-Columbian art holdings and the Thyssen collection at the Monastery of Pedralbes; museums and exhibition centres such as the Macba and CCCB, complete a selection of works of art which can also be seen in the city's streets, with a collection of 200 recent sculptures, by artists such as Miró, Chillida, Oldenburg and Lichtenstein.



## Shopping

Barcelona is the perfect shopping city due to the variety of its retail offering which suits all tastes. Modern and classic shops, world brands and the top names in design... throughout the city you'll find a whole host of retail outlets which make Barcelona a distinctive and unique choice. But, above all, you'll experience the magic of shopping as you explore the city: its retail life is so well integrated into the life of its streets, that you'll discover an exciting new form of sightseeing in the city's loveliest spots.

### Barcelona Shopping Line

Five kilometres steeped in history and replete with shops. Five kilometres taking in Barcelona's landmark streets and featuring the most select, original and finest-quality shops. The Barcelona Shopping Line covers an exceptional route around a large, easily accessible area, much of it pedestrianised, where you can do your shopping in comfort and enjoy some of the city's most interesting and charming landmarks

The Bus Shopping Line covers a route which has been specially designed to travel in the city centre and do shopping in comfort. When you buy the T-Shopping card, you can get on and off the bus as many times as you like throughout the day. Find out how to make the best use of the service. If you live outside the EU, remember to consult the special Tax-free conditions which will enable you to make savings on your purchases.

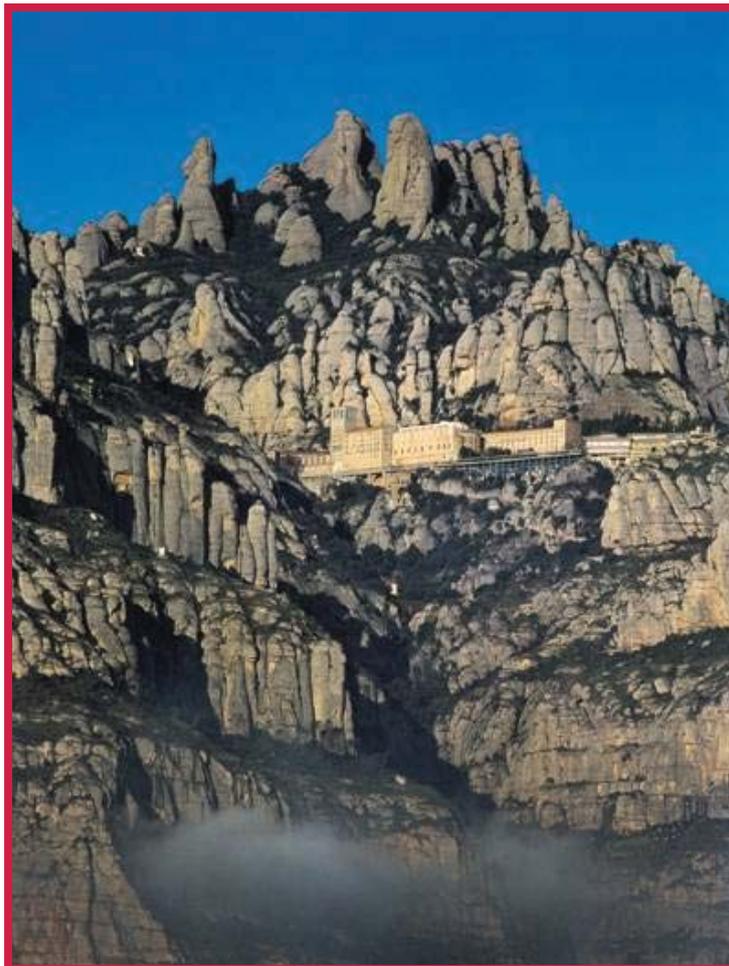
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## Day Tours

### Montserrat And The Penedes

Montserrat and the Penedès region are symbolic of the two poles of the Catalan character: the spiritual and the celebratory. Montserrat, an imposing rocky outcrop, smoothed away by years of wind and rain, is the holy mountain of Catalonia, which houses the revered image of the Black Virgin. The Penedès region, also located very near Barcelona, is the area traditionally associated with producing cava –the local variety of champagne? and white and red wines. This trail ends with a tour of some of the region’s oldest wineries, and with a tasting of their products.



## Port Aventura

Europe's second major theme park is called Port Aventura and lies to the south of Barcelona, an hour's drive away from the city. Since it opened in 1995, it has received millions of visitors every year and has brought about an increase in the number of tourists to Catalonia. The park's attractions allow visitors to travel to the most distant corners of the planet and enjoy the unforgettable experiences in store.



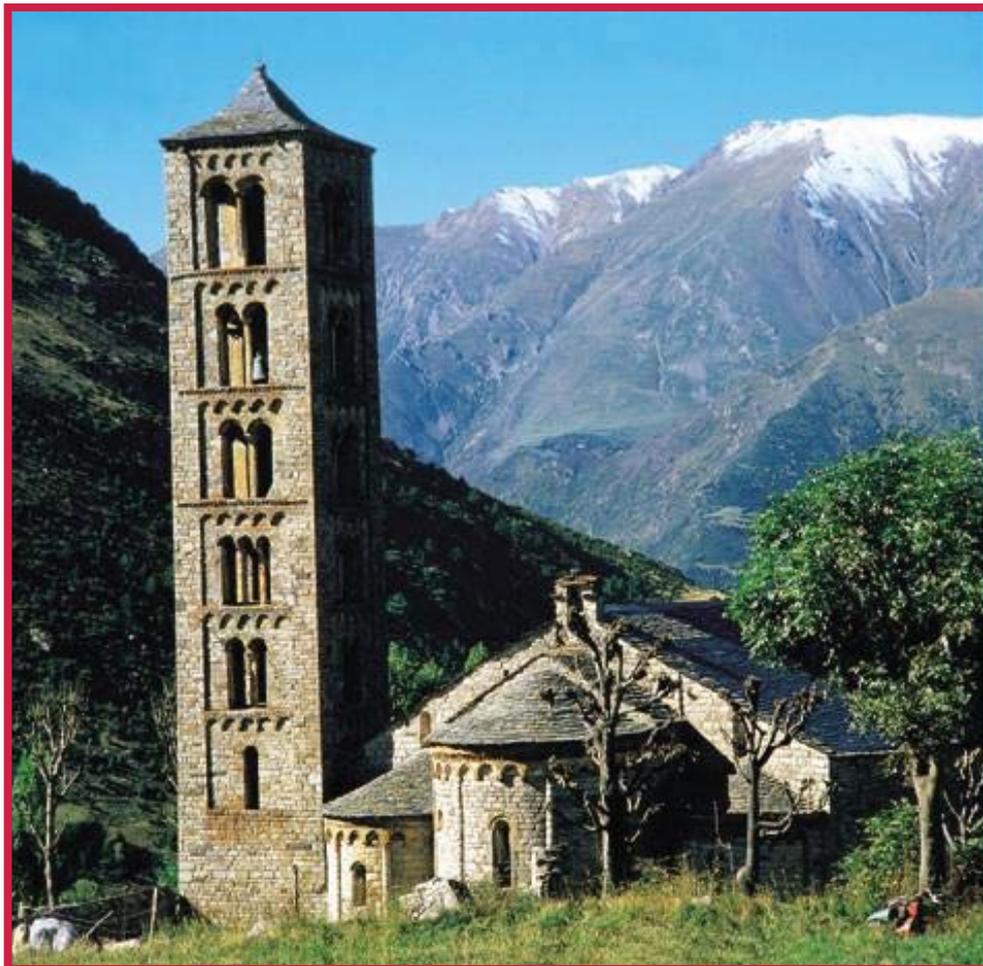
## Towards Tarragona

The white, seaside town of Sitges rises up to the south of Barcelona and was one of the cradles of the Catalan art-nouveau movement ?modernisme? as the Museu Cau Ferrat bears out. As we continue south, we find Tarragona, the main city in southern Catalonia and the heir of Tarraco, the great Roman bastion of ancient Hispania. The traces of Roman dominion prevail in the geography of the city; amongst these we highlight the theatre, the forum, the circus and the praetorium, as well as the extraordinary collections exhibited at the Museu Nacional Arqueològic.



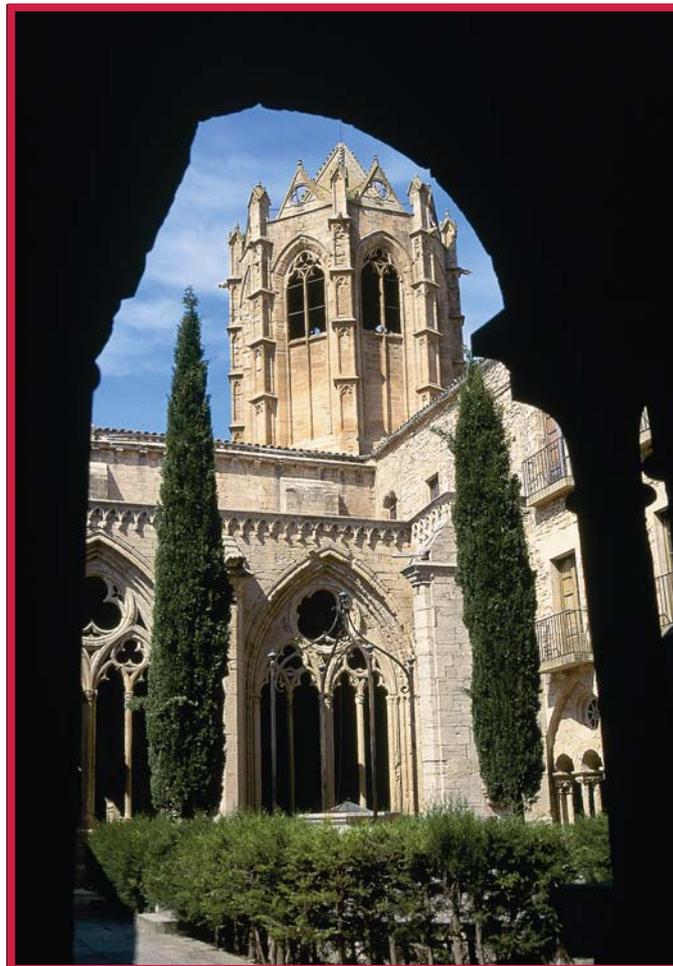
## Catalan Romanesque

Nearly two thousand Romanesque buildings are scattered over Catalonia, bearing witness to the most ancient monumental art still in use today. Among these, we highlight the small churches built in the valleys of the Pyrenees, such as those of Boí, Sant Climent and Santa Maria de Taüll; or the monasteries of Ripoll, Sant Cugat and Sant Pere de Rodes. And, of course, the collections of mural paintings, frontals, codices, sculptures and other art objects preserved in the museums of Barcelona, Vic, Girona and La Seu.



## The Cistercian Heritage

The counties of Tarragona have preserved three superb monasteries : Santa Maria de Poblet, Santes Creus and Santa Maria de Vallbon. All of them were founded in the 12th century by the Cistercian order. Poblet ( which houses the tombs of the Catalan-Aragonese kings and queens ) and Vallbona continue to operate as religious centres and have opened small guest houses, ideal for a few days retreat and rest.



## The World Of Dalí

The painter Salvador Dalí created his own artistic world in Cap de Creus, the sheer, slaty coastline on the northeastern tip of the Iberian Peninsula. Dalí is the ideal focus for one of the many possible tours of the Costa Brava: here you can visit his theatre-museum in Figueres, his home in Port-Lligat or his castle in Púbol. And, of course, there is also Cadaquès, where Dalí spent the summers of his youth: a beautiful, unspoilt hideaway, which was also frequented by García Lorca, Buñuel, Éluard, Magritte, Duchamp and Man Ray.



## Girona

Girona is beginning to be known as the Florence of Catalonia. The refurbishment of its river front, the restoration of the ancient Jewish Quarter, its resurgence as a university town and a painstaking and sympathetic process of urban renewal, have made the city an ideal place to live. New attractions, such as the Museu del Cinema, with its amazing collection of film equipment, co-exist with splendid monuments of which the Cathedral is the centrepiece –a compendium of Romanesque, Gothic and Baroque styles? with its Tapestry of the Creation, which shines out in a blaze of vivid colour. A short distance from Girona, on the coast, a series of charming villages await the visitor, from Tossa to L'Escala, passing through Sant Feliu, Calella, Tamariu, Begur and L'Estartit.



## Pre & Post Tours

### In the South...

- **Andalusia...**

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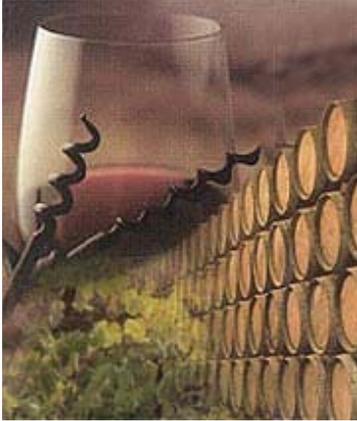
#### **Seville**

Spain's fourth-largest city and the capital of Andalusia, Sevilla nevertheless maintains the warmth and intimacy of a small town. To say that Sevilla possesses a rich history would be an understatement: it has seen the glory of the Roman Empire, the luxurious sophistication of the Moors, and the Christian Reconquista, which eventually gave the city what is now the largest cathedral in the world. We can visit the Torre de Oro, visit the old Jewish quarter, the Barrio Santa Cruz, with its winding cobblestone streets and white-washed buildings, and revel in the Alcázar, an enchanting Islamic palace. Deeply rooted traditions such as the convivial Holy Week processions and flamenco ferias make Sevilla a stimulating place to visit. Sumptuous cuisine, a vibrant tapas culture, ubiquitous terraces, a lively nightlife, the most authentic flamenco.



## In the North...

### La Rioja



It is culture and scenery, history and life; it is a region whose very name and wines are fused into one, to form a personal and unrepeatable symbiosis. The wines of this area come under the oldest Designation of Origin in Spain, and was the first zone to boast the superior category of Qualified Designation of Origin. The Wine Control Board exercises strict control over both vines and wines in order to provide a permanent guarantee of the fine work of our grape growers and bodegas, and the fine quality of the wine itself.

### Bilbao

The singular location of the city allowed it to continue growing. The maritime business developed rapidly, whilst the original population spread out on both sides of the river.

Designed by the North American architect Frank O. Gehry, this unique Museum built on a 32,500 square meter site in the center of Bilbao represents an amazing construction feat. On one side it runs down to the waterside of the Nervión River, 16 meters below the level of the rest of the city of Bilbao.



## In the Heart ...

### Madrid

Madrid is located in the centre of Spain, is itself the nucleus of the political, industrial, economic and financial activities of the country.

Neither close to sea nor verdant plain, or even in a defensive commanding position, Madrid

sits squarely in the geographical centre of Spain and that was enough for Philip II to establish his Crown and Court here in 1561, as symbol of the unification of this, then, turbulent land. In the four and a half centuries following, Madrid has grown to become a great city with a cosmopolitan air, home to a large variety of service industries that operate in an ambience of a convivial welcome, cultural splendours and a



### Toledo

Toledo is the home to world class venues and attractions.

Honoured monument of the Humanity by UNESCO, located at 70 km far from Madrid. Toledo was the Visigoth Kingdom capital for more than 100 years. Very important Muslim city, subordinate to the Caliphate of Cordoba, for more than 3 centuries. Capital of the Reconquest from XI century. Toledo was the Spain Capital till 1561. The visit includes the following monuments: Cathedral Santo Tome, San Juan de la Cruz & Synagogue.



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