

# Barcelona, Spain



# Map and Location



Spain is located in western Europe, next to Portugal and France. It is also next to the Atlantic Ocean, and the Mediterranean Sea.

# Population

The population of Barcelona is around 1.63 million people.



# Prime Minister



The Prime Minister of Spain is Mariano Rajoy Brey, and he was elected in 2011.

# Currency



In Spain, the Euro is used as currency.

# Food and Drink

The National dishes of Spain are Paella and Tortilla Española. Paella is made of rice, vegetables, and meat, and a Tortilla Española is made of eggs and potatoes. The national drink of Spain is Sangria, which is made of wine, chopped fruit, sugar, and some brandy.

# Celebrations - Carnival

Carnival is celebrated in February, and there are many parades and firework shows.



# Sant Joan

The Feast of Sant Joan celebrates the start of the summer. It is the longest day of the year and what is known as the Summer Solstice in England. It is one of the most important feast days for Catalans and is celebrated throughout the city. At night, there are large bonfires, and also fireworks in the streets.



# Christmas Eve

On Christmas Eve, there is midnight mass, and other celebrations.



# National Sport

The national sport of Spain is soccer. This is Spain's World Cup team.



# Important Historical Facts

- The original name of the city was Barcino.
- The Romans ruled the city in the 1st century.
- There was a World's Fair in Barcelona in 1888.

# Famous Person Who Lived in Barcelona



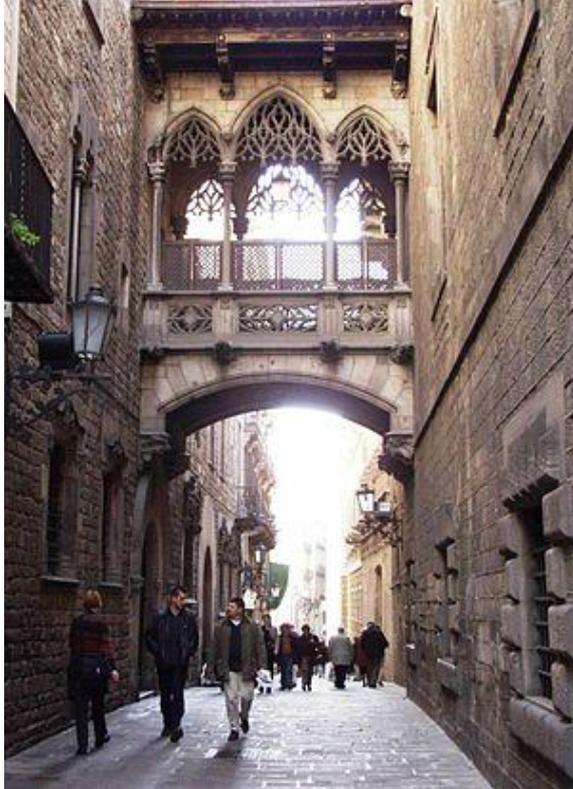
Pablo Picasso lived in Barcelona. He is a very famous artist, and he painted many pictures that are extremely valuable today.

# Tourist Attractions - Sagrada Familia



The Sagrada Familia is an enormous church, and its construction started in 1882. The building is not finished yet, and they think that it will be completed by 2026. This church looks interesting because it is very historic, and it is amazing that something so complicated was designed so long ago.

# Gothic Quarter



The Gothic Quarter is the center of the historic part of Barcelona. It has many famous buildings, such as churches and its city hall. This place looks interesting because it has many different historic buildings in one part of the city.

# Palau de la Música Catalana



The Palau de la Música Catalana is a concert hall that was built between 1905 and 1908. It is still used for musical performances today. This place looks interesting because it has an amazing design, and because it is so old and is still being used a lot today.

I would like to visit Barcelona because it has many interesting buildings, and it is very historic. Also, it has a fascinating culture and many holidays and festivals throughout the year.

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