

OTHER THINGS TO DO IN MADRID

Local hospitality desk staff can assist guests with all types of activities and things to do in Madrid. A few activities to consider include:



FLAMENCO SHOW WITH DINNER

Treat all of your senses to a dose of Spanish culture with a flamenco and dinner package in Madrid. Booking in advance is suggested.

SANTIAGO BERNABÉU STADIUM

Soccer enthusiasts won't want to miss a guided tour of Madrid's Santiago Bernabéu Stadium, the home stadium of Real Madrid. Whether you support the local team or another, this one-hour tour is a great way to get a behind-the-scenes look at one of the most important teams in the world. Visit one of the towers for a sweeping view of the stadium, check out the impressive trophy room, and more.



SOROLLA MUSEUM (SMALL BUT BEAUTIFUL)

Free Admission

The Sorolla Museum (Museo Sorolla)—where artist Joaquín Sorolla lived and worked until his death—offers arts enthusiasts a personal experience of the Impressionist's work. The museum not only features his vibrant paintings but also memorializes his life. Find personal effects, correspondence, and a studio preserved down to his easels and brushes. Guided tours are available as well for a fee.

EL ESCORIAL

A visit to the Royal Site of San Lorenzo de El Escorial, commonly known as El Escorial, is an awe-inspiring journey through Spanish history and architecture. Situated in the picturesque town of San Lorenzo de El Escorial, just outside Madrid, this monumental complex is a UNESCO World Heritage Site and a symbol of Spain's cultural and religious heritage. A visit to El Escorial is not just a journey through history, but a spiritual and cultural experience that offers insight into the rich tapestry of Spanish heritage.



REINA SOFIA MUSEUM

Art enthusiasts will love the chance to explore one of Madrid's top art galleries, the Reina Sofia Museum, with a guide. Check out some of the most famous works (such as Picasso's Guernica) and lesser-known ones too. Learn about Spanish art, culture, and history. The museum is located a short 10-minute walk from The Palace Madrid Hotel. The Reina Sofia Museum is open on Monday and Wednesday to Saturday from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. On Sundays, the museum is open from 10 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Tickets cost 12 euros (around \$13) both online and at the box office.



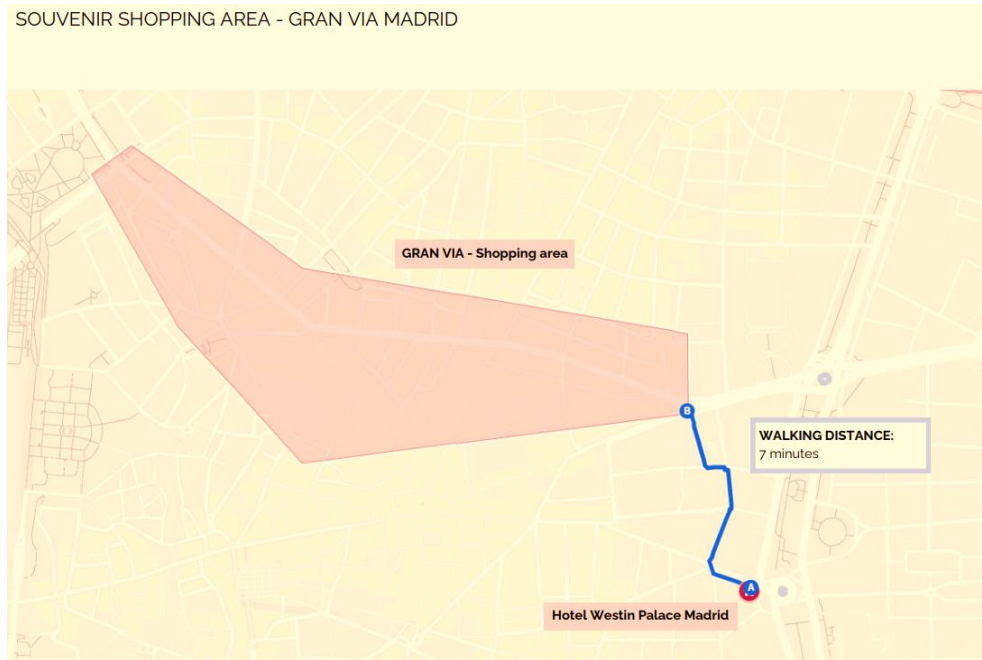
SAMPLE TAPAS IN BARRIO DE LA LATINA

Immerse yourself in the tradition of Galician-inspired pintxos and beer by visiting La Latina's top restaurants. Famous for its tapas scene, Barrio de La Latina is a vibrant neighborhood in the heart of Madrid that offers a mix of history, tapas culture and lively atmosphere. With its narrow, winding streets dating back to the Middle Ages, this small area packs a punch when it comes to experiencing the city's essence. The neighborhood gets its name from Beatriz Galindo, a renowned writer and humanist known as "La Latina" due to her grasp of the Latin language. The area is steeped in history, with buildings that reflect its medieval origins. Plaza de la Cebada (Barley Square) and Plaza de la Paja (Straw Square), once bustling markets, still bear witness to the neighborhood's commercial heritage.



MADRID SHOPPING

In Madrid shops in Gran Via, Callao and Corte Ingles are open on Sundays, usually starting at noon. Shops will also be open on National Hispanic Day (Sunday, Oct. 12, 2025).



OTHER THINGS TO DO IN BARCELONA

Local hospitality desk staff can assist guests with all types of activities and things to do in Barcelona. A few activities to consider include:

GO CAR DRIVING TOUR

<https://gocarbarcelona.com/>

Easy to drive, funky yellow cars are the fun and responsible way to discover an amazing city!



SEGWAY RIDE

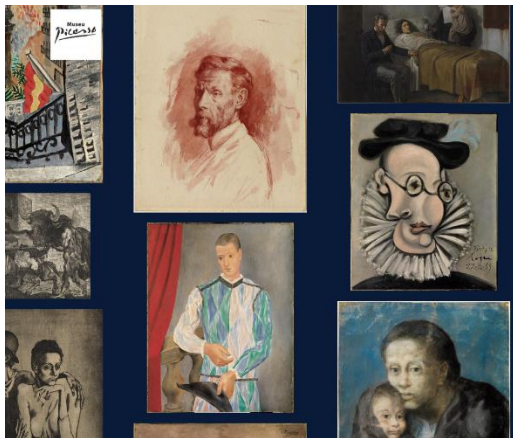
Explore Barcelona by Segway, the fastest way to get around the city's top attractions.

COOKING CLASSES

Learn to make Spanish tapas, traditional paella, and sangria with a Barcelona chef, then share a hearty meal of classic local cuisine that you've helped make. All great Spanish food starts with super fresh ingredients, and some cooking classes begin with a guided trip through La Boqueria Market before heading to a professional teaching kitchen.



PICASSO MUSEUM IN THE BORN DISTRICT



Amidst the bustling energy of the neighborhood lies the Picasso Museum, housed in several medieval palaces that once served as the residence of Barcelona's aristocracy. The museum is a treasure trove of the artist's early works, showcasing his formative years and the evolution of his revolutionary style. As his dynamic Cubist compositions, where form and perspective are fractured and reimagined in innovative ways. As you meander through the galleries, you're captivated by the sheer breadth and depth of Picasso's artistic vision, as well as the profound impact of his work on the art world. After exploring the museum, you emerge onto the charming streets of the Born district, where the spirit of Picasso's Barcelona lives in the vibrant culture and artistic spirit of the neighborhood. Whether you're an art enthusiast or simply seeking to soak up the atmosphere of this

historic district, a visit to the Born neighborhood and the Picasso Museum is an unforgettable experience that captures the essence of Barcelona's artistic soul.

STROLL ALONG LAS RAMBLAS

Las Ramblas is a long boulevard that begins at Plaza Catalunya and ends at the Port Vell where cars drive on either side of the tree-lined pedestrian walkway. People go for a stroll, watch human statues perform, visit tourist spots or have a coffee or beer on one of the many terraces.



There are plenty of shops and restaurants on Las Ramblas. Don't miss a meander through [La Boqueria](#), a produce and food market. It's a great place to buy cured meats and cheese for a picnic or have a bite at one of the bars or restaurants. Chok, off Las Ramblas, is a pastry shop specializing in gluten-free pastries and desserts, including muffins and decadent cookies. Head to [La Oveja Negra](#) bar to snack on beer and popcorn, play a round of foosball or watch a Barcelona soccer game.

The top attractions on this famous promenade include the La Boqueria market, Liceu theater,

Caneletes fountain, Joan Miró mosaic and – towards the harbor – a statue of Christopher Columbus.

RELAX UNDER THE SUN AT BARCELONETA BEACH

When the sun is out and the weather is warm, Barceloneta Beach is packed with people sunbathing. People walk up and down the beach selling beach blankets, short massages, cold drinks and mojitos (they pour the alcohol in front of you). There are signs stating that it's illegal to sell and to purchase alcohol, but it hasn't stopped the transactions. Note, there is an unmarked section south of the Placa del Mar between lifeguard stations 03 and 02 for people who prefer to be nude. If you want fewer crowds, head there in the morning. By 11 a.m. on a hot day, the beach already buzzing with families and groups of friends. Plus, you'll find the beach still busy long after sunset. Weekends are even busier.

Go for a swim, go for a walk along the shore, rent a paddleboard, join a paddleboard class or have a refreshment at one of the *chiringuitos* (beach bars). Grab a *caña* (beer on tap), *mediana* (a bottle of beer) or order Vichy, the Catalan brand of sparkling water with a hint of salt. For food, you usually can't go wrong with an order of *patatas bravas* (fried potatoes accompanied by aioli and a spicy tomato sauce) or *olivas* (olives).



A DAY AT A BEACH CLUB

For a more exclusive experience, spend the day at Bastian Beach Club @ Sebastian Beach – reserve your area around the pool for the day.

At Bastian Beach Barcelona, enjoy an unparalleled experience that blends luxury and sophistication across all our areas. To ensure that all guests enjoy the exclusive atmosphere that defines our venue, clients are asked to adhere to the dress code specific to each zone.

Open Daily 12pm – 8pm

<https://bastianbeach.com/beach-club-es/>

Areas around the pool: Cabanas, XL Beds, Balinese Beds, Dancefloor Beds, Frontline Beds, Pool Beds, DJ Area Sofa and Sun Beds (Lounge Chairs) are available for reservations.

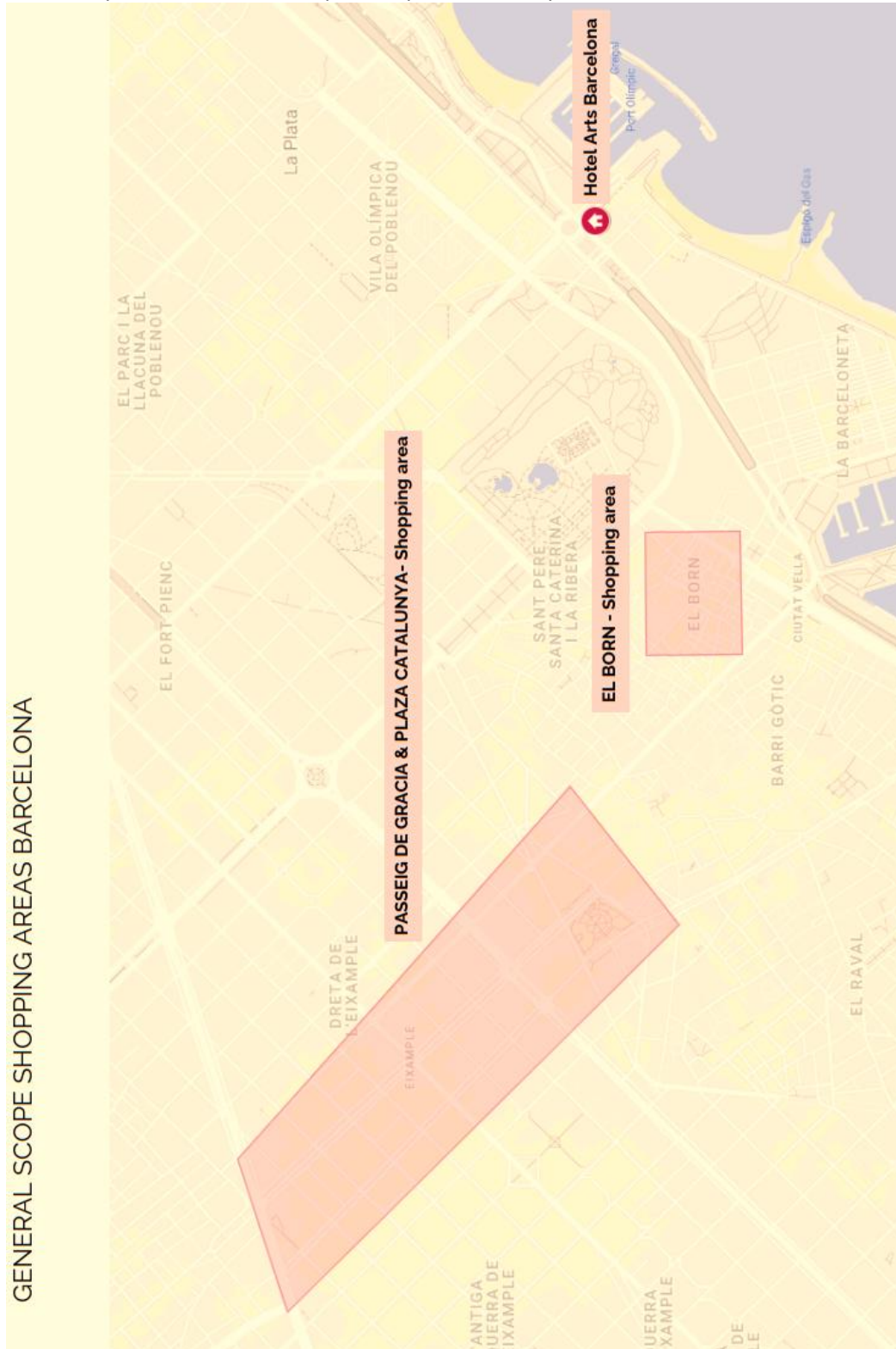
The total amount of the reservation represents the minimum spend required for the space and is fully available as a credit on food, drinks and Shisha. Reservations are valid until 3pm. Subject to terms and conditions.

Restaurant reservations are separate from the pool area reservations.

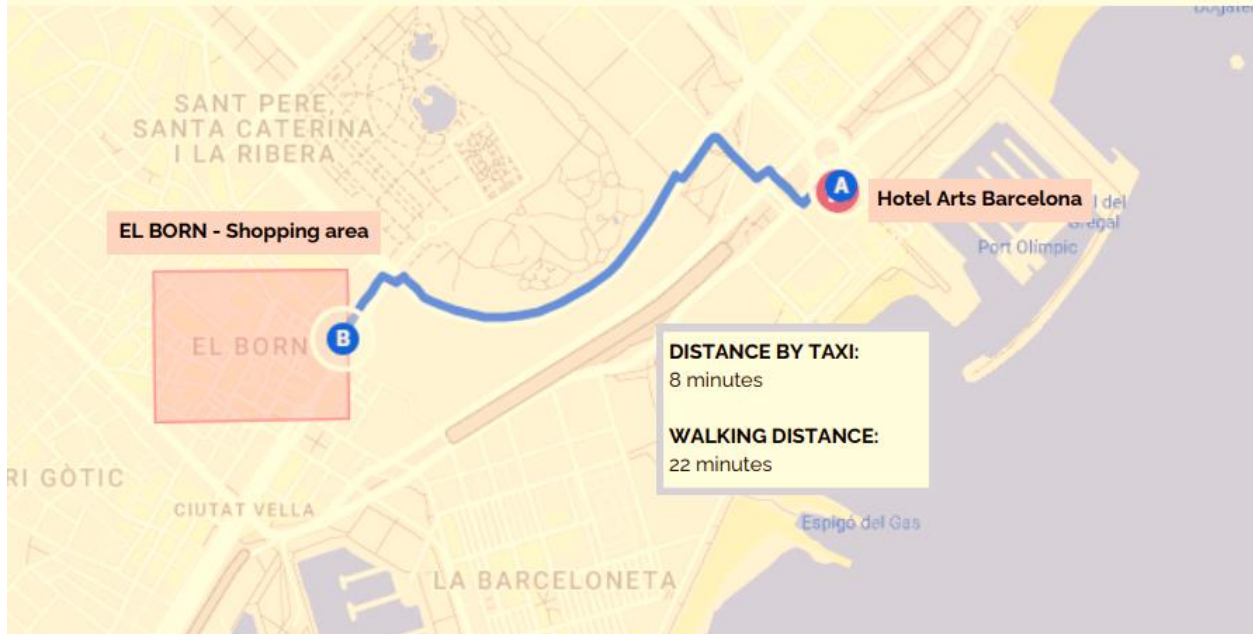


BARCELONA SHOPPING

In Barcelona, only tourist souvenir shops are open on Sunday.



SOUVENIR SHOPPING AREA - EL BORN BARCELONA



SHOPPING AREA - PASSEIG DE GRACIA & PLAZA CATALUNYA

