

# Barcelona Guided City Break

**Tour Style:** European Centre Based

**Destination:** Spain

**Trip code:** BCLCL



## HOLIDAY OVERVIEW

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A guided City Break with an HF Holidays' leader is the ideal way to explore Barcelona with its abundance of art, parks and its attractive coastal location. Stroll down Las Ramblas to the Christopher Columbus monument and take in the Gothic Quarter. Explore Gaudi's masterpieces - the Sagrada Familia, the colourful Parc Güell and the famous Casa Mila. Sample the local flavours - fresh seafood, tapas and Catalan dishes - Barcelona has it all. Wander down tree-lined boulevards and along the harbour, and explore Montjuic, home of the Barcelona Olympics.

## WHAT'S INCLUDED

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- A full programme of sightseeing
- The services of an experienced HF Holidays' leader
- Good quality and centrally located accommodation in en-suite rooms
- 'With flight' holidays include return flights from the UK and hotel transfers
- Bed & breakfast
- Visits to Sagrada Família and Parc Güell

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## HOLIDAYS HIGHLIGHTS

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Each day our experienced leader will lead you on a sightseeing walk of Barcelona, exploring the different areas of the city. Although you should expect to spend most of the day sightseeing by foot, Barcelona's metro network will also be used during the programme.

Highlights of the sightseeing programme include:

- Las Ramblas, probably the most famous of Mediterranean promenades
- Sagrada Familia, the city's most distinct landmark, still unfinished after 100 years.
- Montjuic, the hill overlooking the city, and Barcelona's favourite park
- Gothic Quarter, part of the old town which stretches west of the Ramblas
- Small, sociable groups of up to 14 guests

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## ACCOMMODATION

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### Hotel Del Mar - Barcelona

The 3-star Hotel del Mar is centrally located in Barcelona, between the Gothic Quarter and the beaches of Barceloneta, just 15 minutes' stroll from the famous 'La Rambla'.

#### Accommodation Info

#### Rooms

The hotel offers 72 comfortable en-suite rooms with a functional yet elegant decor.

All rooms are equipped with:

- Heating/air conditioning
- Satellite flat-screen TV
- WiFi
- Telephone
- Safe (small charge)
- Hairdryer

#### Facilities

The Hotel del Mar has a lobby area, tastefully decorated in a maritime theme, free newspapers, 24-hour reception and a lift.

The hotel also provides a tourist information point, tickets sale and vending machines.

#### Food & Drink

Our holidays at the Hotel del Mar are on a Bed and Breakfast basis.

#### Breakfast

Hotel del Mar offers a continental buffet breakfast served in the breakfast room.

#### Lunch (Payable Locally)

Lunches can be bought during the day in local cafés or shops - or you may prefer to make up a small packed

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lunch. Your leader will advise you of the options each day.

## Evening Meal

In the evenings enjoy group dining at carefully selected restaurants or dine independently if you prefer. Your leader will be happy to offer suggestions and advice.

## Your Evenings

Enjoy a glass of wine or local beer before a leisurely meal, taken either independently or with your fellow guests.

Your leader will also be checking out for any local events.

## USEFUL HOLIDAY INFORMATION

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### Food & Transport

During this City Break the sightseeing programme will involve the use of the metro. You can purchase a book of ten tickets, the T-10, which can be used on either the bus or metro and costs around €10. Your leader will provide further information on arrival in Barcelona.

### Joining Instructions

We offer flights from Heathrow to Barcelona.

If you book a 'with flight' holiday with us, we automatically include transfers between the airport and the hotel. The coach transfer takes 40 minutes.

All our overseas holidays can also be booked without a flight. This is ideal if you are travelling from overseas, or prefer to make your own arrangements from your local airport. If you choose this option the transfer to the hotel is not included. For more information about travelling from Barcelona airport, visit this website:

<http://www.barcelona-tourist-guide.com/en/airport/barcelona-airport-transport.html>

Some City Break itineraries can involve sightseeing on your arrival day, depending on flight times. If you travel independently and arrive after the HF Holidays' flight, you may miss some of the first day's activities (provisional HF Holidays' flight times can be found on the dates and prices tab or call 020 8732 1220). If your flight arrival time coincides with that of the HF Holidays' flight you can join our hotel transfer at a cost of £17.50 (single). Transfers must be pre-booked. Please call 020 8732 1220. Please note that HF Holidays is not responsible for your onward travel if you fail to meet this transfer.

## Essential Information

### Passport Requirements

You may need to renew your British passport if you're travelling from 1 January 2021.

On the day you travel, you'll need your passport to both:

- have at least 6 months left
- be less than 10 years old (even if it has 6 months or more left)

Use the [government website](#) to see if your passport is valid for this holiday

## EHIC Cards

The UK government has officially launched the Global Health Insurance Card (GHIC), which will replace the European Health Insurance Card (EHIC). UK residents can now apply for one of the GHIC cards, which will gradually replace the EHIC cards as they reach their expiry dates. Every family member travelling requires a GHIC. You can make an application for yourself and on behalf of your partner and any dependent children under the age of 16. Both cards will offer equivalent protection for emergency and medically necessary healthcare needs when in the EU on a temporary stay, which includes holiday, study and business travel. Necessary healthcare includes things like

- emergency treatment and visits to A&E
- treatment for long-term or pre-existing medical conditions
- routine medical care for pre-existing conditions that need monitoring
- oxygen and kidney dialysis

The public only need to apply for their free GHIC cards when their current EHIC expires. The process is likely to take two weeks. For more information visit <https://www.nhs.uk/using-the-nhs/healthcare-abroad/apply-for-a-free-uk-global-health-insurance-card-ghic/>.

The GHIC is not an alternative to travel insurance. We advise all holidaymakers to also invest in travel insurance that covers healthcare, so they are covered for other issues that may arise, as well as cancellations and lost luggage.

## Essential Equipment

To enjoy walking/hiking comfortably and safely, footwear, clothing and equipment needs to be suitable for the conditions. Safety and comfort are our priorities, so our advice is to come prepared for all eventualities.

- Footwear with a good grip on the sole (e.g. Vibram sole) is the key to avoiding accidents.
- Walking/hiking boots providing ankle support and good grip are recommended (ideally worn in), and specialist walking socks to avoid blisters.
- Several layers of clothing, which can be added or removed, are better than a single layer (include spares).
- Fabrics (lightweight and fast drying) designed for the outdoors are recommended.
- Waterproof jacket and waterproof over trousers.
- Warm hat and gloves.
- Denim jeans and capes are not suitable on any walks.
- Rucksack with a waterproof liner.
- Thermos flask for hot drink.
- Water bottle (at least 2 litre).
- Spare high-energy food such as a chocolate bar.
- Small torch.
- First aid kit – your leader's first aid kit doesn't contain any medication or blister kits (such as Compeed).
- Sun hat and sunglasses
- Sun cream.

## Optional Equipment

- Walking poles are useful, particularly for descents.
- Insect repellent.
- Camera.
- Gaiters.

## Useful Information

Most admission costs are not included in the cost of the holiday. We do include the admission costs to La Sagrada Familia and Parc Guell. You should allow around €90 for the other entrance costs, although reductions on admission costs are often available for students and senior citizens.

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## HOW TO BOOK

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When you're ready to book, you can choose to **book online** or book **over the phone**. Our website offers secure online booking for our holidays, is available 24/7, and offers more in-depth information about all our holidays. If you prefer to call us, our experienced and knowledgeable team are available to answer any specific questions you have and can offer guidance as to which holiday is best suited to your needs.

Our office is open: Monday to Friday: 9am – 7pm Saturday: 9am – 1pm Sunday & Bank Holiday Monday: closed

### PAYING YOUR DEPOSIT

To secure the holiday of your choice, you will need to pay a deposit: UK & European Holidays: £150 per person and Worldwide Holidays: £250 per person. You can pay your deposit by debit or credit card with no additional card fees charged or make an online BACS payment directly into HF's bank account, please see details under BACS payments. You can also pay your deposit by cheque within seven days of booking. Cheques should be made payable to 'HF Holidays Ltd' with your booking reference / Order ID on the back.

### NON-MEMBER FEE

Non-members can join our holidays by paying a Non-Member's fee of £30 per person per holiday. Alternatively, full membership is available from £100 – visit [hfholidays.co.uk/membership](http://hfholidays.co.uk/membership) for details.

### BACS PAYMENTS

Please quote your booking reference / Order ID when you make your payment online: Bank Name: Svenska Handelsbanken AB (publ) Account Name: HF Holidays Ltd Account Number: 35923304 Sort Code: 40-51-62 IBAN: GB92HAND40516235923304 Swift / Bic Code: HANDGB22

Once we have received your booking and deposit, we will send a confirmation invoice to the lead name. Please check this carefully. For bookings 'with flights' it is essential that the names on your booking confirmation invoice match those on your passport for bookings overseas. Please advise us immediately of any errors. Any name changes after the balance of your holiday has been paid will be subject to a fee levied by the airline.

### MANAGE MY BOOKINGS

Payments can also be made through the Manage My Booking function on our website. Click on the link at the top of our homepage. This is available to all customers who provide an email address at the time of booking.

### YOUR FINAL BALANCE

The balance is due 10 weeks before departure. As with paying your deposit, you can pay your final balance by debit or credit card, make an online BACS payment directly into HF's bank account or pay by cheque.

### TRAVEL INSURANCE

Travel insurance is an important part of any booking and essential for one of our holidays. HF Holidays works with specialist. Insurance Brokers Campbell Irvine Direct. For more information or to obtain a quote call them on 01702 427 236 or visit [hfholidays.co.uk/insurance](http://hfholidays.co.uk/insurance)

### PEACE OF MIND

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**TRIP NOTE VALIDITY**

These Trip Notes are valid based on the date printed at the bottom of the page. They will occasionally be updated post booking and pre-departure. We will send you the latest trip notes prior to departure through a link in your pre departure documents or we can send you a copy in the post if preferred.

In booking this trip you should be confident in your ability to participate in all activities described in these Trip Notes. If you have any doubt about your suitability you should call HF Holidays and ask to speak to one of the team about this itinerary.

The information in these Trip Notes is given in good faith. Where differences exist between the Trip Notes and our current brochure, the Trip Notes supersede the brochure. All holidays can be subject to unexpected changes; so please be prepared to be flexible where necessary. At times, it may not be possible to follow the itinerary as planned due to weather conditions, political, physical or other factors. In these circumstances we will make the best possible alternative arrangements to maintain the integrity of the original itinerary.

**PRICE GUARANTEE**

We promise that our earliest published prices will always be the best and if we reduce our holiday price after your booking has been confirmed, we will pass this reduction on to you. Our price promise applies if any subsequent offer price is for an identical holiday, duration, location and date and does not cover any optional extras, flights or additional services.

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