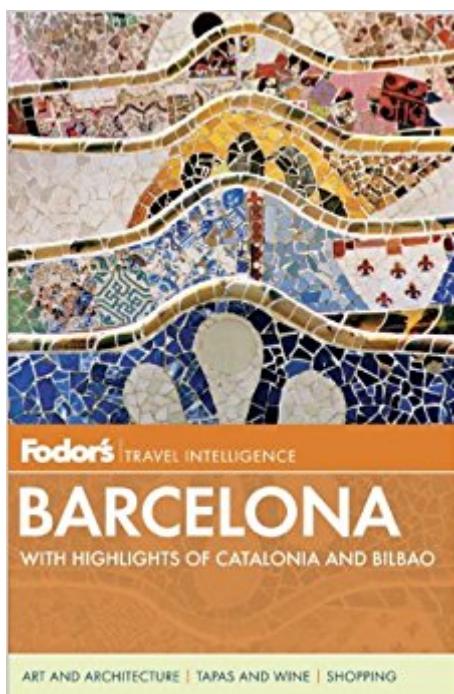


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# Fodor's Barcelona: With Highlights Of Catalonia & Bilbao (Full-color Travel Guide)



## Synopsis

Barcelona is a top European destination for American travelers, and this stunning full color guide contains magazine-style features illustrating the city's biggest draws, from the cutting-edge cuisine to the dizzying heights of Gaudí's architecture. The city springs to life with colorful spreads covering quintessential experiences from the famous Boqueria market to the sunny beaches.

**Expanded Coverage:** New shopping coverage highlights the top neighborhoods to boutique-hop, complete with illustrations, maps, and spots for refueling. Craft studios, jewelry shop, and pastry emporiums are covered in addition to Barcelona's cutting-edge design. **Nightlife** is revamped to include a lively mix of tapas bars and clubs that tempt readers to keep Spain's late-night hours. A new illustrated feature on the Basque Country brings to life the Bilbao coverage in our Side Trips chapter. **Illustrated Features:** Gaudí's riveting masterpiece, La Sagrada Familia, is captured in both sweeping full-page photos and detailed close-ups. Another Gaudí feature covers all of his bright and bombastic landmarks around the city, including a walk that connects several major monuments. A seven-page illustrated feature on Spanish wine gives our readers a primer on great sips. And spotlights throughout the guide feature tapas, wine bars, the Boqueria market, and the city's best beaches giving travelers an unparalleled sense of Barcelona. **Indispensable Trip Planning Tools:** Tips on when to visit each neighborhood and the city's major monuments, how and where to order the best Spanish wine, and which beaches are best for sunbathing versus surfing all help our readers navigate the city. **And** our city walk leads readers from the well-trafficked Rambla to the little gourmet counter of Quim de la Boqueria. **Discerning Recommendations:** Fodor's Barcelona offers savvy advice and recommendations from local writers to help travelers make the most of their time. Fodor's Choice designates our best picks, from hotels to nightlife. **Word of Mouth** quotes from fellow travelers provide valuable insights. **On-the-Go Map:** A handy take-along companion map of Barcelona gives travelers essential information about top attractions, walking tours, and nearby dining so they can travel with confidence.

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## Customer Reviews

The supposed authority on foreign travel; but current 2013 edition is already out-of-date. We visited Barcelona in April and many of the restaurants listed were either out of business or had moved locations,,,creating some hectic last-minute dinner plans. One night we ventured over to a 4-star recommended eatery, only to find the place shuttered behind a metal gate. The hotel listings are much more precise. Perhaps Barcelona has a very dynamic, active and ever-changing restaurant scene. We also wrote Fodor's pointing out our concerns.

Using a combination of travel videos, this wonder guidebook and great map, I am having a ball preparing for my upcoming trip. Sooo helpful on locations of freshly prepared tapas as opposed to microwave. I can see exactly where my hotel is, where the train station is, distance from one site to another. A wonderful tool.

This book was very helpful during my visit to Spain. It is packed with useful information about restaurants and hotels that came in handy as I planned my trip. It became a trusted resource - until I misplaced it while walking in Besalu and never saw it again. I actually looked for a replacement while I was there, but didn't find anything that I liked as much as my Fodor's guide.

Own a couple of Fodor's travel guides and after doing some online research, decided to buy the Barcelona guide. Not sure I would want to carry it around with me (too heavy), but I have been trying to read as much as I can before I leave for my trip. Very informative guide, you will not be disappointed.

This had all the needed information for my trip to Spain! The binding holds up as well. This book is dense so I would recommend a quick glance before you take it with you on a trip.

I spent a week in Barcelona and this book was a great help. Especially the short tours, though sometimes the instructions were not quite accurate leading me to discover even more fascinating nooks and crannies of the old town.

Good guidebook as guidebooks go. They are in some ways obsolete these days with Yelp and Tripadvisor much more current, but still a good background and history of Barca and surrounding area.

Only marginally useful. Not as much information in the book as I had hoped. There is a great deal to see and do in Barcelona, but this book does not have enough detail.

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