

If you are staying in Barcelona this weekend...

... there are several activities you can enjoy. Here are some of them.



If you like food, and Catalan traditions

Castle Tour + *calçotada* with the American Society

The annual Catalan tradition of eating grilled *calçots* will be celebrated this year by the American Society. This one-day trip consists of a guided tour (in English) of the medieval Monsonís castle, built in 1024 and located in the Noguera region of Lleida. Afterwards, you'll enjoy a delicious *calçotada* lunch with lots of *calçots* (naturally) plus *escudella de pagès*, grilled meats and sausage, and *crema catalana* dessert and coffee.



Schedule: Meeting place and time: El Corte Inglés Diagonal for a 10:00am departure. You should be back at around 7pm (bus ride is approx 1.5 hour each way).

How to sign up: Please see the American Society of Barcelona's website. You need to sign up soon, if you are interested.

More info: <http://www.amersoc.com>

A natural welcome to Spring

Jardín Botánico

This weekend, to greet the springtime, the Barcelona botanic gardens open its doors for free. They also welcome the Spring season by opening a new itinerary around the gardens to make the most of your visit. If you (or even your *señora*) have a sick plant, you can also bring it to a *doctor* specialised in plant diseases (only until 2 pm).

Where: At Montjuïc. The exact address is C/Doctor Font i Quer, 2. You can get to Pl. Espanya and have a walk upstairs towards the garden. Find the exact address at the street finder of www.bcn.es.

When: On Sunday from 10 am to 5 pm

Price: Free.



Montjuïc's botanic garden

To know more about today's Barcelona and its citizens

Barcelona sensacions

The free, permanent exhibition at the Forum Building, "Barcelona Sensacions" catalogues the general sensations for those who put foot in the city for the first time.



The exhibition is on the general character of the city and the everyday lives of the people who live here. For this, the "Barcelona Sensacions" exhibition has audiovisuals, murals and a 50-metre skyline. All together a journey around the city offering ways for visitors to interpret the emotions evoked by Barcelona.

Schedule:

On Saturday (and on working days), 10 to 8 pm;
on Sunday, 10 to 3 pm

Price: Free

If you like cinema...

Original version cinemas

Barcelona has many cinemas. Among its wide offer you will find **original version movies**, most of which are American. You can watch those films in English with Spanish subtitles, which can also be useful for you to learn vocabulary.

Here you have a list of the main theaters showing original version movies:

- **Icària (Yelmo Cineplex)** *Salvador Espriu 61*
The largest, next to the Port Olímpic.
- **Renoir Floridablanca** *C/Floridablanca 135*
The most centrally located.
- **Renoir Les Corts** *Eugeni d'Ors 12*
Normally, it also screens Spanish movies.
- **Verdi** *Verdi 32*
One of the best known, in popular Gràcia quarter.
- **Verdi Park** *Torrijos 49*
Verdi Part Two, similar to the original one.
- **Casablanca-Kaplan** *Passeig de Gràcia 115*
Small cinema showing movies from different nationalities.
- **Méliès Cinemes** *Villarroel 102*
Theater screening classic movies.
- **Filmoteca de la Generalitat** *Av. Sarrià 33*
Cinema cycles at very low prices.

More info: If you want to know how to choose your cinema you will need to check the *cartelera*. This section contains the information about movies and theaters: Scheduled times, prices, addresses and information about the films. We advise you to also watch some Spanish cinema, although you should bear in mind that you will not have subtitles. For that, you can only take a DVD from a video-club or borrow them from our centers.

PLEASE NOTE:

For more ideas and information, you can buy the **Guía del Ocio** every week. There is a new issue every Friday -the day when the film directory changes-, and the price is only 1€. You'll find it at any news stand.

*To find a specific address, go to the city's official website (www.bcn.es) and use the streetfinder. You will find it on the home site.

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