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Barcelona IN 24 HOURS

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How to enjoy the city if you have only one day

February is one of the best months to enjoy Barcelona without having to walk among crowds of tourists or wait in a long line to visit the Sagrada Família or Gaudí's Casa Batlló. With an average temperature of about 14 degrees Celsius and a pleasant sea breeze, Barcelona offers a lot of options for a one-day trip. Here we propose five ideas to make the most of the Mediterranean capital in just 24 hours.



WHERE TO STAY

A few steps from Passeig de Gràcia you'll find *Hotel Omm*, an elegant boutique property with 91 rooms designed in a contemporary and stylish way and some of them with stunning views over Barcelona's most famous shopping street. After a busy day of sightseeing, guests can enjoy a cocktail at the cosy *Roca Bar* or indulge themselves with a Japanese shiatsu treatment, a therapeutic Chinese session, or an underwater message at the *Spaciomm Spa*.

Carrer del Rosselló, 265; hotelomm.com

WHERE TO SHOP

If you want to bring back an exclusive souvenir from Barcelona, visit the concept store of Jaime Beriestain, a Chilean designer living in Barcelona since 2002. Don't expect any old-fashioned magnets or t-shirts with the name of the city; instead, there's a wide range of carefully selected products, from small design objects to furniture, fresh flowers, books, magazines, and gourmet delicacies.

Pau Claris, 167; jaime-beriestain.com



WHERE TO DINE

Mediamanga is the place to taste some of the best recipes in town. This cosy restaurant offers traditional local cuisine with a modern twist, like fresh oysters with carbonara sauce, burrata with sea urchin, or green peas from Maresme with egg cooked at low temperature and bacon. A small tip: leave some space in your stomach for dessert and try the delicious beetroot cheesecake.

Carrer d'Aribau, 13; mediamanga.es

WHY NOT?

Aside from an outstanding collection of Romanesque church paintings and Catalan art from the 19th and 20th centuries, the Museu Nacional d'Art de Catalunya also has one of the most stunning views of Barcelona thanks to its location on Montjuïc Hill. On the museum's rooftop you can explore a 360-degree view of the city's skyline while enjoying a glass of cava, the Catalan sparkling wine. If you don't have time to visit the whole museum, you can buy a ticket only for the rooftop.

museunacional.cat

A CLASSIC NOT TO MISS

You can't catch your flight back home without visiting one of Barcelona's gastronomic hotspots. At La Boqueria market, located just off the popular La Rambla street, you can find an extensive range of fruits, meats, and fresh fish caught in the city bay. If you have time, make a stop at *Pinotxo*, a modest bar inside the market to enjoy dishes cooked with fresh produce from the market stalls.

Carrer la Rambla, 89; boqueria.barcelona, pinotxobar.com