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# BARCELONA'S SECRETS

THERE'S FAR MORE THAN MEETS THE EYES IN BARCELONA.  
DISCOVER SOME OF ITS LATEST VISITOR SIGHTS.



## SANT PAU ART NOUVEAU SITE

The Sant Pau Art Nouveau Site is a journey through the history of what is surely one of the world's best examples of *modernista* architecture, a Catalan variety of Art Nouveau. This hugely impressive set of buildings was until recently a working hospital and now destined to be a cultural centre. Built by architect Domènech i Montaner, the hospital grounds include a main building looking down towards the Sagrada Família, with twelve pavilions originally conceived as different wards and yet all linked together by underground passageways. Currently under refurbishment, the grounds and part of the buildings can now be visited with guided tours lasting 1.5 hours in Catalan, Spanish, English or French. You'll also be able to enjoy two temporary exhibitions as part of the tour.

[www.visitsantpau.com](http://www.visitsantpau.com)

## VISIT CASA LLEÓ I MORERA, A GEM OF MODERNISTA ART

Located at the heart of Barcelona's elegant Passeig de Gràcia, Casa Lleó i Morera is a stunning example of turn-of-the-century *modernista* architecture by one of its greatest exponents, architect Lluís Domènech i Montaner. 50-minute private or group guided visits offer an insight into the art and history of the building and the Lleó i Morera family that once lived there. You can visit the rooms on the first floor, decorated by master craftsmen from that time and see their mosaics, ceramics, stained glass, sculptures, and coffered ceiling. Tickets for guided tours are only available online. Closed on Sundays.

Group reservations: [grups@casalleomorera.com](mailto:grups@casalleomorera.com)

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## TORRE BELLESGUARD GAUDÍ TREASURE NOW OPEN TO PUBLIC

Torre Bellesguard is perhaps one of architect Antoni Gaudí's best-kept secrets. It's only been open to the general public since September. Sitting at the foot of Mount Tibidabo, this was once the site of a medieval castle, and Gaudí constructed Torre Bellesguard on the same site between 1900 and 1909. Now open Monday to Saturday, visitors can tour the gardens without prior bookings, but visits to the building itself need to be booked. The 1.5-hour group tours for a maximum of 15 pax are conducted in Catalan, Spanish and English. Garden tours come with an audio guide in eight languages.

[www.torrebellesguard.cat](http://www.torrebellesguard.cat)



## ENCANTS BARCELONA 'MUST-VISIT' SPECTACULAR FLEA MARKET

Els Encants nous, Barcelona's flea market, is rapidly becoming a 'must-visit' for anyone coming to Barcelona after opening in new purpose-built facilities. Its shining rooftop structure glistens in the Mediterranean sunlight. Below some 280-odd stalls offer a wide range of shopping from ironwork to perfumes, collectables to antiques. The stalls open Monday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday from 9 am to 8 pm.

[www.encantsbcn.com](http://www.encantsbcn.com)



## CASA VICENS, SET TO OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

Tourists and locals alike will gain another Gaudí building to visit in Barcelona: Casa Vicens, located in carrer de Carolines (Gràcia). The building has been up for sale, but now its owners want to open the house up to the public. This wonderful building will add to Barcelona's amazing collection of emblematic *modernista* architecture, including La Pedrera, Casa Batlló or Palau Güell. The city's architecture is one of its most valued features by visitors so this new edition will represent a much valued addition to one of the city's main attraction points. Casa Vicens is owned by the Herreros Jover family.

To open to the public shortly.

## CASA AMATLLER, A CHOCOLATE BOX WAITING TO BE DISCOVERED

When Antoni Amatller, a confectioner and businessman, commissioned the building of his family home to architect Josep Puig i Cadafalch at the turn of the 19th century few could have realised the effect it would have on Barcelona's urban landscape a century later. Casa Amatller is now one of its most famous buildings, but few have had the chance to visit inside. Now thanks to a huge restoration task to turn the building into a museum, Casa Amatller is open to restricted guided tours while the original decoration is still being placed in position ahead of the building's opening.

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## BORN CENTRE CULTURAL DISCOVER THE REMAINS OF 1714 BARCELONA

El Born Centre Cultural is a new and unique cultural centre that brings together three centuries of Catalan history. Below the wrought-iron iconic structure of what was once the city's 19th century central marketplace lies the Barcelona of the 17th century, a prosperous city that suffered a siege in 1714 and eventually fell. The remains on show include roads and houses from that age, all perfectly visible thanks to a huge restoration project. Open from 10am to 8pm from Tuesday to Sunday, there are four guided visits for groups and individuals at affordable prices, including tours of the remains, permanent and temporary exhibitions and the market itself. The on-site Espai Gastronòmic Moritz offers tapas and quality beers and wines.

[www.elborncentrecultural.bcn.cat](http://www.elborncentrecultural.bcn.cat)



## DISSENY HUB BARCELONA BARCELONA BRINGS ITS DESIGN MUSEUMS UNDER ONE ROOF

Overhanging plaza de les Glòries and designed by Oriol Bohigas and David Mackay, the city's latest museum called Disseny Hub Barcelona incarnates one of the city's main ambitions: its design heritage. The 25,000m<sup>2</sup> building brings together four of Barcelona museums: the Museum of Decorative Arts, Ceramics, Textiles, and Graphic Arts with almost 70,000 objects, amongst them furniture, ceramics, glassware, and much more. But the museum is far more than this. It's the very centre of Barcelona's design credibility in the world. The building plays host to three entities: Foment de les Arts i del Disseny (FAD), Barcelona Centre de Disseny (BCD) and Museu de Disseny de Barcelona, which is set to open its doors at the end of 2014.

[www.dissenyhubbarcelona.cat](http://www.dissenyhubbarcelona.cat)