



# Big City Life In Barcelona, Spain

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# Outline

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- My relocation story
- Best of Barcelona
- Practical information



# My Story

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- Life before Spain
- Why I decided to move to Barcelona
- Process of relocating







# Best Of Barcelona








# Culture


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- Fascinating blend of Catalan, Spanish and international cultures.
  - Lots of traditional festivals throughout the year; La Mercé, San Juan, San Jordi.
  - International music events; Primavera Sound and Sónar.
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# Lifestyle

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- Beachside city.
  - Lots of art, music and history to explore.
  - Outdoor activities; the beach/Montjuic/Bunkers.
  - Tapas culture.
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# Shopping


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- La Boquería, San Antoni food markets.
  - High street – Portal del Angel.
  - Designer - Passeig de Gracia.
  - Shopping centres; Maremagnum, Las Arenas.
  - La Roca outlet village.
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# Eating

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- Huge variety of international restaurants.
  - Artisan bakeries, speciality coffee, craft beer, cocktail bars.
  - Carrer del Blai – famous for it's tapas.
  - Traditional Catalan dishes; *escalivada*, *calçots*, *pa amb tomàquet*, *crema catalana*, *vermut*.
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# Climate


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- Temperate Mediterranean climate.
  - Hot and dry summers; 30°C.
  - Mild winters; 10°C.
  - 2,500+ hours of sunshine.
  - Minimal rainfall.
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# Cost Of Living

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- Lower than U.S. and Canada.
  - Higher than the rest of Spain.
  - Penny pinchers budget; US\$950.
  - Average budget; US\$1,400.
  - Big spenders; US\$1,750.
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# Transportation


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- Excellent public transport; metro and bus.
  - Very cyclable city; city bike scheme.
  - Taxi's are relatively cheap; Freenow.
  - Trains connect to other cities.
  - Barcelona El Prat – International Airport.
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# Housing

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- Small apartments in city center.
  - Websites for finding apartments; Idealista, Badi, Airbnb (short-term).
  - Real-Estate agencies; expensive but secure.
  - Recommend renting first in different areas.
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# Q&A

What questions do  
you have?

