

Barcelona Photography Tours - 6 hour duration itineraries



Morning/Afternoon Photography Tour

Our Barcelona Morning/Afternoon photography tours have been carefully designed for the avid photographer who wishes to maximise their time available shooting this fabulous city.

Rather than going to the typical tourist spots, you will discover the most authentic neighbourhoods of Barcelona, as well as the most photogenic locations within the city. A local, professional photographer will instruct you in the art of photography while you wander through the city's narrow streets, open plazas and wide open boulevards. With more UNESCO World Heritage sites than any other city in Europe, a fabulous variety of Gothic, Romanic, Bohemian, Modernist, and ultra-Modern architecture awaits the photographer visiting Barcelona.

Similar to our Morning tour, the Morning/Afternoon tour goes further in terms of the sites we will visit, but also in the time available for invaluable, one-on-one instruction. This tour can also be customised on request for shooting your preferred photographic subjects: Architecture, environmental portraits, street photography. Or just leave it up to us to guide you through Barcelona's most beautiful and photogenic sites, while you capture the scenes unfolding.

The tours cater for beginners, advanced amateurs and semi-pro photographers. All of our tours are private tours for individuals, couples and small groups as we believe this makes for a more productive and enjoyable experience.

Description of itinerary

The meeting point will be on the corner, outside the brand new Zara store [formerly the BBVA bank] at Plaza Catalunya. Directions to the meeting point can be found on the FAQ page of our website.

From Plaza Catalunya, we will head down the Ramblas to visit to the Boqueria market - a visual delight for photographers! We will capture the colours and chaos as the locals go about their daily routine in this fantastic market. This itinerary also includes a visit through Barcelona's oldest district, and also one of it's most authentic. The Raval district is a great neighbourhood to photograph: Modern architecture, washing-clad facades, skateboarders and unusual characters willing to have their photos taken make for great street photography.

From here, we will cut across the Ramblas and head towards the Gothic Quarter. Here you will step back in time through the small alleyways and courtyards filled with soft light and great atmosphere. The old stone walls, gargoyles, Gothic and Roman architecture are in stark contrast to the street performers we will pass by and will make for some stunning images. Within the Gothic quarter is the old Jewish Quarter and ancient synagogue. This small neighbourhood has some of the oldest habitable buildings in Barcelona.

The Borne district is an exceptional neighbourhood to photograph, as you will see how the locals go about their day, devoid of any influences of tourism. We will walk the narrow dark alleyways and visit Gothic churches, trendy stores, open plazas, unusual architecture and other points of interest before we head towards one of the marvels of Catalan Modernism - the Music Palace. This building is one of the finest examples of Art Nouveau architecture in existence and is also one of Barcelona's World Heritage Sites. A mixture of Modernist and Moorish influences make this building very unique.

This would be the end of the tour, and we will escort you to a recommended restaurant or back to Plaza Catalunya.

Afternoon/Night Photography Tour

One of our most popular itineraries, the 6 hour Afternoon/Night photo tour covers the most photogenic periods to shoot, from the sun's low-angle, golden hour & sunset, to the blue hour, then finally ambient and street lighting at night. The tour is designed for photo enthusiasts who are just beginning to learn how to master their cameras, and for keen amateurs who want to learn about experimenting in the exciting world of night photography.

The tour entails a professional photographer giving tips and advice on the equipment needed, camera settings and discussions on how to create interesting images, while being escorted to Barcelona's most stunning locations! During the tour we will discuss which images stand out and why, and how they were created. The tour is designed for using digital DSLR, mirror-less and compact cameras. This is a very pleasant tour, which will give you the opportunity to learn the basics of night photography while visiting the city in the cooler temperatures.

The tour is designed around ambient and street lighting in conjunction with a tripod. A flash gun is not necessary, though you can bring one to express your own creativity if you wish. We are confident that this tour may very well be the highlight of your trip.

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We would start the tour by heading down the Ramblas to visit the exciting Boqueria market. We will capture the chaos as the locals go about their routine. This market is a great site to practice different camera techniques in low light and settings for artificial lighting. The market is also an especially good site for taking environmental portraits.

Now we will head to Barcelona's oldest districts, and also one of it's most authentic. The Raval district is an excellent neighbourhood for street photography: Modern architecture, washing-clad facades, skateboarders and unusual characters willing to have their photos taken make for great shots here. The Borne district is exceptional, as you will see how the locals go about their day, devoid of any influences of tourism. We will walk the narrow alleyways and open plaza's to visit Gothic churches, trendy stores, facades covered in street art, and more. The Borne district really has it all for the avid photographer.

This would be a good time to stop at a local tapas bar for a snack and some refreshments. We will discuss the basics of the technical aspects for capturing images at night, using ambient and artificial lighting together with slow shutter speeds. We will then continue on to the Gothic quarter. Now you will step back in time through the small alleyways and courtyards filled with soft light and great atmosphere. The old stone walls, gargoyles, Gothic and Roman architecture are in stark contrast to the street performers we will pass by and will make for some stunning images.

Later, we will take the metro to arrive at the stunning magic fountain located at Plaza España. This awesome light, water & music spectacle built over 100 years ago for the world's fair is a highlight in Barcelona for photographers. The backdrop to the main fountain are further fountains leading up to the National Palace. We will spend time experimenting with different camera techniques, capturing the effects of high speed and slow speed shutter settings. We will then head back to Plaza Catalunya, where we will end the tour.

Please note: Depending on the season, the Magic Fountain runs from Thursday - Sunday, or from Friday - Saturday. If it is not running on the day of your tour, we will change the site for another, according to your photographic preferences. We are able to bring 1 tripod and 2 quick release plates, should you prefer not to carry a tripod abroad.

