



Photo: Txllxt TxllxT · CC BY-SA 4.0 · Wikimedia Commons

FREE GUIDE · BARCELONA

Casa Batlló

Gaudí at his purest — the 6 must-see stops of the house of the dragon, explained one by one



Tickets Visit

tickets and guides to monuments

Your visit at a glance

Right on Passeig de Gràcia, between 1904 and 1906 Antoni Gaudí took an ordinary middle-class house and turned it into one of the most astonishing façades in the world. Barcelonans nicknamed it 'the house of bones' or 'the house of the dragon' for its bony forms and its scaly back; UNESCO declared it a World Heritage Site in 2005. It isn't a museum of endless rooms: it's a house you walk through in one direction, from the façade to the rooftop, with an augmented-reality audio guide that brings every corner back to life. This tour brings together the six must-see stops —façade, Noble Floor, blue light well, organic staircase, dragon's attic and rooftop—, with the context to understand why Gaudí was a genius, plus 45-minute, 1-hour and 1.5-hour routes so you can choose according to the time you have.

At a glance

PRICE

Blue from ~€29 · Silver ~€35

HOURS

Every day, ~9am-8pm

STOPS

The 6 must-sees

FREE ENTRY

No (paid visit)

TIME

1-1.5 h (the 6 stops)

METRO

Passeig de Gràcia (L2/L3/L4)



Part of Tickets Visit

tickets-visit.com is part of Tickets Visit, the network of tickets and guides to monuments.

With this free guide you already do a great visit: the essentials, with a route. If you want to make the most of it, at the end I'll show you the complete version.

Before you go in: book your skip-the-line ticket

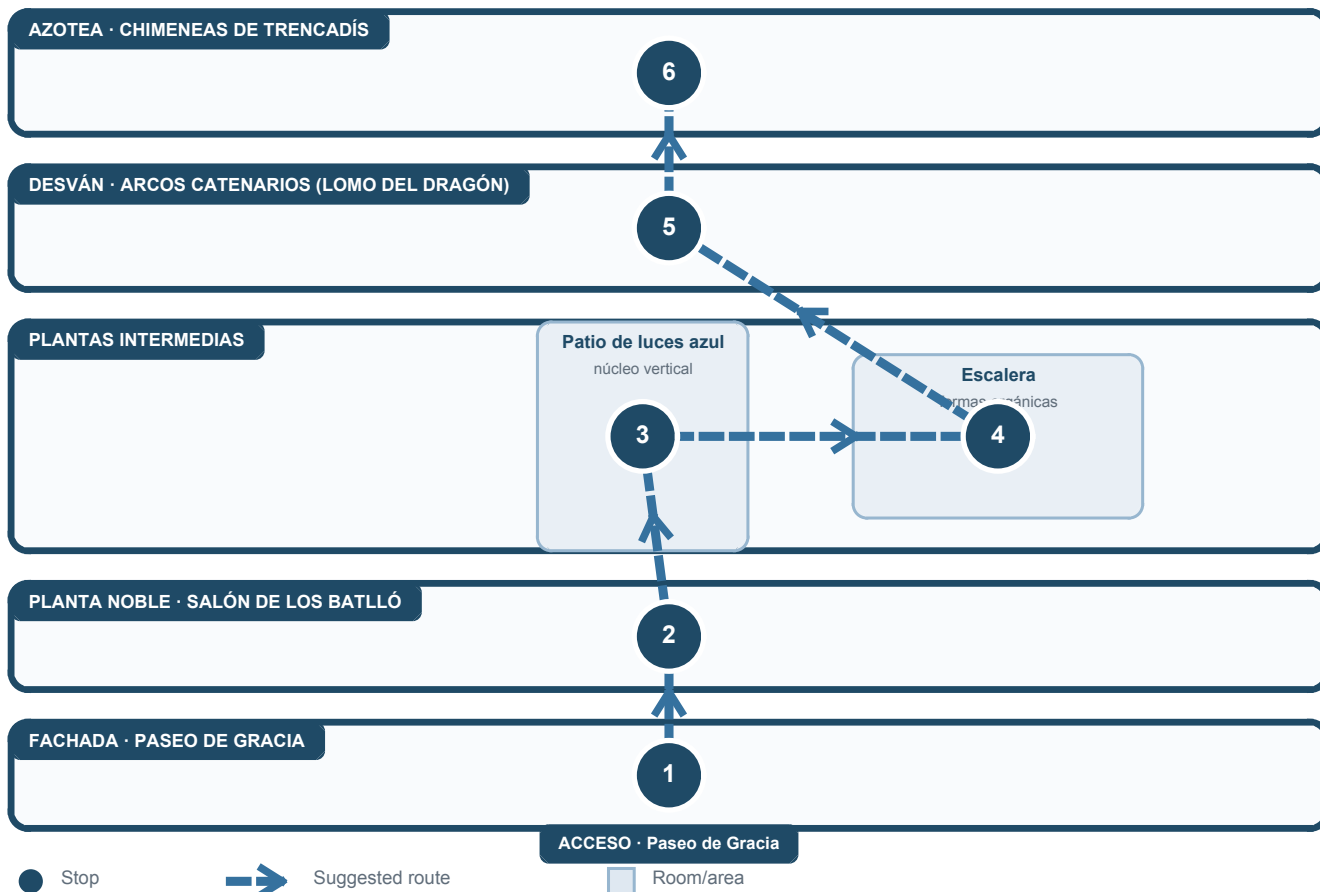
On Civitatis, with free cancellation. Skip the ticket-office queue.

» **Buy your ticket**

The map and the route

The visit runs in a single direction and is done with an audio guide (tablet or augmented-reality app), so there's no need to worry about getting lost. You start on the PAVEMENT, taking in the façade; you go up to the NOBLE FLOOR, the apartment where the Batlló family lived; you circle the blue LIGHT WELL, the heart of the building; you follow the STAIRCASES and organically shaped rooms up to the ATTIC of catenary arches, the 'dragon's back' seen from inside; and you finish on the ROOFTOP, among the trencadís chimneys. Follow the stop numbers: they run in the order you walk through the house. Note: the rooftop (Dragon's Rooftop) is only included with a Silver ticket or above.

CASA BATLLÓ · SECCIÓN DEL EDIFICIO (ESQUEMA, NO A ESCALA)



El recorrido sube desde la calle: Planta Noble, el patio de luces azul (que cruza el edificio de abajo arriba), el desván del dragón y la azotea de las chimeneas. Sección orientativa, no a escala.

Visiting order: 1 The façade › 2 The Noble Floor › 3 The blue light well › 4 The staircase and the organic forms › 5 The attic of catenary arches › 6 The rooftop and the chimneys

Schematic layout by area; the number shows the visiting order. Not to scale: follow the museum's own floor plans and signs on the day.

THE STOPS, ONE BY ONE

1

The façade: the house of the dragon

Passeig de Gràcia, outer pavement · 10-15 min

A façade clad in undulating trencadís, iron mask-balconies and 'bone' columns. The scaly roof represents the dragon of the legend of Sant Jordi, and the cross-topped tower, the saint's lance.



The undulating trencadís façade, with mask-balconies and the 'dragon' roof.

Photo: Txllxt TxllxT · CC BY-SA 4.0 ·
Wikimedia Commons



DON'T MISS THIS

The balconies shaped like masks or skulls, the colour gradient of the mosaic and the bulbous turret crowned by a four-armed cross.

» IN THE PREMIUM GUIDE

Dragon, carnival or seabed? This façade allows more readings than you'd imagine, and the experts have spent a century failing to agree. In the full guide we tell you the rival interpretations and which detail to look at to pick your own.

THE STOPS, ONE BY ONE

3

The blue light well

Central core of the building · 10 min

A central light shaft clad in blue tiles that fade —dark at the top, pale at the bottom— with windows of increasing size, to spread the natural light evenly across every floor. It looks like the bottom of the sea.



The light well with its graded blue tiles.

Photo: Davidh820 · CC BY-SA 3.0 es · Wikimedia Commons



WHERE TO LOOK

The blue gradient from top to bottom and how the windows grow larger as you descend.

» IN THE PREMIUM GUIDE

This well doesn't just share out the light: it also 'breathes'. Beside its windows Gaudí hid an adjustable mechanism that ventilated the whole house without a single switch, a century before home automation. In the full guide we tell you how it works and where to look to see it.

THE STOPS, ONE BY ONE

5

The attic: the dragon's back

Under the roof, before the rooftop · 10 min

The old service attic, with sixty white catenary arches in a row that evoke an animal's ribs. Efficient structure, thermal insulation and the much-interpreted 'dragon's skeleton'.



The attic of catenary arches, the 'skeleton' of the house of the dragon.

Photo: Sara Terrones · CC BY-SA 4.0 · Wikimedia Commons



THE PERSPECTIVE

The perspective of the tunnel of narrowing white arches and its likeness to a rib cage.

» IN THE PREMIUM GUIDE

The catenary arch is one of Gaudí's signatures, and the way he calculated it seems like magic. In the full guide we explain the method of the hanging ropes and why this structure holds itself up almost on its own.

THE STOPS, ONE BY ONE

6

The rooftop and the trencadís chimneys

Roof of the building · 15 min

The scaly 'dragon' roof, crowned by the lance-tower with its four-armed cross, and a forest of sculptural chimneys clad in coloured trencadís. The climax of the visit, with views over Passeig de Gràcia.



The trencadís chimneys and the scaly roof of the rooftop.

Photo: Sara Terrones · CC BY-SA 4.0 · Wikimedia Commons



IN DETAIL

The twisting mosaic-covered chimneys, the scales of the roof and the tower with the cross; and the views over the avenue.

» IN THE PREMIUM GUIDE

Every chimney on this rooftop is different and hides its own story of form and function. In the full guide we tell you how Gaudí turned them into trencadís sentinels and what to look for in the tower of the cross.

Practical tips

Best times

Go first thing in the morning or last thing in the afternoon to dodge the queues and the harshest light on the façade. The 'Be the First' ticket lets you in before opening, with the house almost empty. In summer, the 'Magic Nights' open the rooftop at night with music and a drink.

Buy your ticket in advance

Casa Batlló is one of Barcelona's most sought-after visits and works with timed entry: in high season it sells out days ahead. Get it online and book your slot to enter at your time, without joining the queue on the street. Arrive a few minutes before your turn.

Choose your ticket carefully

There are several tiers (Blue, Silver, Gold, Platinum) with dynamic pricing according to demand. The basic Blue does NOT include the dragon's rooftop, which for us is one of the great moments of the visit: if you want to go up, you need Silver or above. Compare what each one includes before you pay.

With children

The augmented-reality audio guide 'brings the rooms to life' and hooks the little ones, who'll hunt for the dragon all over the house. It's a one-way visit, easy with a pushchair and relatively short (1-1.5 h), ideal for not wearing them out. Book a not-too-late slot to catch them awake.

Accessibility and services

The building has a lift and an adapted route for much of the tour, although, as it's a historic house, some sections such as the attic or the rooftop may have limitations: it's worth checking before booking. The audio guide is collected at the entrance and there are options in several languages.

Combine it

La Pedrera (Casa Milà), also by Gaudí, is some 600 m (10 min on foot) up the same Passeig de Gràcia. Set aside another day for the Sagrada Família and Park Güell and you'll have a complete Gaudí tour across the whole city.

Practical info

Address: Passeig de Gràcia 43, 08007 Barcelona. Metro: Passeig de Gràcia (L2, L3, L4), at street level. Approximate hours: every day, roughly 9:00 to 20:00 (with last entries before closing and evening sessions in summer; the building programmes activity until 22:30 on 'Magic Nights'). Guide price: it's one of the most expensive visits in Barcelona, with dynamic pricing according to demand; general admission (Blue) from around €29 —note: it doesn't include the rooftop—, Silver (the cheapest tier with rooftop) from around €35, and Gold and Platinum tiers above. The 'Magic Nights' with a concert run around €59-67. Book online with day and time. Always confirm up-to-date prices and hours on the official website.

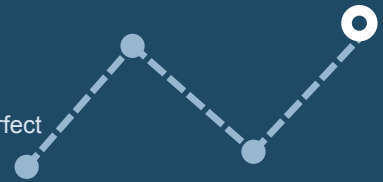
Official website: www.casabatllo.es

PLAN YOUR TRIP · FREE

The Tickets Visit Planner

Build your day-by-day route, discover what to see nearby and plan the perfect itinerary around the city. Free, no sign-up.

» [Open it at planner.tickets-visit.com](https://planner.tickets-visit.com)



Before you go in: book your skip-the-line ticket

On Civitatis, with free cancellation. Skip the ticket-office queue.

» [Buy your ticket](#)

THE COMPLETE VERSION

Take the complete visit

With this free guide you already cover the essentials. The PREMIUM is your complete visit to Casa Batlló: every work with its story, a 3-step looking guide for every painting, the cheat-sheet for your phone and the tips to skip the queues. For less than the price of a coffee.

In the free guide you miss out on:

- 2 The Noble Floor: the Batlló drawing room**
First floor, above the entrance hall · 15-20 min
- 4 The staircase and the organic forms**
Inner staircase and transit rooms · 10 min

PREMIUM Guide · Casa Batlló

€4.99 one-off payment · yours forever

- ✓ All 6 works (the free guide has only 4), each with its story.
- ✓ «What it represents» and «How to look at it» in 3 steps: a looking guide for every painting.
- ✓ The «Route on one page» cheat-sheet for your phone, plus 1-, 2- and 3-hour routes.
- ✓ Contents, keys to understanding it, bios and expanded tips.
- ✓ As a PDF and offline: use it inside the museum without spending data.

Facts checked against official sources · instant download · secure card payment.

Get the complete guide · €4.99

tickets-visit.com/guia-gratis-casa-batllo ›

RISK-FREE GUARANTEE

If the guide doesn't help on your visit, write to us and we'll refund the €4.99. No questions asked.

For comparison: a guided tour costs €30-60 per person. This guide walks you through with the same detail, everyone travelling with you can use it, and it's yours forever.

Still no ticket? Book skip-the-line

On Civitatis, with free cancellation. Skip the ticket-office queue.

» **Check availability and prices**

A guide produced editorially by Tickets Visit. tickets-visit.com is an independent website and is NOT the official website of Casa Batlló, nor is it affiliated with it. Images are free from Wikimedia Commons (credit under each one). Information is indicative, checked in August 2026; confirm hours and prices on the official website. Bookings handled through Civitatis (affiliate link).