# BARCELONA

#### TO DO

#### > SAGRADA FAMILIA

Obviously a MUST DO. Don't go to the last showing of the day because you do not want to be rushed out. Get tickets in advance and skip the always insane line!

PARQUE GÜELL

Another obvious MUST DO. Make sure you pay to go inside. It's absolutely beautiful. It's like entering Jurassic Park (minus the dinos) but in Gingerbread house form...

- MAGIC FOUNTAIN AT MONTJÜIC (WEEKENDS ONLY) While I wouldn't necessarily go out of my way to see the fountain, the light show is really pretty and it's just another fun way to pass some time in the city in the evening.
- > CATHEDRAL

Wouldn't be a trip to Spain without seeing a Cathedral... But it is a nice point of comparison between a more typical cathedral and the Sagrada Familia. Plus it's free between 9:30 – 12 and after 5 PM

> MUSEUMS

There seems like so many other things to do in Barcelona besides museums, but they do have quite a few: **Museu Picasso; Museu d'Historia de Barcelona; Museu Nacional d'Art de Catalunya; Museo de Xocolate** (yes, that's a CHOCOLATE MUSEUM)

> MONTJÜIC CASTLE

Honestly it's a little underwhelming as far as castles go but you can take a cable car ("teleferic") up the hill and that's a lot of fun!

> CÁSAS DE GAUDÍ

Barcelona is the city of Gaudí. There are a ton of houses and buildings that he built that are now museums that you can visit around the city. The most famous are the **Casa Batlló** and the **Casa Mila** 

\*Pro tip: Most museums are free on Sundays after 3

# <u>eat</u>

- MERCAT DE SANT JOSEP DE LA BOQERIA This is a really famous market and perfect for an easy & affordable lunch on the go! There are TONS of fresh fruit and juices that come highly recommended.
- CARABELA CAFE
  AMAZING Mexican food. Went 3 times in the 5 days I was in Barcelona.

\*Pro tip: People don't tip wait staff in Spain.

## <u>Drink</u>

- OVELLA NEGRA I didn't actually make it to this bar myself, but my friend told me they have great Sangria towers!
- ESPIT CHUPITO BAR A bar totally dedicated to shots. If you're brave you'll ask for the Monica Lewinsky...

### **PARTY**

 $\succ$  ice bar

Honestly, I found this bar underwhelming but it does make for a cool photo to be in an all ice bar. You can only be inside for a limited amount of time so I'd say it was worth the minimal investment.

\*Pro tip: Any hostel you stay with is going to bring the party to you.