

Guided Tour: Stories and Legends of the Gothic Quarter

Date: 18th November 2018

Timing: 17:00 – 19:00

Meeting Point: Plaça Nova – next to the BARCINO letters



Walking tour through the Gothic Quarter which is an original and different visit in order to rediscover the old part of the city.

The remains found in this area allow to do a trip back in time from the **Romans** to the **Medieval splendour**.

The centre of the Roman city, was marked by the point where the two main streets, the **Cardo** and **Decumanus**, converged. Today the **Carrer del Bisbe** and **Carrer Llibreteria** stand on this site.

A visit to medieval Barcelona is one of the most fascinating city itineraries. The power wielded by the **Crown of Catalonia and Aragon** over the Mediterranean during the Middle Ages, has left a valuable architectonic legacy.

Here, in the Gothic Quarter, we find the **City Hall** and the seat of the Catalan Government, the **Palau de la Generalitat**, the **Cathedral** and other Gothic churches.

The **Catedral de la Santa Creu i Santa Eulàlia** watches impassively the passing of time in a constantly moving and changing Barcelona.

Near the **Plaça de Sant Jaume**, right in the middle of this Barcelona neighbourhood, is the old Jewish Quarter, the **Call Jueu**, with its endless narrow streets, where some remains of the ancient synagogue still survive.

The **Conjunt Monumental de la Plaça del Rei** in Barcelona is, arguably, the Gothic architectural ensemble which best exemplifies the city's medieval past. The royal palace, the Palau Reial Major, and its surrounding buildings, enclose a harmonious and peaceful square which is still imbued with Barcelona's splendour during the Middle Ages.

Your guide will comment the history behind some old century shops as well, emblematic business buildings which provide uniqueness to the city and some of them are in danger of disappearing.

We will start at the Plaça Nova (where the Cathedral is located), next to the Barcino letters, where the guide will be waiting for you.

Approximate itinerary: Plaça Nova - Cathedral - Call (Jewish neighborhood) - Sant Felip Neri - Plaça Sant Jaume - Plaça del Rei - Plaça de l'Àngel - Argenteria - Santa Maria del Mar.

