# Barcelona, the place to Mest

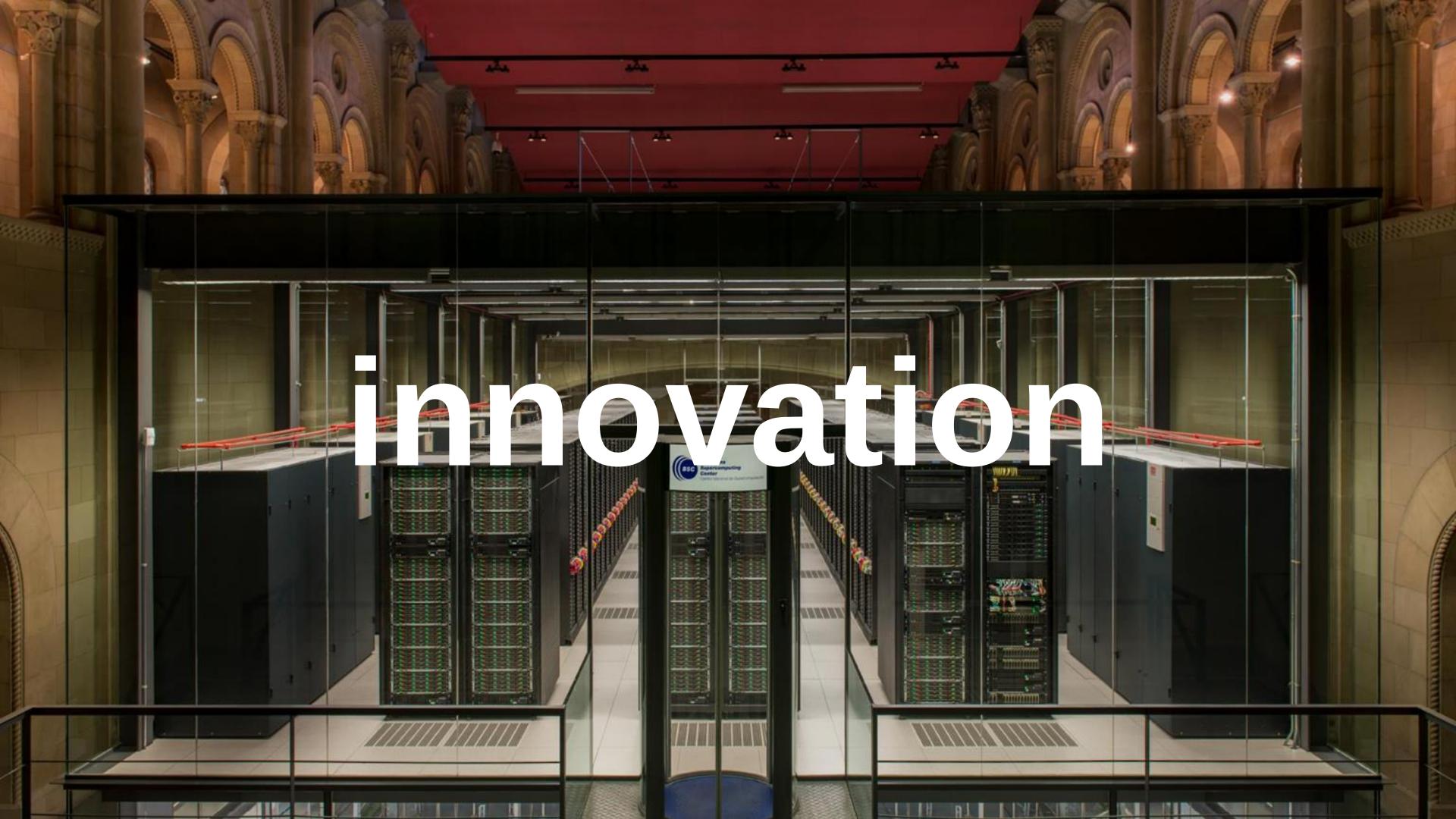
# Barcelonais



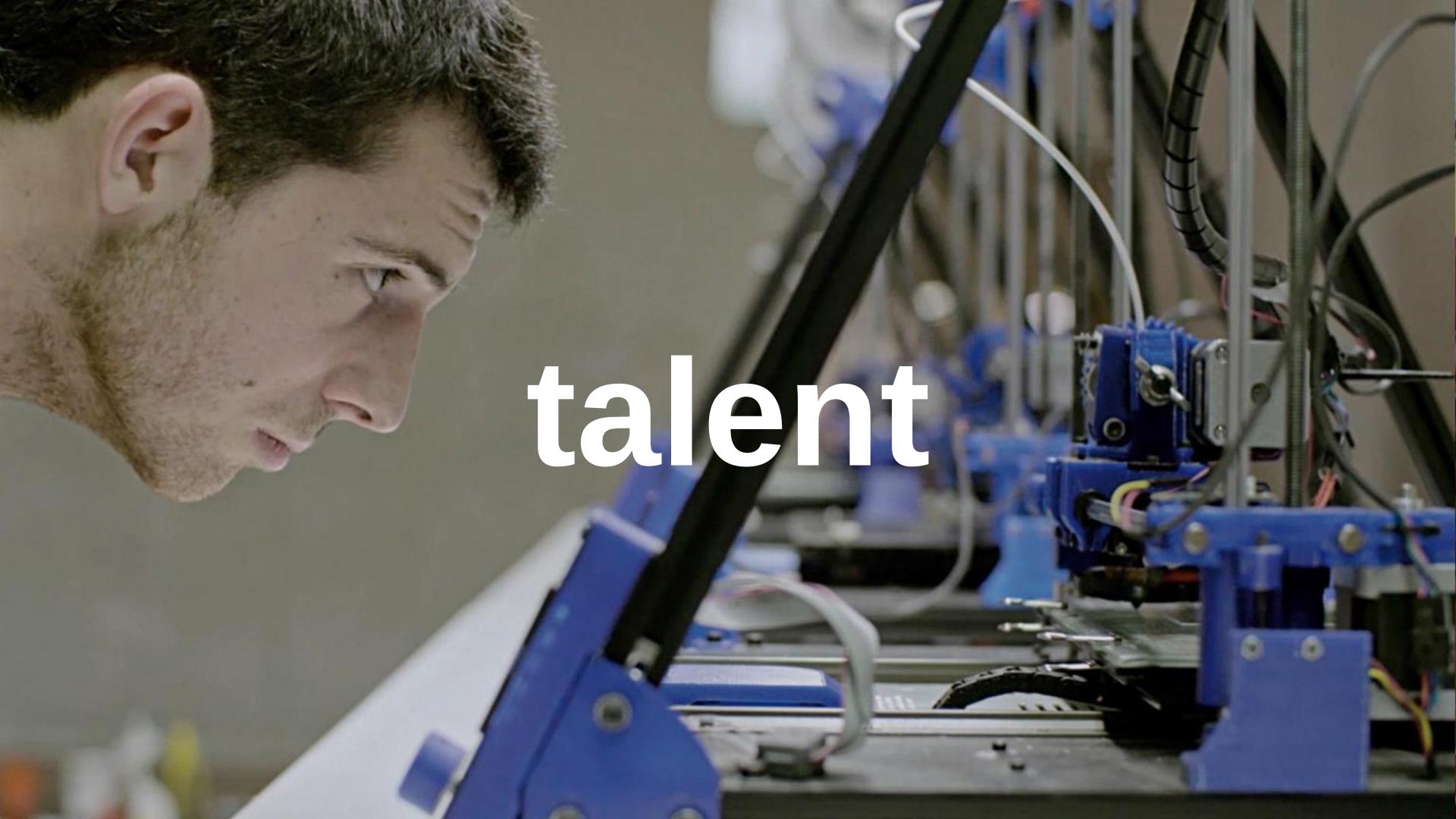
















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# Because of its international standing

## **Barcelona** is



1st

1st destination in the world by total number of participants in meetings hosted by international organisations.

Source: ICCA – International Congress and Convention Association / 2023 ranking 2<sup>nd</sup>

in the top 25 meeting destinations in Europe.

Source: Cvent, 2024

3rd

favourite destination for MICE meetings.

Source: American Express 2024 Global Meetings and Events Forecast. 5<sup>th</sup>

biggest start-up hub in Europe for emerging enterprises in 2024.

Source: EU-Startups

8<sup>th</sup>

most attractive city for digital talent

Source: Decoding Global Talent 2024. Boston Consulting Group 8<sup>th</sup>

best city in the world.

Source: 2025 World's Best Cities Ranking 2<sup>nd</sup>

top city for promoting and attracting investment in Europe

Source: fDi intelligence.
European Cities and
Regions of the Future 2025
report

1st

region for investment in Southern Europe in 2023-2024.

Source: Financial Times

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# Because of its connectivity

An outwardlooking destination. With excellent travel connections with the rest of Spain, Europe and the world, as well as a safe and efficient public transport network.



## By air



An outward-looking destination.

Josep Tarradellas - El Prat airport
8 miles/12.5 km from the city centre
56 direct intercontinental flights
212 European destinations
55 million passengers

## By rail



High-speed trains to Madrid, Paris, Lyon, Marseille and Toulouse.

## By sea



The leading Mediterranean cruise port.10 passenger terminals,7 for cruise ships and 3 for ferries

# Because of its Mediterranean lifestyle

Barcelona. Quality of life, creativity and innovation.



# Barcelona is



### Culture

9

## World Heritage landmarks

Province of Barcelona

6
Intangible Cultural
Heritage
elements

Province of Barcelona

263

Museum and collections
Province of Barcelona

189

Festivals
Province of Barcelona



### **Transport**

### Metro

10 lines and 167 stations City of Barcelona

Buses

103 lines and 2,623 stops City of Barcelona

Ferrocarrils de la Generalitat de Catalunya

15 lines and 81 stations
City of Barcelona

Renfe cercanías 8 lines City of Barcelona



### Accommodation

+800

Hotels
Province of Barcelona



### Parks

86

Urban parks and gardens City of Barcelona

14
Natural parks
Province of Barceelona

1
Biosphere reserve
Province of Barcelona



### Beaches

+ 100 km of beaches Province of Barcelona



### Climate

**2,799.3**Hours of sunshine a year
Provincie of Barcelona

**18,5°C**Average temperature
Provincie of Barcelona



### Food

Michelin-starred restaurants
Province of Barcelona

Designation of Origin wine- producing areas Province of Barcelona

23
Municipal markets
City of Barcelona



### Sustainability

555

Electril vehicle charging stations

City of Barcelona

+ 250 km

of cycle lines City of Barcelona

84%

Accessible amenities and services
City of Barcelona









A welcoming destination with a unique spirit and lifestyle that invites you to enjoy its gastronomy, culture, climate and traditions.

## **Barcelona** is culture

Art museums and exhibitions, music, theatre, international festivals, architecture, design, creative hubs, world-renowned geniuses of contemporary art (Picasso, Gaudí, Miró, Tàpies) who have made their mark on the destination...

Barcelona has a vibrant and varied cultural life.













## **Barcelona** is food

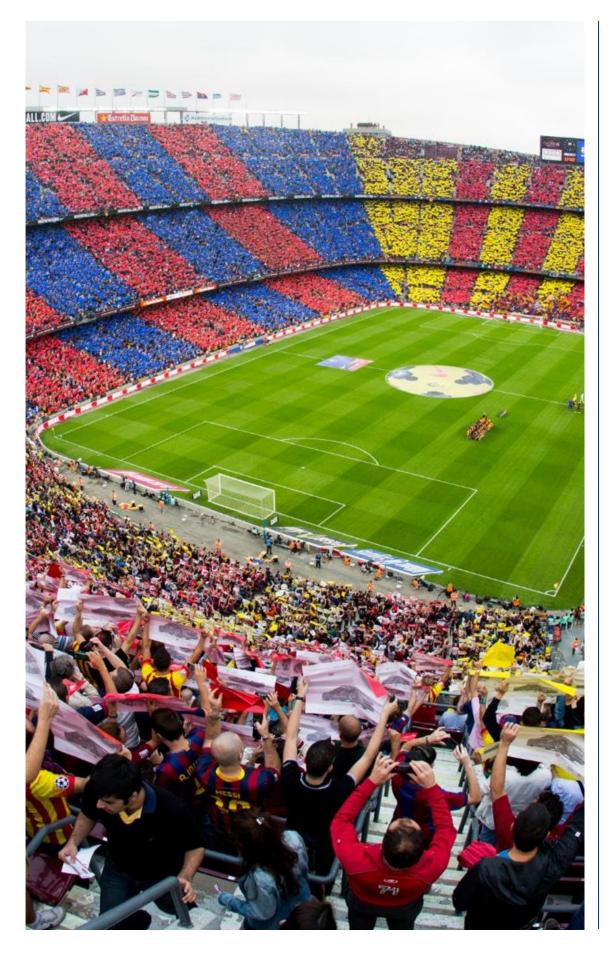
## **2021, World Capital of Sustainable Food**

Barcelona offers a combination of traditional cuisine and the innovative touches brought to the table by great chefs, all paired with red, white, rosé wines and cava...

29 Michelin-starred restaurants and 5 Designation of Origin wine-producing areas: Penedès, Alella, Pla de Bages, Catalunya and Cava.











# Barcelona is sport

Barcelona hosts major sporting events due to its organisational capacity, top-class facilities and open-air venues.

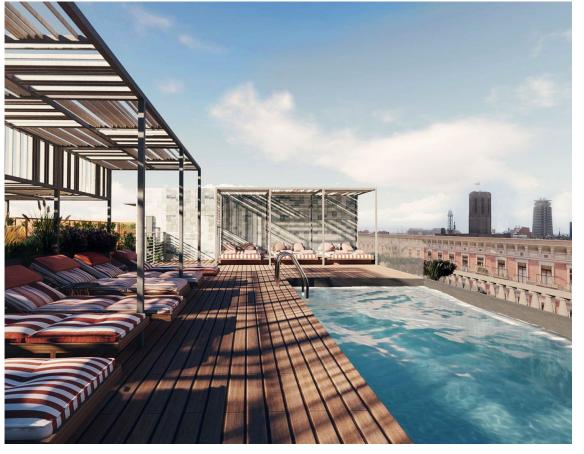
- Barcelona Open Banc Sabadell
   Trofeo Conde de Godó (tennis)
- Barcelona World Race (sailing)
- Formula 1 Gran Premio de España
- Zurich Marató de Barcelona...

8th in the world ranking of sports cities.

Source: 2024 Ranking of Sport Cities (Burson Cohn&Wolfe)

# Because of its excellent choice of accommodation





# Accommodation excellence

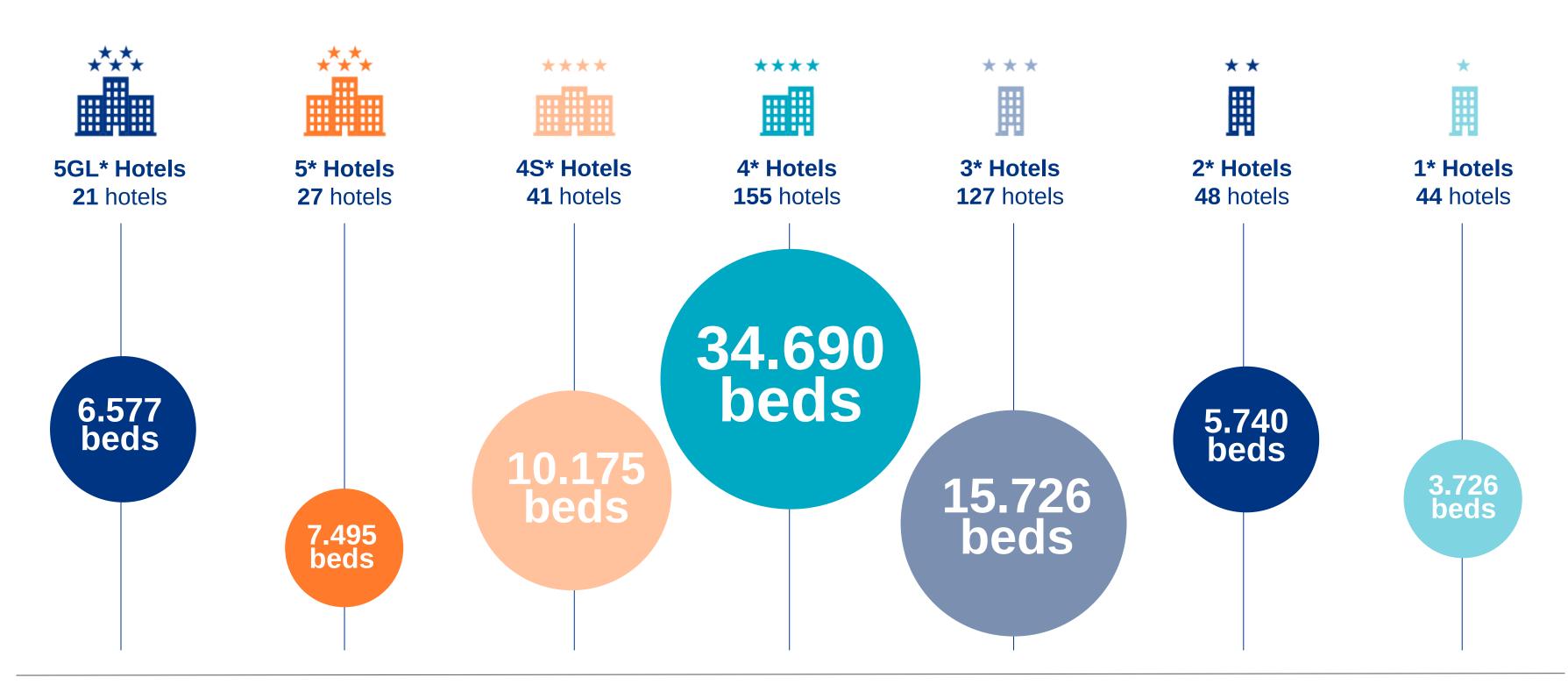




Barcelona has a wide range of topquality accommodation, from luxury hotels operated by Spanish and international chains, where you can hold large-scale events, to cosier, family hotels. They all have their own distinctive style and offer a wide variety of services.

## Barcelona metropolitan area

463 hotels, 84.129 beds



Total Destination Barcelona: 902 hotels and 146,227 beds

# Because of its unique MICE offer

**Barcelona** is renowned for its varied and unique venues that cater to all kinds of events, as well as the service companies that make them possible.



## **Convention centres**

## Fira Barcelona Gran Via



One of Europe's biggest and most modern convention facilities, designed by the Japanese architect Toyo Ito

Total floor space:  $240,000 \text{ m}^2/ 2,583.338 \text{ sq ft}$  Total number of halls: 8 Convention Centre (hall 8)  $26,000 \text{ m}^2/279,861 \text{ sq ft}$ 

## Fira Barcelona Montjuïc

Site built in 1929 to host the International Exhibition, it combines tradition with an infrastructure that can be adapted to all kinds of events.

Total floor space: 134,000 m $^2$  / 1,442.364 sq ft Total number of halls: 6 Convention Centre: auditorium 1,600 seats / 3,000 m $^2$  /32,291 sq ft



## Centre de Convencions Internacional de Barcelona



Situated right by the sea, the convention centre is an iconic example of Barcelona's cutting-edge architecture. It comprises two buildings: the Convention Centre and Forum Auditorium.

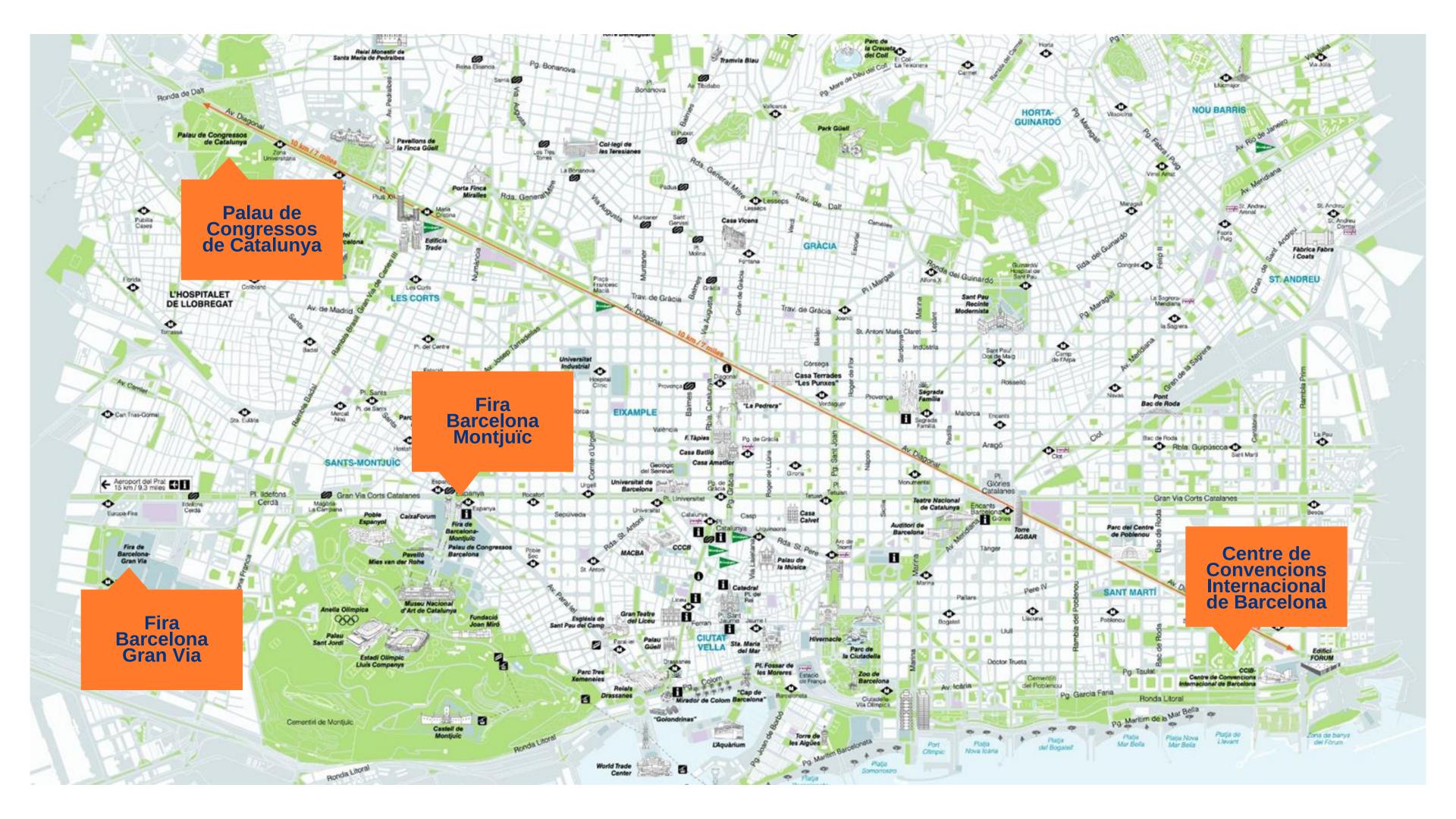
Total floor space: 11,300 m<sup>2</sup> / 121,632.2 sq ft Total capacity: 15,000 people

## Palau de Congressos de Catalunya

Situated on Barcelona's prestigious Avinguda Diagonal, the city's financial and business district.

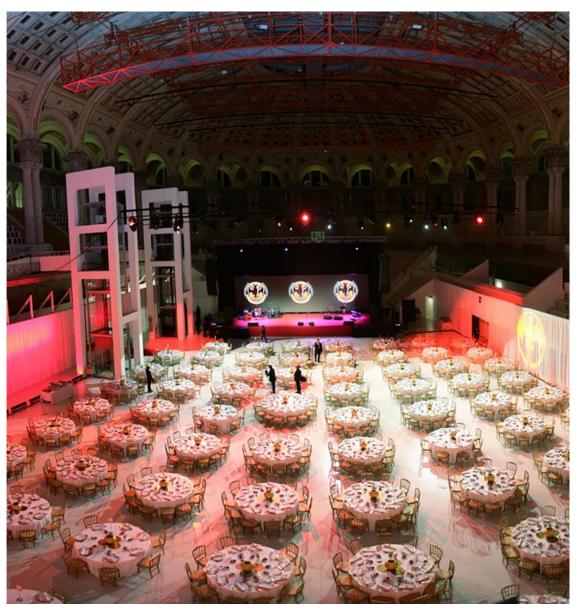
Exhibition space:  $2,000 \text{ m}^2$  / 21,527.82 sq ft Auditorium: 2,000 seats













# Amazing and unique places

From historic, characterful buildings to the most modern and innovative sites.

## Incentives

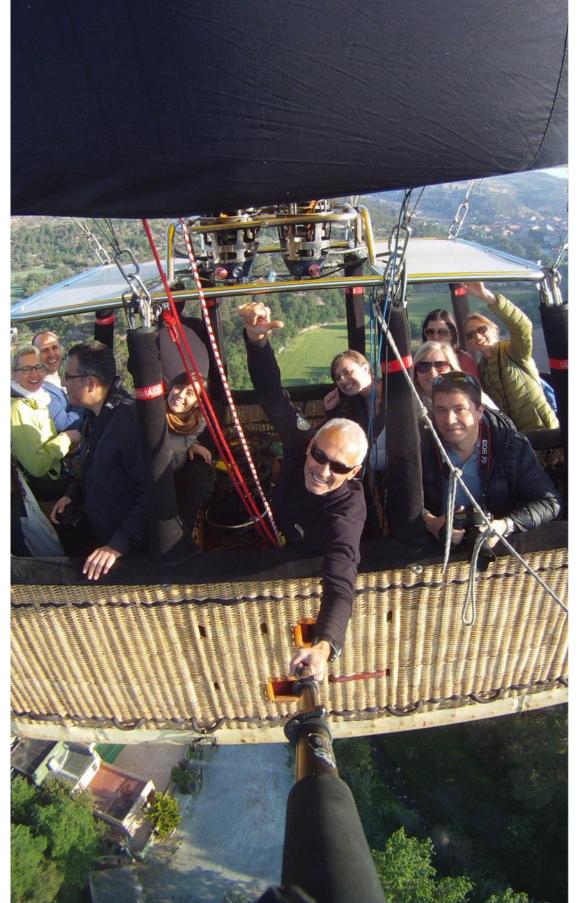
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Barcelona gives you the opportunity to take part in unique and socially responsible activities on land, on the sea and in the air. Come and enjoy them!

You can round them off with a trip to the city's great selection of retail outlets, ranging from unique shops to those selling prestigious leading Spanish and international brands.







## Incentives



# Because of its scientific and technological development

Leading knowledge city in the Mediterranean.

Headquarters of world-class scientific and technological infrastructures.

2,000 start-ups, most of them in the field of ICT, leisure and health.



## **Smart City and technological hub**



Barcelona as the home of the supercomputer Marenostrum

implement a science and technology diplomacy strategy: the SciTech DiploHub.

6.767 innovation sector 16,339 ICT sector 2,000 start-ups

centres: 39 CERCA (7 associated with hospitals and 3 run in conjunction with CSICI) and 18 CSIC bodies.

for Southern Europe. A benchmark city in biomedicine, information and communication technologies, photonics and particle acceleration.

dynamic cities in **Europe** in developing mobile apps, the internet of things, e-commerce, videogames and Big Data.

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# Because it's a sustainable destination

A green and blue destination.

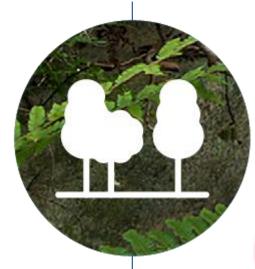
We are committed to social and environmental sustainability and promote our cultural and natural heritage by working on making constant improvements to accessibility.



## Barcelona















1st destination in the world to be awarded the **Biosphere** 

Province of Barcelona certification

100 thousand ha. of natural parks

14 national parks

Province of Barcelona

1 biosphere reserve

Province of Barcelona

Source: Barcelona City Council, 2025

7.05 m2/ green space per capita
City of Barcelona

Source: Barcelona City Council, 2021 + 250 km of cycle lanes

City of Barcelona

Source : Barcelona City Council, 2025 **3rd smart city** in the world

City of Barcelona

Source: Ayuntamiento de Barcelona, 2023 4th world city in infrastructure security

City of Barcelona

Source: Safe Cities Index 2022 - The **Economist** 

One of the world's most accessible cities

City of Barcelona

93% of the streets are accessible

100% of buses are fitted with ramps

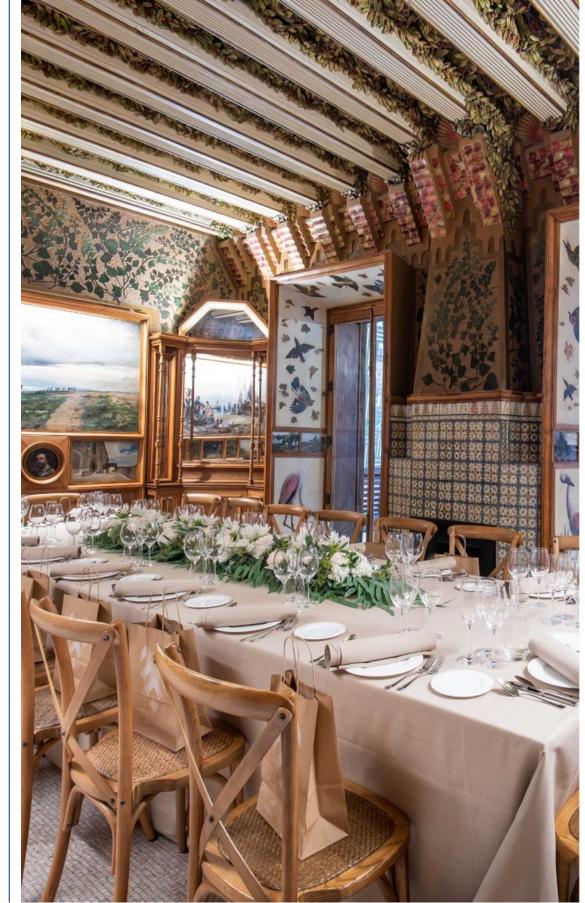
> 95% of the metro network has lifts

# Committed to MICE sustainability

Many Barcelona venues are committed to sustainability and have implemented good-practice programs in the sphere of social responsibility, energy savings and efficiency measures, selective waste collection and the offset of CO2 emissions.









# Because of its surrounding area, Barcelona is much more

Barcelona, a diverse destination.
With a unique history and heritage and friendly locals who are welcoming to visitors.

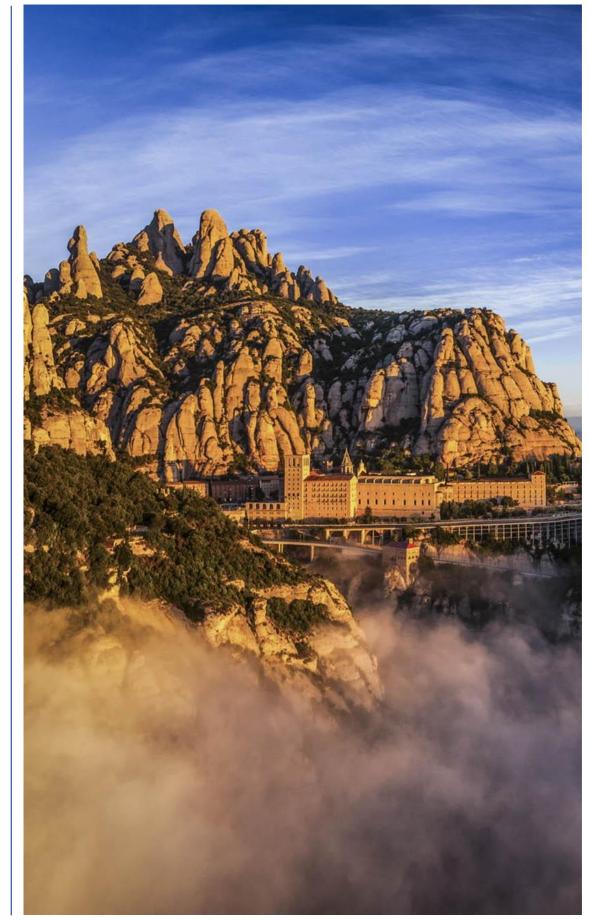


Twelve counties and 311 cities, towns and villages with different landscapes.

The finest urban beaches in the Mediterranean, between the Costa Barcelona and the Pyrenees, inland landscapes that invite you to discover chapels and castles from different eras that are in harmony with nature.









## Because of us, the Barcelona Convention Bureau

¿Te podemos ayudar? **The Barcelona Convention Bureau** (BCB) is a division of Turisme de **Barcelona** which promotes the city a venue for congresses, meetings and incentive trips. **Barcelona Provincial** Council is part of the BCB.



# The BCB provides free and impartial advice to those professionals interested in organising their event in Barcelona.



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