

# Romantic Guide to Barcelona for Couples

## Barcelona Honeymoon & Romantic Guide

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What defines what is or isn't romantic? For many, romantic would be a lavish candlelit dinner in a Michelin star restaurant, while 'unromantic' would be, witnessing your partner belching at that the dinner table or on an elaborate date night out. On the other hand, some couples find romance over the simple things, like a home cooked pot of Kapusta; that's cabbage soup in [Ukrainian](#) if you're wondering, a staple in my family. But, what about the romance when you're traveling? Yes, there are a number of romantic things to do while on vacation, but finding the hidden gems isn't always easy, especially in the most touristic cities. I've been living and exploring Barcelona daily, for over two years and am about to share with you insider info of my favorite spots in this Romantic Guide to Barcelona for couples. First, before we dive in, let's take a minute to define romance.

### What is Romance?

Romance can mean whatever you want it to mean. We all have a different perspective on what is classified as romantic. With this said, even though our ideas of romance may differ, we all probably agree on one thing. It is the experiences you share with your partner that creates the romance and brings you closer.

The most connective forms of romance, the ones felt at the soul's level, are found in shared experiences. These are often the ones that [challenge the relationship](#), pushing you to learn a new skill together, or providing you with quality time to be in each others company in an environment that harbors true connection. It is in

these deep level experiences where romance is found and nurtured. As we all know, [traveling with your partner](#) is one of the best ways to experience a deeper level of romance. Even so, finding the deep level experiences I speak about is easier said than done.



Luckily for you, seeking out authentic and meaningful experiences is my favorite past-time, and I love sharing my findings. Without further ado, before you decide to walk your partner off a cliff near [Costa Brava](#), calling it a shared experience, why not check out some less extreme [romantic alternatives in Spain](#). Explore the less touristic and romantic hidden spots with this Romantic Guide to Barcelona for couples.

## Accommodation

You could spend hours on end searching for [accommodations in Barcelona](#), let alone ones that fit the 'romantic' bill. Some of the best romantic Barcelona hotels, guesthouses or boutique hotels Barcelona are often the most modest looking from the outside. Take for example Praktik hotels. Think romantic paradise in the city, a secret escape amidst the hustle and bustle of the busy center.

They have a total of 5 locations in Barcelona (and one [romantic hotel in Madrid](#)), all offering a unique experience. I have personally stayed at the [Praktik Garden](#), a modern garden oasis. Even six months after my stay, I am still raving about it.

What's so great about Praktik Garden? For starters, the hotel is situated in an ideal location! Central, but yet tucked away from the hordes of tourists. Secondly, from the moment you step inside the reception, your experience of an urban oasis begins. For the most romantic stay, I'd recommend booking their suite facing the garden terrace. Last but not least, this hidden accommodation won't break the bank! If you're looking to stay somewhere that has harmoniously balanced tranquility and comfort, Praktik Gardens fits the bill.

Not everyone is looking for an accommodation tucked inside the city center, if you're someone who prefers a bit more glam, check out the [W Hotel](#). Ok, I admit, this is not a hidden spot at all, but it is one of the most iconic and romantic hotels in Barcelona. Even if you haven't heard of the W, you've most definitely seen it in photos. It's the hotel that stands just short of 100m and towers over Barceloneta beach. If you want to be in the center of the action, and feel like the center of attention, the W Hotel will steal the show.

For anyone interesting in an accommodation that's between the W Hotel and Praktik Gardens, I'd suggest hitting up [Airbnb](#), which is a great alternative for best hotels in Barcelona for couples. There are so many options for no matter what kind of holiday accommodation you're interested in, finding a place to call home for your romantic Barcelona vacation won't be difficult. If you choose to go this route, my suggestion for the best neighborhood to stay in would be Gracia. The trendy, some would call hipster area, is peppered with plenty of great restaurants, design shops, health food stores, and many squares to grab a drink in and enjoy the buzz.

See also: [A Complete Guide to Planning a Trip to Spain](#)

## Activities

Let's return to the topic of romance; unique shared experiences are where it's at in my opinion! If you want to rev up the romance while in Barcelona, consider taking a stroll through its hidden neighborhoods or head out on a day trip.

# Stroll Barcelona's Hidden Neighborhoods

Romance in Barcelona is easily experienced around every corner. All you need to do is feel into every precious moment, and let yourself enjoy. The neighborhoods of Horta and Les Corts are two of my favorite areas for a romantic stroll.

## **Horta - El Labyrinth d'Horta**

El Labyrinth d'Horta is the ideal place to escape the center with your sweetheart. Very few tourists come to the neighborhood of Horta, but let me tell you, it's well worth exploring. There's an absolute calmness in the air. It's one of my favorite spots for sure! Whether you want to wander and reflect on your trip, race your partner through the gigantic maze, or share a few smooches on a quiet bench, you'll love it here!

## **Les Corts - Rosalada de Cervantes**

This one is for all you men reading this. Yes, we women love flowers, but rather than buy us a bouquet of roses, why not bring us somewhere we can admire more than a few flowers. The Rosalada de Cervantes is the perfect spot! Enter through the beautiful Parc de Cervantes, making your way to the garden of roses. Take a stroll or stick around for a picnic lunch. With so few people in the park, even on the busiest days, you'll feel as if you have it all to yourselves. You definitely won't read about this place in a typical guidebook.

The best time to visit is in the morning. You can get there by taking the metro directly to Zona Universitat and walking a few short minutes. Alternatively, and my preferred option is, stopping by Hidden Cafe first! Yes, that is the real name of the cafe, and you'd be crazy not to pop in. Try the incredible coffee and split a piece of their famous carrot cake with your partner to start your morning off right.

For a little city adventure, after the park, continue exploring as you head in the direction of the Pedralbes Monastery. Wrap up your day by visiting the neighborhood with a small village feel, [Sarria](#).

## **Day Trips**

# Weekend Barcelona & Short breaks to Barcelona

Many guides to Barcelona will recommend that you visit cities like Girona if you're seeking a day trip. I must say, [Girona](#) is stunning; however, I on the other hand firmly believe there are far more romantic cities and medieval villages in Catalonia to explore. My suggestion is to rent a car and head out in the direction of Girona. Who doesn't love a road trip within a foreign country, right? I sure do! If you and your partner are early risers, I've got the perfect itinerary, try it out and see if you can fit in all the stops or, break it up into a two-day trip.

1. Admire the canyon views while in **Tavertet**
2. Explore **Rupit**, a charming medieval village

*Tip - Toss in some adventure on a short hike to the Salto de Sallent waterfall*

3. Visit **Besalu** and its Roman bridge.

*Tip - For a romantic lunch or dinner, check out Pont Vell*

4. Take a pit stop in medieval **Pals**

*Tip - Keep in mind, there are two places with the name Pals. You will want to enter into the village, not the Pals located closer to the sea, that is unless you want to camp for the night.*

5. Last stop, **Hostalric**. Walk up to the castle for panoramic views over Catalonia.

## Not interested in a full day road trip?

If you're not too keen on a full day road trip and are looking for something a little more low key, I have just the thing! Fancy a fine glass of wine perhaps? The Alta Alella Winery is located only 14km north of Barcelona in the famous Serralada de Marina region. Their wine tasting experience is well worth it. I attest to the fact, that this is an ideal place to dive deeper into a budding romance. With views over the Mediterranean sea, the Alta Alella Winery has the ideal backdrop for a romantic day.

Looking to add a little more romance to your visit? Contact the winery directly and book in for lunch or dinner in their lush garden after you've toured the cellars and bodega.

At the end of a busy day, the best way to unwind is with a little late night romance. Take a look below for my favorite late night gems in Barcelona.

## **Things to do in Barcelona at night**

There is no shortage of amazing places to finish your day with an evening of romance. With so many options it's difficult to choose. Rather than recommend another cocktail bar in L'Eixample or a busy restaurant near the water, check out these romantic spots instead.

### **Grab a Drink**

#### **The Box**

Barcelona is such a multicultural city, and it's worth exploring all the city has to offer. This is why I've added in, The Box, an incredible Colombian rum bar. What's so romantic about it you may ask? Love is in the air. Go and check it out for yourselves and you'll understand what I mean. The small bar is owned by the cutest couple in El Born, Matias from France and Mayra from Colombia. If you stop by on the weekend, you may get the chance to meet them both. Their story of romance is sure to melt your heart. The love between the two of them not only comes through in their relationship, but it oozes all over the bar, in the decor and within the vibe of the place.

#### **Bobbysfree**

Step back into the 20's to the speakeasy cocktail bar, Bobbysfree. What's more romantic than cuddling up to your partner around a cozy table while enjoying some live music? Not a lot I'd say. One thing to keep in mind before you come is that you will need a password to enter. Don't worry though, you can find it by checking their website ahead of time. From the outside, you'll be entering a barbershop, but step through the secret door into a portal of the past.

#### **El Paradiso**

In recent years this speakeasy bar has gained in popularity, but yet remains hidden. Tucked away in a charming location, close to Passeig de Borne, El Paradiso offers more than a fancy cocktail. Expect to pay a little more than typical here, cocktails are around 14 euros a piece, but they're so worth it! You may be

confused when you arrive, and that is because the entrance of the bar is a Pastrami shop. Through the fridge facade and a red velvet curtain, you enter El Paradiso.

## La Caseta del Migdia

You're most likely familiar with Montjuic, situated close to Plaza España in the direction of the airport. Strolling through the park during the day and walking around the old [Olympic stadium](#) or botanical gardens makes for a great way to pass the afternoon, but what about when sunset is fast approaching? La Caseta del Migdia is one of Barcelona's secret spots, offering remarkable views of the mountains and the sea. Grab a drink or stay for dinner and soak in the views as you relax at the outdoor terrace, perched at the Mirador del Migdia en Montjuic. Spend your evening watching the sunset from one of Barcelona's best-hidden lookout points.

## Dining

There are a plethora of dining options in this city, but I won't share with you a long list of plain jane restaurants. There are plenty of great places to eat breakfast in Barcelona but let's focus on dinners.

Romance is something that is experienced, and one of the best ways to experience romance is with food. With that said, allow me to share an unforgettable dining experience with you. After a walk around the top of Tibidabo, perhaps a ride on the ferris wheel or a visit to the church, head over to the [Observatori Fabra](#) for *Sopar amb les estrelles* (dinner with the stars). Here you can enjoy a romantic dinner under the stars.

End your night here or continue back into the city center for some live music at the underground Jazz bar, Les Gens Qui J'aime. The decor and old feel are sure to evoke an array of nostalgic feelings; making this spot a perfect place to round off your night.

Well, there you have it, a selection of the top romantic spots in Barcelona that your guidebooks won't go into detail about or maybe won't even share with you at all. Yes, strolling down La Rambla, taking a walking Barcelona tour, cooking class, or visiting places like Parc Guell and [Sagrada Familia](#) are worth experiencing. But, when it comes down to romance in Barcelona, heading off the

beaten track is the best way to experience the most profound soul level connections with your love.