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**YOUR A-Z GUIDE TO  
BARCELONA**

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## Essentials

# THE BASICS

**Hola**

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Hi

**¿Cómo está?**

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How are you?

**Por favor**

por fah vohr

Please

**Gracias**

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Thank you

**¿Habla inglés?**

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glays

Do you speak

English?

**¿Cuánto cuesta?**

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How much?

**¿Qué hora es?**

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What time is it?

**¿Dónde está**

**el baño?**

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Where is the

bathroom?

**Una mesa**

**para dos**

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pah rah dohss

A table for two

## Essentials



Geneva Business School works with Balcells to make your move to Barcelona as smooth as possible. For a reasonable price they can help with any of the following services:

- Immigration
- Business
- Taxes & accounting
- Legal
- Real estate

Geneva Business School students **get a discount of 15-20%** at Balcells.

Contact Gonzalo:

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Essentials

# FINDING ACCOMMODATION

## STUDENT ACCOMMODATION



Offer Geneva Business School students **20% off** their service fee.  
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**5% - 10% discount** for friends and family.  
**Code: STUDENTSAB**

**Apartment Barcelona**

**More Info**

**THE  
STUDENT  
HOTEL**

**Promo Code: PRGBS**

**The Student Hotel**

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## Essentials

# FINDING ACCOMMODATION

## STUDENT ACCOMMODATION



Geneva Business School  
Students **get 10% off**  
their service fee.

### Room Housing

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### SPOTAHOME

Offers a **20%** discount  
on the booking fee.

**Discount code:**  
**GENEVABS20**

### Spotahome

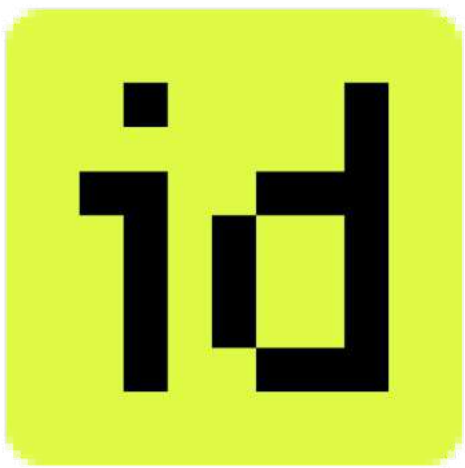
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# FINDING ACCOMMODATION

## STANDARD ACCOMMODATION



**Idealista**

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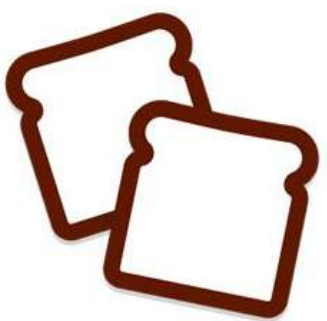
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**Habitacalia**

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**Badi**

**Badi**

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## Essentials

# OPENING A BANK ACCOUNT

**To open a bank account as a resident, you'll typically need the following:**

1. Your valid passport or national identity card (if you're an EU citizen).
2. A document to prove your Spanish address (such as a lease, a recent utility bill or a recent bank statement.)
3. Your Spanish NIE or TIE number.
4. Proof of your employment status (such as an employment contract, a student card or unemployment paperwork).

Geneva Business School students can open an account at Banco Sabadell, contact Alejandro Lopez:



[lopezalejand@bancoabadell.com](mailto:lopezalejand@bancoabadell.com)



# GETTING TO BARCELONA

Getting to Barcelona

# OPTION 1:



## **Airport pickup service**

Available Monday to Sunday,  
24 hours a day.

Please contact Student  
Experience ahead of time to  
arrange a transfer from the airport.

Send an email with your flight  
details and day of arrival.

[\*\*Book Now\*\*](#)

## Getting to Barcelona

# OPTION 2:



### **Aerobus**

This is an express bus service from both airport terminals to the city center. One-way ticket €5.90.

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## Getting to Barcelona

# OPTION 3:



### Taxi

There are taxi ranks outside terminals 1 and 2 that run 24/7. Expect to pay around €30 for the journey. There can be baggage surcharges if you bring several bags. If you would prefer, there is also the option to pre-book a taxi below.

[Book Here](#)



**TRANSPORT**

## Transport

# PUBLIC TRANSPORT

**T-Jove:** This travel card for under 25s allows you to travel as much as you like on all transport services in Barcelona zone 1, for €80, and is valid for 90 days.

**T-Usual:** This monthly travel card with unlimited journeys within Barcelona zone 1 costs €40.

**T-Casual:** This is a 10-trip travel card within Barcelona, zone 1, for €11.35.

*NOTE: you will need to have your NIE/TIE or passport to sign up for the T-Jove & T-Mes.*

[More Options](#)

[View Metro Map](#)



Transport

# BIKE

bicing



The council provides a bike rental service called Bicing. You simply pick up a bike from one of the many stations around the city, complete your journey and return it to your nearest station.

This service has a €50 annual flat rate, or a €35 annual occasional usage membership.

**NOTE:** you will need to have your NIE/TIE to sign up. For more information and to sign up, click below.

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Transport

# USEFUL APPS

An app on bus and metro services, with information on service status and customer service channels.

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This app integrates data for modes of transport, with an emphasis on public transport.

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Transport

# USEFUL APPS

Get the **Cabify app** to get a reliable ride in minutes, at any time of the day.

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An aerial, high-angle photograph of Barcelona, Spain, showing a dense urban landscape with numerous buildings and a prominent view of the Sagrada Família cathedral in the center. The image is overlaid with a dark, semi-transparent filter. The text 'NEIGHBORHOODS' is centered in the middle of the image, with 'NEIGH' in solid white and 'BORHOODS' in white outline. A white diagonal line cuts through the text from the bottom-left to the top-right.

# NEIGHBORHOODS

## Neighborhoods

# EIXAMPLE



Eixample, which translates as “extension”, extends between the Old City (Ciutat Vella), Gràcia and Sants-Montjuic. Lined with designer shops and breathtaking architecture, Passeig de Gràcia is the heart of Eixample. Here you will find numerous Art Nouveau masterpieces including Antoni Gaudí’s Casa Batlló and Casa Milà (La Pedrera), as well as a thriving cafe culture and some of the best tapas and wine bars in the city.

Neighborhoods

# EL GÓTICO



The Gothic Quarter is the center of Barcelona's Old City. Many of the area's buildings date back to medieval times, and some as far as the Roman settlement. This historic quarter draws people in with its plazas, leafy courtyards, and the stunning Barcelona Cathedral. Wander the quaint streets and sample its charming restaurants, the most famous being Els Quatre Gats, where Pablo Picasso often dined.

## Neighborhoods

# EL RAVAL



Historically one of the poorer areas of the city, the Raval is now the focus of an expansive urban regeneration project. Home to the Barcelona Museum of Contemporary Art (MACBA) and quirky haunts such as 200-year-old Marsella and the groovy jazz club 23 Robadors. The Raval also borders the famous thoroughfare of La Rambla, and the food market La Boqueria where you can find chefs from Barcelona's best restaurants buying fresh ingredients.

## Neighborhoods

# EL BORN



The charming cobbled streets and architectural design hint at its historical past that dates back to the 13th century. It also hosts more chic boutiques, renowned restaurants, trendy tapas bars, stylish cafes and wine and jazz clubs than any other area. The Parc de la Ciutadella is a great place to have a stroll, meet up with friends for a picnic, or go jogging.



## Neighborhoods

# BARCELONETA



Barceloneta (Little Barcelona) was originally a fishing village, but is now better known for its sandy beach and lively nightlife. Its beach is the closest one to the city center and a favorite among tourists during the summer months. The residential area maintains its local feel and is characterized by its grid of narrow streets, full of terraced buildings.

Neighborhoods

# GRÀCIA



Until the late 19th century, the neighborhood of Gràcia was actually a separate town, found outside Barcelona's borders. Much of the area is semi-pedestrianised with narrow streets and it's a favorite hangout for the city's bohemian crowd. The highlight of the Gràcia social calendar is the stunning Festes de Gràcia street festival in August. Here, the entire area turns into an outdoor art exhibition made by the residents themselves.

## Neighborhoods

# POBLE-SEC



Poble-sec is Barcelona's most up-and-coming neighborhood, with much to discover at very affordable prices. Paradoxically, Barcelona's "dry village" nowadays boasts the city's cheapest bars. Transcending its previous reputation as a seedy watering hole, Poble-sec is now renowned as one of Barcelona's top destinations for trendy nights out.



**FOOD**  
**& DRINK**

Food & Drink

# HONEST GREENS €€



Honest Greens makes fresh, healthy and seasonal food. Choose a combination of protein, salad and side dishes for lunch or dinner and enjoy juices, kombuchas, coffees, and ecological wines.

*Rambla de Catalunya 3*

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Food & Drink

# NOSTRUM €



Nostrum is a good option for cheap and healthy meals on the go. The food is prepared on site at their countless number of branches and you can create your own three-course meal for less than €10, or simply pick up a snack for as little as €1

*Rambla de Catalunya 20 and  
Calle Diputació 262 and more.*

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Food & Drink

# FRESCCO €



The restaurant offers a huge all-you-can-eat buffet for a little over €10 which includes a varied salad selection of fresh ingredients and much more. The six FrescoCo restaurants around the city are an ideal choice for hungry students on a budget.

*Carrer de Casp 32 and more.*

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Food & Drink

# SURYA €€



This popular spot specialises in Indian street food, offering fast, healthy and reasonably priced Indian meals. Another success story from Geneva Business School alumni! Choose from menu options (€10) such as roti rolls, delicious curries and naan sandwiches.

*Carrer de Pau Claris 92*

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Food & Drink

LAIE €€



Laie is first and foremost a bookshop where you can find an impressive selection of English-language books, but it also hosts a wonderful cafe upstairs. Grab a coffee and a piece of cake or enjoy a delicious gourmet lunch in the elegant dining room.

*Carrer de Pau Claris 85*

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Food & Drink

# EL NACIONAL



El Nacional is Barcelona's first multispace dining experience where you can sample gourmet tastes of the Iberian Peninsula. Whether you fancy fresh fish, tapas or just a cocktail, El Nacional is the place to take family and friends visiting the city.

*Passeig de Gràcia 24*

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Food & Drink

# VAPIANO €€

## ITALIAN CUISINE



Vapiano is the perfect setting for a quick lunch, an afternoon break, or a pleasant dinner with friends or family. Serving freshly made to order pasta, pizzas, antipasti, and salads, prepared in front of guests by Vapiano chefs.

*Gran Via de les Corts Catalanes 630*

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**EMERGENCY**  
**INFO**

## Emergency Info

# EMERGENCY CONTACTS

Emergency services: **112**

Medical emergencies: **061**

Fire brigade: **080**

Police: **088**

Hospital Clínic:

**+34 932 27 54 00**

Crisis SOS Helpline (in English):

**+33 146 214 646**

If you require a PCR test for

**COVID-19**

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