

## What you will never know about Barcino (Barcelona) ... unless you attend the summer course on PNA

One of the bad consequences of asking participants about the summer course is that they do make suggestions. One of them (Sasha!) said some years ago that we should schedule a touristic activity in the middle of the week. And here we are, learning who to do it.

Touristic guides are undefeatable, you know. They are part of a great industry. This industry chose to signal Modernism and Gaudi as the flagship of this Mediterranean metropolis. We think differently. It would be a pity that you leave Barcelona without visiting its very (Roman) foundations, the Gothic Quarter, and having a horrible red “champagne” next to the old harbour. When we were young the place was cheap and open until late night. Now, I suppose it is plenty of tourists.

Anyway, this is the plan for Wednesday 5.

Meeting at 17:00 at Catalonia Square, next to Francesc Macià weird stairs:



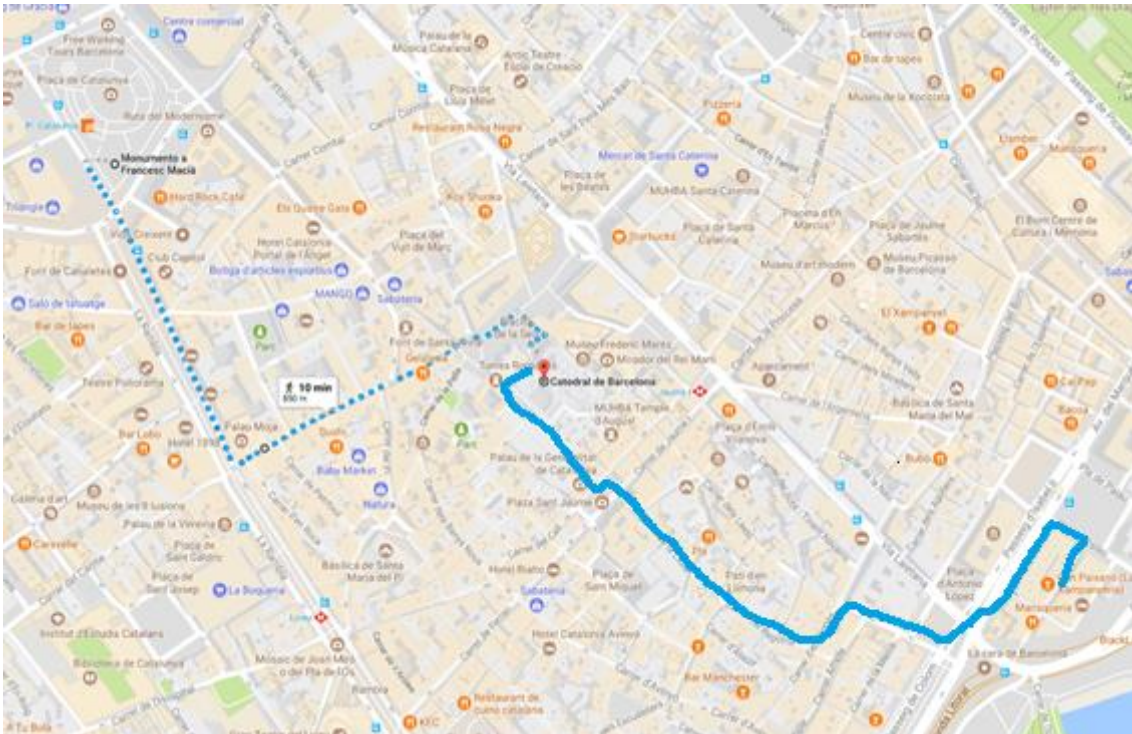
We will walk the Ramblas until the Old Market and Porta Ferrissa (literally, Iron Gate, one of the main doors of the former medieval wall).

Afterwards, we will go the Cathedral and the Roman towers. The old Roman military camp was situated in a small slope, close to the sea, but not too much in order to prevent raids. The *cardus* and the *decumanus* are still there: they intersect in the Sant Jaume Square, flanked by the City Council and the Regional Government palaces.

If we are lucky we will visit the Roman columns of the Jupiter Temple (still there, yes, still there).

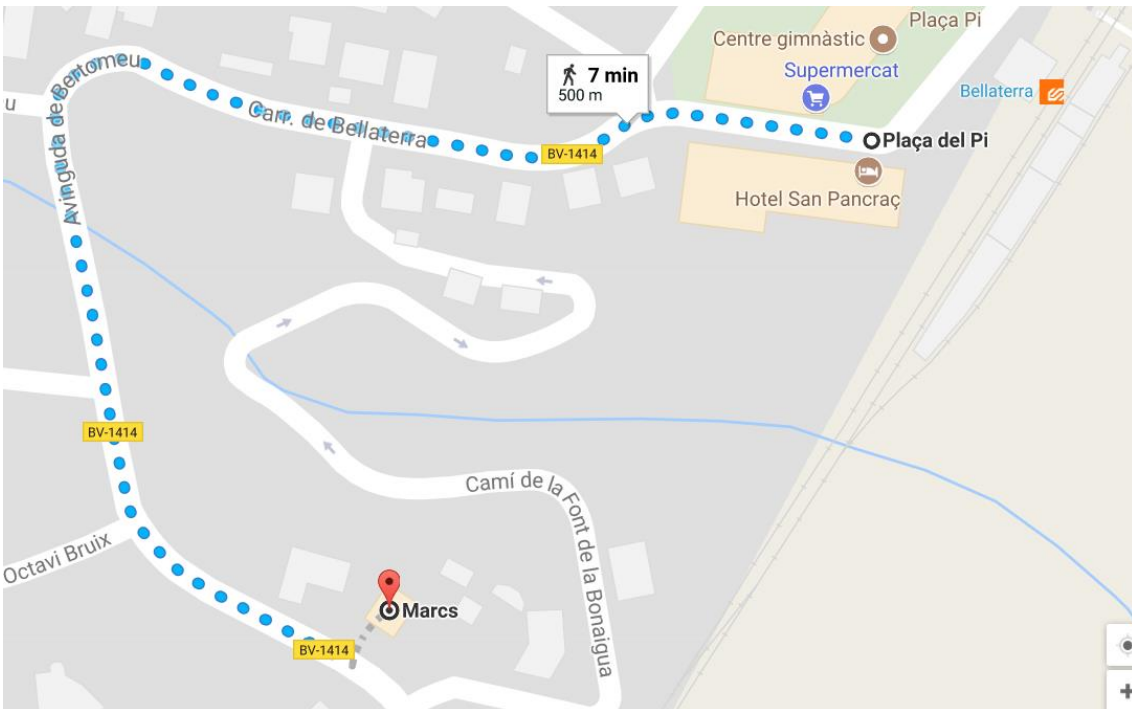
Then we will walk happily our way down to sea for having a fresh beverage where the ships once time were comfortably lying down in the sands of the natural harbour.

I think we will reach the local (Can Paixano) at 18:30.



At 19:30/19:45 we should get the Metro until Catalonia Square and then take the train until Bellaterra.

The Restaurant Marcs is a 10 minutes walk from Bellaterra Station.



The dinner is at 21:00. Last train is leaving at 23:30, so we are not plenty of time.

For those that prefer to go directly to the restaurant we can meet at the hotel campus at 20:30.