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Global BLUE Shop where you see this Global Blue - Tax Free Shopping sign and ask for your tax refund receipt. To qualify, there are minimum amounts, per store, per day, so please ask the retailer for details. Show your purchases and Global Blue receipts to Customs officials when leaving the EU. Have your Global checks stamped and collect your cash at the Global Blue cash refund office.



Look for these signs or flags in all of our preferred shops.
Beware of "similar" signs at store fronts.
If the store is not mentioned on this map, then the store is not part of our program!

PORT EXPLORER & SHOPPING MAP GUARANTEE Shop with confidence as all the merchants on our Preferred Shopping Program have been carefully selected and that each offers a 60 day guarantee to our cruise line guests. This guarantee is for repairs and exchanges. Please note the following conditions apply to the guarantee: Guest negligence or buyer's regret is excluded. Price paid for merchandise or verbal claims/agreements between merchant and guests will not be grounds for returns. Only jewelry appraisals from gem laboratories or independent graduate gemologist appraisers not affiliated with jewelry retailer, or rug appraisals from certified non-commercial carpet experts will be considered for valuation claims. Watches and other brand merchandise may not be returned as they carry International brand warranties. Guests are responsible for all postage returns and appraisal fees.

Please contact us at Europeshopping@rccl.com if any queries arise after your purchase from our preferred shops on shore. We will do our best to facilitate a solution on your behalf.



Barcelona, Spain

PORT EXPLORER and SHOPPING GUIDE

GENERAL INFORMATION Barcelona is the most important city of Catalonia as well as being the administrative capital. With a population of approximately 3 million, it is the second largest city in Spain and the largest on the Mediterranean coast.

Nestled between the Pyrenees and the Mediterranean, Barcelona enjoys a mild sunny climate. It's a bustling city, an important sea port and center of commerce.

The people are lively and active, immensely proud of their Catalan culture, as seen by the use of their own Catalan language in books, newspapers, television and radio programs.

Barcelona was the host of the 1992 Olympics which helped to rejuvenate some areas of the City, improving the roads and tourist facilities.

SHORE EXCURSIONS To make the most of your visit to Barcelona and surrounding areas we suggest you take one of our organized Shore Excursions. For information concerning tour content and pricing consult your Shore Excursion Brochure or contact the Shore Excursion Desk. When going ashore, be advised to take with you only necessary items and secure any valuables onboard.

LOCAL CUSTOMS Bargaining: Prices listed in shops are not negotiable. It is only possible to bargain in flea markets or perhaps with an Antique Dealer.

Tipping: In most restaurants a 10% gratuity is acceptable.

LOCAL CUISINE AND DRINK SPECIALTIES Paella is the Spanish national dish, a combination of seafood, chicken and vegetables mixed together in a saffron-flavored rice. Typical Catalan cuisine focuses on fish dishes such as Zarzuela, up to a dozen different types of seafood are used in this dish which is served in a brandy and wine sauce. Pa amb tomàquet is a peasant-style bread, topped with fresh tomato and grilled. For dessert try Crema Catalana, the local version of Caramel Custard.

Priorato is a popular local red wine. Cava is the world-renown Spanish Champagne produced in the Penedés region just outside Barcelona. Try a Sangría, a blend of red wine, brandy, orange juice, mineral water and fruit. Bottled water is recommended.

LOCAL CURRENCY The unit of currency in this port of call is the euro. There are 8 euro coins denominated in 2 and 1 euros, along with 50, 20, 10, 5, 2, and 1 cent pieces. Every euro coin carries a common European face. On the obverse, each Member State deco-

rates the coins with their own motifs. No matter which motif is on the coins they can be used anywhere inside the Member States. There are 7 euro notes. In different colors and sizes, they are denominated in 500, 200, 100, 50, 20, 10, and 5 euros. The notes are uniform throughout the euro area; unlike coins, they have no national side. All euro notes are legal tender in all countries of the euro area.

There are plenty of exchange bureaus located through-out the City, not to mention banks. Look for the word "Cambio" (Exchange).

POST OFFICE AND TELEPHONE FACILITIES The main Post Office is located on Plaça Antonio Lopez at the bottom of Via Laietana, approximately 3/4 of a mile from the Columbus Statue.

The Telephone (Telecom) Center is located La Rambla, 88. It is possible to place international calls from here.

TOURIST INFORMATION The Tourist Information Office is located at Plaça Catalunya, 17-5 (i).

TRANSPORTATION A limited number of Taxis are usually available at the Pier. Fares are metered, and most taxi drivers will accept U.S. Dollars.

Barcelona has a good Metro system, the central station located at Plaça de Catalunya. There are two main train stations in Barcelona; França Station on Avinguda del Marques del' Argentera s/n and, Sants, the main station, on Placa dels Paisos Catalans s/n. The Airport is located some 8 miles from the City center.

USEFUL WORDS AND PHRASES

- Yes • Si
- No • No
- Good Day • Buen Dia
- Good-bye • Adios
- Thank You • Gracias
- You're Welcome • De nada

(Visitors will find a combination of Spanish and Catalan is used. The words listed above are in Spanish.)



