



Your way to Skate Love Barcelona 2021 International Skate Music Festival September 16-19, 2021

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Your safe way to Skate Love Barcelona

A lot has changed in the travel world since the pre-pandemic days of 2019. Even if it seems like your life is going back to normal — you're back in the office, you're going out sans mask and your social calendar is once again busy — traveling is far from normal. In the section **“International Travel During COVID-19”** we provide some useful information, to ease your travel to Skate Love Barcelona and make your stay memorable.

Barcelona - Capital of Catalonia

Barcelona (also known as “Barna”) is located at the coast of the Mediterranean Sea in northeastern Spain. It is the capital and largest city of the autonomous region of Catalonia, as well as the second most populous municipality of Spain. With a population of 1.6 million within city limits, Barcelona is an international tourist destination, with numerous recreational areas, nice beaches, and mild and warm climate. Historical monuments, including eight UNESCO World Heritage Sites, among them the famous buildings designed by the architect Antoni Gaudí.

Barcelona tourism office provide useful information for sites and events in the city

<https://www.barcelonaturisme.com/wv3/en/>

What you can expect from Skate Love Barcelona

International Roller Skate Event

Skate Love Barcelona is an international skate party in a social and multicultural environment. As the largest skate party in Europe, Skate Love Barcelona 2021 includes beach skate parties, city skate tours, workshops and social gatherings. The event takes place in two cities: Barcelona and Badalona. Badalona is located to the immediate north east of the city of Barcelona, 12 km (5 miles) distance. Both cities (inside Barcelona province) are connected by regional trains with 20 minutes travel time. Some people skate there from Barcelona.

Website: www.skatelovebcn.com/

Facebook page www.facebook.com/skatelovebcn/

Facebook event page: www.facebook.com/events/550307829245964/

Instagram: www.instagram.com/skatelovebcn/

Hashtag: #skatelovebcn

Select your roller skating equipment

Skate Love Barcelona is an outdoor skate party. Although the surfaces at the party areas are smooth concrete, outdoor wheels, or indoor wheels with low durometer (85A-92A) will boost the fun. Leave your Vanathane or Fo-Mac wheels at home. Barcelona is a great city for roller skating with skating spots, sidewalks, beach boardwalks, and urban bike paths. If you join the sightseeing tours on skates, or experience roller skating outside the Skate Love party areas, outdoor wheels will be strongly recommended. Also for your safety, protection gear can be advantageous, depending on your outdoor skating skills and personal preferences. Wrist guards are at any rate very useful and can prevent common injuries in outdoor skating. Use of a skating helmet could also be considered.

How to get to Barcelona

By air travel

Airport for Barcelona is **Barcelona–El Prat (BCN)** <https://www.barcelona-airport.com/>

BCN is the second largest and busiest airport in Spain, but with a limited number of intercontinental flights. BCN is connected to a large number of European airport hubs, among them London, Amsterdam, Paris, Frankfurt, Munic, Madrid - and literally all large European cities, like Berlin, Milan, Lisbon, Zurich, Geneva, Porto, Dublin, Vienna, Copenhagen, Moscow, Prague, Manchester, to name only few. Barcelona is also the biggest European destination for

low-cost carriers (airlines like SouthWest or JetBlue in the US). Major low-cost airlines in Europe with destinations to BCN are:

- Vueling Airlines
<https://www.vueling.com/EN/>
- Ryan Air
<https://www.ryanair.com/us/en>
- Easyjet
<https://www.easyjet.com/en/>
- Norwegian
<https://www.norwegian.com/>

Connections to Barcelona by train

Barcelona Sants is the main railway station in Barcelona. Madrid Puerta de Atocha railway station is 2.5h away on the AVE Madrid-Barcelona high-speed rail line. Operated by Renfe: <http://www.renfe.com/EN/viajeros/index.html>

Some suggested options for traveling

There are four main travel options for skaters from the US to get to Barcelona.

1. Direct flight
2. Stopover flight with airlines offering roundtrip to BCN, e.g. Delta, KLM, AirFrance via Amsterdam or Paris, British Airways via London, Lufthansa via Munich or Frankfurt, and many others, with luggage checked through to the final destination BCN
3. Stopover flight with changing from the transcontinental flight to low-cost airline, and baggage claim and check-in by the passenger in the stopover airport, This additional time and effort could be cost-saving, because of the large amount of low-cost airlines to Barcelona and the low air fares. And you can take it as an opportunity to stay one or two days and visit another European city.
4. Flight to Madrid and changing to the high-speed train. Fares start at \$120 for the roundtrip

Online metasearch and booking platforms support your trip. You can search for the lowest fare and best prices in hotels.

Where to stay

Barcelona is a main tourist destination and ranked the most popular city to visit in Spain. Hotels, hostels, AirBnB are offered in all price and comfort categories. For 2021, we are working with a Tourism Agency to offer accommodations for the festival participants in Badalona to have everything closer. www.skatelovebcn.com/hotels

If it's your first time, we recommend to stay in the magical city of Barcelona the previous days of the festival, and then move to Badalona to be closer to the skate action.

At <https://www.skatelovebcn.com/> you find a Skate Love Barcelona 2021 Google Map with the location of the events.

International Travel During COVID-19

Information from your home country authorities

You have to follow country- and region-specific entry restrictions, both from your country to Barcelona, and from Barcelona to your home country. Regulation can change. **Please track the most recent regulations and inform yourself at the specific websites of the authorities in your country.**

Examples:

- Germany
<https://www.auswaertiges-amt.de/de/ReiseUndSicherheit/spaniensicherheit/210534>
- USA
<https://es.usembassy.gov/covid-19-information/>
- UK
<https://www.gov.uk/foreign-travel-advice/spain>
- France
<https://es.ambafrance.org/Covid-19-a-savoir-pour-tout-deplacement-entre-la-France-et-l-Espagne>

Spain-specific restrictions

Entry to Spain from all EU and Schengen-associated countries is generally possible. For entry from outside the EU, Spain is implementing the EU Council recommendation for the partial lifting of entry bans for third countries for certain countries through the ordinance of the Spanish Ministry of the Interior. Entry from other countries is still subject to restrictions at the EU external borders. **For details see the Spanish travel website (<https://travelsafe.spain.info/en/>), and your country authorities websites and apps.**

Barcelona (Catalonia) specific restrictions

In the Autonomous Community of Catalonia, there is currently a night curfew between 1 and 6 a.m. in larger municipalities with a high incidence. This affects, among others, Barcelona, Badalona as well as some other tourist places on the coast. Meetings are still limited in terms of the number of people. Restaurants and discos close at 12:30 a.m. More information at the Catalan website (<https://web.gencat.cat/en/activem/restriccions-territorials/catalunya/index.html>)

General travel measurements and regulations

Travelers entering Spain by air or sea, including those in transit, must fill out a health screening form on the Spain Travel Health portal (<https://www.spth.gob.es/>) that generates a QR code that must be presented upon check-in and upon entry. This can also be done using the free SpTH app. The generated QR code can also be presented as a hard copy. The airlines are obliged to have the electronic entry form (QR code) presented to them before departure. Incorrect information or the lack of the QR code can be punished with fines. **Important: The form can be filled out a maximum of 48 hours before the planned entry.** The seat number can also be entered retrospectively in the electronic form that has already been completed. However, the QR code is only generated when the traveller enters the seat number in the form.

Please also check information and guidelines of your airline regarding requirements and restrictions at check-in, during boarding, and on board.

Travelers from risk areas

The Spanish government publishes a regularly updated list of countries classified as risk areas (<https://www.mscbs.gob.es/profesionales/saludPublica/ccayes/alertasActual/nCov/spth.htm>). **This could be countries, but also specific regions or states within a country.**

All travellers over the age of twelve who have stayed in a risk country / area are required to carry one of the following documents with them:

- Either a negative test result (nucleic acid amplification tests, e.g. PCR, LAMP, or TMA tests are recognized)
- or antigen tests recognized in the European Union (so-called "rapid test").
- or proof that the full vaccination was carried out at least 14 days before the start of the trip with a vaccine approved by the European Medicines Agency (EMA) or the WHO by way of emergency approval. The proof of vaccination must contain the following information: first and last name of the traveller, date of vaccination, vaccine, number of vaccinations, issuing country, competent authority.
- or proof that recovery from COVID-19 infection was no more than 180 days ago. Evidence may be provided no earlier than 11 days after the first positive result. Proof of recovery must contain the following information: first and last name of the traveller, date of acceptance of the first positive nucleic acid amplification test, test procedure used and issuing country.

If test: The test may have been carried out a maximum of 48 hours before entry. Evidence of the negative test result must contain the following information: first and last name of the traveller, date of test acceptance, test procedure used, country of residence of the laboratory, negative test result.

This obligation also applies to travellers from a risk area in France who enter Spain by land.

All evidence must be available electronically or in paper form in Spanish, English, French or German.

The COVID-19 pandemia has changed traveling abroad. It is important to check with your government or state department website for the latest information on travel bans, coronavirus safety and security, and entry requirements.

Spain does not have a free universal health care system. Prove the coverage of your health insurance during your stay in Spain or sign a travel health insurance, and make sure that COVID-19 related treatment is covered as well.

Useful links for your planning

- Spain Travel Health Portal
<https://www.spth.gob.es/>
- Spain Tourist Information Covid19 Portal
<https://travelsafe.spain.info/en/>
- Countries regarded by Spain as risk areas
<https://www.mscbs.gob.es/profesionales/saludPublica/ccayes/alertasActual/nCov/spth.htm>
- Restrictions throughout Catalonia (COVID-19)
<https://web.gencat.cat/en/activem/restriccions-territorials/catalunya/index.html>

How to get around Barcelona

Barcelona has one of the best public transport systems in Europe, and the city center itself is really walk-able and comfortable to explore by bike, or even roller skates. The tickets for public transport which you purchase are valid for the metro, tram as well as the train, if you're not leaving the city with the train. The train, however, would be the better option when you are getting to Badalona, or out of the city or for day trips.

The Barcelona metro operates daily starting from as early as 5.00 am. On Friday night the metro runs until 2 am. And from Saturday night to Sunday, the metro operates all night long. Check out the schedule on the official website <http://www.tmb.cat>

If you consider yourself a motorbike rider, renting a scooter will be an option. You can park almost everywhere around the city. Even better than a scooter is actually renting a beautiful classic Vespa.

Renting a bike can also be a great option to get around Barcelona.

And by car...? A rental car in Barcelona can be quite a hassle. The traffic is always busy, the parking spots are super limited, and even if you manage to score one, you will have to pay for parking. Also, driving through Barcelona by car can be very slow.

There are 11.000 taxis to choose from. Fully licensed taxis in Barcelona are black with yellow sides/doors. At the airport taxis cannot be hailed, you have to queue up to be assigned for waiting taxi at the taxi stands in front of Terminals (T1, T2). There is a minimum charge of 20 Euro for taxis from Barcelona Airport (if your hotel is near the airport check first to see if your hotel includes free shuttle service). You can also book Barcelona taxis using “Uber-like” apps, “Cabify” www.cabify.com “Free Now” <https://free-now.com/uk/>,”Ntaxi” <https://www.ntaxiapp.com/>, “pidetaxi” <https://pidetaxi.es/> or “joinup” <https://joinup.es/>. Could be good to know: If you lose property or belongings in taxi contact the Barcelona Taxi Lost Property Helpline: Tel: +34 93 707 0600 or web <https://taxi.amb.cat/en/usuari/objectes-perduts/formulari>

Take an Uber? Sorry. **Uber and Lyft don't operate in Barcelona.**

The app “Citymapper” <https://citymapper.com/> (for Android and iOS) provides the best way through Barcelona’s public transit. It integrates data for all urban modes of transport, from walking, and cycling to driving, with an emphasis on public transport.

Things to be attentive

Due to its large influx of tourists each year, Barcelona, like many other tourism capitals, has to deal with pickpockets, with wallets and passports being commonly stolen items. For this reason, most travel guides recommend that visitors take precautions in order to ensure their possessions' safety, especially inside the metro premises. Despite its moderate pickpocket rate, Barcelona is considered one of the safest cities in terms of health security and personal safety.

For more information related to the festival...

Please visit the FAQ in the website <https://www.skatelovebcn.com/faq>



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