Conference Location:

Novotel Barcelona Sant Joan Despi ****
Carrer de TV3 2, 08970 Sant Joan Despí, Barcelona Spain
Tel: +34 93 475 58 00
Fax: +34 93 373 52 13
Email: H3289-SB@accor.com
By Air:
One of the advantages of Barcelona’s airport is that it is really close by the center of city, at just 14 km. It is located at El Prat del Llobregat, the town that gives the name ‘Aeroport del Prat’ to the airport, the second largest of the country after Madrid ‘Aeropuerto de Barajas’.

Visa:
Before you start planning your travel to Barcelona in Spain you should visit the Ministry of Foreign Affairs’ web page to see if you need to get a visa.

Information to Foreign Citizens:
Visas info:

By Car:
From Barcelona, take the A2 (E90) highway in the direction of Sant Joan Despi then take exit No.3 for St. Joan Despi. From Tarragona, take the A7 (E15) or A2 (E90) highway in the direction of Barcelona and Av Diagonal then take exit No.2 for St. Just and St. Joan Despi.

Car Hire:
You will find the rental companies for car hire at Barcelona airport in both Terminal 1 and 2. The Car hire company in Terminal 2 is only in building T2B. Each of these companies is right next door to each other so you can be sure of cheap car rental prices. You can try arranging your car rental directly with the companies but often internet based reservation services can give you a better price as they have negotiated discounts for bulk reservations.

More information about the rates and contact details:
By Public Transportation:

**a. By bus**
Take route No.78 which departs from Sants station in Barcelona, alight at TV3 station

*Tickets’ types and prices:*
- Single Ticket: 2 €
- Student Ticket: 0,90 €
- Two day travel card: 18,8 €
- Four day travel: 23,5 €
You can buy your ticket on line by visiting: [https://kiosk.iristickets.co.uk/k?v=tmb&ka=English&lang=en_gb](https://kiosk.iristickets.co.uk/k?v=tmb&ka=English&lang=en_gb)

**b. By taxi**

Taxi Stops in front of terminals A, B & C. Taxis are an affordable alternative to public transport. A 15 minutes journey will only cost about €10.00. Licensed Taxis have to charge you the amount displayed on the meter. However if you are carrying extra luggage there may be a small surcharge. Rates will be displayed inside the cab.
You book your taxi at: +34 93 225 0000, +34 93 357 7755, +34 93 300 2314

**c. Metro**

Barcelona has a clean, punctual, air-conditioned metro system that will take you to most of the major sites. All main entrances have a wall map to help you plan your journey. To estimate your journey time on the metro. As a general rule of thumb allow 2 minutes per stop. Some stops are quicker and some slightly longer but over all this rule of thumb works well to give you an estimate of travel times with a little time built in for possible small delays etc. If you need to change metro lines then add an extra 10 minutes for the change. You will only need to wait 5 minutes between trains at the very most. On Sundays the metro runs a little less frequently in which case add an additional 10 minutes waiting time to your overall calculation.
For more information about the route: [http://www.tmb.cat/en/linia-de-bus/-/bus/78](http://www.tmb.cat/en/linia-de-bus/-/bus/78)
Location: 41.40° North, 2.17°E East
Population: 1,615,448
Area: 101.4 km²

History:
Founded as a Roman city, Barcelona became the capital of the County of Barcelona. After merging with the Kingdom of Aragon, Barcelona became one of the most important cities of the Crown of Aragon. Besieged several times during its history, Barcelona has a rich cultural heritage and is today an important cultural centre and a major tourist destination. Particularly renowned are the architectural works of Antoni Gaudí and Lluís Domènech i Montaner, which have been designated UNESCO World Heritage Sites. The headquarters of the Union for the Mediterranean is located in Barcelona. The city is known for hosting the 1992 Summer Olympics as well as world-class conferences and expositions, including the 1888 Exposición Universal de Barcelona, the 1929 Barcelona International Exposition (Expo 1929), the 2004 Universal Forum of Cultures, and the 2004 World Urban Forum.

Barcelona is today one of the world's leading tourist, economic, trade fair/exhibitions and cultural-sports centres, and its influence in commerce, education, entertainment, media, fashion, science, and the arts all contribute to its status as one of the world's major global cities. Indeed, it is a major cultural and economic centre in southwestern Europe 26th in the world and a growing financial centre (Diagonal Mar and Gran Via). As of 2009 it was ranked Europe's fourth best city for business. One of Europe's principal Mediterranean ports can be found here as well as Barcelona international airport, which handles above 34 million passengers per year. It also boasts an extensive motorway network and is a hub of high-speed rail, particularly that which is intended to link Spain with France and the rest of Europe.

Barcelona is the 16th-most-visited city in the world and the fourth most visited in Europe after Paris, London, and Rome, with several million tourists every year. Barcelona is the 14th most "livable city" in the world according to lifestyle magazine Monocle. Similarly, according to Innovation Analysts 2thinknow, Barcelona occupies 13th place in the world on Innovation Cities™ Global Index. It is the fourth richest city by GDP in the European Union and 35th in the world with an output amounting to €177 billion, a figure nonetheless smaller than alternative estimates. As of 2009 the city was ranked Europe's third and one of the world's most successful as a city brand. Barcelona is also the capital of the autonomous community of Catalonia, Barcelona is the seat of the Catalan government, known as the Generalitat de Catalunya; of particular note are the executive branch, the parliament, and the Supreme Court of Catalonia. The city is also the capital of the Province of Barcelona and the Barcelonès comarca.
Tourist Information Centre
@ Plaça Catalunya Square
Daily: 08:30 - 20:30
Address: Plaça Catalunya 17
Tel.: +34 93 285 3834

Barcelona Airport
@ Airport Terminals T1 and T2B
Daily: 09:00 - 21:00
Address: El Prat de Llobregat Barcelona, España
Tel. 1: +34 93 378 8175
Tel. 2: +34 93 378 8149
Email: ot.aeroportbenta@gencat.cat

Source: http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Barcelona
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Hotel: Novotel Barcelona Sant Joan Despi ****
Hall: Claravia
Address: Carrer de la TV3, 2 08970 Sant Joan Despi, Spain
Ph.: +34 93 47 55 800
Time: 20.00-24.00
Weather
The weather in Barcelona is pleasant for most of the year. The average daily temperature in September and in October usually is 24°C to 26 °C. From November to February the temperatures are cooler, averaging around 12°C.

Time
Barcelona is one hour ahead of Greenwich Mean Time (GMT+1).

Banks
Banks are regularly open on Monday to Friday 08:00 and 08:30 to 13:30 or 14:00. They may open once a week during the afternoon during the winter period (October to April).

Post Office
Post Offices are regularly open Monday to Friday 08:30am-21:30pm and on Saturday 08:30am-14:30pm.

Shopping
Most shops and shopping centers are open Monday to Saturday from 10:00 to 20.30 or 21:30 hours. Traditional gift shops are open from 10:00 to 14.00 hours and from 16.30 to 20.30 hours.

Electricity
Electricity supply is 220 volts throughout Spain with 2 pin wall sockets. For any European countries that utilise 240 volts e.g. UK and Ireland most electrical equipment will function adequately. If you intend to use the UK electrical plugs then you will need an electricity plug adapter that will convert the standard 3 pin socket into a two pin socket. In the US where the electricity supply is 110 volts a transformer would be required to step down the voltage to 110 volts. Damage to the electrical appliance can occur if you attempt to use a 110 volt rated electrical appliance with a 220 volt supply.
Special Needs
Delegates and accompanying persons with disabilities are invited to advise the Congress Secretariat of any special requirements.

Pharmacy
Pharmacies are found throughout the city of Barcelona. There are some pharmacies which offer non-stop service 24 hours a day. [http://barcelona.angloinfo.com/af/271/barcelona-pharmacies-medical-services-and-supplies.html](http://barcelona.angloinfo.com/af/271/barcelona-pharmacies-medical-services-and-supplies.html)

Currency
Spain is a member of the EU, it is not so far a member of the Eurozone and for this reason, the euro is the official currency. To convert currency [http://www.xe.com](http://www.xe.com)
Barcelona Cathedral

The earliest origins of Barcelona Cathedral date back to a basilica with three naves, destroyed by Al-Mansur in 925. The remains of this basilica can be seen at the City History Museum. Around 1046, Bishop Guislabert pushed for the construction of a new cathedral. There are hardly any references to this cathedral. It is believed to have occupied part of the Gothic building but all that has been preserved is Romanesque.

Address: Pla Seu, 3, 08002 Barcelona
Opening hours: Mondays to Saturdays: from 13h to 17h, Sundays and public holidays: from 14h to 17h
Fees: General admission: 5 €

For more details about the fees you can visit the official site (in Spanish language):

URL: http://www.bcn.es/cgi-bin/eveure_eq.pl?id=92086000934
**Sagrada Familia by Antonio Gaudí**

The expiatory church of La Sagrada Família is a work on a grand scale which was begun on 19 March 1882 from a project by the diocesan architects Francisco de Paula del Villar (1828-1901). At the end of 1883 Gaudí was commissioned to carry on the works, a task which he did not abandon until his death in 1926. Since then different architects have continued the work after his original idea. The building is in the centre of Barcelona, and over the years it has become one of the most universal signs of identity of the city and the country. It is visited by millions of people every year and many more study its architectural and religious content. It has always been an expiatory church, which means that since the outset, 130 years ago now, it has been built from donations. Gaudí himself said: "The expiatory church of La Sagrada Familia is made by the people and is mirrored in them. It is a work that is in the hands of God and the will of the people." The building is still going on and could be finished some time in the first third of the 21st century.

**Address:** Calle Mallorca, 401, 08013 Barcelona  
**Opening hours:** October - March: 09:00 - 18:00  
**Fees:** full admission €13.00  
For more details about the fees you can visit the official site:  

[URL: http://www.sagradafamilia.cat/](http://www.sagradafamilia.cat/)

**L'Aquarium de Barcelona**

An ideal place to see the sea bed, and particularly the Mediterranean, and a fantastic option for enjoying your free time. In L’Aquàrium de Barcelona, as well as the tanks and the displays, you can enjoy the different services we offer you for your visit to be as pleasant as possible (cafeteria self-service, L’Aquàrium shop, souvenir photo, the auditorium, etc.).
Address: Moll d'Espanya del Port Vell 08039 Barcelona
Opening hours: Open all year round
Opening: 9.30h, Closing: Monday through Friday: 21.00h Weekend and public holidays: 21.30h
Entrance Fee: Adults: 18.00 €, Children from 3 to 12: 13.00 €, Adults over 60: 15.00 €
URL: http://www.aquariumbcn.com/AQUARIUM/info_horario.php

Poble Espanyol de Montjuïc

The Spanish people is one of the many attractions offered by Barcelona. This is a small village made up of different neighborhoods replicas to maintain the style of the houses and architecture from different parts of Spain. There you can find, besides the renowned flamenco show tablao Carmen, various craft shops and workshops where they produce some traditional items of Spain.

Address: Avda. Marques de Comillas, 13 08038 Barcelona
Opening hours: Monday: from 9 PM to 8 PM  
Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Sundays from 9 AM until midnight
Friday: from 9 AM to 3 AM, Saturdays: from 9 AM to 4 AM
Entrance Fee: full admission €9,50, seniors: €6,60, children €5,60

**Picasso Museum**

The museum has arranged Picasso's paintings in chronological order from his early days to his final works. Arranging the paintings in this way gives you a fascinating insight into the development of Picasso thinking over time and shows how he developed the distinctive designs that he is famous for today.

**Address:** Montcada, 15-23 08003 Barcelona  
**Opening hours:** Tuesday - Sunday: 10:00 - 20:00. Closed on working Mondays  
**Entrance Fee:** full admission € 11  
**URL:** [http://www.museupicasso.bcn.es/](http://www.museupicasso.bcn.es/)

**La Pedrera - Casa Mila by Antonio Gaudí**

The Royal Canonry of Premonstratensians at Strahov is one of the oldest monasteries of the Premonstratensian Order in the world. It has been a working monastery practically ever since it was founded in 1143. Fire, the Hussite Wars, religious wars, and the Communists all failed to shut down this institution. Even when the members of the monastery were unable to live within its walls, they gathered wherever they could and nurtured the spirit of their House until they were able to return to the monastery complex.

**Address:** Calle Provenca, 261 – 265, 08008 Barcelona  
**Opening hours:** Daily, March - October: 09:00 - 20:00  
**Entrance Fee:** Adult: €16.50, Children (six and under): free, Children (7-12 years old): €8,25  
All Barcelona Highlights Tour

The perfect tour for people on a short visit: the best way to see everything, covering the distances and avoiding the lines. Visit Barcelona's major landmarks: Passeig de Gracia, Parque Guell, Sagrada Familia, Olympic Village and more!

Tour Route
Passeig de Gracia, Park Guell, Sagrada Familia, Port, Columbus Monument, Miramar Lookout, Joan Miro Foundation, Olympic Ring Stadiums, Poble Espanyol including free time for lunch.

Open Bus Tours
Fees: Price adults: 66 euros, children (3-12): 35 euros, infants (0-3): free
Departs: Daily at 9:00

Contact information
Phone number: +34 9317 86083
On line contact form: http://www.barcelonacitytours.com/contact.html
URL: http://www.barcelonacitytours.com/tours/details/8906/All-Barcelona-Highlights-Tour/
Barcelona Walks Gourmet

Enjoy a flavour-filled journey in a guided tour through the old town and discover Barcelona's cuisine. During this walk you will find out about the history of Barcelona's cuisine as well as some of its flagship restaurants and food outlets, to enjoy sampling some of their produce. Bon appetit!

Tour Route
Farm Viader, Market of La Boqueria, Confectionery Escriba, Cafe de le Opera, Petrixol street, Chocolateria Fargas, La Pineda, Les turronerias del carrer Cucurulla, Barcelona 600 years of gastronomy culture, Cafes el Magnifico, Tostaderos Casa Gispert, Botifarreria de Santa Maria, The wineries of La Ribera.

Fees: Price adults: 20 euros, children ((4-12): 7 euros, infants (0-4): free
Pick up departure: Turisme de Barcelona information office. Pl. de Catalunya, 17.
Departs: Fridays and Saturdays in English at 10:00 am
Contact information
Phone number: +34 9317 86083
On line contact form: http://www.barcelonacitytours.com/contact.html
URL: http://www.barcelonacitytours.com/tours/details/9055/Barcelona-Walks-Gourmet/
Barcelona FC Stadium Tour/Museum

The Barcelona football stadium is the 3rd largest football stadium in the World after the stadiums in Sao Paulo, Brazil and Mexico City. Barcelona Camp Nou has a capacity of 110,000 people. This tour is the most popular tour in Barcelona. If you really want to go on this tour you book your Barcelona FC tour tickets before you arrive.

**Fees:** Price adults: 23 euros, children (6-13): 17 euros, infants (0-5): free

**Contact information**

**Phone number:** (+34) 93 496 36 00

**Email:** museu@fcbarcelona.cat

**URL:** http://www.fcbarcelona.com/camp-nou/camp-nou-experience/detail/card/opening-times

More Tours in Barcelona:

http://www.barcelonacitytours.com/
http://www.barcelona.com/barcelona_city_tours/barcelona_city_tours
The contemporary traditional Catalan cuisine scene in Barcelona makes the city one of the best food destinations in the world. The plates elaborated in these Barcelona’s kitchens are creative, but utilize locally sourced ingredients based on dishes of the past, reinterpreted with great attention to detail, creativity, presentation, and contemporary cooking techniques.

**Fonda Gaig (Typical Catalan Cuisin)**

Carles Gaig was born in the Barcelona neighbourhood of Horta. His family had a long history in the restaurant business, having owned the ‘Taberna d’en Gaig’ since 1869.

**Address:** Carrer Còrsega, 200  
**Tel:** +34 934 53 20 20  
**E-Mail:** info@fondagaig.com  
**Ferrum Restaurant**

In a warm and refined place not far from city center, **Ferrum** could be defined as a modern Catalan gastronomic restaurant. We appreciate very much the way the chef transforms fresh market products and traditional recipes into something new, sophisticated and amusing.

**Opening hours:** Monday to Friday from 13-15:30 and from 21-23:30, Saturday from 21-23:30. Closed on Sunday and Saturday at lunch time.

**Address:** C/ Còrsega, 400
**Tel:** +34 934 577 610
**E-Mail:** ferrum@ferrum.es

**URL:** [http://www.ferrum.es/](http://www.ferrum.es/)

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**Cal Pep (Tapas restaurant)**

Cal Pep is one of the most known tapas restaurant in Barcelona. Its reputation goes largely behind the city wall and it's justified. Everything is fresh and fun, the tapas, the people, the service, the wine!

**Opening hours:** Monday from 7.30pm to 11.30pm, Tuesday - Friday from 1pm to 3.45pm and from 7.30pm to 11.30pm, Saturday from 1pm to 3.45pm, Closed Sunays and holidays

**Address:** Pl. de les Olles, 8
**Tel:** +34 933 107 961, +34 933 196 281
**URL:** [http://www.calpep.com/](http://www.calpep.com/)
Arola Restaurant

Arola restaurant in Barcelona is located on the second floor of the luxury Hotel Arts. One comes there for its brand new pop design, its beautiful terrace in front of Frank Gehry's giant wale and great live music set with local DJs.

Opening hours: 13:30-15:30pm and 20:00-11:30 every day
Address: Marina 19-21
Tel: +420 221 421 160
Email: artsrestaurants@ritzcarlton.com
URL: http://www.hotelartsbarcelona.com/sub/20/31/es/restaurantes-arola

More options to dine in Barcelona:
http://www.barcelona.com/barcelona_city_guide/where_to_eat_barcelona/