

Cerveceria Catalana, Tapas and Raciones in Barcelona

I sing praises about [Barcelona](#), a city where I am accepted as an outsider by Catalan people due to the nature of my surname. [Cerveceria Catalana](#) is a popular *raciones* bar and restaurant located on Carrer de Mallorca, just off of Passeig de Gracia. A location that I discovered initially when visiting Barcelona with my parents, I now make a point of dining at this establishment during my excursions to the Catalan capital city.



They feature a broad variety of typical *raciones* and a bountiful selection of beers, wines and cavas. I am passionate about shrimp in all of their forms, and have acquired a taste for *pulpo gallego*.



Cerveceria Catalana does not accept reservations and diners must wait patiently for their names to be called in order to be seated. In one instance of good fortune, the host allowed me to bypass the line due to my surname. Diners can watch the paella chefs work their magic while ordering drinks at the bar.



The tasteful decoration and elegant dress of the crowd could mislead travelers into thinking that this is a *pijo* establishment and above their pay grade—this is absolutely not the case. Plates are affordable, each ranging between 4-6€.

[Facebook](#)

Address: Carrer de Mallorca 236

Phone: 932 16 03 68

Metro: Diagonal

Also check out our post on '[How to get to Barcelona from Madrid](#)' (in which we suggest another great neighborhood bar!)

Barcelona

What to see:

La ciudad condal (as it's also called in Spanish) has everything you'd like to see in a city: crazy **Gaudi architecture**, great food and of course, the Mediterranean. One of the most visited cities in the world, Barcelona has been written about a lot and it's not our mission at **Naked Madrid** to show you what the city has to offer. We jus want to tell you how to get there!

From Madrid, there are many ways to get there, although I highly recommend the **high speed train (AVE)**. It takes barely 3 hours and most importantly, it picks you up and drops you off right in the center city (a true godsend). You'll also skip the waiting time at the airport and the annoying 6-hour drive from Madrid. Plus, it's not too expensive if you get the ticket in advance and choose the right date (be aware of the [public holidays](#)).

To get your trip started, you should read [Barcelona yellow post](#). Here, you'll find the 10 must-see sites in Barcelona such as **Sagrada Familia**, **Montjuic** or **Barrio Gótico**. Another good one is Devour Barcelona's [blog](#). But I find my favourite tips in [El boquerón viajero](#).



One place to eat at that we recommend is: Colmado

Our friends Bianca and Gaby took us to Colmado, a traditional Spanish restaurant and bar with a terrific atmosphere. You must order their **patatas bravas** (Potatoes with alioli sauce) and **pan tumaca** (bread with tomato and olive oil). It was really remarkable. You should call to book a table (a barrel with stools around it) ahead, as the place gets really busy.

Colmados's main info:

- [Website](#)
- [Facebook](#)
- Address C/ Provença, 236
- Tel 935 46 20 06





How to get there:

- By Train (High Speed Train – AVE)

Depart from: Atocha train station

Schedule:

Departure [Madrid-Barcelona \(AVE\)](#)

Return [Barcelona – Madrid \(AVE\)](#)

Duration: approx. 2.45 hour

Price: 50€ (round trip approx. 100€).

*[Link to Renfe's Web Site to get the tickets](#)

▪ **By bus (Alsa)**

Depart from: Avenida de America or Barajas airport

Duration: approx. 7 hour 30 min

Price: 32,46€ (round trip 64,92€)

*[Link to Alsa's web site to get your tickets](#)

Where to find it on a map: