

## HIGHLY SPECIALIZED OPHTHALMOLOGY INSTITUTE

Since three decades in the vanguard of diagnosis and treatment of sight problems.

The OMIQ is an emblematic institution that is renowned and respected for having a team of ophthalmologists with a vast professional experience in surgical techniques.

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OMIQ has positioned itself as an ophthalmologic center with international transcendence, being a pioneer of intraocular lens implantation in Spain.

The members of its team publish and present their scientific works in several conferences, invited by professional and academic institutions.

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BARCELONA is a city on the coast of northeastern Spain. It is the capital and largest city of the autonomous community of Catalonia, as well as the second most populous municipality of Spain. With a population of 1.6 million within city limits, its urban area extends to numerous neighbouring municipalities within the Province of Barcelona and is home to around 4.8 million people, making it the fifth most populous urban area in the European Union after Paris, Madrid, and Milan. It is one of the largest metropolises on the Mediterranean Sea, located on the coast between the rivers Llobregat and Besòs, and bounded to the west by the Serra de Collserola mountain range, the tallest peak of which is 512 metres.

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 are located in Barcelona. The city is known for hosting the 1992 Summer Olympics as well as world-class conferences and expositions and also many international sport tournaments.

Barcelona is a major cultural, economic, and financial centre in southwestern Europe, as well as the main biotech hub in Spain. As a leading world city, Barcelona's influence in global socio-economic affairs qualifies it for global city status.

The Golden Mile is the city's famous 5km stretch of boutiques. It's so called as it is the number one address for haute couture, luxury ready-to-wear fashion, designer names, jewellery and department stores. The strip starts at the top of Las Ramblas, at Plaça de Catalunya, stretching out along Passeig de Gràcia, crossing Avinguda Diagonal and finishing at Plaça de la Reina Maria. Passeig de Gràcia is Barcelona's most chic artery, home to some of the biggest international names in fashion, making it ideal for window shopping. Avinguda Diagonal brings together a series of large international names, as well as fashion boutiques and restaurants where you can take a well earned break. Amongst the highlights are Versace, Giorgio Armani, Burberry, Bally, Chanel, Cartier, Mont Blanc and Calvin Klein, as well as top quality Spanish brands stocking an amazing range of clothing, shoes, jewellery and accessories in the latest chic European styles. The Golden Mile is for the most part adapted for a large number of pedestrians, making it easy to stroll from shop to shop without worrying about the traffic. The centre of the Eixample district, on the Passeig de Gràcia, features some of Antoni Gaudí's most striking and best-known buildings. On the corner of Carrer Provença, stands the Casa Milà, popularly known as La Pedrera, the Catalan for stone quarry, with its undulating forms reminiscent of the waves of the ocean. Further down the street is the Casa Batlló, a metaphor for the legend of Saint George and the dragon. From here you can follow Gaudí's footsteps to his key work, the Sagrada Família, an unfinished architectural compendium which has become the symbol of Barcelona.

But Gaudi's works don't end here. Park Güell is essential in order to understand the Gaudiesque interplay between nature and architecture. The gatehouses to the Güell Estate, near the Palau de Pedralbes, the crypt of the church in the Colònia Güell and the Palau Güell, on Carrer Nou de la Rambla, also bear the name of his main patron, Eusebi Güell.

The Casa Calvet, the magnificent Casa Vicens, and the Torre Bellesguard, are other examples of his work we can admire in Barcelona, as well as the less well-known convent school, the Col·legi de les Teresianes, a splendid building in the neighbourhood of Sarrià. Barcelona is Gaudí's city, the place where this world-renowned genius left his unique imprint.



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## Leisure in Barcelona

Tibidabo Amusement Park
Gaudi Route:
(Sagrada Familia, La Pedrera, Casa Batllo, Parc Guell)
Gothic Route:
(Cathedral area and old town)
Montjuich Spanish Village
CosmoCaixa
Egyptian Museum
Picasso museum

Contemporary Art Museum

Natural Science Museum