

## 43rd EPRA meeting

25-27th May 2016, Barcelona

### Programme

#### Wednesday, 25<sup>th</sup> May 2016

- 15:00-17:45 Registration at the NH Stadium and at the Hotel Princesa Sofia
- 18:00 Departure from Hotels NH Stadium and Princesa Sofia (to walk)
- 18:30-19:55 Camp Nou Experience tour (optional, free of charge)
- (19:30 for those Delegates not attending the Camp Nou Tour, there will be a departure from Hotels NH Stadium and Princesa Sofia [to walk])*
- 20:00 – 22:30 Welcome Dinner at the Camp Nou Stadium (Terrace)

#### Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> May 2016

- 08:15 Departure from the Hotel NH Stadium (to walk)
- 08:30 – 09:00 Registration at the Hotel Princesa Sofia
- 09:00 – 17:30 EPRA meeting in the Hotel Princesa Sofia
- 13:00 – 14:30 Lunch in the Hotel Princesa Sofia
- 19:30 Departure from Hotels NH Stadium and Princesa Sofia (bus)
- 20:00 – 23:00 Dinner at the Pedralbes Palace

#### Friday 27<sup>th</sup> May 2016

- 08:30 Departure from the Hotel NH Stadium (to walk)
- 09:00 – 13:00 EPRA meeting in the Hotel Princesa Sofia
- 13:15 – 15:00 Lunch in the Princesa Sofia Hotel
- 15:30 – 17:30 Guided visit to the Born district + visit to the Picasso Museum (free of charge)

#### Saturday 28th May 2016

- 08:30 – 12:30 Modernist Barcelona tour (€ 15 per person)
- 09:00 – 16:30 One day tour. OPTION A: Visit to the town of Sitges (€ 54 per person)  
OPTION B: Visit to the Monastery of Montserrat (€ 55 per person)

## Facts about Catalonia and Barcelona

### Catalonia



With a surface area of 32.107 km<sup>2</sup> and a population of 7.508.106 inhabitants, Catalonia has a very diverse and divided orography, with extensive mountain ranges mirroring the coastline, inland depressions, mountain peaks reaching 3.000 metres high in the Pyrenees, and just 240 metres to the south in the river Ebre delta.

The orography itself is notably responsible for the climate. While it can be said that the winters are mild and the summers are hot and dry, the temperatures themselves vary considerably between the coastline, the inland plains and the Pyrenees.

Geography has played a favourable role with regard to the Catalan economy. Its location in the Iberian Peninsula and the Mediterranean has made it a top rank strategic position as a port in the south of Europe, by road transport, motorways and rail transport; by sea, due to port that is constantly growing, and by air, taking advantage of the platform that constitutes the Barcelona airport.



This set of circumstances has led to a strong industrial activity, which is very important for the overall economy of Catalonia, particularly in the chemical, food, energy, metal and transport material sectors. Nevertheless, in recent years, special attention has been paid to logistics and the knowledge economy, an activity that is growing all over Europe. The commitment to new technologies and the audiovisual industry is already giving a distinct personality to the Catalan economy.

In recent years, tourism has increased in such a way that it has become one of the most notable economic activities of Catalonia. This phenomenon has had a particular impact on the consolidation and expansion of commercial activity.

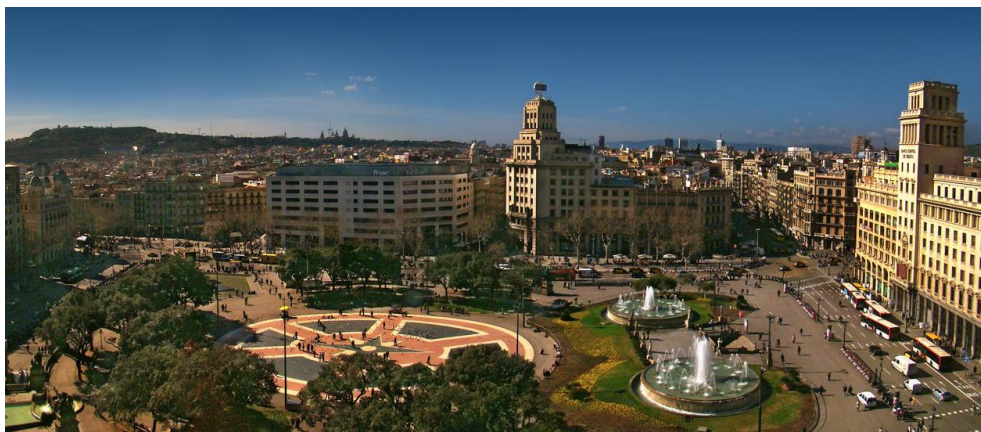


Catalan culture and language has developed its own unique and universal identity over the centuries. The innovative flair, creativity, capacity to absorb different influences, co-existence and tolerance values have shaped a culture that is both national and cosmopolitan. Traditionally, art and schools of thought seep into Catalonia as a result of its geographic location, open to the Mediterranean and European countries.

Worldwide known is the Modernisme of Antoni Gaudí and Lluís Domènech i Montaner, the surrealism of Salvador Dalí, the abstract paintings from Joan Miró, the avant-garde of Antoni Tàpies and Modest Cuixart and, at present, the sculptures of Jaume Plensa. Remarkable are the literary works of Josep Vicenç Foix, Mercè Rodoreda, Salvador Espriu and Miquel Martí i Pol.

Musicians like Enric Granados, Pau Casals and Jordi Savall and Catalan chefs like Ferran Adrià and the Roca Brothers, owners of the best restaurant in the World 2015, represent worldwide the cosmopolitan Catalan Character.

## Barcelona



Barcelona is a city that is full of social and cultural vitality, open to the world and all cultures. The city is set apart due to its old centre with Roman and Medieval relics and the Eixample which is an urban model and a core of neighbourhoods that connect the old municipalities around Barcelona.



The city is a mix of all of these elements: the millenary history, modernist creativity and the personality of each neighbourhood, which is not just maintained but reinforced as the years go by.

Barcelona is one of the world's leading tourist, economic, trade fair and cultural centers, and its influence in commerce, education, entertainment, media, fashion, science and art contributes to its status as one of the world's major cities. It is a major cultural and economic center in southwestern Europe, as well as a financial centre.

The city has a suitable combination of its most important architectural heritage with works denoted by more well-known architects of the time: Norman Foster, Richard Meiers, Jean Nouvel, Arata Isozaki, Toyo Ito, etc. It conserves the heritage of its Roman past and it has eight buildings or sites that have been declared world heritage by UNESCO, all of which are modernist genius works: the 'Sagrada Família' cathedral, the 'casa Milà' house (known as the 'Pedrera'), the 'casa Batlló' house, the 'palau Güell' palace, the 'casa Vicens' house and Park Güell, created by Antoni Gaudí; and the Hospital of the Santa Creu and Sant Pau and the 'Palau de la Música' Music Palace by Lluís Domènech i Montaner.



Barcelona has a great number of museums, which cover different areas and eras. The National Museum of Art of Catalonia possesses a well-known collection of Romanesque art while the Barcelona Museum of Contemporary Art focuses on post-1945 Catalan and Spanish art. The Fundació Joan Miró, Picasso Museum and Fundació Antoni Tàpies hold important collections of these world-renowned artists.

The city is also a city of parks and beaches. Of Barcelona's parks, Montjuïc is the largest, with 203 ha located on the mountain of the same name; followed by the Parc de la Ciutadella which houses, amongst others, the Parliament of Catalonia building.

As for the beaches, Barcelona contains seven beaches, totalling 4.5 kilometres of coastline. [Sant Sebastià](#), [Barceloneta](#) and [Somorrostro](#) beaches, both 1,100 m in length, are the largest, oldest and the most-frequented beaches in Barcelona.



Barcelona offers the visitors nice pedestrian courses to have a first-hand experience of the city. One of the most famous is Les Rambles, a tree-lined pedestrian [mall](#), connecting [Plaça de Catalunya](#) in the centre with the [Christopher Columbus Monument](#) at the harbour. Please, note that the word Rambles comes from the English verb “to ramble”, that is to walk casually or leisurely.



Last but not least, Barcelona has a long sporting tradition and hosted the highly successful [1992 Summer Olympics](#). It has also hosted, among others, about 30 sports events of international significance.

[FC Barcelona](#) is a [sports club](#) best known worldwide for its [football](#) team, one of the largest in the world. Also, it is the only men's club in the world to accomplish a [sextuple](#). FC Barcelona also has teams



in basketball, [handball](#), [roller hockey](#), ice hockey, futsal and rugby, all of them winners of the highest country or/and European competitions. The club's museum is the second most visited in Catalonia. FC Barcelona's [Camp Nou](#), the largest stadium in Europe with a capacity of nearly 100,000 people.



### Hotel accommodation

Please use the online booking platforms especially prepared for this purpose in pages 8 and 10 of this document.

**The deadline for hotel bookings expires on 31 MARCH 2016. Please, take this notice seriously**

The Hotels we would like to suggest as accommodation options for the EPRA Delegates would be the following:

- a) **Hotel Princesa Sofia**
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- <http://princesasofia.expohotels.com/en/>

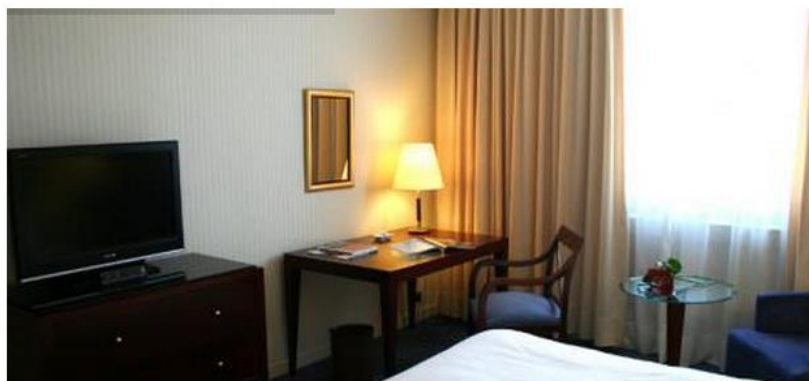


The Princesa Sofia will be the EPRA convention meeting venue and one of the two hotels we would like to suggest as accommodation for the EPRA Delegates. The Hotel is located in the number 4 of the Plaça Pius XII and offers the perfect combination of harmony and luxury with access to all the most important venues at the EPRA Delegates fingertips.

The Hotel Princesa Sofia is located in the heart of the financial and commercial centre of Barcelona, the hotel has a great range of bedrooms and convention rooms that we hope will cater the tastes of the EPRA Board, Secretariat and Delegates. There is the AQUA Diagonal SPA, gymnasium, swimming pool and solarium within the hotel. It has easy access from and to the airport and to public transport to discover every bit of Barcelona, and it's just 8 minutes from the Camp Nou stadium.

Next to the hotel, in Avinguda Diagonal, the EPRA Delegates can find some of Barcelona's largest and most exclusive shopping centres. Just a few minutes walking distance from the hotel there are three shopping centres with a wide variety of shops and leisure options.

The Hotel Princesa Sofia rooms are large (23 m<sup>2</sup>), soundproofed windows that get natural light. They are decorated in warm tones with finishes in luxury hardwood. The rooms are equipped with very comfortable beds, with feather eiderdowns and an extensive selection of premium pillows on request, so that the EPRA Delegates can enjoy the most restorative rest possible. Spacious wardrobes and a desk make each bedroom the ideal space for long and short stays, both for business and pleasure trips.







The Hotel Princesa Sofia also offers to the EPRA Delegates that book the accommodation in this Hotel a gym area and a spa and wellness center



### Hotel Princesa Sofia booking conditions

Preferential rates apply until the 31st March 2016. Please, note that preferential booking rates cannot be guaranteed after the 31st March. You can book your accommodation **via the Princesa Sofia Hotel booking platform** <https://www.expohotels.com/en/events-and-meetings/epra16/?lightbox=0>

### Prices until 31st March 2016:

- **Classic room (1 adult): €173,8** (VAT, buffet breakfast included, Wifi and SPA access included). City tax not included: € 2.25+ 10% VAT per person per night (Direct payment at the hotel).
- **Classic room (2 adults): €193,6** (VAT, buffet breakfast included, Wifi and SPA access included). City tax not included: € 2.25+ 10% VAT per person per night (Direct payment at the hotel).

Please, send a copy of the confirmed bookings to Mònica Duran [mduran.cac@gencat.cat](mailto:mduran.cac@gencat.cat) ccing Emmanuelle Machet [machet@epra.org](mailto:machet@epra.org)



## Hotel NH Barcelona Stadium



### b) Hotel NH Stadium

<http://www.nh-hotels.com/hotel/nh-barcelona-stadium>

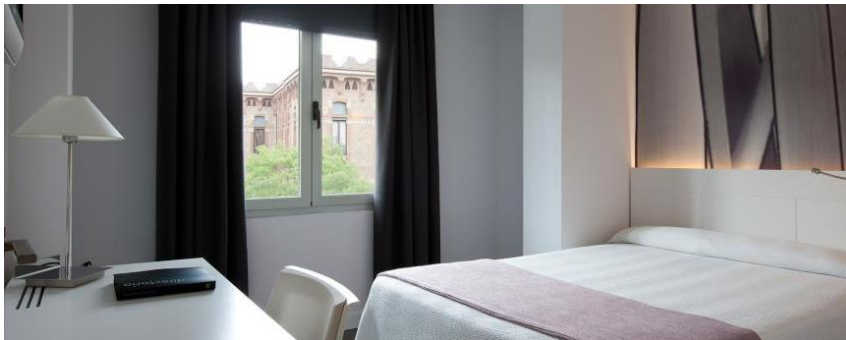
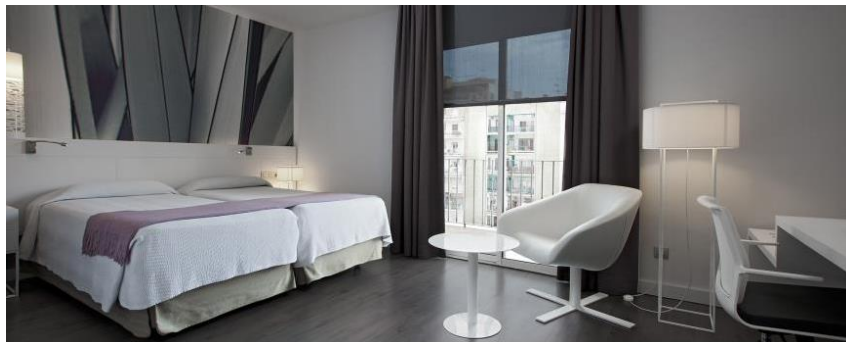
The second Hotel we would like to suggest to the EPRA Delegates is the NH Barcelona Stadium.

The NH Barcelona Stadium Hotel is located in Travessera de les Corts, 150-152, and has easy access from and to the airport. It is also 7-minute walk from FC Barcelona's stadium and museum, the Illa Diagonal shopping mall and El Corte Inglés are both nearby and it's within easy reach of the metro, train and bus.

The rooms of the Hotel are modern, quiet and comfortable. Rooms are stylishly decorated in shades of black and white, with mauve accents. Top-floor rooms have city views on one side, and views of FC Barcelona's stadium on the other.

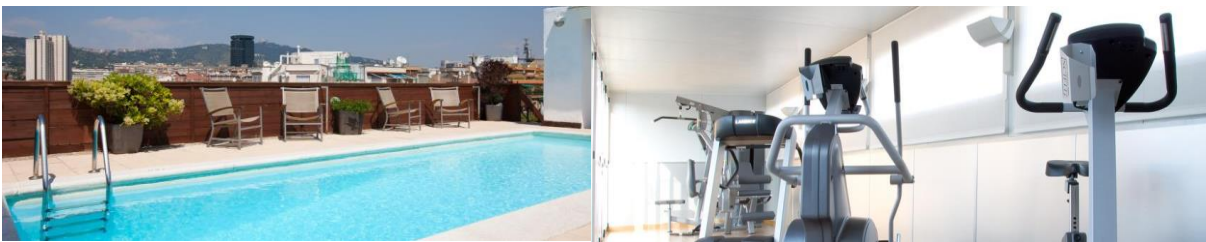


The rooms are 18 m<sup>2</sup> offer air conditioning, bathroom amenities set, choice of pillows, desk, electrical adapters available, hairdryer, Minibar, safe, sitting area, soundproofing, free Wi-Fi, newspapers, and satellite TV.





The NH Stadium also offers to the EPRA Delegates that book the accommodation in this Hotel a gym area and a spa and a fitness room



Please note that from the swimming pool the EPRA Delegates that decide to stay in this hotel can have a great view, including the Hotel Princesa Sofia.

### **Hotel NH Stadium booking conditions**

You can already book your preferential accommodation rates via the **NH Stadium Hotel online booking platform** [http://www.nh-hotels.com/events/en/event-detail/26172/43rd\\_epra\\_meeting\\_in\\_barcelona.html?\\_ga=1.258878026.1520608379.1429785787](http://www.nh-hotels.com/events/en/event-detail/26172/43rd_epra_meeting_in_barcelona.html?_ga=1.258878026.1520608379.1429785787) .

The Hotel offers the same rate for room reservations before and after the EPRA meeting, under hotel availability. Please, note the booking rates cannot be guaranteed after the 31st March 2016.

- **Standard room single use: €123,20** (VAT and buffet breakfast included).
- **Standard room double use: €137,50** (VAT and buffet breakfast included).

Please note that there is a touristic tax of 1.21€ per day/per person (Direct payment at the hotel).

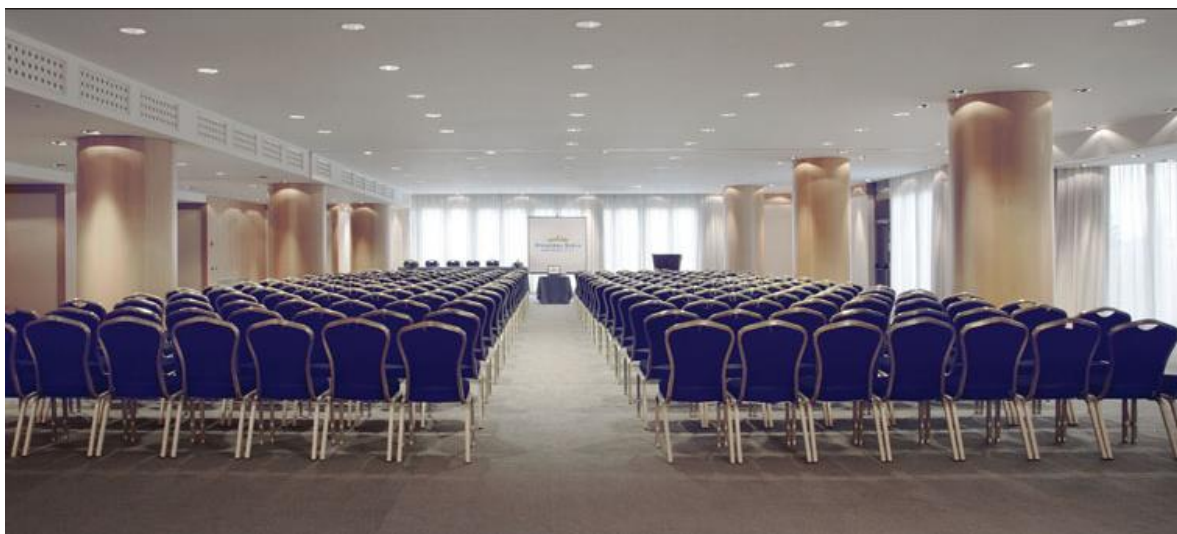
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### **EPRA meeting venue**

The EPRA meeting venue will be the Hotel Princesa Sofia, the lunches of Thursday and Friday will also take place here. The Hotel Princesa Sofia guarantees one major convention room with all the required facilities and 3 convention rooms for the 3 working groups for Thursday afternoon.



The pictures available on-line of the convention rooms are only in theatre structure, but we already have specified the Hotel that we would like them in Class structure.



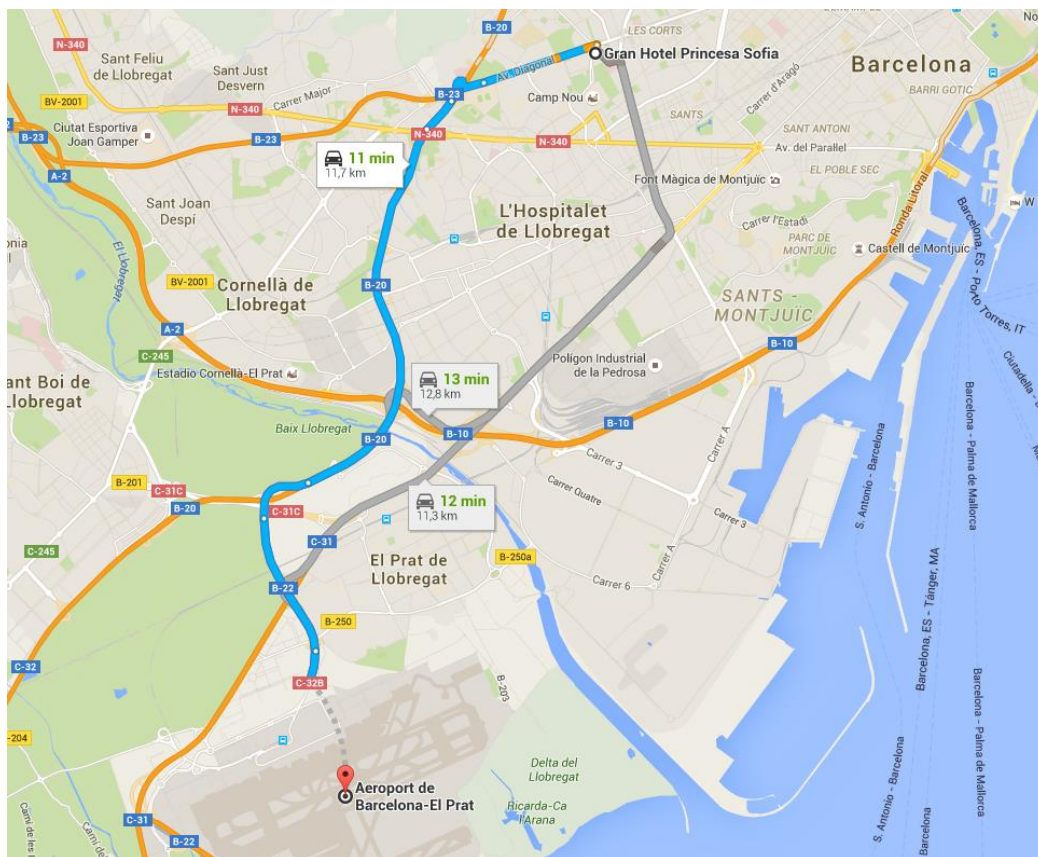
## Participation fee

Three Delegates of each EPRA member are welcome free of charge. Due to budgetary constraints, for any additional delegate of an EPRA member, a **participation fee of €300,-** will be due. The corresponding participation fee form is attached to the invitation. If you plan to participate with a delegation consisting of more than three Delegates, please complete the form and return it to the specified address.

## How to get to Barcelona

### Easy access from the Airport Barcelona-El Prat

There are several ways to get into the **Hotel Princesa Sofia** from the Airport Barcelona-El Prat, as the hotel is located 20 minutes (depending on traffic conditions) from the Airport.

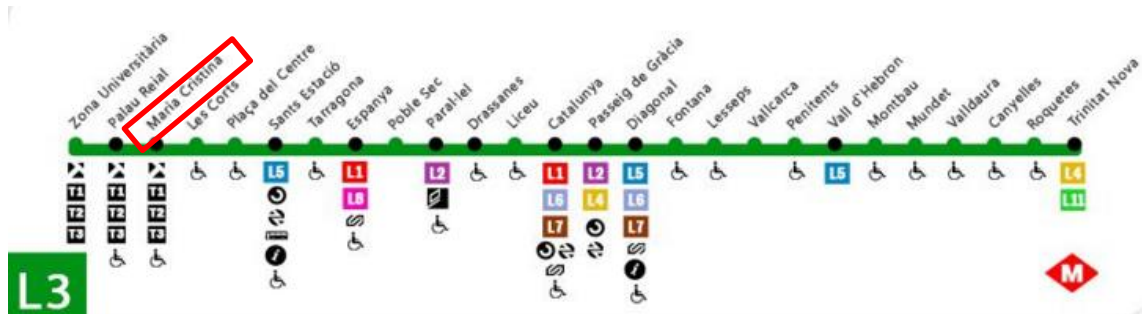


### a) On public transport:

- **Metro:** There is a metro service from terminals 1 and 2 of the Airport Barcelona-El Prat. The trip takes around 25 minutes. The EPRA Delegates should get off at the Zona Universitària metro stop to take the connection with the L3 (green line). The Hotel Princesa Sofia is at the Maria Cristina stop. This means two stops from Zona Universitària.

The Airport metro ticket costs €4,50 one way.





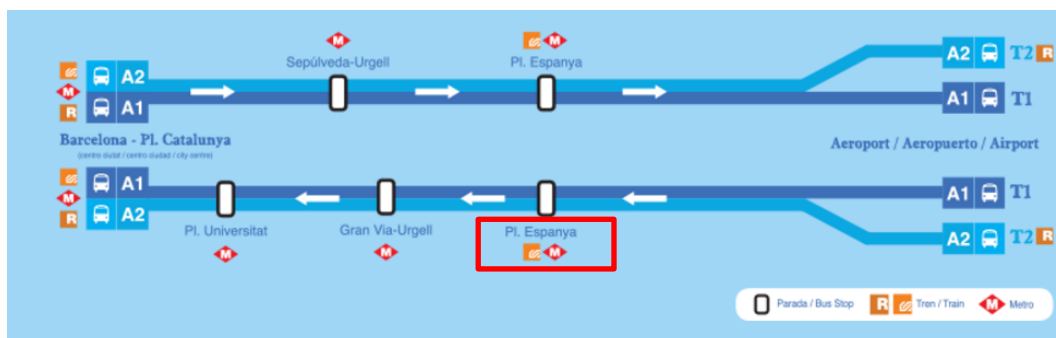
- **Bus:** There is the Aerobus service from terminals 1 and 2 of the Airport Barcelona-El Prat



Aerobus is the official shuttle bus service that connects the Airport Barcelona-El Prat and the centre of Barcelona every 5 minutes, every day of the year, in approximately 35 minutes. The passengers are able to travel between any of the two airport terminals (T1 or T2) and the centre of Barcelona (Pl. Catalunya) in only three stops away. Along the route there are stops at the most important points of the city: Pl. Catalunya, Sepúlveda-Urgell, Plaça Espanya, Gran Vía-Urgell, and Plaça Universitat.

The buses dispose over a wide space especially designed for your luggage. Free Wifi and USB chargers on board.

The Aerobus ticket costs €5,90 (one way) and €10,20 (round trip). Tickets can also be purchased online <http://www.aerobusbcn.com/en/buy-tickets> or at the bus.



The EPRA Delegates using the Aerobus service have to get off at the Pl. Espanya stop and take the L3 (green Line) from Espanya to Maria Cristina (6 stops).

- **Train:** There is a train service covering the Terminal 2 (T2) of the Airport Barcelona-El Prat to the Sants train station, which is the closest train station to the suggested Hotels. From the Sants train station, take the L3 metro line (green line) from Sants-Estació station to Maria Cristina station. The train trip from the Airport Barcelona-El Prat to the Sants train station takes 19 minutes (map of the Sants train station attached below).

The train ticket to the Sants Train Station costs €4,1 and can also be purchased online <http://rodalies.gencat.cat/en/index.html> or at the Airport train station.

- **Taxis:** Barcelona Airport Taxi Service. There are always a large number of taxis available at Barcelona-El Prat Airport. They cannot be hailed randomly - it is necessary to join a queue, where you will be directed to a taxi that is waiting. There are taxi ranks outside both Terminal 1 (T1) and Terminal 2(T2) at Barcelona Airport.

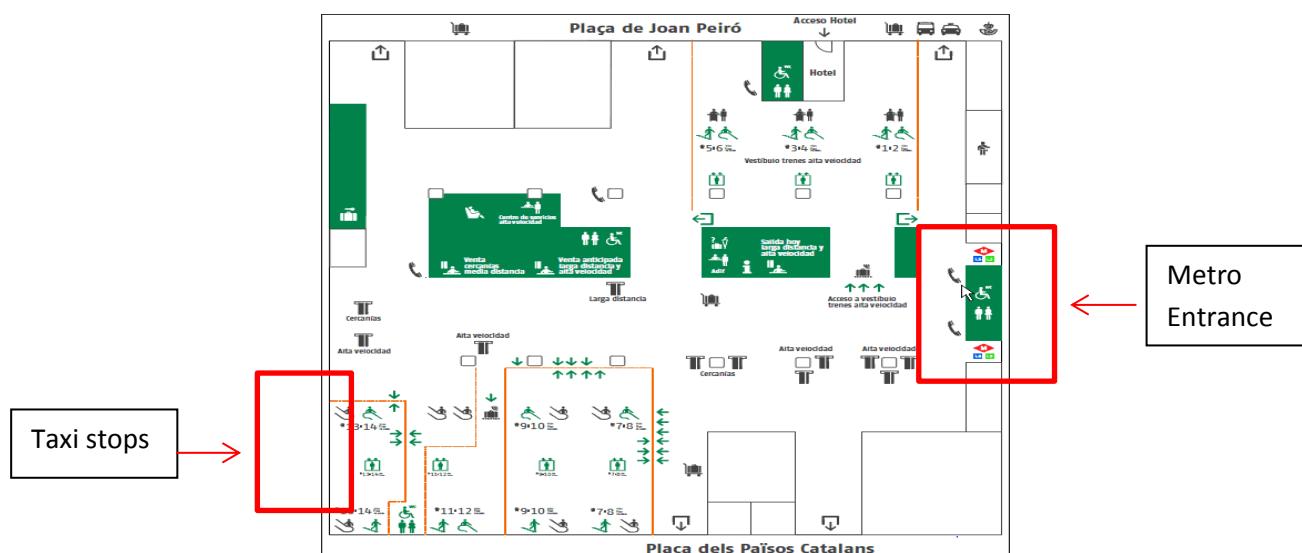
There is a minimum charge for taxis from Barcelona Airport. The standard Barcelona taxis are black with yellow sides. There are taxi ranks located outside T1 and T2 (T2A, T2B and T2C) at Barcelona-El Prat Airport. They are easy to locate: just look for the signs for the taxi rank when you leave any terminal building which will point you in the right direction to the nearest taxi rank.

Expect to pay around €25.00 for the journey into the centre from T2 and €30.00 for your journey from T1.

### Easy access by Train Station

Barcelona Sants is Barcelona's largest train station and provides rail services (including high speed trains) both in and around Barcelona, Spain, France and beyond.

EPRA Delegates arriving to Barcelona by train can take the metro line L3 (green line) from Sants-Estació to Maria Cristina station, or take a taxi outside the train station (taxi cost should not be more than 10-15 euros). Map of the Sants Train Station:

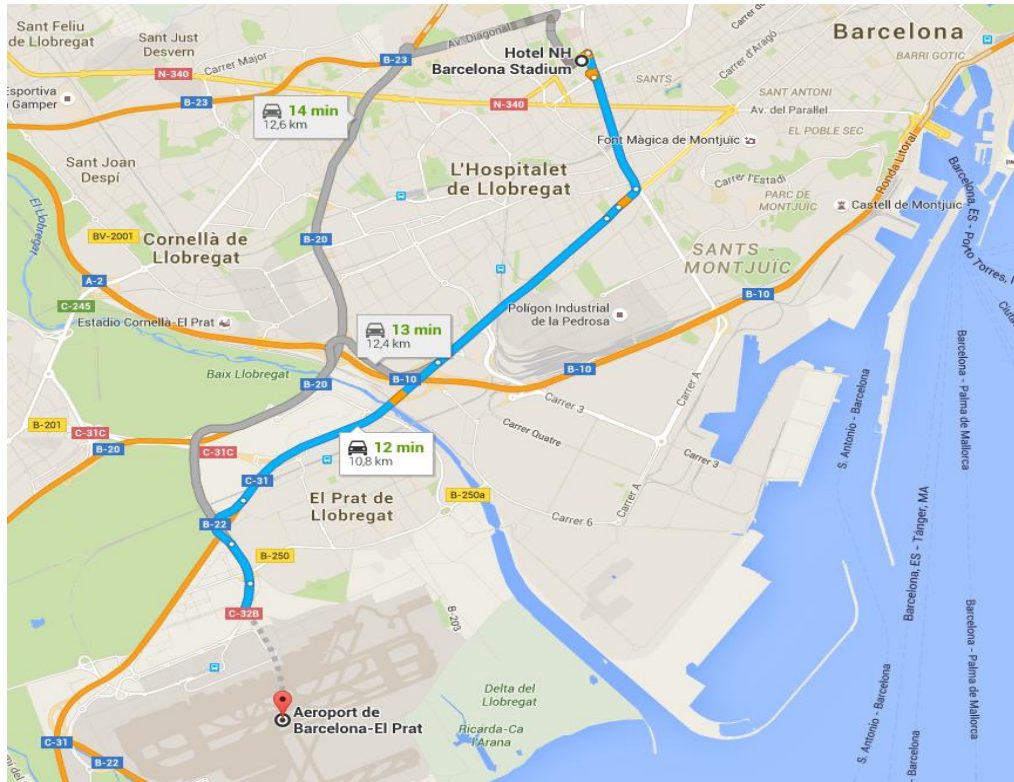




### Access by private car

Enter the coordinates for the Hotel Princesa Sofia in your GPS: Latitude: 41.387294. Longitude: 2.125735

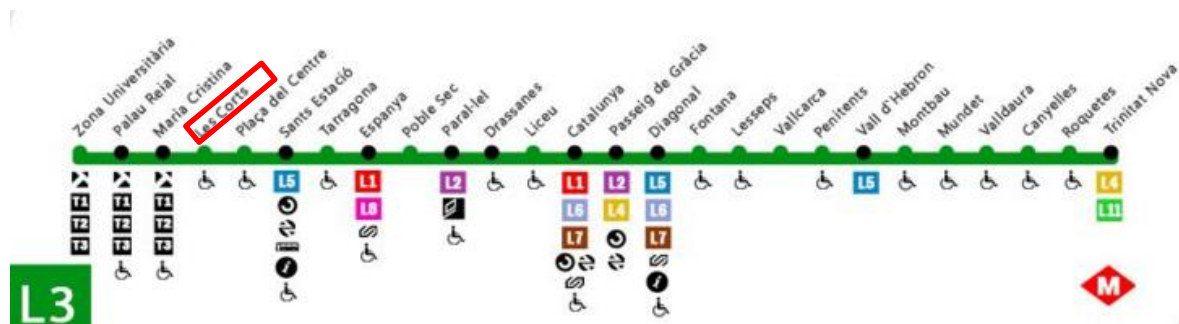
The **NH Barcelona Stadium** is 20 minutes (depending on traffic conditions) from the Airport Barcelona-El Prat.



The NH Barcelona Stadium is located only around 10-12 minutes walking distance from the Hotel Princesa Sofia. There will be a help desk in the NH Stadium Hotel to assist the EPRA Delegates.



Due to the proximity of both hotels the details regarding how to access the Hotel Princesa Sofia are valid to reach the NH Stadium Hotel. Delegates with accommodation booked in the NH Stadium Hotel have to get off at the Les Corts L3 (green Line) metro stop, instead of Maria Cristina metro stop.



### Travel documents and visa requirements

Citizens from Schengen Member States can travel by presenting a valid passport or identity card. Citizens of the following states are required to obtain a visa to travel to the Barcelona EPRA meeting<sup>1</sup>:

Country	Visa required	Diplomatic consular missions responsible for issuing visas
<b>Albania</b>	Schengen visa required if the traveller has not a biometric passport	Embassy of Spain in Tirana Rruga Skenderbej, Nº43 ; 1000,Tirana. Phone: 00355 4 2274 960 and 00355 4 2274 961. Fax: 00355 4 2225 383. E-mail: <a href="mailto:Emb.Tirana@maec.es">Emb.Tirana@maec.es</a>
<b>Armenia</b>	Schengen visa	Spanish Honorary Consular office in Erevan Khanjyan St., 47/17; 0010 Erevan Phone: +374 91 20 72 02; +374 10 53 75 86 and +374 10 54 76 63 Fax: + 374 10 58 38 79 E-mail: <a href="mailto:adamar74@yahoo.es">adamar74@yahoo.es</a>  Embassy of Spain in Moscow Bolshaya Nikitskaya, 50/8; 115127 Moscow Phone: +7 (495) 690 29 93/690 30 02/690 30 54/690 32 50 Fax: + 7 (495) 691 91 71 E-mail: <a href="mailto:emb.moscu@maec.es">emb.moscu@maec.es</a> and <a href="mailto:cog.moscu@maec.es">cog.moscu@maec.es</a>
<b>Azerbaijan</b>	Schengen visa	Embassy of Spain in Ankara Abdullah Cevdet 8; 06680 Çankaya - Ankara Phone: + 90 312 438 03 92; + 90 312 440 21 69; and +90.312.440.17.96 Fax: + 90.312.442.69.91 Email: <a href="mailto:emb.ankara@maec.es">emb.ankara@maec.es</a> and <a href="mailto:emb.ankara.inf@maec.es">emb.ankara.inf@maec.es</a>
<b>Bosnia and Herzegovina</b>	Schengen visa required if the traveller has not a biometric passport	Embassy of Spain in Sarajevo C/ Mehmeda Mujezinovica, 13 A, 71000 Sarajevo. Phone: 584 000. Fax:(387 33) 239 155. E-mail: <a href="mailto:emb.sarajevo@maec.es">emb.sarajevo@maec.es</a>
<b>Former</b>	Schengen visa	Embassy of Spain in Skopje

<sup>1</sup><<http://www.exteriores.gob.es/Portal/es/ServiciosAlCiudadano/InformacionParaExtranjeros/Documents/listapaiservisado.pdf> [consulted on the 11th january 2016]>



<b>Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia</b>	required if the traveller has not a biometric passport	Ul, 27 Mart, nº 7, 1000 Skopje, Macedonia Teléfono Centralita: (00 389 2) 3215 411 Fax: (00 389 2) 3220 612 <a href="mailto:emb.skopje@maec.es">emb.skopje@maec.es</a>
<b>Georgia</b>	Schengen visa	Honorary Consulate of Spain in Georgia Mr. Mikheil Akhvlediani (Honorary Consul) Irakli Abashidze n. 29, entrance 1 - apartment 10. 0179 Tbilisi, Georgia, Embassy of Spain in Ankara Abdullah Cevdet 8; 06680 Çankaya - Ankara Phone: + 90 312 438 03 92; + 90 312 440 21 69; and +90.312.440.17.96 Fax: + 90.312.442.69.91 Email: <a href="mailto:emb.ankara@maec.es">emb.ankara@maec.es</a> and <a href="mailto:emb.ankara.inf@maec.es">emb.ankara.inf@maec.es</a>
<b>Kosovo<sup>2</sup></b>	Schengen visa	Embassy of Spain in Belgrade Prote Mateje, 45. 11000 - Belgrado, Serbia. Phone: +381 11 344 02 31/ 32/ 33/ 34/ 35. Consularte section: +381 11 344 42 01. Fax: +381 11 344 42 03. E-mail: <a href="mailto:emb.belgrado@maec.es">emb.belgrado@maec.es</a> Consulate Section E-mail: <a href="mailto:emb.belgrado.info@maec.es">emb.belgrado.info@maec.es</a>
<b>Montenegro</b>	Schengen visa required if the traveller has not a biometric passport	Embassy of Spain in Belgrade Prote Mateje, 45. 11000 - Belgrado, Serbia. Phone: +381 11 344 02 31/ 32/ 33/ 34/ 35. Consularte section: +381 11 344 42 01. Fax: +381 11 344 42 03. E-mail: <a href="mailto:emb.belgrado@maec.es">emb.belgrado@maec.es</a> Consulate Section E-mail: <a href="mailto:emb.belgrado.info@maec.es">emb.belgrado.info@maec.es</a>
<b>Serbia</b>	Schengen visa required if the traveller has not a biometric passport	Embassy of Spain in Belgrade Prote Mateje, 45. 11000 - Belgrado, Serbia. Phone: +381 11 344 02 31/ 32/ 33/ 34/ 35. Consularte section: +381 11 344 42 01. Fax: +381 11 344 42 03. E-mail: <a href="mailto:emb.belgrado@maec.es">emb.belgrado@maec.es</a> Consulate Section E-mail: <a href="mailto:emb.belgrado.info@maec.es">emb.belgrado.info@maec.es</a>
<b>Turkey</b>	Schengen visa	Embassy of Spain in Ankara Abdullah Cevdet 8; 06680 Çankaya - Ankara Phone: + 90 312 438 03 92; + 90 312 440 21 69; and +90.312.440.17.96 Fax: + 90.312.442.69.91 Email: <a href="mailto:emb.ankara@maec.es">emb.ankara@maec.es</a> and <a href="mailto:emb.ankara.inf@maec.es">emb.ankara.inf@maec.es</a>
<b>Ukraine</b>	Schengen visa	Embassy of Spain in Kiev c/ Joriva nº 46. 01901 Kiev Phone:+380 44 5210740 / 41 / 42 / 43 Fax::+ 380 44 5210717 E-mail: <a href="mailto:emb.kiev@maec.es">emb.kiev@maec.es</a>

<sup>2</sup> This designation is without prejudice to positions on status and is in line with UNSCR 1244 and the ICJ Opinion on the Kosovo declaration of Independence.

		Consular section address: c/Illinska 22/13d Kiev Phone: +380 44 5010600 Fax: +380 44 5010607 E-mail: <a href="mailto:emb.kiev.cons@maec.es">emb.kiev.cons@maec.es</a>
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## Miscellaneous Information

### Currency

The legal currency is the Euro. Payments are possible with the usual credit cards (American Express, MasterCard, Visa, etc.). Most banks have ATM machines and also offer cash withdrawals with credit cards. Small amounts are usually paid in cash (local transport, taxis etc.).

### Bank opening hours

The winter opening times (October-March) is from Monday to Friday from 8:15 to 14h and Thursdays afternoon from 16:15 to 18:30. The summer opening hours is from Monday to Friday from 8:15 to 14. Saturday and Sunday banks are closed. Money can also be changed at the airports and train stations, look for the "Change/Canvi" sign.

### Shop opening hours

Monday – Saturday from 10:00 – 21.00 (except for small shops which can start closing at 20:30 hours). The shopping centers open from Monday to Saturday from 10:00 to 22:00. Sunday: shops are closed, except for the Maremagnum shopping center.

## Social events

### Wednesday 25th May

#### - Camp Nou Experience tour (optional, free of charge)

During the tour, the EPRA delegates can view the twenty-three Liga and five Champions League trophies that FC Barcelona have won over the years and learn about the history of Barça in the form of interactive tables and wall displays. Amongst others, there is a special area dedicated to Argentinian player Leo Messi, where the EPRA delegates can see his 5 Ballons d'Or and his 3 Golden Boots, and enjoy all of his goals on two interactive walls.



The tour then continues to the mixed zone and pressroom that is where the post-match activity takes place, where the manager and his players speak to the press after games at the Camp Nou and the Visitors' dressing room.



The tour also includes a visit to the Players' tunnel special place that has been used by legendary players from some of the greatest teams in the world that have had the honour of playing at the Camp Nou. Feel what it is like to be a player about to walk out onto the Camp Nou pitch with the sound of a capacity crowd in the background. Also, the visit will bring the EPRA Delegates to the field of play, the magical place that every player wants to tread. There is no doubt that you will get some of the finest views of the Camp Nou from here.



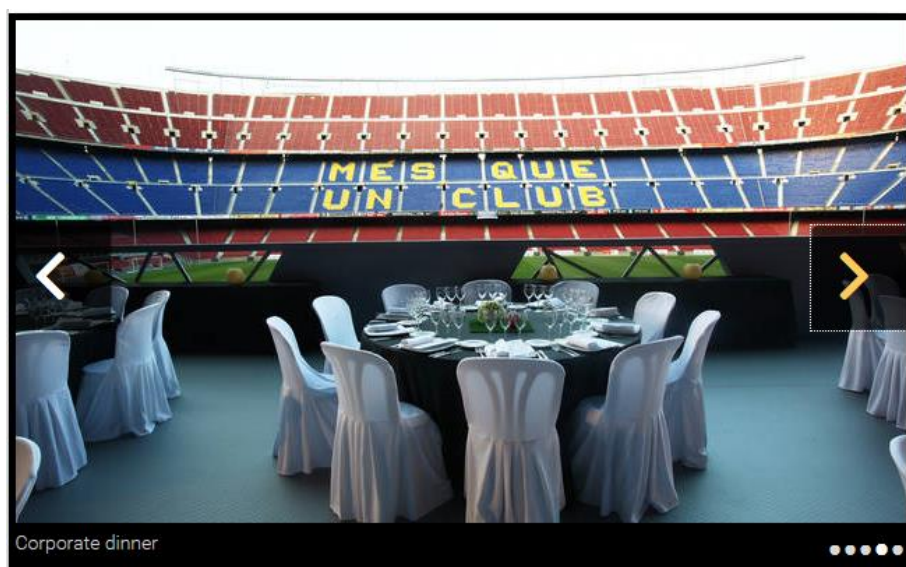
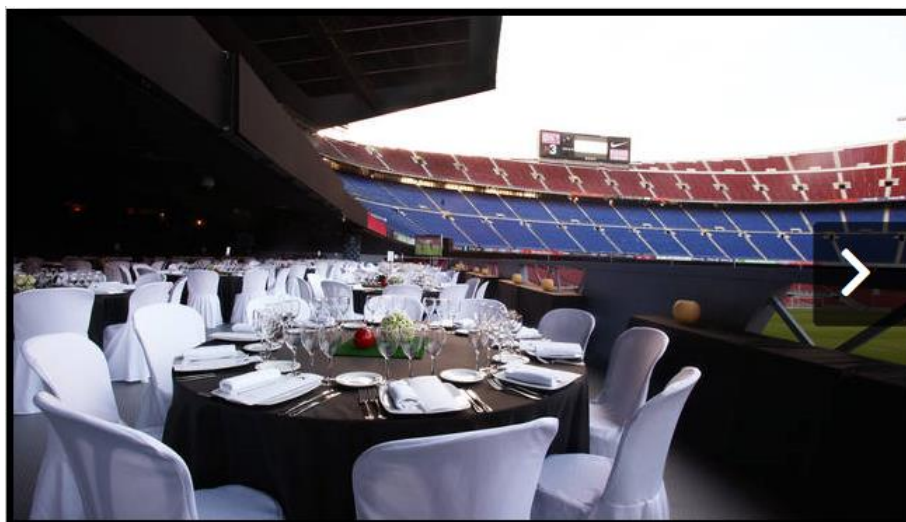
There will be time also to visit the commentary boxes, where TV and radio commentators from all over the world broadcast the action, as well as 35 metre screen with some of the greatest highlights of recent seasons.



#### - Welcome dinner

The welcome dinner on Wednesday 25th May 2016 will be held in the Camp Nou Terrace





The welcome dinner will take place in a 400 m2 terrace inside the Camp Nou. The events held in this space enjoy the utmost privacy and a unique view of the pitch and the empty stands of the Camp Nou. Situated in the 1st tier of the grandstand, it can be used to enjoy an open air event, under protection from the sun and rain thanks to the architectonic grandstand roof.

### Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> May 2016

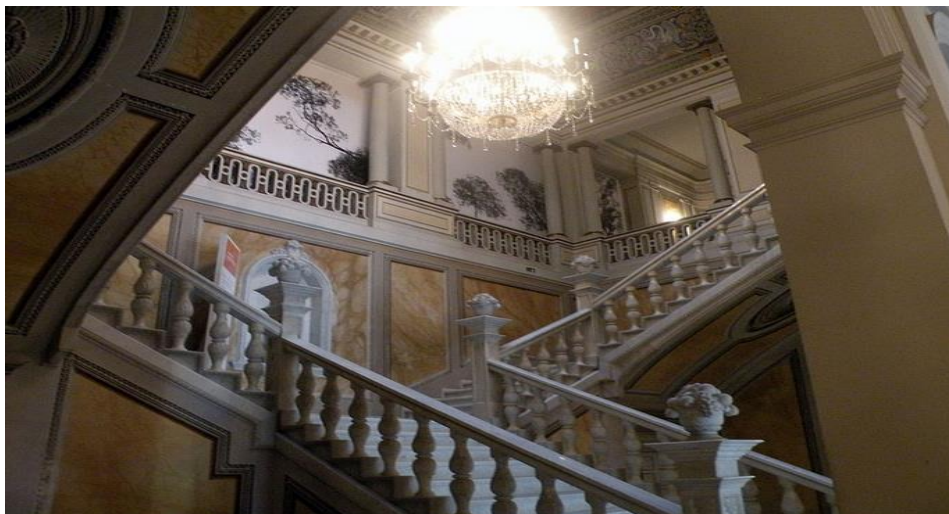
#### - Dinner in the Pedralbes Palace

The Palace is a building placed in the middle of an ample garden only 5 minute walking distance from the Hotel Princesa Sofia and 10-15 minute walk from the NH Barcelona Stadium

From 1919 until 1931 the Pedralbes Palace was the residence for the Spanish Royal Family when they visited the city. It houses the Museu de la Ceràmica (ceramic museum), Museu Tèxtil i d'Indumentària and Museu de les Arts Decoratives (interior design museum), both part of the Disseny Hub Barcelona<sup>1</sup> and is the permanent seat of the Union for the Mediterranean (UfM). The Palace is the venue for relevant international events.

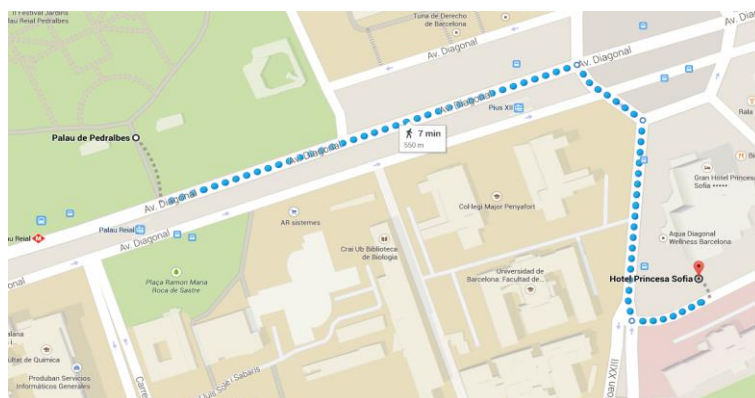


Behind a 250-m long wall overflowing with bougainvillea is one of the stateliest gardens in Barcelona: the gardens of the Pedralbes Royal Palace. Revealing both English and French influences, romantic bridges and verdant green areas, the truth is that a trip to this park will transport you to a time when serenity and majesty were determining elements of the landscape.

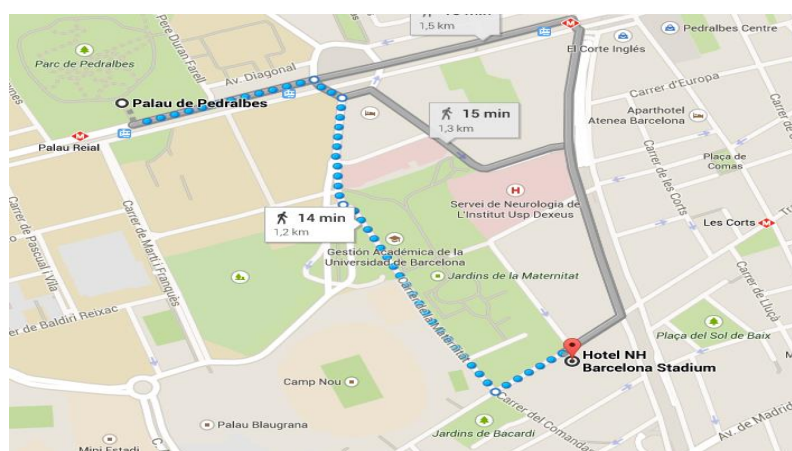




## Distance from the Hotel Princesa Sofia to the Pedralbes Palace



## Distance from the NH Barcelona Stadium to the Pedralbes Palace



**Friday 27<sup>th</sup> May 2016**

At the end of the EPRA meeting we would like to offer the EPRA Delegates a guided tour (free of charge) to discover El Born District and visit the Picasso Museum.

### Born District

Its cobbled streets and old houses remind the Middle Age. The area where Mercat del Born calls home has had an eventful history over its lifetime. Naturally, you wouldn't realize it looking at the modernist buildings in place today, but a great deal of very important Catalan history is tied in to this area of Barcelona. It all starts with the Romans.

Today it represents the heart of the Catalan essence. The visit includes Santa Maria del Mar church, a symbol of Barcelona and the entrance to Picasso Museum.





### Picasso Museum

The Picasso museum is a key reference for understanding the formative years of Pablo Picasso. The genius of the young artist is revealed through the 4,251 works that make up the permanent collection. Furthermore, the Picasso museum, opened in 1963, also reveals his deep relationship with Barcelona: an intimate, solid relationship that was shaped in his adolescence and youth, and continued until his death.



**Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> May 2016**

- **Half day tour: Modernist Barcelona tour** (€15 per person)

### Walking the Modernist Barcelona

This visit will show us the modernist architectonic style created by Antonio Gaudí. The tour will start in front of The Palau de la Música Catalana. It was built between 1905 and 1908 by architect Lluís Domènech i Montaner to be used as the Chorus Site (Orfeó Català) and it was financed by popular contributions. It's considered as the modernism architecture jewel and since 4th December 1997 is an UNESCO Human Heritage. Let's continue by discovering "Els 4 gats", a charming and emblematic

restaurant that was the meeting point of intellectuals, artists, musicians, writers, etc. at the beginning of XX century.

The next stop is Plaça Catalunya, the heart city center, and today, the link between old city and new city (l'Eixample). We will end the walk at Passeig de Gràcia boulevard, with its Antoni Gaudi masterpieces: the houses of Casa Batlló and Casa Mila (La Pedrera).



- **Full day tours**

**OPTION A: Visit to the town of Sitges** (Cost 54,00 € per person)

Welcome to the beautiful town of Sitges, just 38 kilometres from Barcelona. Its name ("Sitja" in Catalan), comes from silos, deep pits in the ground used for grain storage. This former fishermen village is the birth place of Mr. Bacardi, where we can also visit its museum and the colonial houses of those that went overseas in the 19th century to make fortune in the Caribbean islands.

We will begin our tour in front of the town hall, built on the site of the medieval castle of Sitges. It is considered an example of Catalan civil gothic-style architecture due to the ornamental details of the windows and its coats of arms.

We will also visit the most emblematic Modern Art buildings: Palau Maricel and Cau Ferrat and we will have the time to stroll around its narrow and coloured streets. There will be free time to shop.

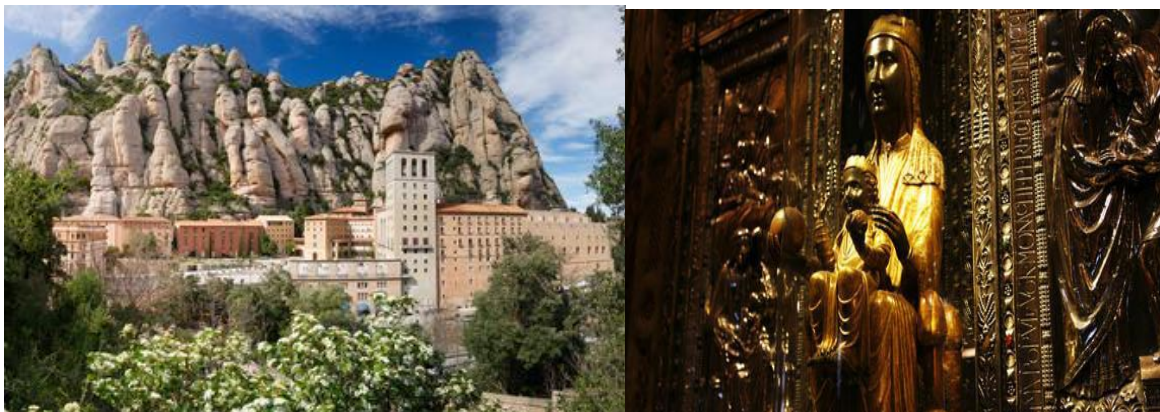




**OPTION B: Visit to the Monastery of Montserrat:** (€55,00 per person)

The sanctuary of the Virgin Mary of Montserrat has its historical origins in the hermitage of Santa Maria, founded by Abbot Oliba 1025. The image of Our Lady of Montserrat, popularly known as La Moreneta (the Dark One), is a 12th century Romanesque polychrome carving proclaimed Patron Saint of Catalonia in 1881. The image represents Our Lady in Majesty, with a wholly frontal attitude and Baby Jesus on Her lap in the center. Both Mother and Child are wearing crowns. The figure of Our Lady stretches out Her right hand, which holds the globe, symbolizing the cosmos.

The Museum of Montserrat contains six very different collections with more than 1,300 pieces, embracing a vast chronological period. The rocks of Montserrat, formed by pebbles bound together by a natural cement of sand and clay, are very hard and resistant to erosion. Nevertheless, the wind and rain have, over time, shaped the mountain to form “needles” with strange and varied forms.





## Overview meeting venue, hotels and other places

