

# CELEBRATE LA MERCÈ

SEPTEMBER  
23RD-28TH

## AT GRAND HOTEL CENTRAL





La Mercè de Barcelona is a festival dedicated to the Mare de Déu de la Mercè, the Barcelona's patron saint. The festival celebrates the end of summer and welcomes the arrival of autumn.

## 23rd of September

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### **Séquito Inaugural** **7pm - Palau de la Virreina**

The Séquito, born in 1993, is made up of the most representative imagery elements of the city's festive history, which plays a symbolic and transcendent role in the festival.

### **Glam Canalla. Faraonix** **8.30pm - Parc Estació del Nord**

Barcelona's drag king Faraonix hosts this lively night show, featuring drag performances, dance, and vibrant artistry. With a mix of humor, identity, and powerful performance. with guest artists and choreography by Gustavo Terpsicor.

### **The Xambanga** **10pm - Plaça Sant Jaume**

The giant figures gather in the square, ready to dance. A burst of festivity fills the air with lights, confetti, and balloons surrounding the crowd.

## 24th of September

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### **Giant dance show** **10.30am - Plaça Sant Jaume**

The exhibition known as *Matí Gegant* is a parade through the streets of the Gòtic and Raval districts that will make children and adults enjoy. The parade ends at Sant Jaume square with a great dance.

### **Diada castellera** **1pm - Plaça Sant Jaume**

*Castells* are one of the most distinctive traditions of Catalonia, combining strength, balance, courage and wisdom in a unique cultural manifestation.

### **Cavalcada de La Mercè** **6pm - Carrer Pelai 12**

From Pelayo Street to Sant Jaume square, each step of the Cavalcada is an opportunity to closely observe the giants and discover the personalities and stories they represent.

## 26th of September

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### **Festival de Esbarts** **9pm - Plaça Sant Jaume**

A unique celebration of Catalan folk dance, bringing together 18 dance groups from across Catalonia with live music by Cobla Sant Jordi-Ciutat de Barcelona.

### **Paseo de dragones y bestias de fuego** **9pm - Plaça Comercial**

A parade that brings together fantastic and mythological creatures from Barcelona.

### **Drone Show** **10pm - Passeig Marítim de la Barceloneta**

Look to the sky for a 15-minute spectacle of light and movement. Drones create magical figures that celebrate Barcelona's culture, roots, and future.

## 27th of September

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### **Mati Bastoner** **10am - Plaça Sant** **Jaume**

Eleven local groups keep alive the tradition of *ball de bastons*, a lively stick dance deeply rooted in Barcelona. The day begins with an exhibition at Sant Jaume square, followed by a parade through the city's historic streets.

### **Ceptrotada & Correfoc** **8.30pm - Passeig de** **Gràcia**

Fire-breathing dragons, devils, and mythical beasts fill the street with sparks, smoke, and firecrackers.

## 28th of September

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### **75<sup>th</sup> Sardanas competition** **and show**

**11am - Av. de la Catedral**  
The oldest event of the modern festival and one of the most prestigious gatherings in the world of Catalan folk dance. Since 1950, top *colles sardanistes* have come together in Barcelona to compete in this emblematic celebration of the sardana, accompanied by live cobla music.

**Diada castellera**  
**12pm - Plaça Sant Jaume**  
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### **Piromusical** **10pm - Av. de la Reina** **Maria Cristina**

The Piromusical de la Mercè closes the festival with light and gunpowder to the sound of the playlist prepared specifically for the occasion by Estopa.

## During all week

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### **Free Museum Days**

Open days at top cultural sites such as the Picasso Museum, Montjuïc Castle, Poble Espanyol and the Museum of the History of Catalonia. Check individual schedules.

### **Live Music**

Concerts across the city on different stages, offering a wide variety of styles. Check the full program.

### **Catalan Book Week**

Since 1983, this annual event celebrates Catalan literature with book fairs, readings and activities.

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