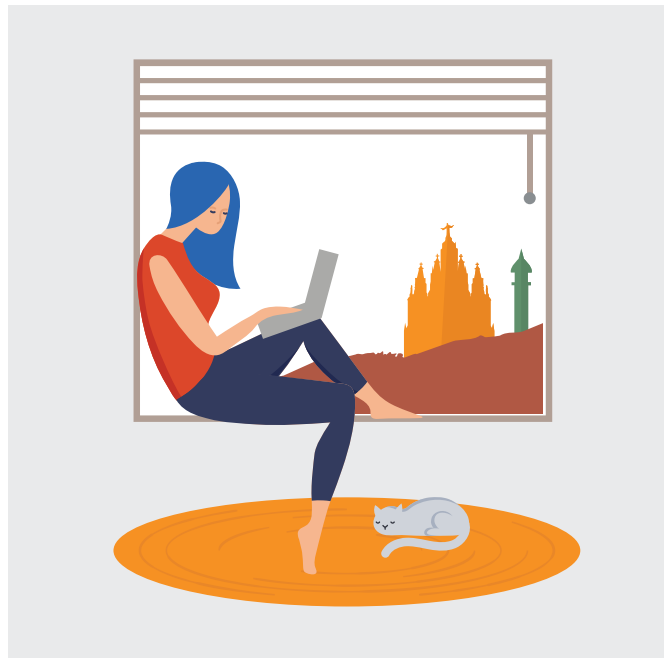


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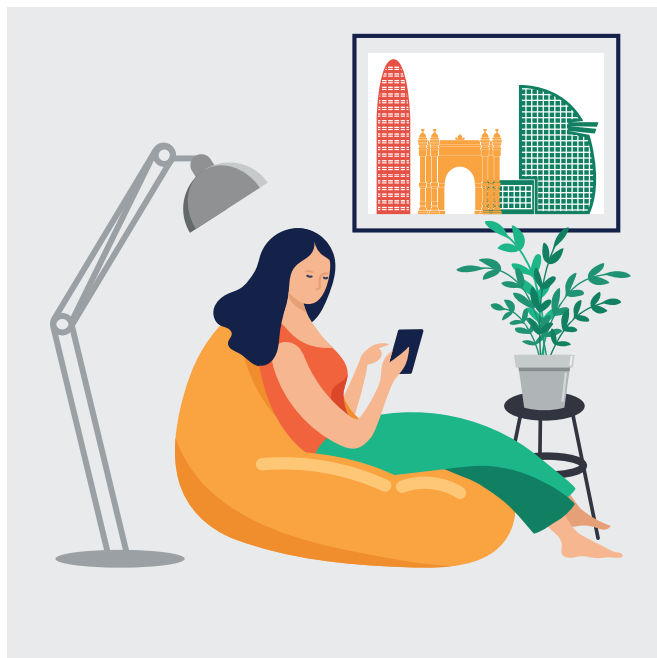


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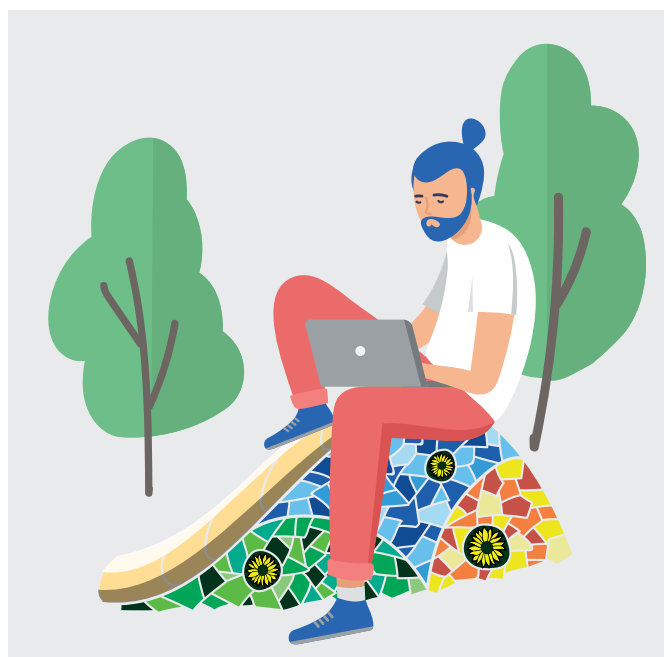
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Face-to-face meetings	 Palau Güell <i>Catalan Art Nouveau</i> The breathtaking home of Gaudí's main benefactor	 The City Hall <i>Secular Gothic architecture</i> Home to the city's government since medieval times.	 Casa SEAT <i>Contemporary</i> A place for innovation and future trends	 Casa de la Seda [House of Silk] <i>Baroque</i> The headquarters of one of the city's most influential guilds	 Soho House <i>Neoclassical</i> An exclusive meeting point for talent and expats
	Evening	<p>It was when we were forced to stay home during lockdown in the first wave of the COVID-19 pandemic that we rediscovered our closest surroundings. Every day of the Barcelona Expat Week ended, for the purposes of a continuous discovery of the city's spaces, with a face-to-face meeting in one of these five unique buildings that are or have been iconic meeting places for creativity, innovation and business in Barcelona throughout its history</p> <p>These meetings unfortunately had to be cancelled, after the arrival of the second wave in October, in accordance with the health measures in force at the time.</p>			



Barcelona Expat Week 2020

Monday, 19 October

Personal landing

9 am - 10 am

OPENING SESSION: NEW PARADIGM FOR TALENT END FOR BARCELONA

This opening session will kick off Barcelona Expat Week with two presentations. In the first, a representative of a prestigious international consultancy will be talking about global talent trends and opportunities for Barcelona. In the second, the city's first Deputy Mayor will be explaining how Barcelona is positioned in the face of this new scenario and the initiatives it offers international talent.

Presentation of the event

Mario Rubert, City Promotion Director, Barcelona City Council

2020: the year that changed the employee experience forever: opportunities for Barcelona (in English)

Katerina Psychopaida, Practice Lead for Employee Engagement and Experience at Mercer Europe

Barcelona never stops: the city of talent (in Spanish)

Laia Bonet, Third Deputy Mayor of Barcelona

10.30 am - 11.30 am

WORKSHOP: CHECKLIST FOR EXPATS WHEN THEY ARRIVE IN BARCELONA

Leaders: Mireia Camps, a Field Consultant Manager at Eres Relocation Spain

Language: English

House changes always cause stress. If, in addition to changing flats or houses, we move to another city in another country, the tension multiplies (distance from family, new friends, culture, language, gastronomy, customs to discover, etc.) This workshop aims to help you to prioritize the "to do" list that any expat should bear in mind when arriving in their new city and thereby facilitate their landing and integration.

12 am - 1 pm

WORKSHOP: PRACTICAL TIPS TO MINIMISE HEADACHES WITH PAPERWORK

Leaders: Raisa Venermo, a Partner at AvaLanding; Lourdes Santisteban, a co-Founder and the CEO of AvaLanding

Language: English

This session will give you practical advice on managing your arrival procedures in Barcelona: How to obtain your foreign-national identification number (NIE)? Why is it important to be on the municipal register? How to register your car or validate your driving licence Where do you have to go to get your health card? Is it mandatory to register your pet? We will also give you tips on making your life easier in the city, such as obtaining la library card, using the Bicing service and visiting Barcelona Tourist offices.

1 pm - 2 pm

MEET & SHARE: HOW TO OPEN A BANK ACCOUNT

Experts: Mireia Lafoz, the director of International Clients at Banco Sabadell; Montserrat Martín-Tereso Deulofeu, the director of Personal Banking at Banco Sabadell; Ángel Ruiz, the director of SMEs BStartup at Banco Sabadell

Language: English

First steps after arrival in Barcelona: many procedures and utility supplies (water, electricity, telephone, etc.,) require users to have opened a bank account in advance, in their country of residence. How to open an account: what documents and services are required?

2 pm - 3 pm

MEET & SHARE: EXPERIENCE BARCELONA THROUGH CATALAN!

Experts: Anna Valls, a Linguistic Normalisation Technician from the Barcelona Centre for Linguistic Normalisation (CNL); Txell Pujol, the Coordinator of Dynamisation and Language Advice at the Barcelona Centre for Linguistic Normalisation (CNL)

Participants: María Cortadellas, James Douet and Silvia Congiu, participants in the Language Volunteering programme

Language: Trilingual session in English, Catalan and Spanish

Would you like to participate in a volunteer programme in Barcelona? Would you like to discover Barcelona through its people? Would you like to improve your Catalan? Find out about the Language Volunteering programme. Meet people who have participated in the programme and who will explain us how they have made friends, learned the language and enjoyed the city.

Monday, 19 October

Personal landing

3 pm - 4 pm

MEET & SHARE: SEARCHING FOR HOUSING IN BARCELONA AND ITS SURROUNDINGS

Expert: Raf Jacobs, the Founder & CEO of INSPIRE Property Experts

Language: English

How does the housing rental and purchase system work in Barcelona and its surroundings? Implications for a successful search. What criteria must be taken into account when choosing a flat or house? Frequent mistakes and how to avoid them. Rental and purchase price expectations (for next year). We will make a brief review of the neighbourhoods or cities in the metropolitan area: hip, emerging and classic neighbourhoods.

4 pm - 5 pm

WEBINAR: WHAT SCHOOL DO I WANT FOR MY CHILDREN?

Leader: Víctor Saura, a journalist and a director of the Periodisme Plural & El Diari de l'Educació Foundation

Participants: Julie Harris, the Headmaster of Oak House School and the Chair of the Barcelona International Schools Association (BISA); Neus Lorenzo, an Education Inspector in Barcelona

Language: English

The local educational system will be explained in this webinar: state, state-assisted and private schools. Various players and experts from the world of education will be discussing the most options appropriate for international families. It will also discuss what factors need to be taken into account when choosing the school and what special educational options are available in secondary schools are (batxibac, international or sports baccalaureate).

5 pm - 6 pm

WEBINAR: TIPS FOR ACCESSING HEALTH IN BARCELONA

Leader: Ana Martí, the citizen-care coordinator at the Hospital del Vall d'Hebron

Participants: Madeleine Smit, the Founder & CEO of the Turó Park Medical Centre; Conchita Peña, the Director of Citizen Services and Participation, Catalan Health Service

Language: Spanish

The healthcare model in Barcelona is a mixed one and, as with the educational system, it combines state, state-assisted and private schools. This session will explain healthcare, coverage and insurance models. We will have the opportunity to comment and update the Barcelona City Council action plan and all the post-Covid19 health and hygiene measures.

6.30 pm - 8.30 pm

FACE-TO-FACE MEETING: DISCOVER PALAU GÜELL

Palau Güell is one of the first important commissions Antoni Gaudí received at the beginning of his career. Gaudí designed a functional palace adapted to the needs of the Güell-López family's private life and the intense social and cultural life that it was to host. In small committee, we will have the privilege of visiting this magnificent and unique house.

Barcelona Expat Week 2020

Tuesday, 20 October

Work and training

10.30 am - 11.30 am

WORKSHOP: WHERE TO FIND A JOB IN BARCELONA?

Leader: Gizem Baykal, a senior manager at Page Personnel

Language: English

What profiles are valued the most by local companies? Which jobs have more career prospects? What business sectors are asking for more international talent? Essential job-interview tips. This session will offer you a complete overview of job offers in Barcelona, so you can decide where to apply.

12 am - 1 pm

WORKSHOP: 10 TIPS TO FIND A JOB IN LINKEDIN

Leader: Enrique San Juan, a social media expert and a director of Community Internet - The Social Media Company

Language: English

The LinkedIn social network is an especially useful site for finding job opportunities and career prospects. This session will give you 10 essential, practical and immediately applicable tips on how to stand out and gain more opportunities in the highly competitive and professional environment of this network.

1 pm - 2 pm

MEET & SHARE: GET TRAINED IN THE DIGITAL WORLD AND BROADEN YOUR PROFESSIONAL HORIZONS

Expert: Raúl Sánchez, the Head of the Innovation, Training and Innovation Department at Barcelona Activa

Language: English

At a time of economic crisis, training in the digital world is key for finding a job. This session will introduce you to the profiles and digital skills most valued by local companies. You can also discover on-site and digital training offers at Cibernarium de Barcelona Activa and other resources in the city to update your knowledge or help you to discover new skills and digital tools.

3 pm - 4 pm

MEET & SHARE: LEARN LANGUAGES TO CONNECT WITH THE WORLD

Leader: Pedro Ralda, the Director of Content & Experiences at Both People & Comms

Participants: Lucio Izzo, director at the Istituto Italiano di Cultura de Barcellona; Max Vasseur, director of Institut Français de Barcelone; Lúcia Tubert, coordinator of cultural activities and administration at the Confucius Institute Foundation of Barcelona; Sebastien Portelli, the Attaché for linguistic cooperation in Spain, North-east and Levante areas, Embassy of France

Language: English

Where to learn or improve foreign languages in Barcelona so you find a better job or develop your professional career? How to improve your Catalan and Spanish so you can integrate better both professionally and personally in the city and in the Catalan society?

4 pm - 5 pm

WEBINAR: POST-COVID TELEWORK IN BARCELONA

Leader: Anna Fornés, the director of the Factor Humà Foundation

Participants: Sergi Sauri, a director at the Centre for Innovation in Transport (CENIT); Bego Echeverría, a Project Management expert; Carlos de la Cruz, the Regional Head of Sales & Distribution for Southern Europe at Allianz; Partners

Language: Spanish

One of the collateral effects of COVID-19 has been the massive implementation of teleworking. This important paradigm shift, such as the expansion to all economic sectors, first, and then the normalisation of telework, seems to have no turning back. We will discuss the new trends in teleworking and their impact on co-working spaces, start-ups, SMEs and multinational companies. We will also analyse the new urban-mobility challenges posed by this change in the short and long term and its impact on pollution.

Tuesday, 20 October

Work and training

5 pm - 6 pm

WEBINAR: JOB OPPORTUNITIES IN THE DIGITAL SECTOR IN BARCELONA

Leader: Jordi Meya, a member of the Executive Committee at CTecno

Participants: Ronan Bardet, the founder of the EGI Group; Adrià Baqués, the General Manager of Ironhack

Language: English

Teleworking accelerates the digitisation of the economy. This panel will discuss the evolution of the professional scene over the coming years in the city and the importance of promoting digital talent. What professions, skills and knowledge will be most in demand? Where to train to obtain the knowledge and skills required for achieving such specialisation? What economic sectors (such as e-commerce) and what types of companies will need it? Experts and relevant players from the Barcelona ecosystem will help us understand the prospects for the future of work and the digital economy.

6.30 pm - 8.30 pm

FACE-TO-FACE MEETING: DISCOVER THE CITY HALL

La Casa Gran de la Ciutat (City Hall) is the building and headquarters of the Barcelona City Council, located in the historic centre of the city. Behind its neoclassical façade, the building houses the historic Saló de Cent, considered a jewel of the Gothic period, the paintings by Josep Maria Sert and the beautiful courtyard with the staircase and ogival gallery. A conference held in the magnificent Saló de Cròniques will take us on a journey through the history of the building.

Wednesday, 21 October **Talent without borders**

10.30 am - 11.30 am

WORKSHOP: OUR SKILLS AND COMPETENCIES: THE ADDED VALUE OF OUR TALENT

Leader: Javier Terrisse, a trainer at Barcelona Activa

Language: English

This workshop will familiarise you with skills and competencies jargon, in a fast and fun way, and teach you the most important ones in the world of employment for talent recognition. You can also do a few self-knowledge exercises and practices to discover how to find your added value.

12 am - 1.30 pm

WORKSHOP: USE YOUR UNIQUENESS TO MAKE THE DIFFERENCE

Leaders: Claudia Issa and Anna Zelno, partners at SIETAR

Language: English

This workshop will familiarise you with skills and competencies jargon, in a fast and fun way, and teach you the most important ones in the world of employment for talent recognition. You can also do a few self-knowledge exercises and practices to discover how to find and reflect your added value.

1 pm - 4 pm

MEET & SHARE: HOW TO BUILD YOUR BUSINESS NETWORK IN BARCELONA

Expert: Victor Horcasitas, the Chair of Barcelona Metropolitan

Language: English

This session will teach you who the people with the greatest leadership are in the international community of Barcelona. You will also learn different ways to access Barcelona expats and expand our network of contacts. This can help you grow your start-up or company and make it easier for you to realise your projects in the city.

2 pm - 3 pm

MEET & SHARE: CONNECT WITH THE NORDIC TALENT

Leader: Jessika Klingspor, the founder and director of Performance Prime Cities

Participants: Alessio Ruggieri, the Controller of Expansion Spain & Portugal HM Group Spain & Portugal Fredrik Gillström, M&A and Business Development of Adamo Telecom Iberia S.A.U.; Johan Cavallini, the Chair of the board of the Swedish-Spanish Chamber

Language: English

The Nordic countries have become a hub for globally successful technology start-ups, such as Skype, Spotify and Rovio Mobile. Why? Partly because these countries are among the top 10 for several indicators (best country to start a company, global innovation index, higher percentage of R&D in GDP, educational level, digital talent, etc.) Barcelona, thanks to its entrepreneurial ecosystem and quality of life, is a city that attracts more and more Nordic talent every day. This session will enable you to meet and connect with various entrepreneurs and professionals from these countries to learn from their experiences and testimonies.

2 pm - 3 pm

MEET & SHARE: WORK AND SISTERHOOD: WOMEN'S PROFESSIONAL NETWORKS

Leader: Daniela Freund, from the Faculty of Tourism and Hotel Management Sant Ignasi-UJL

Participants: Montse Barceló, from Eje&Con; Clotilde Tesón, from the Professional Women's Network (PWN) and Ikuska Sanz, from LeanIN Barcelona; Elizabeth Breedlove, from 50 a 50

Language: English

The session will offer an active dynamic, designed to publicise the benefits of networking and the importance of women's associations. Creating a solid network of relationships can make the difference between success and failure in any project and the key is to see networking as a holistic tool capable of satisfying personal and professional goals. This workshop will offer a real networking space with the presence of leading women's associations from Barcelona.

Wednesday, 21 October

Talent without borders

4 pm - 5.30 pm

WEBINAR: "SHE.PRENEUR": HOW TO REINVENT YOURSELF THROUGH ENTREPRENEURSHIP FROM A FEMALE PERSPECTIVE

Leader: Nuria Soler, the founder of WOMANTHON

Participants: Lynn Wong, a co-founder of the EventoPlus Group; Mar Alarcón, the CEO of Social Car and Deputy Chair of Foment del Treball; Carlota Planas, a co-founder of Unik Sport Management; Bibiana Cunningham, the CEO of BforB Spain; Lourdes Torices, the Director of business development at Nifled Tic & Law

Language: English

This hybrid session organised by Womanthon has 3 goals:

- To give visibility to women in the entrepreneurial environment.
- To meet expatriate entrepreneurs in Barcelona.
- To generate networking among all attendees.

The session will start with a face-to-face round table with four speakers: two Barcelonan and two expat women entrepreneurs who have made a place for themselves in the entrepreneurial world; moderated by Núria Soler, a Womanthon co-founder. The last half an hour of the event will be dedicated to a networking and sisterhood session, among both the virtual and face-to-face attendees, carried out by Lourdes Torices, the expansion director of nifled tic&law.

5 pm - 6 pm

WEBINAR: TALENT WITHOUT BORDERS. LEADING SCIENTIFIC RESEARCHERS IN BARCELONA

Leader: Alexis Roig, the CEO of SciTech DiploHub (Barcelona Science and Technology Diplomacy Hub)

Participants: Aleksander Ivancic, a senior researcher at the Catalonia Energy Research Institute (IREC); Jazmin Aguado, a senior post-doctoral researcher at the Barcelona Supercomputing Center (BSC-CNS); Laura Nevola, the Chief Scientific Officer at IDP Pharma; Vikas Trivedi, the Research Group Leader at the European Molecular Biology Laboratory (EMBL Barcelona)

Language: English

In recent decades, Barcelona has been able to create an inclusive urban identity, based on the three Ts: talent, technology and tolerance. Today, the city is a leading innovation hub in areas such as biomedical sciences, photonics, energy research and computer science. Barcelona has become a magnet for scientists, entrepreneurs and creators, attracted by the best universities and business schools, first-class research institutions and infrastructures combined with an excellent quality of life. At this round table, leading researchers and entrepreneurs who decided to move to Barcelona and develop their professional careers in our city will share their experience, ideas and advice.

6.30 pm - 8.30 pm

FACE-TO-FACE MEETING: DISCOVER CASA SEAT

Casa SEAT has become the city's benchmark for exploring the future of innovation and mobility, inspired by new technologies, design and creativity. By the hands of its director, Gabriele Palma, we will have the privilege of knowing this new project that pays tribute to the city of Barcelona: What is Casa SEAT and what is its road map? What connection does SEAT have with Barcelona and the expat community? After the presentation of Casa SEAT in the auditorium on the floor -1, attendees will be able to enjoy a guided tour in small groups in English or Spanish.

Thursday, 22 October

Doing business and entrepreneurship

10.30 am - 11.30 am

WORKSHOP: BARCELONA'S FREELANCERS NEVER STOP

Leader: Verónica Diéguez, business administrative simplification technician, Barcelona Activa Business Support

Language: Spanish

2020 has been an economically turbulent year with many administrative changes in the area of employment. Self-employment is expected to increase, as an alternative to unemployment. Are you struggling with your business in the wake of the coronavirus pandemic? Do you need funding to get through the current situation? Do you know all the support measures that the public authorities and Barcelona City Council in particular have introduced for independent (self-employed) workers? Are you interested in finding out how you can access them?

12 am - 1 pm

WORKSHOP: THE KEYS TO STARTING A BUSINESS IN BARCELONA AND SEEKING FUNDING

Leader: Xavier Dumont, the Head of Entrepreneurship Services at Barcelona Activa

Participants: José Manuel Carol, the BStartup Operating Director at Banco Sabadell and Javier Falco, the COO & Founder of MiCuento

Language: English

This workshop will give you advice and tips on setting up a business in Barcelona or starting a new professional project. We will explain the services, programmes and activities offered by Barcelona Activa to accompany you throughout the process, from the business idea to the creation of the company. We will advise you on the various options for raising funding and investments and how to turn your business idea into a feasible business project in our city. Citing a real case, we will share the experience of a startup promoted by Barcelona Activa and funded by Banco Sabadell.

1 pm - 2 pm

MEET & SHARE: DISCOVER THE HOMELESS ENTREPRENEUR PROJECT

Expert: Andrew Funk, the founder of Homeless Entrepreneur; Robert (Bob) Grant, a person benefiting from Homeless Entrepreneur

Language: English

What is Social Entrepreneurship? We will find out about social entrepreneur through the experiences of our host, Andrew Funk, and the homeless people taking part in his project which helps to reintegrate them into the labour market.

2 pm - 3 pm

MEET & SHARE: FROM ASIA TO BARCELONA, EXPERIENCES OF WOMEN ENTREPRENEURS

Leader: Gaëlle Patin Laloy, the Head of the Diversity and Interculturality program at Casa Asia

Participants: Vaishali Dasgupta, the Director of the Grupo Restauración Bembí; Xu Lingling, a founding partner of LinkChina Translations & Consulting; Shreyashee Nag a founding director of the Shreyashee Dance Company and Nupura International Center for Dance and Music; Mihee Seo, the founder & director of OASTA Consulting

Language: English

In this session we will learn first-hand about the careers and experiences of various entrepreneurs of Asian origin who have chosen Barcelona to develop their professional and entrepreneurial projects. It will be in a dynamic and interactive format with questions from the audience.

3 pm - 4 pm

MEET & SHARE: THE IMPORTANCE OF THE CULTURE OF FAILURE

Leader: Carlos Cruz, the director of FuckUp Nights de Barcelona

Participants: Paul Fleming, fundador de Barcelona Virtual & Affinitá; Victoria Masters, especialista en formación empresarial; Marta Cabañas, directora de cuentas en FuckUp Nights Global; Don Hatch, director global de Incubación en Demium Startups

Language: English

The speaker will talk about the failures that every entrepreneur experiences only to successfully re-emerge later. It is based on the experiences of the Fuckup Nights movement, a global movement that organises a series of events on five continents where stories of professional failure are shared every month.

Thursday, 22 October

Doing business and entrepreneurship

4 pm - 5 pm

WEBINAR: BARCELONA, CITY OF PROFESSIONAL AND BUSINESS OPPORTUNITIES

Leader: Johan Cavallini, the Chair of the Swedish Chamber of Commerce in Barcelona

Participants: Christoph Himmelskamp, a Partner at Rödl & Partner Barcelona; Barbara Beatrice Lavitola, the Managing Director of BBL Translation; Ian Cassidy, the Managing Director of de Yarrells Property; Joaquim Serrahima, the Managing Director of Iloq Oy

Language: Spanish

The European Chambers of Commerce in Barcelona have + 1,500 associated companies, and represent 10 European countries. They promote networking among their associates, provide services to establish themselves in different markets, and organise training activities. Barcelona has a very important network of expats, multinational companies and chambers of commerce that can enrich your network of professional contacts when you arrive in Barcelona. Where can you start to take advantage of the networking offered by your community of origin? This webinar will give you practical advice on making the best of the business opportunities that the city offers and discuss the best way for you to integrate into Barcelona's business ecosystem.

5 pm - 6 pm

WEBINAR: BARCELONA, CITY OF ENTREPRENEURIAL TALENT

Leader: Mateu Hernández, the CEO of Barcelona Global

Participants: Marta-Gaia Zanchi, the founder and managing partner of Nina Capital and Timo Buetefisch, the Co-founder & CEO of Cooltra

Language: English

This webinar will let you discover the entrepreneurial side to Barcelona through the successful stories of two internationals who have chosen Barcelona to live and work in. Our guests will share their professional and personal journeys and explain why they decided to settle and embark on their projects in Barcelona. They will also talk about being an expatriate and a new Barcelonian.

6.30 pm - 8.30 pm

FACE-TO-FACE MEETING: DISCOVER CASA DE LA SEDA

Casa de la Seda is the distinguished and luxurious headquarters of the most influential guild in Catalan society in the 18th century. During the meeting, there will be a lecture in English given by Sonia Crespo, a graduate in Tourism and Business, who will present the origin of the guilds in Barcelona, their development and their extinction in the 19th century and what heritage sites remain and can be visited. She will also explain the History of Silk, its arrival and manufacture in Barcelona, the Silk process (how it is made) and other guilds associated: "velluters", "passamaners", "perchers", etc.

After the conference, the attendees will be allowed to visit the building in small groups.

Barcelona Expat Week 2020

Friday, 23 October

Enjoying and participating in the city

10.30 am - 11.30 am

CREATIVE WORKSHOP: GET INSPIRED BY BARCELONA!

Leader: Karlijn Surminski, a visual artist and art teacher

Language: English

The challenge is learning to look from different perspectives through the techniques of various artists, Pablo Picasso above all. An inspiring workshop to awaken your inner artist. To participate from your home all you need to is connect to your computer and have 3 sheets of paper and a marker ready. Go ahead and get inspired!

12 am - 1 pm

WORKSHOP: LEARN CATALAN IN THE TIME OF THE PANDEMIC

Leaders: Blanca Guillén, a language normalisation expert at the Barcelona Centre for Linguistic Normalisation; Elvira Nadal, a language normalisation expert at the Barcelona Centre for Linguistic Normalisation; Txell Pujol, the Linguistic Advice Coordinator at the Barcelona Centre for Linguistic Normalisation

Language: English, Catalan and Spanish

Did you know that 300 different languages are spoken in Barcelona? In a multilingual city, what is the role of the Catalan language? Learn how to incorporate Catalan into your day-to-day life in the time of the pandemic.

1 pm - 2 pm

MEET & SHARE: GET INVOLVED THROUGH SOCIAL ACTIVISM

Leader: Roger Civit, the director of Entities Board for the Third Social Sector of Catalonia

Experts: Eulàlia Mas, a director of the Catalan Federation of Social Volunteers; Aina Gutierrez, a territorial development coordinator at Amics de la Gent Gran; Amalia Bartolini, the volunteering and logistics manager at Assís Shelter

Idioma: English y Spanish

Barcelona and Catalonia have an extensive civil society and a long tradition of social volunteering. Getting involved in associations or NGOs with social purposes (such as Banc dels Aliments and Creu Roja) can be an excellent way to learn or practise Catalan and Spanish and to integrate yourself on a personal and social level into the city.

3 pm - 4 pm

MEET & SHARE: EXPLORE THE SURROUNDINGS: BARCELONA IS MUCH MORE

Leader: Cristina Vicentini, a European projects technician at the Barcelona Provincial Council's Tourism Office

Participants: Connor Cushnahan, a director at Hotel Dolce Sitges; Belinda Jane Parris, the co-director of the L'Avenç de Tavernet

Language: English

The province of Barcelona has more than 100 kilometres of coastline, multiple dream spots, tourist attractions for all tastes and a wide range of activities for all ages. The Garraf beaches, the Maresme fishing villages, the Penedès vineyards and wineries, the Montseny mountains or the Osona plains are idyllic settings that you should know. Discover the most authentic experiences less than an hour from the city!

4 pm - 5 pm

WEBINAR: A LITERARY WALK THROUGH BARCELONA

Participants: Laureano Debat, the author of the book "Barcelona inconclusa"; Xavier Vidal, a journalist and founder of the "No Llegiu" bookshop

Language: Spanish

This is a literary dialogue between the Argentinian author Laureano Debat, the author of the book "Barcelona inconclusa" and Xavier Vidal, a journalist and founder of the "No Llegiu" bookshop. They will share their "literary" insights of Barcelona and also recommend books by local or foreign authors (such as Eduardo Mendoza, George Orwell and Manuel Vázquez Montalbán) who have written novels set in our city.

5 pm - 6 pm

WEBINAR: DISCOVER BARCELONA THROUGH ITS PEOPLE

Leader: María José Gómez, the director of TimeOut magazine

Participants: Sara Larsson, a freelance photographer; Patricia Radovic, the Secretary-General of La Casa Degli Italiani; Lucre and Mba Ndong, the director of África Fashion Week

Language: Spanish

To discover a city you need to get to know its residents. That is why culture, leisure and sports are key to social integration. Barcelona has associations, libraries, clubs and sports associations you can join. Learning Catalan and / or Spanish or participating with friends in the impressive calendar of festivals and popular festivals are also ways to get to know the city. In this webinar, some hosts of the Barcelona Expat Week and citizens involved in sports or cultural social life will share their experiences and advice.

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Friday, 23 October **Enjoying and participating in the city**

6.30 pm - 8.30 pm

FACE-TO-FACE MEETING: DISCOVER SOHO HOUSE

Soho House is an exclusive meeting point among the expat community. This private club is an ideal place to meet and have fun. Soho House has members and houses all over the world, as well as restaurants, spas, workspaces and cinemas. Its aim is to encourage creativity in all its forms and to offer a place where people can share ideas and connect with each other in face-to-face and digital spaces, promoting diversity, equality and respect. In Barcelona, Soho House is a 19th century building, located in the iconic Plaza del Duque de Medinaceli, in front of Port Vell.

As the closing of Barcelona Expat Week, we will enjoy a private concert in Soho House.

