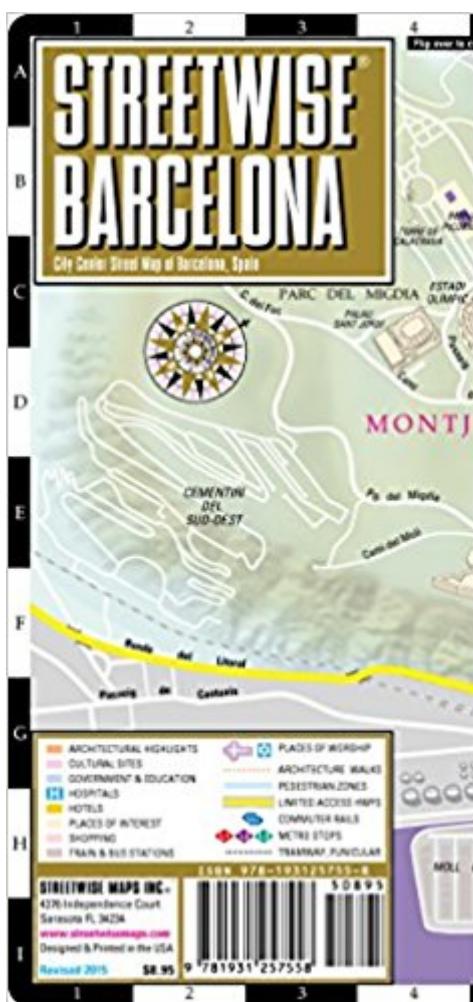


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# Streetwise Barcelona Map - Laminated City Center Street Map Of Barcelona, Spain (Streetwise (Streetwise Maps))



## Synopsis

Streetwise Barcelona Map - Laminated City Center Street Map of Barcelona, Spain - Folding pocket size travel map with metro map including lines & stations This map covers the following areas: Main Barcelona Map 1:12,000 Old City Center Map 1:6,000 Barcelona Area / Metro Map 1:73,000 In the northeast corner of Spain, reaching down to the shores of the Mediterranean Sea, lies Barcelona, imbued in a deep history of art, architecture and culture. First time visitors will find the Catalonian capital's past well preserved amongst the juxtaposition of modern and Gaudi architecture that surround it. They will find a bustling European city with an exciting nightlife, centered on the Ramblas, an outdoor living room where young and old alike take a seat to watch the parade of Spaniards enjoying an evening stroll. The old part of the city is encircled with narrow cobblestone streets filled with unique shops and great restaurants. From the Sagrada Familia to the undulating architecture of Antonio Gaudi to the stunningly simple Barcelona Pavilion at the Museum, Barcelona is an architectural jewel box. These and many other notable sites are indexed and highlighted on the STREETWISE® Barcelona Map. The STREETWISE® Barcelona Map is the ultimate resource for navigating your way through these streets of Spain's second largest city. This colorfully designed Barcelona map is fully indexed with streets, hotels, cultural sites, government buildings, parks, plazas, shopping centers, and other places of interest. The STREETWISE® Barcelona Map affords you a bird's-eye view of everything from the Estadi Olimpic to Park Guell. Our pocket size map of Barcelona is laminated for durability and accordion folding for effortless use. The STREETWISE® Barcelona map is one of many detailed and easy-to-read city street maps designed and published by STREETWISE®. Buy your STREETWISE® Barcelona map today and you too can navigate Barcelona, Spain like a native. For a larger selection of our detailed travel maps simply type STREETWISE MAPS into the search bar.

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'Don't leave home without STREETWISE.' --The New York Times'STREETWISE is an absolute travel essential.' --Travel + Leisure Magazine'In a strange city, your sense of direction is only as good as the map in your hands. The best maps to carry are published by STREETWISE.' --Chicago Daily Herald --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

STREETWISE® is the first map to be designed with modern graphics and is the originator of the laminated, accordion-fold map format. We've set the standard that every map company has imitated but never duplicated. Our mission is to make you feel comfortable, to make you feel safe in a place where you've never been before and to enable you to experience a familiar place more fully. The company was founded in 1984 by Michael Brown, who had been in international publishing for many years, setting up subsidiaries for textbook publishers. In the 1970s, Brown traveled extensively throughout Africa, India, the Middle East and Southeast Asia. Brown would take a large paper map, cut out the city center, folded it up and slip it into his pocket, thus preventing him from looking like a tourist in areas where discretion is the better part of travel. This was his tool for surviving. After many years on the road, Brown settled back in New York and decided to start his own business, based on the adaptations he had made to maps in his travels. His goal was to give someone the ability to navigate easily in unfamiliar terrain. He started with a new map format: the accordion fold. Such a simple idea, but at the time it was revolutionary. No more struggling to fold an awkward, oversized paper map. This new format would enable the user to blend in like a native, instead of stick out like a tourist. Brown then added lamination to ensure that the map would be a lasting tool. More important than the format was the design of the map itself. It had to be a map that not only succeeded above and beyond any map he had used, but was esthetically appealing as well. The look of it had to be as striking as the functionality. Color was introduced in a way that was never seen before in a map - vivid purple for water, soothing gray for the background of street grids, gold to highlight elements of the map. Clarity, conciseness and convenience in a very stylish package. Building the business was a 24 hour job. Brown sold the maps during the day, zipping around Manhattan making deliveries on his Harley Davidson. At night

he packed the orders and did the design work. More titles were added, each title requiring months of research and design. Today, STREETWISE® produces over 130 titles for major destinations, regions and countries throughout the United States, Canada, Mexico, Australia, Europe, the United Kingdom and Asia. We have grown from the back of a motorcycle to selling millions of maps around the world. Yet each title is still painstakingly researched and updated. STREETWISE® is one of the only, if not THE only map company that conducts research by walking or driving an area to ensure accuracy. After all, what good is the map if what you hold in your hands doesn't match what you see on the street sign? This lengthy fact checking results in superior accuracy; in effect, we've done the work, now you have the adventure. In the end, it's not about the map, it's about getting out and finding your own authentic experience wherever you go. It's about being in a city or a region and discovering things that you never thought you would find. You can do this if you have confidence and you have confidence if you have a great map. STREETWISE® is the great map that you need.

Have purchased maps like this in the past, including ROME, and loved them. But this one of Barcelona was disappointing. You could not see the whole city map on one side, and when you flipped it over to see the rest, it was a section or two to the left or right, not above/below where you were tracking an area. It was very hard, if not impossible, to get your bearings in this city with this map. You usually need a good map when you are a visitor, and are not someone familiar with an area, so simplicity and ease of use is imperative. Like their other maps, the quality of the paper/laminate is very good.

I recommend this map, especially to first time visitors of Barcelona who might not want to or be able to use their phones for guidance. We were glad we brought this with us, as others in our group had to buy an entire guide book to get a map while trying to find their around on the first day. The winding streets around the Gothic Quarter are especially hard to navigate without a map. We also used this map to locate the closest metro stops to our destination, as we rode the subway daily to get around. This map is easy to carry around and use. Sometimes we would consult the map to identify the general location. Then using a free wifi connection we would identify an exact "google" route from metro stop to destination on the phone, taking a screen shot to preserve for later use. This method made it easier to figure out which way to walk after emerging from a metro stop.

Best maps for tourists: laminated, idiot-proof re-folding, slips into a pocket, don't need to unfold the

whole thing to use it, has separate metro map, index AND locates the metro stops ON THE REGULAR MAP (alone worth the price...otherwise it's impossible to know how to navigate a strange city). Does everything a map needs to do and it's almost impossible to damage (though I did not try to set it on fire). I own these for every city I've had to navigate INCLUDING the cities that I have lived in (even when I've lived in a place for years, I still prefer to use these maps on a regular basis over all the others).

We used this map on a recent 5 day stay in Barcelona. It met most of our needs including the identification of places of interest and the metro routes and stops that we needed to get around town. The map covers most of the areas of interest except for the most northern and western parts of the city. It is a reasonable compromise because covering a larger area would make the map more difficult to read. In fact for someone with aging eyes like mine a magnifying glass would have made reading street names a lot easier especially when lighting is not good. I recommend this map to everyone who needs a map to get around Barcelona. It is far more practical than the typical paper map that must be folded and unfolded many times and soon wears out.

If Streetwise makes a map for any city I plan to visit, I buy it. \*\*They are accurate and much more handy than others that fold to nothing but unfurl like a sail and scream tourist. They give a general view that the small maps in the what's happening this week guides don't show. And they give enough detail that you figure out where you are when you get lost.. Next to the Eyewitness guides, they are the best way to plan for and pack on a trip. \*\*If I didn't think it would be cheating, I could cut and paste this review for Streetwise Maps for Amsterdam, Brussels, Lisbon, Madrid, and Rome.

We used this map for sightseeing on our recent trip to Barcelona. I showed it to a local tour guide when I was asking directions and she commented about how good the detail was. She then directed us to a great restaurant for lunch. I also purchased a streetwise map for Seattle which was excellent.

Overall, great map. Nice and durable, good lamination. The mini metro map was great, as well as notations of rail lines, funicular lines, etc. Index to the streets was well done and very appreciated. My one complaint is that the map did not actually cover all of Barcelona. I'm not talking about "metro Barcelona," the towns comprising the around the city limits (but yet not actually Barcelona). I'm talking about the actual outer circles of Barcelona proper; the map excluded them, which was a

problem for me at times.

We bought several different maps for our trip to Barcelona, but this is the one we used over and over again. In fact, Streetwise has become our go-to map source for every overseas trip. We've found them accurate and extremely easy to use. Because they fold up, they're easy to carry. But they're sturdier than other maps, so folding and unfolding doesn't cause damage. And they're laminated - on both sides - so they stand up to all kinds of weather. We made our way all around Barcelona with no problems just using our Streetwise map.

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