

VISIT GUIDE 2026

the Montjuïc Cable Car

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History & experience

ORIGIN & HISTORY

From the Open Cockpit to Modern Flight

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The history of the **Montjuïc Cable Car** is inseparable from Barcelona's urban development. Inaugurated in 1970 by Swiss manufacturer Von Roll, this first system aimed to provide easy access to the historic citadel. However, this initial generation had major limitations: the cabins, lacking windows, exposed passengers to the elements, forcing an almost systematic winter closure and making the experience uncomfortable for families and people with reduced mobility.

In response to these constraints, the public transport company TMB decided on a complete reconstruction. The works were entrusted to the Italian company Leitner, whose technical expertise allowed for the radical modernization of the infrastructure. The new cable car, inaugurated on May 16, 2007, marked a decisive turning point. It is now a high-capacity detachable gondola lift, capable of transporting up to 2,990 people per hour, compared to only 1,200 previously. This transformation not only doubled the throughput but, above all, humanized access to the summit.

The current design features spacious eight-person cabins equipped with large fixed windows that turn each ride into a visual spectacle. This architectural choice allows visitors to fully enjoy the panoramas without worrying about wind or rain. Accessibility has also been completely rethought; unlike the old installation, the 2007 version is fully adapted for people with reduced mobility, thus broadening the target audience and ensuring an inclusive experience for all types of visitors.

Today, this infrastructure is no longer just a simple means of transport. It has become an emblem of the city, harmoniously connecting Montjuïc Park to the Castle. Its unique route, which describes a technical angle of 86° at the Mirador intermediate station, testifies to precise engineering where the cabins are automatically transferred between two sections. This fusion of modern technology and historical heritage makes the Cable Car a must-see for anyone wishing to discover Barcelona from a unique perspective.

THE EXPERIENCE

As soon as you pass through the doors of the lower station located on Avinguda de Miramar, the atmosphere changes instantly. The cool air from the hill envelops your senses as you take a seat in a stable and secure cabin. The ascent begins gently, offering a progressive view of the city. You are no longer trapped in urban traffic but elevated above the rooftops, with a feeling of **soothing flight** that erases the fatigue accumulated after a day walking the narrow streets of the old town.

Second by second, the landscape unfolds before you like a master's canvas. Sunlight caresses the facades of the buildings, creating plays of shadows and reflections on the Mediterranean Sea. It is a total immersion where time seems suspended. You watch the Sagrada Família rise majestically on the horizon while feeling the light breeze through the windows. This short but intense ascent perfectly prepares your mind for the discovery of the summit, transforming a simple ride into a moment of **pure contemplation** even before reaching the castle.



PREPARE YOUR VISIT

Practical information

ADDRESS

Avinguda de Miramar · Metro: Paral·lel (L2, L3) then a 10-minute walk or funicular to the park.

OPENING HOURS

In summer (June-Sept), the service is open from 10:00 AM to 9:00 PM. Check off-season hours on the official website.

FARES

Adult round-trip from €17.10, child (4-12 years) from €11.70. 10% discount online.

VISIT DURATION

The total journey takes just a few minutes over 752 meters. Allow 1 to 2 hours at the summit to explore the castle and viewpoints.

PHOTOS

The cabins feature fixed windows perfect for framing the Sagrada Família or the port. Photography is allowed without flash.

AUDIENCE

Ideal for families and tired visitors, as it avoids the physical effort of climbing. Accessible for people with reduced mobility since 2007 thanks to its spacio

HOW TO GET THERE

Access & transport

Metro

: Fontrodona — 10 min à pied

Parc de Montjuïc (6 min) · Espanya (9 min)

Bus

: Pl Dante — 2 min à pied

Parc de Montjuïc (8 min) · Espanya (14 min)

Car

Parc de Montjuïc (3 min) · Espanya (8 min)

Bicing / Bike

Parc de Montjuïc (2 min) · Espanya (9 min)

LOCALISATION

Où se trouve the Montjuïc Cable Car ?



📍 30,Avinguda Miramar — 08038 Barcelona

🌐 41°22.123′ N, 2°9.809′ E

ORGANIZATION

Understanding the Three-Stage Journey

Downhill Station (Montjuïc Park)

Located at an altitude of 88 meters on Avinguda de Miramar, this station houses the drive section of the installation. This is where you purchase your tickets or validate your skip-the-line passes. The architecture is modern and functional, designed to streamline access to the cabins. You will find all practical information regarding schedules and fares here.

Intermediate Station (Viewpoint)

At an altitude of 129 meters, this unique station is served only in the downhill direction. The line makes an 86° angle here, allowing for the automatic transfer of cabins to the second section. It is a strategic point for taking a quick photo or observing the city from a different angle, without having to get out of the cabin during the ascent.

Upper Station (Castell)

Perched at an altitude of 173 meters, this final station drops you right at the foot of Montjuïc Castle. From there, you have immediate access to the historic ramparts, the Fossar de la Pedrera, and the Montjuïc Cemetery. The environment is steeped in history, offering a natural transition between the modern cable car experience and the site's military and memorial heritage.

ACCESSIBILITY

♿ Disabled Access

Installation rebuilt in 2007 specifically to provide full access for people with reduced mobility.

👨‍👩‍👧 Families

Perfect for families thanks to the lack of physical effort and stable, secure cabins.



Must-sees

SELECTION

The Highlights of the Ascent

01 Glass cabin

View of the Sagrada Família

This is the climax of the ascent. From the fixed windows, the basilique stands out clearly against the horizon. The perspective offered by the height allows you to appreciate the monumental scale of Gaudí's work, often obscured by buildings when on the ground. Position yourself on the left or right side depending on the direction of travel to perfectly frame the towers.

> 💡 Many professional photographers use this exact angle for their cover shots, as it captures the **absolute verticality** of the monument without obstruction.

02 Intermediate Station

The right-angle turn at Mirador

A fascinating technical feat where the line changes direction by 86°. Passengers remain seated while the cabins are automatically transferred to the second section. This fluid maneuver, invisible to the untrained eye, testifies to the precision of Leitner engineering. It is a moment of light suspense and admiration for the mechanics.

> 💡 This complex turn required meticulous ballistic calculations to ensure passenger comfort during the **automatic transfer**.

03 Initial section

Panorama over Port Vell

From the start of the ascent, a view opens up onto the former fishing port transformed into a pedestrian promenade. The marina and pleasure boats are clearly visible. This maritime perspective contrasts with the city's dense urban planning, reminding one of Barcelona's maritime origins. It is ideal for understanding the geography of the bay.

> 💡 In fair weather, the Medes Islands can sometimes be seen in the distance, adding a **deep Mediterranean dimension** to the view.

04 Amont Station

Direct access to the Fossar de la Pedrera

Just after exiting the cabin, this site of memory from the Spanish Civil War is within reach. It offers a striking contrast between the lightness of the cable car and the gravity of local history. The explanatory plaques help understand Montjuïc's crucial role during the conflict. It is an emotional and educational stop integrated into the route.

> 💡 The site preserves the remains of thousands of Republican fighters, a tangible testament to Catalan **collective memory**.

05 Cabin (Evening)

Summer sunset

Thanks to extended hours until 9:00 PM from June to September, you can capture the changing colors of the sky. Golden light bathes the city and the sea, creating unmatchable amber and violet hues. It is the ideal time for amateur photographers and romantics. The atmosphere in the cabins then becomes particularly magical.

> 💡 Couples often come specifically for this photo session, considering the **Barcelonian twilight** as a romantic ritual.

06 Cabin

View of Camp Nou

For football enthusiasts, the mythical home stadium of FC Barcelona is visible from certain angles on the ascent. Although located at a distance, its imposing structure is recognizable. This connects the tourist experience with the sporting passion that beats in the heart of the city. A subtle nod for international fans visiting Barcelona.

> 💡 Seeing the temple of football from the air reinforces the feeling of being in the heart of the **world capital of sport**.

07 Cabin Interior

Architecture of the new cabins

Unlike the old open cabins, those from 2007 offer a modern cocoon with panoramic windows. The interior is spacious, comfortably accommodating eight people. The suspension stability is remarkable, minimizing vibrations. This comfort-focused ergonomics transforms the journey into a private flying lounge.

> 💡 The interior design has been awarded for its ability to maximize **natural light** while ensuring acoustic insulation.

08 Intermediate Station

Descent via the Mirador de l'Alcalde

Pro tip: use your return ticket to partially descend to the Mirador station. This stop, inaccessible on the way up, allows you to step out for a photo or some fresh air before taking the cabin again to finish the descent. It's a trick to diversify viewpoints and avoid the monotony of the full journey.

> 💡 Few tourists know about this option, which allows you to enjoy a moment of relative calm away from the crowds in the **main park**.

TIPS

Our Tips for a Perfect Visit

TIMING

Aim for the 'golden hour' (one hour before sunset) in summer to enjoy the best light and the most vibrant colors on the city and the sea.

TICKET

Be sure to purchase online via the official website or the Hola Barcelona app to get a 10% discount and skip-the-line status, thus avoiding potential queues of up to 45 minutes.

TOUR

Never confuse the Cable Car with the Funicular. Take the Cable Car from Miramar Avenue to reach the Castle; the Funicular stops at park level and does not go up to the summit.

PHOTO

Position yourself near the fixed windows as soon as you board. Identify the direction of travel to know which side the Sagrada Família or the port will be on, so you can frame your photos without disturbing other passengers.

BREAK

Allow 1 to 2 hours at the summit to visit the Castle or the Fossar de la Pedrera. The journey itself only takes a few minutes, so the value lies in exploring the destination site.

CHILDREN

Ideal for tired families: the lack of physical effort allows children to reach the summit without tears. They will enjoy the playful aspect of the glass cabin, which puts them in the position of privileged observers.

AUDIOGUIDE

Although no specific audioguide is mentioned for the cabin, take advantage of the Hola Barcelona app, which provides contextual information about the monuments visible during the ride.

COMFORT

Even if the ride is short, dress comfortably. If you plan to stay at the summit in cool weather, bring a light jacket, as wind can be present at high altitude despite the enclosed cabins.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

FAQ

Does the round-trip ticket include entry to Montjuïc Castle?

No, the ticket only covers the cable car ride. Entry to the castle is charged separately if you wish to visit the interiors. Remember to check the castle's fares before arriving at the summit.

Do I need to book in advance?

It is recommended to benefit from the -10% discount and skip-the-line access, especially during peak season. Buying online allows you to avoid the queue at the lower station on Avinguda Miramar and go directly to the gla

Is the skip-the-line ticket valid all day?

Yes, the round-trip skip-the-line ticket allows free travel on the line throughout the day. You can go up and down as many times as you like to enjoy the panoramic views.

Is there a discount for children?

Yes, children aged 4 to 12 benefit from a reduced rate. The child round-trip ticket is available from €11.70 via the online ticketing system, offering affordable access to the Montjuïc Castle.

Can I get off at the Mirador de l'Alcalde intermediate station?

No, this station is only served in the downhill direction (return). There are no platforms for the uphill journey, meaning you cannot make an active stop or change sections. The cabins pass automatically without stopping

DID YOU KNOW?

Anecdotes & curiosities

The 2007 revolution

Before 2007, the cable car was a austere installation built by Von Roll in 1970. The cabins had no windows and closed during winter. The reconstruction by Leitner changed the game by introducing fixed windows and accessibility for people with reduced mobility, shifting from purely functional utility to a **premium tourist experience**.

Massive throughput capacity

Thanks to its 54 modern cabins, the current infrastructure handles 2,990 people per hour, compared to 1,200 previously. This high capacity means that even during peak tourist seasons, waiting times remain reasonable, optimizing visitor flow to the summit.

Two distinct infrastructures

It is crucial to distinguish the Cable Car (TMB), which goes up to the Castle, from the Montjuïc Funicular, which connects the Paral·lel metro station to the park. These are two independent systems. Confusing the two is the most common mistake made by tourists, often leading to an unnecessary extra walk.

Technical angle of 86°

The Mirador intermediate station features a rare technical peculiarity: the line makes an 86° right-angle turn there. Cabins are automatically transferred to the second section without passengers needing to change vehicles, a discreet but impressive engineering feat.

AROUND THE MUSEUM

Once you reach the summit, you are ideally positioned to explore the hill's cultural treasures. The **Montjuïc Castle** is located directly across, offering a 360-degree panoramic view of the bay and the city. For those who wish to extend their stay, the Fossar de la Pedrera, a poignant memorial site of the Spanish Civil War, is accessible directly from the upper station. On your way down, you can stroll through Montjuïc Park, a vast green space perfect for a relaxing break. Nearby, Poble Espanyol offers a fascinating architectural reconstruction of Spain, while Restaurant del Castell allows you to enjoy a meal with an unbeatable view of the port before heading back to the city center via the funicular or the Paral·lel metro station.

Leaving the summit of Montjuïc means carrying with you a new vision of Barcelona. This aerial experience leaves you with a lasting memory of a vibrant city, seen from above. Whether to admire the sunset or simply take a breath after a day of culture, the Cable Car offers much more than just transportation: it provides a **unique perspective**. Don't wait to live this unforgettable ascent, for it is here that Barcelona's magic reaches its visual and emotional peak.