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El Parque de Montjuic in Barcelona by [Frank Thomas](#)

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The Montjuic mountain (meaning literally Jewish mountain in Catalan), overlooks the harbor of Barcelona and is a very special location not only for its scenic views but also for the big amusement park, gardens, museums and the Magic Fountain right by the Palacio Nacional.

The Olympic Games of 1992

A whole new stadium with over 65,000 seats was built in 1929 to celebrate the Olympic Games but the Civil War of 1936 made its completion impossible until 1992, when finally Barcelona held its first Olympic Games.

Other sites to visit in Montjuic

The Olympic Stadium is located in what is known as the Olympic ring, amongst other buildings that hold all kinds of sporting activities. There is the Sports Science Center where diving and swimming events take place, and the Torre de Comunicaciones designed by the Architect S Calatrava.

Montjuic has many parks and gardens, rotondas, botanical gardens and hiking trails that delight families and couples.

A famous fresh water fountain is La Font del Gat, where for nearly two hundred years people have been taking its water to drink at home. A popular Catalan folk song mentions this place in its lyrics. (Walking down from the "Cat Fountain", a soldier and a girl come back from a tryst.) This song describes the popularity of the gardens of Montjuic as a place for couples to spend some private time together.

The road that goes to the top of Montjuic is used by driving schools to give students driving lessons. There is a racing circuit that has held the Spanish Grand Prix on more than one occasion, but a bad accident in 1975 disqualified its continuance.

One of the biggest cemeteries of the city is also located on one of the mountain sides facing the seashore.

There is a teleferic (cable car) to transport you from the port all the way up to the Montjuic Amusement Park.

Interesting Folk Museums

On the slopes we can also find the important museums of the Joan Miro Foundation, and the National Museum of Arts of Catalonia, right inside the Palacio Nacional.

Something really unique in Montjuic is the popular Pueblo Español, which exhibits real models of the different towns and regions of Spain.

On the very top of the mountain we can see the Castell de Montjuic, built in the 18th century as a fortress, but now converted to a Military Museum. Big cannons adorn its citadel. From its embattlements we glimpse a breathtaking view of the Mediterranean sea and the Port of Barcelona.

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