

Watch the theatre like an ancient Greek and sleep with all the comforts



- **Barcelona's largest summer festival takes place in an open air Greek amphitheatre.**
- **Where to sleep in Barcelona. Staying in a hotel or apartment. Splashing out or without breaking the piggy bank.**

London, July 11 2014 – Surrounded by pine trees, cypresses and humming crickets, this is how the Greeks might have watched their plays centuries ago. But, this is also the main stage of Barcelona's largest annual summer festival and a Greek amphitheatre is the set of *Festival Grec*, taking place this July and bringing together dozens of shows from around the world, encompassing dance, music, theatre and circus.

From its humble beginning, when the Greek Theatre (which was actually built especially for the 1929 World's Fair on the site of a disused quarry) was the only venue used, the festival has grown to become both a highlight of the Barcelona summer cultural calendar and a major event on the European performing arts scene. The *Festival Grec* includes a program for family audiences called MiniGrec and there are performances in English, with Catalan surtitles.

Sleep like the god's and goddesses

Barcelona is a fairly manageable city, 30 minutes to cross it by taxi and we have found places where to stay to fit everyone's budgets and near to the *Festival Grec*.

High Splash - Suites Avenue comes forth as the city's new architectural landmark. In harmonious

dialogue with architect Gaudí's La Pedrera, which is right opposite in Barcelona's best shopping street, the building boasts a undulating façade of organic lines, inspired by the shapes of nature and dressed in the colour nacre to capture the changing hues of the sun and to showcase the views over the city.



Medium Splash

Arai is part of Barcelona's artistic heritage, this apart-hotel is a renovated 18th century palace that preserves the character and beauty of its original architecture.

Low Splash

Is it possible to enjoy nature in the middle of a city?

Balmes 3* is the place where that wish comes true. Although it may appear impossible, this hotel offers all you need to enjoy peace and quiet in an atmosphere where nature is the main element without breaking the piggy bank.



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More information:

[Suites Avenue](#) represents a new concept in luxury apartments located in one of Barcelona's most luxurious avenues Passeig de Gràcia, directly opposite Antoni Gaudí's - La Pedrera. Built and designed for those who want to stay in an apartment, but don't want to have to give up the best luxury services. These apartments have the widest and most exclusive offer in the city, as well as their unbeatable location in the heart of Barcelona. **Apartments from € 205 per night**

[Arai](#) is classified as a four-star superior boutique apart-hotel located in Barcelona's historic city center at the heart of the Gothic area and inside the city's triangle formed by the famous Las Ramblas, the Cathedral and Barcelona's harbor. **Apartments from € 190 per night**

[Balmes Hotel](#) 3* is a modern three-star hotel that offers double and family rooms to exquisite suites and luxurious apartments and a range of amenities. It is just a few minutes away from one of Barcelona's main avenues, Avinguda Diagonal. The hotel combines its central location with the tranquility of its pool and interior garden. It is simple an oasis in the heart of Barcelona's shopping district. **Rooms from € 109**

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