

# Hotel EL PALAUET LIVING BARCELONA (Catalonia), Spain

### Facts:

Located on Barcelona's most exclusive boulevard at Passeig de Gràcia 113, this five-story palatial mansion, built in 1906, is an extraordinary example of *Modernisme* (the sumptuous Catalan version of Art Nouveau). Its architect, Pere Falqués, is also known for his ornate lampposts jutting from ceramic tile benches that are sidewalk landmarks at the Passeig de Gràcia. He was a contemporary of Antoni Gaudí whose acclaimed buildings are nearby.

The facade of El Palauet reflects the great prosperity, creative genius, and unbridled imagination of the era.

- "Palauet", in the Catalan language, is a small palau or palace.

- It is located just north of the intersection of Passeig de Gràcia and a main artery called Avinguda Diagonal, where the boulevard narrows into a charming tree-lined street divided by a parkway median with gardens and sculptures.

- Gaudi's undulating Casa Milà, also known as La Pedrera, is just three blocks south.

## SUITES

Six two-bedroom, two-bath apartment-style suites, extremely spacious (1,615 square feet), accommodate up to four guests. Similar in layout, the suites feature a fully-equipped kitchen, dining room, living room, stellar contemporary furnishings, and state-of-the-art technology throughout.



There are two suites to a floor with a common foyer off the elevator.

The *Passeig de Gràcia Suites* have balconies and face east overlooking the tree-lined boulevard. On the opposite side of the building, the *Tibidabo Suites* have a small private terrace and face west overlooking the Monastery of Pompeya and, in the distance, the top of Tibidabo Mountain.

Bathrooms feature spacious closets and shelving, shower with enormous rainfall showerheads plus hand-held fixture, a futuristic automatic toilet-bidet, and a safe. An additional room has a large bathtub and soothing chromotherapy lighting with alternating colors.

High-technology: touch screens control ambient lighting, temperature, music selection (from El Palauet Living Barcelona's own music library), sound level, and automated curtains. Highdefinition TVs with home cinema and DVD player. (Additional TV in each bedroom.)

Internet: high-speed Wi Fi in all double suites, COMPLIMENTARY

**Toiletries:** include a selection of complimentary naturalingredient products produced by AVEDA and Natura Bissé.

**Designer furniture**: Masterful interior decor features contemporary pieces by an array of award-winning designers: Charles and Ray Eames, Ero Saarinen, Warren Platner, Arne Jacobsen, Mies van der Rohe, Philippe Starck, and Antonio Citterio ("less is more") whose modernsleek works are in the permanent collection of MoMA New York.

Space-age Corian seamless surfaces have embedded illuminated decorative patterns that mimic original *modernista* design motifs found in the same suites.

21st-century ultra-modern decor and luxuries harmonize with the preserved 1906 modernista (Art Nouveau) artistry of this



landmark building. Forty-five original ceilings with ornate molding designs are listed as historic treasures by the Town

Hall of Barcelona. Superb carved-wood doors, stained-glass windows, mosaic tiles, wrought iron ornamentation, dramatic staircases and the traditional elevator have all been meticulously restored.

#### ROOFTOP TERRACE AND PRIVATE SPA:

Guests enjoy utmost privacy at the rooftop private spa and landscaped terrace with a panoramic view of this cultural capital on the Mediterranean.

Spa facilities include a wooden Finnish sauna, treatment rooms and massage tables, outdoor jacuzzi with hydro-massage "beds", and solarium for sun tanning.

The bar and al-fresco lounge area are ideal for yoga, simply relaxing, or for gatherings.

(Room card-key gives secure access to street-entrance front door, elevator, suite and rooftop.)

#### **SERVICES:**

A personal assistant is assigned to each suite throughout your stay: multilingual, knowledgeable about Barcelona tourism, museums, shopping, entertainment and dining, and makes all your arrangements.

A culinary expert, he can shop and stock your kitchen, and cook your breakfast (optional) with a wide menu selection including Catalan specialties, and serve it on your dining table.

He can also coordinate a special chef to prepare your lunch or dinner en-suite, as well as recommend restaurants according to your preferences.



**Concierge service:** Do not miss '*El Palauet Recommends...*' a weekly insider's bulletin suggesting smart cultural events, stylish restaurants and clubs around town, social events and...VIP access. Your concierge can arrange everything.

**Transfers** (inquire for cost): Private chauffeured transportation from/to El Prat International AIRPORT [BCN ] or from/to the SEAPORT for guests combining their stay in a Mediterranean cruise, yachting up the Costa Brava, or a ferry trip to the Balearic Islands (Majorca, Minorca, Ibiza and Formentera).

**Parking:** there is an underground public parking garage just across the street with 24-hour service (additional cost).

#### GENERAL:

-Especially suitable for families (children are welcome), small educated dogs are also welcome and it is gay and hetero-friendly.

-We love travel agents

-The building previously belonged to a banking operation. It was then purchased under private ownership, restored, transformed and converted into a hotel that opened in December 2010. US market launch dated March 2011.

**RATES** presently range from 399 Euros (introductory), to 2900 Euros per double suite per night for up to four persons. (Gratuities additional)



**EVENT SPACES:** In addition to its hotel accommodations, El Palauet also offers a variety of event venues ranging from small meeting rooms to the vast 2,300 square-foot **El Tinell** (Catalan for "big celebration room"), the original storage area with brick archways, ideal for weddings, parties, fashion shows, product launches, and exhibitions. These event spaces are within the same building but located in separate areas from the guest rooms.

(For celebrities traveling low-profile, we have a separate private entrance.)

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