CENTENARY EDITION

Gaudí Year 2026

Official Calendar & Key Moments

Barcelona · Centenary of Antoni Gaudí (1926–2026)

A curated guide to the four defining phases of Gaudí Year 2026

Barcelona Private Tour Guide
Official sources only

About This Guide

2026 marks one hundred years since the death of Antoni Gaudí — a defining moment for Barcelona and for the global understanding of his legacy.

Rather than a single anniversary, Gaudí Year 2026 unfolds as a sequence of key cultural, architectural and symbolic moments throughout the year.

This guide brings together the official framework of the centenary, structured around four major phases (Momentum), with a clear overview of confirmed events and key dates.

Created as a planning and reference tool for travellers, architecture lovers and cultural visitors who wish to understand what will happen, when, and why it matters.

All information included is based on official institutional sources. Barcelona Private Tour Guide assumes NO responsibility for changes, cancellations or modifications made by organising institutions after publication

GUIDANCE

How to Use This Calendar

01 Four Phases
The year is organised into four Momentum phases, each highlighting a different aspect of Gaudí's legacy.

02 Chronological Order
Events are listed chronologically within each Momentum.

03 Evolving Details
Dates, venues and formats may evolve as the year approaches.

★ Click to view the complete event information
Each event title in this guide links directly to the official Sagrada Familia website, where you will find the most up-to-date information.

Best Periods to Visit

Spring 2026 →
Exhibitions & reflection

June 2026 →
Centenary peak

Autumn 2026 →
Legacy & popular culture

Editorial hint: Each phase offers a unique perspective on Gaudí's enduring influence

OVERVIEW

Gaudí Year 2026 at a Glance

Momentum 1 Oct–Dec 2025

Origins & foundations

Momentum 2 Jan–Apr 2026

Architecture & reflection

Momentum 3 May–Jul 2026

Centenary peak

Momentum 4 Sep–Dec 2026

Living legacy

Together, these four phases form a continuous narrative that connects Gaudí's origins, vision, centenary and lasting influence.

MOMENTUM 1

01

Setting the Foundations

October – December 2025

The journey begins with foundational experiences that set the stage for the centenary year—family workshops and exhibitions that reconnect visitors with Gaudí's creative spirit and the ongoing evolution of his masterpiece.

01

OFFICIAL EVENTS

Momentum 1 _ Setting the Foundations

22 Nov 2025
23 May 2026

Be Like Gaudí for a Day and Build the Tower of Bernabé: Family Visit - Workshop

An immersive family experience inviting participants to explore Gaudí's creative process through hands-on activities, fostering connection with his architectural vision across generations.

30 Nov 2025
26 May 2026

Exhibition: 1925–2025. One Hundred Years Since the Completion of the Tower of Bernabé. Gaudi's First Witness at the Sagrada Familia

A historical exhibition commemorating the centenary of the Tower of Bernabé's completion, tracing the evolution of the Sagrada Família and Gaudí's enduring commitment to his life's work.

Phase Focus:
Establishing the foundational understanding of Gaudí's work through educational initiatives and historical reflection, preparing visitors for the centenary journey ahead.

MOMENTUM 2

02

Architecture, Faith & Reflection

January – April 2026

This phase explores the intersection of Gaudí's architectural genius with his deep spiritual devotion—illuminations, theological conferences, and cultural celebrations that reveal the sacred dimension of his work.

02

OFFICIAL EVENTS

Momentum 2 _ Architecture, Faith & Reflection

6–8 Feb 2026

Illumination for Barcelona World Capital of Architecture

A spectacular light installation celebrating Barcelona's designation as World Capital of Architecture, illuminating the Sagrada Família's façade with artistic projections that honor Gaudí's vision.

12 Feb 2026

Theological Conferences

Scholarly conferences exploring the theological dimensions of Gaudí's architecture, examining how his deep Catholic faith shaped every aspect of his creative expression.

19 Mar 2026

Mass Dedicated to Saint Joseph

A solemn mass honoring Saint Joseph, to whom Gaudí dedicated his life and work, reflecting the architect's profound devotion to the patron saint of the Sagrada Família.

19 Mar 2026

Concert with the Orfeó Català

A choral performance by the renowned Orfeó Català within the sacred space of the basilica, where music and architecture unite in spiritual harmony.

27 Apr – 26 Jul 2026

The Sagrada Família and Barcelona. 144 Years of a Shared Journey

A comprehensive exhibition documenting the intertwined history of Gaudí's masterpiece and the city of Barcelona, exploring how the basilica has shaped and been shaped by its urban context over nearly a century and a half.

MOMENTUM 3

03

The Centenary Moment

May – July 2026

The heart of Gaudí Year 2026 arrives with profound significance—a time when the world gathers to commemorate the centenary of the master's death, witness the inauguration of the Tower of Jesus Christ, and celebrate the enduring power of his visionary legacy.

03

OFFICIAL EVENTS — PART 1

Momentum 3 _ The Centenary Moment

14 May 2026

Presentation of Biographical Books about Antoni Gaudí, Dr. Armand Puig and Father Josep Maria Blanquet, S.F.

The unveiling of new biographical works exploring Gaudí's life, offering fresh perspectives on the man behind the masterpieces and his enduring influence on architecture and culture.

1926 / 2026

10 Jun

Mass in Commemoration of the Centenary of Antoni Gaudí's Death

A solemn mass marking exactly one hundred years since Gaudí's passing, gathering the faithful and admirers from around the world to honor his memory and spiritual legacy.

June 2026 (date TBC)

Blessing and Inauguration of the Tower of Jesus Christ

The historic inauguration of the central tower dedicated to Jesus Christ, reaching toward the heavens as the culmination of Gaudí's architectural vision—a moment of profound symbolic significance.

4 Oct 2026

Procession of Popular Culture

A vibrant public procession through Barcelona's streets, celebrating Gaudí's legacy through traditional Catalan cultural expressions, music, and community participation.

Phase Significance

This is the heart of the centenary, a time of profound commemoration, celebration, and reflection on Gaudí's extraordinary contribution to architecture, faith, and human creativity.

BARCELONA PRIVATE tourguide

03

OFFICIAL EVENTS — PART 2

Momentum 3 _ The Centenary Moment

19 Jun 2026

Art and Humanity: Concert with the Municipal Band of Barcelona on the Occasion of its 140th Anniversary

A special concert exploring the intersection of art and human experience, performed within the inspiring acoustics and atmosphere of the basilica.

20 Jun 2026

Dreams That Spark Hope: Actions with Third-Sector Organizations

A social initiative inspired by Gaudí's humanitarian vision, engaging the community in activities that promote hope, inclusion, and collective dreams for the future.

27 Jun 2026

Architectural Dialogue Between Heritage and Contemporaneity at the Sagrada Família. Conference with Pritzker Prize Winners

A prestigious gathering of Pritzker Prize-winning architects engaging in dialogue about Gaudí's influence on contemporary architecture and his enduring relevance in the 21st century.

30 Jun 2026

International Architecture Congress: Awards Ceremony

An international congress recognizing excellence in architecture, with awards ceremony honoring contemporary works that embody Gaudí's spirit of innovation and beauty.

4 Jul – 15 Nov 2026

Exhibition: "Avinguda Gaudí, a Living Memory Between the Sagrada Família and the Hospital de Sant Pau"

An outdoor exhibition along Avinguda Gaudí, transforming the avenue into a living memorial that explores the architect's connection to the city and his impact on urban life, featuring installations, historical photographs, and interactive displays.

MOMENTUM 4

04

Gaudí's Living Legacy

September – December 2026

This phase explores the intersection of Gaudí's architectural genius with his deep spiritual devotion—illuminations, theological conferences, and cultural celebrations that reveal the sacred dimension of his work.

04

OFFICIAL EVENTS

Momentum 4 _ Gaudí's Living Legacy

1 Sep – 1 Dec 2026

Sagrada Família: The Strength of a Shared Dream

An exhibition celebrating the collective effort behind the Sagrada Família's construction.

19 Sep 2026

Opening Ceremony of Popular Culture

A ceremonial launch of popular culture events honoring Catalan traditions.

October 2026

Performances for the Public: Music, Traditions and Popular Culture

A series of cultural performances celebrating Gaudí's legacy through music and dance.

4 Oct 2026

Enjoying Gaudí: Discover the Architect at the Family Architecture Day

An educational day designed for families to explore architecture together.

November 2026

Presentation of the Book "100 Years, 100 Photographs"

A visual journey through a century of Gaudí's influence via 100 iconic photographs.

7 Nov 2026

Young People and the Meditative Prayer of Taizé

A meditative prayer service in the Taizé tradition, fostering contemplation.

8 Dec 2026

Mass of the Immaculate Conception

A special mass celebrating the Immaculate Conception within the basilica.

13 Dec 2026

Discover the Basilica with All Your Senses

A multi-sensory journey through the Sagrada Família for a holistic experience.

18 Dec 2026

For Christmas, Originality Is Returning to the Origin

A festive Christmas celebration concluding the centenary year with joy.

Each event title is clickable and links directly to the official Sagrada Família website, where you can find full, up-to-date information.

EXPERIENCE

Experience Gaudí 2026 with Depth

Gaudí Year 2026 is more than a series of events.

It is a rare opportunity to understand Barcelona through the vision of its most extraordinary architect — at a moment when his legacy is being revisited and celebrated worldwide.

One hundred years after his death, Antoni Gaudí's work invites us not only to admire its beauty, but to explore the ideas behind it: *his spiritual vision, creative methods and deep connection with nature and craftsmanship.*

To truly appreciate Gaudí's architecture, context matters. Understanding where his ideas came from and how his projects evolved transforms a visit into something far deeper than sightseeing.

Expert Guides

Curated Itineraries

Flexible Timing

> For travellers seeking more than a standard visit, private experiences with expert guidance allow Gaudí's work to be understood in its full architectural, historical and human dimension.

PREMIUM EXPERIENCE

Discover Gaudí with Javier

This depth of understanding depends not only on what you see, but who guides you.

Javier is an official Barcelona guide who had the rare privilege of being formed from within the Sagrada Família itself.

Driven by curiosity and passion, he was able to enter the studios of the architects, sculptors and artisans who continue to bring Gaudí's vision to life.

> By listening, observing and learning directly from those who were building the Sagrada Família day after day, Javier gained access to a living knowledge rarely shared with visitors.

His insights are not drawn only from books, but from personal stories, conversations and experiences passed on by the people shaping Gaudí's legacy from the inside.
What he shares today are not rehearsed speeches, but lived insights.

If you wish to live a truly UNIQUE EXPERIENCE and discover Gaudí beyond the surface, we invite you to explore Barcelona with Javier.

→ **Discover our Premium Gaudí Tour with Javier**

Barcelona 2026: More than a Moment

Gaudí Year 2026 marks an extraordinary milestone, but Barcelona offers far more to discover.

BARCELONA PRIVATE tourguide

We design fully private, tailor-made experiences for travellers who want to go beyond the obvious.

From Gaudí's masterpieces to hidden neighbourhoods, cultural landmarks, food and wine experiences or day trips beyond the city, each tour is crafted around your interests, pace and expectations.

Contact us to plan your Barcelona Experience

barcelonaprivatetourguide.com

This publication has been prepared for informational and cultural purposes only.
Its aim is to provide a clear, reliable and well-structured overview of Gaudí Year 2026, respecting the historical, cultural and architectural significance of Antoni Gaudí's work.

© 2026 Barcelona Private Tour Guide. All rights reserved.