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Useful Information

1. Welcome to TecnoCampus



TecnoCampus is a technology park and university run by the Mataró city Council. The Fundació TecnoCampus Mataró-Maresme is the organization in charge of the centre's governance and strategic development. The integration of a university campus associated with the Universitat Pompeu Fabra and a business park is the defining feature that sets TecnoCampus apart, with its firm commitment to entrepreneurship and quality tuition linked to the region's production sector. Tecnocampus mission is to become a regional support tool for the wealth and economic growth.

Tecnocampus offers official Bachelor and Postgraduate university studies, fully adapted to the European Higher Education Area (EHEA). The range of academic courses offered by TecnoCampus are divided between three university centres affiliated to the Universitat Pompeu Fabra, one of the top 15 in Europe according to the U-Multirank league table prepared by the UE. There are more than 3.000 students enrolled. Tecnocampus's research groups focus on the areas of activity of the institution's three schools.

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2. Location

2.1 Mataró city

Tecnocampus is located in Mataró, only 30 minutes away from Barcelona centre.

Mataró is the capital and largest town of the Maresme region with a population of over 120.000 inhabitants. It is located on the coast, between Cabrera de Mar and Sant Andreu de Llavaneres, about 30 kilometres north-east from Barcelona.

One of the town's main feature is its large port, which is one of the most important on the Maresme coast, and it also has a number of large city beaches.

The coastal N-II highway follows the same path as the original Roman road and nearby are the archaeological remains of the Roman villa of Can Llauder.

Mataró is the birthplace of the famous modernist architect Josep Puig i Cadafalch (1867-1956), who designed many buildings in Barcelona (e.g. casa Amatller, casa Martí or casa Macaya) and Mataró (e.g. casa Coll i Regàs, casa Parera or casa Sisternes) among other places. Another main sight in the city of Mataró is Santa Maria's temple, a cultural well of National interest.

Mataró is famous for so many activities you can join. Some of the meeting points are: the beach, the mall, or the main city centre street called La Riera, where you can find lots of shops, cafes and many restaurants. There is also nightlife in Mataró: the party area is located near TecnoCampus and some of the clubs are Cocoa, Miracle, Classic or Clap.

Mataró Tourist Office

Address: Carrer de la Riera, 123, 08301 Mataró, Barcelona

Telephone: +34 937 582 698

Email: turisme@ajmataro.cat **Opening Hours:** Please check the website:

<https://visitmataro.cat/ca>



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2.2 Barcelona city

Barcelona is the capital of Catalonia with a population of 1.6 million inhabitants (3.2 million inhabitants adding the metropolitan area). Its excellent location on the shores of the Mediterranean, its gentle climate and its open cosmopolitan character make the Catalan capital an extraordinary place to live.

It is currently recognized as a global city due to its importance in the spheres of culture, finance, business and tourism. Its port is one of the foremost in the Mediterranean and the city is a transport hub between Spain and France.

Harmoniously integrating tradition and modernity, Barcelona combines the architectural evidence of its Roman and Medieval past with both Modernism (Catalan Art Nouveau) –with Gaudí as the leading exponent of this architectural style– and gems of contemporary architecture such as the Agbar Tower. Its gradual evolution has made it a focal point for architecture lovers.

Barcelona, the Southern Gate to Europe, hosts one of the largest university communities in Europe, made up of 200.000 students and more than 15.000 professors in seven universities offering a wide range of undergraduate and postgraduate programmes.

Its potential has made it a magnet for new trends from around the world. Design, music, fashion, art and cinema professionals are part and parcel of this dynamic city. A broad offer in culture, sports, and leisure and nature activities rounds out the spectrum of opportunities. A perfect place to combine quality academic activity with a good social life.



Casa Amatller (architect: Puig i Cadafalch) and casa Batlló (architect: Gaudí) at Passeig de Gràcia (Barcelona)

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3. Transportation tips

3.1 From the airport to Barcelona

Barcelona has an international airport known as [El Prat](#), with two terminals: T1 and T2. The terminals are connected by shuttle buses running every 8 minutes. The airport is located 18 km south of the city. More than a hundred airlines connect the city with 200 destinations worldwide. If you arrive by plane, these are several ways of getting from the airport to Barcelona:

- [Aerobus](#): Bus service rapidly connecting the two terminals with downtown Barcelona (25-35 minutes), end stop Plaça Catalunya. The Aerobus’T1 line serves terminal T1 while the A2 line serves terminal T2. It runs every day from 5:30 am to 1:00 am.
- [Train](#): Line R-2 Nord (R-2 Noth), of the Catalan Regional Railway- Rodalies de Catalunya- connects terminal T2 with Sants, Barcelona’s central station (19 minutes), Passeig de Gràcia (26 minutes) and Clot-Aragó (30 minutes). It runs every day from 6:00 am to 11:30 pm.
- Taxi Cab. There is always a large fleet of taxi cabs available at the airport at any time, at either of the two terminals. Taxis charge an additional fee for airport service and for every suitcase transported.

At approximately 100 kilometres from Barcelona are the Girona-Costa Brava and Reus airports, out of which certain low-cost airlines run.

For information about Spanish airports visit www.aena.es

Barcelona airport: +34 93 815 99 49

Girona airport: +34 97 247 42 40

3.2 From Barcelona to Tecnocampus (Mataró)

a) By train

Take the train line R1 (stations in Barcelona: *Sants-Estació, Plaça de Catalunya, Arc de Triomf, El Clot-Aragó*) until *Mataró* station.

Some trains terminate at Mataró train station and other trains at *Blanes* or *Maçanet-Massanes* but all of them stop at Mataró.

You can check the schedules at www.renfe.es

b) By bus

You can take the “Casas” bus number E11.1 in Barcelona (it stops in *Ronda Universitat, 21* or *Plaça de Tetuan*): [E11.1 – Barcelona - Mataró \(centre\)](#)

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You also have night buses:

N80 – (Barcelona – Mataró)

N82 – (Barcelona – Mataró – Pineda)

c) By car

1. From Barcelona, head North on the C-32 Motorway (formerly called A-19) towards Mataró/Girona.
2. Leave the motorway at the exit “Mataro Sud” (about 25 minutes from Barcelona).
3. You will come to a large roundabout with a huge metal sculpture, take the 2nd exit.
4. TecnoCampus will be just in your right.



3.3 Transport in Mataró

Taxi Services: +93 798 60 60 and +93 799 14 14

Train Station (RENFE): Pl. Miquel Biada, s/n. +34 90 224 02 02.

<https://rodalies.gencat.cat/en/inici/index.html> Mataró Bus Lines:

L1	Estació Renfe – Hospital de Mataró
L2	Estació Renfe – Hospital de Mataró
L3	Camí de la Serra – Vista Alegre – Rocafonda
L4	Cirera – Molins
L5	Estació Renfe – Hospital de Mataró
L6	I. Català Salut – Carretera de Mata
L7	Plaça Tereses – Cerdanyola
L8	La Rambla – Galícia