Dossier on Venue Hire and Private Tours
The Museu Picasso is one of Barcelona’s leading museums and a benchmark centre for studying the formative years of one of the most influential artists in history: Pablo Picasso.

The Museum is housed in architecturally breathtaking buildings in an outstanding location in the heart of the city’s cultural, commercial and tourist district, surrounded by centuries of history and art.

Within this unique setting, the Museum offers institutions, companies and private individuals the chance to hold a range of private and corporate events in its most impressive venues. The Museum’s historic spaces are ideal for creating an exclusive atmosphere for standing buffets, gala dinners and presentations. It also has a function room for holding press conferences, presentations, courses and meetings. In addition—or as an ideal complement—the Museum can also arrange private tours of its permanent collection. Its versatile venues can be readily adapted to the format of the event in question, capitalising on the Museum’s cultural heritage to the full.
Museum Venues

The Museu Picasso is housed in five palatial townhouses along Carrer de Montcada built in Catalan Gothic style between the 13th and 14th centuries, with later additions and alterations.

The following venues may be hired for corporate and private events:

- **Palau Aguilar** (Montcada, 15) - ground floor and courtyard
- **Palau del baró de Castellet** (Montcada, 17) - ground floor and courtyard
- **Palau Meca** (Montcada, 19) - ground floor and courtyard
- **Palau Finestres** (Montcada, 23) - ground floor and courtyard
- **Function room**

The five contiguous townhouses are all interconnected and also have independent access to Carrer de Montcada. Together they constitute a unique historical and artistic setting for a range of different activities as part of an event, with the option to increase capacity if necessary.

Corporate and private events are always held outside museum opening hours. The ground floors and courtyards are available for hire any day of the week from 7.30 pm, with the exception of Thursdays, when no corporate or private events may be held. On Mondays, the museum venues are available for hire from 5 pm. All corporate and private events must finish by 11.30 pm.
Venues

Layout of the Museu Picasso townhouses
Palau Aguilar

In 1963, the Palau Aguilar, at No. 15 Carrer de Montcada, became the first space to house the Museu Picasso de Barcelona. The original mansion dates from the 13th century and the central courtyard is from the 15th century, with Flamboyant Gothic sculptures.

Given its striking dimensions, it offers an exceptional setting for standing buffets and small-scale dinners and is an ideal reception area for welcoming guests to events held in other venues at the Museum.

Montcada, 15
Ground floor and courtyard

Floor space: 68 m²

Capacity (excluding furniture):
Standing buffet: 50 people
Dinner: 24 people
Talk or press conference: 24 people
Palau del baró de Castellet

The Palau del baró de Castellet is a medieval townhouse that was renovated in the 18th century. Its arched room forms a magnificent architectural backdrop.

It is an ideal space for holding receptions, standing buffets and gala dinners in an exclusive atmosphere.

Montcada, 17
Ground floor and courtyard

Floor space: 135 m²

Capacity (excluding furniture):
Standing buffet: 120 people
Dinner: 60 people
Talk or press conference: 50 people
Palau Meca

The Palau Meca dates from the 13th and 14th centuries, in common with the other townhouses that make up the Museu Picasso. In 1981 a renovation project got under way to link the Palau Meca to the Palau Aguilar and the Palau del baró de Castellet.

It is an ideal space for receptions, standing buffets and dinners. Thanks to its strategic location and links to the other townhouses, extra venues can easily be added to increase capacity if necessary.

Montcada, 19
Ground floor and courtyard

Floor space: 122 m²

Capacity (excluding furniture):
Standing buffet: 80 people
Dinner: 40 people
Talk or press conference: 50 people
Palau Finestres

As with the other townhouses that make up the Museu Picasso, the Palau Finestres retains several original 13th-century structures. It was built on top of remains from the late Roman era. The ground floor features a magnificent series of arched rooms. This remarkable setting is ideal for receptions, standing buffets and gala dinners.

Montcada, 23
Ground floor and courtyard

Floor space: 202 m²

Capacity (excluding furniture):
Standing buffet: 200 people
Dinner: 100 people
Talk or press conference: 100 people
Function Room

The Museum also has a fully equipped function room with audiovisual equipment and interpreting booths. This open, multipurpose space is ideal for a range of different events, including press conferences, presentations, talks and courses. It is adjacent to the Palau del baró de Castellet, which makes it easy to combine different activities as part of the same event. There is access from both Plaça Sabartés and Carrer de Montcada.

Floor space: 156 m²

Capacity (excluding furniture):
- Standing buffet: 156 people
- Dinner: 104 people
- Talk or press conference: 130 people

Availability
Available every day of the week except Thursdays, when no corporate or private events may be held at the Museum. It is available from 10.00 am for events that do not require a catering service or access to other spaces, and from 7.30 pm for events that do have these requirements (from 5.00 pm on Mondays). All corporate and private events must finish by 11.30 pm.
Function room equipment
· Track lighting with dimmer
· Loudspeakers for giving presentations, talks, etc.
· 2 wireless microphones and stand
· 4 tabletop microphones
· 1 lectern with microphone
· Platform and three desks for speakers or panellists
· PC, projector and screen (remote control for giving PowerPoint presentations)
· Interpreting booth and control panel for loudspeakers and lighting
· Press patch box
Barcelona played a key role in Picasso’s life: this was the city where he spent his formative years. The Museu Picasso de Barcelona opened in 1963 and its permanent collection now contains more than 4,200 works by the young artist, including many world-famous pieces.

The Museum also offers visitors the chance to take a private tour of the permanent collection, given by specialist guides in several languages. In this way, visitors can enjoy the permanent collection in a private, exclusive setting and may also take in any temporary exhibitions on show.

A private tour may be carried out as a single activity or may be combined with a meeting, buffet or similar corporate or private event to create a unique experience.

Availability
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On Mondays, they are available from 5 pm.
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Length of the tour
Tours last approximately one hour, depending on customers’ requirements.
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