

**Norway:  
Sept 2019**

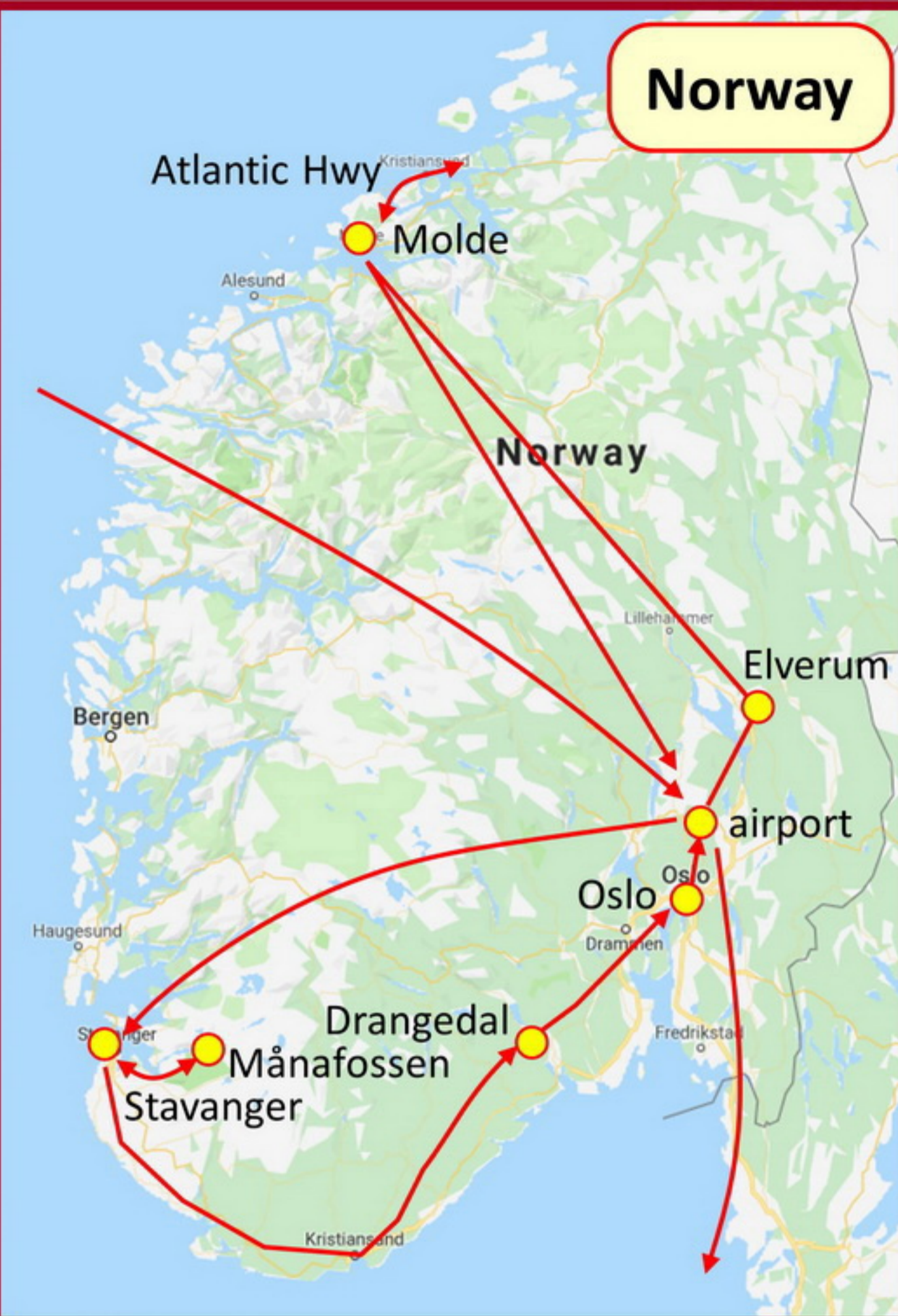
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**Spain: Oct 2019**

**Norway**

- 1. Liv comes to Molde for a class reunion;
- 2. We both visit friends in Stavanger;
- 3. Once we're over here, let's also see Barcelona!

**Spain**





Norway in the fall.







(even the statues need a scarf to keep warm...)



Liv's friends in Elverum: Torill, Berit, & Mette.



**In Molde: Liv's 2nd cousin, Bjørn Alterhaug, in concert.**



Liv, Bjørn, and cousin Brit.





The Norwegian Technical University's women's chemistry class of 1971.



Out by the Atlantic Coast Highway.



**Come for the reunion, stay for the food!**



Larry joins Liv a week later, and we travel to Stavanger.



We visit old family friends, Børge and Gaye.



Cheers!



**Børge and Gaye live in Gamle ("Old Town") Stavanger, ...**



... which is being inundated by cruise ships, ...





... that block the view of the harbor.



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Eva K. Espedal  
f. Asmussen  
\*27-3-1939 †4-6-2005  
Gustav Sørnes  
\*5-8-1943 †21-3-2018  
Hjært er minnet

†  
Berit Hjelm  
f. 11-5-1938 † 6-6-2000  
Per Kåre Hjelm  
f. 20-1-1931 † 24-5-2012

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Ingrid Johansson  
\* 8-3-1922 † 7-5-2005  
Bjarne Olof Johansson  
f. 13-2-1922 † 13-3-2013  
Hjært er minnet

†  
Wenche Selmer  
f. 21-2-1902 † 21-1-2008

†  
Odd & Grevth  
f. 1-1-1903 † 1-1-2000  
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Grevth  
f. 1-1-1903 † 1-1-2000

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SVERRE KNUTSEN  
f. 10-10-1918 † 10-10-1998

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BERIT INGELAND  
f. 10-10-1918 † 10-10-1998  
SVERRE INGELAND  
f. 10-10-1918 † 10-10-1998

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ARNE DA PEDERSEN  
f. 10-10-1918 † 10-10-1998  
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TERJE DA PEDERSEN  
f. 10-10-1918 † 10-10-1998

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Sister Sids  
f. 10-10-1918 † 10-10-1998

Liv at the gravestone of her parents, Odd and Ingrid.



**Let's go for a road-trip!**





  
Frafjord-  
tunnelen  
lengde 3.8 km

The tunnel is over 2 miles long!



On the other side of the tunnel.



**Nice stream! Let's park here and climb up to see where the water comes from!**



An easy climb, w/ nice stepping stones...





... and guy-wires for climbing rock faces.



Source of the river.



**We made it!**



**Take the train from Stavanger back to Oslo.**



**Nice views from the train window.**



Surprise! Liv's friend IngerLise joins us on the train for a visit!



Hey, since she's now in town, let's also visit her daughter and son-in-law.



A quick visit in Oslo w/ Liv's brother Odd-Gunnar & family.





Not much time for visiting, ...



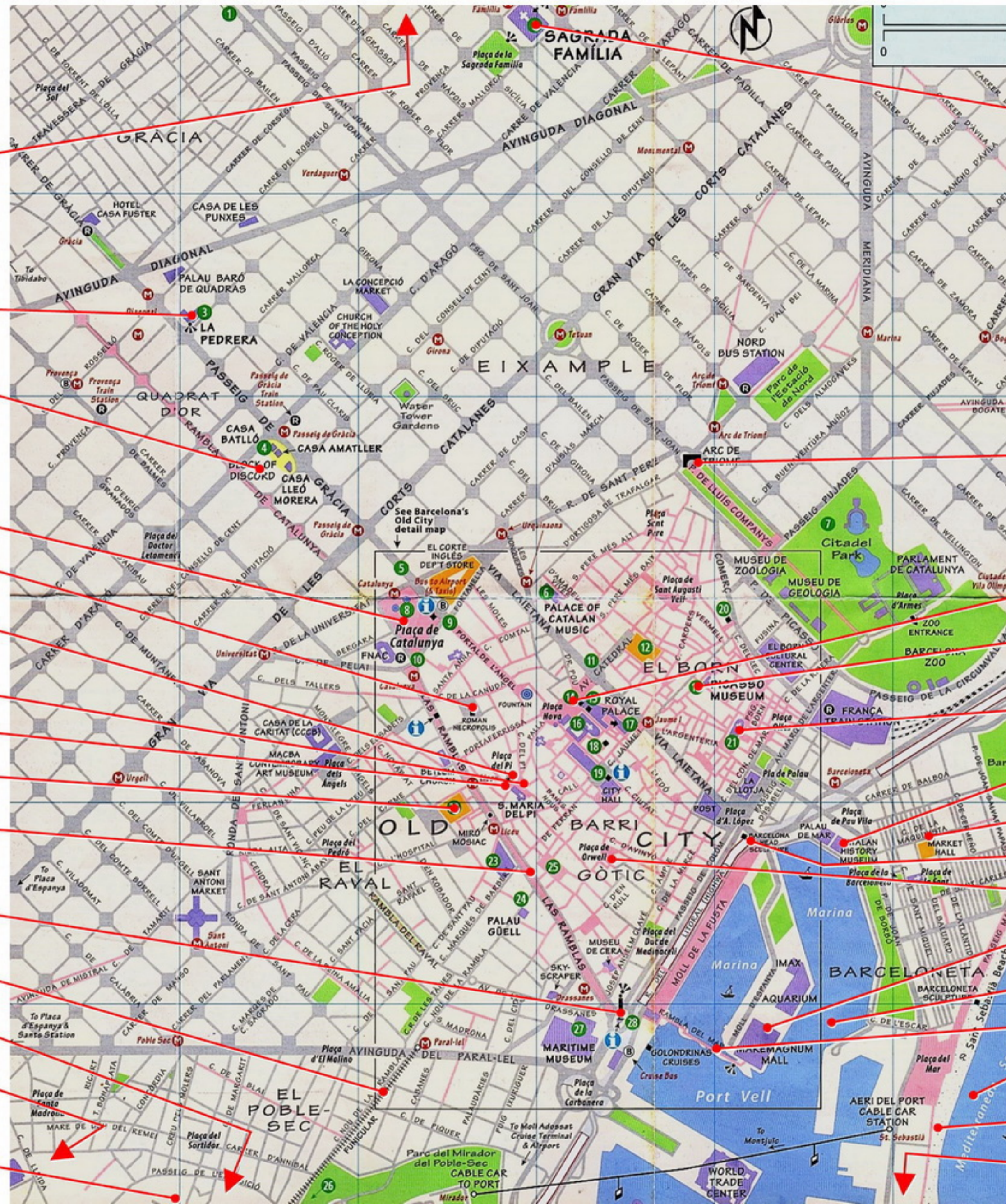
... have to see Oslo in the dark.



We leave Norway under the cover of darkness.

# Barcelona!

Let's explore it thoroughly!



Park Güell

la Pedrera

Block of Discord

Plaça de Catalunya

Roman ruins

★ Hotel el Jardí

Plaça St. Josep Oriol

Plaça Sta. Maria del Pi

La Boqueria Market

Las Ramblas

Columbus Monument

Funicular

Miro Museum

1929 World Expo Fairgrounds

Monjuïc

Sagrada Família

Dalí Museum, in Figueres ↗

Arc de Triomf

Cathedral

Picasso Museum

Santa Maria del Mar

Catalan History Museum

Barceloneta district

Barcelona Head; Lobster

Barri Gòtic in Old City

new shopping mall

harbor

Rambla del Mar

Mediterranean Sea

beach

“W” Hotel



GRAN  
HOTEL CENTRAL  
RESTAURANT  
DEL JARDI

MOLSA

BAR DEL PI

We stay at the Hotel Jardí.  
Our room is just right of the red sign.



There were several great tapas bars in the plaza by our hotel, ...



... as well as weekend craft fairs.



**We were next to  
the Basilica Santa Maria Del Pi**







(The organ looked like a Frank Lloyd Wright artwork...)





The more famous Barcelona Cathedral, w/ long lines & an entrance fee.



**A Picasso (and a Catalonian banner) on the Cathedral Plaza.**



We go on a free walking tour led the Yellow Umbrella guys.



The streets are narrow, ...



... and sometimes make "the sign of the cross."





Another Basilica: Santa Maria del Mar





**Roman ruins from ~4th century AD**



Placa del Rei, where the returning Christopher Columbus was met by King & Queen



**Las Ramblas, Barcelona's main pedestrian street.**



**There's just something in the air!**



**Christopher Columbus monument**



"Go that way!"





Okay, we'll follow the extension of Las Ramblas out over the bay.



**A view of the new hotels out on the beach, complete w/ gondola access.**



**A Gaudi building: Casa Batllo**



Another Gaudi building: Casa Mila, aka La Pedrera





Even the bank has umbrellas & a serpent.



The Gaudi Cathedral: Sagrada Familia, ...



... with life-like sculptures on the outer walls, ...





... and tree-like columns within.





Jesus flying on a trapeze?

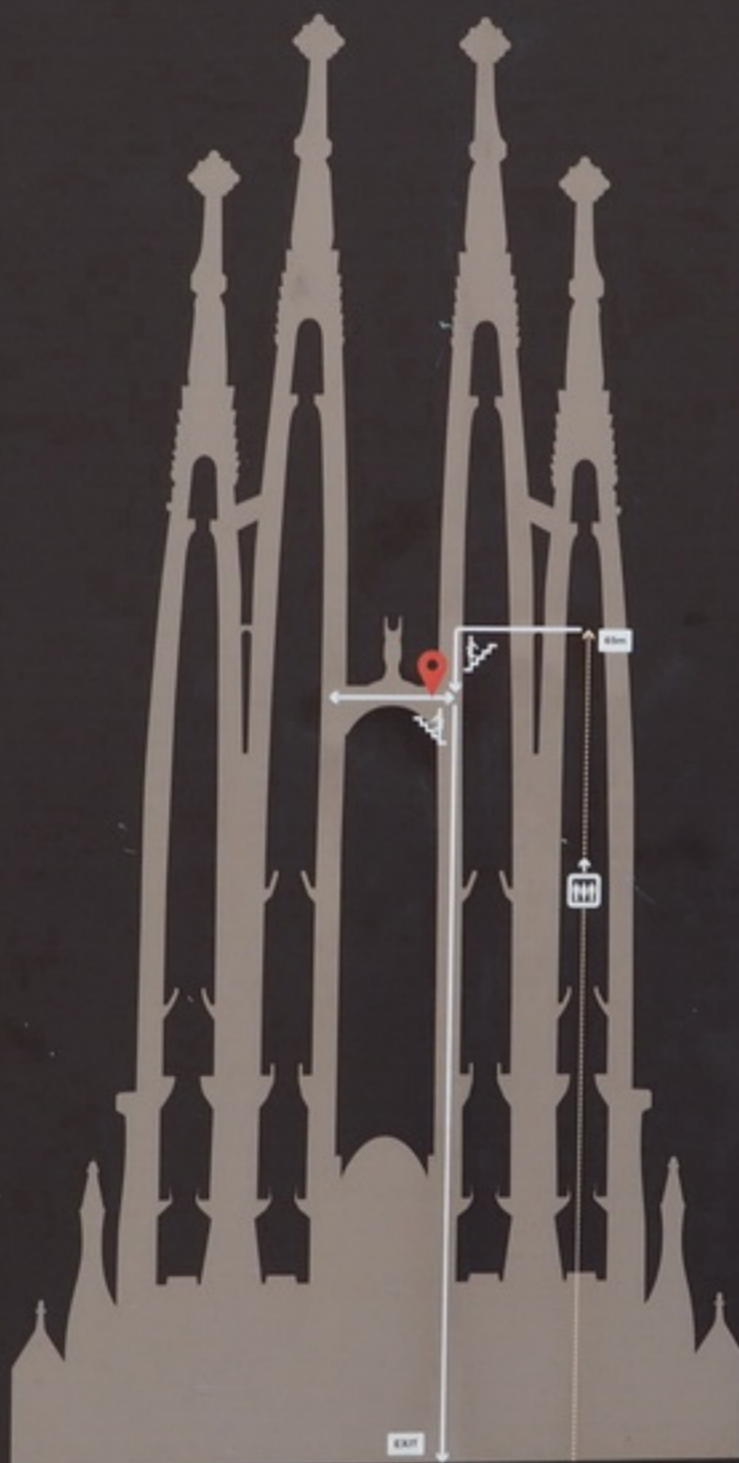


Blue windows for the morning sun, ...



... reds & oranges for the evening light.

Plànol d'ubicació. Les torres de la Passió  
Plano de ubicación. Las torres de la Pasión  
Map. Passion towers



We take an elevator up one of the towers, but will have to walk back down.



**It's a narrow stairway to the view platform.**



You get a close-up view of the artwork,...

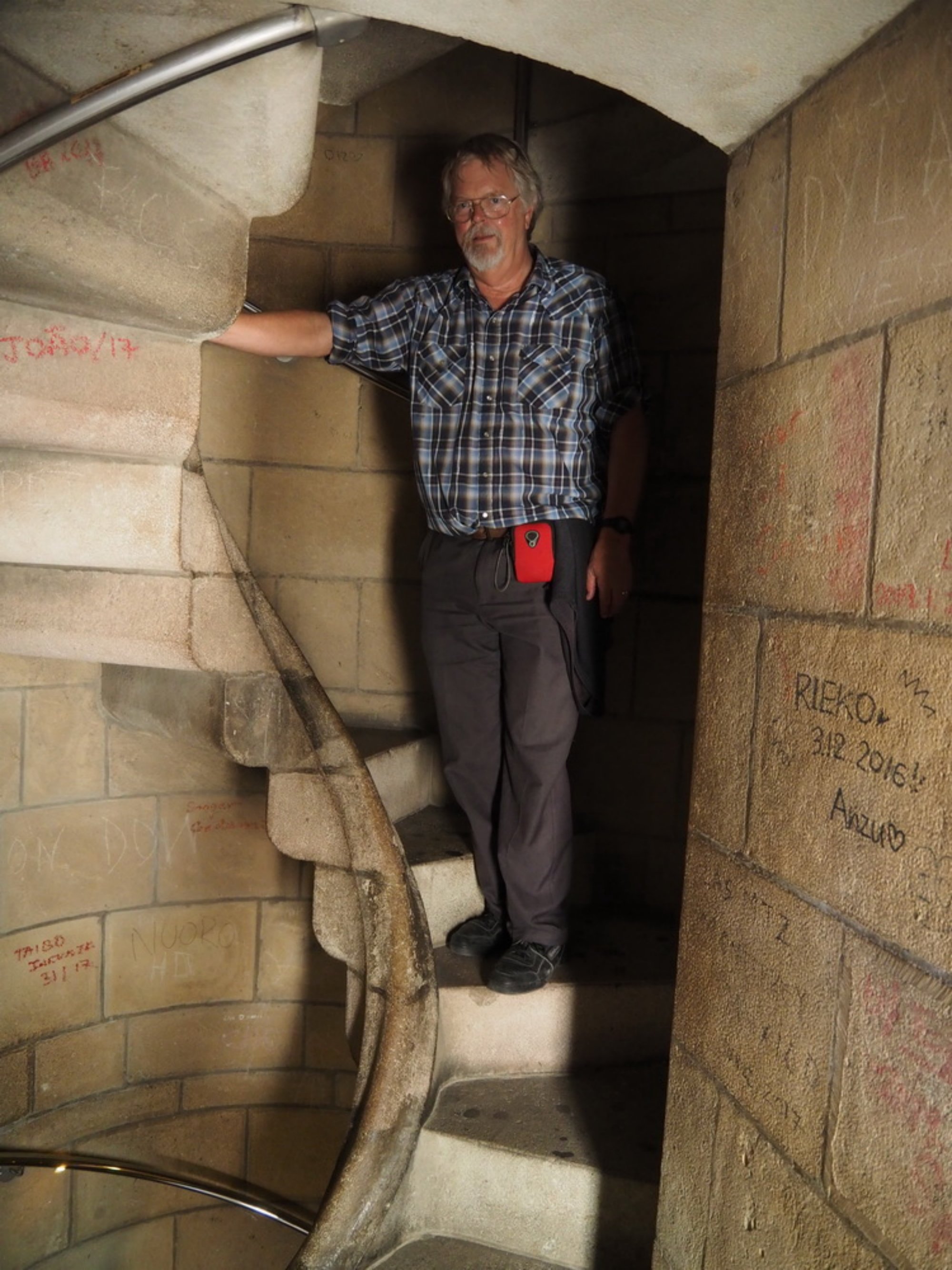




... and a great view of the city.



**And then it's a long and narrow stairway down.**



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The view from the bottom, looking up.



It was the afternoon (and orange light) by the time we made it down.



The artwork on south facade is totally different



**The best way to view the Sagrada Família may be from a distance.**



Barcelona has other strange buildings as well, like the Agbar Tower.





**Go to Park Güell at the edge of town, filled with Gaudi works.**



**The "Pathway of Columns" supporting a viaduct.**





**Beware the lizard -- it might bite!**



**Back in old-town Barcelona.**



(At least the streets are well-lit at night!)



**Catalonian flags and yellow ribbons show the separatist fervor.**



We go to the Picasso Museum, ...





... and see paintings of pigeons.

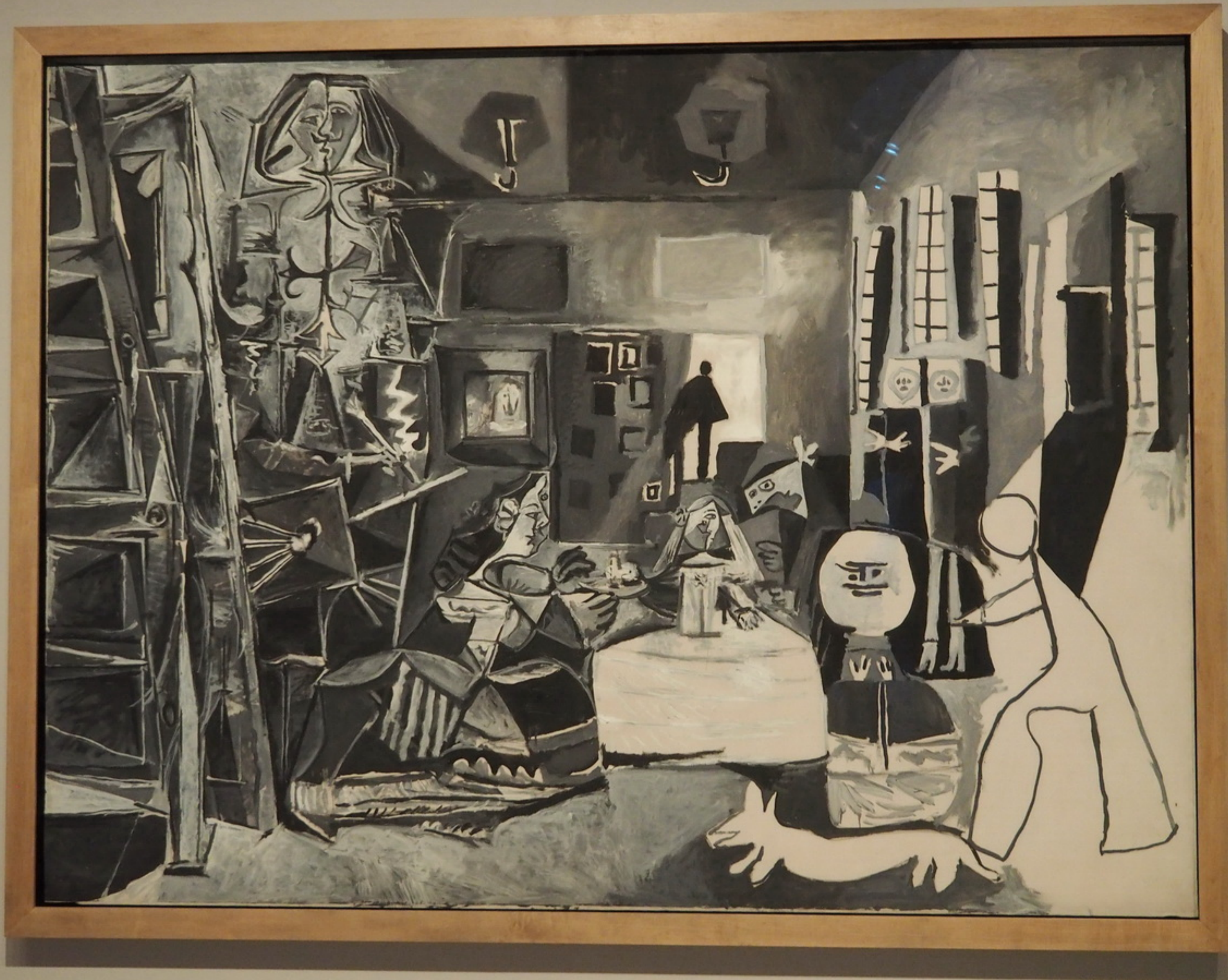


Picasso liked this painting by Velázquez so much that he painted it several dozen times one year.

o Velázquez  
Margarita M



He painted it in color, ...



... he painted it in black-and-white, ...



... and he painted parts of it in detail.



I've been framed!



More wandering around Barcelona. Here's the Arc de Triomf.



We take the funicular to the top of Montjuïc, site of the 1929 World Expo.





MUSEU NACIONAL  
D'ART DE CATALUNYA

ORIOL MASPONS

Fin  
12/0

-it's a great place to relax & catch some rays



View of the Expo from back in town.



We go back to our part of town, ...



... where I enjoy a glass of wine while chaos swirls about me:



... a film crew was shooting an episode of the BBC series, "Us", ...



... set in our local tapas bar.



We take a train past Barcelona's suburbs, ...



... to the small town of Figueres, ...





... home of Salvador Dalí, ...



... and the Dali Museum.



Artwork on the walls ...



... and on the ceilings; ...



... sculptures on the shelves, ...



... on the walls, ...



... and on the floors, ...



... which, when viewed from the appropriate vantage point, ...





... looks like Mae West.



**There's also a giant demon chicken wearing loafers.**



Back in Barcelona and on Las Ramblas, busy day...



... and night; ...



... for dancing in the streets, ...



... and for protest marches. [We left Barcelona a week before the riots.]



CURSO  
CONSTRUCCION DE  
MARIONETAS

Barcelona has quaint shops ...



BARCELONA  
1876



VIDAL PONS 1897

... and vibrant markets ...





... that sell a wide variety of wares, ...

BROCHETAS  
3€

HIGOS  
2'50  
0x

FRESA  
2€

including chocolate strawberries on a stick.



We walk past the "Barcelona Head" and "The Lobster" ...



... to reach the beach on the shores of the Mediterranean Sea, ...



... with a giant copper whale, ...



... volleyball players, ...



... and the hotel shaped like a boat's sail.



Early Sunday morning, our plaza is empty and quiet,  
and we sneak out for a bus to the airport, ...





... to fly back to Oakland ...



... in time to catch the last notes of the birthday party music.



Welcome back!