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**GUIDE TO**

**BCN**

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# ESSENTIALS

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## Introduction

# THE BASICS

**Hola**

oh lah

Hi

**¿Cómo está?**

coh moh

es tah

How are you?

**Por favor**

por fah vohr

Please

**Gracias**

grah cee ahs

Thank you

**¿Habla inglés?**

ahblah een

glays

Do you speak

English?

**¿Cuánto cuesta?**

cwahn toh

cways tah

How much?

**¿Qué hora es?**

kay orah ess

What time is it?

**¿Dónde está**

**el baño?**

dohn days tah el

ban yoh

Where is the

bathroom?

**Una mesa**

**para dos**

oona may sah

pah rah dohss

A table for two

# Introduction



# MOVE ME

## Geneva Business School works in tandem with Move.

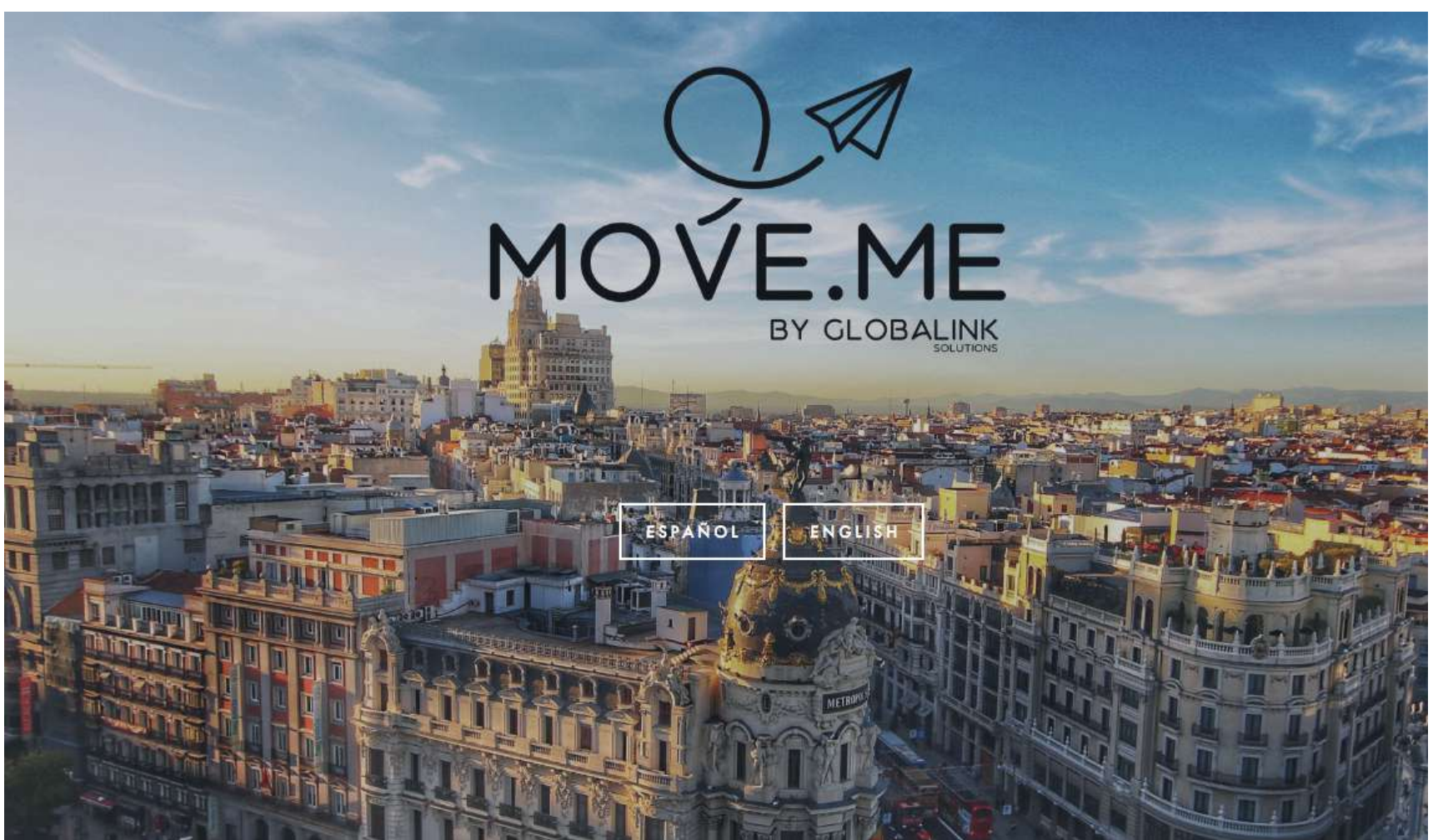
Me to make our students' transition to living in a new country as seamless as possible. For a reasonable price, you can Move.Me will offer the following services:

- Airport pick-up
- Support with finding accommodation
- Support with opening a bank account
- Getting a national ID number for Spain - NIE (EU) or TIE (non-EU)
- Registering as a resident in Spain (empadronamiento)
- Guidance with day-to-day life, such as transport cards, installing internet, buying a phone, health insurance, and much more.

# Introduction



# MOVE ME



To take advantage of Move.Me's services, simply call **Enrique** on +34 678 97 41 63.



## Introduction

# FINDING

# ACCOMMODATION



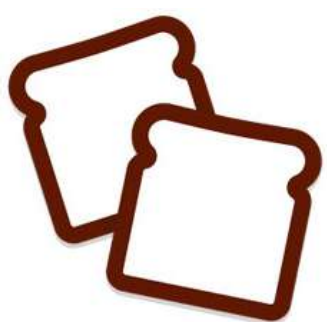
**Idealista**



**Nestpick**



**Don Piso**



**Badi**

**Badi**





## Introduction

# OPENING A BANK ACCOUNT

**To open a bank account as a resident, you'll typically need the following:**

- 1. Your valid, unexpired passport or national identity card (if you're an EU citizen).**
- 2. A document to prove your Spanish address (such as a lease, a recent utility bill or a recent bank statement).**
- 3. Your Spanish NIE or TIE number.**
- 4. Proof of your employment status (such as an employment contract, a student card or unemployment paperwork).**



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# GETTING TO BCN

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Getting to BCN

# OPTION 1:



## **Aerobus**

This is an express bus service from both airport terminals to the city center. One-way ticket €5.90.



## Getting to BCN

# OPTION 2:



## Taxi

There are taxi ranks outside terminals 1 and 2 that run 24/7. Expect to pay around €30 for the journey. There can be baggage surcharges if you bring several bags. If you would prefer, there is also the option to pre-book a taxi below.





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# TRANSPORT

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## Transport

# PUBLIC TRANSPORT

**T-Jove:** This travel card for under 25s allows you to travel as much as you like on all transport services in Barcelona, zone 1, for €105, and is valid for 90 days.

**T-Mes:** This is a monthly travel card with unlimited journeys within Barcelona one 1 and costs €54.

**T-10:** This is a 10-trip travel card within Barcelona, zone 1, for €10.

*NOTE: you will need to have your NIE/TIE to sign up for the T-Jove & T-Mes*



## Transport

# BIKE

The logo for Bicing, featuring the word "bicing" in a lowercase, rounded, sans-serif font.The logo for Viu BiCiNg, featuring the word "Viu" in a bold, sans-serif font followed by "BiCiNg" in a stylized, uppercase, sans-serif font.

The council provide a bike rental service called Bicing. You simply pick up a bike from one of the many stations around the city, complete your journey and return it to your nearest station.

This service has a €50 annual flat rate, or a €35 annual usage fee. NOTE: you will need to have your NIE/TIE to sign up. For more information and to sign up, click below.



Transport

# USEFUL APPS

An app on bus and metro services, with information on service status and customer service channels.

This app integrates data for modes of transport, with an emphasis on public transport.



Transport

# USEFUL APPS

Get the **Uber app** to get a reliable ride in minutes, at any time

Get the **Cabify app** to get a reliable ride in minutes, at any time



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# NEIGHBOR- HOODS

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## Neighborhoods

# EIXAMPLE



Eixample, which translates as “extension”, is the newer part of the city and fills the gap between the Old City (Ciutat Vella) and other neighborhoods such as Gràcia and Sants-Montjuic. Lined with high-end shops and breathtaking architecture, Passeig de Gràcia is at the heart of Eixample, and divides the left and right hand sides of this vast neighborhood.

## Neighborhoods

# EIXAMPLE



Within the spacious streets of Eixample there are numerous Art Nouveau masterpieces including Antoni Gaudí's Casa Batlló and Casa Milà, commonly known as La Pedrera. The best shopping can be found around this area, with all the designer shops located on Passeig de Gràcia. There is also a thriving cafe culture and a selection of some of the best tapas and wine bars in the city.

Neighborhoods

# EL GÓTICO



The Gothic Quarter is the center of Barcelona's Old City. Many of the area's buildings date back to medieval times, and some as far back as the Roman settlement. A mixture of old and new draws people to this historic quarter with its original plazas, beautiful courtyards, and stunning cathedral.

## Neighborhoods

# EL GÓTICO



Stroll the narrow, winding, labyrinth-like streets that hum with the sound of traditional music and Spanish guitar. Barcelona Cathedral (not the Sagrada Familia!) is a focal point of the area and is surrounded by quaint streets and restaurants, the most famous being Els Quatre Gats, where Pablo Picasso often dined.

## Neighborhoods

# EL RAVAL



Historically one of the poorer areas of the city, the Raval is home to quirky and artistic haunts such as 200-year-old Marsella and the groovy jazz club 23 Robadors. The area is undergoing a huge urban regeneration project and a lot of money has been invested in revitalizing the neighborhood.

## Neighborhoods

# EL RAVAL



The MACBA (Barcelona Museum of Contemporary Art) is located here and the surrounding square is the epicenter of the city's thriving skater scene. The nearest metro stops are on La Rambla, home to the food market La Boqueria where every morning you can find chefs from Barcelona's best restaurants buying ingredients.



## Neighborhoods

# EL BORN



The charming cobbled streets and architectural design hint at its historical past that dates back to the 13th century. It also hosts more chic boutiques, renowned restaurants, trendy tapas bars, stylish cafes and wine and jazz clubs than any other area. The Parc de la Ciutadella is a great place to have a stroll, meet up with friends or go jogging.

## Neighborhoods

# BARCELONETA



Barceloneta (Little Barcelona) was originally a fishing's village, but is now better known for its sandy beach and lively nightlife. Its beach is the closest one to the city center and a favorite among tourists during the summer months. The residential area maintains its local feel and is characterized by its grid of narrow streets, full of terraced buildings.

## Neighborhoods

# GRACIA



Until the late 19th century, the neighborhood of Gràcia was actually a separate town, found outside Barcelona's borders. Much of the area is semi-pedestrianised with narrow streets and it's a favorite hangout for the city's bohemian crowd. The highlight of the Gràcia social calendar is the stunning Festes de Gràcia street festival in August. Here, the entire area turns into an outdoor art exhibition made by the residents themselves.

## Neighborhoods

# POBLE-SEC



Poble-sec is Barcelona's most up-and-coming neighborhood, with much to discover at very affordable prices. Paradoxically, Barcelona's "dry village" nowadays boasts the city's cheapest bars. Transcending its previous reputation as a seedy watering hole, Poble-sec is now renowned as one of Barcelona's top destinations for trendy nights out.



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# FOOD & DRINK

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Food & Drink

# ALSUR CAFE €



At AlSur you can enjoy excellent coffee and one of the best brunches in Barcelona. The cafe is large and bright and the upstairs lounge area makes an ideal place to meet with friends, network or simply study. Check out the three other locations on their website.

*Roger de Llúria 23, 08010*



Food & Drink

# NOSTRUM €



Nostrum is a good option for cheap and healthy meals on the go. The food is prepared on site at their countless number of branches and you can create your own three-course meal for less than €10 euros, or simply pick up a snack for as little as €1.

*Rambla de Catalunya, 20, 08007*

*Calle Diputació, 262, 08007*

*and more*



Food & Drink

# FRESCCO €



The restaurant offers a huge all-you-can-eat buffet for a little over €10 euros which includes a varied salad selection with fresh ingredients and much more. The six Fresco restaurants around the city are an ideal choice for hungry students on a budget.

*Carrer de Casp, 32, 08010 and more*





Food & Drink

# SURYA €€



This popular spot specialises in Indian street food and offers fast and healthy Indian meals at very reasonable rates. There are great menu options (€10) which include dishes such as roti rolls, delicious curries and naan sandwiches.  
*Carrer de Pau Claris, 92, 08010*



## Food & Drink

# LAIE



Laie is first and foremost a bookshop where you can find an impressive selection of English-language books, but it also hosts a wonderful cafe upstairs. Grab a coffee and a piece of cake or enjoy a delicious gourmet lunch in the elegant dining room.

*Carrer de Pau Claris, 85, 08010*



Food & Drink

# EL NACIONAL



El Nacional is Barcelona's first multispace dining experience where you can sample the tastes of the Iberian Peninsula. Whether you fancy fresh fish, high-quality meat or just a cocktail, El Nacional is the place to go - its specialist restaurants are yours to choose from!

*Passeig de Gràcia, 24, 08007*



Food & Drink

# THAI BARCELONA - ROYAL CUISINE €€€



Open for 18 years, Thai Barcelona - Royal Cuisine is an excellent option when you're looking to satisfy a craving for Thai food. Not only does it serve up authentic dishes that are bursting with flavor, it also offers a special dining experience thanks to its grand decor.

*Diputació, 273, 08007*





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# EMER- GENCY INFO

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## Emergency Info

# EMERGENCY CONTACTS

Emergency services: **112**

Medical emergencies: **061**

Fire brigade: **080**

Police: **088**

Hospital Clínic:

**+34 932 27 54 00**



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# GBS CONTACT

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**GBS Contact**

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