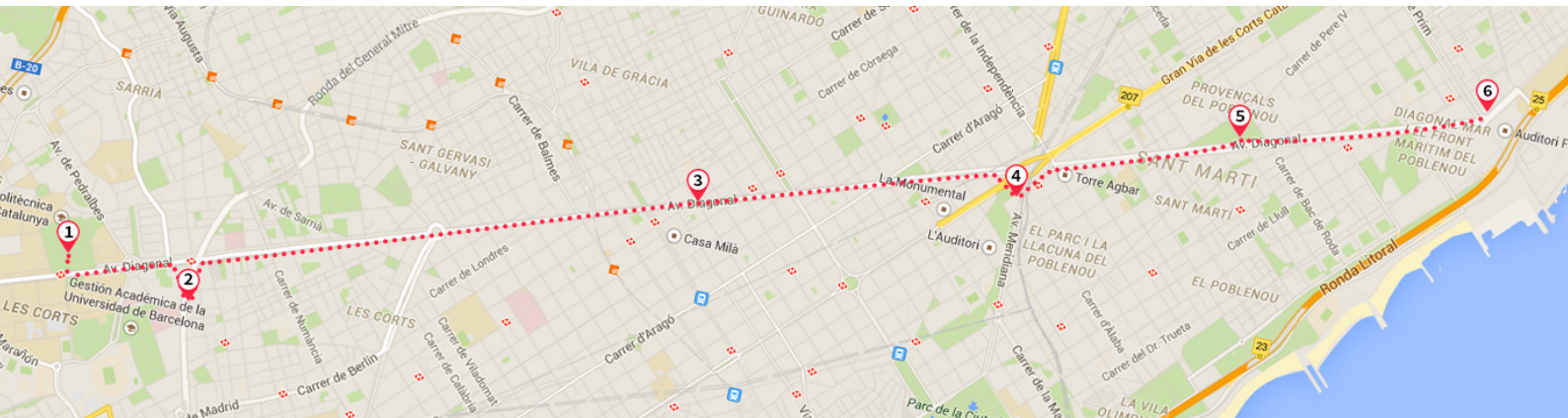


# Diagonal Barcelona

Avda Diagonal crosses Barcelona from west to east: from the lower part of the Pedralbes neighbourhood to the sea, in the Zona Fòrum. Travelling along its 11 km is a journey through Barcelona's varied architecture: it is here that the masterpieces of Modernisme, rationalism and the most innovative contemporary architecture converge. The promenade is full of shops, good restaurants and venues offering entertainment.

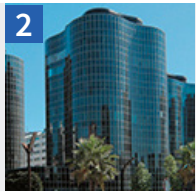


## From the mountain to the sea



### 1 Palau Reial in Pedralbes

Palau Reial is a building with medieval origins transformed into an elegant stately residence for Eusebi Güell, who owned it and presented it to the Spanish crown. Gaudí designed part of the spectacular gardens.



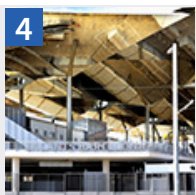
### 2 The Trade buildings

These four office blocks from the end of the 1960s were inspired by the huge rationalist buildings in Chicago and New York. With a sinuous footprint and facades dressed in windows, the towers are still today a symbol of modern Barcelona.



### 3 Casa de les Punxes

Puig i Cadafalch took his inspiration from the European Gothic architecture when designing this important house with the six needle-crowned towers from which it takes its name. The brick facade is decorated with typically Modernist floral motifs.



### 4 Els Encants de Barcelona

A huge mirrored structure covers this square that holds the stalls of the Encants flea market. The floors in the building are linked by ramps that invite you to stroll around the market as if you were walking in the street.

## Avant-garde Diagonal

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### Parc del Centre in Poblenou

Willows, ombu trees, jungle vines and flowers bring life to this 5.5 hectare oasis on the Diagonal. The area, the design of Jean Nouvel, is surrounded by a wall covered with Mediterranean vegetation and has entryways inspired by the shapes of Gaudi.

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### Torre Diagonal Zero Zero

Standing at number 0 on Diagonal, right next to the sea, is this spectacular 100 metre tall building, an icon of contemporary architecture. The aluminium and glass facade plays fantastic games with the sunlight.