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A Simple and Chic Boutique Aparthotel Near Barcelona's La Sagrada Familia

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Barcelona is an easy destination to recommend for families: It has rich history and traditions that blend into daily life, famous architectural buildings, a food scene that excites even the pickiest eaters and a generous selection of kid-friendly accommodation choices that provide space and convenience. Eric Vökel Bcn Suites, a boutique aparthotel, is a win for families seeking value in an excellent location with Barcelona's most famous landmarks only a short walk away.



Value-oriented apartments with a touch of whimsy



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Eric Vökel Bcn Suites has 11 one- and two-bedroom apartments located on a tiny, alley-like street near La Sagrada Familia, the famous unfinished Gaudi cathedral. The apartments have a clean, modern feel, decorated in beige tones with fun artwork on the walls — the artwork in our room highlighted a puffer fish looking down at the Frank Gehry-designed golden fish that sits on Barcelona's waterfront.

Kitchens are compact and have everything needed to prepare a meal, though in a city with such fantastic food, the kitchen may see little use. Breakfast is included with some hotel rates; it's very basic and not available until 9a, so families may prefer to run out each morning to the bakery around the corner and bring in breakfast. A small combo washer/dryer helps with laundry on longer trips.



Patios provide extra living space in the apartments

A highlight of the apartments is the extra outside space provided by terraces and patios. The size varies depending on where the apartment is located, and the view is of other buildings, but in warm weather this is a great spot to hang out at the end of the day.



The lounge has apartment essentials and a reading area

Amenities

The reception desk is staffed from 9a to 6p daily. For arrivals and entry after hours, there's a code for the door, though the hotel area feels quite safe at all times. A small lounge area has a reading nook and a corner stocked with apartment essentials for after-hours requests.



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Work continues on Gaudi's La Sagrada Familia

Convenient Location

Eric Vökel Bcn Suites is less than a 10-minute walk to La Sagrada Familia and 15 minutes to Paseo de Gracia, Barcelona's leafy answer to Rodeo Drive. The street is home to two Gaudi buildings: La Pedrera and Casa Batllo. With older kids, it's possible to walk the 35-40 minutes to the Gothic Quarter, but a taxi or the metro is best for the return. The closest metro station is a street away from the hotel.

Rates for a family of four in a two-bedroom apartment begin at \$150 in low season.

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Editor's Note: Eric Vökel Bcn Suites hosted Kristi's family in order to review the property. As always, our opinions are our own. Photos by Kristi Marcelle.

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