

METEOROIDS 2007 - Directions

- 1) **Getting from the Airport to Barcelona:** El Prat airport is 13 km away from Barcelona, but don't worry because there is an easy and cheap way to get the city center. (a) Take Train at Airport to Sants Estació (there is one every half an hour than takes ~17 min. to reach Sants). (b) There, take a Metro or a Bus depending of your destination (main hotels map is given below). (c) If you are going to residences/hotels nearby the Ramblas/Plaça Catalunya you should be aware that you should get off at Plaça Catalunya station (just after Sants Estació).



- 2) **From the Airport to the other Residences:** (a) Take Train at Airport to Pça. Catalunya (or either to Sants Estació). (b) There, take some Metro. With at most **one additional change of line** you'll reach any of the Residences. The different tourist offices located at the stations or in the city center can provide you a free map or directions to get to your place.
- 3) **From Catalonia Hotels to CosmoCaixa Museum (Conference site):** In the morning you have a complementary bus. In any case, be aware that going to Via Augusta you can take the Metro (Ferrocarrils Generalitat, FFGG) going down to Sant Gervasi. From there you should go to Plaça

Molina to change to line #7 that is going to Tibidabo Av. (get down at Tibidabo stop). From there you can take the bus #196 going up Tibidabo Av. , or either walk directly (We've done it in less than 20 minutes). CosmoCaixa Museum entrance is in Teodor Roviralta street (see map).

- 4) **From the city center to CosmoCaixa Museum (Conference site):** take Metro (Tibidabo Line of FFGG) at Plaça Catalunya and from there you can take the bus #196 going up Tibidabo Av. , or either walk directly.

COMPLIMENTARY BUS SERVICE

Every morning at about 8h45 (exact departure time depends for every hotel) we'll offer a bus going directly to CosmoCaixa Museum from the three Catalonia hotels where the most part of the meeting attendants are located. Be aware that no special services are scheduled to get back to the hotels because we understand that the meeting participants can have very different needs. We suggest to use public transportation and walk. A beautiful walk from CosmoCaixa Museum is going down through Teodor Roviralta street and Tibidabo Av. in order to reach the metro station at Plaça John F. Kennedy. We are sure you will enjoy this walk through the Modernist-style houses of Tibidabo Av. Going up you can also see on the top of the hill the Fabra Observatory where important astronomical discoveries were made. Catalan astronomer Comas Solà discovered from there several asteroids, comets and even the atmosphere of Titan.

SAFETY

Barcelona is not a dangerous city, but there are quite a lot of pickpocketers and muggers active, especially downtown (Les Rambles, Barri Gòtic, etc.), at tourist attractions and places like train or metro stations, or at the airport. Please just pay a bit of extra attention to where and how you're carrying your wallet, bag or backpack, and this will spare you the ordeal of having your documents or money stolen, or your camera or notebook. A significant percentage of scholars visiting universities in Barcelona have suffered from this plague. Please keep an eye on those items while you're walking in the street or sitting in public places. Don't do things like leaving sensitive items on the floor or on a chair while drinking something at a bar or on a terrace. You don't need to get obsessed with that, just a bit careful!

LOCATION OF COSMOCAIXA MUSEUM IN BARCELONA

This map shows the upper part of Barcelona (Sarià-Sant Gervasi districts) with the location of the main FFGG stations and CosmoCaixa Museum. In red is shown the 15 minutes' walk from John F. Kennedy place to the Museum.

