



Sovereign Hospitaller Order of St John of Jerusalem®
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SOLEMN INVESTITURE CEREMONY
BARCELONA · 23rd – 25th October, 2026

PROGRAMME

FRIDAY 23rd OCTOBER: ARRIVES TO BARCELONA, HOTEL AVENIDA PALACE

11:00 Reception at **Barcelona City Hall**

12:00 Reception at the **Bishopric of Barcelona**

12:30 Visit to the Cross of Lepanto in **Barcelona Cathedral**

16:00 Supreme Council Meeting at the **Hotel**

17:30 Postulant Meeting at the **Hotel**. Vigil of Arms

19:00 Departure from the hotel and walk to the **Cercle Artístic de Barcelona**

19:45 Screening of the presentation video for the Hospitallers Trust International project

20:30 Welcome Cocktail

SATURDAY 24th

10:30 Coach transfer to the "**Basilica of the Sagrada Familia**". Guided tour (by language)

12:30 Return to the **Hotel**

14:00 Cocktail reception at the **Hotel**

16:00 Coach transfer to the **Monastery of Santa Anna** (Santa Anna Street, 29)

17:00 Solemn International Investiture Ceremony

19:30 Coach transfer to the **Hotel**

21:00 Cocktail reception

22:00 Gala Dinner

00:00 Gala Dancing

SUNDAY 25th

10:30 Optional cultural visit. Departures

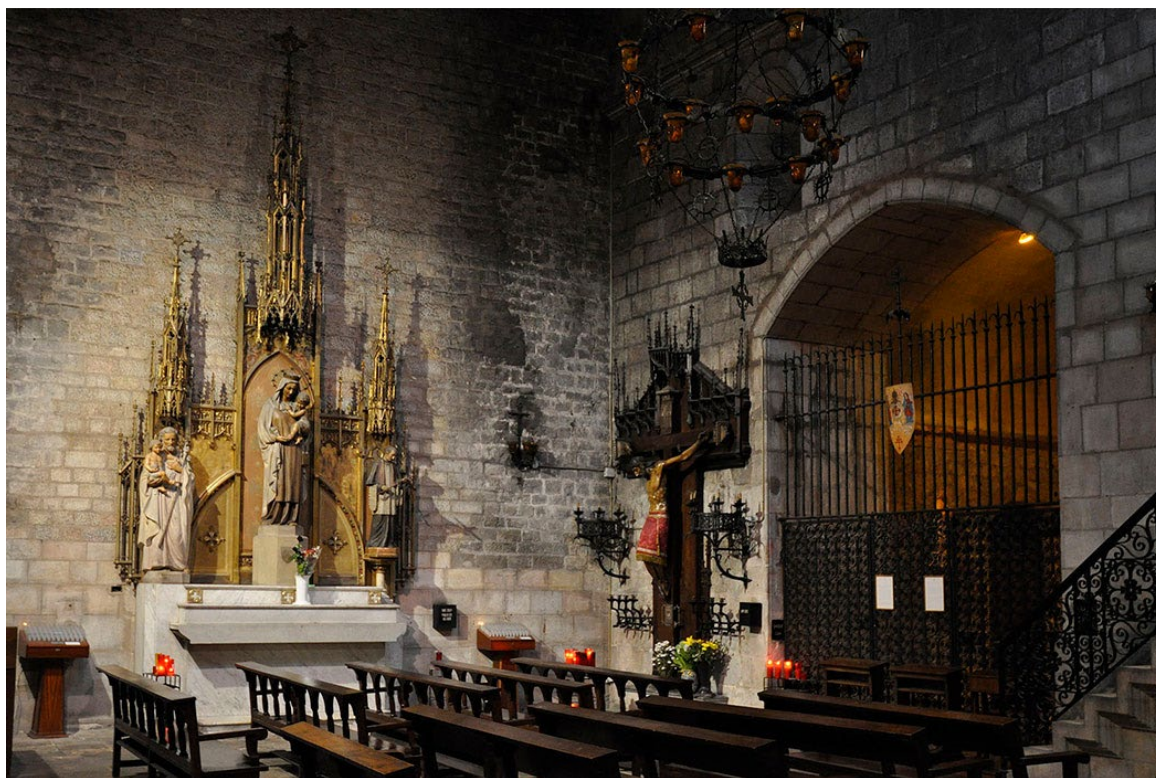
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*Although there are indications of the existence of the **Hospitaller Commandery of Barcelona** since the mid-12th century, it is not until the end of that century that documents regarding its activities begin to appear. In 1202, the Hospitallers acquired land by the Merdança stream—later known as Riera de Sant Joan and now redeveloped into **Via Laietana**—where they built their house, which was already operational by 1208 despite obstacles from the episcopal authorities. In 1317, the Hospitallers benefited from the dissolution of the **Order of the Temple**, receiving a significant heritage that they managed from this location. In the 16th century, this house also hosted the seat of the superior (the Grand Prior) of the **Priory of Catalonia**.*

*The **Investiture Ceremony** will take place at the **Monastery of Santa Anna**, located near the former House of the Hospitallers in Barcelona and founded in 1177 by the **Order of the Holy Sepulchre**.*



Inside: Chapel of the Holy Sepulchre, which houses a polychrome wood-carved sculptural representation that is unique in Spain. At its doors stands the "Cristo de Mena," also known as the Most Holy Christ of the Good Death.



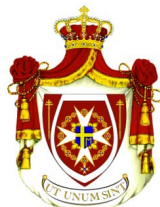
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The Cloister. Today, more than two hundred people in need are provided with lunch and dinner every day, in addition to medical services and companionship.



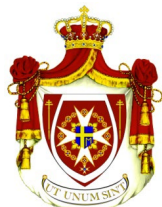
Santa Anna



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The lintel of the portal from the former Church of the House of the Order of the Hospital, featuring the coat of arms of Prior Josep de Villalonga, is located at the rear entrance of the nearby Church of Santa Madrona.



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Interior of the Sagrada Família by the architect Antoni Gaudí



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Exterior view of the Sagrada Família

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