

Who Was Gaudí?



Antoni Gaudí

(1852 – 1926)

Antoni Gaudí is one of the most well-known modernist architects.



His Work

Millions of tourists visit his work in Barcelona every year, such as Park Güell, Sagrada Familia and Casa Milà (also known as La Pedrera).



The Genius

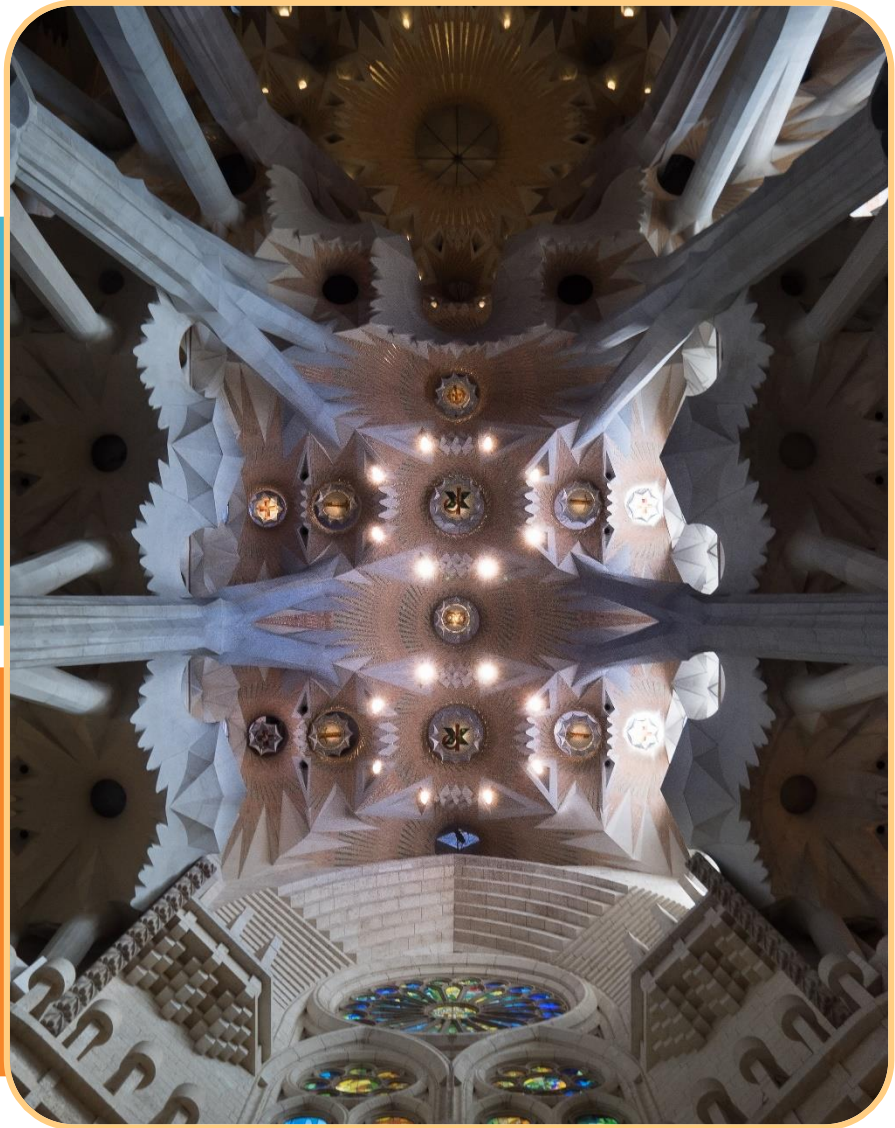
A university profesor once said about him: "I don't know if we are standing before a genius or a madman"



Sagrada Familia

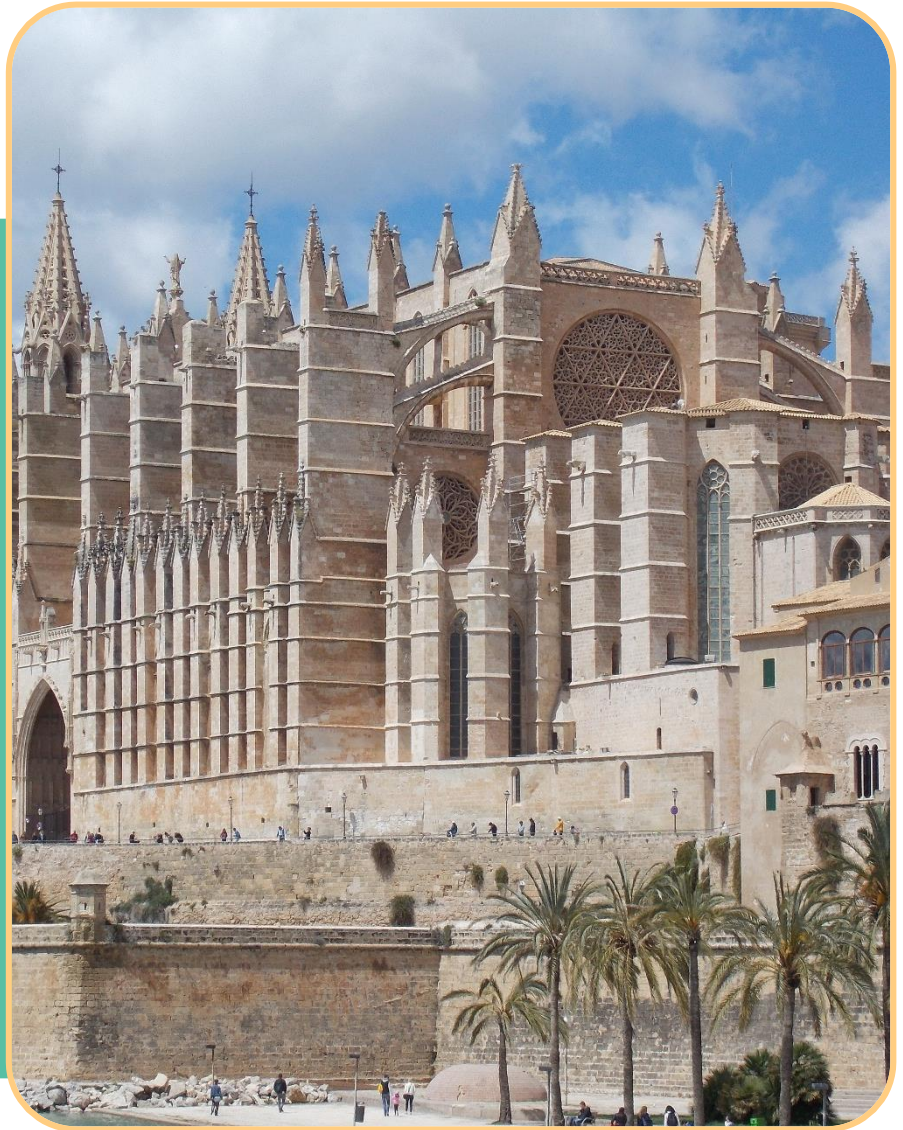
Gaudí was asked to build a temple, La Sagrada Familia, which he started more than 100 years ago, and it still hasn't been finished.

Gaudí didn't mind taking a long time. He used to say that things in nature need time to grow.



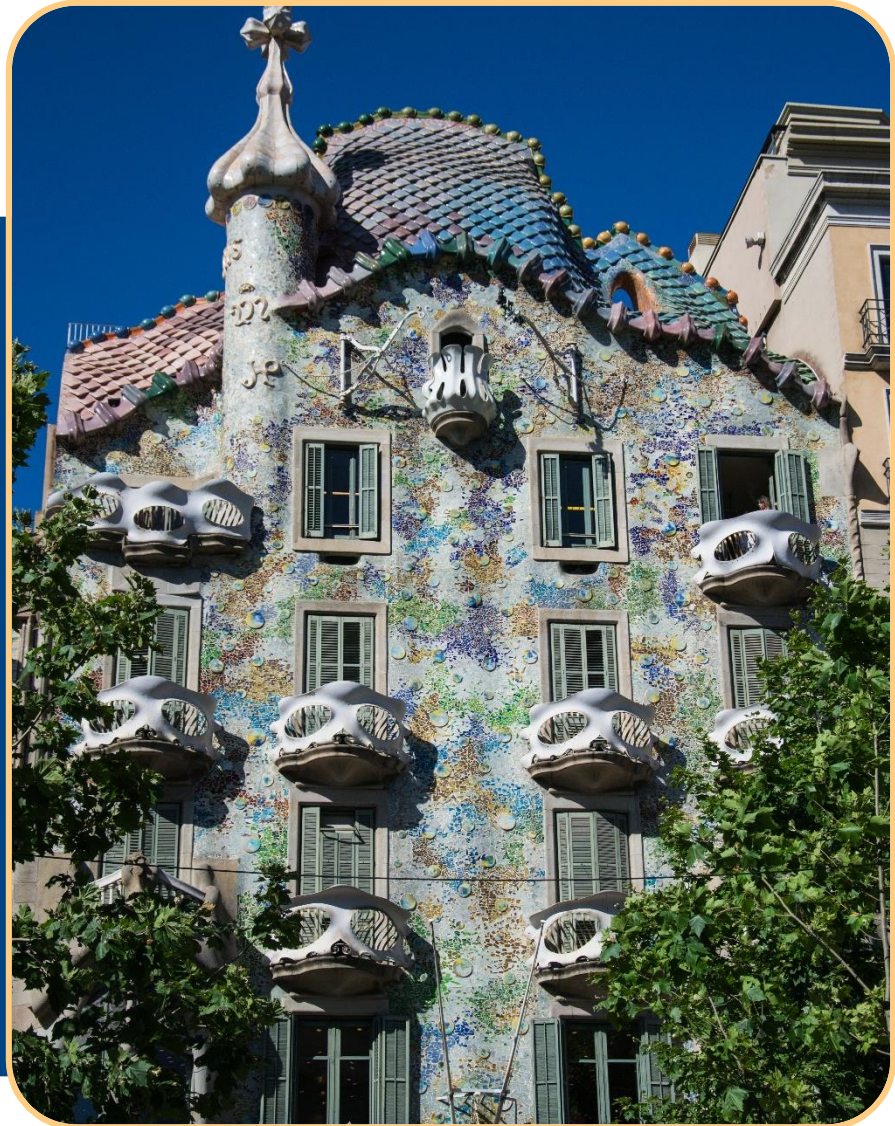
Other Gaudí Work

Gaudí also built some buildings in other parts of Spain, like "Capricho de Gaudí" in Comillas, "Palacio Episcopal" in Astorga and "Casa Botines" in León and he worked on the reconstruction of the Cathedral of Mallorca.



Casa Batlló

One of his most famous buildings in Barcelona is situated in one of the main avenues of the city. It is called Casa Batlló.



Casa Milà

(or La Pedrera)

Casa Milà is another of Gaudí's well-known buildings in the heart of Barcelona. The nickname La Pedrera, which means quarry, was given by the people at the time who didn't like the singularity of the building. It caused a lot of issues before it was accepted as a historic landmark.



Gaudí's motto was:

**“If you want to go fast,
you have to go slow”.**

Gaudí

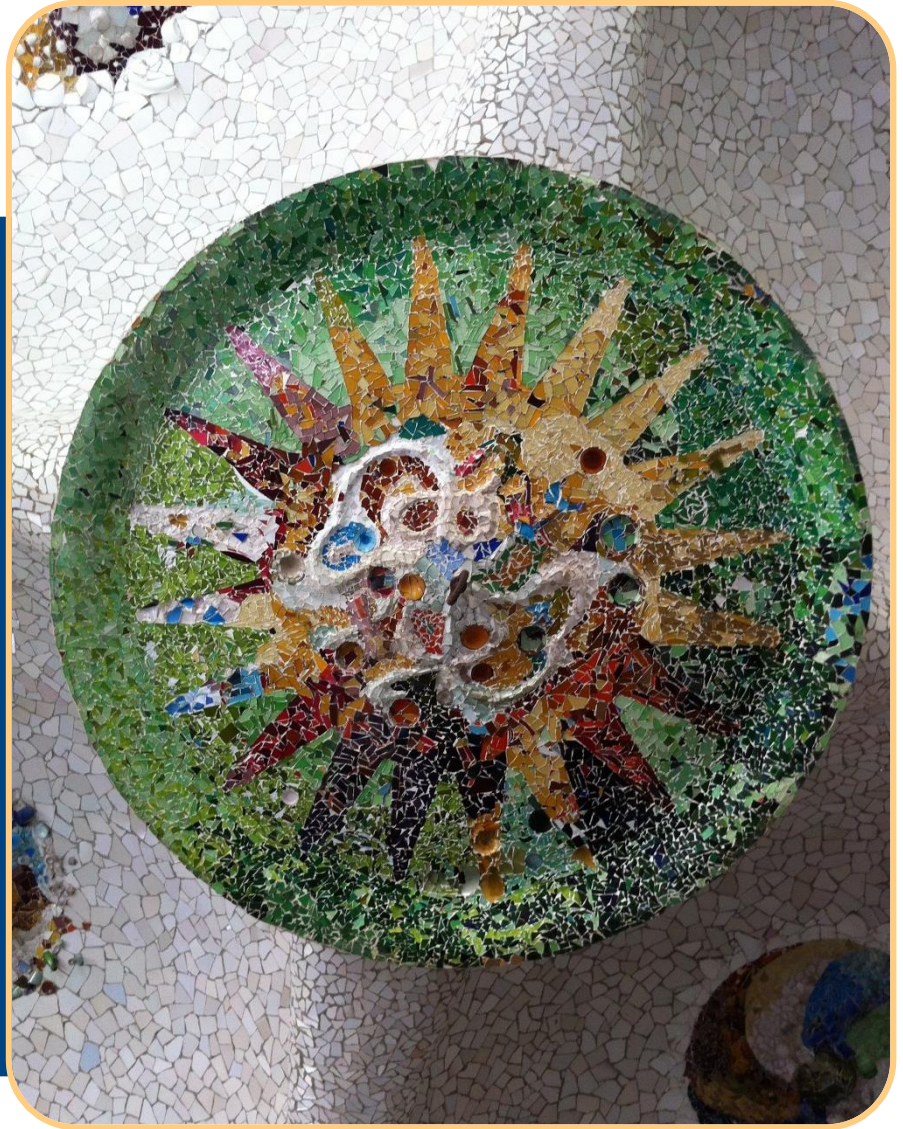
and Count Güell

Gaudí, together with Count Güell, created some of his most inspired works, like the Güell Palace, Colonia Güell and Park Güell.



Trencadís

Gaudí developed some of his most famous techniques like the trencadís, a kind of mosaic made from broken pieces of tiles.



The Death of Gaudí

Gaudí lived in Park Güell until the day he died. He was hit by a tram when he was going to his studio within the Sagrada Família.

